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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The main order of business at our Annual Meeting on May 28th will be the election of new officers for the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Our nominations chairperson, Sue LaSavage, is currently preparing the slate of candidates for the election. The positions to be filled include, President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and one member-at-large for the board of Directors. In addition to the prepared slate of candidates, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE

An exhibit of Marshfield Area Dairy History

The agricultural heritage of the Marshfield Area is examined in a historical exhibit currently on display at the New Visions Gallery in the Marshfield Clinic. The exhibit, through the use of artifacts, photographs, and issues informs the visitor of the history of dairy farming in this area.

A section of a 1909 milking shed, complete with wooden stanchions, lends a rural atmosphere to

to the display. Photographs, labels and rural artifacts incorporate to show the beginnings, growth and changes which have taken place over the years.

The exhibit is a section of a larger exhibit developed in 1985 under the guidance of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin's Office of Local History and funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit toured the state in 1985-86.

The exhibit was designed and assembled by Deanne Reyer, Don Schnitzler and Sue Weber.

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GENE-A-RAMA To be Held May 30th

The 1987 Gene-A-Rama will be held at Stevens Point, Saturday, May 30th, bringing together people from around the state.

Demonstrations will highlight a variety of subjects. In the afternoon there will be special "how-to" tables where you can get answers to your questions.

Registration has been high, and only a few extra reservations are being accepted on a first-come first-served basis at the door. The registration, including soup and a sandwich is \$7.50. See details at upcoming meeting.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

You've allowed me this past year to serve as your President and I want to begin this message by saying Thank you for bestowing on me that opportunity, that privilege. I have been proud to be the President of Our Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and I look forward to taking an active part in the groups activities in the future.

I also want to encourage each of you to take an active role in the group's projects and functions in the coming year. In one of my earlier messages, I mentioned that the success of any group depends on all of its members, not on just a few. New ideas and new methods are important if an organization is going to continue to grow and succeed. We've been growing, we've been succeeding, don't let it stop. Your willingness to help out every once and awhile could be the deciding factor. What can you do? Work on an indexing project, help with the library, donate a book, give a talk, help someone just beginning their quest in family history and the list goes on. What you do might take five minutes, five days or five weeks. That doesn't matter, but it does matter that you care enough to give of your talents and skills, and everyone of us have some special talent that can help keep our group growing and succeeding. So don't wait to be asked to help with something, volunteer.

I'd like to name the many contributions that each of you have made to the group this past year, but I'm afraid I'd leave someone out unintentionally. So let me thank all of you for the parts you played, big or small, in helping to keep the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group one of the BEST!!!

As Always,

Schnitz!



Explore Your
Agricultural Roots
at the
Culture & Agriculture
Exhibit in the
New Visions Gallery.

The exhibit will be on
display until June 26.



QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Queries for non-members will be published for \$1. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name and address. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

MATTHEISEN - SCHORN - FREIDEL

Seek any information on the ancestors or descendants of Theodore MATTHEISEN, son of Michael Joseph MATTHEISEN and Margaretha SCHORN, born 18 Feb 1848, Dusseldorf, Germany, married 23 Feb 1874 to Anna FRIEDEL at Fairbault, MN, died 9 Mar 1912 Danvers, MN. Children of Theodore and Anna were: Theo. Jr., Henry, Michael, John, William, Mrs. Henry (Margaret) SCHNITZLER, Mrs. Charles (Mary) SCHNITZLER, Mrs. Theo. (Anna) PEERBOOM and Mrs. Joe (Lizzie) GODACH. Will answer all correspondence.

Contact: Donald H. Schnitzler
Route 4, Box 418
Mosinee, WI 54455

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SURNAME INDEX

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Surname Index is being updated for publication the first of June. The recent additions have raised the number of surnames registered to 815, but there are still some who have not submitted their surnames. Anyone still wishing to submit names may do so at the May meeting, or mail them to the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449. The Surname index is a great opportunity to "advertise" your Surnames. Don't pass up that opportunity!!

PHOTO COPYING SESSION

Just a reminder, following the May business meeting of our Group, Schnitz will be copying old photographs for you. The cost for each photo is 75 cents, this includes the negative and one 3 x 5 print. Monies collected over the cost of film and development is returned to the treasury of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

Many of the renewal forms have already been returned, and the responses to the survey questions tallied. If you have not done so as of yet, please bring your completed form along to the May meeting. Your responses will be used in setting up programs for the upcoming year, act as a guideline for newsletter content and help in evaluating policies and procedures of our Group. Your comments and suggestions are important.

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NEW MEMBERS

Lori Hilt
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Stratford, Wisconsin 54484

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Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

Barb Mahler
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Auburndale, Wisconsin 54412

Elizabeth Wood
197 1/2 Main Street
Warrensburg, New York 12845

CALCULATING A BIRTHDATE FROM TOMBSTONE INFORMATION

The following is offered as a simple method of calculating the date of a person's birth using the date of death and the age at death. This doesn't sound like a difficult task and it isn't if you keep a few rules of thumb in mind. It is just a matter of subtraction once the numbers are placed so that those with the greatest value are at the left. Suppose a child died at the age of 1 year, 3 months and 11 days; date of death is recorded as July 26, 1871. Your numbers would be arranged as follows:

(year, month, and date of death)	1871	7	26
(age)	- <u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
(Birthdate: April 15, 1870)			
	1870	4	15

Whenever it isn't a matter of simple arithmetic with the lower number smaller than the one it is being subtracted from, you must borrow from the number to the left. However you must remember to change the month you are borrowing into days and the year you must borrow into months. The number of days would depend on the number of days in the month preceding (30, 31, 28 or even 29 in the event of a leap year February). If the child in the example above had died at age 1 year, 3 months and 29 days the calculations would appear as follows:

(30 days of June were borrowed)	1871	7	26
(age)	- <u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>29</u>
(Birthdate: March 27, 1870)			
	1870	3	27

(This may not seem correct but look at it this way, if you did not begin numbering July at '1' again July 26th would be June 56.)

Now suppose this same child died at the age of 1 year, 9 months, & 11 days. The example would now appear as follows:

(12 Months borrowed from 1871)	1870	19	
	1871	7	26
	- <u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
(Birthdate: October 15, 1869)			
	1869	10	15

Just for fun, let's try a more complex example. Suppose the person who died was 75 years, 6 months and 21 days old when he died on the 1st of March in 1912.

(12 months were borrowed from 1912)	1911	14	
(29 Days were borrowed from leap year Feb.)	1912	3	1
(age)	- <u>75</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>21</u>
(Birthdate: August 9, 1836)			
	1836	8	9

--from Pedigree Pointers

The Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

The library staff of the Illinois State Library, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62706, can no longer provide free genealogical research for non-Illinois residents. The sponsoring Historical Society has contractual arrangements with researchers who will, for a fee, try to locate such information as an obituary, birth or marriage announcement in newspapers; biographical sketch in published histories; and/or other family information in the library's collections. Requests for any of these types of information about one individual must be accompanied by a check for \$5 payable to the Illinois State Historical Society (not refundable) with small additional costs for photocopies (minimum of \$1). Information required for a newspaper search includes name, place, and date of event.—*from Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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GERMAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The German Genealogical Society of America has extended the date for charter membership to July 1, in response to the initial positive and "overwhelming" membership drive. The fee remains at \$15 (regular membership). In addition to a monthly *Bulletin*, the society offers excellent research services at minimal cost. For further information, send a large SASE to: Research Director, GSSA, P.O. Box 291818, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

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MICROFILM COPY OF YOUR GENEALOGY

The Genealogical Society of Utah (LDS) library will microfilm

a genealogy. Send the unbound manuscript and indicate whether you want to donate it or whether you want it returned. It must be sent at the donor's expense and will be returned at the library's expense. The book should have a clear and complete title page. The donor will receive a free copy of the film if requested and may purchase additional copies. The manuscript (or inquiry about the service) should be sent to: LDS Genealogical Library, Acquisitions-Patron Microfilming, 35 North West Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.—*from Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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FRENCH CANADIAN GENEALOGISTS OF WISCONSIN

The French Canadian Genealogists of Wisconsin has announced the publication of new Quarterly. It is planned that each issue of the F.C.G.W. Quarterly will include several regular features: *Border Lines*, a genealogy of a French Canadian family in Wisconsin back, over the border, to a couple recorded in a published record in Quebec; *Research Notes*, information about French Canadian primary and secondary records; and *News Notes*, bits of information of general interest to researchers.

In addition to these regular features, such things as biographical sketches of French Canadian Wisconsinites, summaries of difficult or intriguing research problems and their solutions, information about customs and life styles of the Quebecois, and more will appear on an irregular basis as they are ready for publication.

Membership is \$5 annually. Mail to F.C.G.W., 315 N. West Ave. Apt. 202, Waukesha, WI 53186.

NEW GERMAN SOCIETY

Send a SASE for information to:
German Genealogical Society of
America, P.O. box 291818, Los
Angeles, CA 90029.

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ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS & STATISTICS AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Starting November 1, 1986 the
Milwaukee County Register of Deeds
instituted the following policies
regarding access to records.

Indexes are open to the public
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4
p.m. Birth, death and marriage
records, 1823-1930, are also open
at these times.

Starting from 1931 to the
present, where documents are in
file cabinets, these are the
records that have to be pulled by
the clerk. A person having an
appointment can have ten records
pulled per day. Appointments can
be made by calling 278-4025.

Only three researchers are
allowed in the morning (8-11 a.m.)
and three in the afternoon (1-4
p.m.)--from *the Milwaukee County
Genealogical Society Reporter*

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1880 ILLINOIS SOUNDINDEX

When the Soundindex index for the
1880 Illinois Federal Census was
microfilmed, the "0" surnames were
omitted by error. Nancy G. Freder-
rick has since compiled the *1880
Census Index, Soundindex code 0-200 -
0-240*, a cardstock, stapled and
taped book that includes more than
6,000 of the missing names. The
Illinois State Genealogical So-

ciety has the books available for
\$16 ppd from ISGS, P.O. Box 157,
Lincoln IL 62656. The 1880
census Soundindex lists only house-
holds with a child 10 years of age
or under.--from *the Genealogy Week
Section of Antique Week Newspaper*

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GENEALOGICAL PERIODICALS: A NEGLECTED TREASURE

A complimentary copy of a
twelve page booklet entitled *Gene-
alogical Periodicals: A neglected
Treasure*, is available from the
compiler, Laird C. Towle, Ph.D.
Direct your request for a *FREE*
copy to Heritage Books, Inc., 3602
Maureen Lane, Suite 220, Bowie, MD
20715.--from *Pedigree Pointers,
Stevens Point Area Genealogical
Society Newsletter*

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BALTIMORE IMMIGRATION RECORDS 1820 - 1897

The Baltimore City Archives has
an indexed collection of ship's
passenger lists dating from 1833
to 1866. They also have microfilm
copies of additional passenger
lists created for Baltimore by
federal customs agents between
1820 and 1891. They have the
soundindex for these lists as well as
to additional ones dating to 1897.
The City Archives has a complete
collection of all available
passenger lists and indexes for
Baltimore between 1820 and 1897.
They will search for up to three
surnames in the indexes for \$4.
For further information send a
SASE to: Baltimore City Archives,
211 East Pleasant St., Room 201,
Baltimore, Maryland 21202.--from
*Pedigree Pointers, Stevens Point
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letter*

NATURALIZATION RECORDS FOR NEW ENGLAND STATES

Naturalization records for the New England states that were previously at the National Archives in Washington D.C. have been transferred to the Boston Archives Branch. The material consists of "desigraph" copies of petitions from federal and nonfederal courts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island made by the WPA and card indexes for all six New England states. The period covered is the late 18th century through 1906. For further information, write: The Boston Archives Branch, 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154.--*from Ancestors Unlimited*

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TRACING YOUR DANISH ANCESTRY

Tracing Your Danish Ancestors and Relatives, a FREE book, is available on request by writing: The Danish Tourist Board, 633 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10027.

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MICHIGAN CERTIFICATE

The state of Michigan is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its statehood this year. The Michigan Genealogical Council is offering a commemorative Pioneer Certificate to eligible persons. Anyone directly descended from a Michigan resident of 1837 or before is welcome to apply. Price is \$10. For an application, send to: Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate Project, c/o Michigan Genealogical Council - Liaison Office, Library of Michigan, P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909--*from Gems of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*

SCANDINAVIAN INFORMATION

The Scandinavian Tourist Offices, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10019 has *Free* heritage folders, maps, and general information available about travel to and from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland that may aid in beginning search for ancestors from those countries.

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CANADIAN PLACE NAMES

If you would like to know the origin of a place name in Canada or the location of a hamlet which no longer may be found on a map, write: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Ottawa, Ont. K1A DE9, Canada.--*from Pedigree Pointers, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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NORWEGIAN BOOKS

A *Free* booklet, *Tracing your Norwegian Ancestry*, put out by Northwest Orient Airlines is available from Passage Tours, a travel agency at 1022 Nicolet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Although the booklet is small, it contains the basic essentials for beginning your search in this country and in Norway.

The Norwegian Tourist Board, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, also has a *Free* booklet--*How to Trace Your Ancestors in Norway*.

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"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their Ancestors".

1890 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ROLE
For the City of Marshfield, Wisconsin

Name of Owner	H o r s e s	C o w s	W a g o n s	W a t c h e s	S w i n e	O r g a n s	S t o c k	P r o p e r t y	V a l u e T o t a l
Falk, Jung & Borchert	75	10					25	100	210
Fleckenstein, M. J.		10					25	25	60
Gleisner, Jos.		10							10
Grasel, Jos.		10							10
Girk, John		10							10
Gruber, Michael		10							10
Gaffney, Thos.	25	20	5						50
Guckenberger, Chris	40	40	10			40		10	100
Gill, J.B.	20		5	25				150	240
Grosbair, K.	65		10						75
Gruber, Geo.							15	25	40
Goerz, Fred	5	40							45
Gokey, Frank								15	15
Gross, J. F.	50	20	10						80
Gerwing, A. F.							600		600
Hederer, Adam		10							10
Hartl, Wenzel		10							10
Harry, Dixon		10							10
Hoffman, M.		10							10
Herkert, J. J.		10							10
Harkins, Pat		10							10
Harkins, Jno.		10							10
Hopp, Chris	25	20	5						50
Herman, Ed		20							20
Hirzy, Fred							50	25	75
Hafer & Kalsched	165		45					1500	1710
Hafer, Adam						50			50
Howarth, R.H.	5		5					25	35
Hartl, L.	15	10					25	25	75
Hansen, Anton		10							10
Heil, E.		40							40
Heinbach, Adam		10							10
Horn, Henry							500	5	505
Hoerl, Andrew	20		5				50		75
Huebel, Jos.							150		150

Name of Owner	H o r s e s	C o w s	W a g o n s	W a t c h e s	S w i n e	O r g a n s	S t o c k	P r o p e r t y	V a l u e T o t a l
Hume & Paulus							50	200	250
Hoffman, John	80		15						95
Hyland, Jno.	60	10	10					25	105
Hirth, Wm.	75	10	10			10			105
Headstream, H.							200		200
Hanford, Oil Co.							105	200	305
Haebig, J. B.		10					50		60
Hoelz, John								25	25
Hinman, W. G.	35	30	15	30		50			160
Hammel, D.	85		15						100
Icke, Henry		10					50		60
Imoehl, H.		40							40
Ingalls, Geo.		10							10
Jaekel, L.		20							20
Jacobsen, Chris		10					15	10	35
Jachum, Felix		10							10
Jaeger, Wm.	25	20	10						55
Jetner, Henry		10							10
Jenk, Geo.		10							10
Junker, Anton		20							20
Jung, John		10							10
Kraemer, Mrs.		20							20
Krehn, Wendel		10							10
Kreisel, Henry						10	25		35
Kass, Henry		10							10
Kassburger, Jos		10							10
Krier, Henry		10							10
Krieg, Jos.		10							10
Kallert, Albert		10							10
Kominski, Fr.		20							20
Koenig, Jos	80	80	10						170
Kraus & Tiffault	35		15				1200		1250
Kraus, M. J.	30		10				200		240
Kunz, Margaret	65	90	15					10	180
Karth & Seidel	50		15				30		95

(to be continued)

* * * CALENDAR OF EVENTS * * *

- Thurs. May 28.....Annual Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Election of officers of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and Treasurer's Report. Researching Records of Families Living Near County or State Lines. Deanne Reyer will briefly present information about problems with finding records of ancestors who lived in areas bordering on one or more county or state lines, and some of the possible solutions to finding them.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. Jun. 25....."Yellow River Pioneers" William Hiles Sr. and Sheryl Hiles will discuss their recently published book *Yellow River Pioneers*. The book covers the historical development of an 11 mile stretch along the Yellow river in Western Wood County including the areas of Pittsville, Dexter-ville and Babcock.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. Jul. 23.....A Pictorial Visit to Germany, Austria & Italy. Elsie Zurn will share her slides of Europe with us while she describes her visit to Germany, Austria and Italy.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. Aug. 27.....No Regular Meeting. Open House at Sue Weber's for use of the Microfilm reader, Microfiche reader, Copy machine, and Library.

Times: 1-4 (afternoon)
7-10 (evening)



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