



KITH AND KIN



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PRESERVATION OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

On Thursday, January 23, 1992 at 7 p.m., Don Schnitzler will discuss Preservation of Old Photographs and related topics. Plan to attend.

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MARSHFIELD PERSONALITIES OF THE PAST

On Thursday, February 27, 1992 at 7 p.m., John Christner will tell about Marshfield Personalities of the Past. He will discuss the dynamic character of individuals in Marshfield's past. Please join us.

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BEGINNERS GROUP

At 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 1992, Elaine Hansen will discuss Courthouse Records, Part I with the Beginners Group. Her discussion will include Vital Records, Birth, Marriage and Death Records, as well as Probate, Court, Tax and other records.

At 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 1992, Lorraine Markee will discuss Land Records. Time permitting she will discuss Cemetery Records.

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OPEN HOUSE AT LOCAL LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The LDS Family History Center will hold an open house on January 9, 10, 11, 1992.

The hours will be:

Thursday 1:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

These are the same hours that the center will be open each week.

Nancy Growcock, Librarian
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The initial equipment includes three microfiche readers with a complete set of microfiche cards that have been developed by the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, and four microfilm readers. After they have shown enough usage (serving a minimum of 20 to 30 patrons per week), they will also get a computer and the Family Search software. They will have access, for a nominal fee, to all microfilms in the Salt Lake Center plus copies of pages in their books, newspapers, etc. If you are interested in helping in the operation of the Family History Center, please contact Nancy or R. Tom Growcock by January 11, 1992 at the above address and number or at home, 415 PROSPECT AVE, WAUSAU WI 54401, telephone 715-848-3272.

Dear friends.

I hope that your holiday season was filled with much love and Joy. The feeling of family very close to you is an experience and memory that can be shared forever.

Please take note to the meetings/seminars that are coming up this spring around the state. They all sound very interesting and it may be hard to choose which one to go to. It would be nice to have people attend some of these meetings to represent our group and to collect more information related to family history.

We are still looking for an individual to assist Lynn Behrens as program director. I would like all of you to think seriously about helping the group with this. Please contact me if interested. On the subject of helping our group, the new year will be coming up in 3-4 months and we will be looking for people to fill the positions of President/Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer. Now I know that there are qualified people out there to fill these vacancies so please donate your time for our group.

Once again I would like to talk about the project that we would like to work on in the new year. This project is the compilation of a book with all of our members' 5 generation charts. If you are a new member, please try to send a chart to us on your family. Lenore Anderson can answer your questions in regard to this project. Anyone that would like to be involved in this project please let Lenore Anderson know. Thanks.

I am very pleased to announce that our group has been growing with leaps and bounds in our membership and that is all thanks to all of you in spreading the word. Keep up the good work. Thanks again.

As always,

Vicki M. Johnson

KITH AND KIN

The bimonthly newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, a non-profit organization created to collect, preserve and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield Area and to promote genealogical research. The purpose of the group is educational. The Group is associated with the Wisconsin Genealogical Council.

MEETINGS: The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G-620. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are free with membership [The business year runs from May 1 to April 30]. Individual membership is \$12 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$15 per year. Organizational membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year membership includes all current volume issues.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
CONCERNING "KITH AND KIN"**

The contents of our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group. While every attempt is made to include only reliable information, you should be aware that notices given in our newsletter are for information only and are not necessarily a recommendation.

(*BEGINNERS cont. from page 45*)

Each session begins with a discussion of any problems that those present have had. The program generally is an informal discussion of one or more topic(s) of interest to beginners. For some of the topics presented, a hand out will be available. All MAGG members are welcome to attend. The sessions will be directed to those just getting started in genealogy. If you can help lead a discussion for the Beginners Group please contact Vicki Johnson at 389-2085. See the last issue of *Kith and Kin* on page 36 for a list of topics.

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**GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY
BOOK AWARD**

A BOOK AWARD OF MERIT IN GENEALOGY is presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society in June of each year. The award is given to the author of that book, published in the previous year, which in the opinion of the awards judges, makes the most valuable contribution in presenting an individual genealogy pertaining to a Wisconsin family. Preference will be given to works which develop a historical narrative approach to their subject.

This category has been created to encourage the publishing of well-written and well-documented genealogies and family histories. It does not pertain to instructional, bibliographic works, published source material or indexes, but rather is awarded to the product of genealogical research. A copy of the book and a completed nomination blank should be submitted by March 4, 1991. For information write to: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Attention: Delores C. Ducklow, 816 STATE ST, MADISON WI 53706.

RED & WHITE LABELS

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, is continuing its efforts at fund raising through the collection and redemption of Red & White Labels. Olson's Southtown foods, Marshfield's Red and White grocer will redeem the labels for two cents each, in accordance to the rules covering their offer.

All you need to do is save the complete label from all Red & White products. The label can be turned in to the genealogy group at the regular meetings.

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GERMANIC EMIGRANTS REGISTER

A new source has been discovered which will help many genealogists find the German places where their ancestors came from. This source is being turned into the biggest database on German emigrants. This index is said to include:

- Deserters from the armies of Prussia (including Baden), Wurttemberg, and Saxony, 1871-1918;

- Young men who did not present themselves to the recruiting officer, 1871-1918, and probably left Germany earlier, possibly even in their childhood with their parents;

- Persons who were sought as missing heirs, 1871-1918, and may have left Germany decades before;

- Persons absent from their home town who were searched for by the authorities, for example, for bankruptcy.

The index covers the entire former German Empire, i.e., Prussia (including East and West Prussia), Pomerania, Posen, Hannover, Westphalia, Alsace-Lorraine, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemberg, Baden, Oldenburg, Hesse and the minor German states.

To determine whether the place of origin of your ancestor is on file with them, please send the following information: full name, birth date, occupation, denomination, year of emigration or year of earliest appearance abroad, and the same data for all known family members and relatives. Indicate your knowledge about the German state or Prussian province of origin if available.

Your data will be compared with the contents of the database. If the place of origin can be found, you will be notified and quoted a fee to ascertain the place. You may reject the offer. If the place is not located, your request will be kept on file and you will be informed when it is found in the course of extending the database.

For further information contact: Germanic Emigrants Register, P. O. Box 1720, D-2840 (W) Diepholz, Germany.--from *Kendall County Genealogical Society* vol 8:1, Jan 1991 via *McLean County Genealogical Society* vol 25:2, Feb 1991, *Bureau County (Illinois) Genealogical Society*, vol 11:5, Sep 1991 and *Pinery Pedigree (Wausau, Wisconsin, Marathon County Genealogical Society)*, 18 (No.2) (November/December 1991), p. 20.

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GERMAN RESEARCH

For a SASE, you may procure a free copy of "Clues for German Research" prepared by Bob Buecher, Quarterly Editor of St Clair County, IL Gen. Society. Write SCCGS, German Brochure, P O BOX 431, BELLEVILLE IL 62222.--from *Missouri State G. S. via Ancestors Unlimited - May/June 1987* and *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 3, No. 4 (Summer 1987), p. 9.*

UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL MEETINGS

* Fri.-Sat., 14-15 Feb. 1992 *

1992 FOUNDERS DAY CONFERENCE
OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF WISCONSIN

Some of America's leading genealogists will assemble in Middleton, Wisconsin, Friday and Saturday, February 14-15, 1992, to give presentations on genealogical resources and research techniques during the State Historical Society's 1992 Founder's Day Conference. For information see the last issue of *Kith and Kin*, p. 40.

* * Saturday, 21 March 1992 * *

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER SEMINAR

There will be a family history seminar on March 21, 1992 at the LDS Family History Center, 425 W PARK RIDGE AVE, APPLETON WI. The featured speaker will be Jayre Roberts of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The event is sponsored by the Appleton Family History Center, the Fox Valley Genealogy Society and the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society. For more information write: FHC Seminar, c/o Manitowoc Co. Genealogical Society, P O BOX 1745, MANITOWOC WI 54221-1745 and enclose a SASE.--from Family Vines, Fall 1991 via Pedigree Pointers (Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, Stevens Point, Wisconsin), XIV (Fall 1991), p. 4.

* * Saturday, 11 April 1992 * *

M-J-J GERMANY WORKSHOP

The annual Monroe-Juneau-Jackson April Workshop will feature Research in German Sources and Computer Genealogy Featuring PAF. For information see the last issue of *Kith and Kin*, p. 39 or write: Jeri Thorpe, Secretary, MJJ Genealogy Workshop, RT2, WARRENS WI 54666.

* * 29 April- 2 May 1992 * *

1992 NGS CONFERENCE

The 1992 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States will be held 29 April through May 2 at Jacksonville, Florida. For the conference brochure, write: 1992 NGS Conference, 4527 17th STREET NORTH, ARLINGTON VA 22207-2399.

* Fri.-Sat., 19-20 June 1992 *

6th ANNUAL GENE-A-RAMA '91

Plan to attend the 6th Annual Gene-A-Rama at the Holiday Inn, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Put these dates on your calendar now - 19-20 June 1992. More information later.

* * June 1992 * *

ELDERHOSTEL ON GENEALOGY

Augustana College will be sponsoring an Elderhostel on Genealogy in June of 1992. For further information contact: Dr. Marcia Smith, Sociology, Augustana College, ROCK ISLAND IL 61201.--from South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter, November 1991 Pedigree Pointers (Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, Stevens Point, Wisconsin), XIV (Fall 1991), p. 4.

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ELDERHOSTEL

Elderhostel is a program created for older adults (60 years or older, though a companion may be 50). Week long courses in liberal arts and sciences (including genealogy) are held in a variety of locations. Obtain a catalog by writing Elderhostel, 75 FEDERAL ST, BOSTON MA 02110.--from Nuggets Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Appleton, Wisconsin), 10 (1991), p. 39.

OLD NAMING PATTERNS

The following old naming pattern was a common practice. Though not an invariant tradition, it may give a clue about ancestors whose names are often so elusive in genealogical research:

First son named for father's father.
 Second son named for mother's father.
 Third son named for father.
 Fourth son named for father's eldest brother.

First daughter named for mother's mother.
 Second daughter named for father's mother.
 Third daughter named for mother.
 Fourth daughter named for mother's eldest sister.

The system was commonly referred to as the "Dutch" system. Other ethnic groups had slightly different naming patterns; however, it was very common in all groups to carry given names to successive generations. It was also a common practice, especially among Quaker families, to give their children Biblical names.--from *North Carolina Genealogical Society Newsletter*, vol. 14, no. 1, Jan./Feb. 1990 via both *Newsletter (Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin)*, Vol. III, No. 4 (Spring 1990), p. 4. and *Ancestral Diggin's (Lafayette County Genealogy Workshop, Shullsburg, Wisconsin)*, (November 1990), p. 9. and from *Christian Co. Gen Soc* via *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois)* Vol. 7, No. 1 (1991), p. 19.

WRITING FOR INFORMATION

When writing for information, remember this:

- L Limit your request.
- E Easy to answer (make it easy for the reader).
- T Two copies (keep one in your files).
- T Thanks! (show appreciation)
- E Exchange (offer to exchange information).
- R Return postage (always send SASE).

And also remember to be: CLEAN (keep it neat), CLEAR, CONCISE, CONVINCING, COURTEOUS and use CORRECT spelling and grammar.--from *South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly* via *South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society and Pedigree Pointers (Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, Stevens Point, Wisconsin)*, IX (Winter 1987), p. 26.

NEWSPAPER INFORMATION

Here are eight types of newspaper notices that might yield death and legal information:

1. **OBITUARIES** - Early ones had to be paid for unless it was a prominent person.
2. **FUNERAL NOTICES** - Look in local newspapers, or the area for larger newspapers in existence at that time.
3. **LOCAL SOCIETY COLUMN** - Community tidbits.
4. **DEATH NOTICES** - These were paid ads, probably in the ad section of the newspaper.
5. **MEMORIALS** - Paid advertisements under that title.
6. **LEGAL NOTICES** - Notices of Probate Proceedings - paid ads.
7. **PUBLIC AUCTIONS** - Auction notices of the sale of estate properties.
8. **LISTINGS** - Possible birth and necrological listings at the years end, or in January.--from *the Jacksonville, IL Genealogical Journal* via *The Illuminator and Gems of Genealogy (Bay Area Genealogical Society, Inc., Green Bay, WI)*, Vol. XV, No. 6 (Jan-Feb 1990) p. 9.

WISCONSIN COUNTY COURTHOUSES

(Year created may not be year of first records.)

Adams County (1848)	P O BOX 278	FRIENDSHIP WI 53934	608-339-4200	Manitowoc County (1836)	1010 S 8TH ST	MANITOWOC WI 54220-5392	414-683-4000
Ashland County (1860)	201 W 2ND ST	ASH AND WI 54806-1638	715-682-7000	Marathon County (1850)	500 4TH ST	WAUSAU WI 54401-4468	715-847-5500
Barron County (1859)	RR 1	BARRON WI 54812-9801	715-537-6200	Marquette County (1879)	1926 1MI L	MARINETTE WI 54143-1728	715-735-3371
Bayfield County (1845)	P O BOX 833	WASHBURN WI 54891-0833	715-373-5508	Marquette County Courthouse (1836)		MONTICELLO WI 53949	608-297-9114
Brown County (1818)	P O BOX 1600	GREEN BAY WI 54305-5600	414-436-3250	Menominee County Courthouse (1961)		KESHENA WI 54135	715-799-3311
Buffalo County Courthouse (1853)		ALMA WI 54610	608-685-4940	Milwaukee County Courthouse (1834)		MILWAUKEE WI 53233	414-278-4067
Burnett County (1856)	RT 1 BOX 300-105E	SIREN WI 54872-9785	715-349-2147	Monroe County Courthouse (1854)		SPARTA WI 54656	608-269-8705
Calamet County (1836)	206 COURT ST	CHILTON WI 53014-1117	414-849-2361	Oconto County (1851)	300 WASHINGTON ST	OCONTO WI 54153-1621	414-834-5322
Chippewa County (1845)	P O BOX 550	CHIPPEWA FALLS WI 54729-0550	715-723-1831	Oneida County (1895)	P O BOX 400	RIHINCLANDER WI 54501-0400	715-369-6144
Clark County (1853)	517 COURT ST	WELLSVILLE WI 54456-1971	715-743-3241	Outagamie County (1851)	410 S WALNUT ST	APPLETON WI 54911-5936	414-735-5077
Columbia County (1846)	P O BOX 177	PORTAGE WI 53901-0177	608-742-2191	Oraukee County (1853)	121 N MAIN ST	PORT WASHINGTON WI 53074-1813	414-377-6400
Crawford County (1818)	220 N BEAUFORT RD	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN WI 53821-1405	608-326-6431	Pepin County (1858)	550 7TH AVE W	DURAND WI 54736-1627	715-672-8857
Dane County (1836)	210 MONONA AVE	MADISON WI 53709	608-266-4121	Pierce County (1853)	P O BOX 119	ELSMORTH WI 54011-0119	715-273-3531
Dodge County Courthouse (1836)		JUNEAU WI 53039	414-386-4411	Polk County Courthouse (1853)		BALSAM LAKE WI 54810	715-485-3161
Door County (1851)	138 S 4TH AVE	STURGEON BAY WI 54235-2204	414-743-5511	Portage County Courthouse (1836)		STEVENS POINT WI 54481	715-346-1351
Douglas County (1854)	1313 BELMAP	SUPERIOR WI 54880-2730	715-394-0341	Price County Courthouse (1879)		PHILLIPS WI 54555	715-339-3325
Dunn County (1854)	800 WILSON AVE	MEMPHIS WI 54751-2717	715-232-1677	Racine County (1836)	730 WISCONSIN AVE	RACINE WI 53403-1238	414-636-3121
Eau Claire County (1856)	721 OXFORD AVE	EAU CLAIRE WI 54703-5481	715-839-5106	Richland County Courthouse (1842)		RICHLAND CENTER WI 53581	608-647-2197
Florence County (1881)	P O BOX 410	FLORENCE WI 54121-0410	715-528-3201	Rock County (1836)	51 S MAIN	JANESVILLE WI 53545-3951	608-755-2160
Fond du Lac County (1836)	160 S MACY ST	FOND DU LAC WI 54935-4241	414-929-3000	Rusk County (1901)	311 E MINER AVE	LADYSMITH WI 54848-1829	715-532-2100
Forest County Courthouse (1885)		CRANDON WI 54520	715-478-2422	Saint Croix County (1840)	911 4TH ST	HUDSON WI 54016-1656	715-386-5581
Grant County (1836)	130 W MAPLE	LANCASTER WI 53813-1625	608-723-2675	Sauk County (1840)	515 OAK ST	BARABOO WI 53913-2416	608-356-5581
Green County Courthouse (1836)		MORRIS WI 53566	608-328-9430	Sawyer County (1883)	P O BOX 273	HAYWARD WI 54843-0273	715-634-4866
Green Lake County (1858)	P O BOX 159	GREEN LAKE WI 54941	414-294-6282	Shawano County (1853)	311 N MAIN ST	SHAWANO WI 54166-2145	715-526-9150
Iowa County (1829)	222 N IOWA ST	DODGEVILLE WI 53533-1557	608-935-5445	Sheboygan County (1836)	615 N 6TH ST	SHEBOYGAN WI 53081-4612	414-459-3003
Iron County Courthouse (1893)		HURLEY WI 54534	715-561-3375	Taylor County Courthouse (1875)		MEDFORD WI 54451	715-748-3131
Jackson County Courthouse (1853)		BLACK RIVER FALLS WI 54615	715-284-7441	Trempealeau County Courthouse (1854)		WHITTHILL WI 54773	715-538-2311
Jefferson County (1836)	320 S MAIN ST	JEFFERSON WI 53549-1718	414-674-2500	Vernon County Courthouse (1851)		VIROQUA WI 54665	608-637-3569
Juneau County Courthouse (1856)		HAUSTON WI 53948	608-847-9300	Walworth County (1836)	COURTHOUSE SQ	EAGLE RIVER WI 54521-0369	715-479-3600
Kenosha County (1850)	912 56TH ST	KENOSHIA WI 53140-3747	414-656-6400	Washington County Courthouse (1883)		SHELL LAKE WI 54871	414-741-4241
Kewaunee County Courthouse (1852)		KITWAUNT. WI 54216	414-388-4410	Washington County (1836)	432 WASHINGTON	WEST BEND WI 53095-2530	414-338-4311
La Crosse County (1851)	400 N 4TH ST	LA CROSSE WI 54601-3227	608-785-9581	Waushara County (1846)	515 W MORRIS AND	WALKESHA WI 53188-2478	414-548-7010
LaFayette County (1846)	P O BOX 40	DARINGTON WI 53530-0040	608-776-4003	Waupaca County (1851)	109 S MAIN	WAUPACA WI 54981-1560	715-258-2128
Laporte County (1879)	800 CLAIRMONT ST	ANTIGO WI 54409-1947	715-627-6200	Waushara County Courthouse (1851)		WAUTOMA WI 54982	414-787-4631
Lincoln County Courthouse (1874)		MERRILL WI 54452-2577	715-536-0312	Winnebago County (1840)	415 JACKSON	OSHKOSH WI 54901-4751	414-235-2500
				Wood County Courthouse (1856)		WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI 54494	715-421-8460

LAND RECORDS

The genealogical importance of land records: 1. In early America, nearly every adult male can be found in land records. 2. Land records are one of the few records that exist uninterrupted from early settlement to the present. 3. Older land records contain more genealogical information than modern ones. 4. Land records are among the most accurate and reliable records available to genealogists. 5. Land records have been totally indexed over a long period of time.--from *Tacoma/Pierce G/S Winner via Out on a Limb (Watertown, Wisconsin), Vol. 5, No. 3 (August 1990), p. 11.*

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BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS

Bounty land warrants were given to all soldiers who served from 1812 through 1856. Privates got 80 acres, widows got 40 acres and then on up to General officers who got as much as 5000 acres. When ordering the record from the Federal archives be sure to ask for the complete record.--from *Henry Co. Genealogical Society via Nuggets (Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Appleton, Wisconsin), 10 (1991), p. 39.*

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STORING NEGATIVES

Negatives should be stored separately from prints in acid-free envelopes or interleaved with acid-free paper. Handle negatives by edges only. Nitrate based film was manufactured as late as 1951. It is dangerous and can burst into flame by spontaneous combustion. Remove these from your collection. "Safety" film was manufactured as early as 1935 and is printed on the edges of your negatives. You need not worry about safety film. New prints or

duplicate negatives should be made from any nitrate base negatives and the inferior negatives destroyed. Glass negatives should be handled by the edges and stored vertically.--from *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 2, No. 3 (Jan/Feb 1986), p. 10.*

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COLOR PHOTOS

Most of us have recorded the important occasions of the last 20 years with color photographs. The color pictures are beautiful and lifelike, but they are fading. Future generations will not be able to see what we looked like when we were a child, graduated from high school or got married because once a color photograph fades, it cannot be recovered. One method of preserving these important photographs is to copy them as black and white photographs, which can last for hundreds of years. Kodak says Ektacolor 78 and 74 prints are estimated to have a 10 percent dye loss in about eight years and will suffer an obvious loss of contrast and shift in color towards red in about 16 to 20 years; by the time 30 or 40 years pass, the image deterioration will be very serious and nearly half of the original cyan dye will have faded away.--from *G.A.S. Lites, Vol 12, #2 via Gems of Genealogy (Bay Area Genealogical Society, Inc., Green Bay, WI), Vol. XVI, No. 4 (September-October 1990) p. 4.*

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MAGNETIC PHOTO ALBUMS

Photos stuck in a magnetic photo album can sometimes be removed by lifting the corner of the picture and aiming warm air from a hair dryer underneath.--from *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 4, No. 4 (1988), p. 9.*

FAMILY PHOTOS

How many times have you wished great-grandma had labeled those old family photos so you would know who's who? Have you labeled all your photos? If not, take some time to haul out your family pictures and have a labeling party to preserve your family's history for future generations. Here are some labeling tips.

1. Write on the back of your photo, not on the front. For group photos, photocopy the picture and write the identification on the copy.
2. Label each photo, even if it is yourself or your children.
3. Write the full name of the person(s) including middle name or initial.
4. Note the date, place and occasion of the picture.
5. For older photos on fiber-based paper, use a soft Faber Castell 6B drafting pencil. For newer photos (since the 60's on resin coated paper, use stabilo All pencil. PRESS LIGHTLY.
6. Remember to label color slides on the slide mount.
7. Families with movie film are urged to transfer them to video tapes which can be viewed with a home VCR. Keep the movie film as it may last longer than the ten years or so for video tape. You may wish to have black and white prints made from a frame or two.
8. Protect originals from light, heat and humidity. Store them on the first floor rather than basement or attic. If you intend to hang a family photo for more than six months, use a copy.
9. Do not use rubber cement or glue in photo albums. Photo corners are preferred. Do not pull glued photos from albums as they almost certainly tear. Albums that most people use today with the waxed board and plastic overlay are not recommended as with time the adhesive will bleed through and stain the photo and the photo will be impossible to remove from the album. Album

pages of acid free paper are the best.--from *Olmstead County G. S. newsletter via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 2, No. 3 (January/February 1986), p. 11.*

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IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs can be identified as to the time period by determining the type you possess.

Daguerreotype, 1839-1857. Invented by L.J.M. Daguerre in 1837, it is the oldest commercially made photo. It is a positive picture that has a shiny mirror-like appearance. It has a fragile silver surface on a copper plate.

Ambrötype, 1852-1863. Invented in 1851 by Archer & Frye, this photo is a positive on glass and will have a coating of red or black or cloth behind the glass. These photos are enclosed in cases.

Malainotypes, Ferrotypes or Tintypes, 1856 to 20th century. These are positive images on metal. If the pose was formal, the earlier the time. Compare clothing fashions for an era time clue.

The Carte de Viste, 1859-1914. Invented by Window in 1866 [sic.], this was a negative 4-1/2 x 6-1/2 inches and found in albums and wall frames. If the photo is an oval pasted on a card or if it is surrounded by a dark grey or a black mount, it was probably made after 1900.

The Post Card, 1905-1930. These were popular and sometimes they were mailed. Look for the postmark.--from *Tri State Trader via Newsletter (Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), Vol. II, No. 3 (September 1989), p. 3.*

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Thanks to Florence Schuette for the information on page 51.

Document Care.....

Here are eight helpful suggestions for document care.

1. Keep them flat, not folded. As paper degenerates, it breaks at the fold lines.
2. Get all metal fasteners out of them. Old documents were sometimes fastened together with straight pins. These leave rust spots on the paper. If you must fasten them together again, buy plastic paper clips. Or keep individual document in separate folders.
3. Use no rubber bands. They disintegrate and leave stains behind.
4. If documents are damaged, do NOT use any kind of pressure sensitive tape. All will eventually fall off leaving the adhesive behind. The best policy is to go to a professional restorer. They will probably use filmoplast P, which can be obtained from an archival supply store or rice paste and Japanese mending tissue.
5. Storage should be in an acid free folder. Manila folders are highly acidic and the acid will migrate to the document. Corrugated cardboard boxes are highly acidic. Pendaflex files are not as highly acidic. Acid free folders can also be purchased.
6. Framing a document is NOT recommended. The light from the front tends to fade the colors. The cardboard and masking tape behind allows acid to migrate to the document. If framing is done, it should be done with museum mounting techniques - acid free matboard in front of and behind the document and UV plexiglass instead of regular or non-glare glass.
7. DON'T LAMINATE A DOCUMENT. A few archives still do, but most encapsulate the document. Lamination is cooking the document in plastic. Encapsulation is easy to do. Use Mylar or Triacetate which can be obtained from some supply stores. Make two plastic pieces 2" to 3" larger than the document. Place document in the center of one piece and put a strip of 1/4" double stick tape on the plastic all around the outside, being sure that it doesn't touch the document. Then place the second piece of plastic on top and carefully press together. This can easily be taken apart if it is ever necessary.
8. When handling old documents and other materials, wear cotton gloves as the oils on your skin are also harmful to documents.

Here are a few places to write for archival quality materials:

Light Impressions
439 MONROE AVE
ROCHESTER NY 14607-3717
1-800-828-6216

University Products, Inc.
517 MAIN ST P O BOX 101
HOLYOKE MA 01041-0101
1-800-628-1912

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PHOTOGRAPH AND FILM CARE..... Here

are some helpful suggestions for photograph and film care.

1. Stay away from PVC sleeves. Hot conditions cause them to give off poisonous gases. Polypropylene is all right. Remember that any plastic sleeve can trap moisture.
2. Photo albums with plastic over the photos are not desirable. Mylar corners on acid free paper are the best solution.
3. When scrapbooks and photo albums are received, keep them intact. Don't separate. Keep in an acid free storage box with acid free tissue paper between the pages.
4. Use pencil if writing on the back of a photo. The best system is to write on the sleeve containing the photo.
5. If Videotapes are made from old home movies, the original color films should be kept. Tapes have a lifetime of ten years and films will last much longer. Video and audio tape (magnetic tape) is not archival material. Every time a video tape is rerecorded it is worse than the last one.
6. Color prints are not recommended. They fade and change color with age. Black and white prints hold up the best.
7. Use 100% rag bond paper for your family history.
8. Photocopies made on old types of copy machines should be recopied. The old copies fade until they cannot be read.

All family historians do not get to the stage of publication, but please be sure your research goes somewhere it will be appreciated, either to someone with the same interest in your family history as yours, or to a library where others can benefit from your labors.--from *CCGS Vol. 15, No. 5* via *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Volume 7, Number 3 (1991), p. 9.*

SAVE PHOTOGRAPHS

Urge everyone to save photographs, new and old. They can be a great help in genealogy. Help people to label them properly. Examples of things to save are:

Photographic Christmas cards.

Postcards of places you have lived.

Old stereoptic cards depicting countries associated with your family.

School photographs.

Calendars with photos of places ancestors lived.

County history books with photos.

Photographs of cemeteries.

Photographs of furniture.

Photographs of churches or schools you or your ancestors have attended.

Copies of tintypes and/or old photographs which relatives wish to retain in their possession.

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* * * CALENDAR OF EVENTS * * *

January 9, 10, & 11..Open House at LDS Family History Center
5405 Rib Mtn Dr. Thursdays 1:30 - 8:30 p.m.)Same as hours
Wausau, WI 54401 Fridays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)open each week.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)Tel.715-359-7171

Thurs. January 23....Preservation of old Photographs. Don Schnitzler will
7 p.m. talk about photographs and photography.
Marshfield Clinic At 6:15 p.m. Beginners Group - Elaine Hansen
Conf. Rm. G620 will discuss Courthouse Records, Part I.

Fri.-Sat. Feb. 14-15.1992 Founders Day Conference at Middleton, Wisconsin.

Thurs. February 27...John Christner will tell about Marshfield
7 p.m. Personalities of the Past.
Marshfield Clinic At 6:15 p.m. Beginners Group - Lorraine Markee
Conf. Rm. G620 will lead a discussion on Land Records and, time
permitting, Cemetery Research.

Sat. March ??.....The Computer Interest Group of Central Wisconsin
ARC Ground Floor
Stevens Point, WI

Thurs. March 26.....East Germany, Lithuania and Poland.
7 p.m. --Emily Fijalkiewicz.
Marshfield Clinic
Conf. Rm. G620 At 6:15 p.m. Beginners Group.

*Please request books from the library one week ahead at 387-4044.
PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.*



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