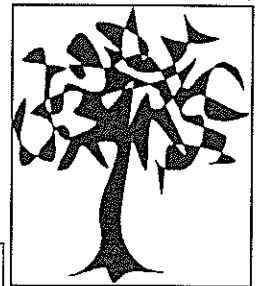


# KITH AND KIN



Marshfield Area Genealogy Group  
P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449

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## MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS

Our March meeting will take us on a trip to Pomerania, the land where many of us have ancestral roots. Our captain for the evening will be our very own Elaine Hansen. She will guide us through her "Roots Tour of Pomerania - Summer 1998." Our boat boards promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic with a short business meeting to follow.

Finally, in April, Judy Petersen will bring along to the meeting her new "Tool-box" for helping with Danish research. Judy doesn't claim to be an expert in Danish research but has now acquired some new tools to help her and is willing to share them with us. Again, the Marshfield Clinic is the place, in Room L-207, and 7:00 p.m. is the time. Hope to see you there.

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## OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR MAGG'S 1999-2000 YEAR

Our Nominations Committee of Elaine Hansen and Denis Kuennen have presented the group with the following roster of officers-elect for the 1999-2000 membership year:

President: Kathleen Englebretson  
Vice-President: Denis Kuennen  
Secretary: Lori Belongia  
Treasurer: Lorraine Markee

Thank you Elaine and Denis for your hard work. Also thank you to all of the officer-elect candidates.

## CENTRAL WISCONSIN COMPUTER GENEALOGY GROUP

The next meeting of the Central Wisconsin Computer Genealogy Group will be May 15, 1999, at the U. W. - Stevens Point Library. The May meeting is set later in the month due to the spring meeting of WSGS on May 1 and Mother's Day on the 2nd weekend. Anyone interested in going and possibly car pooling from Marshfield should contact Vickie Schnitzler, (715-387-4044.)

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## RENEWAL FORMS FOR THE 1999-2000 MEMBERSHIP YEAR ARE ATTACHED

New membership forms have been included in this newsletter. Please re-new your membership promptly as it makes it much easier in regards to the paper work and also insures no missed newsletters for the year.

If there are any members still missing any copies of the newsletter for this past membership year, please call Vickie Schnitzler, (715) 387-4044, so these can be sent out to you as soon as possible.

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## NEW BY-LAWS FOR MAGG

At our last meeting, on February, the membership present at the meeting voted and accepted the newly revised by-laws as presented at the January 1999 meeting. A final new copy of these by-laws will be sent to you in your next *Kith and Kin*. Thanks to Vickie Schnitzler and Elaine Hansen on their work with the by-law revisions.

## 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 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 LL-207. 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. Organization membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year memberships include all current volume issues.

### OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President	Lorraine Markee	No Phone
Vice-President	Kathleen Englebretson	715-384-3439
Secretary	Vickie Schmitzler	715-387-4044
Treasurer	Lucille Zimthefer	715-387-4877
Director 1997-99	Ruth Pors	715-384-9953
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Program	Judy Petersen	715-659-5817
Librarians	Don & Vickie Schmitzler	715-387-4044

### Standing Committees:

History and		
Archivist	Edna Loiselle	715-384-2219
Education &		
Research	Kathleen Englebretson	715-384-3439
Publicity	Elaine Hansen	715-384-8979

### Ad Hoc Committees:

Forms	Lucille Zimthefer	715-384-4877
Necrology	Lucille Leick	715-394-5298
Publications	Lorraine Markee	No Phone

### IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING "KITH & 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. All trademarks and trade names are the property of their respective holders.

## COMING EVENTS (1998)

- April 7, 1999 Join the Heart O` Wisconsin Gen. Soc. when they take a motor coach to the State Historical Society in Madison. The bus will leave Auburndale promptly at 5:45 a.m., leaving Wisconsin Rapids at 6:30 a.m. with arrival at the State Hisotrical Society when they open at 8:30 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$20 to \$23 per person. Contact Bev Peaslee at (715) 652-2513 to reserve a spot. Bus will return to Wisconsin Rapids at 10:00 p.m. and then back to Auburndale.
- April 17, 1999 Marshfield Public Library along with the Marshfield Area Genealogy Groups presents "A Beginner's Wrokshop in Genealogy." See brochure towards the end of the newsletter for more details.
- April 17, 1999 The Milwaukee Co. Gen. Society is hosting a workshop at the Milwaukee Public Library with Jim Hansen, Maralyn Wellauer, Bruce Butterfield, Bob Heck, and Darlene Norman. For additional informational, contact M.C.G.S., P.O. Box 27326, Milwaukee, WI 53227-0326 before March 30th, 1999 for discount rates.
- April 24, 1999 Monroe, Juneau, Jackson Counties Genealogical Workshop Spring Seminar, at the Holiday Inn, Tomah, WI with Nancy Emmert as guest speaker. For additional information contact: Carloyn Hendersin at (608) 269-5203.
- April 30 - May 1, 1999 The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society is sponsoring their Spring 1999 Seminar at the Comfort Suites Conference Center, in Green Bay, WI. Contact WSGS Spring Seminar, % Mary Freymille, 1420 Madison Street, Fennimore, WI 53809-1935, before April 16th, 1999.
- May 1, 1999 WSGS Spring Meeting, Green Bay, WI
- June 12 -13, 1999 The 30th Annual Genealogical Jamboree, So. Calif. Gen. Soc., Inc., 417 Irving Dr., Burbank, CA 91504-2408, (818) 843-7247.
- June 18-19, 1999 Gene-A-Rama, Holiday Inn Conference Center, Eau Claire, WI.
- July 10, 1999 "Tracing Your German Ancestor", Sat., July 10 1999, at the Hamilton Center, UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Once again another membership year will come to an end. I hope all of you will be prompt in renewing your membership, as it makes it much easier to keep the paper work in order. It will also insure that you will receive all your issues of *Kith and Kin* in a timely fashion.

I want to "thank" Elaine Hansen and Denis Kuennen for a job well done, as our Nominating Committee.

Hope to see many of you at our March meeting when Elaine Hansen shares with us her trip to Pomerania.

*Lorraine Markee*

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## MARSHFIELD RESOURCES

Indexes to the Births, Deaths, & Marriages of the Marshfield Times and Marshfield News, 1880-1908, (3-volume set).....\$75.00

Sold Individually: Births.....\$17.50  
Deaths.....\$30.00  
Marriages.....\$35.00

MAGG Surname Index and Pedigree Charts from 1984-1994.....\$15.00

Surname Index and Pedigree Chart Updates from 1994-1998.....\$4.00\*\*

(in the process of production)

Past issues of Newsletters

-Individually.....\$1.00

-Volume Set (6 Issues).....\$5.00

Order these items from the Marshfield Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

\*\*Available Summer, 1998.

## THE MARSHFIELD STORY: 1872-1997, PIECING TOGETHER OUR PAST

Cost: \$29.95 (Soft-cover), plus \$5.00 shipping. Available by contacting the Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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## NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! THE HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD - SECOND VOLUME

A brand new volume of Marshfield History and Genealogy is now being put together, with all new stories and pictures. The price for the soft-covered edition is \$34.95 and for the hard-covered edition is \$59.95. Pre-paid orders before September 1, 1999 can subtract \$5.00 from each book. If books are being shipped, an additional \$5.00 is added for each book ordered. Checks should be made out to: The Marshfield Chamber Foundation and sent to The Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449-0914.

## NEW MEMBERS

Judith A. Crow  
1312 E. Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Marcia Hudspeth  
89839 Fir-Butte Road  
Eugene, OR 97402

## QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 50 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name, address, and [phone number]. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

I would like to correspond with anyone who may have known the family of Gordon S. SMITH, b. Marshfield, WI, Sept. 7, 1902, d. Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 14, 1971. His parents were Stewart SMITH and Emma J. YORK. They lived at 309 S. Maple, Marshfield, and owned the Smith Dayline (or Cartage) Co.  
(Contact Judith A. Crow, 1312 E. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 444-6559.)

## SURNAMES

WIRL [WIERL], WISSINK, CLEAR, HAMERS, PURDY, WEED, BARBAR, FINNEY, STEBBINS, HARTGROVE, SMITH, YORK, CROW, PANCOAST, SMEED, YEOMAN, THOMPSON, and STRAND.  
(Contact Judith A. Crow, 1312 E. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 444-6559.)

## FORM SALES

Just a reminder that as you are updating those family group sheets and pedigree charts, extra forms are available by contacting MAGG's Forms Chairperson: Lucille Zinthefer, at (715) 387-4877.

## Y2K READINESS

Many of us are wondering what the "Y2K" fuss is all about. It means "Year 2000." Some (usually older) computer chips cannot change data when the year 2000 is asked because they were programmed only with 00, which means 1900 to the machinery. You can do some basic checking for Y2K bugs in your own computer. It is very simple. First, make a back-up copy of everything on your PC!! Then just set your system clock to 11:59 for December 1999, and see what happens at midnight. For example, save a fake file and see how the system displays the last modified date. Check to see how your database or spreadsheet does a few calculations. This won't make every subtle problem become obvious, but it will let you know if you have some glaring Y2K hassles lurking. Finally, test your PC's ability to automatically roll over to the correct date when it's not in use. Set the clock to 23:58 p.m., December 31, 1999 and turn it off. Wait over two minutes, turn it back on and check the date.

A tiny diagnostic software utility may be downloaded free from the Web site of the National Software Testing Laboratories. The free YMARK2000 program can be downloaded from

[http://www.nstl.com/html/ymark\\_2000.html](http://www.nstl.com/html/ymark_2000.html)

The program temporarily sets the computer's internal clock to read 10 seconds before the millennium and then monitors its ability to roll over to 2000. It only checks your computer's hardware and BIOS, not the operating system nor any application programs.

Microsoft maintains a Web site with information on the millenium readiness of all its products at  
<http://www.microsoft.com/year2000>

Apple MacIntosh computers have always been ready for the Year 2000. Even the original Macs introduced in 1984 are fully compliant.

You may also want to check the following Web site: Survive 2000: [[www.sbhs.com](http://www.sbhs.com)].

*(Compiled from the Milwaukee Co. Gen. Soc. REPORTER, Vol. 29, #2, May 1998, the Chippewa Co. Gen. Soc. THE NEWSLETTER, Vol. 19, #1, Jan-Feb 1999, and Central WI Computer Gen. Group's THE CENTRAL CONNECTION, Vol. 6, #1, Winter 98.)*

## NEW OR CHANGED WEB SITES

The North Carolina Gen. Society has a new Web Site access number:  
<<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>>

The Ohio Historical Society  
<<http://www.ohiohistory.org>> has been added more than 67,000 pages of historical documents. The records include: the Ohio Newspaper Index from 1913-1927 and 1933-1937 (with the 1928-1932 expected soon), the Ohio troop roster for the War of 1812; and some Civil War correspondence and records.

The Ontario Genealogical Society, located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4R1B9, has added a Web site: <<http://www.ogs.on.ca>>. FGS Forum Summer Vol 10 No 2 1998

### SHIPS

Three web sites that are particularly useful for information about the ships that our ancestors came to America on are:  
<http://www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/ships.htm>

<http://www.cimorellia.com/pie/emigrate/emigmenu.htm>

<http://www.CyndisList.com/ships.htm>

The Dutch Emigration Trilogy currently has 300 links to passenger list information from 1620 until 1927 at their site:

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~mailme/jolanda/enmain.htm>

Source Ancestral Diggin's Set. 1998

### BROWSING SITES:

Yahoo- contains regional listing for states & countries, business for paid databases, software, researchers, etc, society & culture, entertainment for royal genealogy & famous people. <http://www.yahoo.com>

Rootsweb- contains well established and highly regarded cooperative effort, surname archives, mailing list, and your data to their site. <Http://www.rootsweb.com>

Cindi's List-contains extensive listing of sites national & international regional listing, cemeteries, obituaries, census data, adoption, wills, libraries, events, & much more.

<http://www.CyndisList.Com>

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### New Online Databases

The Cleveland Jewish News Obituary Database compiled by Helen Wolf. Index of 5,000 plus obituaries from this Ohio newspaper, 1988-1997.

<http://www1.jewishgen.org/databases/leveweb.html>

Jewish-American Civil War Veterans by Lynn Berkowitz. Over 7,000 Jewish-American U.S. Civil War Veterans, both Union and Confederate.

<Http://www1.jewishgen.org/databases/ivilwar.html>

American Jewish Year book Obituary Index The American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society. Index to over 3,000 obituaries of prominent Jews 1948-1994.

<Http://www1.jewishgen.org/databases/jybweb.html>

Vsia Rossia 1895 Database: Bert Lazerow compiled Jewish names from Ukrainian regions from an 1895 business directory. Poltava and Chernigov gubernias.

<http://www1.jewishgen.org/databases/visaweb.htm>

*(from Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 17, #3, Winter 1998, p.5)*

"Down Memory Lane", a column which ran in *The Marshfield News Herald*, was written by Ida Luber during 1953 and 1954. The stories are primarily about the women in Marshfield, however we have also indexed the husband's names where mentioned.

**Index to: Down Memory Lane  
by Ida A. Luber**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Adler, Margaret	April 18, 1953
Aigner, Frank	January 09, 1954
Allain, Andrew	May 02, 1953
Allyn, Ella	April 04, 1953
Alyea, Fred	October 24, 1953
Andrews, R. E.	July 11, 1953
Baltus, Michael	March 06, 1954
Barkley, Mrs. (John) Margaret	August 22, 1953
Bauer, Mrs. Fred A.	October 10, 1953
Behling, Martha	March 28, 1953
Bill, Mrs. (Fred) Anna	January 16, 1954
Binsfeld, Anna	January 16, 1954
Bohren, Caroline	July 18, 1953
Braem, Mrs. Selma	March 21, 1953
Bredemann, Mrs. (Otto) Albina	June 20, 1953
Brinkman, Ann	November 07, 1953
Brinkmann, John	November 07, 1953
Buckmaster, Mrs. R. A.	April 04, 1953
Caltanach, Anna	March 08, 1953
Christensen, Christine	January 30, 1954
Covey, Viola	January 02, 1954
Cramer, William	September 05, 1953
Daul, Anna Mary	December 19, 1953
Daul, Pauline	December 19, 1953
Deering, Mrs. (Charles) Bertha	May 22, 1954
Derfus, Margretha	August 01, 1953
Dewey, Margaret	March 20, 1954
Dix, Mary Elizabeth	October 10, 1953
Due, Margaret	March 20, 1954
Durst, Gregor, Sr.	November 21, 1953
Edwards, C.B.	November 14, 1953
Eggebrecht, Mrs. (William) Anna	October 03, 1953
Elmerman, Mrs. (John) Nora	August 29, 1953
Fehrenbach, Leo	March 15, 1953
Felker, Adolph G.	February 06, 1954
Finucane, Esther L.	February 06, 1954
Forest, Carola	November 14, 1953
Fraser, Cora	March 13, 1954
Gerber, Mrs. Fred	December 26, 1953
Gorsegner, Annie	July 25, 1953
Greenberg, Margaret	August 22, 1953
Gropp, Anna	October 17, 1953

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Groth, Mrs. (Frank) Bertha	May 22, 1954
Guk, Mathilda	December 12, 1953
Gust, Jacob	October 31, 1953
Hagedorn, Anna	April 17, 1954
Hahn, Bertha	May 22, 1954
Hansen, Marc A.	November 28, 1953
Hanson, P.N.	April 03, 1954
Hart, Amanda	May 15, 1954
Heil, May	February 20, 1954
Heil, Mrs. Louis	May 16, 1953
Henning, Mrs. Herman H.	March 13, 1954
Himmel, Joe	June 06, 1953
Hirschfeld, Lizelta	May 23, 1953
Hoffman, Anna	May 02, 1953
Hughes, Mrs. (Charles M.) Alice	May 08, 1954
Ingle, Mrs. (Edward) Amanda	May 16, 1954
Ives, Grace	April 10, 1954
Jacobson, Mrs. (Alfred) Annie	July 25, 1953
Johnson, Minnie	April 03, 1954
Johnson, Mrs. Neils	January 30, 1954
Kagle, Miss	March 15, 1953
Kautzer, Theresa	November 21, 1953
Kloos, Mrs. Martin	November 07, 1953
Kohl, Phillip, Sr.	March 28, 1953
Kraus, Mrs. Benedict	May 01, 1954
Kupfer, John B.	January 23, 1954
Lang, Ben	August 01, 1953
Love, Martha H.	July 11, 1953
Luchterhand, August	April 25, 1953
Maluge, William	April 10, 1954
Marbes, Mrs. Charles	April 11, 1953
Markee, Anna	March 06, 1954
Matowicz, Katherine	March 27, 1954
Mettelka, Mrs. Joseph V.	April 18, 1953
Michler, Anna	October 03, 1953
Miller, Marie Ann	December 05, 1953
Miller, Mrs. (G. F.) Augusta	May 08, 1953
Miner, Mrs. (E. E.) Anna	August 08, 1953
Mohan, Patrick J.	September 12, 1953
Mott, Mrs. Bertha	February 27, 1954
Neinas, Charles	December 12, 1953
Nelson, Anna	September 26, 1953
Ohse, Margaret	May 08, 1953
Onwick, Dorthie Marie	November 28, 1953

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Pankow, Adolph	February 13, 1954
Peterson, Mrs. John A.	March 20, 1954
Piper, Alice	June 27, 1953
Ploen, Mrs. (Charles) Anna	April 17, 1954
Proeli, Louis	June 13, 1953
Radloff, Ida	February 13, 1954
Reeths, Mrs. F. (Fred?) W.	December 05, 1953
Regele, Mrs. (Joseph) Anna	October 17, 1953
Reichert, Bertha	December 26, 1953
Reichert, Mrs. Herman	December 19, 1953
Reif, Mrs. (August) Mary	November 07, 1953
Rhodes, Mrs. Sam	December 19, 1953
Roder, Mrs. Fred	May 23, 1953
Schmitt, Loretta	June 06, 1953
Schultz, John	September 19, 1953
Schultz, Mrs. (Albert) Alice	June 27, 1953
Schumacher, Anna	January 23, 1954
Sebstad, Wilhelmina	November 07, 1953
Seitz, Cornelia	September 05, 1953
Spindler, Magdalena	September 12, 1953
Stanislaw, Frances	September 19, 1953
Steffen, William	June 20, 1953
Thiel, Mrs. H. F.	March 08, 1953
Thompson, Elma	November 14, 1953
Thor, Catherine	August 15, 1953
Thorp, Nora	August 29, 1953
Torsch, Ida	April 24, 1954
Tripp, Charles A.	April 24, 1954
Tufts, W. (William?) C.	January 02, 1954
Uhlig, Albina	June 20, 1953
Van Der Hey, Alice	May 08, 1954
Vanderhoof, Nora	January 09, 1954
Vaughn, O.C.	July 18, 1953
Voll, Anna	August 08, 1953
Wagner, Joseph	March 27, 1954
Walterbach, Margaret	May 16, 1953
Walterbach, Peter	February 20, 1954
Warmka, Bertha	February 27, 1954
Weis, Peter	August 15, 1953
Wiegand, Antonia	May 01, 1954
Wilson, Sadie	October 24, 1953
Woldt, Alvina	April 25, 1953
Young, Cecelia	April 11, 1953
Zettler, Catherine	October 31, 1953

## LAND POLICIES OF THE U.S.

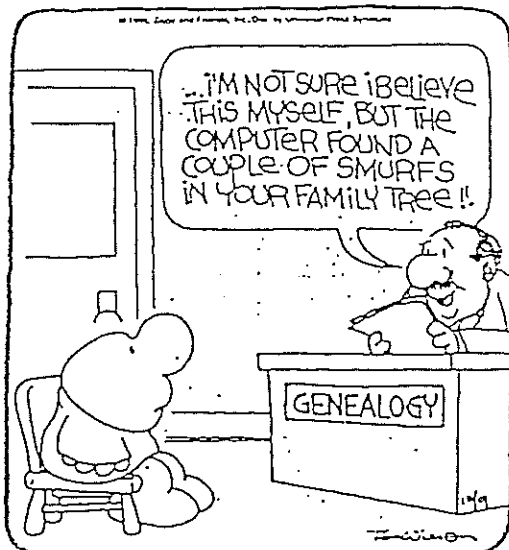
Early land acts favored wealthy land speculators. Under the Land Ordinance of 1785, no one was allowed to buy less than one 640 acres section and the minimum price was \$1.00 per acre. Since few settlers could afford a whole section, most of the land was sold to companies which divided the land into smaller lots and sold them to individuals at a profit.

Before 1800, only a small minority settled directly on public domain land. In 1800 congress liberalized the land law so that a prospective farmer could buy 320 acres at \$2.00 an acre by paying \$160.00 down and liquidating the balance over a period of four or more years. Still, most frontiersmen obtained their land from states or private speculators rather than from the federal government. The Land Ordinance of 1804 reduced the minimum purchases to 160 acres at \$2.00 an acre. The down payment was reduced to \$80.00 with the balance due over a period of four years.

The Land Act of 1820 further reduced the minimum acreage to be purchased and the cost: 80 acres at \$1.25 an acre in cash. The credit system was abolished. The first Pre-emption act was passed in 1830. This act allowed the settlers to occupy 160 acres and buy the land later at the minimum price. This act favored the west and aided the squatter by giving him first chance to buy the land he had cleared. The Land Act of 1841 continued the principle of pre-emption allowing any head of family to pre-empt land even before the government survey.

The Homestead Act of 1862 provided that a settler could acquire as much as 160 acres by living on it for five years, improving it and paying a fee of \$10.00. Pre-emption was still possible for certain squatters at \$.25 per acre.

*(from Out on a Limb, Dodge/Jefferson Co.'s Gen. Soc., Inc., Vol. 3, #4, Nov. 1998, p.42, via Gutherie Co., IA GS, 20 p. 14, via Contra Costa County Gen. Soc., Vol. 13, No. 7, July 1998.)*



## TERMS USED IN LAND RECORDS

**Abstract** - A condensed history of the title to a piece of land.  
**Appurtenance** - An improvement belonging to the land, such as buildings, gardens, fences, etc.

**Bounty Land Warrant** - A right to obtain land, specific number of acres of unallocated public land, granted for military service.

**Conveyance or Deed** - A document by which title in real property is transferred from one party to another.

**Dower** - The right which a widow has in the real estate of her deceased husband.

**Fee Simple** - A estate which the owner is entitled to the entire property with power of disposition during his life and descending to his heirs upon his death intestate. (I.e. the owner can sell it, mortgage it, give it away, etc. and if he dies without a will, it goes to his heirs as determined by local law).

**Measurements** -

**Acre** - 43,560 square feet or 160 square rods.

**Chain** - 66 feet.

**Furlong** - 660 feet.

**Link** - 7.92 inches.

**Perch, Pole, or Rod** - 16 1/2 feet.

**Section** - 640 acres or one square mile.

**Arpent** - A land measure of French origin equal to 100 square rods where the rod is 18 feet long. In 183 Missouri, an arpent equaled .8 acre.

**Hectare** - approximately 100 acres.

**League** - A Spanish measure used in Texas and California; a square league equaled about 4430 acres.

**Vara** - A Spanish linear land measurement equal to 31-34 inches.

**Lease** - An agreement which creates a landlord-tenant situation.

**Lien** - A claim by one party upon the property of another for security in payment of debt.

**Metes and Bounds** - A system of land description which used trees, rocks, water courses and other markers to identify land.

**Moiety** - Half of anything.

**Mortgage** - A conditional transfer of title to real property as security in payment of debt.

**Power of Attorney** - A person, unable to act for himself, appoints another to act in his behalf.

**Quitclaim** - A deed in which a person releases all claim he may possess in real property. It does not guarantee that the seller was the sole owner.

## RECTANGULAR SURVEY SYSTEM

Range, Township, Section, Part of Section and the original land survey name have become the basic legal description for most of the land originally surveyed by the United States Government in the 29 public land states.

The Land Ordinance of 1785 established the rectangular survey to subdivide public lands. It provided that the western territory be divided into surveying townships of 6 miles square. Each township would contain 36 sections, each 1 mile square and containing 640 acres. Townships were numbered from a base south to north in rows called ranges. The ranges were numbered from east to west.

At first sections were numbered 1 to 36 beginning in the southeast corner of the township and running from south to north in each tier to number 36 in the northwest corner of the township. By act of congress, the numbering system was changed in May of 1796. The act proved that "the sections shall be numbered, respectively, beginning with the number one in the northeast section, and proceeding west and east alternately through the township, with progressive numbers, till the thirty-sixth be completed" in the southeast corner of the township.

Section 16 in each township was reserved for the maintenance of schools and sections 8, 11, 26 and 29 were reserved for future sale or disposition by Congress.

The first public lands to be surveyed in the U.S. were the "Seven Ranges" located in Eastern Ohio. On September 30, 1785, Thomas Hutchins, Geographer of the United States, began to survey the Geographer's Line. The point of beginning was the intersection of the Pennsylvania State line and the Ohio River. The line eventually ran 42 miles (seven ranges) due West. Townships in the Seven Ranges are numbered as prescribed in the Land Ordinance of 1785. The only other surveys which used this same section arrangement are the "Between the Miami Rivers Survey, both in southwestern Ohio.

The problem of keeping townships 6 miles square, the the earth is curved, was solved by Jared Mansfield in 1804. Mansfield, the Surveyor General of the Northwest Territory, established an arbitrary meridian and an intersection east-west baseline to survey the 2nd Principle Meridian in southern Indiana. Ranges of townships were progressively numbered eastward and westward from the meridian, while townships within each range were numbered northward and southward from the base line. The outermost sections of the outermost ranges were less than the specified 640 aced to account for the curve of the earth. There are 34 pinciple meridians in the United States, some designated by number and most by names.

*(from Out on a Limb, Dodge/Jefferson Co.'s Gen. Soc. Inc., Vol. 13 #3, Nov. 1998, p. 43, via the Contra Costa Co. Gen. Soc., Vol. 13, #7, July 1998.)*

## HANDY PHONE NUMBER

If you have a quick question that needs a quick answer, you may be able to get help by calling the Family History Library (LDS) at Salt Lake City, Utah. Their switchboard number is 1-800-453-3860. You get a recording, but after that, an operator comes on the line.

*(from The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc., Lake Co., IL, Vol. 14, #4, Nov. 1998, p.11, via Logan Co. Gen. & Hist. Soc., Summer, 1998.)*

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## FREE GENEALOGY PACKET

The National Archives and Records Administration offers a free genealogy packet by writing their Publications Distribution, Room G9, Dept. P, Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408, Phone 1-800-234-8861.

*(from the Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc., Lake Co., IL, Vol.14, #4, Nov. 1998, p.10, via The Clan Digger, July, 1998.)*

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## POLISH INSURANCE RECORDS

Persons whose ancestors had insurance through the "Polish Roman Catholic Union of America" have an unusual opportunity. The original packets of insurance death claims are held by the Polish Genealogical Society of America. They will sell a packet of documents to the first person requesting it for \$43.00 postpaid.

An index to the claimants' packets is available on the PGSA web page at:

<http://www.pgsa.org/records.htm>

Send the claimant's name, claim number, date of settlement and your check to PGSA, 1440 W. North Ave., #300, Melrose Park, IL 60610.

*(from The Illuminator, Zion Gen. Soc., Lake Co., IL Vol. 14, #3, August, 1998, p. 10, via The Family Tree, Ellen Payne Odem Gen. Lib., June/July 1998.)*

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## FOR SHIP PHOTOS TRY THESE WEB SITES

<http://sshsa.org/>

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<http://www.home.att.net/~paul.petersen/ships.htm>



## Looking for new branches on your family tree?



*Marshfield Public Library &  
Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Present*

### A Beginner's Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Presentations -- 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

- What do you know? -- Forms & Basic Information
- Extra, Extra! Read all about it! -- Newspapers
- Stand up and be counted! -- Census & Land Records
- CyberRoots! -- Internet Demonstration
- We're on the Move! -- Tour the library's Local History & Genealogy Collection

#### **Workout-- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

- Get your hands dirty! Hands-on work with the collection of the Marshfield Public Library. Extra staff will be available to answer questions, and assist with equipment.

*Use the lower portion of this sheet to register. Turn it in to the Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second St., Marshfield, WI 54449 by Thursday, April 15, 1999.*

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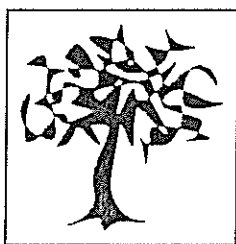
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*Marshfield Public Library & Marshfield Genealogy Group      April 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop*

*For additional information contact: Lori Belongia, MPL, (715) 387-8494.*

# MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, March 25, 1999..... Elaine Hansen will be sharing her "Roots Tour of Pomerania of July 1998." Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.
- Thursday, April 22, 1999..... Judy Petersen is going to help us with our Danish research. Judy doesn't claim to be an expert in the area of Danish research but has acquired some "new tools" to make the search easier and hopefully more successful. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.
- Thursday, May 27, 1999..... Did you know there were POW camps here in Marshfield and Grand Rapids (Wisconsin Rapids)? Marlys Steckler will be bringing some interesting information that she has found while doing her research. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.



## KITH AND KIN

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 Newsletter  
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 Institution (\$12.00/year) (Do Not Need to complete rest of form)

Please answer the following:

Major surnames I am researching (Please Print Clearly!)

- Use list previously supplied  
 Add these surnames to those previously given  
 Additional sheet attached for more surnames

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1. My research centers on the following Ethnic Backgrounds: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. My family history research includes the following states: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. The following communities in the Marshfield area are of interest to my family history research: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. I am interested on seeing these topics covered in our newsletter *Kith and Kin* \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. I would like to see the following programs or activities planned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I would be willing to share the following Books and Resources: (To be included in our newsletter *Kith and Kin*) (Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Do you have any suggestions for guest speakers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Do you have an area of interest to share with the members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Other genealogical and historical societies I am a member of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Thinking about computerized genealogy?  Yes  No  
What genealogy Software do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of computer: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Can you volunteer to: (Check all that apply)  
 Type  Staple Newsletter  Help with June Dairy Days  
 Willing to chair Committee  Serve as Officer or on Board of Directors  
(Please list those Committees, Directors, or Offices interested in: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Refer to Page 2 of the Newsletter for list of Committees, Directors and Officers)

FREE 50 WORD QUERY TO BE PLACED IN *KITH AND KIN* NEWSLETTER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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