

# Kith and Kin

Official Newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

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## 17 Genealogy Things To Do If You Have Only a Few Minutes

By Diane Haddad and the Family Tree Magazine Staff  
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Sometimes life gets in the way, and you can't find a decent stretch of time to sit at your computer or go to the library and do some genealogy. Our Sept. 30 webinar [Weekend Genealogy Breakthroughs](#) will show you 13 shorter projects you can accomplish in an evening or on a weekend.

In the mean time: 5 or 15 minutes might not be enough to delve into the life and times of your most stubborn brick wall ancestor, but it is enough time to do one of these quick genealogy tasks:

- Check your tree and make sure you have a 1940 census entry for everyone alive at the time. For the missing ones, you can [search the 1940 census](#) for free.
- Search the [Social Security Death Index](#) for US folks who died after 1962.
- Run a [Google Books](#) search for an ancestor you don't have much on.
- Open mystery genealogy files on your computer, see what they are, and rename them according to a system. Now you know what the file is without opening it.
- File the loose genealogy files on your computer desktop, or the papers on your actual desktop.
- Write two paragraphs about an ancestor's life.
- Any relative you don't have burial

information for, search for him or her on [Find A Grave](#), [Billion Graves](#) and/or [Interment.net](#).

- Transcribe a record into your family tree software (or wherever you keep record transcriptions).
- Add to Great-grandma's or another relative's life timeline, using your family tree software or our [free, downloadable Biographical Outline](#).
- Read a few pages of a county or family history.
- Check your favorite genealogy blogs for the latest news.
- Call an older relative and make an appointment to visit and talk about family history.
- Scan several photos.
- Write a journal entry or blog post.
- Share a genealogy find with your family on Facebook.
- Think of all the crazy ways last names in your family could be spelled, and write them all down so you can try them when you search genealogy websites. We have a [free Surname Variants chart you can download, print and fill out](#).
- Tag photos in your photo-organizing software.

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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

*It seems hard to believe that the 2014 program year for MAGG has already come to a close. The year went by so quickly, and November and December, those two months of the year that we don't meet are sure to come and go with just a blink of Santa's eye.*

*The group had a good fall though. Good meetings with great discussions, a fun research trip to the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and an unexpected treat, a "wienie" roast with S'mores over an open camp fire. A big thank you goes out to Noreen Moen for her hospitality at that last event.*

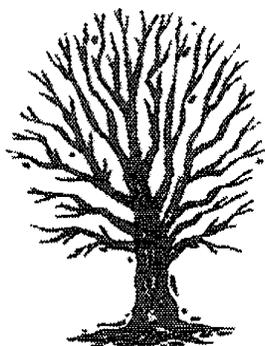
*While returning from the State Historical Society and again as part of the October meeting conversations generated a list of possible presentations and programs for the upcoming year. The dates are set, but topics and speakers still need to be arranged. So if you have a suggestion yet just let me know, or better yet, volunteer to share your area of genealogical expertise with a presentation to the group.*

*As for the past year, I hope that everyone who attended a MAGG meeting left with useful information to help them in their family history pursuits.*

*And finally, may you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. I look forward to seeing you when MAGG begins its 2015 program year on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Marshfield Public Library. Until then...*

As always,

*Schnitz*



## MAGG Officers and Committees

President: [Don Schnitzler](#) (2015)

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(Year office expires is in parentheses.)

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Our purpose is to provide meetings and programs of genealogical interest and to provide instruction in genealogical procedures. Also to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield area and/or relative to the people of the Marshfield Area.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December.

## Membership Information

Our membership year is from May 1 to April 30. Individual membership per year is \$12.00 and a

Family membership is \$15.00 per year. For hardcopy newsletter add \$6.

Membership Forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/> and returned with payment to us at: MAGG, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

## 81 Seniors Will Graduate Here May 26

*(from the Loyal Tribune, May 20, 1965, Front Page)*

Eight-one seniors of Loyal High School will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held in the high school gymnasium on Wednesday evening, May 26, at 8 p.m.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. Lester W. Hunt, Vice President, Business Affairs of Wisconsin State University, Eau Claire. His address to the graduates is entitled, "What Price Progress".

Helen Noeldner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Noeldner, Route 1, Greenwood, will deliver the valedictory address to parents and friends. John Trnka, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Trnka, has earned the second highest academic rating for four years and will give the salutatory address.

The processional and recessional will be played by the high school band under the direction of William Chambers. Musical numbers will consist of a class song by the graduating members of the choir and a vocal duet given by Linda Denk and Helen Noeldner. The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev.

The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. Paul Doering.

Diplomas will be presented to the graduates by Joseph C. Esselman, President of the Board of Education, and Principal C. E. Lawrenz will present the scholarship awards to members of the class who have earned a four-year average of 90 or above.

The following are members of the graduating class: Alice Albert, Leonard Alexander, Carolyn Bakken, John Bloom, Jan Bloomfield, John Bloomfield, Mary Boehning, Donald Bowe, David Brett, Joe Bruckert, Charlene Clouse, Karen Cole, Richard Cook, Jacqueline Davel, Leslie Delo, Linda Denk, Roger Downey, Michael Drake, Sharon Dux, Gordon Ellison, Larry Engevoid, David Fricke, Marvin Geiger, Thomas Guzman, James Harwood, Nancy Haslow, James Helms, Duane Hilbrand, David Hills, Carol Hinkelmann, Brian Johnston, Larry Klemke, Donna Koski, Priscilla Kruger, Wanye Krohn, Sandra Lemke, Mary Lepori, Fred Lewin, Kristin Lieske, Rosemary Loos, Barbara Lubber, Michael Mack, Lois Mattes, Mary McNeely, Allen Miller, William Mills, Raymond Milz, Faith Moldenhauer, Jack Molle, Helen

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For additional information, check out the entire article at: [http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2014/09/10/17GenealogyThingsToDoIfYouHaveOnlyAFewMinutes.aspx?et\\_mid=691769&rid=245977444](http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2014/09/10/17GenealogyThingsToDoIfYouHaveOnlyAFewMinutes.aspx?et_mid=691769&rid=245977444)

Thanks Jen Witzel for sharing this link!

## Irish Archives Resource Goes Online

from Dick Eastman's Blog, September 17, 2014



Irish Archives Resource, abbreviated as “IAR,” is a portal that recently has been greatly expanded. It links together hundreds of unique archival collections and 34 archive services in Ireland north and south. Ireland’s first archive web portal, Irish Archives Resource (IAR), includes contribution from Trinity College Dublin’s Manuscripts and Archives Research Department, RTÉ Stills Library, National Museum of Ireland Archives, University College Cork Archives, Derry City Council Heritage and Museum Service, and the archives of St Patrick’s College, Maynooth. It does not hold any images of archives or records. Instead, it provides a means to search archival descriptions from various contributing institutions.

The archive is not specifically a genealogy resource. Instead, it contains all sorts of archival descriptions, many of which will prove to be useful resources to genealogists, historians, social scientists, film historians, Irish citizens, Irish emigrants and their descendants, and to many others. It should appeal to anyone interested in accessing Ireland’s archival heritage.

Beginning as a pilot project in 2008, as a result of a joint initiative of the Heritage Council and Archives and Records Association, Ireland, the IAR is an all-Ireland portal containing collections from Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and National Archives of Ireland.

The IAR is currently funded by the Heritage Council, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Northern Ireland. The portal is hosted by University College Dublin’s School of History and Archives. With adequate funding, it aims to expand the current number of contributing archive services from 34 to up to 70.

The Irish Archives Resource may be found at <http://www.iar.ie>.

## Research at DAR Library Now Free to the Public

from Dick Eastman's Blog, October 29, 2014

The following announcement was written by the folks at the DAR Library:

The DAR Library, one of the country’s premier genealogical research facilities, is now FREE to all researchers. In October, the entrance fee for use of the Washington, D.C. family history library was eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.



“We are so pleased to be able to now offer the DAR Library resources free of charge,” says

Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. “We invite and encourage anyone who may have been deterred in the past by the usage fee to come visit and explore our vast holdings. You never know what you may be able to discover about your family at the DAR Library.”

From novices to professionals, the DAR Library offers a wealth of unique materials for researchers of all levels. Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women’s history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.

Further details may be found at: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public>.

(From: <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/10/29/research-at-dar-library-now-free-to-the-public/>)

## German-American Genealogy

In 2014 the DAGV celebrates its 65th anniversary and because of that the member assembly has declared 2014 to be „year of genealogy (DAGV)“ in which we want to go new ways of genealogical research.

Today is the German-American Day remembering the first German settlers in the later USA on October 6, 1683. 300 years later in 1983 President Ronald Reagan declared this date to become the German-American Day in the U.S. Following the historical path and also in further development of the [Declaration of Salt Lake City](#) by the DAGV and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) in the US on March 22, 2013 we as German umbrella organization present this site for intensify the contact not only between the our two but between all genealogical societies and researchers on genealogy in both of our countries dealing with people that are interested in that special topic.

We are supporting contacts to make researching more easy on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean: for the one who wants to find his ancestors coming from Germany mostly by leaving the ports of Hamburg or Bremerhaven, for the other one who wants to find offspring of former immigrants to America in today. Both could lead to a vivid connection in present families

On our website you can get the addresses and web-sites of our 67 single member organizations under the umbrella of the DAGV. We also want to help you find literature, databases etc. After visiting the RootsTech in Salt Lake City in 2013 and the FGS National Conference in San Antonio 2014 we think that on the field of German-American genealogy there is a big potential for all our genealogical societies and individuals. More personal contact means more understanding, more exchange brings bigger genealogical results. We are not only sharing a common history on our ancestry but we can also build up bridges in the common future. To say it in the words of Carl Schurz (1829-1906), former U.S. Secretary of State under President Abraham Lincoln, we should „*adapt the best parts of the American spirit and*

This site is to be actualized whenever there are news to report about. It is our aim as German genealogists to trace back the footsteps of sons and daughters of our historical families who went to other countries (Germans worldwide). To follow German-American

roots is a first important step. We are willing and ready to build up more effective tools like databases etc. to follow our aims. We are searching for support and contacts in every single direction from wherever they might come. Please help us to present more information on this side!

May genealogy open more family ties and friendship between our people and peoples!

Dirk Weissleder,  
National Chairman of the DAGV

### German Emigrants Databases

[www.dad-recherche.de/hmb/index.html](http://www.dad-recherche.de/hmb/index.html)  
[www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de](http://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de)  
<http://www.die-maus-bremen.de/Datenbanken/auswanderer/index.php/?lang=de>

### Some regional emigrant databases

Lower-Saxony: <http://aidaonline.niedersachsen.de>  
Baden-Württemberg: [www.auswanderer.lad-bw.de](http://www.auswanderer.lad-bw.de)  
Lippe [www.lippe-auswanderer.de](http://www.lippe-auswanderer.de)  
Oldenburg: [www.auswanderer-oldenburg.de](http://www.auswanderer-oldenburg.de)  
Mecklenburg: [www.imar-mv.com](http://www.imar-mv.com)  
Bayern: [www.hdbg.de/auswanderung](http://www.hdbg.de/auswanderung)  
Pfälzer Auswanderer / Palatine emigrants:  
<http://www.auswanderung-rlp.de/auswanderung-nach-nordamerika/1718-jahrhundert/anfaenge-der-pfaelzischen-nordamerikauswanderung.html>  
Hessische Truppen in Amerika / Hessian Troops in America:  
<http://vhrz259.hrz.uni-marburg.de/en/subjects/intro/sn/hetrina>  
[www.hessisches-archiv.de](http://www.hessisches-archiv.de) [hadis](http://www.hessisches-archiv.de/hadis) (HADIS) --> Auswanderer  
Institutions in Germany  
[www.dah-bremerhaven.de](http://www.dah-bremerhaven.de)  
[www.ballinstadt.de](http://www.ballinstadt.de)  
[www.dausa.de](http://www.dausa.de) Deutsche Auswanderer in die USA (DAUSA), Oldenburg  
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## Genealogical Resources in the Wisconsin Historical Society Library & Archives

Have you checked out some of the resources at the Wisconsin Historical Society lately? Here's a little bit of what they have to offer...

### LIBRARY

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library possesses one of the largest genealogical collections in the country. Nearly one-fifth of the entire library collection deals with family or local history. The collection is not in any way limited to Wisconsin history and genealogy. **The library attempts to acquire all available historical and genealogical materials relating to any part of the U.S. and Canada.** No attempt is made to collect foreign historical or genealogical publications. By agreement, the University of Wisconsin Memorial Library collects non-North American historical materials and, though it does not collect genealogical materials specifically, it may have useful materials for the genealogical researcher.

### Vital Records

The library also holds microfilm of the births, marriages, and deaths recorded in Wisconsin before October 1, 1907. Check our on-line index to all of these records.

### Federal Censuses

The library has acquired on microfilm a complete file of all the available schedules of the 1790-1930 U.S. censuses for all the states as well as the censuses of Canada, 1666-1901. Ancestry Library Edition and HeritagequestOnline contain indexes and digital images of all federal censuses. The library maintains subscriptions of these two products for researchers to use in the Reading Room. Also see FamilySearch.org.

### Wisconsin State Censuses

The Library holds on microfilm all of the surviving schedules of the Wisconsin territorial and state censuses from 1836 to 1905. The 1905 census was the last state census taken in Wisconsin. The censuses for 1836, 1838, 1842, 1855, and the 6 surviving counties from 1865 are indexed alphabetically. The 1905 census is indexed alphabetically county by county.

### Passenger Lists

The Library holds most of the items cited in the stan-



ard bibliography, the *Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography* by P. William Filby. The bulk of the lists from 1820 through the end of the nineteenth century have not been published. The Library does have on microfilm the available lists for the major east and Gulf coast ports (New York, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans [ca. 1820-ca. 1890—the ending date varies from port to port]) as well as the available indexes. The Library also holds lists for Quebec, 1865-1900, and Halifax, 1890-1900. Ancestry Library Edition contains indexes to these passenger lists and the Library maintains subscriptions to this product for researchers to use in the Reading Room.

### Newspapers

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library holds one of the nation's largest newspaper collections. The collection is second only to the Library of Congress. It is national in scope with strengths in colonial newspapers, ethnic and labor newspapers, and papers from the major cities. Wisconsin titles predominate. The collection is estimated to contain from two-thirds to three-fourths of all the newspaper issues ever published in Wisconsin. All the Wisconsin newspapers and many of the out-of-state papers are microfilmed and are available for interlibrary loan. Use the online Library Catalog to find these newspapers under the title, if known, or location.

### ARCHIVES

The Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society provides access to an extensive collection of Wisconsin genealogical source materials, including church baptism, marriage and burial records; civil birth, (Continued on next page)

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death and marriage registrations; naturalization records; divorce cases; probate records; maps, atlases, deeds and other land records; military records; records of people, organizations and businesses; research files of genealogists; and photographs. In addition to materials housed at the Society headquarters in Madison, the Historical Society maintains a network of Area Research Centers (most of which are based on University of Wisconsin campuses) that house records from specific geographic regions of Wisconsin. Most records created by county officials are kept at the Area Research Centers (ARCs). ArCat, the Archives online catalog at <http://arcat.library.wisc.edu>, includes 100% of the Archives manuscripts and state and local records we have. Most maps, atlases, and visual materials are not yet included in ArCat, but there are other finding aids for them in the Archives Research Room.

### **Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records (church)**

The Historical Society Archives Division has cooperated with the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) for over two decades to compile an excellent microfilm collection of church sacramental records, as well as church and community cemetery records. Although a few Catholic churches are represented in the GSU microfilm, most of the microfilmed records document Protestant denominations. The microfilm has been distributed to the appropriate Area Research Centers. The Archives and each ARC possess a comprehensive list of filmed records, which may be accessed by geographic location or church name.

### **Naturalization Records**

Naturalization Records document the process by which an immigrant becomes a United States citizen. Although the informational content varies in quality before 1906, later naturalization records are among the most valuable of genealogical sources, providing the single best link between immigrants and their home in the Old World. The Archives holds naturalization records from 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. These records are located at the appropriate Area Research Centers (ARCs). See [www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/natlzn/](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/natlzn/) for details.

### **Military Records**

The Archives houses extensive military records from the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, and a small amount of World War II material. These records document soldiers associated with Wisconsin military units, but do not document every Wisconsinite who served. The Library subscribes to [www.Fold3.com](http://www.Fold3.com).

### **Land Records**

#### **Deeds**

Deeds are recorded in the county Register of Deeds offices. Old deeds and indexes often are available on microfilm at the appropriate Area Research Center.

#### **Tax Rolls**

County treasurers create tax rolls to document the payment of local property taxes. Tax rolls are kept by county and there under by year. Most older tax rolls are available at the appropriate ARC.

#### **Atlases and Plat Maps**

The Archives houses atlases and plat maps documenting rural land ownership. Maps and atlases are accessed through a list of land ownership maps and a card catalog in the Archives Research Room. Each ARC has its own atlases and plat maps relevant to the counties within its region.

#### **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps**

Although owners are not identified on these maps, Sanborn maps provide detailed information about buildings in urban areas. The Archives has an excellent collection of Wisconsin Sanborn maps, which have been microfilmed and are located in the Historical Society Library.

#### **For More Information**

Use our online catalogs, the Library Catalog and ArCat (Archives), to locate collections. Genealogical questions may be directed to [asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org) or ask a Librarian at 608-264-6535. Please visit the "Genealogy" and "Library & Archives" links on our website at [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org) for more details and access to the online catalogs. Questions for the Archives can be directed to an archivist at 608-264-6460 or [askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org).

## Forty-nine Loyal Seniors To Receive Diplomas May 28

*(from the Loyal Tribune, May 24, 1962, Front Page)*

Forty nine seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises to be held at the Loyal High School on Monday evening, May 28th.

Kay Demuth, daughter of Mrs. Ada Demut, of Loyal, is the valedictorian of the class, and her address to classmates and friends will be titled "Preparing for the Future." Gary Loertscher, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wilford Loertscher, of Route 1, Loyal is the salutatorian and his address will be titled, "Meeting the Challenge."

The three seniors with the next highest scholastic averages will also be speakers on the commencement program. Marilyn Noeldner will speak on "Every Man's Worth"; Phyllis Van Wythe's topic is "Tensile Strength" and Kristine Noeldner has chosen to discuss "Life is What We Make It."

The processional and recessional will be played by Julie Anne Vajgrt. Musical selections will be offered by a madrigal group, and the graduating members of the high school choir. Dr. Ralph G. Iverson, Director of Student Personnel Services at Stout State College, will deliver the address to the graduates and parents, and the invocation and benediction will be given by Reverend Paul Doering.

Principal Warner F. Berry will present diplomas to the graduating class as well as scholarship awards to members of the class who have earned a four year average of 90 or above.

The following are members of the graduating class: LeeRoy Bauman, Gary Bertz, Bonnie Bremer, Charles Butterbrodt, Franklin Catlin, Thomas Clouse, Ronald Cook, Joyce Cwikla, Kay Demuth, Mary Ann Downey, Jerome Elsinger, Bonnie Goodbrand, Joan Goodbrand, Sandra Guzman, Marliss Haselow, Russell Haslow, LaMonte Johnston, Larry Kadolph, James Koski, Gary Loertscher, Glen Mill, Kristine Noeldner, Marilyn Noeldner, Judy Oestreich, William Oestreich, Ronald Radke, *(Continued on page 12, "Forty-nine Loyal Seniors")*

## Sixty-eight High School Seniors Will Receive Diplomas Monday

*(from the Loyal Tribune, May 23, 1963, Front Page)*

Sixty eight seniors of Loyal High School will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held in the school gymnasium on Monday evening, May 27, at 8 p.m.

Dianne Hansen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leland Hansen, is the valedictorian of the class, and her address to parents and friends will be titled "A Smaller World". Alan Stark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stark, has earned the second highest academic rating for the four years and the title of his salutatory address will be "Miracles of Modern Medicine".

The three students with the next highest scholastic averages will also be speakers on the commencement program. John Theisen will use as his title "Education—An Opportunity"; Jean Lindgren will speak on the subject "One More Step in Progress"; and Kathleen Denk has chosen to discuss "A New Look at Our World".

The processional and recessional will be played by Faith Moldenhauer. Musical numbers will consist of a class song by the graduating members of the choir, and a vocal selection by the girl's quartet, Dr. Pauline Isaacson, of the Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point, will deliver the address to graduates and parents, and the invocation and benediction will be given by Reverend Alden Moldenhauer.

Principal Warner F. Berry will present diplomas to the graduating class, as well as scholarship awards to members of the class who have earned a four year average of 90 or above.

The following are members of the graduating class: James Becker, Jerome Becker, Ruth Behnk, Kenneth Bertz, Sandra Bloomfield, Kathleen Boehnen, Linda Boehning, Marlene Brenner, Larry Bush, Elmer Clouse, Harvey Cook, Marilyn Cook, Paula Davel, Barbara Dean, Barbara Degenhardt, Kath- *(Continued on page 12, "Sixty-eight Loyal Seniors")*

## 56 Seniors Will Receive Diplomas Monday Night

(from the *Loyal Tribune*, May 21, 1964, Front Page)

Fifty-six seniors of Loyal High School will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises to be held in the school gymnasium on Monday evening, May 25, at 8 p.m.

Lon Lawrenz, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Lawrenz, will deliver the valedictory address to parents and friends. Patsy Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Thomas, has earned the second highest academic rating for the four years and the title of her salutatory address will be "Key to Life."

The three students with the next highest scholastic averages will also be speakers on the commencement program. Shelby Trindal will use as her title "Messengers of Truth"; Ramona Kanneberg will speak on the subject "Knowledge, the Gateway to Life; and Patricia Nikolai has chosen to discuss "Our Democratic Ideal."

The processional and recessional will be played by Faith Moldenhauer. Musical numbers will consist of a class song by the graduating members of the choir, and vocal selections by the entire high school choir, under the direction of Vern Dahlby. The invocation and benediction will be given by Father Norbert King.

Superintendent Warner F. Berry will present diplomas to the graduating class, as well as scholarship awards to members of the class who have earned a four-year average of 90 or above.

The following are members of the graduating class: Bonnie Bakken, James Bartsch, Larry Benedict, William Berry, William Cole, Dennis Cook, Joyanne Cooke, Donald Correll, Daniel Davel, Sharon DeVries, Olga Feliw, Richard Fellenz, Dennis Fravert, Carol Garbush, James Goodbrand, John Goodwin, Judith Hannan, Veryl Haselow, Ellen Haslow, David Helms, Mary Ellen Hoesser, Ramona Kanneberg, Michael Kauffman, Audrey Knoll, Daniel Langfeldt, June Langfeldt, Lon Lawrenz, Betty Loos, Janet Loos, Michael McNeely, Cherry Meacham, Harvey Mews,

Mardell Miller, Patricia Nikolai, Carolyn Pachal, Michael Paul, Arthur Raeck, Bruce Ratsch, Vicki Rayhorn, Terrance Rogstad, Karen Rollins, Barbara Rottjer, Gary Schmitz, Richard Schultz, Lionel Schweiger, James Schwieso, Vaughn Seeman, Warren Tesmer, Patsy Thomas, LeAnn Thompson, Shelby Trindal, Michael Wehe, Peggy Welzien, Richard Weyer, Shirley Weyer, and Jo Ann Young.

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Noeldner, Jerry Noeldner, Ronald O'Brien, Sandra Pachal, Karen Pieper, Sharon Poehnel, Gloria Ratsch, Carolyn Richert, Daniel Roth, Carol Roehl, Bill Rudoll, Bonnie Schecklman, Dale Schmidt, Jack Schmidt, Jill Schmidt, Kenneth Schmidt, Tonld Schmidt, Dorothy Seebandt, Kathryn Severson, Jean Shefchik, Joan Shefchik, Charles Stumpner, James Teatz, Robert Teatz, Donna Thomas, John Trnka, Raymond Wehe, Richard Weyhmler, Dennis Witt, Arnold Wolf, Alana Zeppelin and Thomas Zupanc.

## Digital Public Library of America

The Digital Public Library of America, <http://dp.la>, brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. It strives to contain the full breadth of human expression, from the written word, to works of art and culture, to records of America's heritage, to the efforts and data of science. DPLA aims to expand this crucial realm of openly available materials, and make those riches more easily discovered and more widely usable and used, through its three main elements:

1. A *portal* that delivers students, teachers, scholars, and the public to incredible resources, wherever they may be in America.
2. A *platform* that enables new and transformative uses of our digitized cultural heritage.
3. An advocate for a strong *public option* in the twenty-first century.

(Website reference courtesy of refdesk.com)

Thanks Lori Belongia for sharing this site.

## Veteran's Day Remembrances

First Observances, Armistice Day, 1919 and McCoy Guest Speaker

*(from a column, The Recorder, in the Marshfield News Herald, November 13, 1954)*

Marshfield's first observance of Veterans Day is now a matter of history, along with the city's first observance of Armistice Day, which it succeeds. Members of the organization which sponsored the 1919 exercises, the American Legion, likewise participated in this year's brief ceremony on Central avenue, beginning at 11 a.m. the hour at which the Armistice signed in 1918 became effective. The form of the two observances, however, differed in a number of respects. Although Veteran's Day, so designated under a bill signed by President Eisenhower June 1, 1954, still commemorates the end of hostilities of World War I, its purpose has been broadened to honor all men and women, living or dead, who served in the nation's none wars. Thirty-five years ago this proclamation was issued by Mayor Henry Kalsched:

"Whereas, it is deems fitting to properly observe November 11th, the First Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice and cessation of hostilities;  
And whereas, the William J. Lesselyong Post of the American Legion has agreed to a program of celebration;  
Now, Therefore, I the Mayor of the City of Marshfield, do hereby request all citizens of Marshfield to participate in the exercises of the day, and I request that all business places be closed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. of that day and proper decorations be displayed on all public and private buildings."

Wholehearted compliance with the mayor's request is indicated in the reports appearing in local newspaper files. The News said: "Armistice day was observed in this city in an appropriate manner. Business was suspended during the afternoon and patriotic decorations were in evidence at many places. Old Glory floated from practically every flag staff in town, conspicuous among which was the large flag on the city mat. The official holiday period, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., was ushered in with blasts of factory whistles and church and school bells, emphasizing the hour on which hostilities ceased just one year

ago. The day's big event was the address by Col. McCoy of Sparta, the 'Tiger' of the 32nd Division, in the Adler theatre at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, delivered under the auspices of Lesselyong post, American Legion. Music was furnished by the city band. At noon, the colonel spoke at the dinner of the Rotarians in the Elks club, served by the Methodist ladies."

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The Marshfield Times, whose editor, the late Leo Berg, served overseas during World War I, carried three front page stories on the 1919 Armistice Day celebration. Two were reports of the special events...the Rotary luncheon and afternoon program...with resumes of the addresses by Col. R. B. McCoy, for who Camp McCoy at Sparta was named.

We quote the following paragraphs:

"The Rotary luncheon held in the Elks Club yesterday noon in honor of the city's distinguished guest, Col. R. B. McCoy of Sparta. 'The Tiger of the 32nd Division' was one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever attempted by any organization. Before partaking of food all present joined in singing 'On Wisconsin' under the leadership of Rev. Fred Jurdan of the Rotary club. A feature of the luncheon was the inviting of all officers of this city. Each Rotarian 'went good' for his guest and in this manner some 60-70 men were in attendance."

"Starting his short address in a manner that bespoke nothing of his real ability as an orator, Colonel McCoy paid a wonderful tribute to the departed who sacrificed their all so that those living today could glory in their achievements and spoke also of the part those living played in this greatest of all dramas which we celebrate on November 11 ...Colonel McCoy stated plainly that he is in favor of military training, not of a compulsory nature but rather along the line of the present Boy Scout movement, the education of youth along elemental lines, such as knowing how to provide shelter and keep conditions sanitary in any emergency."



Street Banquet for Company "A," Second Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, held July 23, 1917; when the unit was called to active duty. (Historical Society)

"He also remarked that wars are inevitable, and that to combat nations with whom we might come in contact youth must be trained and educated to carry the bulk of the fighting, just as they did in the great war which has so gloriously ended for us. In his short discourse the Colonel took a shot at West Point material in the war...according to his estimation, and the feeling was prevalent among the other officers present and very many men of West Point caliber can be counted among the truly great of the war. He also paid a glowing tribute to the men who at home during the war performed arduous duties in the Liberty loan drives and other drives of a similar nature."

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Referring to the afternoon program the Times said "Assembling at the Adler theatre at three o'clock it was found that the place was jammed to capacity to hear our distinguished visitor and fighter. The program was opened with a selection by the Marshfield band after which all officers of this city in uniform accompanied Colonel McCoy on the stage...Major Robert Connor introduced the speakers of the day as 'our beloved leader.' And he surely is such a man.

Possessing a wonderful personality and being an all around good fellow his manner quickly won for him the undivided attention of his large audience. He stated that it was a pleasure to be in Marshfield on Armistice day because of the fact that he knew of no other city in the state that furnished so many volunteer fighting men at the outset of the war.

"He cited for example, the feat of this city in sending away in 1917 two complete companies, numbering 300 men, and also a regimental band, making Marshfield's contribution to the world war 380 men at the very start. He stated no other city in Wisconsin excelled our record in this matter. For one hour and fifteen minutes the cities of Marshfield, Neillsville, Grand Raids and Stevens Point were under bombardment. Theoretically speaking, while Colonel McCoy described the work of the 32nd Division as localized in order that the full meaning of Armistice day might be brought to the realization of the audience.

"He also paid high tribute to all the officers and fighting men of the city of Marshfield and lauded the work of Major Connor as one of the staff members of the 32nd Division. The name of Willard D Purdy was also eulogized by the visitor and at the mention of this heroic figure of the word war citizens applauded vociferously. In closing Colonel McCoy paid a magnificent tribute to the work of the National Guard in the war and stated he is highly in favor of seeing this organization perpetuated in the state and also in the city. At the close of his speech citizens applauded heartedly and it was a common opinion that it was one of the finest ever heard on the topics discussed." The first annual Armistice Day dance was held at night in the Armory, under the auspices of the William J. Lesselyong Post 54 of the American Legion, which changed its name in December, 1946, to Lesselyong Sadowska Post, adding the name of the first Marshfield man killed in World War II., Ivan Sadowska.

(End of article.)

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### Societies in the U.S.

[www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org)

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

<http://ggsnmn.org> (Germanic Genealogical Society.

Helping members research Germanic ancestors worldwide)

### Blogs/Podcasts

[www.schmidtgen.com](http://www.schmidtgen.com) - The German-American Genealogists Podcast

### Linklists

<http://www.kracke.org/2013/11/a-lot-to-discover-in-genealogy-germany/>

From: [http://www.dagv.org/?German-American\\_Genealogy](http://www.dagv.org/?German-American_Genealogy).

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**No Meeting, please spend this time with family on Thanksgiving.**

### December, 2014

**No Meeting, please spend this time with family during this Christmas season.**

### January 22, 2015

**Watch our website or our January-February Newsletter for upcoming details.**

### February, 2015

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### April 23, 2015

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**Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Marshfield Public Library downstairs in the Beebe Forum Room, except July (month of our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.**