



KITH AND KIN

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A nominations committee has been appointed to prepare a slate of candidates of the upcoming elections. The members of that committee will be contacting each of you to ask you to help out the group by serving in one capacity or another. Members of the committee are Judy Grimm, Lori Hilt and Don Schnitzler.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

A meeting of the MAGG Board of Directors will be held immediately following the May meeting. Both outgoing and new members of the board should attend.

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RESEARCH TRIP TO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY, MADISON

On Saturday, June 11, the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will spend a day at the State Historical Society Library at Madison. A car pool will leave the Northway Mall at 6 a.m. and return about 9:30 p.m.

The round trip fare will be about \$10. Those persons interest-

ed in attending are asked to register at the May meeting, or by calling Vickie Schnitzler at 387-4044.

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PHOTO COPYING SESSION

In response to the requests of several persons, a photo copying session will be held at the June meeting. Anyone wanting pictures copied, should bring them along at that time. The cost for copying remains 75 cents, which includes 1 3 x 5 print and the negative.

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SURNAME INDEX

Just a reminder, our group's Surname Index is being updated now. If you haven't returned your surnames as of yet, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to have the updated list available for the June meeting.

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CULTURE AND AGRICULTURE

Currently displayed at the New Visions Gallery is a historical display and Agricultural Art. Its worth seeing.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

As this year comes to a close, I think back on the great year that we have had. We had a table and participated in the 1987 Gene-A-Rama at Stevens Point. We published the updated surname index. We participated in the joint meeting of the Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies. We had a day of Special Mini-Workshops in Genealogical Research.

As president, I have had the opportunity to review a number of newsletters from all over the state and country. I have yet to find a single one that is as good as our own Kith and Kin. I do not think that we appreciate just how good a newsletter we have and how much time and effort go into putting the newsletter together. We have had great programs on a wide variety of topics, improved publicity, and excellent attendance for which you all are to be congratulated.

The group has made trips to the Wisconsin State Historical Library at Madison, the Newberry Library at Chicago, the area Research Center at Stevens Point, and the LDS Branch Library at Shawano. The biggest trip that the group took may have been the move of the meeting location to 6620 in the Marshfield Clinic.

We have increased communication between our fellow Wood County society, the Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society, and ourselves. We have maintained increased communication with the Marshfield Library. The Marshfield Library has increased their holdings of genealogically related materials.

Inquiry letters have been answered promptly and courteously. The necrology index is but one section away from completion and should be ready for typing later this year. The group is continuing to provide good quality forms through form sales. The group has added to the library fund from the collection of Red and White labels.

Reflecting back, we have had a super year! I would like to thank all the committee members, committee chairmen and board members who served this past year. I would like to name the many contributions that each of you have made this past year, but I am afraid that I would leave someone out unintentionally. However, I must mention at least one individual. This year would not be complete without at least thanking the person who has served as my right hand, our programs chairperson, Vickie (Hasz) Schnitzler. THANK YOU VICKIE!!!

Good luck ancestor hunting!

As Always,

Lou

QUERIES

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

HOWARD - SQUIRE

Seeking the parent's names of Hannah HOWARD, born 20 Jan 1818, married 2 Mar 1837 to Charles SQUIRE at Cattaraugus County, NY, she died 10 Sep 1906 at Clark County, WI.

Contact: Pauline Hantke
Route 1, Box 178
Neillsville, Wisconsin
54456

DOUVILLE

Seeking information on the DOUVILLE family. My great grandfather was Pierre Hubert DOUVILLE, born St. Casimir, Quebec. According to family information he was related to the DOUVILLE families of Wausau and Mosinee. The 1900 census shows a Joseph Douville, age 42, living in Mosinee, with his wife, Daline and children; William, John and Mary. The same census shows Azrsa DOUVILE, aged 38, also living in Mosinee, with his wife, Jennie and children Lender and Roy. In Wausau a Phillip DOUVILLE, and his wife, Ella and children Leon and Stella were residing. Phillip died at Wasuau January 1914. Any help in explaining the family connections would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Patricia K. Geyh
4624 W. Tesch Ave.
Greenfield, Wisconsin
53220

NEW BOOKS AT THE MARSHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Marshfield Public Library has added two copies of the book, *The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library*. The collections and services of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and its hundreds of branch Family History Center libraries throughout the world are consisely described in this comprehensive book. Call numbers for these books are: R929.1 L616 (reference) and 929.1 L616 (adult non-fiction collection).

The following Federal Census records for the State of Wisconsin have been added to the library collection. They are stored in the top drawer of the grey microfilm cabinet, which is located next to the microfilm reader-printer.

- 1850 - La Pointe, Manitowoc, Marathon and Marquette
- 1860 - Manitowoc and Marathon
- 1870 - Marathon and Marquette
- 1900 - Marathon
- 1910 - Manitowoc (ED's 14-22, 33-42, and Marathon (ED's 70-94) Marathon (ED's 95-114) and Milwaukee (ED's 1-13, 274-276)

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NEW NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and the Watertown Genealogical Society will begin exchanging newsletters. Their newsletter, *Out on a Limb*, is published four times a year. The aim of their society is to collect and preserve records and genealogical material. Because Watertown is situated in both Jefferson and Dodge counties, much of their work is representative of these two counties.

NEW POSTAL RATES

By now, everyone knows that the U.S. Postal Service has increased its rates. Here is a short resume for most genealogical interests:

Letters:

First Class, to 1 Ounce	\$.25
Each additional ounce	.20
To Canada, to 1 ounce	.30
To Mexico, to 1 ounce	.25

Postcards (domestic) .15

International letters, to	
1/2 ounce	.45
each additional 1/2 ounce	.45

International Reply Coupons .95

Remember that the temporary "E" stamps are not good on International letters. They are for domestic mail only.

As rates increase, it becomes more important to include a SASE with our letters.--from *Gems of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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LINCOLN COUNTY NATURALIZATION RECORDS

The Lincoln County Clerk of Circuit Court has announced that all Naturalization Records from that county are now located at the Regional Archives at U.W.-Stevens Point.

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SOUNDEX RECORDS AVAILABLE AT THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Have you made use of the 1880 Soundex in your research? This is a special type of index using the sound of the name rather than its

spelling. Use of the soundex may help you find families more easily. The 1880 Soundex is limited to families with a child of ten years of age or younger.

Available at the State Historical Society in the microform room is the Soundex for six states for the 1880 census.

California	34 reels
Illinois	143 reels
Iowa	75 reels
Minnesota	37 reels
New York	157 reels
Wisconsin	51 reels

For the 1900 census the State Historical Society Library holds only the Wisconsin Soundex. It lists all head of families or those of a different surname residing in the household. This soundex for other states is available through the Rental Program.--from the *M.S.G.S Newsletter, Chapter Chatter*

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GERMAN QUERIES

German Queries, a newsletter, publishes all queries FREE. It is published on an irregular basis as enough queries are received to print 25 pages plus an every name index.

Instructions for submitting queries include: 1) Queries should not be more than 50 words. Names and addresses may be in addition to the query. 2) Please do not abbreviate any words. Editor reserves the right to edit your queries when space is at a minimum, or to hold any or all queries over to the next issue. 3) Please print or type all queries.

Each issue of *German Queries* will be \$5 plus \$1 postage. Mail order to: Bette Butcher Topp, W. 1304 Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218.

COUSINS

All cousinships must go back to a common ancestor. In other words, your ancestor and the ancestor of the other branch of the family must come together as brothers and/or sisters with a common parentage. The children of brothers and sisters are first cousins. Once this basic pattern is known then the children of first cousins are second cousins, children of second cousins are third cousins. However, if the cousinships do not descend evenly then one cousin or the other may be a first cousin one generation removed; a second cousin two generations removed etc.

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CIVIL WAR CAMPS

A good reference to help you find the exact location of Civil War Camps is the *Atlas of American History* by James Truslow Adams.

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A redemptioner was an indentured white person who sold himself as a servant for a brief term of years to defray the cost of his voyage to America; an indentured servant was a covenanted or indentured servant who engaged himself for a certain number of years to work off a debt, usually four to seven years. A bond servant would then be a person under bond to another person. Once a bond or debt was paid off in cash or servitude, the person thereafter would be in the regular records such as land records, probate or otherwise.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

It is important to remember that not everyone of foreign birth was, or wanted to be, naturalized. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, men were frequently the only members of a family to go through the process; women rarely bothered to apply for citizenship, since wives and their minor children automatically became citizens when the husband did.

There are basically two files one deals with when looking for citizenship papers: (1) the *Declaration of Intention*, and (2) the "*Final Papers*" which consists of a *Petition*, and an *Oath of Allegiance*, and the *Certificate of Naturalization*. A researcher should always check each of these documents.

In locating old naturalization records, the county courthouse in the vicinity of the immigrant's residence is the best place to begin. Not all naturalization records are found in the county courthouse. Many proceedings took place in federal courts, and such information has now usually been turned over to the nearest branch office of the National Archives, where it is available for study. Some files may also be found in state or local historical societies or in libraries. If you believe citizenship was conferred after September, 1906, but do not know when and where it took place, write to the main office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 425 I Street, N.W., Washington DC 20536. A non-returnable fee is charged for each inquiry. You will be furnished with most, if not all of the information that you require, or at least the date and place of naturalization, in which case you can contact the appropriate office.

DOUBLE DATING

A brief review of so-called double dating. In the year 1582 Pope Gregory declared that the ecclesiastical and legal year was to start January 1st. Great Britain, as a Protestant nation, did not agree to this change until the year 1751 when a new law required the change be made December 31, 1751 and by the same law it was required that eleven days be dropped from the calendar between September 2nd and September 14, 1752. For 170 years England and her colonies had a different calendar than continental Europe. By the old calendar the first of the year was March 25, by the new calendar it was January 1st. The names of the months did not change, it was only the day designated as the first day of the year. Between January 1st and March 25th the double dating occurred. Take particular notice of this change in early Quaker records.

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LIBRARY ADDRESSES

The addresses of libraries in the United States may be found in the American Library Directory, which is available in most public libraries.

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CANADIAN LAND RECORDS

In Canada all land was initially the property of the Crown. Original land grants to individuals were made by each province on behalf of the Crown. Most of these early land grant records are found in provincial archives, although some records and indexes have found their way back to the

Public Archives of Canada (PAC). The land petitions for Ontario (1791-1867) and Quebec (1764-1867) together with their indexes are at the PAC. The homestead registers and indexes for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Peace River District of British Columbia (1870-1930) can also be found here. Records for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island can be found in their respective provincial archives. Records for other provinces are housed in special departments of the provincial government. A special list of Crown Grants (1763-1890) arranged in alphabetical order was published in 1891, a copy of which can be found at the PAC. The Ontario Land Records Index of most land purchases and grants in Ontario up to the 20th century, can be found at the Ontario Archives. All of these particular records relate only to the original land grant to the first owner. All subsequent land transfers and sales were recorded in the local land registry / land title office. These offices are under provincial government jurisdiction and their records are generally unindexed. The legal description of the property owned by an ancestor is generally required before a search of the records in these offices can be found in the various genealogical guidebooks.

The address of the Public Archives of Canada is 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3. The Public Archives of Canada is undoubtedly the most important repository for the genealogist (it is similar to the National Archives in Washington DC). --Excerpt from an article, *A short Guide to Genealogical Research in Canada*, by Eric Jonasson as printed in the *Genealogical Helper*, July/August 1982.

ERIE CANAL ANCESTORS

There are records available on those who worked on the Erie Canal. Send a SASE with your question to the Canal Museum, Weighlock Bldg., Erie Blvd., E. Syracuse, N.Y. 13202 or to New York State Archives, 11th floor, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230.--from *Pedigree Pointers, Newsletter of the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society*

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WISCONSIN GENEALOGIST'S GUIDES

Now ready in the *Genealogist's Guides* series for Wisconsin are five more booklets. For each one you wish to purchase send \$5 plus \$1.50 postage to Kinseeker Publications, Box 184, Grawn, MI 49637. Included in each are telephone numbers of Register of Deeds Offices, dates of earliest vital records, libraries in each county, genealogical and historical societies, newspapers and dates of publication, books and pamphlets with dates of publication.

Genealogist's Guide to West Central Wisconsin covers counties of Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau and Wood, 36 pages.

Genealogist's Guide to Southwestern Wisconsin covers counties of Adams, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Juneau, LaCrosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon, 40 pages.

Genealogist's Guide to East Central Wisconsin covers counties of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago, 46 pages.

Genealogist's Guide to Northeastern Wisconsin covers counties of Door, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas, 25 pages.

Genealogist's Guide to Northwestern Wisconsin covers counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn, 27 pages. All books copyrighted 1987.--from *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Chapter Chatter*

ILLINOIS RECORD FEES INCREASED

The State of Illinois has increased fees for certain genealogical records. Birth cards are now \$10; the short form (birth and death) certificate \$10. To obtain a certified copy of birth or death certificate is \$15 extra. Copies ordered at the same time are \$2 each.--from *Clallam County Genealogical Society Winter Bulletin*

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IOWA BIOGRAPHY INDEX

The Iowa Biography Index is now available. This massive index includes references to more than 150,000 biographical sketches and portraits of Iowa people dating from the 1800's to the present. Hundreds of town, county, church, fraternal, governmental, vital records, military and occupational records/histories, etc., have been indexed.

For more information, send a SASE to Lending Library, Route 1, Box 23, Menlo, Iowa 50164.--from *Pedigree Pointers, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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- Thurs. May 26.....Researching the Family History Center at Shawano.
7 p.m. (promptly) Virginia Bartelt, a librarian from the Family History
Marshfield Clinic center (a LDS branch Library) will describe its
Conf. Rm. G620 holdings and how the center can help us in our
genealogical pursuits. "Annual Business Meeting of
the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group." The business
meeting, including election of officers will follow
Mrs. Bartelt's talk.
- Sat. June 11....."Research Trip to the State Historical Society
Library at Madison."
- Thurs. June 23.....Show and Tell and Problem Shooting. We will
7 p.m. have the opportunity to share some of the successes
Marshfield Clinic or problems each of us have encountered in our
Genealogical Research. Copying of Old Photographs.
Schnitz will have the camera and equipment on hand
to copy your old photographs.
- Thurs. July 28.....To be announced.

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