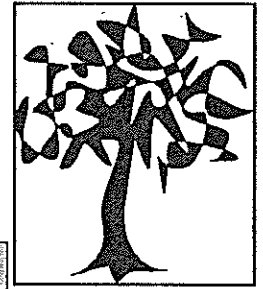


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Marshfield Area Genealogy Group
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MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS

The May meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will be held on May 22nd in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic. Our own Lorraine Markee will be sharing her expertise on Dutch research. If you have Dutch blood somewhere in your line, this will prove to be a meeting that you don't want to miss.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp with the "election of officers" to follow in the business meeting. If you haven't served as an officer within the past several years, it's time to pitch in! Don't just sit back and watch the group fall to the wayside. Get involved and give a few hours each month to help keep MAGG the great group that it started out to be.

The June meeting will be on June 26th in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic. The presentation will be on The Marshfield History Project's "The History of Marshfield...1872-1997: Piecing Together the Past". Don and Vickie Schnitzler have put the major part of the last two years into this project. They will be sharing some of the interesting stories and pictures with us as well as some of the new things on the horizon as a result of the work and research done on the history book.

They also hope to have copies of the history book available for sale, if you have not already purchased your copy. The advertised selling price for pre-orders is \$29.95. Hopefully, the price will be the same after the book is released.

This meeting too, meets at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Hope to see all of you there.

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KITH AND KIN NOW HAS AN ISSN NUMBER

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FAMILY HISTORY CENTER IS SOON RE-OPENING

The Family History Center in Shawano will be closed the last week in May until June 4, to allow moving back to the newly remodeled old location at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Call to be sure that they are open before you go.

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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.

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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

COMING EVENTS (1997)

- May 31 Genealogical Seminar sponsored by Dodge/Jefferson Co. Gen. Soc., Inc. at Christ United Methodist Church, Watertown, WI. See registration information elsewhere in this newsletter.
- June 13 & 14 Gene-A-Rama at the Ramada Inn in Wausau, WI. Speaker Lorretto Dennis Szucs will cover topics on Irish Research as well as other topics.
- June 13 "Life in a 19th Century Polish Village" presented by Dennis Kolinski at the Lincoln Senior Citizens Center in Stevens Point at 7:30 p.m.
- June 15 Grand Opening of an exhibit recognizing the 1857 arrival of the first Polish family to Portage County, WI. at 1:00 p.m.
- July 7-10 Genealogical Institute of America, Four intense courses. Contact Julie Slack, Reg. Office of Cont. Ed., Univ. of IL at Springfield, Springfield, IL 62794-9243. Phone (217) 786-7464.
- September 3-6 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas.
- October 1-4 Czechoslovak Gen. Soc. International's 6th Gen. Cultural Conference at Radisson South in Bloomington, MN Contact: CGSI, Inc. P.O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends:

This is my last message to MAGG as your president. Family, home, and especially work are demanding more of my attention. We will be having the election of our officers for 1997-1998 this month. At the time of this writing, no one has advised me he or she will be willing to serve a term as president or vice president. The program chairperson position is also available. The positions are not difficult, but they are positions of responsibility for keeping MAGG organized to educate and serve its members and the community. Your participation is needed to keep the organization going.

Thank you to Vicki Johnson for helping to audit our officer's books. Things were found to be in good order. Many thanks to all the committee members, committee chairpeople and board members who served this past year. Your volunteerism has been a valuable contribution to our group. We could not have functioned without your input and commitment.

Lorraine Markee is going to be our program this month with Dutch genealogy. Lorraine always gives a good program.

The Wisconsin Gene-a-rama is coming up soon on June 13-14, 1997. It sounds like a very interesting program and I plan to catch at least one day of it.

"Life in a 19th Century Polish Village" presented by Dennis Kolinski at the Lincoln Senior Citizens Center in Stevens Point is another event coming up on June 13, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. On June 15, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. will be the grand opening of an exhibit recognizing the 1857 arrival of the first Polish family to Portage County, WI.

Many opportunities are coming up this year to hear good speakers on a wide variety of topics. I hope to see you at some of them.

As ever,

Sherrie

CREATIVE MEMORIES

Several members have been contacting me for our Creative Memories representative. Her name is Virginia Flink, 8120 Cty Hwy. EE, Marshfield, WI 54449. Her phone number is (715) 676-2489.

Remember she has a full line of memories albums, pages, etc. But especially nice are the acid free mounting supplies for photos as well as the photo labeling pencils which write very nicely on the back of snapshots (with out smearing.)

DECIPHERING HANDWRITING

Will your descendants be able to read your handwriting?

Think of your frustration as you try to read census records and older handwritten records. Will our records be any easier to read?

The problem comes home to me with each issue of the Gems as I try to decipher items for publication - especially the queries and surnames. If time permits, after using local telephone directories, the FVGS membership list, and atlases, I take the forms to school for teachers and secretaries to help me interpret. When all else fails, I guess.

Some of the common problems you can watch for as you complete records, submit data or request information include:

an uncrossed t maybe seen as l
an open a maybe seen as u, or ci
an undotted i may be seen as e
an open b may be seen as li
an open d may be seen as cl
an open g may be see as y
an o with tail at midpoint maybe seen as an a
an open h may be seen as li

The following letters are often misinterpreted especially when followed with an e or i -
m n w v u. Smaller case *h* and *k* are often unclear.

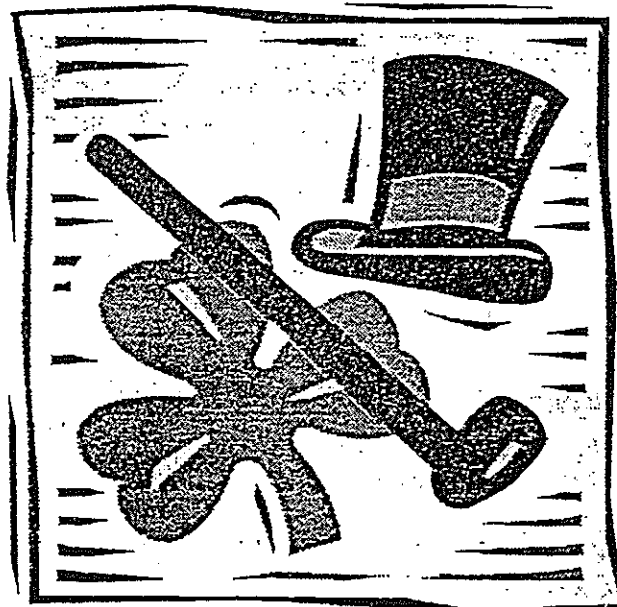
To be safe, print names in parenthesis following written form. Wouldn't you appreciate that thoughtfulness from your ancestors and their contemporaries?

(from "Genealogical Gems", F.V.G.S., Appleton, WI, Vol. 15, No. 1, Summer 1996, p.11.)

GLOSSARY OF SOME IRISH WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS (accent marks not included)

Baile/bally - town or other settlement, as part of a place name
 Cead Mile Failte - a hundred thousand welcomes
 Ceilidh - an informal gathering for singing, dancing and other entertainment
 Demesne - an Irish manor house and its surrounding land
 Donagh - a large church
 Filius/Filia Populi - son or daughter of the people, that is illegitimate
 Gaeltacht(ai) - Gaelic speaking area
 Garda(i) - Irish policeman (men)
 Kick (or dig) with the other foot - to be of the opposite religious persuasion
 Lough - loch or lake
 Poteen - illicitly distilled whiskey
 Praties - potatoes
 Punt - the Irish pound
 Recusant - in the 16th to 18th century, a person who refused to attend Anglican service
 Relict - the survivor of a married couple after one of the partners has died
 Scalpeen - a hole or burrow dug in the ground and covered with branches to form a home for the destitute
 Slainte! - Cheers (literally "health")
 Smoke silver - another name for hearth tax
 Strong farmer - one who is not a tenant
 Troubles - a euphemism for the civil and religious disturbances in Ireland
 Vid - viduus or vidua; widower or, more frequently, widow
 Z - sometimes used instead of "B" for burials, in order to avoid confusion with Baptism

(These are taken from Yurdan's Irish Family History)



ORIGINS OF SOME EARLY MEASURING UNITS

Inch: the width across the knuckle on King Edward's thumb during the 10th century.

Foot: the length of Charlemagne's foot, which was ca. 12.7 inches. In 1305 English Statute books, the foot was recorded at "36 barleycorns taken from the ear's middle and from 36 barleycorns spread out end-to-end". In 16th-century Germany, the following notation had been posted:

Stand at the door of a church on Sunday, bid 16 men to stop, tall and short ones as they come out. Then have them put out their left foot (oneback of the other), and the length obtained will be a right and lawful foot.

A six-foot fathom was a measurement unit used by Viking sailors. It was determined from the span of the outstretched had of a Viking man. The French considered a foot (Pied de roi) as the length of their king's shoe size.

Dozen: The term "Baker's Dozen" comes from the Middle Age bakers. They would add an extra roll to a dozen in order to avoid the "short-changing fines" imposed by the English government.

Yard: the reach from King Henry's I's nose to his royal fingertips.

"The whole nine yards" came from the fact that a monk's habit required nine yards of cloth to make the garment.

Acre: was the total of land which a yoke of oxen could plow in a day.

Mile: had its origins from the Roman era when they occupied Britain. It was based upon the 1,000 double steps taken by a Roman soldier.

Measures: England had two: the common and the royal. When the king imposed taxes they were known as royal measures and the profit he realized (after tax collections) were called the common

measure. In 1790 Thomas Jefferson proposed a decimal system based on the unit of 10. It stated that 10 feet would be a decad, 10 decads a rod, 10 rods a furlong, and 10 furlongs a mile. The U.S. Congress was not impressed.

The metre (measure) was approved in 1795 by the French National Convention. This unit as one-millionth of, and the length of, the meridian of the earth between the equator and the North Pole.

The British in the 1800s used the term "three sheets to the wind" to denote an individual was unsteady from drinking.

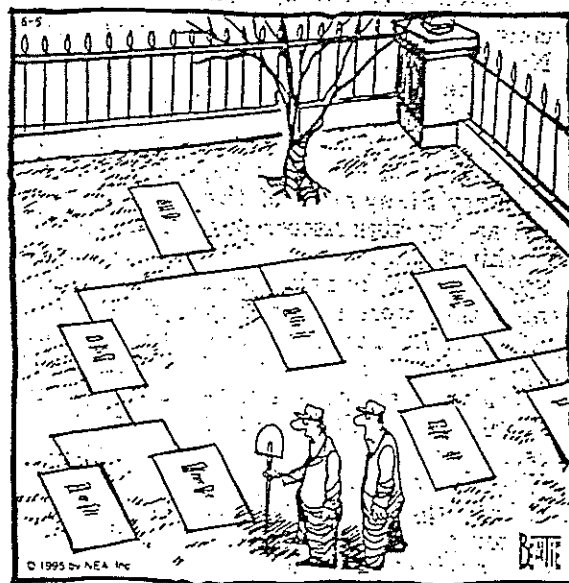
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FREE WORD LISTSThe Family History Library, 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, is publishing a new series of genealogical word lists. Available are lists for Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, German, Latin, Spanish, French and Portuguese languages. The lists include translations for about 900 words that you are likely to find in genealogical sources. They are free, but you must include a SASE with your request.

.....North Central Illinois Gen. Soc.

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By Bruce Beattie



"Some family actually laid out their plots like this?!"

How to make your own ahnentafel

(From Bluegrass Roots, Volume 22, Number 2 - Summer 1995)

An ahnentafel is a skeleton pedigree, which shows the same information as a pedigree chart, but in much less space. Literally, the term is derived from two German words, "ahnen", meaning ancestors, and "tafel" meaning table. So, ahnentafel is simply a table of ancestors. It is especially useful in correspondence about your family.

The system may appear forbidding at first, but once understood it is really simple.

To make your own ahnentafel, number yourself one. Your father is twice your number, or two. His father is twice his own number, or four.

Your mother is number three—twice your number *plus one*. Your mother's mother is twice that, plus one. Each wife is always one number higher than her husband. Thus all males are even numbers and females are odd numbers. Here's what you will have for four generations of your ancestors:

- 1—Your name.
- 2—Your father.
- 3—Your mother.
- 4—Your father's father.
- 5—Your father's mother.
- 6—Your mother's father.
- 7—Your mother's mother.
- 8—Your father's father's father.
- 9—Your father's father's mother.
- 10—Your father's mother's father.
- 11—Your father's mother's mother.
- 12—Your mother's father's father.
- 13—Your mother's father's mother.
- 14—Your mother's mother's father.
- 15—Your mother's mother's mother.

You can go on from here with the same pattern. Remember, each person's father's number is twice his own number, his mother is twice his number *plus one*. It can go on to infinity, so far as you have the names.

If you like, you can make it more complete by adding birth and death dates and residence for each person.

Try it! You'll find it's easy and useful.

..... N. W. GA. HIST. & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY

Care of Victorian Children

The following material was extracted from *WHAT THEY DON'T TEACH YOU ABOUT HISTORY*, by Tim Wood and Ian Dicks. It appeared in the *COWETA COURIER* of the Coweta County (GA) Genealogical Society, 15:2, Winter 1995 and the *QUARTERLY* of the Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society, 17:1, Fall 1996.

"In Victorian times, children often had a generous helping of goose grease smeared on their chest to keep out the cold. They were then sewn into their underwear at the beginning of winter, and unsewn at the beginning of spring. Between times, neither child nor garment was washed. In 1840, in Pennsylvania, a law was nearly passed which would make this practice compulsory.

"Up until the nineteenth century, parasites were an accepted part of life. Almost everyone had fleas and lice. In the seventeenth century, it was considered bad manners to take lice, fleas or other vermin from your body and crack them between your finger nails in public.

"Elizabeth I, one of the cleanest British monarchs, was determined to set a good example to her subjects. She bathed once a month, whether she needed it or not!"

1895 Personal Property Tax Roll
City of Marshfield, Wisconsin

Names	Horses		Cattle		Sheep		Swine		Wagons & Sleighs		Watches		Pianos organs and melodians		Personal Property	Total Value
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value		
Weiss, Jacob			1	6.												6.00
Winter, Geo			2	12.												12.00
Wallner, Joseph			1	6.												6.00
Weber, Peter	1	10.	1	6.					2	7.			1	30.		53.00
Weiss, Frank			2	10.												12.00
Walterbeck & Tom D.															50.	50.00
Wircht, John			1	6.												6.00
Wiffar, Jacob	1	5.	2	12.												17.00
Weber, Andrew			1	6.												6.00
Winter, W.	1	10.														10.00
Winter & Baker	9	90.							10	60.						150.00
Weber & Penning															275.	275.00
Wheeler, M.H.	2	30.	1	6.					2	14.			1	30.		80.00
Williams, J.J.	1	5.							1	5.	1	10.				20.00
Williams Hard Co.	2	30.							2	15.					1,500.	1,545.00

OLD WEST SIDE CEMETERY OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CEMETERY

(Section 30, Town of Warner, Clark County, Wisconsin.)

Abel	Elmer	Kuehn	Reinhardt
Awe	Franz	Kuester	Rogers
Arnold	Fravert	Mann	Rreitig
Beilke	Fulsang	Meier	Rreitig
Brick	Gemmeke	Meinholdt	Schwarze
Buffalo	Gofler	Meyer	Schweinler
Buker	Haigh	Miller	Steiger
Churkey	Humke	Muller	Sundermeyer
Collins	Johnson	Noah	Toburen
Decker	Kreissig	Orsburn	Volrath
Desens	Kern	Pinky	Wehrmann
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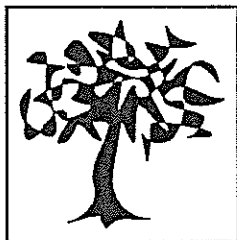
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Abel	Keller	Seibold	Wendt
Awe	Kippenhan	Steiger	Weiner
Boedeker	Kolpanen	Timmler	Woepse
Boef	Kuehn	Toburen	Yaniga
Bigjack	Kuester	Vollrath	Zocher
Busch	Meinholdt	Wehrman	
Decker	Meinhardt		
Ebert	Miller		
Franz	Moldenhauer		
Franzmier	Mattausch		
Fravert	Novobielski		
Goeke	Olson		
Gruber	Reineking		
Hium	Richmond		
Humke	Rolland		
Irvine	Schwarze		

For information on this and any previously mentioned Clark County, WI Cemeteries, contact Lorraine Markee, 406 N. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449-2226. A self-addressed, stamped envelope, is a must for a reply.

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- Thursday, July 24, 1997..... Sherri Framness will be sharing information she has gathered pertaining to the Great Lakes waterways being used for immigrant passenger travel. Meeting to be held in the Marshfield Clinic, Room L-207, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 28, 1997..... To be announced.



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