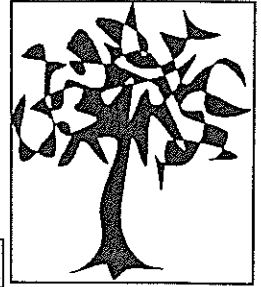


KITH AND KIN



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

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MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS

During our May meeting, Marlys Steckler from the Heart of Wisconsin Genealogy Group will be sharing research she has collected on the POW (Prisoner of War) Camps that were located in Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids. This proves to be a very interesting as well as educational presentation. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room L-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.

June's meeting will also take place at the Marshfield Clinic in Room L-207 starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Ruth Pors will be sharing information on draft records and the draft riots. This should be a very interesting presentation as well. Hope to see you all there.

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TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY

The Marathon County Genealogical Society is planning a trip to Salt Lake City for research. The TENTATIVE plans are to go by motorcoach in April or May of 2000, two days there and back and four days at the Research Library in Salt Lake City - a total of 8 days. This trip would be planned with the Elder-hostel group's assistance, and we would stay at their lodging. A majority of meals would be included. We ESTIMATE the trip to cost between \$500-\$600 - double occupancy.

We need to get 54 people on the trip. Please contact Mary Lou McCarten, 1325 Torney Ave., Wausau, WI 54403, phone 715-845-2745, or e-mail mlmccarten@aol.com if you are interested in joining the tour or have any questions.
(from the Marathon County Genealogical Society, Wausau, WI, April 1999.)

NEW WEB SITE FOR LDS

A new web site has been up and running on a trial basis for the accessing records through the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. It was just announced this past week that it is now officially open for the public to use.

Although the site does not include every record that is currently held at the Salt Lake City Library, many of the general indexes are still on-line and deserves a look.

<http://www.familysearch.org>

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CONFEDERATE RESEARCH CENTER

The Confederated Research Center and Museum that is housed in The Harold B. Simpson Hill College History Complex is a great resource for southern ancestors who participated in the Civil War. Their collection includes index of each Confederate State (on microfilm), all service records of Hood's Texas Brigade, Texas newspapers published during the War, 1860 Census Reports of Texas counties, and an information file on Texas-Confederate Soldiers. They also have archives containing original letters, documents, maps and photographs. Send as much information about your ancestor including birth, residence, spouse, etc. to Harold B. Simpson Hill College, Confederate Research Center, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Their phone number is 254-582-2555, ext. 256.

(from The Illuminator, Zion Genealogical Society, Lake Co., IL, Vol. 14, #4, November, 1998, p. 10.)

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.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING "KITH & KIN"

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COMING EVENTS (1998)

- 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 Wisconsin Genealogical Council Gene-A-Rama, Holiday Inn Conference Center, Eau Claire, WI. Mary Beth Campbell, Main Speaker.
- July 10, 1999 "Tracing Your German Ancestors" at the Hamilton Center, UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI, George Schweitzer, Speaker. For more information contact Delores at 608-752-0714 or write to GIG, P.O. Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53547.
- July 23-25, 1999 Milwaukee German Fest
- September 1-4, 1999 FGS Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- September 18, 1999 Chippewa County Genealogy Society will be hosting the Tri-County Meeting. (Dunn, Eau Claire, Chippewa and all others who'd like to attend.) It will be held at Central Lutheran Church, 28 E. Columbia Street, Speaker: William Thiel, an attorney in Eau Claire who is a great teacher and expert on the subjects he'll present: Immigration from Central Europe and Settlement of Germans in Wisconsin."
- October 1-4 Federation of Genealogical Societies, St. Louis, MO.
- October 22-24, 1999 Biennial Plattduitsch Konferenz, Wausau, WI.
- Feb. 25-26, 2000 "Genealogy 2000", a joint venture with sponsorship by the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

This is my last message as your president. I've enjoyed the experience, but now it's time to move on. Hopefully, this will give me more time for my own genealogy travel and to transcribe cemeteries and other projects I've put on the back burner.

I want to "thank" all the officers and board members, as well as those who served on committees, etc. for all your help the past two years.

A big "thank you" to Lori Belongia, as well as her staff and the library for all the work that went into planning of the Genealogy Workshop April 17th. Also "thanks" to our members who presented or helped in anyway and to everyone who attended. I hope everyone found it worth their time.

Last I want to "thank" everyone who has agreed to serve as officers for 1999/2000 and all our members, without all of you, we wouldn't be a group.

Once again "thanks" and good luck in your research.

Lorraine Markee

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

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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 am doing long distance research in specifically the surnames **LAUGHLIN**, **CONIFF** and their children as well as siblings. Most in Portage County in late 1800's-1920's. I welcome all help and correspondence. Thank you.

(Contact Darcy Thorn, 1726 Piper Road, Ligonier, PA 15658, phone 724-238-9194.)

What became of Amelia **CANELL**, age 2 born in NY who was found to be with Mr. James **BILSLAND** born in Scotland and Mrs. Eliza Jane **BILSLAND** born in Scotland and Sarah **CRAWFORD** age 11, born 1839 in Scotland, located in Milwaukee, WI in 1850 census? Any information on above names.

(Contact Dolores Bussler, 30261 Buckingham St., Livonia, MI 48154.)

Need information on the children: Floyd, Frances, Marvin and Isabel **SMITH**, their parents were Betsy [**PEDRICK**] and Christopher **SMITH**. Lived in the Longwood, Clark County, WI in the 1870's - 1890's.

(Contact Jane F. Cashin, 6B Swallow St., Lakehurst, NJ 08733-1512, 732-323-8719.)

MORE QUERIES

My great grandfather was Nicholas **KUEHNER** [**KIENOR**, **KUHNER**] born 1824 in Alsace-Lorraine, died 1901 at St. Lucas, Iowa. How can I find his family and home in German speaking France?

(Contact Denis Kuennen, 1112 Briarwood, Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-387-2246.)

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN- In 1980, Susan **STANFIELD** was listed as Alfred Herman's daughter in his Gilman, IL obituary. Does anyone know her whereabouts? Or her siblings: Patricia **KLIMEK** and William **HERMAN**?

(Contact Judith A. Crow, 1312 E. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.)

Would like contact of William and Francis **SPLINTER** families of Jackson, MN. Last date known, 1940.

(Contact "Yvonne" Dolores Larson, 819 E. 9th St., Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-384-5315.)

SURNAMES

NELSON, **ALLMANN**, **DAVIES**, **DAVIS**, and **DRAEGER**.

(Contact Patricia Klawitter, 4066 S. Donald Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85735.)

KEGLER, **SUNDERLAND** and **GOETZKE**.

Contact Elaine G. Bennett, 514 Felker, Marshfield, WI 54449.)

COSSEY, **SMALL**, **BILSLAND**, **PFEIFFER**, **CRAWFORD**, **STEPHENSON**, **JENSEN**, and **BUSSLER**.

(Contact Dolores Bussler, 30261 Buckingham St., Livonia, MI 48154.)

MAY, **PLIER**, **MILLS**, **HAMMAN**, **HEATH**, and **GREEN**.

(Contact Ada D. May, 108 So. Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI 54449.)

MORE SURNAMES

LAUGHLIN, CONIFF, KRONSCHNABL,
NOTTLESON, LALLY, O'KEEFE,
MCGINLEY, TREBBA, GROOMS,
KNOLLER, ALTENBURG, RUDDY,
WOODWOORTH, RYAN, and LAWLER.

(Contact Darcy Thorn, 1726 Piper Road, Ligonier,
PA 15658, phone 724-238-9194.)

HERMAN, THIEL, FOHL, HEIN,
STANFIELD, and KLIMEK.

(Contact Judith A. Crow, 1312 E. Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-444-6559.)

KUENNEN, KUEHNER, BALK,
BODENSTEINER, MARTIN, WINTER, and
DUCLOS.

(Contact Denis Kuennen, 1112 Briarwood,
Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-387-2246.)

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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.

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CIVIL WAR PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Do you want Civil War photos of your ancestor? If
you are seeking a photo of a Civil War soldier or
soldiers, contact: US Military Institute, Carlisle
Barracks, PA 17013. Their staff will check card
files for names and/or regiments and send
photocopies (limit 10 per patron) of what they have,
along with copy costs. They are also seeking to
obtain photos of any and all Civil war soldiers. If
you have a photo of a Civil War soldier and will
loan it to the Department of Army for copying, they
will send you a complimentary copy (8 x 10) of
each. Contact Michael J. Winey, Curator, US
Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks,
PA 17013.

(from *Ancestral Diggings*, March 1999, p. 11.)

PIONEER CERTIFICATE PROJECT

It is not too late to apply for this certificate. If you
are interested, send a **SELF-ADDRESSED
STAMPED ENVELOPE** to our committee
chairperson, Mae Smith, 1863 Laurel, Freeport, IL
61032-3512 requesting an application form.

Before 1847 - Pioneer Certificate with gold seal

1847-1877 - Early Settler Certificate with blue seal

1878-1897 - Centennial Certificate with red seal.

The cost is \$5.00 for each name submitted. They
make great gifts.

(from *Ancestral Diggings*, March 1999, p. 8.)

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LOOKING FOR PASSPORTS

All Passport applications from 1791 to 1905 are in
the National ARchives. During this period,
passports were not required except during part of
the Civil War. However, many people obtained
them. Without one, a US traveler visiting the old
country could be drafted into military service.

The earliest applications were simply letters of
request, but sometimes other papers - such as
expired passports, birth certificates, naturalization
papers, etc., were filed with them. The application
would contain name, place of residence, age, names
of family members traveling with the applicant, the
court of naturalization, date of arrival in the US,
port of entry, vessel name, etc.

If the passport is before 1906, write to the
Diplomatic Records Branch, National Archives,
Room SE, Washington DC 20524.

If the passport is after 1906, write to Passport
Services, Research and Liaison Branch, Room 316,
1425 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20524.

(from *The Family Tree Newsletter*, Dec.
1997/January 1998, Sec. A, p. 587.)

W.S.G.S. Chapter Chatter
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SPECIAL EDITION

LEGISLATURE THREATENS TO INCREASE BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEE

I A recent action of the Joint Committee on Finance of the Wisconsin State Legislature, if enacted, would increase the fee for copies of birth certificates (certified or uncertified) to \$13.40, an increase of \$1.40. Family historians need to act positively and promptly to ward off this unwarranted fee. The action was in the form of a motion adopted by the Joint Finance Committee which, if not reconsidered, will be incorporated in the State's Budget Act.

The additional fee is intended to finance certain startup costs for a new program, the Newborn Hearing Screening Program. The only conceivable relationship between the issuance of copies of birth certificates and this program is that increased fees seemed to the legislators to be a convenient method for financing the initial costs of the program. Family historians, and others, requesting copies of birth certificates would receive no better or faster service for the additional \$1.40.

The action adopted by the Joint Committee on Finance does have a limitation on it in that the increased fee would be collected only from the effective date of the bill until 31 December 2002. As of 1 January 2003 the fee would revert to \$12.00. Those who believe this "temporary" increase will expire as scheduled, or that it will not be replaced by some other fee unrelated to the actual issuance of birth certificates might wish to submit bids on a certain bridge in New York. Even if the increase does turn out to be temporary, it is important that the genealogical community do all it can to prevent its imposition because if the legislature gets away with it this time you can be sure they will be back to fund other unrelated things through this technique. Perhaps not always with birth certificates—there are also marriage and death certificates.

The purpose of this special edition of *Chapter Chatter* is ask every genealogical, and genealogically related, organization in the state to urge its members to write, fax, e-mail or call the members of the Joint Committee on Finance as well as their own Assembly Persons and State Senators to indicate that they, individually, and the genealogical/family history community at large are strongly opposed to this action, and to request them to seek more appropriate sources for funding the Newborn Hearing Screening Program. A copy of the letter I have sent to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance Committee is attached for your information. Please do not copy it verbatim—use it for a guide or inspiration. A deluge of identical letters does not get the attention we need, and may even turn-off some legislators to our concerns. Contact the Joint Finance Committee first because they have the action in the legislature. When contacting your own legislators point out that the increased fees are in a motion adopted by the Committee, and that you hope your legislator will vote to remove them if the proposal is included in the final budget bill presented to the Senate and Assembly. Be polite! Be rational. But be clear that you are opposed to this technique of financing unrelated proposals. And act soon! The sooner the legislators know there is strong opposition, the more time there is for them to think twice about it. The members of the Joint Finance Committee are listed at the bottom of the attached letter.

Thank you for prompt and forceful action.

Jack Brissee, President, WSGS

WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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14 May 1999

The Honorable John Gard
Assembly Chair, Joint Committee on Finance
Room 315, North, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Representative Gard:

I write on behalf of the thousands of family historians and scores of genealogical societies in Wisconsin. We have learned to our dismay that the Joint Committee on Finance has adopted a resolution that would impose an additional \$1.40 fee on copies of birth certificates.

We have no dispute with the program which the money raised by these fees would support, but we strongly object to raising the money by imposing a fee on this totally unrelated service. The vast majority of copies of birth certificates are requested by genealogists in the course of family history research. Birth certificates provide a great deal of information that is critical to developing accurate family histories, and family historians usually find it necessary to collect them for multiple persons in the families they are researching. The fee for a copy of a birth certificate, whether certified or uncertified (almost all that we request are uncertified) is already exorbitant. The additional \$1.40 fee provides no additional or improved service to family historians or others who need copies of birth certificates, but only serves to increase the costs of doing family history research and to limit access to these public records by persons of limited means.

Family historians urge the Joint Committee on Finance to reconsider the additional fee on birth certificates and to seek a more appropriate source for funding the Newborn Hearing Screening Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John A. Brisse
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Eau Claire Centennial	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 55
Exchange Newsletters	1	4	Sept-Oct	1984 32-33
Family Reunion Certificates	1	3	July-Aug	1984 22
Form Sales	1	3	July-Aug	1984 22
Form Sales	1	4	Sept-Oct	1984 32
Four Kinds of Bones	1	7	Mar-Apr	1985 66
Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Appleton, WI, Wrennabagoland Gen. Soc.	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 57
Fraud...Add These to Your List	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 56
Free Query Service	1	3	July-Aug	1984 25
Future Plans	1	2	May-June	1984 9
Genealogy Boy Scout Merit Badge	1	7	Mar-Apr	1985 63-64
Genealogy Club of America	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 57
Genealogy Course	1	4	Sept-Oct	1984 38
Genealogy Forms	1	2	May-June	1984 10
Genealogy Group Library Holdings	1	1	Mar-Apr	1984 3
German Aliens	1	4	Sept-Oct	1984 37
German Emigration	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 57
German Fest	1	2	May-June	1984 15
German Fest	1	3	July-Aug	1984 24
German Letter and Translation for Getting Information	1	1	Mar-Apr	1984 2
German Research	1	2	May-June	1984 8
German Research	1	1	Mar-Apr	1984 15
German Research	1	3	July-Aug	1984 25
German Research	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 53
German Script Alphabet	1	5	Nov-Dec	1984 48
Group Library Holdings	1	2	May-June	1984 11-12
Happy Anniversary	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 58
Help Wanted	1	2	May-June	1984 8
Help Wanted	1	6	Jan-Feb	1985 57

1930 CENSUS INFORMATION

The 1930 Census will be released in 2002, though the exact date has not been set yet. This is pursuant to the 72 year restriction on public access to protect people's privacy. Only part of this census will be indexed - ten southern states. Nine of the ten are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. There are also seven unnamed counties in both Kentucky and West Virginia.

These indexes were a WPA project to employ people. When they started in the 1930 census, they started in the south. But before they could finish, World War II broke out and the labor force was needed elsewhere.

Apparently the National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) has NOT approached any "commercial" indexers about indexing the 1930 census. Looking further ahead, the 1940 and 1950 censuses have no index at all. Questions about census records can be sent to: inquire@nara.gov for answers from the NARA genealogy staff. (from Bureau Co. Gen. Soc., Jan./Feb. 1999, from LaSalle Co. Gen. Guild, Jul./Aug. 1998, via Kishwaukee Genealogists Newsletter, Vol. XII, Is. 5, May/June 1999, p.8.)

ILLINOIS RECORDS CLOSED

The Illinois State Legislature passed a act restricting access to public records only to those with a Private Investigator's license. The current interpretation means that a genealogist, regardless of where they reside or work, must have a Private Investigator's License before requesting birth, marriage, death, obituary or estate records. A private investigator is defined as any person who, for a fee or other valuable consideration, engages in the business of obtaining info relating to the identity or whereabouts of any person. Anyone obtaining information for genealogical purposes is not exempt from the regulation.

(from the Family Tree, Vol. VII, No. 5, Sec. 4, P. 28 via Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Vol. 17, No. 4, Spring 1999, p.11.)

Title	Volume #	Month	Year	Engs
Trip to Regional Archives	1	3 July-Aug	1984	19
University Inn Information at Madison, WI	1	3 July-Aug	1984	23
Upcoming Elections	1	7 Mar-Apr	1985	61
Upcoming Programs	1	2 May-June	1984	8
Upcoming Programs	1	3 July-Aug	1984	20
Upcoming Programs	1	4 Sept-Oct	1984	31
Upcoming Programs	1	5 Nov-Dec	1984	41
Upcoming Programs	1	6 Jan-Feb	1985	51
Upcoming Workshops	1	7 Mar-Apr	1985	62
UWSP Archives	1	7 Mar-Apr	1985	64-65
Value of Exchange Newsletters	1	6 Jan-Feb	1985	56
Welcome New Members	1	4 Sept-Oct	1984	38
What's in a Picture	1	4 Sept-Oct	1984	33
Wisconsin Rapids (Display at McMillan Memorial Library)	1	5 Nov-Dec	1984	41
Wisconsin State Historical Society Library	1	3 July-Aug	1984	24
Wisconsin's Area Research Center Network (1984)	1	2 May-June	1984	15
Workshop at Stevens Point	1	3 July-Aug	1984	24
Workshop at Stevens Point	1	4 Sept-Oct	1984	32

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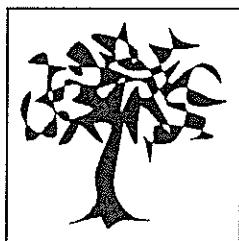
CALLING ALL NETPHOBICS!! FREE INTERNET INSTRUCTION IS AVAILABLE

Don't let fear keep you from finding out how to navigate through the wealth of genealogical information available on the World Wide Web. Marshfield Public Library offers individualized Internet instruction to anyone wanting to learn more about the Internet. In general, you can learn the basic steps with a single 30 minutes to one-hour session at the library. To set up a time, please contact Lori, Jodi, or Reyne at 715-387-8494. We are a patient crew and no one has left with teeth marks, yet. Let us set you one the path to finding the vast store of genealogical resources on the Internet.

Internet access is an extremely popular service at the library and at certain times access is limited. However, everyone is assured of a half-hour session per day. Sessions may be extended when no others are waiting for Internet use. Saturday and Sundays afternoons and weekdays after 3:00 p.m. are the times of peak use. Weekday mornings are the best time for uninterrupted use. Internet access is absolutely without charge to anyone holding a valid, regular Marshfield Public Library card.

MEETING DATES:

- 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 LL-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.
- Thursday, June 24, 1999..... Ruth Pors will be sharing information on the Draft Records and Draft Riots. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Room LL-207 of the Marshfield Clinic.
- Thursday, July 22, 1999..... Phyllis Danielson will be presenting a session on Ellis Island. Included in her talk will be a video of Ellis Island and then her part in the indexing project. She will be bringing samples of the information sheets used and other interesting things regarding Ellis Island. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshfield Clinic, Room LL-207.
- Thursday, August 12, 1999..... Tentative trip planned to Wisconsin State Historical Society Library in Madison, leaving at 6:00 a.m. from southwest corner of Northway Mall parking lot.



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MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP
BYLAWS

(Adopted 23 May 1985, revised 25 March 1999.)

E. Charter membership. Any person who has paid the dues for the year 1984-1985 and is accepted as a member by April 30, 1985.

Article IV: Membership Meetings.

Section 1. Frequency. Membership Meetings shall generally be held monthly as planned by the Board of Directors and reported at the Annual Meeting.

Section 1. The name shall be Marshfield Area Genealogy Group.
Section 2. The office shall be in or near Marshfield, Wisconsin.

A. The Annual Business Meeting shall be held in the month of May. A short business meeting may be held at each monthly meeting.

Article II: Purpose.

Section 1. Provide meetings and programs of genealogical interest.
Section 2. Provide instruction in genealogical procedures.

B. Programs of Genealogical interest and fulfilling the Purpose of this organization as described in Article II shall be planned by the Program Committee for all other meetings.

Section 3. Collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield area and/or relative to the people of the Marshfield area.

C. Special meetings such as field trips and research seminars may be held in place of or in addition to the scheduled monthly meetings.

Section 2. Meeting Policies.

Article III: Membership.

Section 1. Eligibility. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 16, with an interest in genealogy, who applies for membership and tenders the necessary dues. Persons under the age of 16 may petition the Board of directors for a waiver of the age requirement. There will be no residency requirements.

A. Open Meeting Policies. Meetings shall be open to the public.

Section 2. Types of membership.

1. Non-voting members and guests, on recognition by the Presiding Officer, shall have a voice but no vote in the proceedings.

A. Individual membership. A qualifying individual is entitled to receive one copy of mailings of the organization. This also entitles this person to one vote when applicable.

2. Non-voting members may attend 3 meetings before being asked to apply for membership.

B. Family membership. Two or more qualifying individuals of a family, residing at the same address, are entitled to receive one copy of mailings of the organization. Two of these persons are entitled to one vote each when applicable. If more than two persons are otherwise eligible to vote, they shall petition the Board of Directors to determine which persons shall qualify to vote.

B. Other Policies. Out of courtesy to members and guests and guest speakers, meeting guidelines have been established.

1. No smoking will be permitted during the business meetings, programs, and seminars.

2. Respect and demeanor shall be maintained during meeting and program by all attendees.

3. Other guidelines as established by the Board.

C. Lifetime membership. (Not applicable at present.)

D. Honorary membership. Any person who demonstrates an active interest in this organization may be granted Honorary Membership by the Board of Directors and will be exempt from the payment of dues. Honorary members will enjoy all the privileges of membership.

Article V: Officers, Duties, and Terms.

Section 1. Officers. The Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and First Past-President. All Officers shall be Directors as well.

- 3. Notify the Board of Directors if unable to serve so that they may select a former past-president to serve.

Section 3. Term of Office and Limitations.

- A. Term of Office for President. Vice-President. Secretary, and Treasurer shall be one year.
- B. All Officers shall assume office immediately after election, and adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Upon taking office, they shall be responsible to familiarize themselves with the Bylaws of this organization and their duties as outlined.
- C. A member may serve only two consecutive terms of the same office, but may be nominated again and serve in that office after one year has elapsed since serving. These limitations shall not affect interim elections. appointments to fill out unexpired terms, or serving as First Past-President.

Article VI: Board of Directors.

Section 1. Membership and Terms.

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of 10 persons.
 - 1. Elected officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and First Past-President.
 - 2. Chairpersons of these committees: Program and Newsletter.
 - 3. One Director elected-at-large: *Shall be elected for two years every other year at the Annual Meeting.*

B. Terms.

- 1. There is no limitation on successive terms except as limitations on terms of Officers.
- 2. Term of the Director elected-at-large shall be 2 years.

Section 2. Powers.

A. Organization and Finances.

- 1. The Board of Directors shall conduct the affairs of the organization. This shall include review and approval of all policies and appointments of committee chairpersons.

Section 2. Duties.

- A. Duties of the President.
 - 1. Preside at meetings of the Membership and of the Board.
 - 2. Appoint and assist the Program Chairperson.
 - 3. Appoint all other Committee Chairpersons.
 - 4. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- B. Duties of the Vice-President.
 - 1. Assist the President as requested.
 - 2. Preside at meetings of the membership and of the Board in the absence of the President.
 - 3. Be the Membership Committee Chairperson
 - 4. Vacate this Office and fill the Office of the Presidency should that office become vacant.
- C. Duties of the Secretary.
 - 1. Record and report all minutes of Membership meetings and Board meetings.
 - 2. Write, type, and send correspondence as directed by the President.
- D. Duties of the Treasurer.
 - 1. Collect and record membership dues and any other monies paid to the organization. Deposit these funds as directed by the Board of Directors.
 - 2. Pay bills as directed by the President and in accord with Article VI: Section 2, A of these BYLAWS.
 - 3. Keep a record concerning all financial data of the Organization and report to the Board of Directors and or Membership when requested. Prepare and submit the yearly financial report for audit to the Board of Directors before the Annual Meeting.
 - 4. Be bonded if deemed necessary
- E. Duties of the First Past-President.
 - 1. Facilitate smooth transition of operations after the Annual Meeting.
 - 2. Continue to advise the president when requested.

- 2. The Board of Directors are accountable to the general membership for the finances of the organization. They shall require the President (i.e. Presiding-Director) to petition authorization of payment of any unexpected expenses in excess of \$25.00.
- 3. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be registered with the financial institutions for all accounts; two of the three shall be required to sign for withdrawal of funds.
- 4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for legislating all dues and/or fees.

B. Overseeing Committees. The Board of Directors shall approve the formation and/or dissolution of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as shall be deemed necessary. Appointment of Chairpersons are to be approved by the Board. The Board shall give directives and have written descriptions of goals and guidelines for each of the Committees. The Board shall require each Committee to keep records and to report actions at meetings of the Board and/or the Membership.

C. Performance and Evaluation. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for guidance and evaluation of the performance of Officers, other Directors, and Committee Chairpersons. The Board may remove that person from that position after evaluation of performance and by majority vote of the remaining Directors present at a Board meeting.

D. Vacancies.

- 1. Notification of resignations of Officers and/or Directors shall be given to the remaining board members.
- 2. The Board shall fill any vacancy by appointment and that person shall hold that office until the next scheduled election for that position.
- 3. If the Office of the Presidency shall be vacant, the Vice-President shall immediately become the President. The Board shall then appoint a person to be the Vice-President and Membership Committee Chairperson.
- 4. If the Office of the First Past-President should be vacant, the Board should select a former Past-President to serve. If no Past-President is able to serve, the Board may select another member to serve in this office.

- 5. The Board will review and approve recommendations by the President to fill a vacancy of Organizational, Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Chairpersons.

Section 3. Board Meetings.

- A. Officers. The President of the Organization shall be the Presiding-Director. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings. The Vice-President shall act as Presiding-Director by request of the President and/or in his/her absence.
- B. Meetings. Meetings shall be held during the first and third quarters of each organizational year or as deemed necessary. Additional meetings may be called by the Presiding-Director with a notice of the date and place to be given 5 or more days prior to the meeting. The time-limit may be waived by a vote of five or more of the Directors.
- C. Quorum. A quorum consisting of at least four of the seven Directors must be present to conduct business at a board meeting. Decisions are to be by a majority vote of those Directors present. The Presiding-Director is excluded from voting except when that vote is necessary to break a tied vote. Intermediate Action. Business requiring action before the next planned Board meeting may be voted on by a survey authorized by the Presiding-Director. Any committee Chairperson or Director may contact the Presiding-Director requesting immediate action. The Presiding-Director or a Director appointed by the Presiding-Director will take a verbal or written survey of at least four other Directors. The Presiding-Director may authorize action if a majority of those contacted are in agreement on the action. The survey must be reported and a formal vote taken at the next Board Meeting.

Article VII: Committees.

Section 1. Creation. There will be Organizational Standing, and Ad Hoc Committees. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be created as deemed necessary to promote the objectives and carry on the work of this organization.

- A. Organizational Committees. Those committees which are involved with the daily workings of the organization and are continuous from year to year. The Chairpersons are members of the Board of Directors.
1. Program. Members will be the Chairperson, the President and other members as deemed necessary. The Chairperson is responsible for planning and implementing the programs for membership meetings from August 1 of the year appointed to August 1 of the next year.

2. Newsletter. The Chairperson shall be the Editor of the official publication. *Kith and Kin*, published bimonthly and containing the official notification of meetings. The Editor may request a representative from each committee to be a member of the Newsletter Committee. Resources remaining after disbanding of the library shall be held by the newsletter editor.

3. Membership. The Vice-President is the Chairperson and is responsible for maintaining membership records. The Chairperson shall work closely with the Treasurer and shall submit all dues collected at least monthly. The Chairperson shall also submit a report of members qualified to vote to the Nominations Committee prior to the elections.

B. Standing Committees. Those Committees which are formed to fulfill specific and limited objectives of the organization and which are usually expected to continue from year to year. Examples are as follows:

1. History (Archivist).
2. Education and Research.
3. Publicity.

C. Ad Hoc Committees. Those committees which are developed for a particular objective or case at hand. They may or may not run for the full year and may be continued into the next year. An example of an Ad Hoc Committee is the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Membership. The Chairpersons may work alone or shall choose other members to serve on the committee. The Chairpersons shall be directly responsible to the President with approval of the Board of Directors or shall report directly to the Board of Directors. They shall develop and submit a description of goals and guidelines to the President and to the Membership. They shall file an annual report before the Annual Meeting or as requested by the President.

Article VIII: Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations for Officers. Four Officers will be elected by the membership each year: President Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Office of the First Past-President is a non-elected position.

A. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President two months prior to the Annual

Meeting. The Committee shall be comprised of active members of the Organization. The President shall appoint one member to be the Chairperson of the committee.

B. Nominations.

1. The Nominating Committee shall present, to the President, a list of candidate(s) for each office two weeks prior to the Election. The committee shall have obtained the candidates written consent to run for office.
2. At the Annual Meeting, the Conductor of the election will ask for nominations from the floor. If any, the Nominee must give consent to serve before considered as a write-in candidate.

C. Qualifications of the Nominee

1. The Nominee shall have maintained membership in this organization for at least six months.
2. The Nominee can be a candidate for only one of the four offices being voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 Nominations for Director-at-large. There shall be nomination(s) for one Director-at-large for a two year term.

A. Nominations shall proceed as in Section 1. B. Section 3.

Section 3. Elections.

A. Officers shall be elected every year and the Director-at-large shall be elected every two years.

B. Procedure. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall conduct the election unless he/she is nominated. In that case, the President shall select another committee member to conduct the election. If all committee persons have been nominated, the President shall select a Conductor from the membership-at-large. That Conductor shall appoint two persons to tally the votes and one person to be observer. None of these persons may be a candidate for office.

C. Results. The nominee with the majority of votes of those persons present and eligible to vote will become the office holder. In the case of a tie vote, a second vote will be taken by written ballot. If there is still a tie vote, the Board of Directors of the former year shall meet and decide the

winner by a majority of those Board members present, excluding any Board member that is the candidate.

D. An affirmative majority vote of the members present is required for the amendment to pass.

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure.

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern this organization when required and in which they are consistent with these Bylaws.

Section 2. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the President if required.

Article X: Dissolution.

Section 1. In the event that this does not meet within a six month period, the Officers shall meet to coordinate and supervise property transfer.

Section 2. Property is all objects belonging to it, acquired by gift or purchase, to include all library and office equipment, and all monies accumulated by the organization. The Officers shall audit the property and divide it to be given free of cost to the local organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, the area Historical Society, and to any other organizations involved in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of genealogical data.

Section 3. All objects "on loan" to the library, to committees or to the office shall be returned to the owner or, in the event that the owner or family of the owner is unable to be located, an attempt shall be made to transfer the loan of such property to a Marshfield area organization such as the Historical Society.

Article XI: Ratification, Amendments, and Revisions.

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be presented to the membership for review at the membership meeting 28 January 1999. They shall be presented for ratification at the following month's meeting on 25 February 1999. They shall become effective and govern this organization after acceptance by a majority vote of those members present.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be at any time in the following manner:

- A. The President shall appoint a committee to study the need of a proposed revision.
- B. A proposed revision shall be submitted to the membership at any regular meeting.
- C. Voting shall take place no sooner than the following meeting.

