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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring you holes in your brick walls, a landslide of new relatives and the best gift of all--a healthy, happy and productive 2006 for you and all those whom you love. I hope to see you all at our next meeting on January 26 at the library. Remember, no meetings in November and December. We have a great slate of speakers for you this spring. I know it will be hard to match the last two but we will try. Please come and enjoy the programs. Until the next time--

Ken Wood
President

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UPCOMING EVENTS -

MAGG MEETINGS FOR THE UP COMING YEAR:

No November and December meeting

January 26, 2006

**All meetings will be held in the General Meeting Room of the
Marshfield Public Library at 7:00 pm.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Brigham Young University's Annual
2006 Computerized Genealogy Conference**

Just Announced!

2006 Conference Dates: March 10-11, 2006

March 10-11, 2006, are the dates of this year's Computerized Genealogy Conference. This conference is designed to be a how-to guide for everyone,

including beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. Join us to learn how advancements in computer programs have revolutionized genealogical and family history work.

We invite you to join us for this great experience, a unique opportunity to meet with fellow genealogists and computer enthusiasts and to learn from leaders in the genealogy computer world (both faculty and vendors).

For further program or registration information, contact:

BYU Conferences and Workshops
136 Harman Continuing Education Building

Provo, UT 84602-1516
(801) 422-4853

11 March 2006

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society of Jacksonville, Florida, announces plans for a spring genealogy seminar to be held Saturday, March 11, 2006, with speaker Brent H. Holcomb, from South Carolina.

<http://www.sgesjax.tripod.com>

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY NAMES

Tom Wepfer-Researching names of **WEPFER AND SHANNON**

WEBSITES OF THE MONTH-

FHL Books Online at BYU

You can go to the Brigham Young University website <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> and do searches of over 5000 books which the Family History Library has put online.* ... the LDS Family History Library has announced that it has begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. These are primarily books in the "929.273Series" that are currently housed on the first floor of the Family History Library (previously housed on the fourth floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building). At the present time (September 2005), about 5000 books have been digitized and are available, and they have announced that they are adding about 100 titles a week to the on-line collection. Copyright issues are playing a role in determining the order in which they progress through this task; books out of copyright are being done first.

As these Family History books are digitized and placed on-line, an entry is being placed in the Family History Library on-line catalog with a hyperlink to the digitized image. By going to the FHL On-Line Catalog, you can search for a specific name, find a book that has been indexed using the name, and view it on-line, flipping through the pages as separate "pdf" images, much the same as if you were on the first floor of the Family History Library. =

Of course, the indexing that is available through the FHL Catalog is only as good as the human indexers made it; typically they only include the "top" 4 to 6 names that appear in each book in their indexing efforts. But there is even better news!

The digitized images of these Family History books are actually being stored on the electronic servers at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.=

By going directly to the BYU web site to view the images, there are several additional possibilities that provide genealogists functionality that they have never had before. You are now able to do full-text searches on each book, and on every digitized book in the collection. Now you can locate the small two-paragraph entry on Grandpa Ebenezer McGarrah that is buried in one of the Family History books that you would have otherwise never thought to look at before. This can open up a huge new possibility for extending lines, getting past brick walls, and uncovering new relatives! =

How to Find The Digitized Images?

Go to the web site of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> on their home page, follow the links "Find Other Materials/Electronic/On Line Collections at BYU". Click on the "Text Collections" tab and select the "Family History Archive" from the list of collections that are displayed.

You would then normally want to use the "Search All" feature with the "Search Full Text" box checked, although the "Advanced Search" will allow very high-powered searches that will allow certain phrases to be searched for and other words to be used to exclude potential hits. As you make selections from the "hits" that are displayed, you will need to use the "Click Here to View Item" button near the top of the screen to display the actual image of

the page. You can page through the entire document using the index displayed on the left side of the screen. Each page may be printed after being viewed.

One interesting sidelight is, when you are at the first web page for the Family History Archive (the page that lets you begin a search), click on the "Browse the Collection" button. This will display every Family History book that has been digitized and is available in the collection.

You can scroll through this list much the same as if you were walking up and down the stacks at the library. At the top of the first page of the search results, it displays the number of hits, which (in this case) is the number of books in the collection. If you keep track of this number, you can get a pretty good idea of how fast they are adding titles to the collection as you revisit the web site from time to time. I think you will want to visit this site often as the collection grows!"

HOW TO COLUMN-Twenty tried and true Basic Tips for Genealogists

No matter how long or how short a time that you've been working on your family history, you will benefit from pausing to review some of the foundations to doing basic genealogy.

1. Read-There are countless books written about all aspects of genealogy.
2. Join-Do not work in a vacuum. Join your local genealogical society.
3. Organize-Get all your collected information put onto proper charts and forms, and better yet, have it all entered into a genealogy computer program.
4. Attend-Attend meetings, workshops, classes and seminars offered by your local genealogical society.
5. Use-Learn about all the libraries in your area and make use of them.
6. Review-Periodically call a temporary halt to research and pause to review all the material that you have already collected, especially the material you gathered years ago.
7. Switch-If you're seemingly at a dead end, switch to working on another line, or work a bit on your sister-in-law's family or your son-in-law's genealogy.
8. Go-Nothing beats going onsite to do research.
9. Learn-Learn to use all the wonderful genealogical resources available to you on the Internet.

10. Copy-Collect and copy all photographs, documents, letters, etc. from all your relatives.
11. Examine-Always seek to get to the primary records and have a look at them yourself.
12. Visit-There probably is a Family History Center within driving distance of your home.
13. Search-Search the many, many resources available to you on the Family History Library Web site at www.familysearch.org.
14. Seek-With the help of your local library, obtain-on microfilm through Inter-Library Loan-the newspapers from the places where your ancestors lived.
15. Find-Most likely someone has written a book on a family in your pedigree.
16. Interview-Whether by phone, in person, via letter writing or over the Internet, interview all relatives older than you and glean all the family history and family stories from them.
17. Ask-Do not be afraid to ask questions.
18. Document-This tip goes along with Tip #3 to get organized.
19. Plan-Plan to leave a legacy and not a mess with genealogy.
20. Share-Share all that you've learned with your family and local genealogical society.

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TIPS FROM ANCESTRY READERS- Look for Neighbors

are of an age that would be likely to be in the census you're searching. For example, don't Geoff Eargle

For hard to find people in census records, try using neighboring families even if they aren't related.

Let's say you've found a family in the 1910 and 1930 censuses, but not in 1920. Pick a neighbor and search for them in 1920. If your family doesn't appear on the same page, check a couple of pages either way.

Don't give up with just one try, either. Use several of the neighbors. If you have no luck working forward from the 1910 census, try going back in time from the 1930 census, especially if they are in different locations.

When selecting a neighbor, make sure they choose centenarians with great expectations of finding them ten years later.

Census Searching Tip-Bob Scheuer

It might help to choose people who owned their residence, as opposed to renters, with the idea that homeowners are more likely to remain in one place longer. It may also help if you can find a surname you recognize, as families often migrate in packs and there could be a relationship you're not aware of.

If you know the state, county, and date of birth, plus or minus five years, enter just the first name. I have on several occasions used this strategy to locate a missing relative. Nine times out of ten the surname was "butchered" by the enumerator or by the person transcribing. As you scan through the names that come up, you will most likely recognize the person you are looking for.

From 1900-1930 you probably have to narrow the age to plus or minus two year, as too many possibilities come up. I found my uncle in the WWI Draft Registrations by entering in his first name, Sigmond. The surname was spelled correctly on the draft card; the transcriber spelled it incorrectly for the index.

Tombstone in France

William Fehlinger

There are many discussions about how to be able to take pictures of a gravestone. Wire brushes, scrapers, chemicals and many other things that could actually harm the stone.

I have an uncle that was killed in WWI in 1918 and is buried in an American Military cemetery in France. All of the Christian crosses and Star of David stones are a pure white composition stone -- possibly a marble.

When I visited there a few years ago, I was told of the grave site and was met by the man in charge of the cemetery. He placed a American Flag next to the stone and had a container with very fine brown sand that was wet. He rubbed it into the inscriptions on the stone and I took my pictures. When I asked him about cleaning it up, he replied that the fine sand would dry, fall out and be washed by nature with rain, thus no damage to the stone.

I have some great pictures of that stone with fourteen thousand others. A proud, tearful occasion.

FAMILY HEALTH HISTORY. November is Family Health History month in the U.S. and Thanksgiving (November 24) has been designated as National Family History Day. Families are encouraged to discuss family history and illnesses and conditions that are prevalent among family members at family gatherings -- and to record that information.

Health care professionals have known for a long time that common diseases -- heart disease, cancer, and diabetes -- and even rare diseases -- like hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anemia -- can run in families. Tracing the illnesses suffered by your parents, grandparents, and other blood relatives can help your doctor predict the disorders to which you may be at risk and take action to keep you and your family healthy.

Most genealogy software programs, such as Family Tree Maker (FTM), have places to enter medical history information and reports that will display that information as well. Take a few minutes and talk with your family about health history and record it for future generations.

For more information see:

<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/>

Rootsweb Review, November 9, 2005

CastleGarden.org: America's First Immigration Center

This website offers a "database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened." Search results include name, occupation (if known), age, arrival date, country of origin, and ship. The site also includes a timeline (1804-1999). "Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, ... at the tip of Manhattan. ... [The] Castle was America's first official immigration center." Note: The comparative data section is under construction.

URL: <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

NEW RESOURCES IN STATE OF WISCONSIN DIGITAL COLLECTION

The State of Wisconsin Collection, a part of the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, brings together, in digital form, two categories of primary and secondary materials: writings about the State of Wisconsin and unique or valuable materials that relate to its history and ongoing development.

Historical materials from a variety of sources are being added to the collection, including materials from several Wisconsin public libraries that received LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grants in 2005 to work

with the UW-Madison's Digital Content Group to digitize historical resources.

The following new resources were recently added to the State of Wisconsin Digital Collection.

MANITOWOC - The Home Front: Manitowoc County in World War II

(<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.HomeFront>)

4 issues / 30 pages and 47 images, added 9/7/2005

The Home Front: Manitowoc County in WWII presents photographic images, oral

histories, published sources, artifacts, and other resources which document the county's home front and wartime experiences from 1939 to 1947. New content includes photographs that document military activities, leisure activities, education, and industry in Manitowoc County during this period.

JANESVILLE - Janesville's Past

(<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.JanesvillesPast>)

10 issues / 690 pages, added 9/7/2005

19th- and 20th-century resources that depict Janesville's rich past. Titles include:

- * Wise, George W. Picturesque Janesville : Illustrated (1888)
- * Art work of Rock County (1893)
- * Headlight, souvenir edition : Janesville, Wis. : Headlight, a journal of progress and development (1896/05)
- * Janesville (Wis.). (341) Janesville Fire Department: souvenir published in the interest of the Firemen's Relief Association (1902)
- * Zellie, Carole; Janesville Historic Commission Courthouse Hill Historic

District : a guide (1986)

* Zellie, Carole; Janesville Historic Commission Look West Historic District : a guide (1987)

* Zellie, Carole; Janesville Historic Commission; Landscape Research (Firm) Main and Milwaukee : a guide to Janesville's downtown historic districts (1989)

* Zellie, Carole; Landscape Research (Firm); Janesville Historic Commission

The Old Fourth Ward Historic District : a guide (1990)

* Zellie, Carole; Janesville Historic Commission The Prospect Hill & Conrad

Cottages historic districts : a guide (1992)

Zellie, Carole; Janesville Historic Commission The Benton Avenue Historic District : a guide (1995)

OSHKOSH - Oshkosh and Winnebago County, Wisconsin - Atlases and Histories

(<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.OshkoshAtlases>)

11 issues / 2,376 pages, added 9/7/2005

These resources make up a comprehensive collection for research in 19th Century Oshkosh and Winnebago County history. The materials were published

between 1856 and 1909. Two modern indexes, included here with the permission

of indexer David A. Langkau, will also help the users find the information they need. Titles include:

* Mitchel, Martin; Osborn, Joseph H. Geographical and statistical history of the county of Winnebago ... (1856)

* Biographical and statistical history of the city of Oshkosh, Winnebago Co., Wisconsin ... (1867)

* Harney, Richard J. History of Winnebago Co., Wisconsin, and early history of the Northwest (1880)

* Langkau, David A. Index : history of Winnebago Co., Wisconsin (1990-1999)

* Leach, Harvey W. Atlas of the city of Oshkosh, Wis. (1895) * Randall, Geo.

A. Illustrated atlas of Winnebago Co., Wisconsin ... (1889)

* Langkau, David A. Index to Randall's Illustrated Atlas of Winnebago Co., Wisconsin, 1889 (1988)

- * McLenegan, Annie Susan Pioneer life in the Fox River Valley (1906)
- * Lawson, Publius V., 1853-1920. History, Winnebago Co., Wisconsin ...Volume I (1908)
- * Lawson, Publius V., 1853-1920. History, Winnebago Co., Wisconsin ...Volume II (1908)
- * Gorman and Saudea. Map and plat book of Winnebago Co., Wisconsin ... (1909)

Have a Veteran in the Family? Let Us Help You Research their Service!

There are lots of sources to learn about a family member's military service at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, an educational activity of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

Depending on the conflict, the Museum's Research Center has a wide range of sources to fill in the details of a veteran's military experience. Here is a sampling of the Museum's most popular genealogical resources:

Civil War

- The Wisconsin Family Rolls are available for some regiments. These rolls list the name of a veteran's next of kin and the number of children they were supporting while in the service.
- Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) records. The GAR was the largest veterans organization for Civil War records. Organized into Posts by community, the individual GAR Records can contain a wealth of personal information.
- Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. The admission records for veterans (1887-1927) and wives/widows (1899-1911) are available. Veterans' applications include information about military service (including rank, organization, and discharge), post war employment, disability, and children (including name and address). The applications of wives and widows provide information about their birth, marriage, children, and health concerns. There is also a section of information devoted to their husband's military service, death (if applicable), and pension.

Spanish American War:

- Roster Cards. These cards are organized alphabetically by last name and contain information including birthplace, residence, occupation, physical description, and details about military service.

Mexican Border War

- **Muster Rolls.** Organized by Regiment, these rolls list each soldier's name, rank and unit, birthplace, physical description (age, height, complexion, and eye and hair color) occupation, marital status, residence, an emergency contact, date of enlistment, and description of prior service in the Wisconsin National Guard.

World War I

- **Roster books.** Arranged by county, these books give the soldier's address at enlistment, unit with which they served, and military service number.

All Wars

- **Casualty lists.** Usually arranged by hometown or county, these lists generally provide death date, rank, serial number, and circumstances surrounding the death.
- **Burial records.** These records include an alphabetical listing of veterans from the Civil War on who died in Wisconsin. These cards usually tell grave location, birth and death date, service dates, and occasionally next of kin. These cards are not open to the public, but the Reference Archivist can perform searches.

All of these sources and more are available at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center in Madison. The Research Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 until 3:30, and by appointment. For additional information, contact Abbie Miller at 608-267-1790 or abigail.miller@dva.state.wi.us

NEWS FROM THE PAST: Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Clark County Schools

Township	School Name	
Beaver	East Beaver(Irvine)	Pleasant Ridge
	Maple Center	Oak Grove
	Beaver Center(Center Road)	Elmwood
	Sunny Knoll	
	Christophersen	
	Latart	
	Sunnyside	

Butler

Jackson
East Side
Fernwald
Butlerville

Colby

Woodland
Atwood
Cloverdale
Dill Creek
Sand Hill
Little Grove
Plainview
Sunshine
Clovernook
Elmwood

Dewhurst

Bruce Mound
Dell's Dam
Sunny Nook
Riverside
Jt. District, #4

Eaton

Decker
West Eaton
Janesville Settlement
Rocky Run
Prosperity
Eaton Center
Christie Mound

Foster

Lone Pine
Church
Humbird

Fremont

Big Four
Cozy Corner
Chili
Pine Circle
Forestsides
Franklin

Grant

Heathville
Valley View

Schools will be continued in next newsletter.

MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD JUNE 12, 1940-Submitted by Lorraine Markee.

36 Applicants Ask To Be Naturalized.

Thirty six aliens expect to become citizens of the hearing to be conducted before Judge E. W. Crosby in Circuit Court here Tuesday morning, June 18, at 10 o'clock. C. R. Berg, St. Paul, Minn., examiner for the naturalization division of the U. S. Department of Labor, will conduct the examinations of the alien applicants.

Included in the group are eight German aliens, eight Polish, four Swiss, five Finlanders, Three English, three Jugo-Slovonians, two Bohemians, two Scandinavians, and one Scotch-Irish alien. Their names of the petitioners and their native countries are as follows:

Poland- Mary Szflarski, Levis; Frank Muzynoski, Levis; Caroline Rohland, Hixon; Stanley Pszeniczny, Reseburg; Josephine Staron, Thorp; Antonia Slachetka, Thorp; Maria Jaskot, Withee; Mary Karpinski, Reseburg.

Germany-Hans Heimke, Granton; Wilhelmia Benzmann, Colby; Martha Lentz, Hixon; Mary Louise Youmans, Abbotsford; Reinhold F. Stickert, Fremont; Rudolph Tanner, Warner; Mattie Lange, Seif; Emma Wolfe, Loyal.

Finland-Hilda Santala, Hixon; Eli?? Susanna Koski, Hixon; Whino Ensie Mannikko, Hoard; Selma Ruuska, Hoard; Helga Marja Laine, Hixon.

Switzerland-Gottfried Gysin, Hewett; Anna Lieser Gysin, Hewett; Arnold Matti, Mentor; Werner Gempeler, Greenwood.

England-Eva Evans, Loyal; Dencie Lenser, Curtiss; Mary Lenser, Curtiss.

Jugo-Slovania-Katarina Popovich, Hendren; Eli Bogdonovich, Hendren; Michael Lesnjak, Hendren.

Bohemia-Mary Ann Vobora, Lynn; Maire Kunesh, Thorp.

Scandinavia-Maren Anna Bragstad, Greenwood; Emelia Berg, Fremont.

Scotch-Irish- Leon Sylvester Phillips, Mentor.

Two other petitioners, Olga Libby Matas, Granton, and John Luniewski, Thorp, have died since filing their applications.

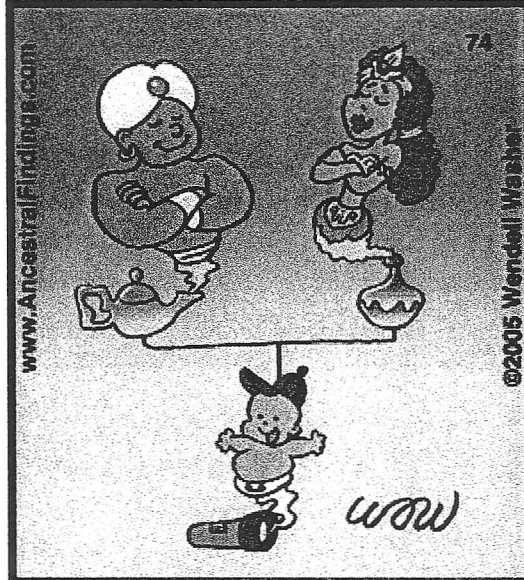
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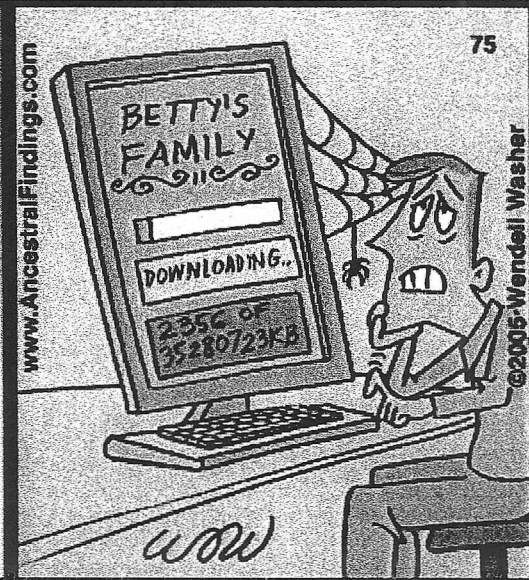
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300 photos on Betty's homepage that just *had* to be there.

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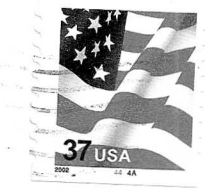
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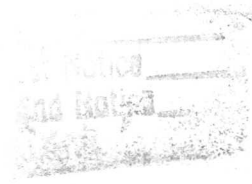
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