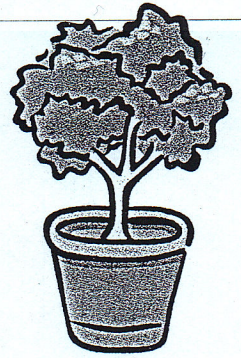


# Kith and Kin



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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

### **Ken Wood, President MAGG**

Hello everyone,

I hope that I will see many of you at our next two meetings. We have what could be two of the most exciting programs of the year.

In September we will have the Marshfield author of "No Ordinary Hero-When Doctors Made House Calls", Carol Nutter Engelhart. Her book is not just about memories but also ties into the present. The story is of her father, Fay, his experiences as a radio operator in the jungles of India in World War II, his meeting of her mother, their wedding and then their life in Canton, S.D. , where he practiced medicine until 1974, four years before his death of colon cancer. She will be just returning from a trip to S.D. where she is researching her sequel and will be speaking not only about her family but about her experiences doing the research for both books. Copies of the book are available at Christian Books and Gifts in the Northway Mall for \$12, and we will try to have signed copies available at the meeting. If you would like a copy please call me at 715-384-6825 and leave a message including name and number of copies! .

In October our presenter will be Mary Lindow who will share postcards her father made in the early 1900's of a town that no longer exists. "Ghosts of the Past" should be an exciting time as we explore a town that only a few people remember and none of us will ever see, except through the eyes of her father and his remarkable postcards.

I hope you will attend both of these sessions. Remember we meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM in the General Meeting Room on the first floor of the Marshfield Public Library. That will be September 22 and October 27. No meetings in November or December.

See you all there.

Ken



### **UPCOMING EVENTS -**

### **MAGG MEETINGS FOR THE UP COMING YEAR:**

**September 22, 2005**

**October 27, 2005**

**No November and December meeting**

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

\* **Sep 17, 2005:** Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - Leaders Workshop.  
Location: Best Western, Stevens Point, WI

\* **Oct 15, 2005:** Wisconsin State Genealogical - Society Fall Seminar.  
Location: Holiday Inn, Neenah, WI

**PGS of America 27th Annual Genealogical Conference: September 16 - 18, 2005**

The PSGA presents the "The Pillars of Genealogy" at the Marriott Schaumburg near Chicago, IL.

**Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference: October 15, 2005**

Illinois State Genealogical Society's Fall Conference, "Building Family Bridges: Linking the Present to the Past" will be held at the Holiday Inn, Itasca, IL on Saturday, October 15, 2005. Speakers include Tony Burroughs, Maureen Brady, Jeff Bockman, Brother Joseph Martin, Craig Pfannkuche, Helen Sclair, Jack Simpson, and CAGG-NI (Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois). Vendors will offer their genealogical products. Genealogy societies will be present as well.

### **NEW MEMBERS AND THIER FAMILY NAMES**

**Lucille Dauffenbach-Researching DAHMS, MEYERS, ARNDT, KOCH, BERLIN, SALZWEDEL, HODGDON, DURST, WEISTER, STRAEKER, WENDT, DAEBEL FLYNN, CARLTON, PURDY**

**Rita Surface-Researching Paul and Wilhemina Tesmer, Wilhemina Haselau in Forestville, Door Co. Elizabeth Arhilgers in Fondulac Co.**

**Elroy Bever is returning as a member and asked that we visit Two Rivers, WI and see the new downtown-Hwy 42 which will be dedicated Sept 17,**



2005 during the Ethnic Fest. He also states that they have a new museum for farm items.

#### **OTHER NEWS: Hurricane Katrina Message Board**

The aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina, which hit several U.S. states recently, will be felt for some time. A message board was created to enable you to post inquiries about your loved ones, friends, neighbors, and "genie friends" who may have been in harm's way. Hopefully, when they are able to get online, they will post here to let us know they are OK and to share their stories of survival.

Queries and news about archives, libraries, repositories, cemeteries, and other items of genealogical interest are also appropriate for this board. Offers to help the victims of the hurricane should be directed the appropriate agencies, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=hurricanekatrina2005>

#### **WEB SITES OF THE MONTH-**

Ancestry.com has launched ten Learning Centers-free areas of the website where you can learn more about family history concepts and the unique record collections available at Ancestry.com.

Learning center topics include:

- Census records
- Birth, Marriage & Death
- Trees & Community
- Immigration Records
- Military Records
- Directories & Member Lists
- Family & Local Histories
- Newspapers & Periodicals
- Court, Land & Probate Records
- Reference & Finding Aids.

Access the new Learning Centers by selecting the "Learning Center" tab from the Ancestry.com home page. Then click on any of the titles listed in the "Learn More About" box on the right side of the page.  
(from "Ancestry magazine, July/August 2005.)



## **THE HOW TO COLUMN- 101 RECORDS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED.**

1. Advertisements in City Directories 2. Almanacs 3. Anniversary Publications 4. Annual Reports of governments, large companies and organizations. 5. Artwork and Handicrafts such as samplers and quilts. 6. Auction Notices and Catalogs 7. Autograph Albums 8. Baby Books 9. Bank Records 10. Bankruptcy Announcements 11. Biographical Compilations 12. Birthday, Anniversary, Christmas, Congratulation and Sympathy Cards 13. Certificates (baptism, confirmation, graduation, etc. 14. Certifying and Licensing Agencies 15. Charitable Organizations 16. Church Membership Lists 17. City, County or town Council Records. 18. Civil Service Lists 19. Clubs, Trade Associations, Fraternities 20. Company Newsletters 21. Contracts (marriage, partnership, etc.) 22. Coroner's Records 23. Court Session Records 24. Crests and Coats-of-Arms 25. Deeds, Mortgages and Other Property Ownership Records 26. Diaries and Letters 27. Registration cards 28. Films or Videotapes 29. Funeral Home Records 30. Funeral Visitation Books 31. Government Secretary's Incoming Correspondence 32. Heirlooms (books, furniture, toys, etc.) 33. Hospital and Asylum Records 34. Hymn or Prayer Books 35. Immigration Documents 36. Immigration Society Records 37. Immunization Records 38. Inquiry Records (uprising, riots or other disruptive events.) 39. Insurance Records 40. Invitations (wedding, reunions, etc.) 41. Jail Records 42. Justice of the Peace Records 43. Library Subscribers' Lists 44. Lists of Letters (at the post office) 45. Military Enlistment 46. Militia Muster Rolls 47. Minutes of Church Meetings 48. Minutes of Town/County/City Council Meetings 49. Missionaries' Papers 50. Museum Catalogs 51. Mutual Assistance Clubs 52. Neighbors' Land Records 53. Newspaper Accounts of Agricultural Fairs 54. Newspaper Accounts of Anniversaries of Settlement 55. Newspaper Accounts of Major Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays 56. Newspaper and Government Reports 57. Newspaper Reports of Court Sessions 58. Non-Population Census Schedules 59. Nursing Home Records 60. Oaths of Allegiance 61. Occupational Directories 62. Old Cook Books 63. Orphanage Records 64. Papers of Companies (public works projects like railroad, road, etc.) 65. Passports and Passport Applications 66.



Pension Records 67. Personal Address and Telephone Books 68. Photographs 69. Photography Studio Records 70. Poetry written by relatives 71. Politicians' Papers 72. Postcards 73. Private Papers of Clergymen 74. Private Papers of Local Professionals(doctors, lawyers, etc.) 75. Private Papers of Wealthy Members 76. Property Ownership Maps 78. Receipts 79. Records of Poor Houses/workhouses/houses of refuge 80. Religious Newspapers 81. Resumes 82. School Board Records 83. School Graduation 84. School Papers 85. School Yearbooks

86. Scrapbooks 87. Ship's Logs 88. Social Columns 89. Social Security Applications, cards 90 Souvenir Matchbooks 91. Surveyors' Maps and Journals 92. Tax and Assessment Records 93. The Organizations Section of City Directories 94. Tickets of passage 95. Travel Logs 96. Travelers' Diaries 97. Trophies 98. Used Calendars 99. Wedding Books 100. Wedding or baby shower record books. 101 Wills and Estate Papers.

So, do you still think you're done?

(Family Chronicle magazine, May/June 2005.)

## **CEMETERY TIPS-BY ANCESTRY READERS**

### **The Bigger Picture**

**Kaaran Martin**

If the cemetery is small, take a picture of the whole cemetery. I did this in 1975 of a small cemetery in Mississippi. Later natural disasters and vandalism disrupted the cemetery, and this photo helped to put grave markers back in the correct place.

So do take photos of entire cemeteries when possible, because you never know when that photo may be the only record for grave locations.

### **Bicycle Maps**

**Chris Smudde**

About six or seven years ago, I was able to obtain some free bicycling maps put out by the Secretary of State's office. There were five maps total, each being the size of a regular road map, and covering a region consisting of one-fifth of Illinois. Upon examination I



noticed that these maps very detailed--especially in the rural areas--than any Illinois map I had ever seen. Many gravel and farm roads were indicated, and the suitability of the road for cycling was marked (a good indication of the overall quality of the roads). These maps are

of great value navigating the many back roads of farm country trying to locate obscure private cemeteries. I don't know if these maps are still produced in Illinois, but it's definitely worth checking with your Secretary of State or Department of Transportation.

### **Aluminum Foil and Unreadable Headstones**

Jim and Flo Hartley

If you have a headstone that is old and nearly impossible to read, try this.

If you have a partner, have your partner hold a sheet of aluminum foil on the face of the stone. Take a four-inch paint-roller (the kind used to cut in corners) and gently roll across the foil sheet. It is sometimes possible to retrieve the information as the roller fills in the engraved impressions on the stone.

### **More on Surrounding Headstones**

Marie Moller

I advise folks to look at headstones around their family plot and either take pictures or write the names down for future reference.

When I got the interment list for a family in one grave, there was a notation on the bottom that my great-grandfather had been moved to that plot from another. I visited the grave from which he had been moved. It had no headstone, but I wrote the names on the headstones around that site for future information.

Later in my research I found that the grave next to it was where my great-great-grandparents were buried. At the time of my visit I did not know their last names. It seems when my great-great-grandmother buried my great-great-grandfather she had my great-grandmother by the grave next to it. Had I not taken that information down, I never would have made the connection. It turned out that several graves in



the vicinity were those of family members with names I did not know at the time of my visit.

## **Maps**

Susan Hopkins

For visits to rural cemeteries, and even ones in big city areas, check with your own hometown library first to see what they have in the way of maps. You may discover that they have detailed individual, large format, state road atlases. The most common and widely available series does not show locations of cemeteries, but the maps do label all back rural roads and more major city ones, with far more detail than national atlases do.

For states where we have a number of ancestral locations, I've gone to a good bookstore to buy these state atlases which are available for under \$20. You may even find that you'll be encouraged to plot routes that are off the interstates and major highways!

I've also found that detailed city maps can be had in office supply stores and good sized gas stations once I am near the area I'm interested in. AAA members can obtain detailed maps for major cities. But now I need to figure out where to order smaller city maps ahead of a trip.

**UPDATED! : Social Security Death Index at Rootsweb.**

Now includes records through June 2005. Search 75,532,189

records. Generated from the U.S. Social Security

Administrations (SSA) Death Master File. It contains the records of deceased persons who possessed Social Security numbers and whose death had been reported to the SSA.

**ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE CENTER-** An online resource for vintage one-room schoolhouses.

<http://www2.johnstown.k12.oh.us/cornell/>

**AL,AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI, 1790-1907 Land Records**  
(Database Online or CD-rom - Genealogy.com) :

This Family Archive contains approximately 1,645,000 records from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The records are often the only available source offering the identification of legal land descriptions and transfer of property ownership from the U.S. Government to private land owners. These records show



who obtained what land from the Federal Government, and when it was obtained. Source documents include homesteads, cash sales, warrants, private land claims, swamp lists, state selections, and railroad lists. Records included may not be comprehensive for the time and region covered. Data searchable online (plus thousands of other records) :  
GenealogyLibrary Subscription required.

Here's an article about how the Family History Library intends to digitalize all their films, make them searchable and online free for everyone's use....what a dream!

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,605153189,00.html>

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Val Atkinson

Being a 'proper' genealogist is like being a detective in the 'Sherlock Holmes' tradition, finding clues and solving mysteries. It's about being patient, taking time, and not being bothered if you look silly with your magnifying glass. It's about wanting to discover and not caring what you find so long as you find it. It's about using your leisure to sit at a film viewer and get a headache you suffer in silence, and it's putting your hand in your pocket no expenses spared.

It's knowing that 'no man is an island', and wanting to be part! of something glorious and beautiful.

It's more than names on paper. It's finding the people and gathering them into families. It's grafting them into your tree and claiming them as your own. It's people we come to know and names we recognise.

If I've learned anything at all in thirty years of research, I've learned the 'lesson of the surname'.

I never take any name at face value now, and I always think twice. These rules apply no matter

- how attached I am to certain spellings
- how convinced I am that a certain way is the way



- what revered family authority has laid down the 'spelling law'
- how many times I've seen it spelled my favourite way.
- An open mind has to be the order of the day for 'proper' genealogists.

In days when many people were illiterate, spellings in records very often reflected the vicar's or the registrar's idea of what the person said.

Actual examples are TOWNS/TONES/TOANES or MEIN/MEAN/MEEN/MIE! N/MAYN.

Another problem is transcriptions of records, and rule of thumb must be 'check the microfilmed original when possible'.

I've seen TONES transcribed as JONES on parish records, GRO indexes, actual certificates, and the Latter Day Saint IGI.

A registrar once sent me a birth certificate indexed as JONES but conceded the name could well be TONES. She asked me to contact her if I found any proof, and I was later able to confirm TONES from the parents' marriage certificate.

On one marriage entry, the vicar had written the groom's name as MIEN but the groom had signed himself MEIN. Nothing is impossible, so keep your eyes open.

My most endearing experience is the good old 19th century Durham coal miners' name GATISS (pronounced GAYTISS).

In 1881 there were some few GATISS entries in Northumberland and Yorkshire, but the vast concentration was in Durham, and many counties were so unfortunate as to have none at all!

I have a dream ! to see all those GATISS families united at last into one large interrelated coal mining family tree.

I've seen it spelled GATES/GATESS/GATIS/GAITES/GAITESS/GAITERS/GEATES/, and indexed as GATIPS, so these days a name has only to begin with letter 'G' to get my full and concentrated scrutiny.



In each of these spellings I can hear the broad flat vowels of the Durham accent coming through. I can see the very well bred vicar from some other less important region listening to the illiterate miner repeat his name for the baptism or marriage entry. I see him puzzling over it, and making a guess.

I like GEATES best of the lot because it shows real ignorance of the local accent. The vicar must have agonized over that one!

What is even stranger is that these multiple spellings often appear over the years for the same family in the same parish transcribed by the same vicar.

All but two of my GATISS people were miners, and I still can't work out how they ! managed to break free and become a grocer and an inn keeper. It just doesn't make sense! (though the inn keeper was previously a miner who became a 'beer seller')

In the days when I wasn't into devious, lateral thinking, and thought a name was just a name I spent five years searching for a marriage of Elizabeth GATES only to discover she was a GATISS. She was just a column away on the GRO indexes but how could I know that when I was making the mistake of thinking 'straight'?

Staying on the 'straight and narrow' won't get you far in genealogy!

You will be a 'proper' genealogist when your mind is so open to family names that you:

- have become suspicious, devious, and lateral
- accept the unexpected as the most expected
- View the impossible as highly probable
- Put the sublime and ridiculous down as daily events
- See the bizarre as the epitome of normality

And you just feel THANKFUL you've found them!

**NEWS FROM THE PAST-** Submitted by Lorraine Markee-Marshfield  
**News-Herald-page 2 col 5 Thurs. March 14, 1929**

**VESPER WOMEN BECOME FULL FLEDGED CITIZENS**

Three local women were at Wisconsin Rapids Tuesday to be inducted into



citizenship with nine county residents and enjoyed the privilege of listening to an impressive address by W. J. Fischer, following the examination of applicants and the administering of oaths of allegiance. Mrs. G. TeKampe, and Mrs. Ben Strooisma, were accompanied by Mrs. Joe Smits and J. H. TerMaat, witnesses for Mrs. Smits; Mrs. John Vruwink and Mrs. John TerMaat, witnesses for Mrs. TeKampe, and Mrs. Chester Camlin and Mrs. P. Bymers, witnesses for Mrs. Strooisma.

**MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD**-Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Page 13, Thursday March 16, 1939

**Clark County News-Large Class Will Seek Citizenship**

Neillsville-The largest group of citizenship petitioners in the history of Clark County will appear before Judge E. W. Crosby in Circuit Court here on June 13 to be examined on their educational and moral fitness to become United States citizens, according to the petitions now on file with Clerk of Court Ben Frantz.

The list of petitioners now numbers 52 aliens, with a possibility that four more will have their papers in order in time to be included in the June class. Included in the group of 52 are 22 subjects of Poland, six Germans, four Lithuanians, four Yugoslavians, four English four Finlanders, three Norwegians, and one subject each from Sweden, Bohemia, France, Italy and Hungary. The list follows:

Poland---Mary Muszynski, Joseph Jaskot, Frank Bojarski, Mary Karpinski, John Smoczyk, Joe Sliva, Katherine Sliva, Anton Lato, Joe Slahotka, Joseph G. Jahn, Wiadeyslaw Horouniziak and Stanislaw Kosik, Thorp; Nellie Yenkot, Rose Olezewski, Louisa Flader, Frederick Flader, Sigmund Lentz, Caroline Szymczak, Joseph Malinowski and Emma Flader, Withee; Joseph Cochara, Willard, and Mary Szflarski, Neillsville.

Germany---Joseph Probst and Albert H. Bonk, Owen; Werner Jahnke, and Ferdinand Jahn, Neillsville; August Kindt, Greenwood, and Kasper Schaefer, Chili.

Yugoslavia---Theresa Lansha and Anton Furian, Willard; Adam Matanich, Granton, and Leopold Panchar, Greenwood.

Finland---Hilda Santala and Frieda Maki, Withee; Henry Johnson, Unity, and Arne H. Holopainen, Owen.

Lithuania---Charles Budrus, Eva Budrus, Anton Walteraitis, and Petras Witkus, Thorp.

England---Elizabeth Williams and William McKinlay, Oranton; William Neville, Neillsville, and Roger Hutton, Withee.

Norway---Krist Hellingson and Helene Hellingson, Greenwood; and Carl



Berg, Granton.

**MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD-MAY 28, 1970**-Submitted by Ken Wood.

**BETHEL STUDENTS GET DIPLOMAS AT ACADEMY**

Commencement exercises for Wisconsin's Academy's class of 1970, were held Sunday at the school auditorium in Columbus, Wis. The address was delivered by Paul C. Cannon, instructor in religion at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. The invocation was offered by K. J. Mittleider, president of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. R. E. Knutson, principal, presented the diplomas to the class of 60 members. The recessional was played by Malcolm Anderson of Marshfield.

Allen Witzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witzel, was one of the students graduating with honors. Don Pascoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Pascoe of Marshfield, was vice president of the graduating class.

Other students from this area who graduated are Kathy Baun, Margaret Castleberg, Peggy Howard, Linda Schroeder, Stephanie States and Ralph Zalabak.

Other events of the graduating weekend included the consecration service Friday evening, and the baccalaureate Saturday morning.

**MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD-SEPT. 11, 1941**-Submitted by Ken Wood

**COUNTY MATTRESS PLAN SOON TO BE CONCLUDED**

Meetings were scheduled at Marshfield, Pittsville, and Milladore yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the final "cleanup" of the Wood County mattress program, under which approximately 1500 farm people made 2500 cotton mattresses last spring and summer. Forty-five applicants still desire to make a total of 72 mattresses, according to County Agent H. R. Lathrope.

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### GENE TOONS

by Wendell Washer



He has a website on genealogy.

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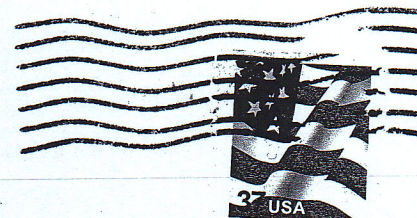
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