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Genealogists in the Marshfield area have been brought together thanks to the efforts of Karen Boerboom. Her notice in the MARSHFIELD NEW-HERALD asking for anyone "interested in their "Family Roots" to gather at the Beebee Forum Room of the Marshfield Library on February 9," was the beginning. "Fifteen genealogists were present for the first meeting.

" The second meeting was held March 8 at the Flame Room of the Wisconsin Gas Company. Again it was well attended and the interest shown in the group was very rewarding. The group is diversified in areas of research with many countries being represented.

Our next meeting is April 12 at 10:30 A.M. at the Flame Room of the Wisconsin Gas Company. This meeting is an important one as we will be accepting memberships and voting for officers to represent the group. We also need to decide what we want to accomplish as an organization and what it can do for us.

An evening meeting has been planned for April 19 at 7:30 P.M. at the Beebee Forum Room at the Marshfield Library to accommodate those who are unable to attend a morning meeting. The amount of interest shown will decide the necessity for further evening meetings.

NEWS FROM THE AREA

At our first meeting we discussed the proposed legislation that would make our genealogy more difficult. Many people wrote or phoned their legislators for more information on the bill and were told that no such legislation was upcoming. I found this article in the HEART O' WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER:

"...LaVera recieved acomplete copy of the bill ... The following is three paragraphs from a letter from Governor Anthony S. Earl to LaVera:

"The principal revision in Chapter 69 of the Statutes that would affect genealogists is a provision stating that only a person with a direct and tangible interest in a record of a birth occurring after October 1, 1907 can obtain a certified copy or photocopy of the record. Other parties may obtain name, sex, date and place of birth and parent's names, but the information may not be issued in a form that has the appearance of a certified copy.

The intent of the proposal is to limit the fraudulent use of another person's birth certificate for establishing a false identity, while at the same time maintaining the public availablity of basic birth information.

The secondprovision that clarifies already existing statutes states that the registrar can strictly control access to original paper records filed after October 1, 1907 in order to prevent mutilation, alteration and theft of these records."

Karen Boerboom has supplied the following letter translated into German for those of who are corresponding with people in Germany:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am interested in researching the family tree for the surname of _____. This person was my mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, great-grandmother, great-grandfather, great-great-grandmother, great-great-grandfather and was born _____, married _____, died _____ and came to the United States in _____. (This person was my husband's mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, great-grandmother, great-grandfather, great-great-grandmother, great-great-grandfather and was born _____, married _____, died _____ and came to the United States in _____.)

Is it possible you are related to this family? Any information you might have on this name would be appreciated.

Enclosed is a copy of the family tree I have developed for this surname so far.

Here are two international reply coupons for your postage. I hope to hear from you soon.

With friendly greetings,

Sehr geehrter Herr/Gnadige Frau,

Ich interessiere mich sehr, den Stammbaum der Familiennamen _____ nachzuforschen. Diese Person war meine Mutter, mein Vater, meine Grossmutter, mein Grossvater, meine Uhrgrossmutter, mein Uhrgrossvater, meine Uhruhrgrossmutter, mein Uhruhrgrossvater und war am _____ geboren, am _____ verheiratet, am _____ gestorben, und kam am _____ nach Amerika. (Diese Person war die Mutter, der Vater, die Grossmutter, der Grossvater, die Uhrgrossmutter, der Uhrgrossvater, die Uhruhrgrossmutter, der Uhruhrgrossvater meines Mannes und war am _____ geboren, am _____ verheiratet, am _____ gestorben, und kam am _____ nach Amerika.)

Könnte es sein, dass Sie zu dieser Familie verwand sind? Irgend eine Auskunft, die Sie von diesem Namen geben können, würde ich hoch schätzen.

Die Einlage in diesem Brief ist eine Kopie vom Stammbaum, wie ich ihn bis jetzt entwickelt habe.

Ich lege Ihnen auch zwei bezahlte Rückantworten für Ihre Postkosten bei. Ich hoffe von Ihnen bald zu hören.

Mit freundlichen Bergrüssungen,

GENEALOGY GROUP LIBRARY HOLDINGS

1. Every Name Index to the HISTORY OF MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN by the Marathon County Genealogical Society.
2. Early Birth, Marriage and Death Records from Rock County Court House compiled by members of Rock County Genealogical Society.
3. La Crosse Area Genealogical Quarterly--several issues of this newsletter are available:
 - Volume II No.1
 - Volume II No.4
 - Volume III No.3
 - Volume III No.5
 - Volume III No.6
 - Volume IV No.1-4
4. Index to Biographical History of LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Buffalo Counties, Wisconsin compiled by Millicent Zindel Hild.
5. Index to Rock County Wisconsin Probate Records Prior to 1909-10 compiled by Donald S. and Elsie E. Davis.
6. Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Reporter Vol. 15 No. 1.
7. Various California Newsletters.
8. Madison Phone Directory 1982.
9. Dodge County Plat Book 1982-83.
10. Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Phone Directory 1983.
11. Adams and Juneau Counties Phone Directory 1980.
12. Bluhm Family Genealogy Book by Doris M. Borkenhagen.
13. Consumers Resource Handbook Published by United States Office of Consumer Affairs.
14. Family Folklore-Interviewing Guide and Questionnaire by the Office of American and Folklife Studies of the Smithsonian Institution.
15. What to Say in Your Genealogical Letters by J.R. Gobbie.
16. What to Do With Your "Roots". (Now that you've dug them up!) by Doris Cline Ward.
17. Surname Query Index for Monroe, Oneida and Jackson Counties.
18. Index to Hillside Municipal Cemetery, Marshfield, Wisconsin compiled by The "Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society".
19. Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point Area Research Center.

The following items have been donated for the use of the group:

Don Schnitzler has donated:

1. The Family Heritage Book of the Schnitzler Family by Beatrice Bayley. This is a fine example of "rip-offs" in the genealogy field.
2. The Genealogical Helper-all six 1983 issues.

Susan Weber has donated:

1. Centennial Book from the Town of Day 1881-1982.
2. Rand McNally World Atlas.
3. Marathon County Atlas 1982.
4. Marshfield City Directory 1975.

Any donations to our genealogy group library will be greatly appreciated. One of the strengths of a group is the amount of research material that is available for its use. These materials may be checked out only by members of the group.

Also needed are report covers and file folders. We have a complete set of the newsletter from the Marathon County Genealogical Society which is loaded with information. These will be available to the group as soon as I can get them in covers.

OBITUARY from the MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD, March 31, 1984:

ALFRED B. STRAUB
Edgar--Services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at the Kraemer Funeral Home and at 2 P.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, both Marathon, for a former Edgar resident, Alfred G. Straub, 79, who died Thursday noon in Marathon.

Mr. Straub, a Marathon historian, genealogist and cane maker, became interested in the history of Marathon in the 1950's and wrote the village's history for its centennial in 1957. Copies have been given to the Wisconsin and Marathon County Genealogy societies and the Marathon County Public Library.

While tracing family trees, he found he could help identify persons who may have inherited a rare disease, who could die if administered an inhaled anesthetic. Through his research, he found the disease was carried through two Marathon-Halder families joined through marriage and was credited with saving five to 10 lives. He also was known for making canes for area people.

Mr. Straub was born May 20, 1904, in St. Kilian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Katherine) Straub. The family moved to Edgar in 1915. He and Evelyn Ritger were married May 28, 1935. She died Dec. 11, 1975. He attended St. Lawrence College, Mount Calvary and graduated from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. He owned and operated Straub's Stores in Marathon from 1937 to 1960.

He was a member of the Marathon Senior Citizens and state and county genealogical societies, and a member of the Marathon School Board for 18 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Marcelyn) Hack, Wausau; three sons, Leon of Appleton, Fred of Wausau and Joseph of Mosinee; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Berg of Edgar, Mrs. Irene Martin of Schofield, Mrs. Marie King of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Armella Niedlein, Spencer; four brothers, Ben and Anton, both of Edgar, Roman of Marshfield and Wilmer of Spencer; and seven grandchildren.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group entitles you to all of the groups services. It includes a subscription to the newsletter that is published six times a year, free queries and surname listings in the newsletter, the right to check out any of the groups library holdings that are for circulation, the right to vote and help in making decisions affecting the group, notification of upcoming events in the area and notification of meeting changes.

DUES: Dues are \$7.00 and membership will be effective until May 1985.

If you are interested in becoming a member please fill out the form below and mail to: Mrs. Susan Weber
 M431 N. Drake Ave.
 Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

(If you are planning on attending the meeting on April 12 please bring the form with you instead of mailing it.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please include a list of the major surnames you are researching and your check for \$7.00.

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