



# KITH AND KIN



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The main order of business at our Annual Meeting on May 22nd will be the election of officers. A slate of candidates has been prepared by the nominating committee, Vicki Johnson and Florence Schutte. That list will be presented at the meeting, at which time nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

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## GENEALOGY GROUP DISPLAY AT NORTHWAY MALL SET FOR MAY 24 & 25

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group has been asked by the Northway Mall to set up a display and informational table, at the Mall, on May 24 and 25.

Similar to displays set up for June Dairy Days, we will bring along our library materials, old photographs, and completed family histories. Also Karen Boerboom will have her German phone books and 1880 Wisconsin Soundex on hand for use.

This is a great opportunity for us to promote the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and at the same time encourage others with an interest in family history to get started.

Your help is needed to man tables if this display is to be a real success. So if you can spend an hour, or two, helping to answer questions let Sue Weber or Schnitz know at our May 22nd meeting. At least two people should be at the table at all times.

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## PHOTO COPYING SESSION

On May 22nd, before and after the business meeting, Schnitz will be copying old photographs. The 50 cent cost per picture includes the negative and one 3 x 5 print.

Another photo copying session is not planned until late this fall. At that time, because of an increase in the cost of material and processing, the cost per picture will be raised to 75 cents. As in the past, any profit from these copying sessions will be put into the groups treasury.

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## NEWSLETTER INDEX

An every name index to *Kith and Kin*, Volume 2, is being prepared and should be available in July.

## President's Message

This will be my last opportunity to address you in this format. As such, I have to tell you how impressed I am with our group, and how pleased I have been to act as your president. Because of your help and assistance it was an easy undertaking. For that, I thank each of you.

I'd also like to commend the other officers, board members and committee chairpersons for their efforts this past year. Each of them has tried to do their best for you. I'm sure those efforts are appreciated.

I would also like to encourage each of you to remain actively involved in our organization. Share your experience or give of your time whenever possible. The continued success of the group depends on you.

Finally, I wish each of you success in your family history research. Make the most of the summer, get out and do some research, spend some time visiting relatives, and above all, have fun with your family tree.

Thanks again for this past year.

Joann

## ASSEMBLY BILL 427

The Wisconsin Assembly on Tuesday February 26th passed Assembly Bill 427, on March 25th the Senate also passed it.

Assembly bill 427 should simplify the recording methods of vital statistics in Wisconsin. It appears to basically provide for a state wide computer system for registration of birth, death and marriages. The original copy and duplicated microfilm copies will be kept at Madison -- one in the state registrar's office and the second in permanent storage for historical preservation. Computer accessible records will also be available locally.

Indexes of names, dates, sexes, places of birth, and parents names will be available in alphabetical order by blocks of years, hopefully making research easier.

After addressing concerns of genealogists and others the State Genealogical Society supported the bill.

## RED & WHITE LABELS

Gloria Spindler, fund raising chairperson, is happy to inform you that we have collected our first 1,000 Red & White labels. These have been turned into the company and we should have a \$30 check to put toward the purchase of a book for our Library soon.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
STEVENS POINT AREA RESEARCH CENTER**

The Stevens Point Area Research Center (ARC) is administered by the Library of the UW-SP. The Center's permanent holdings of archives and manuscripts include the records and papers of a variety of individuals, organizations, businesses and local governments in a twelve county region of central and northern Wisconsin. These counties are: Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood.

Among items of interest to family history researchers are: Pre-1907 indexes to Wisconsin Vital Records, Census records, Naturalization records, and local tax records.

The Archives is open daily, Monday through Friday, 8-12 and 1-4:30. The Documents room is open daily, Monday through Friday, 8-4:30.

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**MaraWood Historical Society  
Plans Exhibit at Stratford**

Stratford residents are currently planning activities to commemorate the 95th birthday of their community. The celebration is scheduled for June 6, 7, 8.

The MaraWood Historical Society is at work preparing a historical display that will attempt to take you back to those "good old days" our ancestors knew so well. Whether your ancestor worked as a logger, farmer or businessman, you will find this exhibition well worth a visit. The display will be located in the American Legion Hall, Stratford.

**QUERIES**

*The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Queries for non-members will be published for \$1. Please submit one query at a time. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name and address. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.*

**BUCKMAN- HALL- SHOBUTTE- LASARGE**

Seeking information on George BUCKMAN, a former Marshfield pharmacist, nephew of Elizabeth Wirth HALL of Wausau (both believed to be deceased). Also seek information on Joseph SHOBUTTE, b. 16 March 1852 at Quebec, m. Emma LASARGE, yr. unknown, Port Edwards, WI, d. Mosinee, WI. Any relatives or information appreciated.

Contact: Kathy Hall Torkelson  
1416 E. Fremont St.  
Appleton, WI 54915

**SPENCER- VANDERVORT- GITMAN**

Seeking info on and descendants of Caroline Mae SPENCER, b. 8 May 1868 Hague, NY, d. 28 Mar 1918 Ismay, Montana, m. 8 Oct 1887 at LaGrange, Monroe Co., WI to Alfred E. VANDERVORT, son of Cornelius and Julia Ann (Gitman) VANDERVORT, b. 20 Jul 1865, d. 1 May 1917 Ismay, Montana. Children of Alfred and Carrie VANDERVORT were: Pearl E., Worden C., and Walter S. (also known as TED). Any info appreciated.

Contact: Donald H. Schnitzler  
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## NEW MEMBERS

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## 1986-87 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Just a reminder! The membership renewal form attached to your last issue of *Kith and Kin* is more than just a renewal form.

When completed, the form is used to update our Surname Index, plan topics for upcoming programs, provide a guide for news items used in the newsletter, and suggest places that would be beneficial to exchange our newsletter with. It does quite a lot.

To be truly effective, we do need these forms returned. If you haven't returned your renewal form yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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## SURNAME INDEX

The 1986 Surname Index is being updated for publication at this time. If you would like to add additional surnames, please do so as soon as possible. Planned publication is for some time in July.

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## MARATHON COUNTY CEMETERY INDEX

The Marathon County Genealogical Society has announced its publicat-

ion of an Every Name Index to the Marathon County Cemetery Inscriptions. The *Inscriptions*, bound into eight volumes include 102 Marathon County cemeteries and 30 cemeteries within 3 miles of the Marathon County line in neighboring counties.

The Index, including 67,000 surnames, immediately gives you a list of all persons of each surname (or variation) as well as given name. It tells you in which cemetery each of these persons are buried and in what volume and page the inscription of tombstone can be found.

Copies of Marathon County Cemetery Inscriptions can be found at the Marathon County Public Library at Wausau and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.

The Index volume is soft cover, 320 pages, 8 1/2 X 11, price \$10 including sales tax and mailing costs. It is available through the Marathon County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1512, Wausau, WI 54401.

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## FAMILY REUNION BOOK

*Better Homes and Gardens* has begun a new regular feature called *Family Network*. In the May issue they are offering a book that is apparently free to coincide with the presidentially declared "Family Reunion Weekend" the first weekend in August. The booklet will include "everything from how to trace a family tree to planning a foolproof reunion." Write: *Better Homes and Gardens, Family Network*, P.O. Box 10237, Des Moines, IA 50336--from the *North Pines Genealogy Group Newsletter, North Pines News*.

## LITHUANIA RESEARCH SITES

Several institutions in the U.S. can help in researching Lithuanian roots.

The University of Pennsylvania, 3420 Walnut, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 has 4,000 volumes on the history of Lithuania.

The University of Kansas, Spenser Research Library, Lawrence, Kansas 66045 has medieval history.

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 Archer Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60632 is the largest Lithuanian resource and research center outside of Lithuania. In addition to the more than 20,000 volumes and 500 rare books, the museum library has a card file of 1900-1979 death notices in Lithuanian newspapers.--from the *Tri-State Trader, Genealogy Section*.

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## AS A COURTESY

Always send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to anyone to whom you write asking for information. Also, always acknowledge receipt of information sent to you.

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## LOCATING GERMAN PLACE NAMES

For locating German place names the following is highly recommended. *Meyers, Orts-Und Derkehr-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs* (three volumes) Leipzig und Wien, 1912. On microfilm at the Genealogical Society of Utah and its branch libraries the film numbers are: F-496,640 (place names A-K), F-496,641 (L-Z).

## SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS AS A GENEALOGICAL SOURCE

Records held by the Social Security Administration may provide information on your deceased direct ancestors not available elsewhere. Because applicants for social security needed documentation of their birth to prove their age, these records are invaluable. If your ancestor lived past 1935, chances are good you may find a social security file in his/her name.

If you would like information from the Social Security Administration, either an application for a number or a claim for benefits, you must provide the deceased persons Social Security number or identifying information and a copy of the death certificate. You should also briefly explain what information you need and that it is not available anywhere else. Responses take about three months.

The address to write is: Office of Central Records Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Box 57, Baltimore, MD 21235.

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## PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS

The Pennsylvania Vital Records System requires the payment of a \$4 fee for each certified copy of birth certificates and a \$3 fee for each certified copy of death certificates. The fee must be paid before a certificate can be prepared and mailed to you. The address is: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16103.

## REGIONAL ARCHIVES-CHICAGO

The Federal Archives, Chicago Branch, 7358 S. Pulaski Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629, is open for research by reservation only. The center contains all extant census returns for the United States through 1910; Soundex for 1880 and 1900, 1910 for 21 states only; Index and Revolutionary War Rolls; Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Illinois 1862-66; Indian Census Rolls 1885-1940; and some ships passenger lists.

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## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN BUDGET CUT

Recent statewide budget reductions cut the State Historical Society's library book purchase budget by \$22,200. Since the average book purchased in the last three years cost \$23.50, they are asking for some help from Society members and others who use their collections at Madison and throughout the Society Network. A donation of \$5 from many people could erase the budget reduction. You can send your tax-deductible donation to: Buy A Book, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706--*from the Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter, Gems of Genealogy.*

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## HOLLAND RESEARCH TIP

If your ancestors came from Holland, and you wish to inquire abroad, the address of the Central Archives in Holland is: Algemeen Rijksarchief, Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 20, 2509 LM's Gravenhage, Holland. Holland also has the central bureau for Genealogy, there address is: Central Bureau

voor Genealogie, Postbus 11755, 2502 AT's, Gravenhage, Holland. They work closely with the archives. A quick response should not be expected as they handle about 7,500 queries per year. The staff can recommend a paid researcher if needed.--*from the Tri-State Trader, Genealogy Week.*

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## CANADIAN VITAL RECORDS

**Ontario**--Civil Registration began 1 July 1869. Fee \$5. Address: Deputy Registrar General, MacDonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1Y5.

**Quebec**--Records complete from 1926. Inquiries for older records referred to Archives, Nationales du Quebec, the Protonotary of the judicial district concerned, or to the relevant church. Some records date back to 1621. Fee: \$5. Address: Registrar General, Population Register, 845 Ave. Joffre, Quebec, PQ G1S 3L8.

**New Brunswick**--Records complete from 1920 and incomplete 1888 to 1920. A few county records prior to that date are retained. Fee: \$25. Address: Registrar General, Vital Statistics Division, P.O.Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1.

**Nova Scotia**--Vital Statistics are available for 1864 to 1876. Fee: \$10. Address: Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 6016 University Ave., Halifax, NS B3H 1W4.

**Saskatchewan**--Records complete from 1920, incomplete 1878 to 1920. Fee: \$10. Address: Vital Statistics, Dept. of Health, 3211 Albert St., Regina, SK S4S 0A6.

--*from the Tri-State Trader Genealogy Section.*

## IRISH RESEARCH

A *Free* booklet, "Tracing Irish Ancestors" can be obtained by writing: Irish Tourist Board, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

For those researching Northern Ireland, the *Free* booklet, "Ulster Ancestry" can be obtained by writing: Northern Ireland Tourist Board, River House, 48 High Street, Belfast, BT 12DS.--from the Clark County (Washington) Genealogical Society Quarterly, Trail Breakers.

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## MASSACHUSETTS RESEARCH

Massachusetts was the first state in the Union to establish laws governing public record keeping. The State Library of Massachusetts, 341 State House, Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133 will honor requests by mail. Copies are 15 cents per page, a maximum of 15 pages or a minimum of \$1.00. Also, the Massachusetts State Archives, State House, Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133, now has custody of vital records from 1841-1890, including all adoptions and illegitimate births. These are open to the public.--from the North Pines Genealogy Group Newsletter, North Pines News.

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## COLORADO RESEARCH

The Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203-2165 has a 40 page pamphlet, "Guide to the Genealogy Division of the Denver Public Library." The cost is \$2.60 ppd., and the library advises they will do research for a fee.--from the Illinois Genealogical Society Newsletter.

## EAST GERMAN RESEARCH

Some success has been reported in receiving information from the German Democratic Republic about villages of origin in that region. Responses to inquiries are not always forthcoming, however. One response provided eight birth and marriage records dating back to about 1764, for a billing of \$13. Help has come from the Central Office for Genealogy in the DDR. The following approach is suggested (but not guaranteed): Give exact name of ancestor, date of birth or marriage and exact village. Offer to pay a fee (there will be one) but don't send money. Send at least two international reply coupons. *And never refer to East Germany.* Address: Zentralstelle für Genealogie in der DDR, DDR-7010 Leipzig, Gerogii-Dimitroff-Platz 1, German Democratic Republic. (Letters can be written in English, but all records and reply received were in German.--from the Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter.

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## HUNGARY RESEARCH TIP

Baptismal records in Hungary were kept as early as 1515, on order of the Diocesan Council of Veszprem. Parish records have been transferred to the state Archives in Budapest. For information, contact: Information Officer, Hungarian Embassy, Washington DC.--from the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Newsletter.

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## ORAL TRADITION DEFINED

Belief, legend, or custom handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth.

1878 ATLAS OF WISCONSIN  
Patron's Directory for Wood County

(Continued from Kith and Kin, Vol. 2, No. 6)

Town of Seneca

- Perkins, Charles, Sec. 20, Farmer and Cranberry Culturist, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1859, Centralia P.O.  
Ray, John, Sec. 19, Supervisor, Millman, and Farmer, born Chenango Co., New York, came to Wisconsin 1855, Centralia P.O.  
Rozell, Wm. N., Engineer and Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1856, Grand Rapids P.O.  
Van Hooser, John P., Sec. 2, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1869, Centralia P.O.

Town of Sigel

- Claus, Christian, Sec. 18, Farmer, born Germany, came to Wisconsin 1863, Centralia P.O.  
O'Neil, Miss Jane, Teacher, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1862, Jenny P.O.  
Pike, John, Sec. 13, Farmer, born Sweden, came to Wisconsin 1852, Centralia P.O.  
Voyer, Oswald, Sec. 25, Farmer and Lumber, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1863, Centralia P.O.

Town of Wood

- Bennett, Nathaniel, Sec. 12, Farmer, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1861, Pittsville P.O.  
Blakely, A. M., Sec. 24, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1857, Pittsville P.O.  
Bucknell, John, Sec. 24, Farmer and Gardener, born England, came to Wisconsin 1867, Pittsville P.O.  
Dawes, J. E., Sec. 24, Farmer, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1850, Pittsville P.O.  
Eighme, A. C., Sec. 14, Farmer, came to Wisconsin 1867, Pittsville P.O.  
McDougal, F. E., Sec. 34, Farmer and P.M., born Louisiana, came to Wisconsin 1846, Pittsville P.O.  
Olds, J. A., Sec. 21, Farmer, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1870, Pittsville P.O.  
Pitts, Susie E., Teacher, born Wood County, Wisconsin 1858, Pittsville P.O.  
Pitts, Oliver W., Sec. 14, Farmer, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1865, Pittsville, P.O.  
Pitts, Thomas W., Sec. 34, Surveyor and Mill, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1858, Pittsville P.O.  
St. Germain, Oneil, Sec. 3, Farmer, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1855, Pittsville P.O.



Town of Wood (con't)

Severns, J. Q., Sec. 27, Farmer and Surveyor, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1847, Pittsville P.O.  
 Smith, I. M., Sec. 14, Farmer, born Illinois, came to Wisconsin 1849, Pittsville P.O.  
 Smith, Gilbert, Sec. 22, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1856, Pittsville P.O.  
 Tarbox, B. R., Sec. 15, Farmer, Hotel, and Blacksmith, born Penobscot, Maine, came to Wisconsin 1850, Pittsville P.O.  
 Vaughn, J. W., Sec. 27, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1852, Pittsville P.O.  
 Woodford, Jas., Sec. 27, Farmer and Geologist, born England, came to Wisconsin 1844, Pittsville, P.O.

## Patron's Directory for Marathon County

Town of Mosinee

Blair, C. S., Sec. 29, Mosinee Village, Hotel, born Wisconsin 1856.  
 Dessert, Joseph, Sec. 29, Mosinee Village, Lumberman, born Canada came to Wisconsin 1844.  
 DeMers, F. L., Mosinee Village, Merchant and Postmaster, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1856.  
 Despina, F. J., Mosinee Village, M.D., born St. Francis, came to Wisconsin 1848.  
 Hughes, John, Sec. 28, Farmer, born Wisconsin 1853, Mosinee P.O.

Town of Spencer

Mann & Co., Sec. 26, Mannville Village, Lumber and General Mdse., born New York, came to Wisconsin 1854.  
 Watters, Wm., Sec. 26, Mannville Village, Proprietor Watters House, born New Brunswick, came to Wisconsin 1856.  
 Wright, W. H., Spencer Village, Lumberman, born Alleghany Co., Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1858.

Town of Texas

Callon, John T., Sec. 19, Lumber Merchant and P.M., born Ireland, came to Wisconsin 1854, Trapp P.O.

Village of Wausau

Bowen, Harvey, Hotel, born Ontario Co., New York, came to Wisconsin 1850.  
 Collins, W. F. Clerk, born Wisconsin 1850.

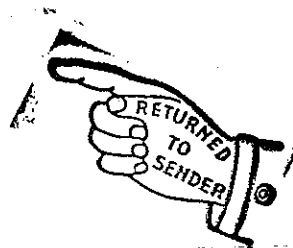
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\* \* \* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \* \* \*

- Thurs. May 22.....Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Annual Business Meeting. Election of officers of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, Treasurer's Report and Committee activities reports. Organizing your Family History. Sue Weber, will review a numbering system used to keep your family records in order.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. June 26.....What to say in your Genealogical Correspondence and How County lines were formed. Deanne Reyer will suggest various techniques to use when writing for family information from relatives, libraries, or a governmental agency. Deanne will also describe how county lines have changed over time, and how counties were formed.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. July 24.....Program to be announced.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. Aug. 28.....No regular meeting. Open House at Sue Webers for use of Microfilm reader, Copy machine and Library. Times will be announced.

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