



# KITH AND KIN



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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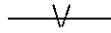
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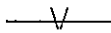
## AUGUST MEETING CANCELED

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group meeting for 26 August 1993 has been **canceled** due to the death of an out of town family member. The group's condolences are extended to the Schnitzler family on the death of his uncle.



## APOLOGY FOR LATE NEWSLETTER

An apology is made for the delay in getting the newsletter out. Some material included is dated. Much of the material is current. BUT look for dates.

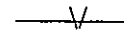


## KITH AND KIN NOW ON COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM

The Marshfield Area Genealogical Group newsletter, *Kith and Kin* will be available on a computer bulletin board system (BBS) on a delayed basis. The text files (in ASCII) used to put the newsletter together will be placed on the Twilight Zone Bulletin Board, Auburndale, Wisconsin a few months after the newsletter is sent out to members. Those with a computer and MODEM may download the files at 715-652-2758. *Kith and Kin* volume 9 may be found in the Genealogy Files area number 490 as a file MAGG\_9.ZIP. Any comment or questions should be addressed to the *Kith and Kin* newsletter editor.

## SEPTEMBER M.A.G.G. MEETING TO BE FIELD TRIP TO MARATHON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

The Marshfield Area Genealogical Society meeting on Thursday, 23 September 1993 will be a Field Trip to the Marathon County Historical Society Library, 403 McIndoe, Wausau, Wisconsin, telephone 715-848-6143. McIndoe is about 6 blocks north of the Wausau Center. There will be a car pool leaving from the front of the Marshfield Clinic at 6 p.m. *SHARP!* If you plan to go directly to the Marathon County Historical Society Library, you should be there by 7 p.m.



## COMPUTER GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP of CENTRAL WISCONSIN

The Computer Genealogy Interest Group of Central Wisconsin will participate in the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Meeting in Milwaukee on Saturday, 16 October 1993. For more information see page 8.

On Saturday, 6 November 1993, the Computer Genealogy Interest Group of Central Wisconsin will meet at the Area Research Center (ARC) in Stevens Point. There will be a presentation on **Using Bulletin Board Systems for Genealogy** at 9 a.m. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the Area Research Center (ARC) will be open and available for research. Contact: Lou Hacker at 715-387-6979.

## 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 and 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 G-620. 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. Organizational membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year membership includes all current volume issues.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING "KITH AND KIN"

The contents of our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group. While every attempt is made to include only reliable information, you should be aware that notices given in our newsletter are for information only and are not necessarily a recommendation. All trademarks and trade names are the property of their respective holders.

## WHAT IS

## A COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD?

---by Louis Charles Hacker

One individual upon hearing that there was a computer bulletin board in Auburndale, Wisconsin, not far from Marshfield, started to look for a bulletin board. Not finding a bulletin board the individual started to look at the billboards. Later when I was discussing the computer bulletin board, the confusion was cleared up. What is a computer bulletin board?

A computer bulletin board or bulletin board system (BBS) is a computer that operates with a program and a modem to allow other computers with modems to communicate with it. Often BBSs operate around the clock.

If you have a modem and a communications program with your computer, you can call bulletin board systems by phone. These let you use electronic mail to make contact with other people. Some bulletin boards have genealogical conferences with messages from people all over the world. You can often get genealogical and other programs from bulletin boards. You can thus use bulletin boards to make contact with other people researching the same family, or to get help with research problems.

## MODEM

A **modem** is a MOdulator/DEModulator, a device that allows computers to talk to each other by telephone. Modems operate at different speeds which are usually measured in Bits Per Second (bps) - a single character such as the letter A is 8 bits, and with other control bits you can say that 10 bits per second is roughly one character per second. Most cheap modems nowadays transmit at 2400 bps (about 240 characters per second). You may want a faster modem. If you buy a modem, make sure it has the international standard V32bis. Some older modems are slower, and the slower ones are not all supported any more. You can use a modem to call bulletin boards, and make contact with other researchers.

August 23, 1993

Dear Members,

Hopefully you have had time to get out to the cemeteries and do some checking. It's amazing what you can find.

A reminder of the upcoming Joint Meeting which will be held on September 25 in Wausau. This proves to be an excellent resource of information as well as an excellent opportunity for you to purchase books, maps, and other research materials.

Anyone who has necrology file cards please get them to Vicki Johnson. She is also looking for help for the winter Genealogy Day program. Please contact her if you can help.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa hosts two genealogy conferences this fall. GENCON93 the computer genealogy meeting is on September 10-11, 1993. For information call 1-800-735-5557 ext. #20. The "International Culture Genealogical Conference" will be held in Cedar Rapids on October 28-31, 1993, brought to the area by the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society Intl. and Czech & Slovak Museum & Library of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Call 319-362-8500 for information.

The Watertown Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all day seminar, Saturday, October 2, 1993. For more information call Elaine Smith, 414-261-0943.

At the invitation of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society our Computer Genealogy Interest Group of Central Wisconsin is cooperating in the WSGS fall meeting, Saturday, October 16, 1993 at Milwaukee. The meeting will be devoted to computer genealogy and will feature George Archer as speaker.

Good luck in your genealogical research.

Sincerely,

Jane Braun, President

## QUERIES

*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 piece of paper with your name address [and telephone number]. *Kith and Kin* reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

### BAUER-BAUR

Searching for information on Peter BAUER (BAUR) born in town of Herman, Dodge County, Wisconsin, 29 September 1856.

Contact: Jane Braun  
N-7987 CO HWY O  
GREENWOOD WI 54437  
Telephone 715-267-7377

Looking for information old mines and mining accidents in Upper Michigan, especially in the Allouez, Michigan area.

Contact: Arlene Schultz  
RR 2 BOX 778  
COLBY WI 54421  
Telephone 715-223-2910

### MAYER-SCHNEIDER

Would appreciate any information on Lizzie MAYER who married Carl SCHNEIDER in the St. Paul area between 1907-1912. Looking for descendants.

Contact: Frank and Betty(Hoffman(n))Schuster  
6153 HWY E NORTH  
PITTSVILLE WI 54466  
Telephone 715-884-6821or  
(days WISCO)715-387-3418

### KUEHNER-BALK

Looking for info on Nichalaus KUHNER, born 12 July 1824, died 9 December 1901. He married Basina BALK in 1871. She died in May of 1936. Both were born, lived and died near St. Lucas, Iowa. Any information please.

Contact: Denis Kuennen  
1112 BRIARWOOD ST  
MARSHFIELD WI 54449  
Telephone 715-387-2246

### BODENDORFER-BADENDOERFER- BODAH-GESSERT

I am interested in collaborating with anyone searching BODENDORFER (BADENDOERFER), BODAH or GESSERT families.

Contact: Irene Johnson  
2011 PECAN PKY  
MARSHFIELD WI 54449  
Telephone 715-384-3689

### VATER-LAUE-GRUENISEN-SCHMITT- SCHOENSIEGEL

Need ancestry in Germany of Fredrick VATER (a weaver), born 1 January 1814; his wife Fredricae LAUE, born 6 February 1819 in Sittendorf Province of Saxony; Jacob GRUENISEN, born 22 October 1821 in Hesse-Darmstadt; Jacob's wife Jahonette SCHMITT, born 7 September 1819, daughter of Peter and Anna SCHMITT); Philipp J. SCHOENSIEGEL, born 30 August 1833.

Contact: Helen Mary Vater  
W. 3592 RIPLINGER RD  
LOYAL WI 54446

*Please remember to show your appreciation to replies by a "Thank You" note and return postage.*

### NEW MEMBERS

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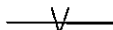
### NECROLOGY INDEX CARDS

Anyone who has necrology file cards, whether typed into the computer or not, please get them to Vicki Johnson, 500 S BIRCH, MARSHFIELD WI 54449, telephone 715-389-0523.

### LAST NEWSLETTER

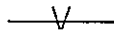
This is the last newsletter that you will receive unless your membership has been renewed. To help you, a renewal form was included on the last page of the last newsletter. If you need additional forms, they may be obtained from the secretary-treasurer, the vice-president, or by writing to the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, P O BOX 337, MARSHFIELD WI 54449-0337.

If your mailing label has been highlighted in green, your membership has expired and needs to be renewed. Also, please complete the Member Information form from the March-April *Kith and Kin*, if you have not do so, or use another sheet of paper for new surnames, queries and comments.



### THE BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture contains more than 25,000 titles (in Lithuanian and English) including current and historical periodicals, encyclopedias and yearbooks. They have an extensive map collection. They have a volunteer-genealogist who can handle research requests. Their quarterly newsletter is entitled *GENEALOGIJA*. Their address is Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S PULASKI RD, CHICAGO IL 60629. --extracted from *Reporter* (Milwaukee County Genealogical Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 24 (1993), p. 8.



### GERMAN WORDS ON TOMBSTONES

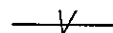
ehelich.....married  
gatt,gatte/in den.....spouse of  
geboren (geb.).....born  
gestorben.....died  
geheiratet (mit).....married to  
Heir Ruhet.....Here Lies  
hinterliess 2 kinder...leaves two children  
Sohn von.....son of  
Tochter von.....daughter of

--from *The Illuminator* (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 4.

### DUTCH NAMES

What does STYNTJE stand for? The Dutch diminutive suffix JE, attached to most feminine names as an expression of endearment, is pronounced as though spelled "IA." STYNTJE-SYNTJE thus becomes SYNIA and therefore CYNTHIA. A few more of the rather difficult ones are ENGELTJE-ENGELTIE with the English equivalent ANNE. Thus LEENTJE is MAGDALENA, LENA, LANAH; NEELTJE is CORNELIA, or NELLY, GRIETJE is MARGARET, TRYNTJE is CATHERINE, FRANCYTJE is FRANCES, and JANNETJE is JANE [JANET or JEANNETTE].

--from *Milwaukee County Genealogical Society via The Illuminator* (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 6.



### IOWA GAR FILE INDEX AVAILABLE

Iowa was one of the first states to organize the "Boys in Blue" into posts under the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) organization. The GAR was begun in Decatur, Illinois in 1866 and was intended to be fraternal and patriotic. Before the influence of the original Iowa GAR declined, the organization helped establish the Iowa Soldier's Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, whose cemetery became the final resting place for many civil war soldiers.

In its peak year, 1890, there were 435 GAR posts and 20,324 members in Iowa out of a national membership of 409,000. The Card Index File of the GAR is located in the Census Dept., Iowa Dept. of History and Archives, HISTORICAL BUILDING, DES MOINES IA 50319.

You may search the microfilmed records there, or the Census Department will search the file for you. A request, with SASE, should include the name of the veteran and the county to be searched, plus \$1.00 to help cover costs.

--from *Illinois Genealogical Society via The Illuminator* (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 8, No. 3 (1992), p. 10.

## **THINGS I WISH I KNEW WHEN I WAS GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY**

*This column is intended to include items, articles comments and quips on topics of interest to all genealogists from beginner to advanced. Please submit your thoughts and comments. Thanks!*

## **20 WAYS TO AVOID GRIEF IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

The following suggestions and recommendations will be helpful to beginners and hopefully will prevent misfortune when learning how to do genealogical research. Many of these tips are "old hat" to experienced genealogists, but it is always worthwhile to remind ourselves of the basics of sound research.

1. ALWAYS note the source of any material you photocopy. If the information is from a library book, note the name, author, date, publisher and also the library where you found the book, or photocopy the title page. Occasionally you will find that you need to refer to the book again, or photocopy more information from it.

2. Make photocopies or carbon copies of ALL letters you write. This will save you from wondering which of your correspondents' questions you answered already, and which of your questions they have or haven't answered.

3. Don't procrastinate in responding to letters or messages you receive. If you don't have time to write a detailed reply, send your correspondent a quick reply or postcard to acknowledge receipt and give him/her a rough idea of when a reply will be forthcoming. Then be sure to write back as you've promised to.

4. When searching for relatives in records, don't pass over the entries that are almost but not quite right. For example, if you are searching for the marriage of John Brown and Mary Jones in 1850, make a note of the marriage of John Brown and Nancy Smith in 1847: this could be a previous marriage in which the wife died shortly after.

5. When writing to libraries or genealogical/historical societies in your areas of interest, ask them for the names and addresses of out-of-print booksellers in the area. Write to the booksellers and ask if they have any old local histories or family histories pertaining to the area.

6. Don't forget to make frequent backups of your computer disks.

7. Store backup copies of your computer disks and photocopies of your irreplaceable documents in your safety deposit box or someone else's home.

8. Remember that "if it's in print, it ain't necessarily fact." Information in recently published local and family histories is often based on that from older published works. If the older books are incorrect, the erroneous information is simply repeated and further disseminated.

9. The earlier the time period in which you are researching, the less consistent our ancestors were about the spelling of their surnames. Also, many of them were illiterate and could not tell a record keeper how their names should be spelled.

10. Family traditions of close connections to famous figures are usually false, but there may be a more obscure relationship involved. Perhaps the famous person spent a night at your ancestor's country estate instead of (as the legend goes) marrying into the family.

11. Try not to let your research get behind. Establish a filing system for your papers (using file folders or 3-ring binders) and file each page of notes, document, photocopy, etc. as you acquire it. There are few things more disheartening than contemplating a foot-high stack of unfiled papers, wondering if the birth certificate you desperately need to refer to is somewhere in it.

12. Double-check all dates to make sure they are possible, for example, a woman born in 1790 could not be a mother in 1800.

13. Be on the lookout for nicknames. A request for a birth record for Sadie White may be rejected if the name on file is Sarah White.
14. Beware of mail-order promotions offering personalized genealogies of your surname with titles such as "The Amazing Story of the BLANK Family" or "The BLANK Family New World Registry." These are usually little more than computer-assembled lists of names from telephone directories. Notify the Better Business Bureau and consumers' advocate agencies when you encounter these -- let's put these people out of business permanently!
15. Don't assume modern meanings for terms used to describe relationships. For example, in the 17th century a step-child was often called a "son-in-law" or "daughter-in-law," and a "cousin" could refer to almost any relative except a sibling or child.
16. Remember that indexes to books rarely include the names of ALL persons mentioned in the book and, in addition, occasionally contain errors. If it appears that a book is likely to have valuable information, spend some time skimming its contents rather than returning it to the shelf after a quick glance at the index.
17. Be precise when making notes and especially when sharing information with others. Write dates using an unambiguous format: Americans interpret 5/6/1881 as 6 May 1881, but in many other countries it would be read as 5 June 1881. Always capitalize or underline surnames, some of which can be mistaken for given names, e.g., HENRY, HOWARD. Note place names in full, including parish or township, county, state or province, and country.
18. You will often encounter conflicting information and you will have to weigh it against other evidence to try to determine which is the most likely to be true. Periodically review and verify the conclusions you have reached concerning each of your ancestors' lives: this will help to prevent you from wasting time following blind alleys.
19. Place names and boundaries have changed constantly over the years. Always verify them in historical atlases or genealogical texts pertaining to the area. For example, the boundaries of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania have changed four times since it was first settled.
20. Whenever and wherever possible, advertise the surnames you are researching by submitting them to genealogical directories and surname lists published by genealogical societies that you belong to. This will put you in touch with others who are researching the same surnames, possibly for a much longer time. After all, the most rewarding genealogical research is that which no-one else has already done!  
--from Margaret M. Sharon, "20 Ways to Avoid Grief in Your Genealogical Research," *The British Columbia Genealogist*, (The British Columbia Genealogical Society) vol. 17 #1, Mar/1988 via (with some changes) the Florida Genealogical Society in their Journal, vol. 24 #2, Oct/1988 and The Twilight Zone BBS, Auburndale, WI file 20WAYGEN.ZIP.

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**2 OCTOBER 1993  
WATERTOWN GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR**

The Watertown Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all day seminar, Saturday, 2 October 1993 at St. Mark's Parish Center, 615 Jones St., Watertown. Arlene Eakle will be the featured speaker, talking on Pennsylvania Family Trees, "Arm Chair" Genealogical Research and Finding "Lost" Genealogical Resources. John Marvin will also speak on Czech Roots and Eugen Meier will talk on "Old Lutherans." The fee is \$18.50, lunch included, until 18 September. Then it goes up to \$23.50. For more information contact Elaine Smith, Watertown Genealogical Society, PO BOX 91, WATERTOWN WI 53094, telephone 414-261-0943.

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"There are some advantages to getting older ---sometimes you forget you have a bad memory."

--from *Newsletter* (Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington), (December 1990) p. 4.

# THE WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL MEETING

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 16 October 1993  
Milwaukee-West Quality Inn, 201 N Mayfair Rd (Hwy 100)

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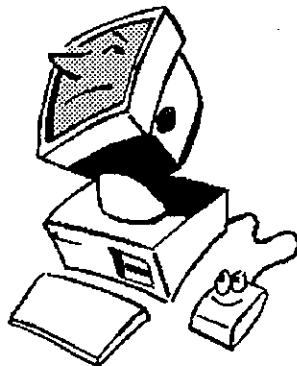
## Mr. George Archer

"Computers in Genealogy: An Overview of How to  
Use Them for Genealogical Research, Writing and  
Communication."

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*Admission FREE to WSGS members (bring your  
membership card). Donation will be requested of  
non-members.*

**BUFFET LUNCH - \$9.75** - Mail lunch reservations to: Kathleen Gosz, 2568  
Pebble Valley Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 by 9 Oct. Checks payable to  
"WSGS"



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Users Group, South Central Wisconsin PAF Users Group, Wisconsin  
Genealogical Council Computer Interest Group



## Joint Meeting - Return by 10 September 1993 Genealogy Workshop

Sponsored by  
The Marathon County Genealogical Society  
to be held  
Saturday, September 25, 1993  
Northcentral Technical College  
1000 West Campus Drive  
Wausau, Wisconsin

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: James L. Hansen**

James L. Hansen has been since 1974 the reference librarian and genealogical specialist at the Library of State Historical Society of Wisconsin. He is a nationally known speaker, having lectured on genealogical topics around Wisconsin and around the country, at the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives, and numerous conferences in the U.S. and Canada.

- 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. Registration (and time to browse)
- 1:30 - 1:45 P.M. Welcome
- 1:45 - 2:45 P.M. "Not Just Wisconsin - The Resources of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin"
- 2:45 - 3:00 P.M. Break (and time to browse)
- 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. "Getting Around in the Lost 1890 Census"

**Registration fee: \$5.00 in advance (\$7.00 at the door)**

Syllabus: A syllabus will be available at registration to those who have registered in advance.

Vendor tables and displays of genealogical products and information.

To receive directions to Northcentral Technical College please enclose SASE with your registration form.

Please feel free to make as many copies of this handout as you need.

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### Registration Form

Please return with your \$5.00 fee to:

Marathon County Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 1512, Wausau, WI 54402-1512

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thurs. July 22.....**Using Bulletin Board Systems for Genealogy**, what they are and how to use them will be presented by John Hrusovszky and Lou Hacker.  
7 p.m.  
Marshfield Clinic  
Conf. Rm. G-620

Thurs. August 26.....**Meeting CANCELED.** See page 1.

Thurs. September 23.**Field Trip to Marathon County Historical Society**, Wausau, Wisconsin. Car pool will leave from in front of the Marshfield Clinic at 6:00 p.m. *SHARP!*  
7 p.m.

Sat. September 25..... Joint Meeting. **Genealogy Workshop** at NCTC, 1000 W CAMPUS DR, WAUSAU WI. See page 9. *Register by 10 September 1993.*  
12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. October 16.....**W.S.G.S. Fall Meeting** at Milwaukee with George Archer.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. See page 8. *Register by 9 October 1993.*

Thurs. October 27.....**To be Announced.**  
7 p.m.  
Marshfield Clinic  
Conf. Rm. G-620

Sat. November 6.....**Computer Genealogy Interest Group of Central Wisconsin on Using Bulletin Board Systems for Genealogy, & Research Day at the ARC**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Please request books from the library one week ahead at 715-387-4044.  
PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.

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