

Kith and Kin

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I Hope everyone is enjoying the May flowers that April showers brought us. This time also brings the family together for graduations, confirmations and family reunions. Don't forget to bring your questions, pictures and notebooks along! Until next time,
Linda Berres

REMINDER

Dues for the 2004-2005 Membership Year were due May 1. Please send them in as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The Newsletter mailing list will be updated soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May meeting--How to research, document and restore an historic home will be presented by Shirley Mook. Annual meeting to include election of officers.

QUERIES

**August Fricke: Wed Minnie Ziemer in Manitowoc County WI January 8, 1876. Were divorced in Taylor County WI in 1894. Minnie had Ziemer name restored. She had 2 sons, Fred and George. In the 1905 Census August Fricke was working for William Lachmond in Town of Medford, Taylor County. In 1910 Census he was in the same area. Did Minnie remarry? What happened to August? Where did he die? When? If you can help contact:
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WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

This searchable database from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs “contains more than three million records of veterans and dependents buried in the VA’s 120 cemeteries since the Civil War. It also has records of some burials in state veteran’s cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery from 1999 to the present.” Search results include military branch and rank, service dates, and location of the grave site. <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

This site contains archaic medical terms and descriptions of more common causes of death in the past. There is also a list of epidemics in the US and the UK from 1350 to 1942. While these are mainly UK terms from a British doctor, many are also used in the US, particularly in the 1600-1900 era.

www.paul-smith.doctors.org.uk/ArchaicMedicalTerms.htm

Doing British research? A good site with an interesting newsletter is www.britishancestors.com

THE “HOW TO” COLUMN

SSDI points to remember.

1: Usually, a person whose name is found in the SSDI was employed, paid into Social Security and, at some time, applied for benefits. These could be old age pension or disability benefits. If no benefits were applied for the name will not be in the file.

2: The spouse of someone who paid into Social Security, but who never worked and contributed themselves, will not be in the file unless he or she received their spouse’s benefits after the spouse’s death, and even this is not 100% certain.

3: Persons who worked exclusively for the railroad will not appear

BE THE ANCESTOR YOU WOULD LOVE TO HAVE

Taken from “Roots and Branches”: British Ancestors Newsletter April 15, 2004

“Everyone within sight of this article is a descendant, and we all need help. We send out our signals, and sometimes we’re aided in a steady flow of:

1-Birth, marriage, death certificates (all in the right order).

2-Census returns following steadily on with suitable useful informative ordered 10 year additions.

3-Boxes of photos annotated and labeled with names and dates.

4-Wills that give the “nth” degree of sanguinary detail

5-Diaries containing blow by blow life accounts.

The rest of the time we root around looking for links, and marvel at the way our ancestors:

- 1-moved around without a "by your leave".
- 2-Married in obscure places.
- 3-Had six children baptized on the same day (ten years after said marriage).
- 4-Changed occupations at the drop of a hat.
- 5-Generally made it difficult for us, their descendants, to find them.

Why did they do this? They didn't consider us at all. They never gave a thought to becoming ancestors with anxious descendants searching for them. They just lived from day to day--much as we do, if you think about it!

A "proper descendant" should be thinking about becoming an ancestor, and making it easy for his/her descendant to know him.

I saw a cartoon with a dog sitting on top of his kennel (Snoopy) saying: "I was born one bright Spring morning at the Daisy Hill Puppy Farm. I was one of seven puppies, and my mother and father loved me. Those were happy days."

My daughter in law is a dog lover and she knows the full genealogy of all of her pets, my niece can tell you the progenitors of her Arab filly, but the average man in the street would be stumped if asked the name of his great grandfather.

And so I ask the question: "HOW RESEARCHABLE ARE YOU?"
"Will you make a good ancestor, the kind you'd like to have for yourself?"

I'm dedicated to becoming a 'finable' ancestor. My descendants may not want the journals, diaries, holiday accounts, annotated photo albums, boxed and dated negatives, filed certificates, floppy discs of this and that, but they're ready, and they satisfy a need in me to be available for my descendants, to be 'there' when they need me.

Fanatical? I'm the person they come to when they want to know who had chicken pox twenty years ago, and if a detective ever asks me where I was 'that night' I'll be able to tell him!

I'm joking but my reasons are important. My husband was only two years old when his father died aged 31. His mother remarried when he was four, and he was brought up in a loving, caring home. He did ask about his father but in the 1950's it wasn't the 'done' thing to talk about dead relatives, so he never really learned much.

When his mother died, and he became really interested in family 'delving', he saw there was no history at all for his father. All the information he had could be written on half a side of A4 paper in very large letters.

There is an indescribable pain in seeing a close ancestor reduced to half a sheet of 4A with no happy ending. To this day we have never found where his father was born but it was 22 May 1917.

Other mysteries include:

The visitor aged five in the 1881 census who stayed until her death twenty one years later, having her own income, the 'best of everything' and wearing velvet dresses. The young man of nineteen, taken from home by his father and left in the workhouse. The couple who had banns read but didn't marry until 30 years later.

I'm sure everybody has their unsolved family mysteries that could have been open and shut cases if a 'proper' descendant had been on hand.

REMEMBER THESE THINGS

**The beginning of this article is history by the time I reach the end.
Have photos taken even if it is a 'bad hair' day or a 'no hair' day.
Keep a diary/journal (or both when you're fanatical enough), and don't tear
pages out later!**

**Be secretive and private if you want to, but write your secrets down. When
you're gone it won't matter anyway.**

Start with 'I was born', let the story unfold, and tell it as it is.

You're the future ancestor of your unborn descendants.

TRUST ME IN THIS

**Everything unrecorded is the missing piece in the family jigsaw our
descendants will struggle to complete.**

**Family research needs a giving mentality. No one assigns chivvies or badgers
us. No one stands over us with threats. We just find the time and we do it from the
heart.**

I encourage you to be the ancestor your descendants long to have.

WHAT'S NEW IN PRINT/CDS?

**A new book, Isle of Canes is available from Genealogy.com. It is the historically
accurate account of a multiracial Louisiana family who, over four generations, rises
from slavery to rule the Isle of Canes.**

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Marshfield News Herald September 11, 1941

Jury List Drawn For October Term.

**Mark J. Ferrando, John J. Devine, Josephine Hager, and Herbert Martin-
Marshfield: Anna Ohm-Town of Arpin: Wilmer A. Dollinger and Wenzel Koller-
Town of Auburndale: Charles Worzella-Village of Aburndale: James Turner-Town
of Dexter: Willis McConnel and Irma Minor-Town of Cary: Harrison Kruger-Town
of Cranmoor: Martin Hoeneveld and Andrew Hubregtze-Town of Hansen: Anton
Sternweis-Town of Lincoln: Fred Bentz, Clarence McTavish and Ottila Menke-
Nekoosa: Ruby Larson and Ernest Manske-Town of Port Edwards: John Anderson-
Village of Port Edwards: William Bowden-Town of Remington: Charles Brey and
Minnie Ward-Town of Richfield: Ronald Lundberg-Town of Saratoga: Emma
Wipfi-Town of Seneca: Frank Stake-Town of Siegel: Oscar Adler, Howard
Anderson, Glen Athorp, Fred Bossert, George Casey, Ed Lipke, Lloyd Mathias,
And Pat Petereson-Wisconsin Rapids: John Horn Jr.-Town of Wood**

Marshfield News Herald September 11, 1941

47 Apply for Papers At Courthouse Today

United States citizenship is being sought by 47 petitioners of 14 nationalities at the September naturalization hearing being conducted at the Marathon County Courthouse this afternoon, According to an announcement made by Neal Jones, clerk of Circuit Court.

The hearing was scheduled to start at 1:30 PM before Judge George J. Leicht and to be conducted by C.R. Berg, St Paul district examiner for the Federal Naturalization and Immigration Service.

Applicants include Michael J. Tischler, Town of McMillan: Mrs. Mary Giles, Stratford: Mrs. Ida Dorfschmidt and Peter Wilmes, Town of Frankfort: Claus J. Nagel, Town of Hull: James Handrick, Town of Emmet, John Theurer, Town of Day: and Mrs. Friederike Schreiner, Town of Cleveland.

Marshfield News Herald August 27, 1970

Gasoline War Continues in Marshfield

The gasoline price war involving Marshfield's major and independent service stations will be two months old in a few days and there is no end in sight.

A spot check of service stations this morning showed the price of regular gasoline at the major stations in the city is at 39.9 cents per gallon, in most cases.

Prices at the independent stations remain in the area of 28 cents per gallon.

Marshfield Times June 7, 1901

SMALL-POX IS RAGING

One Hundred Cases Reported in Town of Rudolph

Spread to Grand Rapids Where There are Twelve Cases.

The small pox epidemic which has caused so much apprehension all over the state the past winter, and which was supposed to be dead, seems to have broken out again with increased violence and Wood county is now the infested region. It is reported from the town of Rudolph that there are at present over one hundred cases in the town, nearly the entire population of the eastern part of the town being infected. The disease has been known to exist there for some time past, but as the quarantine law has been disregarded, presumably through ignorance of the nature of the contagion, it has gained an alarming foothold throughout the country.

One of the Rudolph victims went to work as a domestic for a family at Grand Rapids while suffering with the disease, and at present twelve cases are reported at the county seat, among them the pastor of the M. E. church. The authorities at Grand Rapids are now on the alert and the most strenuous measures are being taken to prevent a further spread of the epidemic. Nearly all the cases are of a mild form and no fatalities have occurred as yet. The first symptom is a high fever followed by a deathly sickness and the disease develops in about a week. In the early stages the patient frequently fails to realize his condition and in this way the spread

of the disease is brought about.

There are as yet no cases in this end of the county but with the great amount of travel between this city and the county seat it is almost certain to reach us unless it is speedily wiped out. Absolute cleanliness is an excellent preventative and vaccination should be general.

Marshfield Times June 14, 1901

QUARANTINED RUDOLPH

The small-pox epidemic in the town of Rudolph is by no means abated and the cities of Grand Rapids and Stevens Point are making a strenuous effort to prevent further spread of the disease and have taken steps to exclude residents of the infected town from both cities. Special police are stationed on every road leading from Rudolph into Stevens Point and Grand Rapids with orders to turn back all comers and the small-pox district has been placarded by Stevens Point physicians, more than fifteen families including forty patients being now isolated. The number of cases in Rudolph variously estimated at from fifty to one hundred, but as yet no deaths have occurred. The disease is a very mild form, and patients in the early stages move about unrestrained.

Marshfield News Herald May 27, 1970

NEILLSVILLE TO GRADUATE 116 SENIORS THURSDAY

Neillsville High School will graduate 116 seniors at commencement exercises in the high school gymnasium Thursday evening.

Diplomas will be presented by I. W. Lauscher, school superintendent; Henry Lukes, principal and John R. Bertz, president of the board of education.

Lukes also will present awards to Barbara Schoengath, valedictorian; Janet Schiller, salutarian; and to Mary Austin, Lawrence Dux, Kathleen Felser, Judy Gerhardt, Julie Knoff, David Pischer, Kathleen Schoenherr and Virginia Vine.

The commencement address will be given by Barbara Schoengarth and Janet Schiller.

The vocalist will be Shelley Mulkholm, Ann Thompson will play the march, and the Rev. George E. Yons, pastor of the United Church of Christ, will give the invocation and benediction.

Members of the graduating class are: Douglas Alberts, Patrick Ampe, Jean Andersen, Judy Andersen, Darwin Anding, David Austin, Mary Austin, Mary Bauer, Dennis Bertz, Peter Bertz, Karen Beyer, Robert Beyer, Lois Boon, Arthur Brey, Margaret Byrne, Charles Cantrell, Roger Carl, Linda Cernik, Jeffery Chaltry, Larry Christie, Linda Davis, Brian Drake, Lawrence Dux, Shelley Dyer, Ernest Erickson, Kathleen Felser, Jeffery Foster, Virginia Frelk.

Judith Gerhardt, Mike Gilbert, Steven Goller, Rebecca Gress, Mary Grether, Lois Hagedorn, Louis Hagedorn, Calvin Hagen, Karen Hagen, Jeffery Hansen,

Randy Hauge, Mark Hemp, Norman Henneman, Gene Hohenstein, Olga Iwaszczenko, Sheryl Janicki, Merrill Jenkins, Lisa Jenni, Glenn Johnson, Kerry Karnitz, Janice King, Thomas Kingsbury, James Konkel, Julie Knoff, Susan Knoll, Patsy Kopp, Jerry Krehmeyer, Barbara Kren, Mary Kuchenbecker, Wesley Kuehn.

Barbara Kuester, Wendell Kuhn, Bernard Langreck, Donna Langreck, Marcia Lezotte, Gerald Lincoln, Marilyn Lindow, Jeffrey Luchterhand, Sharon Lueck, Mark Lyons, Connie Rae Marty, Charles Meier, Lynette Mitte, David Mohr, Shelley Munkholm, Melvin Nemitz, Terry Neville, Carol Nozar, Donna Olson, Cathy Patey, Patricia Perushek, Jan Pierce, David Fischer, Bruce Poehnlein, Bill Rakestraw, David Rakestraw, Mary Resong, Bradley Roberts, Barbara Sagen, Joseph Schield, Janet Schiller, Helen Schiltz, Wayne Schlegelmilch, Bradley Schmidt, Linda Schoen, Michael Schoen, Walter Schoen, Barbara Schoengarth, Kathleen Schoenherr, Karen Schultz, Etta Ann Smith, Eugene Spiegel, Nela Stacy, Sherri Sturtz.

Linda Tews, Timothy Thoma, Thomas Tibbett, Fikre Tolossa, Debra Urban, Bruce Vandeberg, John Vieau, Virginia Vine, Debra Wasserburger, Joan Worchel, Mary Zink, Wayne Ziegler, James Zschernitz.

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