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Official Newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

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Q R Codes of Historical Marshfield

What is a Q. R. Code? It stands for "Quick Response Code." It is similar to the bar codes on items that get scanned through a cash register at a checkout but it has the capacity to hold a lot more information, such as text, pictures and even video and audio. Q. R. Codes were first used in Japan by the Toyota automotive industry. Each car that would go through the assembly line was given a Q. R. Code, and each part that was used in that specific car had that code as a way of making sure the right parts and specifications were put together on that vehicle.

What does that have to do with the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group or the Q. R. Codes of Historical Marshfield?

The codes have now expanded and are used by a variety of companies and for an unlimited number of uses. Zoos and museums are using them at displays to give more information than what can go on a simple sign. Some cemetery stones are also now carrying a Q.R. Code that can be connected to information such as the obituary, a short story about the in-



Denise Sonnemann presenting the 9th Annual John Christner Historian Award to Vickie Schnitzler at this years Main Street Awards.

dividual or even their full family history.

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group's website is hosting a page for the Q. R. Codes of Historical Marshfield. It is a way to link stories and pictures of past businesses to the current business in that location. Although the project was started as a part of Marshfield's 125th Fire Anniversary celebration and just the downtown district, it has already expanded beyond Central Avenue. When completed, each story will have links to the other businesses that have at one time called that same address home or are somehow connected.

For her work on the Q. R. Codes of Historical Marshfield project, Vickie Schnitzler received the John Christner Historian Award on October 10th, 2012 at the Main Street Awards Celebration.

The award is given to "an individual or individuals who has made significant contributions to preserving our community's past and who are deserving of this local

history award." Check out the project at <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/QR-Codes-of-Historical-Marshfield.html>.



President's Message

Dear MAGG Members,

I can't believe that summer has past and the fall has almost joined it. With Hurricane Sandy hitting the eastern states, the weather doesn't seem to know what is normal anymore.

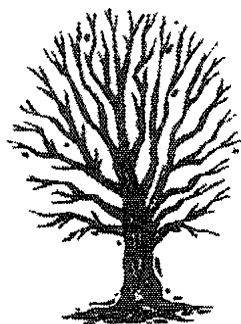
Even with the weather being confused, the "Genealogists" have been busy. Marshfield just hosted the WSGS 2012 Leadership meeting at the Marshfield Public Library on October 27th. Forty-one Genealogical and Historical officers of local and county societies from around the state gathered in the library's basement and spent a day sharing and learning about what it takes to have a successful society. It was a busy day, lots of talking, networking and sharing took place.

"Great Things That Are Happening" will also be at the Marshfield Public Library on November 11th starting at 1:00 p.m. until about 4 p.m. MAGG will have a table there next to a table for the QR Codes of Historical Marshfield. If you have time on the 11th come join us or at least come to the library to see all the other interesting groups in our community that will have tables there, too.

It just doesn't seem that Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, but if you have been in the stores, you can be reassured that they are. This is the time and season of family get-togethers, special food and of course, Christmas cards and letters. Don't forget to make your card or letter extra memorable by adding a picture of one of your ancestors or even your own family. In years to come they will become special keepsakes. Here's my wishing each and everyone of you a very safe and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Vickie

MAGG Officers and Committees



President: [Vickie Schnitzler](#) (2013)

Vice President: [Jennifer Witzel](#) (2014)

Secretary: [Jonah Jung](#) (2014)

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(Year office expires is in parentheses.)

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Our purpose is to provide meetings and programs of genealogical interest and to provide instruction in genealogical procedures. Also to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield area and/or relative to the people of the Marshfield Area.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December.

Membership Information

Our membership year is from May 1 to April 30. Individual membership per year is \$12.00 and a Family membership is \$15.00 per year. For hardcopy newsletter add \$6.

Membership Forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/>

[Membership_form_2011-2012.pdf](#)

and returned with payment to us at: MAGG, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

Index to Data Pages of Past Newsletters *(continued from previous newsletter)*

To find any of the following data pages, go to our website at <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/Past-Newsletters.html> and scroll down to the desired newsletter(s).

Citizenships

Citizenship/Naturalization Information for Clark and Wood Counties (from the Clark County Republican or the Marshfield Herald, 1883-1913) – Vol. 16, Is. 6, pp. 15-16. (Mar.-Apr. 2000)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Colby Phonograph, 10 Aug. 1893) – Vol. 19, Is. 6, p. 7. (Mar.-Apr. 2003)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Clark County Republican, 10 Nov. & 1 Dec. 1904 and 7 Dec. 1905) – Vol. 17, Is. 4, pp. 8-9. (Nov.-Dec. 2000)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield Times, 11 May 1910) – Vol. 19, Is. 5, p. 7. (Jan.-Feb. 2003)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Wausau Record Herald, 4 Aug. 1911) – Vol. 19, Is. 1, p. 9. (May-June 2002)

Citizenships (from Marshfield News, 17 Apr. 1913) – Vol. 20, Is. 5, pp. 4-5. (Jan.-Feb. 2004) and Vol. 20, Is. 6, p. 6. (Mar.-Apr. 2004)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield News Herald, 11 Oct. 1913) – Vol. 17, Is. 2, pp. 8. (July-Aug. 2000)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield Herald, 7 & 14 Mar., 19 & 26 Sept., and 3 Oct. 1914, 19 June, 9 Oct. and 4 Dec. 1915, and 9 Sept. 1916) – Vol. 17, Is. 3, pp. 8-9. (Sept.-Oct. 2000)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield Herald, 19 June, 9 Oct. and 4 Dec. 1915) – Vol. 17, Is. 5, p. 8. (Jan.-Feb. 2001)

Naturalization Papers Given (from Marshfield Times, 11 Apr. 1917) – Vol. 22, Is. 1, p. 10. (May-June 2005) and Vol. 22, Is. 2, p. 10 (July-Aug. 2005)

179 German Aliens List (Marshfield, Jan. 1918) – Vol. 24, Is. 4, pp. 4-6. (Apr. 2008)

Grand Rapids, WI Citizenship (from Marshfield Times 13 Mar. 1918) – Vol. 22, Is. 1, p. 9. (May-June 2005)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Pittsville Record, 1 May 1919) – Vol. 18, Is. 1, p. 6. (May-June 2001)

(Additional Data Page indexes from past newsletters will be listed in upcoming newsletters.)

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Vagabond Tales: The Rewarding Adventures Of 'Genealogy Tourism'

by [Kyle Ellison \(RSS feed\)](#) on Oct 10th 2012 at 12:00PM



The house pictured above is a very drab house. It's cold. It's empty. And no one has lived in it for over 120 years.

Sure, there is a fresh layer of green paint on the door, but that was put there by the neighbors. Why they did that I'm not sure, because this house was abandoned long ago.

This house isn't anything famous, and it isn't in a town you've ever heard of. This house is in Lecanvy, [Ireland](#), a one-pub village at the base of Croagh Patrick Mountain, 3 1/2 hours from the festive streets of [Dublin](#).

Nevertheless, this house is very important to me, because this was my great-great-grandmother's house, a woman who's family one day just decided to leave it all behind and up and leave for America.

Perhaps it's the rise in popularity of websites such as [ancestry.com](#), but for some reason "genealogy tourism" seems to be on the rise in the world's most famous "nation of immigrants," the [United States of America](#). Despite the fact that millions of families took the plunge to move to a foreign land, their children many years down the road have not relinquished the curiosity to learn more about where it is they came from.

I hunted down this house because I happened to be in town, but for many travelers this form of "reverse immigration" seems to be a sector of the travel market that's broadening in scope.

During a recent business breakfast in Hawaii, the conversation – as it frequently does with travel writers – turned to the topic of international exploits. The associate with whom I was sharing eggs and potatoes then decided to regale me with a tale from her recent trip to Sicily.

"I went there," she explained, "to search for my family. I knew the town they were from, I hoped that some remained, but I had no contacts and really was just hoping for the best."

Quaffing deeply from a heavily-sugared coffee you could tell from her raised eyebrows that the best part of the story was yet to come.

"For four days I had no luck. Then, on the fifth day, walking through the downtown square I saw a woman who may as well have been my twin. She noticed it too, apparently, as we awkwardly stopped to simply stare at each other. Between her basic English and my poor Italian, we nevertheless determined that she was my second cousin. Word went out amongst her Italian family, and the next weekend we had a gathering of over 50 family members who came from all corners of the country to meet their new family member. It brought me to tears."

While the Hollywood-script is pulled straight from a Lifetime movie, by virtue of her testimony I guess scenes like this really do happen. Or, on a more commonplace family hunt, what can also happen is you find yourself creeping through an abandoned driveway in the rural hamlets of western [Ireland](#), shivering and wet and failing to encounter any family members at all because they all up and left over a century ago – not exactly as rewarding.

Still, to be able to travel to a foreign land and peer into the history of yourself is a feeling far more rewarding than sharing a famous sight with hundreds of other tourists. Having found this old house (with help from my genealogy-loving aunt), even experiencing this cold moment in the driveway was good enough for me.

That was, until, I knocked on the door of Mr. O'Malley.

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Although the occupants of my family's house – the McEntee's – had obviously picked up and left some time ago, the manicured lawn of their neighbor, Mr. O'Malley, was evidence that some had opted to stay right here in [Ireland](#).

Going for broke, I figured that if anyone would know anything about the details of my Irish family I figured it may as well be the neighbors. I opened the creaky gate, inhaled deeply, and eventually I rapped three times on the bright red door.

No answer.

Damn.

Just as I turned to leave it all behind, the bright red door creaked slowly open to the warmth of a cheery old man.

"Allo!" came the Irish brogue, "are ya lost?"

"Umm, no. Actually ... this is really strange, but I think my family used to live right next door to you."



With a pair of squinty eyes and sporting a classic brown cardigan, Mr. O'Malley was wracked with confusion. Who is this weirdly-accented stranger standing on my lawn?

"McEntee was their name" I offered. "Name was McEntee."

With a delayed flip of the switch an air of recognition coasted across the wrinkles of his face.

"Ah yes," he stammered. "McEntee."

"So you know them?" chimed in my sister, a red-haired,



fair-skinned, reverse immigrant herself who now lives in the suburbs of [Dublin](#).

"No," he confided. "I don't. But when I was a boy in this same house me grandfather told me of the McEntee family who up and left for America. Sailed from the old dock down by the Westport harbor they did. Come inside, let's make some tea."

And so it was. I never got to bump into a long lost family member, but I somehow found myself looking at old photographs in the living of room of Mr. O'Malley's home, a cup of warm tea staving off the chill from the damp outdoors.

We later would stop near Westport harbor, imaging what it would have been like to leave your simple plot of land in Lecanvy behind, sailing westward into the setting sun towards a place you knew otherwise so little about.

Sometimes we travel to learn more about the world, and other times simply to learn more about ourselves. In this case it's to learn about exactly where we come from, and to walk in the upper branches of the extended family tree.

Have you ever engaged in any genealogy tourism, and if so, were there any great tales of discovery to be told? (from <http://www.gadling.com/2012/10/10/vagabond-tales-the-rewarding-adventures-of-genealogy-tourism/>.)

A Note from Vickie Schnitzler: I'd love to hear your stories (the readers of this newsletter) and share them with MAGG. Start writing or use a tape recorder, but save your stories and share them!

Finding Genealogy Records and Books on eBay

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 01, 2012

I purchased two genealogy books this morning. The books are both about my family name, although not about my direct ancestors. I have seen both books previously in libraries and am quite familiar with the contents. Today, I purchased my own copies on CD-ROM disks to keep on my computer as well as in my own private area "in the cloud."

Both books provide background information which interests me as well as may provide answers when other people contact me about their Eastman ancestry. Since I will copy both disks to my own password-protected area in the cloud, I will have them with me at all times. I can access them from home, from a laptop when in the motor home, at the gate at an airport, from the iPad from most anyplace, and even from my "smartphone" when at the grocery store. Admittedly, reading books on a tiny cell phone screen does offer a few challenges but reading them on a laptop, tablet, or other ebook reader is often more convenient than reading similar information on paper.

Best, of all: I am delighted with the price: \$10.95 for one and \$7.95 for the other. Those prices are much, much cheaper than purchasing reprinted books on paper (typically \$35 to \$200 and occasionally even more).

These books also will be easier to store, easier to access, and much more convenient to read wherever I am. For instance, later this morning I am going to the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. I won't be able to access these books for a few days until after I receive them. However, at future conferences when I meet a possible cousin, it will be possible to show the contents to that person within seconds on my laptop computer, iPad, or cell phone. Even better, it only requires a few seconds to copy-and-paste a few paragraphs or even a few pages into an email message and send that information to my new-found cousin. I can even do that while standing in the convention center at a genealogy conference!

In short, I carry my personal library with me at all times. Try doing that with printed books!



Perhaps one of the greatest overlooked genealogy resources is the huge "online garage sale" at eBay. For years before the invention of the Internet, I scoured flea markets and yard sales looking for old books, handwritten records, family Bibles, photographs, and anything else that would assist my search for ancestry. So, why not do the same with the online equivalent of yard sales and flea markets: eBay?

Indeed, old records and genealogy books are available by the hundreds on eBay. You can go to <http://www.ebay.com> and search for almost anything. I did a search on the word "genealogy" and found 61,677 items listed. Some eBay sellers apparently cannot spell too well: I also did a search on the misspelled word "geneology" and found another 362 items listed for sale!

Used book dealers who specialize in genealogy materials are finding that eBay is perhaps the best market for their goods. They can scan out-of-copyright books and then sell the books worldwide on eBay. Millions of people will have access to these books with a simple search, far more potential customers than will ever enter a store or even read a printed catalog. Best of all, out-of-copyright books can legally be scanned once, then sold multiple times to multiple customers. The result is far more profit for each bookseller.

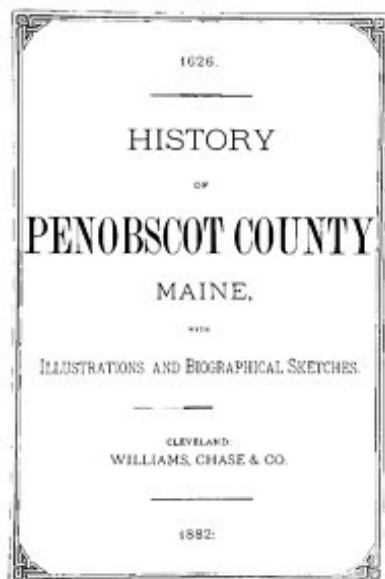
To be sure, the quality of genealogy material on eBay varies greatly, just like the items you find in yard sales and flea markets and even in used book stores. You can find books of all sorts, including printed books as well as books that have been scanned and are now sold on CD-ROM disks. A few digitized books are even avail-

able for direct online downloads within seconds after you make the purchase although CD-ROM distribution is still much more common.

You can occasionally even find original records. I once purchased the original 1907 tax records for the town of Corinna, Maine, hand-written by the municipal tax collector at that time. It shows my grandfather's farm listed with real estate valued at \$400 plus a personal estate of \$92. It states that grand-dad paid real estate taxes that year of \$10, personal estate taxes of \$2.30 and a poll tax of \$3. It also shows that his next-door neighbor never paid his assessed taxes, at least not in the year 1907. I hope that he paid them in arrears the next year.

By the way, I have no idea how official tax records of a town end up on eBay, or in a garage sale for that matter. I would assume that the records still belong to the town. In the case of the Corinna tax records, I scanned the pages that interested me and then donated the original book to the town.

As when searching through garage sales and flea markets, be prepared to sift through a lot of junk in order to find the gems of interest. You will find books, reprints of books, scanned books on CD-ROM disks, reprints of *Virkus' Compendium* (a series of pseudo-genealogy books printed from the 1920s through 1940s and generally considered to be worthless), genealogy software (always verify that you will receive a legal software license), family Bibles, and more. One



of the greatest treasures I ever found was a handmade coverlet made about 1840 by a man in my extended family tree, not a direct ancestor but a great-great-great uncle. The quilt included a handwritten letter from the man's granddaughter written in the 1930s describing her grandfather and

how she came to inherit the coverlet.

I have also found listings of CD-ROM disks that contain scanned images of all sorts of books, including a few that are still under copyright. Of course, selling copyrighted material is a Federal offense. Anyone doing so risks receiving an unpleasant letter from the copyright holder's attorneys. If you see such disks listed, you might drop a note to the seller. I have done that and have always received pleasant "thank you" messages in which the seller claimed that he or she did not know that the copyright was still in effect.

Scanning through other items listed on eBay shows that most everything genealogy-related can be found there. In fact there are so many genealogy-related items that there are too many to find by using a simple one-word search of "genealogy." Luckily, there is an easy solution: narrow the search down for specific terms by using more words.

I found my books this morning by performing an eBay search for "Eastman genealogy," which specifies the results to show any listings that have both those words in the titles. I found 43 items listed. Some were of interest while others were referring to items previously mentioned in this newsletter. However, searching through 43 items is much easier than searching through thousands.

Of course, you can search for other words. I have an interest in Penobscot County, Maine, genealogy, so I conducted a search for "Penobscot genealogy" in both titles and descriptions. (Four items were found.) You can use your imagination to find the items that interest you. You might also try searching for combinations of two, three, or more words.

Too busy to go to eBay every few days to find items of interest? There is an answer for you as well. eBay will automatically conduct daily searches for any words or combinations of words that you are looking for. If found, eBay will send an e-mail to you, listing the item(s) found. You do not even need to visit eBay at all until you find something to bid on. You can find more information at <http://pages.ebay.com/buyandsell/myebay>.

Of course, just like flea markets and garage sales, you
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Marshfield Draft Board Records 1917-1918 *(cont. from previous issue)*

At the fair, marched to the Omaha. Here they entrained with the Mellen company, which had not left their coaches and were transferred from the Soo to the Omaha.

The parade down the avenue was a most impressive sight and was witnessed by at least 10,000 people, citizens and fair visitors. The boys were a fine lot and even their civilian clothing could not hide the soldierly bearing their short training has given them. They evidenced our best manhood, men who are looking modern warfare straight in the face and will not flinch at any task they are called upon to perform. At the depot thousands of dear ones and friends were waiting to bid them goodbye and good luck in the service into which they are making active entrance.

Following is the roster of Co. K:

Commissioned Officers-

Capt. Wm. J. Mittelsteadt
First Lieutenant Fred Braem
Second Lieutenant John Kohl

Non-Commissioned Officers-

First Sergt.—Theo. Witt
Mess Sergt.—Adolph Mittelsteadt
Supply Sergt.—Geo. Stauber
Sergeants - William Mass, Columbus Vannedom, Archie Lant, Hallie Dumas, Vernon Kelley, Oakley L. Parkhill, Arthur May, Frank Lawohn.

Corporals- Mathias Wolf, Frank W. Smith, Chester M. Smith, Arthur P. Raleigh, Chester A. Purdy, William E. Pors, Clarence M. Parish, Clemens Ostertag, Wm. LaMere, John Kleutch, Geo. Hart, Alvin Hansen, Tracey S. Greene, Fred W. Goetz, James Foy, Max Collins, Ray Anderson.

Cooks- Edward O. Stone, Edward T. Potter, Frank C. Cholewinski.

Mechanics- Edwin J. Sybelden, Fred Siegert, Jr.

Buglers- Tony G. Sommers, Albert Winger.

Privates- Melvin A. Arneson

Jay E. Cronin
Reynold A. Dettinger
Ray J. Eckes
Francis F. Firnstahl
Joseph W. Fleischman
Carl A. Flink
Otto H. Gorr
Carl F. Gust
James A. Hayes
Roy L. Hiller
Alfred O. Horn
Jon C. Kelley
Bradley L. Kromers
Otto H. Kops
Jacob Kramer
William D. Laurence
Charles A. Martin
Edmund R. Mayville
Edwin A. Nelson
Fred Pacholke
Robert Pete
John W. Polyshinski
William H. Popp
Earl A. Ringquist
Lloyd J. Smith
Lincoln M. Tuttle
Irvin W. Wendt
Sylvester F. Adrian
Arthur S. Bidwell
Edward J. Boyer
Glen H. Cotterhill
Marvin C. Covey
Newell C. Craig
Arthur J. Crostwaite
Charles Decleroq
Robert E. Derington
Irvin A. Eckel
Ole S. Fleming
Charles Holland
Willis W. A. Hopkins
Virgil E. Horton
William Hustedt
John Jacobeck

Bernard J. Jens
Perry W. Jones
Montie E. Kane
Frank C. Kelly
John A. Kelty
Gilbert L. Kitts
Deane R. Knapton
Harry Knight
William F. Knudsen
Alfred C. Kohl
Floyd M. Laird
Henry A. Lemin
Leonard E. Liberty
John P. Mason
Percy E. Morrill
Charles W. Meyenberg
Arthur Miller
Lester E. Mittelstedt
Valentine J. Moszkiewics
Fred W. Olson
William C. Pacholke
Earl J. Patterson
Orville Patterson
Hobart M. Peep
Albert Pokallus
Rolland D. Prehn
Fred W. Prein, Jr.
Anson M. Price
Elmer J. Sbertoli
Joseph Schmitz
John Sorlin
Arthur Sparks
Calbert Sparks
Orlin R. Thompson
Alvin H. Voelker
Roy Wall
William G. Weber
Louis Weideman
George A. Welk
Edward Welsh
Joseph H. Wilcott
Elmer S. Williams
Walter Williams
Winford F. Wolf
Wayne W. Wyman
Robert A. Smith
(from the Marshfield Herald, August 25, 1917, p. 1, col. 6 & 7)

Registration List *(from the Marshfield Times, September 16 1908, p. 5)*

The following is a list of the legal voters of the city of Marshfield, Wisconsin, as given out by the Boards of Registration. If your name does not appear on this list you should appear before the Board of Registration for your ward at its next regular meeting to be held **Oct. 27, 1908**. The polling places of the wards will be in the city hall and in the following rooms: First Ward, Treasurer's Office; Second Ward, Council room; Third ward, City Clerk's office; Fourth ward, Firemen's Assembly room; Fifth ward, General Assembly room; Sixth ward, Municipal court room. Dated September 3d, 1908. M. G. FLECKENSTEIN, City Clerk

FIRST WARD

Altmann, Joseph
Adler, Jacob
Achalz, Andrew
Aigner, Frank

Baer, Peter
Baer, Charles
Bartl, Mike
Bartl, Max
Brandt, Albert
Baumann, Frank
Baumann, George
Baumbach, Fred
Buechler, Leonard
Beck, Joseph
Bey, Joseph
Budahn, August
Berlin, Charles, Sr.
Berlin, Charles, Jr.
Britton, William
Buechler, Frank
Buechler, Wolfgang
Bey, Martin
Bubolz, Daniel
Bubolz, Albert
Bey, Peter
Bleukenheim, N. G.
Beaver, Arnold

Cannawitt, Nick
Deichsol, August
Deering, Charles
Daniels, Anton
Deckert, Joseph
Duman, Albert
Deckert, Jona

Eiche, Herman C.
Esser, Jacob
Ehrenreich, Matthias
Emer, Peter

Faber, Jacob
Feit, James

Guckenberger, Conrad
Gruber, Frank
Gruber, Mike
Gostine, Theodore
Gebus, Mike
Graumann, Charles
Guden, John
Gass, Geo.
Gasper, John
Geschel, Bert
Gruber, Wm.

Helm, Gust
Huth, Peter
Harkins, Patrick
Hensler, John
Hayden, John
Hyde, Harlow
Huntzicker, Geo.
Huntzicker, Frank

Illk, Joseph

Krohn, Wendalin
Kalsched, Henry
Koholka, Joseph, Sr.
Koholka, Joseph, Jr.
Kasberger, Joseph
Krieg, Frank
Kothmeier, Christ
Kraus, John N.
Kestel, John
Kersten, Henry
Kuehmichel, Chas.
Kuehmichel, Jacob
Klinger, Mathias

Labelle, Moses
Lemke, William
Lobner, Frank

Lobner, Joseph
Leitner, Joseph
Leitner, Frank
Lueck, William
Louis, Peter
Lemahieu, Sam

Mastloff, John
Mueller, Henry
Mettelka, Alex
Mettelka, Charles
Muelbauer, John
Meidel, Anton
Mertens, Phillip
Meyer, George
Meidl, Joseph
Michels, Andrew
Masloff, John B.

Nicholas, Peter J.

Pflum, Joseph
Pretke, August
Pflum, Frank
Pat..., John
Pinion, Mathias
Pinion, Nick, Jr.
Poppe, Fred
Prein, Jonas

Rebsteck, Jacob
Rebsteck, Joseph
Rembs, Louis
Robl, Alois
Robl, Mike, Sr.
Robl, Jim
Reuter, Joseph, Sr.
Reuter, Joseph, Jr.

Steger, Mike J.
Specht, John
Schroeder, Fred
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Illinois State Archives Unveils New Electronic Database

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 05, 2012
The following announcement was written by the Illinois State Archives:

Illinois Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White (D) has announced that a new online data base describing the documents and records maintained at the Illinois State Archives is now available. The database, called Archon, is a searchable finding aid for use in locating important historical information.

"As state archivist, it is my mission to make Illinois records available and as easily accessible as possible," White said. "With the use of the Internet, individuals can easily search for records held at the Illinois State Archives. I am proud to make these important historical documents easily accessible with the use of this advanced technology."

Archon is an open source archival management system that was developed by archivists at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is now used in more than 50 institutions across the country. It provides both a way for staff to record descriptive information about collections and a means for the public to view, search and browse that information in a fully-functional website.

Archon's public interface shows the most current information that is available to researchers because it is updated automatically once records are received by the Archives. Once information has been entered, it is instantly accessible, searchable and browseable. The new electronic database can be found at <http://archon.ilsos.net>.

This new electronic database replaces a printed guide called Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois.

Comment by Dick Eastman: This new database apparently does not contain any images or transcriptions of original documents. It is strictly a CATALOG of the collections available in the Illinois State Archives. You can search the catalog online but, to obtain copies of the original documents, you will need to contact the Illinois State Archives or travel there yourself.

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The Internet Archive

Original Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on October 16, 2012

[The Internet Archive](#) is a huge collection of all sorts of information. In fact, it is a great resource for genealogists, containing thousands of digitized books, many of which are difficult to find elsewhere. It also contains all the U.S. census records, although without indexes. The Internet Archive also contains movies, videos, historic



photographs, music, and web pages.

Dick Eastman has written about The Internet Archive several times. You can see his past articles at <http://goo.gl/vQWH4>. You can also watch his video interview of Brewster Kahle, founder of The Internet Archive, at <http://goo.gl/20X1z>.

The Internet Archive is based in a former Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist Church, on Funston Avenue in San Francisco. One room is filled with several custom-built machines that help the archive digitize about 1,000 books per day. Workers place books under glass plates, which keep the pages flat while two digital cameras take their photos. The archive also has 32 scanning centers in seven other countries, including Canada, Guatemala, Brazil and China.

All of that is available to you right now at <http://www.archive.org>. Best of all, it is all available free of charge.

Upon doing a search for the word "genealogy" 77,138 "hits" were received. That gives some idea of the amount of material available. That doesn't include many of the historical pictures, books, movies, and audio recordings. All information on The Internet Archive may be downloaded and stored to your own computer. Most of the books may be downloaded in multiple formats, including PDF, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, DjVu, and full text ASCII. Books and documents are available in many languages, not just English.

If you have not yet used The Internet Archive, try it now at <http://www.archive.org>. If you have used it in the past but not recently, remember that about 1,000 books are being added every day. You might want to check again.

QUERIES

I am looking for anyone connected with the Henrich **BARTZ** (1878-1962) & Louise **VOIGHT** (1880-1961) family. There were 9 children: Melvin (1905-1987); Herbert; Theodore (1907-1998); Gertrude (1910); Victor (1911-1989); Arthur (1913-2001); Genevieve; Esther; & Pearl. Contact: Lorraine **Rogers**, 2319 Pecan Parkway, Marshfield, WI 54449. lrogers2319@charter.net

Seeking information on Louis **LOUCKS LARSON** ("Nels") b. Aug. 1859 in Denmark, d. Feb. 1941 in Rhineland, WI. Married (1) Christina **SOERENSON**, (2) Julia **FILLNER**, (3) Louise ?. Arrived from Denmark 1867-1872; adoptive parents were James **LARSON** and Kristine ?. Lived in Lincoln, Wood Co. until about 1905. Contact: Sue (Montgomery) **Bowman**, 8104 NW Arboretum Rd., Corvallis, OR 97330-9538, bowmanjs@comcast.net.

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Elaine (Scheper) **Hansen**, 1801 Woodview Dr., Marshfield, WI 54449, rlhansen@charter.net. **SCHEPER, STAADT, PODRATZ, CLAUS, WEHNKE, STRUBEL.**

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“eBay” (continued from page 7)

have to be careful about what you purchase. Money back guarantees may or may not be present; so, read the entire description to find out. eBay has a strong policy about accurately describing the items to be sold and enforces it rigorously. However, with several million sellers active at any time, it is impossible to enforce those policies everywhere.

One of the best things that eBay did was to invent a rating system in which the buyers rate the honesty and timely shipments of the sellers. If you see a seller with a high rating, you know that previous buyers of his or her products were satisfied with the results. Always read the rating of a seller before bidding. You can read more about the rating system at <http://pages.ebay.com/help/confidence/know-seller-stars.html> and at <http://pages.ebay.com/help/policies/hub.html>.

I must say that I have been an eBay devotee for years. I have purchased probably several hundred items on eBay, including dozens of genealogy books, one tractor, two automobiles, and several computers for myself and my friends. I have also sold numerous items on eBay, again including two automobiles, with one of them shipped to a buyer in the Virgin Islands! I have been quite satisfied with the results.

Out of all my purchases, I can only recall one disappointment, and even that one was handled to my satisfaction. I once purchased an item for \$200 that, upon receipt, seemed to be a bit more "used" than the seller's description indicated. I contacted the buyer, and he immediately said, "Send it back." I did so, and a week later my credit card was credited for the full amount, including shipping. While I am a satisfied eBay shopper, I still closely evaluate every seller's feedback rating before bidding on anything new. I only purchase from sellers who have a high positive feedback rating, typically looking for ratings that are close to 100% positive feedback.

I also always pay with PayPal because of the extra protection offered. The credit card companies all provide insurance against fraud on purchases made with their cards. PayPal then adds an extra layer of protection above that offered by the credit card companies. In effect, PayPal purchases have double insurance protection.

In a few rare instances, the seller may not accept PayPal. If so, I never purchase anything from that seller. I will only make payments with PayPal (although I once paid with a certified check when I purchased an automobile from a seller who lives near me when I picked the auto up in person and drove it home).

eBay is, indeed, the world's largest garage sale. It can provide many items of interest that would be nearly impossible to find elsewhere. Yes, even rare genealogy books and other items can often be found at <http://www.ebay.com>.

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Upcoming Meetings

November and December—No meetings

January 24, 2013

“Marshfield Library Expansion/Community Center Update” – The Marshfield Public Library has long been an important partner of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, and Lori Belongia & Friends, would like to make some changes. Join us to learn more about the library’s expansion plans, including those additions that would be of interest to local, and distant, family history researchers.

February 28, 2013

“All About Google Newspapers” MAGG member, Randall Long, will share information about this useful aid to genealogists, historians and other researchers. Have you ever wished you could find links to all the online historical newspapers in one place? A place where they were listed by county and city so you could find the newspapers your ancestors read? This is the purpose of the Online Historical Newspapers Website. Join us to learn all about it.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Marshfield Public Library, except August (traditionally our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.

Check our website for more upcoming meeting information .



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