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Announcing the 1950 Census Project for the Morse One-Step Site

From Dick Eastman's Blog · June 1, 2020

Joel Weintraub has announced a major new addition that he created for *Stephen Morse's One-Step Webpages* site: the **1950 Census Project** includes 230,000 plus 1950 Enumeration Districts' definitions transcribed and searchable, an additional 79,000 small urban/rural names added to the definitions, and over 2,400 city street indexes for most cities over 5,000 in population.

The work was done by Steve Morse, Joel Weintraub, and under 80 volunteers. All of this is online at <https://stevemorse.org/> right now.

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How old was he on his last birthday?	Is he married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?	What State (or foreign country) was he born in?	If born outside Continental United States, state name of territory, possession, or foreign country.	If foreign born—Is he naturalized?	What was this person doing most of last week—working, keeping house, or unemployed?	If H or O—Did this person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house?	If No—What special business, profession, or farm, or other work?	If No—Was this person looking for work?	If No—What kind of work did he do last week?	If No—What kind of work did he do last week?	If No—What kind of work did he do last week?
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The 1950 Census Form asked where respondents were born and whether they were naturalized.

(from <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/06/01/announcing-the-1950-census-project-for-the-morse-one-step-site/>)

Editor's Note: The above tool that was developed is very helpful, however it will only help you find the location or Enumeration District of your ancestor, not any personal information from the census. The 1950 Census is supposed to be made available on April 1, 2022. At that time, the many volunteers that help create the index will start their work, which will take months to complete. Until the index is complete, this tool will be helpful in searching the 1950 Census forms.

Did You Know This About the 1950 Census?

Decennial census records are confidential for 72 years to protect respondents' privacy.

The Census Bureau's National Processing Center (NPC) in Jeffersonville, IN, maintains copies of the 1910 to 2010 census records. Records from the censuses of population and housing are publicly accessible 72 years after each decennial census' "Census Day." The most recent publicly available census records are from the 1940 census, released April 2, 2012.

Individual census records from 1790 to 1940 are maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration, not the U.S. Census Bureau.

After the 72 years have passed, the [National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\)](#) is responsible for making the records publicly available for viewing or purchase. Therefore, records from the 1950 census will be released on April 1, 2022.

Records from the 1950 to 2010 Censuses can only be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form BC-600 or BC-600sp (Spanish).

Individuals may request their own records (before they are publicly available) via the Census Bureau's [Age Search](#) service. This service provides individual information from censuses that are still protected by the 72-year rule, but only to the named person, his or her heirs, or legal representatives. There is a Congressionally-mandated fee for this service. Individuals interested in requesting a search of their personal census records must complete a form [BC-600](#) [PDF 142k], Application for Search of Census Records (form [BC-600sp](#) [PDF - 156k], Solicitud Para Busqueda De Registros Censales).

(from: https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/decennial_census_records/census_records_2.html)

President's Message

Dear Genealogy Members:

I hope you are all safe and doing well during this stressful time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please do everything that you can to continue being safe and ensuring the safety of your loved ones and others that you may come in contact with.

In this newsletter, as were in our last newsletter, are some newspaper articles dating back to October 1918 and how Marshfield was dealing with the Spanish Flu epidemic. Although there were many more articles that ran in the newspaper at that time, even into 1919, this will conclude the series of articles being run. It was meant to be a reminder that even Marshfield can be at risk and that many families in the area were affected and lost loved ones, if not an entire family during that time. If you want to see more, go to the Newspapers.com website, filter your search to the "Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub" paper, for the years 1918-1919, and finally in the search box, "Spanish Flu").

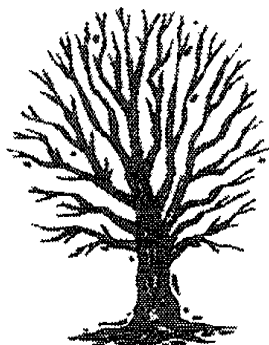
For those of you that need a safe break from staying at home, the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library is open! Their hours have been reduced and there are many other guidelines that need to be followed if you plan on visiting them. For a complete list of these guidelines, please check out their website portal at: <http://catalog.marshfieldlibrary.org/Polaris/> The health experts are forecasting another "wave of the pandemic" this fall. Now might be a good time to stock up on some research at the library, just in case it closes again.

Finally, as just a reminder, all of our meetings and events have been cancelled. Please watch our Facebook page, the library's website or your email for updates pertaining to when we will start getting back together. At this time, during the required "stay-at-home" policy, no decisions have been made. But we will let you know as soon as we do. You are all a part of our genealogy family and are greatly missed, too!

If there are any specific kinds of articles or topics in particular that you would like to see in this newsletter, especially during this time while we are not meeting, please let me know by calling me at 715-897-1910 or via email at schnitzler.vickie@charter.net

Until we meet again, Be Safe!!

Vickie



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

DNA Testing. What is it, and how can you benefit from it?

From <https://www.familysearch.org/dna-testing>

Have you heard your friends and family enthuse about DNA but don't know what it's all about? Wondering if a DNA test is right for you? Come learn about DNA, why it's valuable, which tests you can take, and how it might help you in your family history.

Which DNA test options are available?

You have many options in choosing a DNA testing company. Each company offers a different experience and focus. Your choice depends on what you want to learn. The following DNA companies include "cousin matches" to help you explore your ancestry and create family connections.



23andMe

Tests [autosomal](#) DNA collected by spitting into a tube. 23andMe has ethnicity tools, cousin matches, and health data. www.23andme.com



Ancestry DNA

Tests [autosomal](#) DNA collected by spitting into a tube. Results are tied to your Ancestry.com account and family trees. AncestryDNA provides ethnicity results, cousin matches, migration groups, and ancestor groups. dna.ancestry.com



FamilyTree DNA

Provides kits for testing [yDNA](#) (for patrilineal research), [mtDNA](#) (for matrilineal research), and [autosomal](#) DNA (called Family Finder). DNA is collected by scraping your cheek. FamilyTreeDNA provides cousin matches and a chromosome browser. www.familytreedna.com



LivingDNA

Living DNA provides ethnicity estimates, including an advanced sub-region breakdown of genetic origins in the British Isles. The Living DNA family matching system, Family Networks, connects you with relatives with whom you share DNA. Results include [autosomal](#) DNA, [yDNA](#), and [mtDNA](#) collected with a cheek swab. www.livingdna.com



MyHeritage

Tests [autosomal](#) DNA collected by scraping your cheek. MyHeritage provides ethnicity results and cousin matches. www.myheritage.com/dna

Already taken a test? Next steps?

Have you taken a DNA test but aren't sure what to do with your results? You can use your DNA data in many ways, depending on what you want to learn and accomplish. Here are some suggested options.

Step 1. Create or share your family tree.

You will have a better experience discovering your DNA and connecting with relatives if you share your family tree on the testing company's website.

Step 2. Identify how you want to use your DNA to learn more about your family.

Or pursue one or more of the objectives below:

- **Ancestral Homelands**

Most DNA companies provide an estimate of your ethnic origins (also known as your [admixture](#)). These origins are based on the comparison of your DNA to reference on samples collected by each DNA

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3 Kinds of Newspapers Every Genealogist Should Know

by Amy Johnson Crow | February 6, 2020

Newspapers are a gold mine of information for genealogy research. Facts, context, photographs — what more could you ask for? But if you're stopping with the "regular" daily and weekly newspapers where your ancestor lived, you might be stopping too soon. Here are 3 other types of newspapers that every genealogist should know.

Before we get started, I have to give a shout-out to one of the best sites with links to free digitized newspapers of all kinds: [The Ancestor Hunt](#).

1. Foreign-Language and Other Ethnic Newspapers

Did your ancestor identify as part of an ethnic group? Be sure to check out newspapers that were published for that ethnicity. They carried news not only of the local area, but of people who used to live there. Because of their smaller audience, **they often have stories and obituaries that weren't included in the larger hometown daily newspapers.**

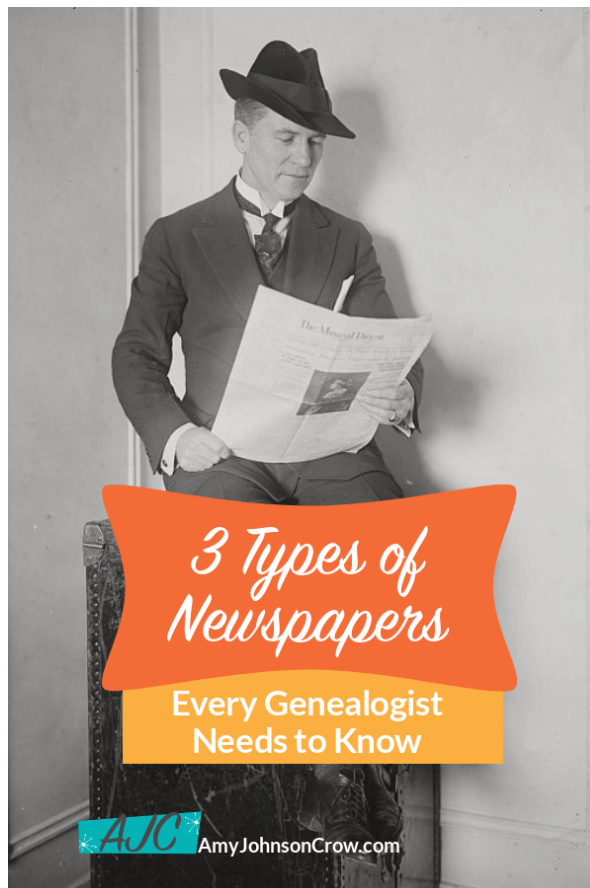
Of course, if the ethnic group you're interested in didn't speak English as its first language, the newspaper is likely to be in a different language. How common were foreign language newspapers in the United States? The Library of Congress estimates that there were [more than 1,000 German-language newspapers were published in the US by 1890](#).

(The number of German newspapers in the US dwindled rapidly with the start of WWI.)

The obituary below is from the Scranton (Pennsylvania) *Wochenblatt* (Aug. 16, 1917, p. 4). In English: "August Diesing of Prospect Avenue, 72 years old, died last Thursday night. He is survived by the widow, two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Sunday in the Forest Hill Cemetery."

August Diesing von Prospect Avenue, 72 Jahre alt, ist letzte Donnerstag Nacht gestorben. Es überleben ihn die Wittwe, zwei Söhne und zwei Töchter. Die Beerdigung erfolgte am Sonntag im Forest Hill Friedhof.

Scranton (Pennsylvania) *Wochenblatt*, August 16, 1917, p. 4.
Image courtesy [Chronicling America](#).



If you do any African American research, you must look at African American newspapers. Like foreign-language newspapers, they cover not just the local news, but also news of people who used to live in the area, people who have relatives in the area, and give a different perspective on regional and national news.

For example, the Lexington (Kentucky) *Standard* carried a column from Cincinnati, Ohio which included news items and obituaries, such as this one:

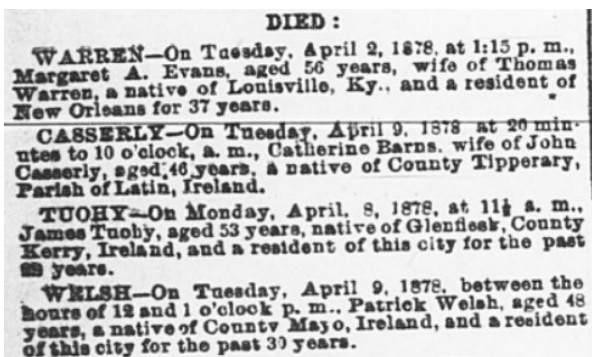
The funeral of W. S. Tiedale took place at the Episcopal Church Tuesday January 23. He was buried with Pythian honors.

Lexington (Kentucky) *Standard*, January 27, 1900, p. 4. Image courtesy [Chronicling America](#).

Look for ethnic newspapers at [Chronicling America](#), as well as state libraries and state historical societies.

2. Religious Newspapers

Ledgers of baptisms and weddings aren't the only things that some denominations record. Some actually publish their own newspapers. For example, the Archdiocese of New Orleans published the *Morning Star and Catholic Messenger*, a weekly newspaper. Here are the obituaries from the April 14, 1878 edition. They're short, but they pack a lot of information!



(New Orleans) *Morning Star and Catholic Messenger*, April 14, 1878, page 5. Image courtesy [Chronicling America](#).

Look for religious newspapers in church archives, state libraries, and state historical societies.

3. School Newspapers

Though we usually think of school newspapers as an exercise in helping students with their writing and photography skills, school newspapers (especially from residential schools) can have lots of biographical tidbits. This could be in the form of student essays or the school equivalent of a society column.

Here's a bit out of the May 12, 1898 *Silent Hoosier*, the student newspaper from the Indiana School for the Deaf:

Two of John Clark's aunts from his home, Aurora, spent Sunday with him. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor and Mrs. Susie Witman. They took John to the Fair Grounds and they enjoyed seeing the soldiers and watching how they lived. John is a good little athlete, and is well liked by the boys.

Silent Hoosier, May 12, 1898. Image courtesy [Indiana University -Purdue University at Indianapolis](#).

Don't stop with just the schools that your ancestor attended. Think about the schools that his or her siblings attended. You never know what you'll find!

You'll find school newspapers in school archives, state historical societies, and local historical societies. For state schools, also look at state libraries and state archives.

Want to get more from your online searches?

- [Click to get a free copy of Amy's guide "5 Online Search Strategies Every Genealogist Should Know"](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/3-kinds-of-newspapers-every-genealogist-should-know/popup-click-open-trigger-1) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/3-kinds-of-newspapers-every-genealogist-should-know/popup-click-open-trigger-1)

Want more information on newspaper research?

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Editor's Note: Besides the many commonly used websites such as [Newspapers.com](#), and [Newspaper-archive.com](#), don't forget to check out The Library of Congress's, "[Chronicling America](#)" to search America's historic newspaper pages from 1789-1963. Chronicling America is currently working with the Wisconsin Historical Society to digitize the Society's collection of Wisconsin newspapers. Check back at their website as more Wisconsin newspapers are added. Or use the [U.S. Newspaper Directory](#) to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present.

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company from around the world. If you do not use your results, along with other clues, to direct your research. Ethnicity can provide broad strokes in understanding your ancestors; however, the results should not be taken as fact.

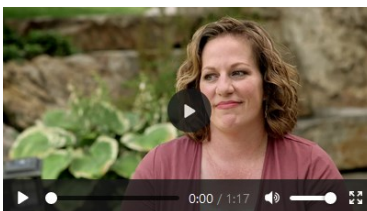


<https://media2.ldscdn.org/assets/family-history/dna-success-stories/2020-01-0020-you-may-not-be-who-you-think-you-are-720p-eng.mp4> (Copy link into a new browser window to view video.)

• Brick Walls

You can break through brick walls using DNA. To solve a brick wall, start by using traditional research to hypothesize a potential relationship. Then locate multiple living descendants of your ancestor and living descendants of the family you think you are related to, and test their DNA. If a high enough percentage of the descendants share the predicted amount of DNA, you can come to a conclusion regarding that relationship.

Go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/genealogy-dna-test/> to learn more “Overcoming Brick Walls in Your Family Tree with a Genealogy DNA Test”.



<https://media2.ldscdn.org/assets/family-history/dna-success-stories/2020-01-0030-dna-testing-might-surprise-you-720p-eng.mp4> (Copy link into a new browser window to view video.)

• Cousin Matches or DNA Relatives

Some DNA companies provide a list of matches or people who share matching DNA segments. You and each of your matches probably have a common ancestor or an ancestral couple from whom you both descend. For each match, compare trees, names, and localities, and then search for the most recent common ancestor.

Go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/dna-match/> to learn more “DNA Cousin Matches Can Lead to Family History Discoveries”.

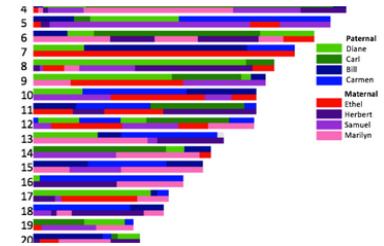


<https://media2.ldscdn.org/assets/family-history/dna-success-stories/2020-01-0040-dna-testing-is-more-than-finding-others-with-a-similar-nose-720p-eng.mp4> (Copy link into a new browser window to view video.)

• Chromosome mapping

Chromosome mapping

is a technique used to determine DNA segments of an ancestor by examining segments shared with another descendant. Once you isolate DNA of a specific ancestor, you can use it to determine which of your cousin matches also has that ancestor in common.



• Adoptions

Adoptees and others with unknown parentage can use DNA to find and connect with biological families. The amount of DNA you share determines how you might be related and who on their tree might be your common ancestor. Starting with your close matches, explore trees, and identify common ancestors that appear in more than one ancestry. Then search for those ancestors' descendants to find potential biological relatives.

Go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/how-to-find-birth-parents-through-dna/> to learn more “Connecting with Your Biological Family through DNA Testing”.



<https://media2.ldscdn.org/assets/family-history/dna-success-stories/2020-01-0010-dna-can-reunite-siblings-divided-by-adoption-720p-eng.mp4> (Copy link into a new browser window to view video.)

FAQ / Terminology

Learn more about unfamiliar terminology, and get answers to common questions at: <https://www.familysearch.org/dna-testing/faq>

(from <https://www.familysearch.org/dna-testing>)

More on the Spanish Flu Epidemic in Marshfield 1918-1919

Items Reprinted from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Marshfield, Wisconsin

(Article continued from the May-June issue, Kith N Kin, p. 9)

Marcella was born in Marshfield. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon.

Bibiana Seidl, 17 years old, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seidl, north Central avenue, died of influenza-pneumonia, at the hospital Thursday evening after an illness of nearly two weeks. She was born in this city. December 1 next she would have been 18 years old. Besides her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Sergeant Joe Seidl, who is in France; Isadore, John, Wendolen, Harold, Arnold, Marie and Theresa, all of this city. The funeral was held from St. John's Catholic church Monday morning.

Mrs. Rosina Waibel, born in Switzerland 70 years ago, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victoria Gustafson, Thursday, death being due to pneumonia. She was married in her native country and came with her husband to this country 36 years ago, locating at Colby, where she made her home until three years, when she came to this city. Her husband preceded her in death 22 years ago. Surviving her are one son, Louis Waibel, Minneapolis, and two daughters, Mrs. Emil Schultz, Auburndale, and Mrs. Gustafson, city. The remains were shipped to Colby, where interment was made Saturday afternoon.

Musician **Paul Zettler**, a soldier from Camp Hancock, Ga., who came here on a furlough about ten days ago to see his wife who was ill, was taken ill shortly after his arrival and died Saturday, death being due to influenza. His mother lives in Stratford, where the body was shipped last night for interment.

Sister Sacrandia Podolsky of St. Joseph's hospital died at the hospital Friday of influenza. She was 52 years old. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery Saturday.

Harold Blum, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blum, 811 South Cherry street, died at the home of his parents Friday of influenza-pneumonia. The

funeral was held from the house Sunday afternoon.

Otto Leffel, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leffel, March Rapids, died at the local hospital of influenza October 16. Interment was made in this city.

Theodore Hoff died at Fargo, N. D., of pneumonia last week. He was 32 years old and a son of Carl Hoff of Mannville. The body was shipped to this city for interment in the Lutheran cemetery, arriving last Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Rhodes, East Fourth street, Thursday lost her daughter **Lucinda Rhodes**, 20 years old. Influenza was the cause of death. The funeral was held from the Sacred Heart Catholic church Monday.

Mrs. Fred Schlegel died at her home on South Central avenue Sunday, a victim of influenza-pneumonia. Her husband and three children are at the hospital with the same disease. Monday his condition was reported critical, while the conditions of the children were considered as favorable.

John Schultz of Auburndale, who had gone west to work in the harvest fields, died at Devil's Lake, N. D., October 16, and the remains were shipped to Auburndale, where the funeral was held from the Catholic church Tuesday morning.

Bernice Grambow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grambow, town of McMillan, died at the local hospital of influenza-pneumonia Saturday. The funeral was in the town of McMillan Tuesday. The child was one year, four months and nine days old.

(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Oct. 24, 1918, Page 10)

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Pat" Wright, who was here from Iowa City, Iowa, to attend the funeral of his brother, **Ivo Wright**, returned to that city Thursday. Mr. Wright is the athletic coach of the Iowa state university.

(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Oct. 24, 1918, Page 7)

(More Influenza articles to be continued on next page)

SUPT. VARNEY IS NO MORE

DIED AT HIS HOME AT VESPER SATURDAY A VICTIM OF INFLUENZA-PNEUMONIA.

Was One of Best School Super intendents Wood County Ever Had.

George A. Varney, county superintendent of schools, died at his home in Vesper at 5 o'clock Saturday evening of pneumonia following an attack of Spanish influenza. He was taken ill on Sunday, October 20th, and lived only 24 hours after pneumonia set in.

Being conscious to the last and realizing that he could not recover, he called his wife and children to his bedside and gave them his last wishes. His last words before lapsing into unconsciousness: I am making a fight. I regret leaving my children, but the hardest of all is leaving you, Minnie," (his wife).

George Andrew Varney was born at East Fairfield, Vermont, on April 3, 1872. At the age of ten years he immigrated to Wisconsin with his parents where they located on a farm near Tomah.

He graduated from the Tomah high school and later took special work at the University of Wisconsin.

He taught school in Wood county 12 years before his election to the office of county superintendent of schools in April, 1911. He was re-elected in 1913, 1915, 1917. As superintendent he was untiring in his efforts to serve the best interests of the schools, always working day or night, rain or shine.

On August 18, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Jirschele of Marshfield, Wis. To this union three children were born, Mildred, age 9; Myron, age 8; and Emery, age 6.

Deceased is survived by his widow, three children, two brothers and three sisters, namely: J. J. Varney of Marshfield, Paul Varney of Helena, Montana. Mrs. Anna Van Voorhees of LaCrosse, and Minnie Chapman and Eliza Johnson who still reside in Vermont.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Equitable Fraternal Union, Beavers, Mystic Workers an Woodmen of the World.

He was active in all matters pertaining to war activities. He was a member of the W. W. S. committee

for the Junior Red Cross of Wood county. There are nine immediate relatives now in the service of the U. S. here and abroad. He was also secretary of the Wood County Training School.

The funeral service was held at St. John's Catholic church in this city Tuesday, at ten o'clock, with Father Volz officiating. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The news of his death came like a shock to the Marshfield people and caused numerous expressions of keen regret. Few knew that he was ill and even they did not suspect that his end was so near, until Friday evening when his brother, James, the Mansion house landlord, received a summons to his brother's bedside. Upon arriving there he found that the ill man's condition had grown hopeless.

In the death of Mr. Varney, Wood county suffers a great loss, especially in educational line. He was recognized as an educator of exceptional ability and as one of the best county school superintendents we ever had. Spurred by the deep interest he took in the educational welfare of young America of this county, coupled with his popularity and hard and ceaseless work, he accomplished much for the good of the schools that another man probably would have found impossible. Notable among his accomplishments is one of the finest rural and state graded school systems in the state, with a standard of education that compares with the best of its kind.

One of his greatest pleasures always was w to contribute to the intellectual and moral development of the county and when the war broke out this pleasure, through his love for his country, naturally broadened to include service for his native land and world freedom and democracy, in which he was a leader.

As a citizen, friend and neighbor none better could be wished for. As a husband and father he was spoken of as a model.

The NEWS extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Oct. 31, 1918, Page 1)

(More Influenza articles to be continued on next page)

FLU HERE SEEMS TO BE ON DECLINE

REPORTS TO HEALTH OFFICER INDICATE DECREASE IN DEATHS AND ILLNESS.

Situation Throughout State Still Serious, Says State Health Officer.

The following communication was received by Health Officer J. C. Hayward Tuesday from State Health Officer C. A. Harper of Madison:

"In view of the fact that the epidemic of influenza (la grippe) throughout the state is still very serious, the state board of health officially directs that the local health authorities continue to exercise direct control over their respective localities and until further notice, see that all schools, churches, Sunday schools, theaters, moving picture houses or other places of amusement remain closed and continue to prohibit all public meetings."

Dr. Hayward yesterday was of the opinion that the local situation in reference to the epidemic was improving, for the reason that the death rate of the few days preceding showed a falling off and the number of cases of illness a decrease, according to the best information he could get up to that time.

The influenza death rate of Marshfield people, we were told, was not as large as the impression seems to be. It was estimated that about 50 per cent of the people who died here during the epidemic were from cut of town, brought here for treatment and care.

MRS. WILBUR SOLES.

"Mrs. Wilbur Soles died at the hospital Friday of pneumonia. Only a few days before her death she became the mother of a little daughter, who survives.

Mrs. Soles was born in Marshfield and made her home here all her life. She was married about seven years ago. Besides her husband and three children, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seidl, West A street, and the following brothers and sisters: Alois Seidl, Camp Grant, Ill.; Walter Seidl, Racine; Reuben, Agnes, Alma, Adlindis, George and Rosaline Seidl, city.

The funeral was held from St. John's Catholic church Monday morning.

ASP.

One of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Asp died Saturday morning of influenza. The child was 19 months old. The funeral was held from the house Monday afternoon.

HENRY AND HERMAN MEYER

Henry Meyer, son of Bernard Meyer, town of McMillan, died last Thursday of influenza. He was 18 years old. The funeral was held in the town of McMillan Saturday, on which day another member of this family fell a victim to this disease. He was Herman Meyer, 14 years old.

LINDA BRAGDON.

Linda Bragdon, 12 years old, died of influenza at the hospital Friday night. Her mother preceded her in death a few days. The funeral was held from the house Sunday afternoon.

NILS OLSON.

Nils Olson, a stranger, died of influenza at the local hospital Sunday. He was about 30 years old. Not much is known of him. Among the papers on his person were found a letter showing he has relatives in Norway, a certificate of deposit of \$275 in one of the local banks and a receipt indicating that he had made a deposit of over \$1,500 in a bank in Chinook, Montana. An effort is being made to learn more about him.

TILLIE BLUM.

Tillie Blum, about 18 years old died Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Blum, South Central avenue, of influenza-pneumonia. She was born in the town of Marshfield. Surviving her besides the parents are the following brothers and sisters: Paul, John, Jake, Arthur Blum, city; Peter Blum, France; Mrs. Frank Krieg, Mrs. Joe Schnell, Mrs. Ed. Kohl, Miss Elizabeth Blum, city, and Mrs. Joe Merkel, West Bend, Wis., and the following half brothers and sisters: Joe and Margaret Ott, city; Martin Ott, England.

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Marathon County, Wisconsin Homesteaders
Homesteading Act of May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)
(We have already completed Clark and Wood Counties, so would like to include Marathon, County.)

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
DILLON, HIRAM E	2/20/1883	1507	027N - 006E	N½NE¼	4
			027N - 006E	N½NW¼	4
DISCHER, FRANK	1/27/1904	4723	026N - 010E	SE¼NW¼	6
DIX, JOSEPH	4/10/1882	1333	028N - 002E	N½NW¼	8
DOBBERT, FREDERICK	10/10/1888	2116	029N - 010E	SE¼	33
DOCTER, JOHN	4/29/1892	2910	027N - 005E	NE¼NE¼	30
DOCTOR, PETER	10/10/1888	2115	027N - 004E	NW¼	6
			027N - 004E	SW¼	6
DOMKOSKI, KATE, DOMKOSKI, LAWRENCE	3/28/1898	3724	028N - 005E	SE¼SE¼	30
DONNERSTAG, RUDOLPH	3/17/1892	2823	028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 18	30
			028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 19	30
			028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 6	31
DONOHUE, LAWRENCE	6/20/1884	1709	029N - 010E	SW¼SW¼	6
			029N - 010E	W½NW¼	7
			029N - 010E	NW¼SW¼	7
DONOVAN, THOMAS	4/10/1882	1376	027N - 002E	E½NE¼	34
DORING, WILHELM	9/28/1891	2685	026N - 003E	NW¼NE¼	34
DOWN, JACK	8/20/1885	1901	027N - 005E	SW¼SE¼	30
DOWNS, JOHN	4/29/1892	2857	028N - 009E	SW¼NE¼	36
			028N - 009E	SE¼NW¼	36
			028N - 009E	E½SW¼	36
DREHER, ANDREAS	9/9/1892	3018	028N - 007E	N½SE¼	15
			028N - 007E	SE¼SE¼	15
DREWS, FRIEDRICH	10/1/1880	1223	029N - 009E	SW¼NW¼	8
DUENOW, HEINRICH	1/11/1892	2766	029N - 003E	NE¼NE¼	4
DUERRSTEIN, JACOB	8/20/1875	668	028N - 005E	SW¼	6
			028N - 005E	SW¼SE¼	6
DUMDEY, FREDERICK	2/1/1873	216	029N - 008E	SW¼SE¼	11
DUNN, FRANK E	7/13/1885	1947	029N - 003E	NW¼NE¼	4
			029N - 003E	NE¼NW¼	4

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
DURANCEAU, JACOB	6/6/1896	3453	030N - 007E	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	1
DURKEE, STEPHEN	1/30/1875	497	028N - 008E	S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	19
			028N - 008E	E ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄	19
DUTTON, WILLIAM V	1/30/1877	846	028N - 002E	NW ¹ / ₄	36
EDGERTON, LEWIS F	4/5/1877	897	030N - 008E	S ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	6
			030N - 008E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	7
EGGBRECHT, HENRY	9/28/1891	2661	028N - 003E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	14
EHLE, EDWARD A	4/10/1882	1345	028N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	4
			028N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	4
EHLE, JOHN H	10/10/1888	2091	028N - 003E	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	8
EICH, FRANK P	3/28/1906	5296	026N - 010E	S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	10
			026N - 010E	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	10
ELK, LUCY	7/27/1904	4717	028N - 009E	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	28
EMPEY, NELS	10/1/1880	1271	029N - 002E	W ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	14
ENGELKING, FRIEDERICH	2/20/1883	1466	030N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	4
ENGLISH, WILLIAM	2/20/1883	1484	027N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	18
ERIKSON, TORGER	10/11/1888	2034	028N - 007E	SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	26
			028N - 007E	S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	27
			028N - 007E	NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	27
ESSWEIN, JOHN	5/9/1885	1872	030N - 004E	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	14
			030N - 004E	S ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄	14
FALCKE, AUGUSTA, FALCKE, ERDMANN	8/20/1875	288	029N - 005E	NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	2
FALKOWSKI, HIERONIM	1/30/1905	4963	026N - 009E	Lot/Trct 21	18
FALSTREM, SVEN J	2/10/1881	1232	029N - 002E	E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	8
FARRELL, EDWARD L	12/1/1898	3763	030N - 009E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	5
FIEREK, FRANK	5/2/1905	5109	028N - 009E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	33
FIRMANICH, CHARLES	6/7/1883	1572	027N - 003E	E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	4
FITZKE, HENRY	12/15/1873	305	029N - 007E	NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	10
FOLLETT, FRANK J	10/10/1888	2156	029N - 010E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	36
			029N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	36
			029N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	36
FOSTER, NICHOLAS L	12/10/1881	1313	029N - 008E	S ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	7
			029N - 008E	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	7
			029N - 008E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	18

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GEORGE WHITNEY

Died For His Country October 19 End Came On Fourth Trip Overseas.

It is with deep regret that we announce that George Wayne Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Whitney of this city, who has been serving his country as a seaman, passed away October 19. Intelligence to this effect was received by the young man's parents late Saturday afternoon. We with the community in general extend our heartfelt sympathy to the grief-stricken relatives of the deceased.

George was born in Merrillan, Wis., March 3, 1896. His parents came to Marshfield to reside when he was about one year old.

He graduated from the Marshfield high school with the class of 1915. He attended Ripon college one year and Marquette college, Milwaukee, a year and a half. At Marquette, he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Phi fraternity and the Marquette club. During his vacations he busied himself as the general manager of the M. J. Power company's local interests.

Inspired with patriotism and conscious of his duty to his country and humanity, that of helping the free and the liberty loving people in their efforts to wipe out Kaiserism, he enlisted in the navy in April of this year and was called

to duty on the 10th of the following month. He became a first-class seaman on the U. S. Steamship Hanisburg and was on his fourth trip overseas when bronchial pneumonia claimed his young and promising life. Only a short time before the sad tidings of his death came, the parents received a letter from him, dated October 8, containing these most encouraging words: "I am feeling fine and everything is O. K." This was the last letter received from him by his parents.

He was married to Miss Dorothy Whittington of this city June 6, 1917. They had planned to keep their marriage a secret to their many friends until the close of the war. Besides his young wife, he leaves his mother and father and one brother, Lloyd, and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

A message received from Washington Tuesday, by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, stated that the body of George was being returned to the United States and that the date of its arrival would be announced later.

He is not dead, He only lies asleep,
His dear head pillowed on the Savior's breast.
Hush thy sad tears. Be still thy bitter weeping.
Life's toils are o'er. Thy loved one is at rest.

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*This concludes the Influenza articles.
(More 1940 articles to be continued in next issue)*


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Upcoming Meetings

July 23, 2020

August 27, 2020

September 24, 2020

October 22, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all future meetings have been postponed until further notice.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have to our members and speakers, but we choose to be safe so we can continue working on our family histories.

Watch our Face Book page, the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library's Website or our website for updates.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library upstairs in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room, except July (month of our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.