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## History of Labor Day

### Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

### Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

### Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was

first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

### The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Note: For additional information on Labor Day visit: <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>, <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history> or <https://nationaltoday.com/labor-day/>

***Please enjoy a safe Labor Day!***

## President's Message

Dear Genealogy Members:

As in our last newsletter, I hope everyone is doing well during this trying time of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It seems like an eternity since we've been together. We do not know when the library meeting spaces will become available again. And, this fall, there is a good chance with the flu season approaching, the availability may not change any time soon.

Butch and I have been talking about picking back up our monthly meetings in some form or another. I know a few of you have mentioned to us that our monthly meetings are being missed, whether it is the socialization or the genealogy information from our speakers. But we need to hear from more of you, so Butch will be sending out an email asking for your input. If you have not already received the email, you might not be on his list, so please send him an email at [schnitzler.donald@charter.net](mailto:schnitzler.donald@charter.net) or call us at 715-387-4044 to let us know your thoughts.

Butch has talked with Jill, the new director at the library, and Bethany Pierson, the library's program coordinator about partnering with the library as a possible way to make our monthly speaker's talks available to you, and others in the community.

How would this work? Our programs would become a part of the programs offered through the library. Listed on the library's Facebook Page with a link to register through "Eventbrite" for each presentation. We would also send out an email reminder to register for that presentation, a few days before each event. Once registered with Eventbrite, you will receive the link or phone number to join the presentation. You can watch them live on your computer or listen to them on the phone. You will need to register for each presentation individually and will receive a different link for each presentation.

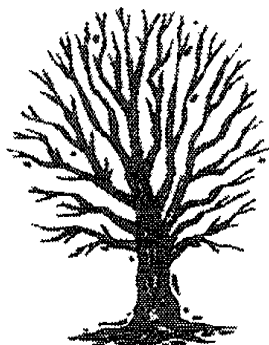
This option, would only include the speaker portion of meeting, would be free and open to the entire public.

Any business items will be mentioned in this newsletter. If you would like the Treasurer's Report included in the newsletter, we could also work on that. Just let me know.

Keep your eyes open for the email from my husband and let us know your thoughts.

Until we meet again, Be Safe!!

*Vickie*



## MAGG Officers and Committees

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

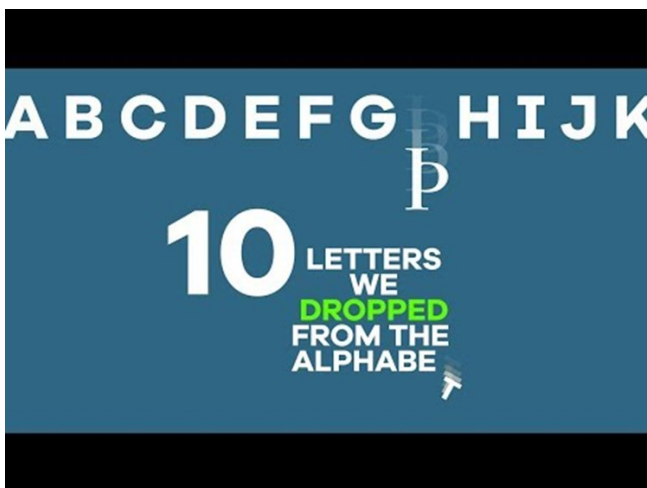
## 10 Letters We Dropped From The Alphabet

From Dick Eastman's Blog, May 14, 2020

In my earlier article, *How Do You Pronounce "Ye"?*, available at <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/05/12/how-do-you-pronounce-ye-2/>, I discussed the **thorn**, a letter that used to be in the English alphabet (and in the alphabets of several other European languages) but has since been dropped and is no longer used (except it is still popular in the Icelandic language).

In the article, I wrote, "Yes, the letter thorn was one of the **27 (or more) letters** of the English alphabet back in the Middle Ages." Now a YouTube video explains the many lost letters that no longer exist in the modern English alphabet.

If you have an interest in the subject, you can view the somewhat humorous video at <https://youtu.be/zUrDUxh5xS0>.



From <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/05/14/10-letters-we-dropped-from-the-alphabet/>

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## A New, Free Online Resource of 360 Million United States Court Records

From Dick Eastman's Blog, August 24, 2020

I could make a rather poor joke that none of MY ancestors would be listed in court records but, of course, I would be wrong. Every family has a few people who end up on the wrong side of the law. **HOWEVER**, court records also list millions of victims, witnesses, law-enforcement personnel, judges, and other people as well.

360 million court cases could be a great treasure house for genealogists.

The site is <https://www.judyrecords.com/> and is completely free, no credit card, no advertising, no sign ups, etc. and has over 360 million US court records that are completely free to search.

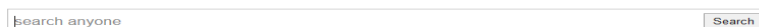
It has case types that are particularly important for genealogy research like marriage, divorces, probate/estates, name changes, and adoption records.

marriage – 4,369,504 cases	probate – 5,580,719 cases
divorce – 6,979,501 cases	name change – 2,900,354 cases
estate – 4,968,717 cases	adoption – 77,157 cases

About 10 to 15 million new court cases are being added every month.

The user interface is a bit basic, maybe best described as stark: "Just the facts ma'am, nothing but the facts." In this case, I would say that is a good thing. No ads in your face, no begging for money. Just the data. Here is a screen shot of the home page:

See what I mean?



Try it yourself at <https://www.judyrecords.com>.

(from <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/08/24/a-new-free-online-resource-of-360-million-united-states-court-records/>)

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379 million+  
United States court records  
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## THOSE HAVING TELEPHONES

SUSCRIBERS NOW NUMBER 130.

A Correct Directory of the Marshfield Telephone Company.

During the past few months a large number of new telephones have been put in and some of the numbers were changed. The following is a list of the subscribers corrected up to date:

48 American Express Company  
 88 Baker Brothers, Livery  
 84 Bank, First National  
 36 Bank, German American  
 56 Bauer & Ladewig, Meat Market  
 70 Baumann, Louis  
 83 Beattie, James W., Office  
 118 Beattie, James W., Residence  
 60 Bille, Hans, Office  
 40 Blodgett, Hotel  
 2 Blodgett, C. E., Residence  
 65 Bodega, The.  
 102 Boyington, J. N., Residence  
 125 Brackendorf, John, Office  
 6 Budge, Dr. W. H., Residence  
 105 Budge, Dr. W. H., Office  
 16 Cady, Frank A., Office  
 38 Cole, John F., Office  
 5 Connor, W. D., Residence  
 81 Connor, The R. Company  
 32 Coye, W. H., Residence  
 58 Deckert, F. J., Meat Market  
 59 Deming, E. M., Residence  
 86—1 Ring, Deming, E. M., Office  
 30 Doege, Dr. Karl W., Office  
 75 Doege, Dr. Karl W., Residence  
 54 DuFour, E. N., Residence  
 98 Ebbe & Thompson, Warehouse  
 104 Eiche, H. C., Office.  
 21 Eisen, Reverend John, Residence  
 48 Express Company, Office  
 19 Finney, E. E. Residence  
 84 First National Bank  
 36 German American Bank  
 53 Goetschius, The Residence  
 9 Goldman, Leo., Store  
 120 Goldman, Leo., Residence  
 72 Grundy, C. H., Residence  
 108 Gustafson, G. R., Store  
 52 Gwin, Lacy, Residence  
 90 Hafer & Kalsched, Mill  
 89 Hafer & Kalsched, Office  
 80 Hammel & Company, Office  
 99 Hartl, Lorenz  
 10 Hayward, Dr. J. C., Residence  
 130 Henderson, G. W., Residence  
 112 Hirth, William, Office  
 96 Hoffmann, John A., Office  
 82 Horn, Henry, Drug Store  
 8 Horn, Henry, Residence  
 18 Hospital, St. Joseph's. (Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother.)  
 42 Hume, John P., Office  
 73 Hume, John P., Residence  
 51 Kautsky, Dr. E. V., Residence  
 34 Kleinheinz, Anton, Store  
 47 Koenig, H. C., Store  
 4 Koplein, A., Residence  
 14 Kraus & Kraus, Store  
 12 Kraus, Robert L., Residence  
 128 Laemle, Louis, Store  
 85 Lang & Scharmann, Office  
 77 LaPointe, Felix, Office  
 45 Lathrop, Dr. H. A., Residence  
 71 Laundry, Marshfield Steam  
 36 Lindemann, Oscar G., Cashier  
 44 Little & Mess, Store  
 20 Lonergan, Dr. W. J., Office  
 50 Mansion House  
 55 Marshfield Bedding Company

92 Marshfield Brewing Company  
 74 Marshfield Demokrat  
 11 Marshfield Hardware Company  
 66 Marshfield News  
 63 Marshfield Stave Company  
 79 Marshfield & South-Eastern Railway Company  
 71 Marshfield Steam Laundry  
 13 Marshfield Telephone Company, Central Office  
 31 Marshfield Times  
 17 Marshfield, Water, Electric Light & Power Company, Office  
 124 McEachron, H. E., Grain and Milling Company  
 117 Mettelka Brothers, Office  
 77 Montreal House  
 48 National Express Company  
 101 Neilson, N. A. Residence  
 28 Nick, L., Store  
 111 Nick, L., Residence  
 15 Noll, The William, Hardware Company  
 23 Noll, William, Residence  
 37 Omaha & Northwestern Depot  
 27 Pankow, A. G., Residence  
 74 Pankow Brothers, Demokrat Office  
 66 Paulus, Adam, News Office  
 62 Poad, Dr. W. T., Residence  
 86—2 rings. Poad, Dr. W. T., Office  
 64 Pors, W. A. and E. C., Office  
 103 Pors, E. C., Residence  
 106 Pulling, E. B., Office

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

122 First Ward  
 126 Fourth Ward  
 100 Central Avenue  
 97 New High School  
 84 Reese, Edward L., Cashier  
 76 Riggs, H. P., Residence.  
 61 Roddis, W. H., Residence  
 29 Roddis Veneer Company, Office  
 110 Rose Brothers, Store  
 119 Rose, Leo., Residence  
 113 Ruplinger & Uthmeier, Store  
 7 Roessler, T. F. & Company  
 71 Rumennopp & Dirrim, Office  
 124 Salzman, Adolph, Manager, Office  
 94 Scheibe, Emil P., Residence  
 78 Seidl, Joseph, Meat Market  
 33 Sexton Brothers, Drug Store  
 25 Sexton, W. A., Residence  
 87 Sheerin, C. S., Store  
 127 Sheerin, C. S., Residence.  
 43 "Sisters of Notre Dame," School  
 109 Standard Oil Company, Office  
 114 Strang, George L., Residence  
 129 Steinmetz, Michael, Store  
 48 Telegraph & Express Office  
 41 Thomas House  
 121 Tearnan J. F. Residence  
 35 Tiffault-Kamps Mercantile Company  
 49 Upham Mfg. Company, Office  
 67 Upham Mfg. Company, Furniture Factory  
 116 Upham Mfg. Company, Retail Lumber Office  
 57 Upham, W. H. Residence  
 95 Upham, F. R. Residence  
 3 Upham, George W. Store  
 26 Vannedom, T. F. Residence  
 69 Vedder, C. S. Office  
 22 Vedder, C. S. Residence  
 93 Voelker, John L. Residence  
 91 Vollmar, Fred, Residence  
 46 Wahle, Dr. Henry, Residence  
 107 Warsinske, Dr. Fred, Residence  
 39 Warsinske, Dr. G. A., Residence  
 17 Water Works Office  
 48 Western Union Telegraph Company.  
 24 Wheeler, M. H., Residence  
 31 Williams & DeGroff, Times Office

## Telephone Numbers for Marshfield, WI November 1899

68 Wisconsin Central Depot  
 1 Winch, E. E., Residence  
 123 Wing, Frank B., Drug Store  
 109 Wright, Matt, Agent  
 115 Wright L. A., Store

### TOLL LINES.

Rate listed will be charged to patron calling up and bill collected at the end of each month.

211 McMillan.....Free  
 211 March Rapids.....Free  
 212 Bakerville.....15 Cents  
 213 Hewitt.....15 Cents  
 213 Auburndale.....15 Cents  
 214 Stratford.....15 Cents  
 (R. Connor Company's Line.)  
 215 Rozellville Line.....15 Cents  
 Brinkman, John.  
 Klemme, H. L. (Stratford)  
 Wahl, Dr. H. S. (Stratford)  
 216 Greenwood.....25 Cents  
 (Central Office)  
 216 Loyal Line.....20 Cents  
 Graves, A. A.  
 Central Office.  
 Wisconsin Central Railroad Depot.  
 Fuchs, Dr. A. F., Office.  
 216 Spokeville Line.....15 Cents  
 Marsh, J. C.  
 216 Veeffkind.....15 Cents  
 216 Spencer Line.....25 Cents  
 Graves & Son, Store.  
 Graves, J. J., Store.  
 Graves, S. D., Residence.  
 Strayer, Dr. Frank, Office.

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## Ancestry® Announces Free Six-month Subscription for Teachers Just in Time for School Year

From Dick Eastman's Blog, August 21, 2020

The following announcement was written by Ancestry®:

**“Access to Ancestry Library Edition is Now Also Available as Free Remote Learning Resource for Parents and Tutors”**

**LEHI, Utah & SAN FRANCISCO, August 20, 2020** — Ancestry®, the global leader in family history and consumer genomics, announced today that for the first time, it will provide K-12 teachers across America a free six-month World Explorer subscription to access billions of historical records, providing support in lesson development and project creation for the school year ahead. Whether teaching in the classroom or through remote learning, Ancestry now offers free resources to inspire educators with new ways to engage students this fall.

The free subscription will give teachers the tools to help students across the nation make connections to their ancestors, historical places, and events throughout time. By pulling records around historical events to contextualize chapters in history like WWII and the Civil War, teachers can bring their curriculum to life in relevant and exciting ways—which is especially important for keeping students engaged during virtual learning.

“Family history research is a powerful tool for building resilience, connection and understanding for all ages,” said Margo Georgiadis, President and CEO of Ancestry. “We are deeply appreciative of the work of educators, particularly during this challenging time. Ancestry is proud to provide free tools to support educators with their focus on inspiring students with new curriculum topics and to make richer and more personal connections to important moments in history.”

The platform allows K-12 teachers access to the World Explorer subscription, one of three membership choices; the other two are U.S. Discovery and All Access. The World Explorer membership includes access to all records (U.S. and international)



on Ancestry.

- Access to most records on Ancestry, including Census records, draft cards, immigration records, as well as marriage and birth records, and much more
- Access to all public family trees on Ancestry
- Access to Ancestry Hints® regarding the records included in this membership
- Ability for educators to create and edit their own family tree

Beginning on August 20, up to 10,000 teachers can verify their credentials on [Ancestry.com/backtoschool](https://www.ancestry.com/backtoschool) through September 30.

Beyond teachers, remote access to [Ancestry Library Edition](https://www.ancestry.com/library-edition) may be available as a genealogy research tool for parents, tutors and educators. For library patrons of over 2,100 libraries that subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition, the offering will provide instant free access to a wide range of resources for genealogical and historical research. Distributed exclusively by ProQuest and powered by Ancestry.com, the program grants card holders access to billions of records in census data, historical photos, plus local narratives, oral histories, indexes and other resources in over 30,000 databases that span from the 1500s to the 2000s. To access this database, contact your local library to ask if they participate and for more details.

In addition to the wide availability of resources obtained through Ancestry Library Edition, parents and educators also have access to an intuitive search interface, detailed search indexes, and helpful Learning Center tools, making Ancestry Library Edition an indispensable resource for education this school year. This program will be available through the end of September.

For more information on additional back-to-school resources and creative solutions for teachers and parents, please visit [www.ancestry.com/backtoschool](https://www.ancestry.com/backtoschool).

From: <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/08/21/ancestry-announces-free-six-month-subscription-for-teachers-just-in-time-for-school-year/>

## Ancestry® Completes the Arolsen Archives Collection with 19 Million Holocaust Records

From Dick Eastman's Blog, August 26, 2020

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:

### **“Launches Partnership with USC Shoah Foundation to Provide Access to a New Collection of Searchable Data from Jewish Holocaust Survivor Testimonies”**

LEHI, Utah & SAN FRANCISCO – (August 26, 2020) – Ancestry®, the global leader in family history and consumer genomics, has completed a significant philanthropic initiative to digitize and make searchable millions of Holocaust and Nazi persecution-related records. Building on its commitment to preserve at risk history, there are now more than 19 million Holocaust records available globally, for free and in perpetuity as part of the Arolsen Archives Collection. Ancestry also announced today a new partnership with USC Shoah Foundation to publish an index to nearly 50,000 Jewish Holocaust survivor testimonies that contain information on more than 600,000 additional relatives and other individuals found in survivor questionnaires. Both collections are now available and searchable for free on [www.ancestry.com/alwaysremember](http://www.ancestry.com/alwaysremember).

With the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, combined with the fact that many survivors are now at risk due to COVID-19, it is more important than ever for us to preserve this history and honor the memories of those killed during the Holocaust, as well as the survivors.

“The Holocaust was a shaping event for several generations, but its impact is in danger of being lost. Recent [research](#) shows that 66% of millennials have no knowledge of what Auschwitz was,” said Margo Georgiadis, President and Chief Executive Officer at Ancestry. “We have a collective responsibility to those who came before us to preserve this history so future generations can learn from the powerful moments of our past. We are extremely grateful to our partners at USC Shoah Foundation and Arolsen Archives for their help in this ongoing effort.



### **Details on the Arolsen Archives Collection**

First launched to the public last July 2019, today marks the completion of the Ancestry [Arolsen Archives Collection](#) which has been a multi-year project, culminating with the digitization of a total of 19.2 million records and 1.6 million images. The Arolsen Archives, which has the world's most comprehensive UNESCO-protected archive containing over 30 million documents on victims of National Socialism, granted Ancestry unprecedented access to publish the digital records of parts of these important holdings. Ancestry has since used advanced technology to digitize millions of names and other critical information found within these records.

The collection now has an additional 9 million digital records from the French, British, and Soviet zones of occupation.

“Our partnership with Ancestry is bringing visibility to our unique collection of historical documents about the Holocaust and Nazi persecution,” said Floriane Azoulay, Director of Arolsen Archives. “The ongoing digitization of this collection provides families of survivors and the general public access to discover invaluable documents and records to better understand their relatives' fate.”

### **Details on the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive**

[USC Shoah Foundation's](#) Visual History Archive® (VHA) is the largest digital collection of its kind in the world. Currently encompassing 115,000 hours of video testimony, the archive is an invaluable resource for humanity, with nearly every testimony containing a complete personal history of life before, during, and after the interviewee's firsthand experience with genocide. The Visual History Archive is digitized, fully searchable, and hyperlinked to the minute. This indexing allows students, professors, researchers, and others around the world to retrieve entire testimonies or search for specific sections within testimonies through a set of 65,600 keywords and key phrases, 1.95 million names, and 719,000 images. Initially a repository of Holocaust testimony, the Visual History Archive has expanded *(Continued on page 12 “Holocaust”)*



## Clark County's Soldier Dead Number 80

### State Loses 7,038 in First Complete Listing by the War Department

Eighty Clark county soldiers lost their lives in World War II, according to the first complete list issued by the War department.

The list including those who have been declared dead under Public Law 490, after a first listing as missing.

The total for Wisconsin was 7,038, or 2.30 per cent of the nation's complete fatality list.

Clark county's soldier dead are listed below:

Adams, John A.; Adams, Rudolph; Anderson, Paul J.; Arch, Stephan J.; Arndt, Clifford R.; Banderob, Laurel E.; Barrett, Bryce; Bedove, Cletus P.; Biddle, Raymond D.; Boss, Bernard A.; Brown, Wayne W.; Christman, Peter P.; Clouse, Elmer F.; Dill, Leo E.; Dudra, John S.; Edwards, Kenneth G.; Erickson, Charles F.; Ertl, Frank W.; Evans, Wilfred W.; Frank, Floyd J.; Frese, Harry J.; Fritz, Earl B.; Green, George.

Haas, John B.; Heintz, Eugene J.; Helm, Arthur J.; Hinker, Richard H.; Hohenstein, Ralph C.; Jenswold, George E.; Johnson, Ralph W.; Kallis, John; Kaszubowski, Victor J.; Kenyon, Lloyd M.; Keske, Marvin R.; Klieforth, Dale A.; Kolaczowski, Louis; Laski, Anthony F.; Leach, Elmer R.; Lehman, Andrew J.; Lindner, Edward P.; Loos, Everett W.; Lund, Carl, Jr.; Mathews, Allen W.; Meier, Gerald O.; Miller, Milton E.; Milton, Lewis J.; Oswald, Warren A.; Pazkowski, Raymond A.; Papierniak, Edward L.; Paulson, Donald F.; Poler, Edward R.; Polzin, Harold B.; Rupprecht, Leonard G.; Schumacher, Kenneth G.; Schuppe, Walter C.; Sell, Gerhardt W.; Smiley, Lester W.; Smith, Louie K.; Sokolowski, Joseph F.; Sterling, Melvin L.; Stookey, Wesley D.; Terrio, Cleo C.; Todd, Alvin E.; Torgerson, Martin C.; Turenne, Willard A.; Vesel, John A.; Vobora, Frank S.; Voeltz, Phillip; Wallis, Norman D.; Williams, Harvey L.; Worchel, Harley A.; Zastrow, William F.; Zdanczewicz, B. A.

(from Clark County Press, July 4, 1946, page 8)

**Note:** For additional information on these soldiers, check out the Clark County website at: <https://www.wiclarccountyhistory.org/veterans/WWII/index.htm>

## List of Wood County, WI Soldiers Killed During World War II

Wood County's soldier dead are listed below:

Bathke, Norbert H.; Bauer, William J.; Bayerl, Joseph P.; Becker, Raymond K.; Beidel, Adolph P.; Bell, Robert K.; Birge, Robert R.; Blonien, Elmer F.; Bores, George S.; Brandt, Jerome T.; Breese, Earl W.; Brehm, Donald E.; Brown, Harold J.; Buehler, Bernard V.; Burkhardt, Willard W.; Burkwell, Harold H.; Busche, Frank J., Jr.; Carlson, Richard D.; Cherney, Carl J.; Collier, Charles W.; Conklin, Douglas A.; Corey, John A.; Crowns, Howard R.; Damitz, Dale F.; Daum, John A.; David, La Verne V.; Davis, Phillip F.; Dickof, Russell W.; Dickson, Glen R.; Dillinger, Louis; Dittmann, Phil A.; Ebert, Veryln W.; Eckes, Clement P.; Ellis, Charles W.; Fehrenbach, Donald N.; Flick, John A.; Flinchbaugh, P. S.; Frankwick, Clarence S.; Carbrecht, Kenneth C.; Gehl, Donald C.; Giese, Frank H.; Gjertsen, Ralph N.; Goodrich, Joe K., Jr.; Grzanna, Joseph A.; Hansen, James C.; Hasenohrl, Edward J.; Hertel, Francis J.; Hinek, Alexander M.; Hoag, Walter G.; Jacoby, Alvin G.; Kahoun, Robert J.; Kedrowski, Henry J.; Klasinski, Walter J.; Krehnke, John A.; Kronstedt, Ernest A.; Labrot, Charles K.; Lamb, Robert L.; Lamb, Virgil I.; Lange, Cornelius J.; Lemke, William A.; Leonhard, Linus G.; Lizmeier, Andrew; Lubben, John F.; Luedtke, Reuben V.; Manthei, James R.; Markee, Terry C.; Mason, Gerald H.; Mathews, George M.; Matthews, Jack H.; McAllister, Lee F.; Mead George W.; Merkel, Leander S.; Michels, Victor L.; Moen, Henry A.; Mueller, Alvin C.; Mueller, Lloyd J.; Neinfeldt, Charles L.; Neises, Arnold, J.; Obermayer, Fred W.; Obermeier, Robert J.; Pagels, Howard W.; Perham, James M.; Pinney, Clifford E.; Primeau, Francis W.; Putzier, Elmer W.; Redmond, Thomas J.; Reed, Russell F.; Reese, Donald E.; Regan, Edwin J.; Reimer, Russell H.; Reinwand, Charles V.; Rezin, Douglas S.; Ritchie, Hubert P.; Roever, John L.; Rosebush, Richard G.; Rottscheit, Arnold G.; Ruder, Leroy A.; Schilter, Norman J.; Schmidt, Clarence; Schuman, George W.; See, Philip J.; Severt, Frederick A.; Simon, John N.; Smith, Floyd B.; Smith, Kenneth C.; Soloski, Mike H.; Spry, Harland A.; Staeger, Dale R.; Steger, Reuben J.; Stoltzmann, Ray G.; Strupp, Daniel H.; Szymanowski, Peter; Walsh, Irving A.; Waterman, Sidney C.; Watson, James A.; Weinbauer, Erwin L.; Wendt, George P.; White, Joseph J.; Wipfli, Gerald F.; Witte, Conrad A.; Yager, Quentin J.; Zettler, Paul F.

(from the National Archives website, "WWII Army Casualties: Wisconsin" at <https://nara-media-001.s3.amazonaws.com/arcmedia/media/images/29/21/29-2081a.gif>)

## Odds and Ends from the 1940's

*Items Reprinted from the Marshfield News Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin*

### Rudolph Serschens Honored at Party on Day of Anniversary

A celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Serschen, E. Ninth street, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary was held yesterday afternoon and evening. Their grandson, Donald Sleeter, who observed his 15th birthday was also honored at the gathering.

During the afternoon, the Serschens' grandchildren performed a mock ceremony. Gerald Sleeter, eight years old, played the role of the bride attired in a white wedding dress. Donald Sleeter was the groom, and 7-year-old Jackie Sleeter acted as ring bearer, carrying two fruit jar rings on a pillow. Roger Serschen, 10, performed the ceremony. Pictures of the group were taken.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent socially, followed by a 7 o'clock dinner with cut flowers centering the table. In the evening, sheepshead, rummy, and bunco were played. Winners at sheepshead were Rudolph Serschen and Miss Dorothy Martti; low were Frank Sleeter and Vernon Wolf. Mrs. Mary Wolf was high and John Ettle was low at rummy. Prize winners at bunco were Roger Serschen, high, and Gerald Sleeter, low.

Attending the double celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sleeter and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf, Mrs. Bertha Serschen and sons, Miss Dorothy Martti, James Serschen, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hendricks, Mrs. Mary Wolf, and John Ettle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Serschen and Donald Sleeter were presented with gifts from the group.  
*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 3, 1941, Page 7)*

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### Garments Still To Be Made for Red Cross Here

#### Volunteers Asked to Bring in Finished Garments

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." might well be the slogan for the present attempt of the American Red Cross to aid those in trouble across the sea. The need for help—food,

clothing, and medicine is greater today than it has ever been, and conditions are steadily growing worse, it is reported.

To many in the war-torn countries, America, in the past has been a far-off land, a land of strangers. Today, according to the many heartfelt expressions of gratitude pouring in daily, they know it is a friendly land, for as one refugee wrote, "Your gifts, the work of your hands protect us from the cold, and the spirit in which they were given warms our hearts."

Despite the splendid co-operation of individuals and organizations in Marshfield, the work of the Wood County Chapter of the American Red Cross has just begun, according to Mrs. Charles Yerkes. There remain nine women's cardigans, 41 dresses, and eight shirts to be completed on the last quota, and a new quota and materials can be expected shortly.

In order to facilitate the counting and shipping of knitted and sewed articles of clothing, volunteers are asked to bring all finished garments to the Red Cross rooms as soon as possible. In the meantime, it is hoped that the dresses, shirts, and cardigans will be finished, so that the chapter will have a clean slate when starting on the next quota.

Those receiving materials at the Red Cross rooms this week were Mrs. Earl Anderson, Mrs. E. Frankwick, Mrs. W. S. Heaton, Mrs. Howard A. Quirt, Mrs. C. J. Sommerer, Mrs. W. A. Liese, Mrs. Charles Vedder, Mrs. George Leonhard, and Mrs. Clark Jorgensen.

*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 6, 1941, Page 5)*

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### Chili Couple Honored On 50th Anniversary

—Guests who attended a party Saturday night for Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hornick of Chili, who were married 50 years on Jan. 31, were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hornick and sons, Harry, Norman, and Harland, Arpin, who were week end guests at the Hornick home; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peckney and daughter, Jeanette; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parker and son, Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Wellie Davis and son, James; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dankemyer; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rewey; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dankemyer, Mr. and Mrs.



Mundt and son, Raymond; Mrs. Ray Portz; Mrs. Lloyd Walter Hopp; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loughhead; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Montag; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reinwandt and family; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Buchholtz and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Bushon; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bushon Sr. and daughter, Minnie; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duchow; Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Hebert; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Andrews and family; Everett Loos; Robert Lee; Mrs. Frank Welch and daughter, Mary Jane; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Henninger; Mr. and Mrs. William Steltenpohl; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frank; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beining; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neinas; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lindow; Mr. and Mrs. William Lauer; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Struck; Miss Edith Grottke; Clair Davis; Mrs. Gertrude Geldernick and children; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Domer; and Adrian Ver Hagen. Lunch with a decorated anniversary cake was served, and the honor guests received a monetary gift.

*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 6, 1941, Page 8)*

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## Wedding Event Observed Here

### George Schmidts Wed 56 Years Today

Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt, 723 W. Arnold street, observed their 56th wedding anniversary today, and celebrated the occasion at a family dinner at their home last evening.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were born in Clark's Mills, Manitowoc County, and were married there on Feb. 10, 1885. The former celebrated his 75th birthday in July, and his wife, nee Anna Stelner, was 72 in October. The couple moved to several places after their marriage, and finally settled in Auburndale before coming here. In Auburndale, Mr. Schmidt was engaged in the hotel business prior to the time that he exchanged his hotel for a farm.

Thirteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt moved to Marshfield, where they purchased their present home, and have lived here since that time. Four children have been born to them: George. Athens: Ed, Menasha: Celia, who died in 1933; and Mrs. Nat Roller, Marshfield. They also have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 10, 1941, Page 7)*

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## Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Paasch, E. Fifth street, who observed " their 10th wedding anniversary yesterday, were honored at a surprise party at their home last night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Manthe and sons, Valerius and Elroy, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reckner, Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and children, Isabel, Lorraine, and Raymond of Unity; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krueger and son, Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Paasch and children, Harvey, Helen, and Ardene; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paasch; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Reckner; Mr. and Mrs. William Schulhauser; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scheller and son, Robert; Miss Adeline Miller; Miss Caroline Beck; Benny Crawford; and Alfred Mielke. Sheepshead furnished the entertainment for the evening and prizes for the men were awarded to Benny Crawford, high; Herman Manthe, second; and Arthur Paasch, low. Prizes were also awarded to the following women: Mrs. Ernest Reckner high; Mrs. Rudolph Reckner, second; Mrs. Frank Paasch, low. Fred Krueger won the traveling prize. Lunch was served, and the honor couple received many attractive gifts.

*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 12, 1941, Page 9)*

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## 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Krasin, S. Cedar street, entertained a group of guests at their home Saturday afternoon and evening on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The afternoon and evening were spent socially and in playing cards, and a 5 o'clock supper and midnight lunch were served to the guests. Those who attended the celebration from away were Mr. and Mrs. Jule Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman of Kenosha; Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Krasin of Tigerton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehman and daughter and Miss Edna Krasin of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Larson and family of Menasha. Marshfield guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. Krasin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Krasin, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Krasin, Mr. and ; Mrs. Dick Dobrinz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krause and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. George Manthei, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Braatz and daughter, Fay Lois, Miss Theresa Voskohl. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch and family, and Misses Mary and Martha Fischer. The honor couple received many gifts.

*(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 12, 1941, Page 9)*

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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. #
FRAYER, MICHAEL	12/10/1881	1305	028N - 008E	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	18
FRAZER, WALTER	8/20/1875	659	029N - 002E	SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2
FREDERICK, WILLIAM	2/1/1873	191	029N - 006E	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	26
FREEMAN, CHARLES T	2/6/1890	2302	029N - 010E	N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5
			029N - 010E	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5
FREEMAN, GEORGE	11/20/1883	1644	028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 13	6
			028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 14	6
FREEMAN, JAMES	8/14/1889	2347	029N - 010E	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4
FREEMAN, ROBERT	12/15/1873	209	027N - 005E	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	24
			027N - 005E	S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	24
FRISCHKORN, HENRY W	5/19/1903	4482	027N - 008E	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4
			027N - 008E	SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4
			027N - 008E	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	9
FRISHKORN, ERNST	5/19/1903	4547	027N - 008E	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4
FROLAND, OLE O	10/1/1880	1237	029N - 002E	S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6
FULEFSKE, FRIEDRICH	10/10/1888	2183	028N - 003E	SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	34
FULMER, EDD	9/15/1893	3178	027N - 003E	S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	36
			027N - 003E	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	36
			027N - 003E	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	36
FULMER, FRANK	1/10/1885	1783	026N - 004E	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6
FURMANNEK, JOHN	9/28/1891	2669	027N - 009E	E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	34
FUST, HENRY	10/1/1880	1288	028N - 008E	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3
GENETT, JEFFERSON	7/24/1889	2398	026N - 002E	NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2
GETCHEL, HENRY	5/23/1891	2636	026N - 010E	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	12
GIFFORD, CASE C	6/20/1884	1737	029N - 002E	NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	12
GILFORD, JOHN	12/10/1881	1315	028N - 002E	S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	26
GILHAM, FREDERICK	12/15/1873	336	028N - 009E	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5
GILHAM, JAMES	2/1/1873	245	028N - 009E	SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5
GILHAM, WILLIAM	10/30/1877	938	028N - 009E	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5
GILPIN, BENJAMIN	12/10/1881	1299	027N - 002E	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	34
GIRDWOOD, JAMES	5/5/1883	1558	029N - 003E	E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	8
			029N - 003E	SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	8

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
GLEASON, MARIA, DUFLO, MARIA	3/7/1892	2796	030N - 010E	S½NW¼	15
			030N - 010E	W½SW¼	15
GOODALE, JOEL M	5/23/1891	2635	026N - 010E	N½NW¼	11
			026N - 010E	SE¼NW¼	11
			026N - 010E	NE¼SW¼	11
GOODWIN, EDWARD O	4/30/1880	1167	026N - 002E	E½SE¼	12
GORDON, IGNATZ	5/2/1905	5132	026N - 007E	SW¼SE¼	10
GORDON, PETER	8/20/1875	658	029N - 002E	SW¼	2
GRAHAM, JAMES	1/30/1877	847	028N - 002E	NW¼	22
GRAVES, GEORGE A	4/30/1880	1193	028N - 002E	S½NE¼	4
GRAWITTER, FRIEDERICH	6/7/1897	3636	026N - 003E	W½NW¼	18
			026N - 003E	SE¼NW¼	18
GREENWOOD, HENRY	4/30/1880	1204	028N - 002E	E½SW¼	26
GREFFENIUS, AUGUST	8/14/1899	3889	029N - 010E	NE¼SW¼	23
			029N - 010E	SE¼NW¼	23
GREGWARE, JOHN	12/20/1904	5023	026N - 005E	NW¼NE¼	14
GRESSENS, HEINRICH	6/20/1884	1730	028N - 005E	SW¼SE¼	28
GRETA, FERDINAND A	6/20/1884	1733	026N - 003E	W½SW¼	10
			026N - 003E	NE¼SW¼	10
GRETA, FRANK G	5/9/1885	1883	027N - 003E	W½NE¼	30
GRETA, JOSEPH	5/9/1885	1882	027N - 003E	E½NE¼	30
GRIFFITHS, JOHN H	1/5/1876	757	029N - 002E	NW¼	26
GROSS, WILLIAM	5/19/1903	4513	030N - 010E	SE¼NE¼	9
GROSSMANN, LEOPOLD	7/3/1890	2359	028N - 008E	N½SE¼	7
GRUETZMACHER, FREDERICK	4/5/1877	861	029N - 006E	S½NW¼	2
GUILLAUME, FREDERICK	8/1/1874	371	027N - 006E	S½SW¼	6
			027N - 006E	NW¼	7
HABECK, HEINRICH	12/20/1904	5006	027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 10	6
HACKBARTH, AUGUST	6/10/1879	1059	029N - 008E	W½NW¼	3
HACKETT, CHARLES H	10/1/1880	1251	027N - 002E	S½NW¼	4
HAEFER, PAUL	2/20/1883	1463	027N - 003E	NE¼	4
HAGERTY, JAMES H	8/20/1875	554	026N - 002E	SW¼SE¼	14
HALL, ALBERT	7/13/1885	1948	030N - 003E	N½NW¼	4

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to include testimonies from the [Armenian Genocide](#) that coincided with World War I, the [1937 Nanjing Massacre in China](#), the [Cambodian Genocide of 1975-1979](#), the [Guatemalan Genocide of 1978-1983](#), the [1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda](#), and the ongoing conflicts in the Central African Republic and South Sudan, and anti-Rohingya mass violence. It also includes testimonies about contemporary acts of violence against Jews.

Ancestry is publishing an index of data from nearly 50,000 Jewish Holocaust survivors whose testimonies are found in the VHA. When searching [www.ancestry.com/alwaysremember](http://www.ancestry.com/alwaysremember), visitors will be provided a direct link to [VHA Online](#)—a public platform containing the full metadata and a subset of testimony from the VHA.

"Partnering with Ancestry ultimately enables more individuals to explore the life histories of nearly 50,000 Jewish survivors of the Holocaust collected by thousands of interviewers, videographers, and other volunteers and supporters since our founding in 1994," said Stephen Smith, Finci-Viterbi Executive Director at USC Shoah Foundation. "We are grateful that Ancestry is providing access to this initial set of metadata and enhancing the discoverability of our archive and this critically important

history.

This collection is also free to everyone and includes records with names, birth dates, death dates, relatives and more for the interviewee and those they mentioned.

From <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/08/26/ancestry-completes-the-arolsen-archives-collection-with-19-million-holocaust-records/>

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### Upcoming Meetings

**September 24, 2020**

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

**October 22, 2020**

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.

**January 28, 2021**

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

**February 25, 2021**

Watch our website and Facebook for details in the near future on our new speaker format and topics!

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.