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Marshfield's 150: Honoring Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present Celebrating 150 years by honoring 150 people from Marshfield

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Help us celebrate 150 amazing years of Marshfield History by honoring 150 outstanding people! We are looking for nominations of people who made Marshfield special. You can nominate anyone who has made an impact on Marshfield in the past 150 years, no matter how big or small. Nominees could be a current mover and shaker, or someone from our storied past. We are hoping to gather a wide variety of people, so think of those who have had an influence on education, government, religion, business, athletics, arts, or community in Marshfield. While some people may be obvious, you can also keep the lesser known stories in mind. This could be an opportunity to make sure these stories are remembered.

For more information, and to find the form, visit the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library's website at www.marshfieldlibrary.org, and locate the 150th tab. You will find the link to the Google online form as well as the printable PDF of the form under *Marshfield's 150: Honoring Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present*. Nominating someone is easy, but it can mean so much. Fill out the form with basic information about you and the person you are nominating, and include a write-up (of up to 750 words) about the person and why they deserve to be included.

When composing the write-up, please tell us everything you can about this person, writing it as if we don't know anything



about this person (even if they are well known!). Please include a picture if you have one. You can nominate as many people as you wish. Nominations will be collected through 2022, and inductees into our Marshfield's 150: Honoring Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present will be announced throughout the year. Don't know where to begin with your write-up? Check out the 150th tab of the Library's website for entries of Marshfield Stories for examples. Here are a few of those examples:

- [Ackerman, John Family](#)
- [Adler, Elizabeth "Bette" Billie](#)
- [Allen, Caroline Hartl](#)
- [Allman, Peter and Mary \(Russell\)](#)
- [Arndt, Martin and Johanna](#)

By submitting your nomination, you are giving us permission to include them in our Marshfield's 150: Honoring Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present, as well as future projects or publications. Submissions may be edited for clarity or content.

President's Message

Hello MAGG Members,

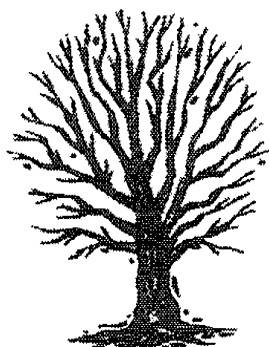
Here's hoping that this newsletter is finding everyone happy, safe and healthy as we start the new year!

I know traditionally that January and the New Year is a time for Resolutions. How many of you have made one of those resolutions to find out by the end of the year or even the end of January, you had already given up on keeping it? Well, I have a request, but first a question. How many of you have written a book about your family? I know many genealogists who love researching, but when it comes to writing, are not so good. So here is the request,,I am asking for you to write just a short story about your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who lived in Marshfield. It doesn't have to be long, less than 750 words. And then submit the story to the library for the "Marshfield's 150: Honoring Heroes and Leaders, Past and Present."

Follow the information on the front page of this newsletter and go to the library's link for additional information and to complete the form. Now is your chance to leave the legacy of your family, especially if you haven't written a book on your family or submitted a story about your family in one of the previously written Marshfield History Books. Feel free to write a short story about each of your Marshfield family members and submit them. This might be a way of getting started on writing. Down those many stories that you remember your family telling you.

Need a little help with getting started, how about a writing workshop sometime this Spring? Just let me know if you are interested. Start now by getting your notes and stories together. Look for a few pictures. Let's see what you can come up with!

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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.



List of Names of Persons That Paid Dog Tax in Marshfield, WI
Excerpted from the City of Marshfield Council Proceedings
March 3, 1915, 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Hastings seconded by Alderman McFarlane that the City Clerk publish the list of names and persons that paid Dog Tax.

Motion carried.

List of names of persons that paid Dog Tax:

Ed Kalsched, \$2.00
 E. E. Finney, \$2.00
 C. Kingsbury, \$2.00
 Wm. Cramer, \$2.00
 Fred Jahnke, \$2.00
 B. E. Spooner, \$2.00
 R. C. Hastings, \$2.00
 Ed. Furstenburg, \$2.00
 C. H. Russel, \$2.00
 Wm. Krause, \$2.00
 Wm. A. Smith, \$2.00
 J. H. Harvey, \$2.00
 John Pillsner, \$2.00

First and Sixth Wards

Frank Baumann, \$2.00
 Wm. Schlafke, \$2.00
 Jos. Rebsteck, \$2.00
 Peter Tauscheck, \$2.00
 Jos. Gruber, \$2.00
 Mrs. Weigel, \$2.00
 Miss Eckoff, \$2.00
 Wm. Thuss, \$2.00
 Herb. Hodgden, \$4.00
 Mike Szangi, \$2.00
 Ch. Berline, \$2.00
 Ed. Sommers, \$2.00
 Louis Hartl, \$2.00
 Mrs. Schlindler, \$2.00
 Mrs. J. Wetstein, \$2.00
 Geo. Schreindel, \$4.00
 Joe Zweck, \$2.00
 Joe Fischer, \$2.00
 Mike Bartl, \$2.00
 J. E. Sartell, \$2.00
 A. C. Schmidt, \$2.00
 Bill Scheller, \$2.00
 Nick Ruder, \$2.00
 Wm. Wittman, \$2.00
 W. H. Budge, \$2.00

J. Revoyr, \$2.00
 Anton Stauber, \$2.00
 Herman Stargardt, \$5.00
 Mike Steger, \$2.00
 Joe Schlagenhaft, \$2.00
 Art. Gauger, \$2.00
 Mike Wahner, \$2.00
 Frank Stauss, \$2.00
 Joe Grosbier, \$2.00
 Oswald Rhyner, \$2.00
 Peter Bev, \$2.00
 Jos. Pflum, \$2.00
 Mrs. M. Steinmetz, \$2.00
 F. Brainard, \$2.00
 W. F. Kolbeck, \$2.00

Second and Third Wards

B. Rhyner \$2.00
 W. H. Diddie, \$2.00
 Henry Duellman, \$2.00
 J. Schwartzbauer, \$2.00
 C. Saterlee, \$2.00
 Wm. Eggebrecht, \$2.00
 Geo. Tremmel, \$2.00
 J. Fehrenbach, \$2.00
 Ed. Dunow, \$2.00
 E. Cummings, \$2.00
 Mrs. Bodah, \$2.00
 Wm. Dix, \$2.00
 Fred Rhyner, \$2.00
 John Dix, \$2.00
 Ed. Wolf, \$5.00
 Wm. Borofka, \$2.00
 Wm. Beseler, \$2.00
 John Steder, \$2.00
 C. A. Githens, \$5.00
 H. Schlafke, \$2.00
 H. Arnett, \$5.00
 M. Dolesai, \$2.00
 John Eckes, \$2.00

H. Kaufmann, \$2.00
 J. McDonald, \$2.00
 Mrs. Paine, \$2.00
 C. Tangermann, \$2.00

Second and Third Wards

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 John O'Connor, \$5.00
 Peter Dix, \$2.00
 G. Fehrenbach, \$2.00
 Geo. Cook, \$2.00
 A. Warnecke, \$2.00
 Carl Sommers, \$2.00
 Wm. Martin, \$2.00
 Ed. Parks, \$5.00
 Otto Hine, \$2.00
 Vint Hansen, \$2.00
 Ivo Wright, \$5.00
 A. F. Decker, \$2.00
 Elmer Krahn, \$2.00
 F. Auermiller, \$2.00
 Andrew Hoffman, \$2.00
 R. Connor, \$4.00
 Jim Varney, \$5.00
 Anton Kiesling, \$2.00
 Ed. Parks, \$5.00
 Joseph Bender, \$2.00
 Herman Witt, \$2.00
 I. Thompson, \$2.00
 S. Shapiro, \$2.00
 Tom Spalding, \$2.00
 Wm. Wenzel, \$2.00
 C. E. Blodgett, \$2.00
 H. J. Fink, \$2.00
 H. Kreisch, \$2.00
 Earl Dishrow, \$5.00
 Albert Poppy, \$2.00
 Geo Zimmer, \$2.00
 Mrs. Wright, \$2.00

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 Nick Britten, \$2.00
 L. Gilberts, \$2.00
 A. Bohmsach, \$2.00
 Frank Fenton, \$2.00
 F. Dolezal, \$2.00
 G. W. Bell, \$5.00
 Alex Mettelka, \$4.00
 Geo. Booth, \$2.00
 Leo Trudeau, \$2.00
 J. C. Marsh, \$2.00
 Lee Dumas, \$2.00
 Adolph Wein, \$5.00
 Fred Bauer, \$2.00
 Wm. Wheeler, \$2.00
 Jim Varney, \$2.00
 Carl Taube, \$2.00
 P. Engeldinger, \$2.00
 Frank Eckes, \$2.00
 Geo. Lofa, \$2.00
 Frank Geiger, \$2.00
 J. Brackendorf, \$4.00
 Mrs. Erion, \$2.00
 Wm. Herman, \$2.00
 Peter Hansen, \$7.00
 Garry Mason, \$5.00
 Mrs. C. Noll, \$2.00
 John Johnson, \$2.00
 Sam LeMahieu, \$2.00
 H. L. Bartholomew, \$2.00
 Geo. Strang, \$2.00
 Ph. Jacobus, \$2.00
 Ed. Witt, \$4.00
 L. J. Smith, \$2.00
 Geo. Donhard, \$2.00
 John Wensing, \$2.00
 Joe Stockbauer, \$2.00
 Ph. Adler, \$2.00
 Fred Schultz, \$2.00
 P. J. Schwenka, \$2.00
 A. Hobbs, \$2.00
 L. Schriendl, \$2.00

Fourth and Fifth Wards

A. E. Schreiber, \$5.00
 Felix LaPoint, \$2.00
 J. Stierle, \$2.00
 Percy Smith, \$2.00

Albert Arenz, \$2.00
 L. F. Winterburn, \$2.00
 Wm. Springborn, \$2.00
 Adolph Bender, \$2.00
 Alex LaPoint, \$4.00
 R. S. Barnard, \$2.00
 A. J. Abbott, \$2.00
 W. S. Heaton, \$2.00
 J. E. Ketchum, \$2.00
 Mrs. Wm. Hirth, \$2.00
 D. A. Knilans, \$2.00
 Weber Bros., \$2.00
 Fred Korth, \$2.00
 Fred Seehafer, \$2.00
 John Kirschner, \$2.00
 John Kirschner, \$2.00
 A. E. Kump, \$2.00
 J. M. Sarteli, \$2.00
 George McCrossen, \$2.00
 Mrs. Whitcomb, \$2.00
 H. G. Hambright, \$2.00
 Dr. H. Wahle, \$2.00
 Dr. V. A. Mason, \$2.00
 J. J. O'Connor, \$2.00
 Mrs. H. A. Lathrop, \$2.00
 Otto Scharmann, \$2.00
 Otto Warnecke, \$2.00
 Clarence Oleson, \$2.00
 G. F. Miller, \$2.00
 Nick Gross, \$2.00
 Carl Kisten, \$2.00
 George Specht, \$2.00
 W. White, \$2.00
 Mrs. Olson, \$2.00
 W. Rector, \$7.00
 Alvin Hansen, \$2.00
 H. H. Berg, \$2.00
 T. E. Vannedom
 G. Davies, \$2.00
 Max Willner, \$2.00
 Herman, Hopp, \$2.00
 Mat Nauds, \$2.00
 Frank Trudeau, \$2.00
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 Henry Foss, \$2.00
 Henry Weischoff, \$2.00
 Emil Miller, \$2.00
 Tom Nelson, \$2.00

Tom Wright, \$2.00
 Gust Trierweiler, \$2.00
 Jos. Ott, \$2.00
 Ed. Brickheimer, \$2.00
 Mrs. Zahn, \$2.00
 Emil Kliner, \$2.00
 Harry Alvord, \$2.00
 John Berg, \$2.00
 Dr. Harrington, \$2.00
 C. Goodin, \$2.00

Fourth and Fifth Wards

J. M. Quinn, \$2.00
 Ray McDonald, \$2.00
 George Wellner, \$2.00
 John J. O'Connor, \$5.00
 Tony Hager, \$2.00
 C. D. McCrillis, \$2.00
 R. Mess, \$2.00
 Sam Winch, \$2.00
 John Diem, \$2.00
 Bernard Sebold, \$2.00
 Fred Graham, \$5.00
 L. Winch, \$2.00
 Mrs. Buss, \$2.00
 Joe Klum, \$2.00
 Cora Cramer, \$2.00
 Fred Wein, \$2.00
 Martin Ott, \$2.00
 August Schrage, \$2.00
 Wm. Wiedon, \$2.00
 C. A. Carlson, \$2.00
 John Schroeder, \$2.00
 Roy J. Leith, \$2.00
 G. B. Anderson, \$2.00
 E. H. Engleman, \$2.00
 C. F. Dunham, \$2.00
 W. D. Connor, \$4.00
 Rev. Floer, \$2.00
 R. A. Kalbskopf, \$2.00
 Wm. Noll, \$4.00
 Joe Marx, \$2.00
 Dr. Poad, \$2.00
 Wm. Rochon, \$5.00
 Jacob Wilhelm, \$4.00
 Gust Bores, \$2.00
 Submitted by John Seubert, City Clerk
 (from The Marshfield Times, Marsh-
 field, WI, March 10, 1915, pg. 6)

Researching Ancestors in Asylums

By Amy Johnson Crow, Blog Posted June 27, 2021

Researching an ancestor who was in an asylum or state hospital is challenging, frustrating, and (often) emotional work. Success in finding the records comes from persistence and creativity. Here are some records and strategies to use when researching an ancestor in such an institution.

The Emotional Aspect of Researching Institutionalized Ancestors

Before we get into finding the records, I want to point out some of the “other” challenges in this type of research. It can be heartbreaking to see your ancestor described as “a lunatic” or to read the conditions that they endured in an asylum.

Some might say, “But, Amy, those were the terms they used back then. They didn’t mean anything by them.” I beg to differ. In many cases, these terms were meant to label someone as “lesser than.”
Why Were They Sent to an Asylum?

Barring finding a doctor’s testimony, a case file, or a detailed petition to the court, you might not be able to determine the real cause of the ancestor’s hospitalization. First, there is the issue of vague language. Was the “insanity” actually depression? Was it epilepsy or other seizure-inducing conditions? Was it PTSD?

You also have to consider the non-medical reasons that a person could be committed. Under the guise of “insanity,” husbands could have their wives committed (involuntarily) for disagreeing with them. One such case was Elizabeth Packard, whose husband had



Kankakee State Hospital, 1893

Researching Ancestors in Asylums



her committed because she disagreed with his religious teachings, which was rather embarrassing for him, as he was a minister. (You can read more about causes of women committed to asylum’s in [“Lunacy in the 19th Century: Women’s Admissions to Asylums in United States of America,”](#) a paper by Katherine Pouba and Ashley Tianen of the University of Wisconsin.)

The Challenge of Finding Asylum Records

The immediate question that comes to mind when discovering that an ancestor was in an asylum or state hospital is often, “Why was he (or she) there?” Unfortunately, state law or policy often restricts the records that would give the most direct answer — an admissions application or the patient’s file.

In Illinois, for example, patient records are closed by

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law. Immediate family members of a deceased patient can make a request directly to the state archives, the state hospital, or the Illinois Department of Human Services. (An immediate family member, in this case, is the patient’s spouse, children, siblings, and parents.) But what if you’re not an immediate family member? You get to try to [obtain a court order from an Illinois circuit court](#).

My ancestor died in 1899 in what was then called the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane (later called Kankakee State Hospital). Even though she has been dead for 122 years, I have to convince a judge to issue a court order so I can see her records.

Some states are *slightly* more open. Ohio, for example, use to require researchers to sign a paper that they were the “closest relative” to the patient. Now that’s only required if the patient’s death occurred within the past 50 years. However, [the books are still closed from public review](#); researchers still have to fill out forms for specific records.

Steve Luxenberg’s book [Annie’s Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret](#) is a must-read for anyone pursuing this process, especially if the patient died in the last 50 years.

[Note: the link to his book is an Amazon affiliate link, meaning that Amy might be paid a small commission if you purchase through that link.]

Other Records to Seek for a Hospitalized Ancestor

Although patient admission papers and case files are often restricted, that doesn’t mean that there aren’t other records that are available to us. **We need to shift our focus from records created by the state to records that were created locally.**

That is what I did when researching Grace Braddock, who was listed in the 1880 census as an inmate at the Athens Insane Asylum in Athens, Ohio. She was 59 years old, widowed, a native of Ireland, and listed as “insane.”

Although by law I can request Grace’s records from the Ohio History Connection, COVID restrictions have prevented research at the archives. So let’s see what else I can find about Grace and her commitment to the Athens asylum. The 1870 census places her in Perry County, with head of household Michael (age 48, presumably her husband), and Catherine

(age 20), Michael (age 18), and Mary (age 13).

Local Court Records Dealing With Insanity

Typically, **commitment to an asylum or state hospital initiated in a local court** (often the county probate court). You stand a much better chance of accessing these records than you do getting the hospital records. There are various types of probate records, so be sure to look for all of them. **Guardianships** are often involved in commitments. Though we typically think of guardianships as being something for minors, they could also be used if an adult was deemed unable to act in his or her own legal interests.

A **docket** essentially acts like a table of contents of the proceedings of a case, listing the type of proceeding and where it is recorded. While a docket doesn’t tell you a whole lot per se, it points you to more records and it gives you at least a timeline of the court actions.

There can be different dockets, broken down by the function of the proceedings. In Perry County, Ohio, for example, there is a separate docket to record the proceedings of guardianships. Here is the docket for Grace Braddock and her two guardianship cases.

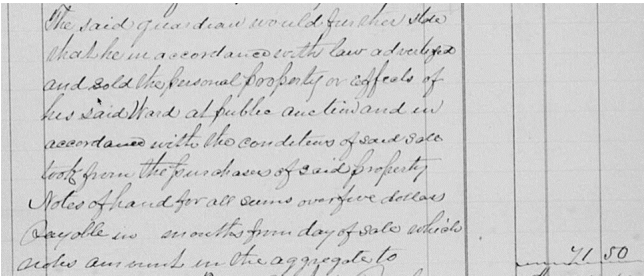
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NO. OF CASES	NO. OF ENTRIES	Year	Month		Day	Vol.	Page	Vol.	Page		
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5102		1878	Dec	31	1 st Account						
5103		1893	May	2	2 nd Final Acct			Test	6705		
					Grace Braddock Ward, P. J. Donabough Guardian						
5103		1893	Feb	8	Appointment			Prob	376		
5102		1878	Dec	3	1 st Account						
5103		1893	May	2	2 nd Final Acct			Test	12539		

Grace Braddock entries, Guardian Docket, p. 265, Perry County, Ohio Probate Court. Image courtesy FamilySearch.

We can see from the docket that Grace’s case numbers were 5102 and 5103. The first proceeding was the guardian’s 1st account on 31 December 1878. The last proceeding of the second case was the ward’s final account on 2 May 1893.

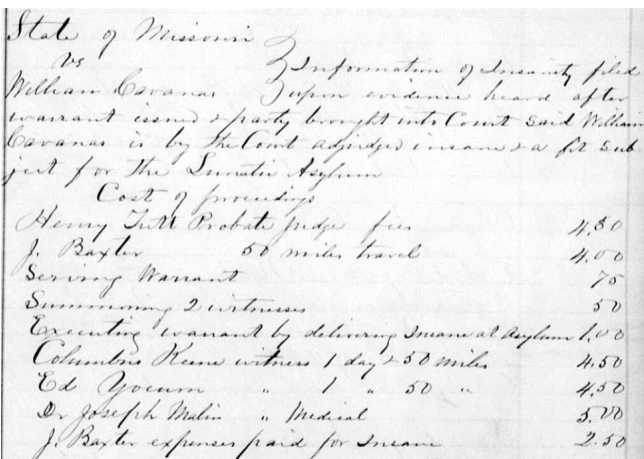
This docket gives us not only journals to look up, but also specific case numbers. **Case packets or loose papers** contain things like inventories, receipts, depositions, etc. They can be invaluable. In this filing, Edward Mackin (Grace’s first guardian) reported that he received \$71.50 in the sale of

Grace's personal property.



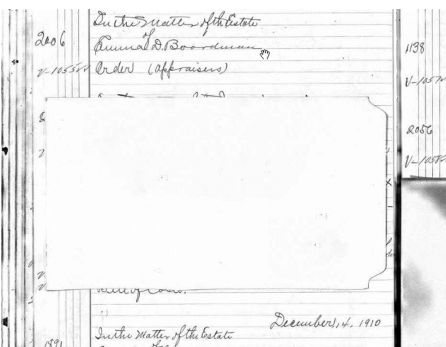
Edward Mackin account, case 5102, Perry County, Ohio Probate Court. Image courtesy FamilySearch.

The **court journal** summarizes what happened at the various proceedings in court. In this probate court journal from Buchanan County, Missouri, William Cavanas was “adjudged insane & a fit subject for the Lunatic Asylum.” It also lists a \$1.00 expense for “Executing warrant by delivering Insane at Asylum.”



William Cavanas case, 8 November 1875, Probate Journal J, Buchanan County, Missouri. Image courtesy FamilySearch.

You sometimes come across **court records that were redacted** in the microfilming or digitizing process. Here's an example from the collection of Washington probate records on Ancestry:



Whitman County, Washington, Probate Minute Book H, p. 102. (Note: although it is called a probate minute book, it is functioning like a docket.) Image courtesy Ancestry.

The person doing the microfilming placed blank cards over the entries that had to deal with insanity cases. Ancestry digitized from the microfilm, not the original records.

When this happens, look for other court records. **Just because the docket is redacted doesn't mean that the court journal is.** Most court journals are arranged chronologically and have a basic index at the front.

Also, just because a docket or other record was redacted in microfilming doesn't necessarily mean that it is redacted in person.

Newspapers

Local newspapers, especially in smaller towns, often ran notices of court proceedings. (Thank you, [Jill Morelli](#), for this tip!) You might also uncover articles about an ancestor's illness or an event that triggered the court action.

Death Records

If your ancestor died in the asylum/hospital, look at death records in that county. Institutions didn't always record patient deaths with the local health department, but it is worth a look. In fact, the Kankakee County, Illinois death records are what lead to my discovery that my ancestor was at the Illinois Eastern Hospital. The Athens County, Ohio death records include the death of **Grace Braddock in the "Athens Asylum"** on 11 June 1892; her cause of death was an aneurysm.

The 1880 "Defective" Schedule

A special schedule of the 1880 census was the schedule of "Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent" classes, which gives information on the patient's mental status and the treatments used on those who were institutionalized. You can read more about this schedule on my post, ["Do You have a Defective Ancestor?"](#)

Annual Reports and Other Sources for Context

State hospitals, being state institutions, filed annual reports. You rarely find information about specific patients, but you will find contextual information, such as the buildings' layout, meals, and treatment philosophy. [Google Books](#) and [Internet Archive](#) are good places to look for these reports, as are state libraries and archives.

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Odds and Ends from the 1940's

Items from the Marshfield News Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin

Herman F. Thiels Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Tuesday

Open House is Held in Honor of Local Pioneer Couple

Pioneers of the Marshfield area in the full sense of the word are Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Thiel, who yesterday observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on W. Fifth street with a family dinner at noon and held open house during the afternoon and evening.

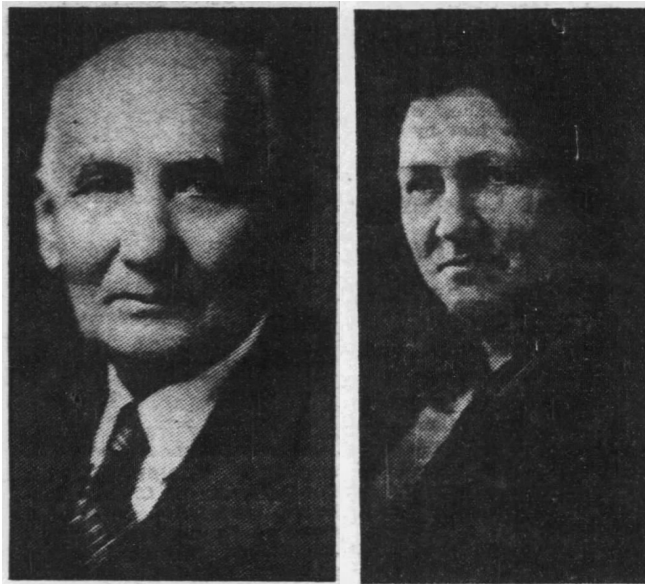
Mrs. Thiel, the former Annie Cattanach, who was born April 24, 1871, at Nasonville, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cattanach, who came here in 1869 from Dalhousie, Glengarry, Canada. At the age of 14 she became housekeeper for her bachelor uncle, John Cattanach, and continued to make her home with him until her marriage.

Mr. Thiel, who traveled through Nasonville in 1881, returned in 1885 to establish Wood County's first cheese factory, and has been a resident of this vicinity ever since. Born Oct. 5, 1861, in Kiel, Holstein, he came to America 10 years later with his parents, who settled on a farm near New Holstein, in Calumet County. Here he learned to make cheese, and after considering several sites for a factory of his own, decided to locate at Nasonville. The factory which he built is still in operation.

Attendants Present

Attendants at the Thiel-Cattanach wedding were Miss Belle Matthews, now Mrs. George Frechette of Wisconsin Rapids; Miss Grace Nason and her brother Vern, and Tom Hart. All were present at the celebration yesterday except Miss Nason, who died a number of years ago.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. T. Hendren, Presbyterian minister, in the parlor of the Merchants Hotel in Neillsville, and after a dinner in the hotel the wedding party returned to the John Cattanach home, where supper was served by the bride's aunts, Mrs. Ed Eastman and Mrs. John Rausch. Later in the evening a dance was held at Nason's Hall, with music by Henry Leonhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coats. S. L. Nason, founder of Nason-



Mr. & Mrs. Herman F. Thiel

Nasonville. claimed the honor of leading the grand march with the bride.

Became Partner

The first home of Mr. and Mrs. Thiel was a small house near the factory, and later an addition to the factory served as living quarters for the family. Mrs. Thiel became an active partner in the business of cheesemaking, as well as making trips over corduroy roads to Marshfield to get money from the bank for paying the patrons of the factory, and when Marshfield held its jubilee pageant in 1937 she and Mr. Thiel re-enacted the pioneer method of making cheese.

In the fall of 1892 the Thiels came to Marshfield, where Mr. Thiel had become a stockholder in the Hatteberg Veneer Factory, but in the spring of 1893 they reopened their cheese factory, which they sold in 1902 to W. L. Becker of Brillion, now their brother-in-law and a resident of Marshfield.

Move to Marshfield

When S. L. Nason died in 1899, Mr. Thiel was appointed administrator of his estate, and after selling the factory, he moved to Lindsey. With the affairs of the estate settled, he bought a general store in Chili, which he sold in 1904 to Frazer and Young. The same year he bought a creamery at Nasonville from the Puerner Company of Marshfield, and in 1914

sold the place to the patrons, who established a co-operative cheese factory.

Since 1914, the family home has been at 203 W. Fifth street. Mr. Thiel has been interested in various business enterprises, and has served as alderman for the Third Ward and as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Hub Rebekah Lodge, No. 158, and Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Thiel is a member of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society, has been orator of Mayflower Camp, No. 963, Royal Neighbors of America, and is treasurer of Hub Rebekah Lodge.

Out-of-Town Guests

For yesterday's celebration, Mrs. Thiel was dressed in the same shade of blue that fashioned her wedding dress 50 years ago, and members of the bridal party each wore a yellow rose. The Thiel home was a profusion of beautiful spring flowers, and the table at which 46 dinner guests was served, was centered with a large wedding cake topped by a miniature bride and groom. The honor couple was presented with many gifts.

Attending the celebration, besides members of the bridal party, were the Thiels four children and eight of their 10 grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. Oscar (Hazel) Tanz of Mondovi, Mrs. Howard (Iola) Merrill, Menasha, Bryon Thiel of Green Bay, and Dr. W. A. Thiel of Dayton, Ohio.

Others from away who were here were Mrs. W. A. Thiel and daughter, Marilyn; Oscar Tanz and daughters, Marjory, Bernice, Gerry, and Janet; Betty Jean Merrill, and Mrs. Byron Thiel, daughter, Barbara, and son, Richard; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cattanaach, Nekoosa; Mrs. Emil Schaub, and Mr. and Mrs. August Schaefer, Brillion.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Thiel, Random Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thiel, Mr. and Mrs. John Thiel, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ohm, Potter; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cattanaach, Owen; George Frechette, Wisconsin Rapids; John and Kinzie Cattanaach, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cattanaach, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thiel, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Thiel and children. Charmaine and Richard, all of Nasonville, and Mr. and Mrs. George Pike and son, Henry, of Pittsville.
(from *Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Mar. 05, 1941, Wed • Page 9*)

NAME 25 STUDENTS TO HONOR SOCIETY

Announcement Made by Principal Tinkham at High School Today

Membership in the National Honor Society, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed up on a high school student, has been awarded to 25 students of the Marshfield Senior High School, Prin. Glenn D. Tinkham announced today.

Requisites of membership include the elements of scholarship, leadership, service, and character, with emphasis on the first qualification. Candidates recommended for the honor must be selected from the upper 25 per cent of the class, in terms of scholastic ability, and not more than 15 per cent of the graduates of any class can be accepted.

Preliminary nominations are made on the basis of a survey conducted by a faculty committee and reviewed by a larger faculty group.

Students named to membership in the National Honor Society are Eileen Baumbach, Marvin Dorst, Dorothy Fehrenbach, Mary Felhofer, John Johnson, Wilbur Johnson Jr., Corrinne Krasin, Helen Lindow, Vernon Lindow, Chester Meissner, Evelyn Michels, Audrey Miles, Dorothy Morrison, Faith Pucker, Marian Rice, Linus Ruffing, Helen Schmitz, Violet Schubert, Eileen Schulte, Jerome Spindler, Jack Sutton, Kathleen Trudeau, Carol Wiltgen, Audrey Woodkey, and Kermit Zopfl.
(from *Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Mar. 07, 1941, Fri • Page 1*)

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Veteran City Official to Be 94 Tomorrow

Another anniversary in the offing and Ludolph Wollesen, at his office in the City Hall as usual this morning, and in receipt of birthday greeting cards and gifts, looked forward to spending Sunday, March 9 his 94th birthday comfortably at home, reading.

Marshfield's city sealer for the past 27 years, and building inspector for the last six, Mr. Wollesen is believed to be the oldest public official on active duty in the United States.

Born in Denmark in 1847, he has been a resident of Marshfield since 1874, and has also served as city assessor and as a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

(from *Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Mar. 08, 1941, Sat • Page 1*)

(More 1940's articles to be continued in next issue)

**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. #
RADANT, FREDERICK	2/1/1873	167	029N - 006E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	10
RADTKE, WILHELM	9/6/1888	2012	027N - 004E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
RAMPOLSKI, JOHN	5/16/1912	01888	026N - 009E	Lot/Trct 12	18
RANDALL, FRANCIS V	5/1/1878	911	028N - 003E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
RANDALL, FRANCIS V	11/20/1883	944	028N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	14
RATZ, WENZEL	5/9/1885	1896	027N - 003E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
RECTOR, DANFORD	3/1/1876	793	028N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
REEDSTROM, ANDREW D	10/11/1888	2011	027N - 003E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	30
RHYNER, MATHIAS	10/10/1888	2174	028N - 007E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
			028N - 007E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
			028N - 007E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
RHYNER, MATHIAS	6/25/1889	2202	028N - 007E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	22
RIANT, ABRAM K	10/19/1905	4622	026N - 006E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	23
RICE, LEVI S	6/20/1884	1691	029N - 002E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	36
RICHTER, WENZEL	8/14/1889	2338	030N - 004E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
RICKERT, ALBERT	2/7/1893	3131	030N - 010E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	15
			030N - 010E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	15
RICKERT, JOHN W	3/7/1892	2774	030N - 010E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	27
RIECK, CARL	2/1/1873	237	029N - 009E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	19
RIFLEMAN, CHARLES	5/1/1878	912	027N - 005E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	4
			027N - 005E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	4
			027N - 005E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	4
RIMERT, VALENTINE K	10/11/1888	2036	028N - 010E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	3
RISTU, DANIEL	8/1/1870	100	030N - 007E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	18
ROACH, BRIDGET, ROACH, MICHAEL	6/20/1884	1685	028N - 009E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	8
ROBASHE, OCTAVE	12/15/1879	1179	028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 8	6
			028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 9	6
ROBERSEN, PETER	8/3/1882	1447	027N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	4
ROBERT, JAMES	3/7/1902	4127	030N - 007E	Lot/Trct 2	11
ROCKOW, FRIEDRICH	10/1/1880	1227	030N - 007E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	33
ROE, ISAAC	12/15/1879	1162	029N - 002E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	26

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ROE, ISAAC	12/15/1879	1162	029N - 002E	NE ¹ / ₄	26
ROEDER, GEORGE	3/23/1892	2934	030N - 009E	SE ¹ / ₄	14
ROEDER, WILLIAM	5/23/1891	2616	029N - 006E	SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	3
			029N - 006E	N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	3
			029N - 006E	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	3
ROGALE, ALBERT	1/10/1885	1838	027N - 009E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	1
ROHDE, WILLIAM	9/28/1891	2662	028N - 007E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	6
			028N - 007E	NW ¹ / ₄	6
ROSE, PETER	12/15/1873	292	026N - 004E	E ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄	8
ROSS, AMASA W	5/1/1878	961	028N - 002E	N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	28
ROWLEY, EDWARD N	5/1/1878	963	028N - 008E	S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	19
ROWLEY, EDWARD N	1/10/1885	971	029N - 003E	E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	36
			038N - 009E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	3
ROZELL, DAVID W	12/15/1873	291	026N - 004E	SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	9
			026N - 004E	W ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	9
ROZELL, ELMER L	5/1/1878	967	026N - 004E	N ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄	14
ROZELL, JAMES A	9/15/1875	705	026N - 004E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	14
			026N - 004E	SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	14
ROZELL, NELSON P	1/5/1876	706	026N - 004E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	11
ROZELL, ORLANDO J	12/15/1873	290	026N - 004E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	4
SAEGER, EMILIE, SAEGER, CARL	4/16/1890	2409	030N - 007E	NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	32
SAGER, CHARLES	12/1/1882	1456	028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 18	18
SAINDON, PHILIPPE	10/23/1901	4182	028N - 008E	SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	8
SALSBERY, ROBERT S	8/20/1875	573	027N - 002E	W ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	36
SALZSIEDER, JOHANN	6/10/1879	1128	029N - 009E	E ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	9
			029N - 009E	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	10
SANDERS, WILLIAM	8/14/1893	3161	026N - 006E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	4
			026N - 006E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	4
SANN, WILHELM	7/24/1889	2383	030N - 008E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	8
			030N - 008E	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	8
SARGENT, JOHN E	7/13/1885	1946	026N - 004E	E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	24
			026N - 004E	E ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	24
SAWYER, JOSEPH	7/10/1883	1585	027N - 003E	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	12

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Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group have regularly been 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.

Now with Covid-19, our formatting of our meetings has changed as well as the day that we meet. Come join us the second Wednesday of each month, either in person at the library or virtually for our speaker.

We're on the Web

<http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com>

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County histories are also good sources for context. Look in the histories of the county where the hospital is (was) located.

Other Resources for Asylum / Hospital Information

The [Asylum Projects](#) wiki has information about institutions across the US and around the world.

There is a growing number of projects to recognize patients from these facilities, especially those who are buried in hospital cemeteries (usually in unmarked graves). One such project is the [Central State Hospital Cemetery Project](#), led by the Indiana Medical History Museum. Use your favorite search engine and look for the name(s) of the asylum. You never know what information you will turn up.

(from <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/researching-ancestors-in-asylums/>)

WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY

Please note that we are planning to meet in-library!!

Upcoming "In-person" MAGG Meetings and/or Virtual Family History Talk

January 12, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Wills, What Information Will You Find, What Information Will You Share?

We'll be covering places to find wills, different examples of wills, and the information you might find in them. We will also look briefly at what information you will leave in your will for your family and future genealogists. If you have a unique will that you have found, please bring it along to share!

[Registration Link](#) | [Facebook Event](#)

We are also proud to offer the following on-line presentations. Please go to the library's website to sign up: https://www.facebook.com/MarshfieldPublicLibrary/events/?ref=page_internal

Upcoming Virtual Spoken History Talks

January 13, 2022
6:30 PM

Spoken History

The Karau Family Business: Marshfield's Locally Owned & Operated Supermarkets

Two generations of the Karau family pioneered innovations in the retail grocery business. From the older methods of a general store where clerks brought goods to the customer; to customers selecting their own goods; to a greater variety of available goods and services; finally, "warehouse" shopping where shopping in volume brought discount rewards. During this entire time (1920s-2000), the family business succeeded in the face of serious, larger retail food chains with more economic resources to commit in driving the Karau operations out of business.

[Registration Link](#) | [Facebook Event](#)