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FROM THE THE EDITOR

I have been adding to this for some time so it may go back to old thoughts.

I'm sorry so many of you missed the Fall meeting of the Wisconsin Genealogical Society (WSGS) held at Stevens Point on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Vickie and Don Schnitzler and I were the only attendees from Marshfield. I know that I really enjoyed the day. I thought there were some good vendors and door prizes. Both Don and I won something. The new book that I received was on Poles in Portage County. Since that was of no interest to me, the book has been donated to the Marshfield Public Library. For me the best part was getting to see a lot of old friends I have made through genealogy and attendance at conferences over the years.

But of course, there were the presentations. Lori Bessler was the only speaker. Lori is the Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society as well as doing her own genealogy. The four talks were mainly geared to websites to make our work easier. But the focus was to be organized. That way it would be easier to go to a library or on any research trip. We have to be prepared. I may try to include some of the websites in later issues.

The following weekend I attended the free seminar at the Family History Library in Rib Mountain. The General Session was again referencing the Wisconsin State Historical Society and the materials held at local ARCs (Area Research Centers).

Thanks to all who submitted their renewal form in time for this newsletter. I had planned on including a membership list with the next issue. So I hope everyone has their information submitted. Electronic distribution of the newsletter will help. If we can save costs on mailing, we can keep the membership dues as down.

Please send in queries, family stories, other items to be shared in the newsletter.

Please remember to check out the various newsletters kept at the Marshfield Public Library. They can be checked out if you have a Marshfield Public Library card. You never know where you will find a clue.

Though no date has been set yet nor location, this year there should be a joint meeting. In the past this involved five societies (Marathon, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Merrill). It has now grown. Please check future newsletters for future details. I try to get as many dates as possible on the Calendar Page so you can plan for possible trips.

If you have any comments or any submissions, just send an e-mail to zelda@dwave.net and my number is 715-384-4940.

I hope to see some of you at the Portage County Cultural Fest this coming Saturday, May 7 and at the free seminar in Rib Mountain on the 21st.

Happy Mothers'
Day!

PASSENGER LIST AVAILABILITY

Baltimore - 1820-1897,1891-1957
Beaufort, NC - 1865
Boston - 1820-1874,1883-1891,1891-1943
Bridgeport, CONN - 1870, 1929-1959
Charleston, SC - 1820-1829, 1865, 1890-1939
Galveston, TX - 1846-1951
Gloucester, MA - 1820, 1832-1839, 1867-1868,1870, 1906-1943
Gulf & Pascagoula, Miss - 1903-1854
Kay West, FL - 1837-1852, 1857-1868, 1890-1945
New Bedford, MA - 1822, 1825-1852, 1902-1954
New London, Conn - 1820-1847. 1929-1959
New Orleans, LA - 1813-1952
Newport, RI - 1820-1852, 1857
New York, NY - 1789-1957
Norfolk & Portsmouth, VA - 1820-1857
Pensacola, FL - 1890-1948
Philadelphia, Penn - 1800-1882, 1883-1948
Portland, Maine - 1893-1943
Providence, RI - 1820-1867, 1911-1954
San Francisco, CA - 1882-1957

Savannah, GA - 1820-1826, 1831, 1847-1851, 1865-1868, 1890-1945
Seattle, WA - 1882-1857
Wilmington, DEL - 1820, 1830-1831, 1833, 1840-1849
US/Canadian Border - 1895-1956
US/Mexican Border - 1903-1950s

[This information was from the Family Tree Pocket Reference. These are listed as the busiest U.S. ports. I certainly didn't know about most of them.

You may have noticed I didn't always use the US Postal Service state abbreviations. That is because I don't know all of them and some are confusing. Some time ago I read that when entering information into our genealogy program we should ignore those abbreviations and start using the full state name. If you share with someone in another country, will they know what WI is?]

GREGORIAN CALENDAR

[Some more information from the Pocket Reference.] The Gregorian calendar was introduced in 1582, correcting math discrepancies in the old Julian calendar by dropping 10 days. You may need to adjust birth and death dates that occurred before their countries adopted the new calendar

Alaska: 18 October 1867
British Empire (including the American colonies: 14 Sept 1752
Denmark: (including Norway & some German states): 1 March 1700 (solar portion; 1776 (lunar portion)

Dutch Republic:

Brabant, Zeeland & Staten-General: 25 Dec 1582
Gelderland - July 1700
Overijssel & Utrecht: December 1700
Friesland & Groningen: January 1701

France: 20 Dec 1852
Greece: 15 Feb 1923
Holland: 12 Jan 1582
Italy (most): 15 Oct 1582
Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: 15 Oct 1582
Portugal: 15 Oct 1582*
Prussia: 2 September 1610
Russia: 14 Feb 1918
Southern Netherlands (including what's now Belgium): 1 Jan 1583
Sweden (included Finland) 1 March 1753
Spain: 15 Oct 1582*

*Spanish and Portuguese colonies adopted the new calendar later than their mother countries because of slow communications.

SHARED ITEMS OF INTEREST

Genline, the Swedish records database, is now a part of Ancestry.com.

The Minnesota Genealogy Society has now purchased 181 rolls of microfilmed Minnesota city directories which include many small and medium-sized cities across Minnesota.

[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/WhitePaper: Preserving Your Family History Records Digitally](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/WhitePaper:Preserving_Your_Family_History_Records_Digitally). An article you may want to read and share as posted by Dick Eastman on 21 Oct 2010

Don't forget www.wisconsinhistory.org

From Lori Belongia

Civil War Sesquicentennial - Civil War Trust - www.civilwar.org/150th-anniversary

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is approaching, and this is a good place to start looking for information about both the war itself and scheduled commemorations. See also what is probably the most thorough and respected historical site, the American Civil War home page at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/> and the American Civil War site from the National Park Service, keeper of the sites of historic battles, <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar>

Thought the site at the bottom might be good for the Newsletter. Ken Wood

Here is a listing of new updates to the U.S. Data Repository pages.

CONNECTICUT:
Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813

www.us-data.org/ct/military/1813pensioner.htm

GEORGIA:

Taliaferro - 3 wills, 1 obituary
www.us-data.org/ga/taliaferro.htm

MASSACHUSETTS:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
www.us-data.org/ma/military/1813pensioner.htm

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
<http://www.us-data.org/nh/military/1813pensioner.htm>

NEW JERSEY:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
www.us-data.org/nj/military/1813pensioner.htm

NEW YORK:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
www.us-data.org/ny/military/1813pensioner.htm

RHODE ISLAND:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
www.us-data.org/ri/military/1813pensioner.htm

VERMONT:

Revolutionary War Pensioners: 1813
www.us-data.org/vt/military/1813pensioner.htm

Linda Talbott, Project Coordinator
The USGenWeb Census Project ®
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<http://www.us-census.org/>

Archivist, U.S. Data Repository
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<http://www.us-data.org>

GLEANNINGS

Family Vines, Manitowoc County Genealogical Society, Sept 2010

- * Explanation of Dit names, found primarily in France, New France, and Scotland
- * Explanation of military schedules by which the government counted veterans.

December 2010

- * Stop, You're Killing Me! is a website listing more than 3,400 authors & their books including a category titled Mysteries Pertaining to Genealogy. www.stepyourekillme.com, then click on job index and then genealogists.
- * Manitowoc Newspapers of the 1950s, 60s, and early 1970s now digitized and available for viewing online. www.manitowoclibrary.org/en-us/default.aspx. Click on reference, search databases, newspapers, then newspaper Archives. Find Name Search box and enter a name.

North Pines News, North Pines Genealogy Group, Merrill, WI, vol. 33, #2

- * Genealogical sources in the Lincoln County area

Pine Maple & Family Tree of Northern Wisconsin, Langlade County Genealogical Society, Vol. 15, #4

- * Tips on protecting heirlooms reprinted from *Practical Preservation* available for \$2 + shipping from David A. Jackson, Director of Archives & Education at the Jackson County Historical Society

- * List of Langlade County deaths prior 1926

WSGS Newsletter, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, vol. 56, #4, Oct. 2010

Some Tips, Tricks, and Suggestions for Research Online on the Wisconsin Historical Society Website by Jim Hansen, FASG, Reference Librarian.

Also an article on the Soundex.

Price County Genealogical Society, January-April 2010

- * Website for finding Protestant & Catholic records: <http://progenealogist.com/germany/gazateermain.html>. This main page has links to various German areas.

The title of a gazetteer of the Austrian Empire online is Gemeindeflexikon der im Reichstratere vertretenen Königreiche und Länder: bearbeitet auf Grund der Ergebnisse der Volkszählung vom 31. Dezember 1900.

Also listed are websites for digitized images available through Brigham Young University.

September/December 2010

- * Articles on Norwegian ancestors

Monroe, Juneau, Jackson Countys' Gen. Workshop Newsletter, Nov 2010

- * Site for genealogical forms at <http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/freegenealogy.html>.

The Newsletter, Chippewa County WI Gen. Society, Jan/Mar 2011

- * Trips to the State Historical Library in Madison may be limited to 30 people on the 2nd floor due to remodeling. This applies Monday through Saturday.
- * Though program has not been decided, CCGS will be hosting the Tri-County meeting on 24 September 2011.

M.C.G.S., Milwaukee County Genealogical Society, November 2010

- * Article *What's the Difference Between Ancestry Library Edition & Ancestry.com?*
- * Valuable websites for Wisconsin Genealogical Research
- * *The Wisconsin Adoption Search Law* Other Related Resources & websites
- * Annual Index of The Reporter

Family Tree Magazine, December 2010
Article on lamination. DO NOT LAMINATE - encapsulate old documents instead. Check dlis.dos.state.fl.us/archives/preservation/encapsulation.

Main item in this issue contained 75 state-focused websites. Also reminder of USGenWeb Project at usgenweb.org which is a volunteer effort. The Wisconsin Historical Society was the only listing for our state at www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy.

May 2011

- * The Family Search website www.familysearch.org has undergone a total overhaul. Underway for several years it is now live and the Beta site is now the official

FamilySearch.org. For more details, see blog.familysearch.org/node/1023. Both sites will be available during the transition to the new site. Links to them are at the bottom of FamilySearch.org

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- * Another resource to try - DistantCousin.com Includes Wisconsin databases and links to other Wisconsin resources. Many listed in article.
- * Digital farm Newspapers Online from the University of Illinois at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/dnc/fff/>. Also check <http://www.iowapioneers.com/newsletters/2010/June%202010.pdf> for the Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter, June 2010

Monroe, Juneau, Jackson County's WI Newsletter, Vol. 30, #4, Feb 2011

- * Two pages regarding the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center, <http://museum.dva.state.wi.us/>

Gen News, Douglas County Genealogy Club, Vol. 6, #2, Feb 2011

- * Issue of the *Swedish American Genealogist* journal now online at Swedish American Genealogist Online

Gems of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society, Green Bay, Jan/March 2011

- * Can now order records from the National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) online. Check out website at www.archives.gov.

Ancestral Diggin's, Lafayette County
Genealogy Society , March 2011

* Article on finding your immigrant ancestor's ship. [It looks like this came through various sources beginning with *They Came in Ships*, by John Philip Colletta.]

*Taylor County Genealogical Society
Newsletter*, March 2011

* Wisconsin Historical Society maps & atlases go online at www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/maps

If you have any questions or suggestions contact Michael Edmonds at michael.edmonds@wisconsinhistory.org

Central Wisconsin Sunday, 3 Oct 2010 newspaper

The Pacific Wrecks project has a dual mission: locate undiscovered U.S. airplane wreckage and determine the fates of the thousands of American airmen still listed as missing in the Second World War's Pacific Theater. Sites to check: Pacific Wrecks at www.pacificwrecks.com, The BentProp Project at www.bentprop.org, and the U.S. Defense POW Missing Personnel Office at www.dtic.mil/dpmo

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

Purpose: 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.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Marshfield Public Library at 7:00 P.M.

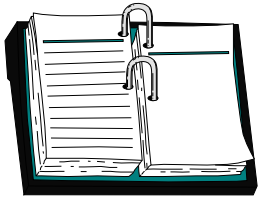
The newsletter, Kith & Kin, is published six (6) times a year.

The membership year begins May 1 and the dues are \$12.00 a year if sent electronically per individual or \$15.00 when mailed via USPS.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETINGS

19 May 2011 Vicki Schnitzler: *Wisconsin Civil War Certificates and other WSGS Updates.*
(note date change) **Annual Meeting. Elections.**

23 June 2011 *Getting Ready for Research.* Members will share their strategies for preparing for a successful research trip.

28 July 2011 *Bas Rhin Index: Searchable Images for the Lower Rhine (Alsace-Lorraine)*

25 August 2011 Group picnic at Bredens'

22 September 2011 *Don Schnitzler: Correspondence/Letter Writing Tips*

28 October 2011 *Graveyards and Gravestones.* Members to share stores and pictures of their favorite family resting places.

November/December No meetings. Happy Holidays!

22 March 2012 Appointment of Nominating Committee

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are in the Marshfield Public Library's General Meeting Room. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.



OTHER DATES OF INTEREST

- 7 May 2011 Stevens Point Cultural Fest, SPASH
- 11-14 May 2011 National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference, Charleston, SC. *Where the Past is Still Present.* www.ngsgenealogy.org
- 14 May 2011 *Any Which Way You Can!* Problem solving workshop for moderately experience genealogists. Marshfield Public Library General Meeting Room. 9:30-12:00. Please register in advance by calling Lori at 715-389-2745
- 21 May 2011 Family History Conference, LDS, Rib Mountain, WI. If interested in receiving advance notice, please email danoble10@gmail.com.
- 11 June 2011 Stratford Heritage Days, Stratford, Wisconsin
- 17-19 June 2011 28th Annual Czech-Slovak Community Festival, Phillips, Wisconsin
<http://czech-slovak.tripod.com>
- 9 July 2011 *Tracing Your German Family*, German Interest Group (GIG) Annual Workshop, UW-Whitewater, \$40 for non-GIG members by July 1
- 9-10 July 2011 Heritage Days at the Pioneer Village and Museum, Cameron, Wisconsin
- 7-10 Sept 2011 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) 2011 Conference, Springfield, IL.
Pathways to the Heartland www.fgs.org
- 9-11 Sept 2011 16th Annual Plattdüütsch Konferenz, Holiday Inn, Rothschild, Wisconsin.
Contact Don Zamzow, donz@gitllc.com
- 16-18 Sept 2011 Chippewa Falls Oktoberfest, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
- 15 October 2011 WSGS Fall meeting, Country Springs Hotel, Water Park, and Conference Center, Pewaukee, WI
- 26-29 Oct 2011 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Genealogical/Cultural Conference, St. Louis, MO www.cgsi.org
- 27-28 April 2012 Gene-A-Rama at the KI Convention Center and Hotel Sierra, Green Bay, WI
- 9-12 May 2012 NGS 2012 Family History Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio

The WSGS is planning a bus trip to travel to the FGS Conference in Illinois in September. Check the WSGS website for more details and a sign-up form. Information also available in the April 2011 newsletter, vol. 57, #2.