



# KITH AND KIN



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## MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

Please complete and return the Member Information Form as soon as possible, at least by February 28, so that the board can start working and planning for next year. Don't let your thoughts be left out. In August 1990, the Membership Chair met with other board members involved in the membership process. It was decided to separate the information form and the membership renewal form. The membership renewal form will be on the next to the last page of the next newsletter.

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## REGIONAL COMPUTER GROUP

Formation of a *Regional Computer Group* will be discussed at the Computer Interest Group meeting on January 24, 1990. A few interested individuals from nearby genealogical societies have been invited to attend the Computer Interest Group. At the Joint Meeting, October 27, 1990, in Wisconsin Rapids a few individuals discussed the difficulty of having a Computer Genealogy Interest Group. A suggestion was made that a regional computer group within the Joint Meeting societies might be feasible. The potential for such a group will be discussed.

## ABOUT GERMANY

On Thursday, January 24, 1991 at 7 p.m in Conf. Rm. G620 of the Marshfield Clinic Stefan Eggershausen of Wittinger, Germany will speak about Germany today. He will talk about the unification. He will discuss the differences between the United States and Germany. Bring your questions about Germany.

He was born and grew up in Germany. He has seen the changes occurring in Germany. Wittinger is near Hamburg, Wolfsburg and Hannover. It should prove to be an interesting and exciting evening. Please, join us.

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## WE ALL CAME TO AMERICA

The topic for the February meeting will be "We All Came to America." This video tape is about immigrants coming here and what they went through: their thoughts and feelings, what they left behind, what hardships they endured and where they lived.

The meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 1991 at 7 p.m. in Conf. Rm. G620 of the Marshfield Clinic. It should be an enlightening time.

Dear friends,

The Holiday season has come and gone. The New Year has arrived. With the New Year upon us I think it is time to look at our goals as a group and individually in our genealogy research.

As a group, one of our goals is to complete our Obituary Computer Index Project at the MāRSHfield Public Library. Currently we have four of our members working on this and its moving along quite nicely. Keep up the good work. One of our other goals is to continue having interesting topics at our monthly meetings. If you have any ideas contact Lynn Behrens.

The Computer Interest Group has invited four surrounding Genealogy Societies to join our group to inhance our expertise in this area to benefit all of us. We are looking forward to hearing from them. Remember, anyone that is interested in using a computer in their family history recording is welcome to attend these meetings. Watch our newsletter for upcoming meetings.

In this newsletter you will find a questionnaire that we would like you to complete and return to us. Remember, this is your group and you can make it what you want. All of your opinions are appreciated.

I better close for now, my best wishes in 1991 and your genealogical endeavors. Pray for our soldiers to come home safely.

As always,

Vicki M. Johnson

**KITH AND KIN**

The bimonthly newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, a non-profit organization created to collect, preserve and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield Area and to promote genealogical research. The purpose of the group is educational. The Group is associated with the Wisconsin Genealogical Council.

**MEETINGS:** The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G-620. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Subscriptions are free with membership [The business year runs from May 1 to April 30]. Individual membership is \$8 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$10 per year. Organizational membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year membership includes all current volume issues.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
CONCERNING "KITH AND KIN"**

The contents of our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group. While every attempt is made to include only reliable information, you should be aware that notices given in our newsletter are for information only and are not necessarily a recommendation.

**QUERIES**

*The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 50 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Submit your Query on a separate piece of paper with your name address [and telephone number]. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.*

**KRAMER-UTZ**

I am interested in locating descendants of Martin and Franziska (UTZ) KRAMER who settled in the Marshfield Area. Relatives in Germany Seeking death dates and places of Martin KRAMER (b. ?, d. ?) and Franziska UTZ (b. 31 March 1881 Germany) have a great desire to correspond with any of their descendants or relatives.

Contact: Claire T. Amato  
4725 River Heights Dr  
Manitowoc WI 54220  
Telephone 414-684-6435

*Please remember to show your appreciation to replies by a "Thank You" note and return postage.*

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**RED & WHITE LABELS**

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, is continuing its efforts at fund raising through the collection and redemption of Red & White Labels. Southtown foods, Marshfield's Red and White grocer will redeem the labels for two cents each, in accordance to the rules covering their offer.

All you need to do is save the complete label from all Red & White products. The label can be turned in to the genealogy group at the regular meetings.

## SPECIAL THANKS!

The Marshfield Public Library received a generous donation from Lucille Leick in memory of her mother Jennie Leick. She requested that a portion of this donation be used to purchase Federal Population Census microfilm covering the years 1840 to 1910 for Wood and nearby counties as well as the 1880 Federal Census Soundex for the State of Wisconsin. These materials will greatly benefit those seeking genealogical information. --from Newsletter (Friends of Marshfield Public Library, Marshfield, Wisconsin, (1990). Submitted by Lorraine Markee.

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## THE \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY NEWS AND THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF LIVING \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for new information. Put your family name in the blank. As you may recall, a group at 930 S. Monaco Box 11337, Denver CO 80224 call itself "The \_\_\_\_\_ Family News" had sent advertising postcard to two MAGG members. Because the advertisement is similar to that used by some questionable enterprises in the past, we had asked if anyone had any experience with this group. Two members contacted the editor.

Some of their comments were: "It was not quite what I expected." They did meet their advertisements. The \_\_\_\_\_ Family News was not too informative. It was not real specific. Some general tidbits were included. They tried to cover the family nationwide. You could not tell what was related to your family. They do offer free queries. Cheryl sent in a query. They enlarged her letter and published it on a full page. She had a successful response that got her back an additional three generations on a line that she had come to a dead end. She was

impressed. She noted a new address of 6825 E. Tennessee for the group. At least they included a street address.

The National Registry of Living \_\_\_\_\_ was a little disappointing to each. "It was not what I thought it was." It was names and addresses where as what she had wanted was relationships. The names and addresses are listed by state randomly. Even within states, cities are grouped randomly. So you have to look through the entire book for a specific name. There is no index. "The list of names and addresses may help me later in my genealogy."

Asked if they would renew their subscription, Cheryl who received The Bounds Family News said that she would renew her subscription, and Florence who received The Schuette Family News said that she would not renew. Both were glad that they had done it, and neither would send either item back.

Asked if they would recommend either to a friend, both responded about the same. "It depends on what they are looking for!"

Either would be glad to answer questions from group members.  
Cheryl Rongstad  
RT 1 BOX 173E  
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Telephone 715-238-7313

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HELP NEEDED FOR  
NECROLOGY COMPUTER INDEXING

If you can help during the cold weather, please contact Vicki Johnson, Route 1, Box 220 A, Chili WI 54420, telephone 715-683-2861.

### HELP NEEDED FOR 1991 JOINT MEETING IN MARSHFIELD

The 1991 Joint Meeting will be sponsored by our group and will be held here. To make it a success, everyone will need to participate. There will be a variety of different committees and a variety of different jobs available. So, you should be able to match up with something. Please sign up at the January meeting or contact Vicki Johnson, Route 1, Box 220 A, Chili WI 54420, telephone 715-683-2861.

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### HELP NEEDED FOR SOURCES FOR CLARK COUNTY

This year we are looking to put together a handout for Gene-A-Rama on the Sources for Clark County. The handout will be similar to the one on Sources for Wood County, Wisconsin that was put together jointly with Heart O' Wisconsin for Gene-A-Rama last year.

We will need to get the names addresses and telephone numbers of libraries, historical societies, museums, churches, particularly defunct churches and the clerks of each town, village and city. We will need to collect the names of resources available in the libraries, museums and courthouse. If you have any familiarity with Clark County, please sign up at the January meeting or contact Lou Hacker, 805 West State Street, Marshfield WI 54449-1748, telephone 715-387-6979.

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### TIPS ON DOCUMENT PRESERVATION

1. When storing photos in an album, use "photo" or "archival" mounting corners (available from photography suppliers or stamp dealers), not glued or self sealing plastic (which can stick

to or react with your pictures).

2. To remove the musty smell from old books, make sure they are dry. Put them in a cool dry space for a couple of days, or put them outside on a table in the sun on a dry breezy day for a couple of hours. If the musty smell remains, put them in an open container (e.g., polyethylene pail or box) inside a larger, closed container (e.g., a clean, dry garbage pail or a box) with an open box of baking soda or a potpourri. [or fresh kitty litter] Do not allow the deodorizer to touch the books. Leave for a few days in a cool place, check once a day to make sure no mold is growing. Remove to a safe storage environment.

3. To remove staples or old paper clips from documents (especially rusty ones), slide a piece of stiff plastic (e.g., polyester or polypropylene) under the fastener on both sides of the document. Slide the paper clip off the plastic, or use a pair of tweezers or a thin knife to bend the edges of the staple up and pry it out. The plastic will protect the paper from the abrasion of your tools.

For further information, contact The Northeast Document Conservation Center, 24 School St, Andover MA 01810. Telephone 508-470-1010. --from The UN\*X\*B\*A\*S#H#E#D# Librarian via Ancestral Diigin's (Lafayette County Genealogical Society, Shullsburg, Wisconsin), (November 1990), p. 8.

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### TRAVELING GENEALOGISTS

Don't leave home without your Genealogical Society I.D. Many courthouses are now asking to see a membership card before allowing you to handle their records. --from Questing Heirs Genealogical Society via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois), Vol. 6, No. 4 (1990) p. 7.

## RECORDING NEWSPAPER & PERIODICAL SOURCES

When recording the reference about where you obtained information from a newspaper you should include: 1. Name of the Newspaper (place of publication - optional), 2. Date of the issue and 3. Page numbers as well as section and column numbers, if considered necessary. For your own personal information and being able to find the source again, especially for that hard to find book, you should also record: 4. The location and/or form of record used. If you publish your material, you may or may not wish to include this information for your readers. If you are referring to a specific article in a newspaper, then you should use the form for a periodical and the above information should be preceded by: 1. Name of the author(s) and 2. Title of the article. For genealogy, record your source as a reference; you can always change it to bibliographic form. Some examples are:

### Newspapers.

<sup>1</sup>The Albany Daily Evening Times (Albany, Albany Co., NY) 3 Jan. 1880, [only one section] p. 3, col. 4; On microfilm, New York State Library, Albany, NY. [Obituary, Conrad Hacker]

<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, (? pencil note 3 May 1988), newspaper clipping, original owned by Jane Doe, Rt 1, Box 347, Walton, NY 13856; photocopy in the possession of the author.

### Periodicals.

<sup>3</sup>Sue LaSavage, "Resources of the Milwaukee Public Library Local History Room," Kith and Kin (Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, Marshfield, Wisconsin), 6 (Mar-Apr 1990), pp. 66-67.

The last portion of the information on the first two references will help me find the source again, particularly if it

is tough to find. For more detailed information see the books by Lackey and Turabian.<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Richard S. Lackey, F.A.S.G., Cite Your Sources (Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 1980), pp. 46-52.

<sup>2</sup>Kate L. Turabian, Student's Guide for Writing College Papers (3d ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1976), p. 38.

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## GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD

A BOOK AWARD OF MERIT IN GENEALOGY has been established, and will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society in June of each year. The award is given to the author of that book, published in the previous year, which in the opinion of the awards judges, makes the most valuable contribution in presenting an individual genealogy pertaining to a Wisconsin family. Preference will be given to works which develop a historical narrative approach to their subject.

This category has been created to encourage the publishing of well-written and well-documented genealogies and family histories. It does not pertain to instructional, bibliographic works, published source material or indexes, but rather is awarded to the product of genealogical research.

A copy of the book and a completed nomination blank should be submitted by March 4, 1991. For information write to: State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Attention: Delores C. Ducklow  
816 State Street  
Madison WI 53706

## UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL MEETINGS

**\* \* 13 April 1991 \* \***  
**M-J-J APRIL WORKSHOP**

The annual Monroe-Juneau-Jackson April Workshop will feature New York and the movement from that state to Wisconsin and elsewhere in the Midwest. The workshop will be held April 13, 1991 in the Sparta City Hall.

The featured speaker will be Nancy Fredericks, a nationally recognized expert on New York. Many of our ancestors traveled through New York on their way west. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, with time for your special questions. Registration forms will be available at the January MAGG meeting.

**\* \* 29 May - 1 June \* \***  
**NGS 1991 CONFERENCE**

The National Genealogical Society 1991 Conference will be held May 29 thru June 1 at Portland, Oregon. For the conference brochure available in February 1991 write: NGS 1991 Conference, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

**\* \* 14-18 AUGUST 1991 \* \***  
**BUS TRIP TO FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**  
**FGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Wisconsin Genealogical Council is sponsoring a bus trip to the Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 14-18 August 1991 at \$45.00 per person, round trip, on a first come first served basis. The cost for the conference and for room is additional. For information contact Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Emil Krause, Treasurer, 6083 CTY TRK S, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494, telephone 715-435-3683. Registration forms and a list of topics will be available at the January meeting.

**\* \* 14-15 June 1991 \* \***  
**GENE-A-RAMA '91**

Plan to attend the Gene-A-Rama '91 at the Ray Wachs Civic Center and the Civic Center Inn, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Put this date on your calendar now - 14-15 June 1991. The theme will be Ethnic Variety! Topics included are German, French-Canadian, Computer, Norwegian, Beginner, Czech, Polish, ARC. We will have further information when available. Mark your calendar now!

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## SOME HELP FOR CD USERS

The IGI can be downloaded either in Gedcom format recognized by most genealogy software programs or in standard ASCII format. There are individuals who have used both successfully.

The Gedcom format transfers easily into most family records programs. Some, however, like to keep the data in a separate database like PC-File.

There are commercial programs which will convert the Gedcom format into any regular database. One program called Gipsi transfers the Gedcom format neatly from the IGI into a database. Gipsi stands for Genealogical Index Processing System and Interpreter. It is a shareware program by Research Services, 779 East 5050 South, Ogden UT 84403, phone 801-479-3553.

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Two things a parent must give a child:

One is roots --- The other is wings.  
 ---from Trail Breakers (Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington), Vol. 16, No. 4 (Fall 1990), p. 38.

## **WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS**

The following is a summary of the records to be found in the Wood County Courthouse, 400 Market Street, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494.

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS -- Room 233**

1. Marriage Records from 1867
2. Birth Certificates from 1876 (Also delayed Birth records)
3. Death Certificates from 1877 (Note: Only Certified Copies are available, \$4.00).
4. Land Records
  - a. Deeds
  - b. Mortgages
  - c. Powers of Attorney
  - d. Various documents affecting land titles. Real estate cannot be sold to settle an estate unless all living heirs of the deceased person are located. Thus much information is gleaned as to names of descendants and their places of residence.
  - e. Survey Records
  - f. Subdivision Plats -- Recorded from when the land was first settled in the 1880's
  - g. Plat Books, various dates available (Note: Current Plat Books for Wood County with an index to owners may be purchased for \$5.10 from the University Extension Office in the Courthouse.)
5. Name Changes
6. Military Records -- Index to Soldier and Sailors Discharges Confidential (Note: Check with the Veterans Office in Room 126. They will help with military records. Some are confidential; copies can be obtained of others.)

### **CLERK OF COURT -- Room 331**

1. Criminal Records
2. Civil Records -- included are actions for the following:
  - a. Possession of Property, both real and personal
  - b. For Partition of Property
  - c. To Quit Title
  - d. Foreclosures
  - e. Divorces
  - f. Naturalization Records
  - g. Liens
  - h. Judgements
3. Other Miscellaneous Records



**Wood County Courthouse Records**

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**COUNTY CLERK -- Room 213**

1. School Census Records from 1918 to 1964. The schools then consolidated. The records are now held in each High School District.
2. Old Wood County Normal School Transcript Records. Records are on file until the school closed.
3. Marriage Applications. An index is available for searching names and dates. The application itself is confidential and is not available.

**REGISTER OF PROBATE --Room 346**

1. Probate Records -- included here are the following records:
  - a. Wills
  - b. Petitions for Probate of Wills
  - c. Letters of Administration and Petitions for Same
  - d. Bonds of Executors or Administrators
  - e. Inventories and Appraisement Papers
  - f. Petitions to Determine Heirship
  - g. Decrees of Distribution of Estate
  - h. Releases by Heirs
  - i. Guardianship Papers and Adoption Proceedings
  - j. Sale of Real Estate of Intestates
  - k. Juvenile Records -- closed
  - l. Mental Records -- closed
  - m. University Hospital Records
2. Other Records

(Note: Some of these records are closed to the public, but they can be opened with a court order.)

**COUNTY TREASURER -- Room 219**

1. Tax Rolls. Tax rolls have been kept for 11 years. There are also a few of the older ones. Most older rolls are stored at the Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.
2. Assessment Rolls. The files are kept in the Assessor's office and in the separate districts.

--from Newsletter (*Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin*), 16 (December 1990), pp. 297-280.

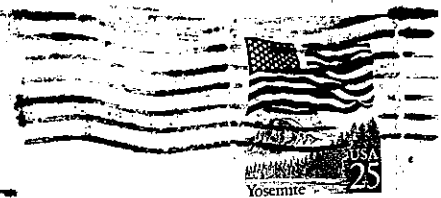
\*\*\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*\*\*

- Thurs. January 24... **About Germany.** Stefan Eggershausen from  
7 p.m. Wittinger, Germany will talk about Germany today  
Marshfield Clinic as he knows it. Wittinger is near Hamburg,  
Conf. Rm. 6620 Wolfsburg and Hannover. Bring your questions.  
6:00 p.m. Regional Computer Group. - *Note: Time.*
- Thurs. February 28... **"We All Came to America."** A video tape about  
7 p.m. immigrants coming here and what they went through:  
Marshfield Clinic their thoughts and feelings, what they left behind  
Conf. Rm. 6620 what hardships they endured and where they lived.
- Thurs. March 28... **Don't Miss the Boat-Anecdotes on Passenger Lists.**  
7 p.m. Jim Hoehn will talk about his experiences  
Marshfield Clinic researching passenger lists and his success in  
Conf. Rm. 6620 finding his immigrant ancestors.  
~~6:00 p.m.~~ The Computer Interest Group will meet at 6:00 p.m.  
Computerized research at the LDS Family History  
Libraries at Shawno, WI and elsewhere. *Note: Time.*
- Thurs. April 25... **MAGG Library Sources that You May not Know About.**  
7 p.m. Vickie Schnitzler will talk about lesser used and  
Marshfield Clinic lesser known resources in the MAGG Library. You do  
Conf. Rm. 6620 not have to travel far to research good resources.
- Thurs. May 23... **"Annual Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area  
7 p.m. Genealogy Group."** The business meeting including  
Marshfield Clinic election of officers will take place this evening.

*Please request books from the library one week ahead at 387-4044.  
PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.*

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