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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Now that the weather has improved, well, at least it stopped snowing, mostly, I hope we will be seeing more of you at our monthly meetings. They are held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Marshfield Public Library's General Meeting Room located on the first floor. Last month we had a very interesting talk by Mr. John Peters on "How to Do the Genealogy of a House." We have some other interesting speakers lined up for the future so "See ya all there!" Ken

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAGG MEETINGS FOR THE UP COMING YEAR:

May 26, 2005

June 23, 2005

July 28, 2005

All meetings will be held in the General Meeting Room of the Marshfield Public Library at 7:00 pm.

The National Genealogical Society will be holding its 27th Annual Conference

in the States and GENTECH 2005 at the Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee from 1-4 June, 2005.

Midwestern Roots 2005: Family History and Genealogy Conference

Indianapolis--Some of the nation's leading genealogy professionals will present at Midwestern Roots 2005: Family History and Genealogy Conference, August 18-20 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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3. My family history research includes the following countries outside the US: _____

4. My family history research includes the following communities in the Marshfield area: _____

5. I am interested in seeing these topics covered in the newsletter: _____

April 8, 2005

Dear Friends,

I have some exciting news that I hope you will share with your membership.

An Iowa-based, non-profit educational organization, TRACES, will bring its traveling exhibit about Midwest Prisoners of World War II in Germany to Marshfield Public Library on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 2005. Titled *Behind Barbed Wire* the exhibit consists of photographs, documents, audio and DVD documentaries, and artifacts all housed in the BUS-eum, a 40-foot school bus converted into a mobile museum. The "only known mobile museum in the nation focused on the experiences and related historical contexts of U.S. POWs" the BUS-eum will be touring Minnesota and Wisconsin in spring 2005 when it makes its stop at Marshfield Public Library on Saturday, May 28th, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

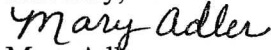
Exhibit creator and TRACES Director, Michael Luick-Thrams, travels with the BUS-eum bringing years of research through which "Midwesterners across the region will see, hear and experience the untold stories of their ancestors or neighbors who were captured as POWs in Nazi Germany." *Behind Barbed Wire* explores the human context of the POW experiences.

Because my letter can not do justice to this exhibit, please check out TRACES website at www.traces.org for a wealth of information about the BUS-eum exhibit, its purpose, creator, and the praise it has been generating from its visitors.

Additionally, a 1 hour Power Point presentation, set up indoors, narrated by TRACES Director Michael Luick-Thrams, will cover Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany and German POWs in the Upper Midwest.

I have enclosed a printout from the TRACES website for your perusal.
Thank you for your time and consideration of attending this valuable event.

Sincerely,



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"TRACES is a non-profit educational organization created to gather, preserve and present stories of people from the Midwest and Germany or Austria who encountered each other during World War II. Many of these stories have lain beneath the dust left in the wake of a World War most never thought touched the American Heartland. TRACES brushes away that dust, unearthing an amazing legacy. As we learn about these stories, may we rise above—and eventually defeat—the prejudices, fears and conflicts that otherwise demean and destroy us."

<http://www.traces.org/index.html>



Behind Barbed Wire: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany

The American Heartland has unique connections to the WWII prisoner of war (POW) experience. Despite this legacy, virtually no one is aware of it. Housed in a converted school bus, the mobile exhibit *Behind*

Barbed Wire illustrates this history through narrative texts, multi-media and artifacts. This exhibit will be at
Marshfield Public Library

Saturday, May 28th
10:00AM to 6:00PM.

The *BUS-eum* will be parked at the
Marshfield Public Library
at 211 East 2nd Street.

For more information contact
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Also see

www.TRACES.org.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

We now have an index to the cemetery index books with some 14,000 names in Wood County. An Update to the Marshfield Cemetery is also being made available at the library. Tax records from Wood County have also begun to arrive. We have a new microfilm case and bookcase to put our genealogy collections.

Thanks to two generous and regular library donors, Marshfield Public Library now has additional reels of passenger list information available. Lucille Leick recently donated an additional 30 reels of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, NY 1820 -1897 series, in memory of Archie J. and Jennie M. Leick. The gaps in this series are being closed with ongoing donations and library purchases. Charlotte K. Kruse recently started purchasing reels in a new series, Passenger & Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, NY 1897 -1957. At present the library holds reels 1- 50 in that series. Eagerly awaited are reels 51 - 100, which should be arriving soon. This will bring coverage in that series from June 16, 1897 - Jan 12, 1900.

To keep up-to-date with the library's growing genealogy and local history collection, check the library's website by using the tabbed [<http://209.94.183.10/website/index.jsp?T=Catalog>](http://209.94.183.10/website/index.jsp?T=Catalog) Catalog link at www.MarshfieldLibrary.org [<http://www.marshfieldlibrary.org/>](http://www.marshfieldlibrary.org/) You may also use the tabbed [<http://209.94.183.10/website/index.jsp?T=Services>](http://209.94.183.10/website/index.jsp?T=Services) Services, then Genealogy links at the same address to connect with a page of materials of interest owned by Marshfield Public Library, including census, city assessment rolls, communities histories, directories, family histories, indexes, newspapers, passenger lists, plat books, and school yearbooks. A new section of links to other web resources in Wood and Clark counties have been added to this page.

WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

With the summer months coming up and having family reunions and family picnics I thought these might be fun:

17th-century English Recipes.

A collection of late-16th- and 17th-century English recipes presented in their original language, all transcribed from primary sources.

<http://www.godecookery.com/engrec/engrec.html>

Making Bread in Early America.

<http://www.foodhistory.com/foodnotes/leftovers/bread/early/>

Historic American Recipes.

Learn how to make: apple-fritters, dough-nuts, cocoa-nut drops, molasses gingerbread, election cake, Indian meal pudding, sweet potato pie, beef-stake, German chicken stew, jack rabbit stew, and boil a cod's head.

<http://www.foodbooks.com/recipes.htm>

Feeding America: The Historic American Cookbook Project.

<http://digital.lib.msu.edu/projects/cookbooks/>

HUMOR IS THE SPICE OF GENEALOGY

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Sir, I joined the army to look up my genealogical military records, sir!

**NEWS FROM THE PAST-Submitted by Lorraine Markee-1966
graduates of Marshfield Senior High-P thru Z**

Robert J. Patrie
Ronald Perlock
Karen Kay Peterson
Diane J. Pokallus
Anola Kay Prior
Ione B. Reckner
Lois L. Reigel
Jack L. Reseburg
Gordon Ritter
Marlene E. Roehl
Evelyn Ann Rondorf
David A. Scheider
Beverly Ann Schiebe
Gene Schilling
Linda Lee Schlafke
Rodney Schmitt
Ronald G. Schueller
Kenneth Schultz
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James D. Specht
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Jack J. Suits
Mary L. Thompson
Joan L. Uthmeier
Sandra J. Weirauch
Neil Wellhoefer
John E. Wendt
Judy Ann Wenzel
Donald D. Westerhausen
Herbert R. Whipple
Douglas Wolf
Karleen M. Wunrow
William A. Zell

Dorothy L. Peck
Scott D. Persons
Lonnie Peterson
Larry R. Post
James R. Rasmussen
Michael R. Regner
James A. Remington
Sharon M. Riedel
Dinah Esther Roehl
Paul J. Rogers
Ruby Lois Roohr
William J. Scherr
Myron J. Schiferl
Gary F. Schlitz
Diane K. Schmitt
Patricia S. Schonfeldt
James L. Schultz
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Nancy A. Spearbecker
Ruth Kay Spindler
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Edward C. Wespetat
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Marbeth A. Woodkey
Carmella J. Zals
John L. Ziebell

Mary Kay Zollar

John P. Zwaschka Jr.

Clark County Press-January 1945-submitted by Linda Berres

December 1944-Deaths

William F. Hemp, 53, Neillsville
Peter M. Warlum, 66, Neillsville
Arne Matheson, Sr., 98, Neillsville
Mrs. Edna Kurtzweg, 72, Neillsville
Mrs. Emma Mattson, 60, Neillsville
Maurice C. Daniels, Granton
Mrs. Myron Thwing, 32, Greenwood
Theodore G. Vinger, 70, Greenwood
Mrs. Mary Perko, 64, Greenwood
Frederick W. Jacobi, 77, Greenwood
Adam Plattan, 85, Loyal
Mrs. Rose Marie Hagen, 37, Black River Falls
Mrs. August Brandt, 74, Withee
Sylvester Anthony Staron, Thorp
Anthony F. Laski, Withee
Mrs. Alice M. Washburn, 72, Donnellson, IA.
August Johnson, Black River Falls
Mrs. John Zamrlza, 76, Black River Falls
Mrs. Mabel Cattanach, Castella, Cal
Edwin H. gates, Jr. 41, Providence, RI
Myron Selves, 55, Grantsburg
Mrs. Mary Ruege, 89, town of Grant
Miss Betty Probst, 27, Eau Claire
Mrs. Theodore Stegeman, 43, Owen
Mrs. S. T. Mynor, Baraboo
John Chrisinger, 86, town of Hixton
Mrs. Sarah Larson, 82, Garden Valley
Frank Szatalowicz, 84, town of Thorp
Mrs. Estella Beryl Lawrence, 55, Thorp
Frank Cresap, 80, Granton
Fred D. Garbusch, 79, Granton
Infant twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Francis, Black River Falls
Mrs. Cora D. Cannon, 79, Loyal
Mrs. Justyna, Zieniuk, Czeck, 75, town of Thorp

Infant twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Buttke, Humbird
Jule Voight, 82, Eaton Center
Mrs. Joseph Lingl, 55, Colby
Earl Eddy, Black River Falls
John Collum, 64, Black River Falls
Edward Stone, 20, Lodi
Joseph W. Bamburak, Thorp
Frank W. Ertl, Loyal
Lewis W. Gorkowski, Fairchild
Mrs. Peter E. Bobb, 82, Tampa, Fla.
Mrs. Mary Kosieracki, town of Thorp
Mrs. Kate Appleyard, 78, Neillsville
Mrs. Harold Oldroyd, 52, Thorp
John E. Egger, Sr., Marshfield
Wilfred Evans, Neillsville

MARSHFIELD TIMES PAGE 5 COLUMN 2 WEDNESDAY MARCH 13,

1918-Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Charles Blaschka was in Grand Rapids securing his first papers which in time will entitle him to become a citizen of these United States.

MARSHFIELD TIMES PAGE 1 COLUMN WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER

24, 1915-Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Married by Common Law

What is said to be the first common law marriage recorded with the county clerk and the register of deeds of Wood county was filed at Grand Rapids Wednesday. The contract, properly witnessed and acknowledged, is between Samuel Warner and Georgiana Reese, both residents of Port Edwards, who agree to live as husband and wife until death do them part. Probably twenty-five or thirty such contracts have been filed in other counties since the passage of the eugenics law two years ago, but this is the first instance known in Wood county.

A news item from Grand Rapids Friday stated that upon second thoughts the couple had decided to take out a marriage license and have a minister or justice of the peace perform the ceremony. This ought to make them satisfied that they are married in good earnest.

MARSHFIELD TIMES PAGE 1 COLUMN1 WEDNESDAY APRIL 11

1917-Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Naturalization Papers Given Three

Three candidates from this city seeking their naturalization papers through the regular court procedure, succeeded in passing the test given them at Grand Rapids Monday.

Anton Schmidt, Carl May and August Smith, all well known in this city, were the candidates seeking the rights to become American citizens. City Clerk John Seubert and Alderman John Juno accompanied the men to the Rapids, and acted as their witnesses. Judge Parks presided over the court. A total of seventeen men were at Grand Rapids Monday, from various parts of the county, taking the test.

MARSHFIELD NEWS HERALD PAGE 4 COLUMN 2 TUESDAY

OCTOBER 2, 1928-Submitted by Lorraine Markee

Court Grants Citizen Papers to 10 Monday

In circuit court at Wisconsin Rapids Monday afternoon 11 petitions for naturalization were heard, the petitioners being examined by C. R. Berg, St. Paul, federal naturalization examiner, and papers were granted by 10.

The petition of Fred August Baartz, Bethel, was continued over until the March term of court. Those who answered questions of the examiner were passed including the following: Paul Zvolena, Milladore; Mary Wolf, Marshfield, Johan Albert Juliussen, Pittsville; Salvatore Amorelli, Wisconsin Rapids; Bernard Nye, Wisconsin Rapids; Thomas Poulas, Wisconsin Rapids; Joseph Pac, Wisconsin Rapids; Carl Ever Johnson, Marshfield; Gerrie William Smith, Aprin, and Augusta Janz, Wisconsin Rapids.

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GENEALOGY QUIZ

1. In the pre-1810 period, vital records (i.e., births, marriages and deaths) used patronymics instead of surnames. How would you interpret the name 'Samuel Jozef Wolf'?

Choices:

- A. Samuel, son of Jozef, surname WOLF
- B. Samuel Jozef Wolf (all first names), surname UNKNOWN
- C. Samuel, son of Jozef Wolf, surname UNKNOWN
- D. Samuel Jozef, son of Wolf, surname UNKNOWN
- E. C or D
- F. A, C or D

Question 2: General Genealogy - Your grandfather's sister's daughter is your...

- A. Great aunt
- B. Grand aunt
- C. Second cousin
- D. First cousin twice removed
- E. First cousin once removed
- F. Half-sister
- G. Second cousin once removed

Answer: First cousin once removed **Question 3:** US Census Records - Three siblings were born between the years 1881 and 1888. You need to find their parents. Which census would be the best one to begin with?

- A. 1880

B. 1890

C. 1900

D. 1910

E. none of the above

Answer: 1900. Although the 1890 census would be ideal, there are no census records available for that year! The problem with the 1910 record is that the siblings are probably married and no longer appear in the same family. **Question 4: Naming conventions -** Your grandmother's maiden name is unknown and she was married several times. The surname that you should use in your records is...

A. The surname of her first husband

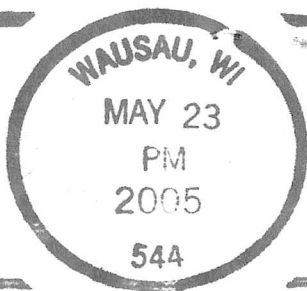
B. The surname of her last husband

C. The surname of your grandfather

D. UNKNOWN

E. [UNKNOWN]

Answer: UNKNOWN



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