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President's Message

Hello everyone,

I want to thank all of our members who had a part in a very successful Historic Preservation Month this past May... whether it was attending any of the events at the library, participating in the Cemetery Tours in any way, being at the Lasagna Dinner at West 14th, coming to the Beginner's Workshop or helping in any other way to may the month a huge success. It wouldn't happen unless we had devoted members like you. So, thanks again!

Thanks also go out to our members who helped at the Hillside Cemetery on June 24th. Some brought food, some just came and gave support while others walked the cemetery, copying information from stones. Mike Baltus complimented our hard working crew and mentioned we were always welcome. At this point we have completed one section and have a good start on the second. That only leaves about 15 to go, however, we have tackled the hardest and biggest first. Several of the remaining include the Catholic Nuns section and the Catholic

Priest section, which Mike isn't sure how we will do yet. That leaves 13, with a majority of those being newer and easier to read stones. If you are interested in helping, just call me, (715) 897-1910 or send me an e-mail at schnitz1@charter.net. I will give you sheets to work on and get you started. Then, when you finish your sheets, just drop it back off at the house and I will turn completed batches and sections back into Mike.

We also now have a very simple webpage for the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. It's nothing fancy, but covers the basics so people can find something about us. It also has already paid off because we have received a new member because of it. Hopefully more to come!! Check it out at <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com>. And don't forget our programs that are coming up over the rest of the year: **July 22, 2010** – "Family Reunions" is the topic for our July Program at the Marshfield Public Library starting at 7 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite items for a "show and tell." It can be a story about your favorite family reunion and what made it your favorite.

You could bring an artifact, picture, etc from one of your family reunions. Or bring ideas for your favorite activities during a family reunion. Maybe even creative ways on how your family reunions are funded. You are not limited to only one thing to share...the more the merrier.

August 26, 2010 – Annual MAGG Picnic at Al & Pat Breden’s Home, 10465 County Trunk B, Marshfield, starting at 6 p.m.

September 23, 2010 – Lori Belongia will be sharing how to use “The NewspaperARCHIVE” at the Marshfield Public Library’s General Meeting Room starting at 7 p.m. NewspaperARCHIVE contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s. It is your gateway to searching and reading historical newspapers online. Use the archive to view, save and print full-page newspapers from around the world.

October 24, 2010 – Don Schnitzler will be presenting information on “Using Facebook for Researching Your Family History”. Don will share how he used leads from records and newspaper articles to search Facebook to help with his family history research. We’ll meet at the Marshfield Public Library’s General Meeting Room with the program starting at 7 p.m.

Remember there are no meetings in November or December. Also if you need directions to Pat and Al’s house for our August get-together, let me know.

Also remember Pat has offered to let members use her World Edition of Ancestry.com while we are there so if you have a few things to look up on your research, bring them along. The World Edition of Ancestry.com is different than the one available at the library.

Don’t forget that Stevens Point is the sight of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society (WSGS) Fall Seminar. It will be on Saturday, October 9th at the Ramada Inn. Additional information, costs and a registration form are available at <http://wsgs.wetpaint.com/>.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meetings and up at the cemetery. Have a great summer and I wish for each of you much success as you search for your ancestors.

As Always,
Vickie Schnitzler

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History of City Schools

By L. H. Dressendorfer

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Up until 1904 School District No. 1 of the city of Marshfield was three miles wide and six miles long. When the town of Cameron was formed out of the southern three square miles the school district was made smaller so that it only took in the area of the city. From this time on the district has been unchanged. By a settlement agreed upon by the town of Cameron and the school district, the Town of Cameron received the school site, building, furniture and contents which were then located in said town and the sum of \$200 in full settlement of all claims against the district. At the meeting when this settlement was agreed upon, the board resolved to buy 10 lots in blocks 25 and 36 for the site of a Sixth ward grade school building. A petition was presented at the annual meeting in 1903 by residents of the Sixth ward, to have the only frame school house in the First ward moved to the Sixth ward and thus use it for a Sixth ward school. However, upon investigation the board found that it would be an expensive proposition to move the building and that it would be more economical to sell the old building and build new in the Sixth ward when it was necessary to build. The board advertised for bids for the old building and as the Upham Manufacturing company was the high bidder for the building it was sold to them. The building after being moved,

remodeled and improved was used as the general office of this company.

Up to this date with exception of a few minor changes the old course of study of the high school adopted in 1894 was still in use in order to keep in step with the educational developments of the day Professor Borden offered a new course of study to the school board. It was adopted by them on March 6, 1905.

Another effort was made at the annual meeting of the district on July 3, 1905 to change the method of electing the school board at the annual meeting to the method of electing the board by wards at the municipal election. In this way one member would be elected from each of the six wards and one would be elected from the city at large. The resolution to make this change was lost.

Up until Dec., 1906, the school buildings had no definite names so in order to avoid confusion and to honor some of the distinguished Americans the board decided to call the Central avenue building the Washington school, First ward building, Grant school; Fourth ward building, Lincoln school; high school building, McKinley school.

Part 13

For many years the Lutheran school had been handicapped because of inadequate school facilities and it was evident that new quarters had to be provided. A new church had to be built in 1892 and since that time the old church building had been used solely for

school purposes. In order to provide better facilities for the school the congregation decided to build a four room brick structure to house their school. The building was put up to the rear of the church and faces Chestnut street. The building was completed in 1906. The total cost of the building and its equipment was \$7,000.

Crowded conditions in the grades made it imperative that a new grade school be built. At the regular meeting of the school district in 1911 it was decided to bond the school district for an additional \$18,000 for this purpose. Lots 1, 2 and 3 and the southerly 14 feet of lot 4 and lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of block five of the high school addition were bought for a price of \$1,625 for the new site. Messrs. Van Ryan and De Gelleke were employed as architects. They submitted plans for a \$12,000 building. The contract was let and when the building was completed it was called the Jefferson school.

St. Mary's convent high school was started in 1908 in St. Mary's convent by the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. A Miss Shearin was in charge of it for three years. The first enrollment of the school was 35 consisting of sisters and outside girls. In 1911 Sister M. Imelda took charge of the school and at that time it was her aim to build up such a school that would in a scholastic way prepare the students so they would rank favorably with other high school graduates.

About 1909 a business college was started by a Mr. Williams from Milwaukee. This college changed hands

several times and was eventually bought by the Industrial school board. It was conducted on the second floor of the Arnold building that stood where the First National Bank is now located. The attendance at this school varied from time to time. Previous to this school a business college was started by a Mr. Tolland of La Crosse in the rooms above the Williams Hardware store, the present location of the Trio theater. This was about in 1905 and inasmuch as it was not a financial success the school soon discontinued.

The members of the Seventh Day Adventist church had a school room built on the rear of their church in 1914. One teacher was employed to take care of this school. The number of children in attendance from year to year varied from 10 to 15. The school was supported by the congregation. It was continued until the spring of 1923 at which time it was discontinued.

To be continued

Computer Corner

Some interesting and useful Web sites from around the world.

A summary of sites from **Internet Genealogy June/July 2010**

Irish Maps Online

Maps from c.1558-c.1610 depicting plantations, fortifications and townships. www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentonline/irishmaps.asp

Welsh Wills

Over 190,000 wills from 1543 to 1858.

Searchable by date, diocese, name, parish, township and occupation.

<http://cat.llgc.org.uk/probate>

Eastern European Research

Directories from the 19th and 20th centuries for Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, Galicia, Silesia, Pomerania, Posen, Warsaw, Krakow, Romania, Carpathian-Ruthenia and more. Interfaces in English, look for the Union Jack flag, publications in native language, of course.

Castle Garden Passenger Arrival Lists

Before Ellis Island immigrants came through Castle Garden 1830-1892.

About 10 million names.

www.castlegarden.org

Ellis Island Passenger Arrival Lists

Open from 1892 to 1924. 22 million names.

www.ellisland.org

German Roots

Even if you do not have German ancestors, check out the "Emigration & Immigration Records" section for a list of ports, and their records plus links to how to access [offline sources](#). Other sections are German specific.

www.germanroots.com

German Genealogy Network

Access to regional pages, mailing lists, etc, much in English and free.

www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html

Digital Archives of Norway

Norwegian National Archives site with census records, parish records, farm photos and tutorials—more added often.

<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraak=e>

Danish Demographic Database

Emigrant section has over 400,000 people who left Denmark from 1869 to 1908, plus a great census page.

http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm

WorldGenWeb

Like the US version, run by volunteers from most countries of the world. Very strong in Western Europe.

www.worldgenweb.org

An Atlas of the German Empire

Detailed historical maps from an atlas printed in 1883 that shows Germany as it was when your ancestors might have lived there. Gazetteer makes it easy to find small villages.

www.library.wisc.edu/exttext/ravenstein

Italian Genealogy

Many links to sites that aid in Italian research. Not much primary material on site.

[Http://daddezio.com](http://daddezio.com)

Jewish Genealogy

Very strong in Eastern European Jewish sources as well as covering Western Europe.

www.jewishgen.org

Historic Maps

Many countries at many different times.
Perry-Castaneda Collection
www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/

Immigration to the US 1789-1930**Harvard University Library**

1,88 books, 9,000 photos, 200 maps,
13,000 pages of manuscripts
<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration/>

Church Record Translations

Examples of how to translate birth,
marriage and death records from
Hungarian, Latin or Slovak languages.
www.nmi.net/jjaso/index.html

EastEuropeanGenWeb

Free repository for queries, family
histories and source records. A branch
of WorldGenWeb. Can browse by
country.
www.rootsweb.com/~easeurgw

Eastern Slovakia Genealogy

An aid to English speaking researchers
of immigrants from Eastern Slovakia.
Contains a guide to Locating Military
Records of the Austro-Hungarian
Empire
www.iabsi.com/gen/public

Estonian State Historical Archives

You need to know the religion and place
to browse for a name—no index.
Contains Lutheran & Orthodox Records,
tax lists containing names and ages of
family and contract books.
www.eha.ee/english/english.htm

Latvia State Historical Archives

A search page is available. Five million
records including census of 1897
www.lvva-raduraksti.lv/en.html

Lithuanian Archival Site

You only need to search the State
Historical Archive part. Click the tab at
the top for State Archives and select
Lithuanian State Historical Archives.
www.archyvai.lt/archyvai/selectLanguage.do?language=en

US Mortality Schedules

Transcriptions of some of the
1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Mortality
Schedules for some states. List of deaths
in 12 months preceding and cause.
Hundreds of counties done but not all
information from original has been
recorded.
<http://mortalityschedules.com>

All these sites are free but a few require
that you register. There are several
hundred more sites in this issue of the
magazine.

**Research Recommendations: *New
Hampshire State Papers*
by Michael J. Leclerc**

The New Hampshire State Papers series
contains an inordinate amount of
material for researching early families in
that state. This forty-volume set,
published over more than 75 years,
contains very valuable data for
genealogists. Among the more important

items are abstracts of all probate records between 1635 and 1771, court records between 1640 and 1692, and service rolls for those who gave service in the Revolutionary War. There is also a great deal of information on the founding of the various towns, as well as legislative journals which include petitions from groups and individuals. The New Hampshire State Archives makes PDF versions of these volumes available for download from their website for free. In addition to the 40 volumes, an additional PDF is available that contains a cumulative index to the entire set created in 2004. This index was not published in book form.

All 1901 and 1911 Census Records for Ireland Now Available

The National Archives of Ireland, in conjunction with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the National Library of Ireland, Library and Archives Canada, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and the Irish Railway Records Society has now completed a project to digitize the 1901 and 1911 censuses. The final records were released recently, and now all thirty-two counties in Ireland are available to search for free at www.census.nationalarchives.ie.

Spotlight: *Free Databases: Land Records*
by Valerie Beaudrault

Cabarrus County Register of Deeds,
North Carolina
www.cabarrusncrod.org

Cabarrus County is located in the south-central part of North Carolina. Its county seat is Concord. Indexes and images of documents from 1792 to present may be found on the Cabarrus County Register of Deeds remote access site. Subdivision plats, condo plans, and North Carolina right of way maps can also be found on this site.

As noted on the homepage, “(t)he records on this site are unofficial records made available for informational purposes only. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information, the Register Of Deeds does not certify the authenticity or the completeness of any record or of the information presented.”

To access the database, click on the ‘Acknowledge Disclaimer to Begin Searching Records’ link. This will open a new page with links to scanned index books and land record images. The index books cover the period from January 1, 1791, through December 31, 1982. Click on the Scanned Index Books link on the left side of the page to view the index. To search the index, select type of record (Land or Highway Maps), select the Sub-Type (Grantor or Grantee), choose a date range, and then choose Human or Corporation from the dropdown list and enter a name in the search box.

The search results for the older deeds are returned as a list of surnames found in the index. Click on the surname link to view the page. To view the document, go to the View Image menu on the top right of the page. Select the type of document from the drop down list and then enter the book and page number in the search boxes. Click on the View link to read a digitized image of the document. You can then use the previous and next page links to move through the books. Please be advised that these documents are in PDF format. You will need Adobe Reader to view them.

Cumberland County Register of Deeds,
North Carolina
www.ccrodiinternet.org

Cumberland County is also located in south-central North Carolina. Its county seat is Fayetteville. The Cumberland County Register of Deeds remote access site contains the following: indexes to land records from 1754 to July 14, 1985 (scanned index books) and land record images starting with Book 1 (beginning in 1754) through the present.

Cumberland County provides a similar disclaimer to that provided by Cabarrus County with regard to the accuracy of records. Click on the Disclaimer link to access the data. Detailed instructions tell you how to search the database. To view the instructions, click on the 'click here' link at the end of the section describing the Scanned Indexes. The process of searching the Cumberland County database is similar to that described

above, except that you do not have to choose a record type. Be sure to click on the search button to initiate your search of the index and on the view button to open a new browser window to display the document.

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Spotlight: *Peel's Prairie Provinces Website, Alberta, Canada*

by Valerie Beaudrault

<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html>

The Peel's Prairie Provinces website is "dedicated to assisting scholars, students, and researchers of all types in their exploration of western Canadian history and the culture of the Canadian prairies." The site's resources include an online bibliography of books, pamphlets, and other materials related to the development of the Canadian Prairies. According to the website there were more than 7,200 digitized titles and more than 10,000 newspaper issues, as of May 2009. The materials in the collections are primarily in English, with some materials in French, Ukrainian, and other languages. The website is hosted by the University Alberta Libraries. The following is an overview of a few of their searchable resources.

Newspaper Collection

Click on the Find Newspapers tab to

access this collection. There are 27 newspapers in the collection: *Alberta Non-Partisan* (1917–1919); *Alderson News* (1915–1918); *Bassano Mail* (1913–1936); *Bassano Recorder* (1937–1945); *Beiseker Times* (1949–1953); *Bowden News* (1911–1912); *Chinook Advance* (1915–1945); *Claresholm Advertiser* (1914–1916); *Le Courrier de l'ouest* (1905–1915); *The Farm and Ranch Review* (1944–1959); *Folio* (1964–2007); *Le Franco-Albertain* (1967–2000); *The Gateway* (1910–2006); *Grain Growers Guide* (1909–1919); *Bassano Herald* (1955–1958); *The Illustrated War News* (1885); *Mirror* (1912–1913); *Le Patriote de l'ouest* (1910–1932); *The People's Weekly* (1950–1952); *Poundmaker* (1972–1974); *Red Deer News* (1906–1926); *Saturday News* (1907–1912); *La Survivance* (1928–1967); *United Farmers of Alberta* (1922–1933); *L'Union* (1919–1923); *Vermilion Signal* (1906–1908); and *Wetaskiwin Times* (1928–1933).

The collection is full-text searchable. You can search by keyword and limit your search by newspaper title, publication year and language. Results can be sorted by relevance or by date. The results returned include a summary of the publication information and a thumbnail showing the keyword. Click on the thumbnail to view an enlargement of the entire article.

You can also browse the collection. Click on the newspaper title link to open a page with background information on

the newspaper and links to complete issues. Should you decide that you want to search that issue, you can do so from that page.

Images: Paririe Postcards Collection
Click on the Find Images tab to locate this resource. This collection contains more than 14,000 postcards showing life on the Canadian Prairies from the late-nineteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries. You can search the collection by keyword and then narrow it by selecting from a number of options.

Featured Collections

Under the Featured Collections tab you will find links to an extensive collection of Henderson city directories, covering the following locations: Edmonton; Calgary; Lethbridge; Medicine Hat and Redcliff; Alberta; Winnipeg and incorporated towns of Manitoba; Brandon; and Manitoba and Northwest Territories. The directories may be viewed page by page, as a flip book, or on a 3D wall. The directories may also be searched by keyword.

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The Manitoba.ca Project, Manitoba, Canada

<http://manitobia.ca>

The Manitoba.ca project is an initiative of the Manitoba Library Consortium and

its partners. Its goal with this project is to “gather and render accessible a wealth of historically significant documents and publications free of charge to Canadians, young and old.”

The Manitoba website has a number of resources available. There are overviews and photo collections related to the origins and history of Manitoba, including immigration and settlement, the Manitoba Schools Question, World War I, Women and the Vote, and the Strike of 1919. Click on the Historical Themes tab to access the narratives and the Photo Album tab to view the photographs.

Under "Our Stories" you will find links to biographies on well-known individuals and descriptions of communities and organizations.

Click on the Newspapers tab to access the site's newspaper collection. The database contains more than thirty-five newspaper titles and covers various periods from 1870 to the present. Please be advised that you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the newspaper images. Enter a keyword into the search box and click on the search button. The results returned comprise links to the PDF images of the article containing the search term and of the full page. You can also browse through the newspaper collection title-by-title, issue-by-issue.

Click on the Browse link to access the newspapers by title. Click on the title to access the list of issue then click on the date link to read an issue.

Maps

There is also a map collection on the website. It is organized according to the site's Historical Themes. There are maps representing all of the themes except for World War I and Women and the Vote.

Obituary Indexes, Union County Public Library, North Carolina

<http://history.union.lib.nc.us>

The Union County Public Library is located in the city of Monroe, in southern North Carolina. It has made a number of local history and genealogy resources available on its website, including three newspaper obituary indexes (click on the Obituary Indexes icon to view them):

Monroe Enquirer Journal

The obituary index covers 1968 through the present. It is a work in progress. Some years have not yet been added.

Marshville Newspapers

This index contains obituaries from a number of newspapers from Marshville, North Carolina. The index covers the following periods: 1952 – 1955; March 1957 – December 1957; 1962 – 1981; and March 2006 – present.

Monroe Enquirer

This obituary index covers the period from June 1875 to June 1880.

The obituary indexes can be searched by last name, first name, and date. The data fields in the search results include last name, first name, middle name, date of publication, and page number. Because the Marshville obituaries are drawn from a number of newspapers, there is an additional field for newspaper title.

There is a second *Monroe Enquirer* database that is full-text searchable. The newspaper's first issue was published on May 27, 1873. The Union County Public Library had bound copies of the *Enquirer* for the years between June 1875 and June 1880. During the 1980s they were microfilmed and they have now been digitized and uploaded to the website. Each issue is in PDF format. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. Click on the date link to view an issue.

There is also a photograph collection on the website. This collection contains more than 1,300 images. The photos are organized by subject, location and time period. Another section on the website contains local military history information.

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From Marsha on the Clark County History Buff site:

Subject: [ClarkCo] Winnebago Co. IL indexes available

At a meeting of the Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society (Illinois), I learned that several new searchable indexes are now available for Winnebago County, IL. I'm sure there are other places to find them, but I have been going through the Cherry Valley Library website:

[http://www.cherryvalleylib.](http://www.cherryvalleylib.il.us/history.html)

[il.us/history.html](http://www.cherryvalleylib.il.us/history.html)

The files are in pdf format, and rather large -- don't know how that would work on a dial-up connection.

The indexes are:

Marriages 1836-1956

Births 1855-1931

Deaths 1844-1981

Thought some of you might be interested. I've already discovered some info for my husband's tree that we thought was lost forever.

The WBCGS web page is

<http://rootsweb.com/%7Eilwbcs/index.htm>

(That address is correct as she sent it—double checked it. Ken)

WANTED

NEW EDITOR FOR KITH AND KIN

Next edition Oct. 2010

Call 715-387-3032 if interested.

I regret to say I am no longer able to serve as editor of Kith and Kin. I have several other ventures that are taking up many hours each week and I feel that I can no longer do a good job with this endeavor. Thanks for all the support in the past and I have enjoyed the time spent. I will give the new editor all the help I can.

Ken

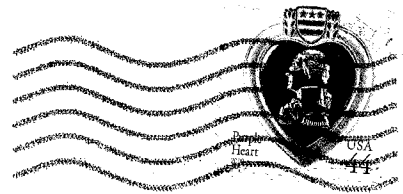
GRANDMA WAS AN ALIEN FROM WISCONSIN

I recently read an article that said up until the 1900's any woman who married a non-citizen lost her citizenship and was classified on the census as an alien regardless of where she was born. So if you see an ancestor born in Wisconsin but listed as Al and having an X as date of arrival it meant she would have lost her citizenship rights. Something to look into.

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