

# Kith and Kin

Official Newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

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## City Directories - An Overlooked Resource

### Five Ways to Use City Directories

These city directory strategies are from the Family Tree University Course "Exploring City Directories: How to Trace Your Family in Yesterday's Yellow Pages".

1. Ancestors missing from a census? Use your ancestor's street address in a city directory published close to the census year to determine the enumeration district (ED) for that census. Then browse census records for that census.
2. Look for alternate sources of birth information. If you can't get a birth certificate, check city directories for places of worship where a baptism may have taken place. Directories also will list newspapers that may have published an announcement.
3. Narrow down a marriage date. Nineteenth & early 20th century marriages almost always involve a change in residence by at least one of the parties. Compare city directories from year to year, looking for a man newly listed with a wife or woman disappearing from her parent's listing.
4. Find land records. Most city directories denote whether a person owns his property, or indicate otherwise with terms such as "renter" or "boards with." A shift from renter to owner status tells you to

look for deeds.

5. Narrow down a death date. Death is only one of the possible explanations for your ancestor's disappearance from a city directory – but it should be one of the possibilities you explore. Widows frequently are listed as "Mrs." or labeled "wid" or "widow."  
(from *Westward Into Nebraska*, Greater Omaha Genealogical Society newsletter, Vol. 36, Iss. 1, August 2011 via *Family Vines*, A quarterly publication of the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society, Winter 1012, Iss. 146, pg. 4)

### Marshfield Public Library City Directory Collection

The Marshfield Public Library has a wonderful collection of city directories not only for the city of Marshfield, but also some of the surrounding areas, as well as a few areas beyond.

Here is the list of their city directory collection for Marshfield, Wisconsin:

#### Marshfield, Wis. City Directories:

Call No. 977.552, M358d  
(reference cabinet) 1898, 1904, 1915, 1921, 1933, 1939, 1949, 1955, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974-1977, 1979, 1981-1983, 1985-1990, 1992-1998, 2001-2003, 2005.

For other city directories, check out their online catalog at: <http://catalog.marshfieldlibrary.org/polaris/search/default.aspx?ctx=3.1033.0.0.l&type=Default>

## President's Message

Hello Again Everyone,

I hope everyone is busy researching, attending summer Family Reunions or taking in some of the Marshfield's 125th Fire Anniversary events. This has been a very busy summer. Here are a few more note worthy events that are coming:

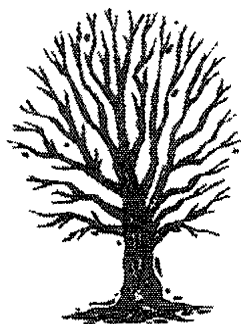
- **German Interest Group—Wisconsin Annual Workshop in July**, On Saturday, July 14, 2012, the German Interest Group—Wisconsin is having their Annual Workshop at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater Campus. Featured presenter, Barbara Bell, will speak on “Stuck With German Research? Try New Avenues.” For more information, including a workshop schedule, fees and directions, visit their website at <http://www.gig-wi.com>. Or call 608-754-9130 or 608-752-0358 or e-mail to [gig.wi@hotmail.com](mailto:gig.wi@hotmail.com).
- **Central Wisconsin Joint Meeting**, On September 29, 2012, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, will be hosting our Annual Joint Meeting of the Central Wisconsin genealogical societies at the Portage County Public Library (1001 Main Street) in Stevens Point in the Pinery Room on the Main Floor of the library. Registration fee is \$5.00 and includes refreshments and lunch. Registration deadline is September 5, 2012. I will bring extra copies of the registration form to the June, July and August meetings. Or you can download a copy from the link at the bottom of the “Meetings” page on our website. We'll set up a carpool from Marshfield at our upcoming meetings.

Also, if you live in Marshfield or plan on visiting this summer, check out the QR Code Project of Historical Marshfield. Just scan in a QR Code in the specially designated windows in downtown Marshfield with your “smartphone” and view the histories of the downtown buildings/businesses. Not visiting or don't have a “smartphone,” just go to our website again and visit the “QR Codes of Historical Marshfield” page. Enjoy!

*Dickie*

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## MAGG Officers and Committees



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(Year office expires is in parentheses.)

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.

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### 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/>

[Membership\\_form\\_2011-2012.pdf](#)

and returned with payment to us at: MAGG, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

## Index to Data Pages of Past Newsletters *(continued from previous newsletter)*

To find any of the following data pages, go to our website at <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/Past-Newsletters.html> and scroll down to the desired newsletter(s).

### **Clark County, WI, Births, Marriages & Deaths**

Deaths, Jan.-Apr. 1941, Vol. 17, Is. 6, p. 11. (March-Apr. 2001)

Deaths, May-Sept. 1941, Vol. 18, Is. 1, p. 11. (May-June, 2001)

Deaths, Sept.-Dec. 1941, Vol. 18, Is. 2, p. 11. (July-Aug. 2001)

Deaths, Jan.-Apr. 1942, Vol. 19, Is. 4, p. 11. (Nov.-Dec., 2002)

Deaths, Apr.-Aug. 1942, Vol. 19, Is. 5, p. 11. (Jan.-Feb., 2003)

Deaths, Aug.-Dec. 1942, Vol. 19, Is. 6, p. 11. (Mar.-Apr., 2003)

Deaths, Dec. 1942, Vol. 20, Is. 1, p. 11. (May-June, 2003)

Deaths, Jan. 1943, Vol. 20, Is. 1, p. 11. (May-June, 2003)

Deaths, Jan.-May 1943, Vol. 20, Is. 2, p. 11. (July-Aug., 2003)

Deaths, May-Sept. 1943, Vol. 20, Is. 3, p. 11. (Sept.-Oct., 2003)

Deaths, Sept. -Dec. 1943, Vol. 21, Is. 2, pp. 3, 6, 7. (July-Aug., 2004)

Deaths, Jan.-Apr. 1944, Vol. 21, Is. 3, pp. 4-7. (Sept.-Oct., 2004)

Deaths, May-Aug. 1944, Vol. 21, Is. 4, pp. 5-13. (Nov.-Dec., 2004)

Deaths, Sept.-Oct. 1944, Vol. 21, Is. 5, pp. 4-7. (Jan.-Feb., 2005)

Deaths, Nov. 1944, Vol. 21, Is. 6, pp. 4-6. (March-Apr., 2005)

*(Additional Data Page indexes from past newsletters will be listed in upcoming newsletters..)*

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### **GERMAN WORD LISTS FOR GENEALOGY**

Have you found a German document and don't want to pay for a translator? Here is a German Word List that might help. <http://www3.adnc.com/~lynnd/vuword.html#7>.

There are a number of other wordlists available here for dates, times, occupations, illnesses, etc.

The home page is: <http://www3.adnc.com/~lynnd/vudeu.html/>.

And the site has links to other German genealogical research topics.

Thanks to Laurel Hoffman for sharing this with us.

## Green Bay Archives & Area Research Center Mounts 4 New Indexes

Check out the latest searchable indexes on their website:

- Brown County Probate Case Files, 1821-1976
- Calumet County Citizenship Records, 1850-1955
- Kewaunee County Circuit Court Case Files, 1858-1950
- Oconto County Wills & Probate Case Files, 1857-1952

<http://webapps.usgb.edu/collections/>

They are constantly creating and adding new indexes to their website. To be among the first to be notified when new ones are available, friend them on Facebook and watch for announcements on your news feed.

(from *Gems of Genealogy*, Newsletter of Bay Area Genealogical Society, Vol. 38, Iss. 1, Jan./Mar. 2012)

## UWGB Archives Hours

If you wish to visit the archives in person, here are their hours for your convenience:

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 12:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday—Friday 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### David A. Cofrin Library

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311-7001

### Before you make a research trip:

- Browse their web site or e-mail them at [archives@uwgb.edu](mailto:archives@uwgb.edu) to be sure the records you are seeking are housed there.
- Verify they will be open on the [date/time](#) you intend to come.
- Print [map and directions](#) to their facility.
- Stop at welcome booth in the boulevard on Circle Drive. Ask for a free visitor parking pass.
- Bring a photo ID with you.

## Marathon County Resources

(Always telephone ahead before visiting any research facility to verify hours)

### Marathon County Historical Society Library

410 McIndoe Street, Wausau, WI 54403

Call 715-848-0378 for an appointment.

[www.marathoncountyhistory.org](http://www.marathoncountyhistory.org)

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-3:30

### Marathon Co. Genealogical Society Library

Housed at the Marathon County Historical Society and available for research at the Historical Society Library. The Genealogical Society Library is also open for research before the regular meetings of the Society.

### Marathon County Public Library

300 North First Street, Wausau, WI 54403

715-261-7240 or 1-800-236-0153,

[www.mcpl.lib.wi.us](http://www.mcpl.lib.wi.us)

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00-8:30

Friday and Saturday, 9:00-5:00

Sunday, 1:00-5:00

Memorial Day - Labor Day: Saturday, 9:00-1:00

### Family History Center,

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

5405 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

715-355-4856 (closed on major holidays)

Hours: Wednesday, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, 12:00-4:40 p.m.

Sundays, 1:00-7:00 p.m.

### Wisconsin Historical Society,

### Area Research Center

Learning Resource Center, University of Wisconsin-

Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481

715-346-2586

Hours: Fall & Spring Semesters

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00-12:00, 1:15-4:30

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00-12:00

No evening or weekend hours. Hours are good winter and summer. Hours may vary because of limited staff.

### Marathon County Courthouse

500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403,

715-261-1000

Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:00-4:30

## A Few Sites that our Speaker, Laurel Hoffman Shared at Our April Meeting

### Historical Maps of Europe: Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection

At Univ. of Texas:

[http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/history\\_europe.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/history_europe.html)

This site has a very long list of map links—it ran 9 pages when printed. Covers British Isles, east onto Russia, from Finland south to Mediterranean countries. Map time periods go from very early (150 AD) to 1986. Actually, this site (link below) also has historic maps for many other parts of the world: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Br. Isles, etc.

[http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map\\_sites/hist\\_sites.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html)

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## The German Empire

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/>

**Atlas des Deutschen Reichs** as of 1883 by Ludwig Ravenstein, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library. Besides Germany, the maps of this atlas also cover the bordering portions of present-day Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, and Switzerland. Due to the large scale of its maps (1:850,000) and its through gazetteer of place-names, one can locate even small towns and villages on the maps in the Ravenstein atlas.

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## FEEFHS=Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies

<http://www.feeths.org.maplibrary.html>

Maps are mostly from 1882-1908: Austro-Hungarian Empire, German Empire, Russian Empire (both Europe & Asia), Balkans, Hutterite Map Collection and Scandinavia/Finland.

## Illinois State Genealogical Society 2012 Webinar Series

### Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family Over Time and Miles

Jean Wilcox Hibben  
July 10, 2012—8 p.m. Central

### Major Midwestern Archives & Their Records

Paula Stuart-Warren  
August 14, 2012— 8 p.m.

### Grandma did What?: Researching your Famous and Infamous Relatives

Gena Philibert-Ortega  
September 11, 2012— 8 p.m.

### Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research

Leslie Albrecht Huber  
October 9, 2012— 8 p.m.

### Sidestep Genealogy

George G. Morgan  
November 13, 2012-8 p.m.

### Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan

J. Mark Lowe  
December 11, 2012-8 p.m. Central

## ISGS Webinar FAQs

**What is a Webinar?** A webinar is a lecture that is delivered over the internet that you can access on your computer.

**Is there a cost?** No, ISGS webinars are free.

**How do I sign up to attend a webinar?** Visit the Webinars page at <http://biy.ly/ISGSWebinars> and click the “register” link for each session you want to attend.

**How do I attend the live presentation?** After you sign up for a session, you will be given an email that provides instructions to join online or via telephone.

**Do you have to attend the webinar at the scheduled time?** Live webinars are available for free to anyone. ISGS members have access to recordings after the live event.

**How so I access recordings?** ISGS members can access webinar recordings via the Members Sections of the ISGS Website.

## What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895...

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society

And Library in Salina, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

### 8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS - 1895

#### Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of 'lie,' 'play,' and 'run.'
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

#### Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. For tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000.. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18

days at 7 percent.

7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft.. Long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

#### U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

#### Orthography (Time, one hour)

##### [Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'U.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.

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7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks  
And by syllabication.

### Geography (Time, one hour)

- What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas ?
  3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
  4. Describe the mountains of North America
  5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
  6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
  7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each..
  8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
  9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
  10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

**Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying 'he only had an 8th grade education' a whole new meaning, doesn't it? No wonder they dropped out after 8th grade. They already knew more than they needed to know!**

*(Thanks to Sandie Lehnerr for sharing this)*

### Online PDF Tool

Do you need to create a PDF file? If not, how about modifying an existing PDF file? Perhaps you want to insert some additional pages or delete a page that is presently in the middle of an existing PDF file. If so, one online site can help you a lot.

The PDF Tools web site will not only convert all sorts of documents to PDF format, it will also convert PDF files to Microsoft Word .DOC files as well as convert Powerpoint demonstrations to PDF, great for providing electronic "handouts" at a presentation or for making the presentation available online. The same web site will also:

Convert an Excel sheet into a secured PDF document

Convert a PDF Document to an online flip book

Convert a PDF document into an image

Convert a PSD file (a Adobe Photoshop Document file) into a PDF Document

Convert an HTML file into a PDF Document

Convert any file to a JPG image

Merge any Word, image, HTML, PSD, PowerPoint or Excel sheet into a PDF document

Unlock your password-protected PDF Documents (you must know the password in order to remove it, however)

Convert Facebook Photos to PDF Documents

NOTE: Macintosh users already have software to create PDF files. It is included with every Macintosh system. However, the PDF Tools web site will still provide extra functionality not included with the Macintosh OS X operating system.

The price for all this? Zero. NADA. Free. The PDF Tools web site does accept voluntary donations, however. You can find the PDF Tools web site at <http://pdftools.egedsoft.com/>.

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## Marshfield Draft Board Records 1917-1918 *(cont. from previous issue)*

The following list is that of individuals living in various townships around Marshfield, Wood County, WI, that were eligible for service. The original list is located in the Regional Archives at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI (2 folders—Call # Wood Small Series 3).

### Town of Richfield, Precinct, Wood County, Wisconsin (cont.)

10 Paul, Arthur	38 Bowlby, Lewis Earl	68 Esser, John Math
11 Zolm, Ferdinand Frederick	39 Davis, Vernie	69 Felhofer, Fred
12 Trachte, Otto Gust	40 Roberts, Eror	70 Felhofer, Henry
13 Curtin, John David	41 Hill, Leo Edgar	71 Smith, Wm. Harrison
14 Klumb, Peter Christian	42 Ludtke, Carl Frederick	72 Schuster, John
15 Poppy, John Federent	43 Foote, Floyd Wm.	73 Smith, Herman Jule
16 Poppy, Adolph Mat	44 Maewell, Walter	74 Schwandt, Paul August
17 Burhopp, Roy Mulford	45 Gelbert, George Alfred	75 Winebrenner, Rew Elmer
18 Pember, Benjamin Orrel	46 Mathson, John Alfred	76 Baker, Francis
19 Gadson, Gail Frank	47 Kickland, Robert Herman	77 Janke, Leslie Emil
20 Trachte, Amos Julius	48 Elliott, Henry Thomas	78 Macauley, Kenneth Amos
21 Fleischmann, Joseph Ignatz	49 Mathson, Alvin Oscar	79 Curtin, James William
22 McChesney, Errol Colin	50 Thompson, Paul Alfred	80 Lerner, Max
23 McChesney, Rudolph Wm.	51 Parfett, Archie Grant	81 Straight, Glenn Hiram
24 Fleischmann, Wm. Alois	52 Henig, Henry	
25 Kramer, Edward Herman	53 Christiansen, Anton Adolph	<b>Town of Cameron, Precinct, Wood County, Wisconsin</b>
26 Palmer, Clifton Spencer	54 Wohlers, William Henry	1 Johnson, Albert M.
27 Hansen, Alvin	55 Cutler, Lester Wells	2 Hansen, William
28 Cole, George	56 Ohnstad, Raymond Wesley	3 Kuse, Fred
29 Heggelund, Christian	57 Zick, Herman Otto	4 Siemers, E. Julius
30 Robinson, George	58 Andraska, John Tim	5 Hewett, Charles Madison
31 Jennings, Orville Ceicle	59 Splonskowski, Fred John	6 Radlinger, Joseph A.
32 Cleveland, Reuben Glenn	60 Doering, Robert	7 Lanterbach, Elmer Adam
33 Tillner, George Leroy	61 Miner, Roy Jacob	8 Heggelund, Martin
34 Balmer, Guy Green	62 Tjelstad, Martin	9 Heidrich, Ralph David
35 Ward, Oscar	63 Bath, Joseph Jacob	10 Kempen, Henry
36 Thompson, Lloyd Theodore	64 Ruammen, Robert Andrew	11 Cournoyer, Felix A.
37 Woolstrom, Henry	65 Feather, Emil Red	12 Yaurcks, William
	66 Wundrow, Andrew Theodore	13 Vandoorhees, Archie
	67 Heggelund, Ole	



**Marshfield Draft Board Records 1917-1918** *(cont. from previous page)*

14 Leich, Jake	27 Borchert, Erurie	60 La Crosse, Oscar Frank
15 Secor, Roy	28 Hougum, Axel	61 Kille, Otto Adam
16 Secor, Bennie	29 Kolstad, Gilman Rueben	62 Gunderson, Gilbert Gunerius
17 Pilsner, Frank	30 Baierl, Joseph, Jr.	63 Grossbaier, Engelbart
	31 Panzer, Paul Herman	64 Anderson, Arthur Harold
<b>Town of Auburdale, Precinct, Wood County, Wisconsin</b>	32 Bauer, Joseph Wm.	65 Jones, Charles Wm.
1 Koller, Edwards	33 Krings, Joseph Peter	66 Doll, Herman Frederic Martin
2 Franz, Alfred Otto	34 Ertl, Frank	67 Borchardt, George Walter
3 Dillinger, Joseph William	35 Brodhagen, Frank Wm.	68 Gotz, Frank
4 Schill, Nicholas Leo	36 Hilgart, Joseph George	69 Schultz, John Mike
5 Brandl, Alois Louie	37 Ertl, Joe	70 Borcharett, Kurt Alfred
6 Reuling, Julius Adolph	38 Halverson, Carl Arnold	71 Heeg, Henry Rudolph
7 Bendickson, Charlie Albert	39 Johnson, John	72 Manthey, Arthur
8 Bendickson, Otto Elmer	40 Halvorson, Henry Albert	73 Hasenohrl, Alphonse
9 Bendickson, John Ingald	41 Koller, Ignatz	74 Hasenohrl, Joseph
10 Daniels, Herman Joseph	42 Karl, Lewie	75 Rank, Jacob
11 Fuehrer, Ignatz Wm.	43 Shupe, Freeman Ed.	76 Hilgard, Edward
12 Koller, Louis	44 Anderson, Axel Harold	77 Berg, Grube Chester
13 Bauer, Nicholas	45 Babcock, Hollis James	78 Branresky, Frank Mike
14 Raab, Frank Joseph	46 Feske, Henry August Otto	79 Braunsky, Henry Wm.
15 Boothroyd, Fergus Chester	47 Markee, James Orear	80 Scholler, Adolph Henry
16 Bauer, Fred	48 Tornel, Wm. Wentz	81 Bohman, Peter
17 Blonien, Henry Luke	49 Hilgart, Theodore Wm.	82 Jole, Maurice Robert
18 Grassl, Louis Charles	50 Draller, Frank Andrew	83 Phillip, Kolbeck
19 Kuehuhold, Herman Wm.	51 Toelle, Edward August	84 Brew, Anton Wm.
20 Reek, Friederick, Wilbur	52 Hilgart, Theodore Wm.	
21 Weibs, Thomas John	53 Ashenbrenner, Fred	<b>Village of Auburndale, Precinct Wood County, Wisconsin</b>
22 Hoeshy, Thomas	54 Johnson, Arthur John	1 Draxler, Jowsph
23 Bores, Solomon	55 Knuteson, Theodore	2 Conor, Craig, Prentice
24 Albrecht, Leonard George	56 Baltus, Joseph George	3 Fisher, Glen Michael
25 Eibe, Carl F.	57 Gotz, Lewie	4 O'Brien, George Harrison
26 Mews, Paul Wm.	58 Kuehnhold, Otto Wm.	(To be continued)
	59 Kennedy, Raymond Edward	

## Castle Garden Database is Online

(From Eastman's Newsletter, August 2, 2005)

Ellis Island seems to receive all the publicity for immigrants arriving in New York City. Many people do not realize that Ellis Island did not begin operations until 1892. More than 73 million Americans can trace their ancestry to immigrants who arrived in New York City prior to that year. From 1830 until 1890, these new arrivals first stepped ashore at Castle Garden in lower Manhattan.



State Emigrant Landing Depot, Castle Garden, New York.

The site of Castle Garden remains as one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. American Indians fished from its banks, and the first Dutch settlers built a low stone wall with cannons as a battery to protect the harbor and New Amsterdam. The stone wall was later converted to a street that is now the well-known financial center called Wall Street.

The Castle Garden immigration processing center started operation in 1830. By 1890, the arriving throngs were overcrowding the center, and there was no room to expand the facility since the ocean and the city surrounded it.

After reviewing several possible sites, the United States government selected Ellis Island for the establishment of a new federal immigration center for New York. On the island, it would be easier to screen and protect the new immigrants before they proceeded

out onto the streets of Manhattan. Castle Garden processed its last immigrant in April 1890.

After the closing of Castle Garden in 1890, immigrants were processed at an old barge office in Manhattan until the opening of the Ellis Island Immigration Center on January 1, 1892. Then a huge fire at Ellis Island occurred during the night of June 14, 1897. The fire burned the entire immigration complex to the ground. Nobody was hurt, and nobody knows why it happened or who started it. However, many state and federal records were lost in that fire.

Immigration processing was moved back to the old



The Barge Office

Temporary Immigration Station, circa 1890

barge office in Manhattan while Ellis Island was being rebuilt. In December of 1900, the new Main Building on Ellis Island was opened, and 2,251 immigrants were received that day. In a single day in 1907, 11,747 immigrants were processed at Ellis Island.

Castle Garden was soon forgotten by almost everyone, with the exception of those who processed through the facility and later generations of family genealogists. Castle Garden was soon converted to other uses. A theater stood on the site for many years and was used by the likes of Phineas T. Barnum. Today it is a city park, called Battery Park, and is the departure point for the ferry to the statue of



Interior of Castle Garden. From 1855 to 1890, over 8 million people entered the United States through Castle Garden and when it closed 75% of all immigrants who had landed in the United States from 1855 to 1890 had passed through its doors.

liberty. Today's Battery Park is actually bigger now than it once was, having been extracted into the harbor over the years by landfill.

While the Ellis Island fire of 1897 did destroy some of the records of castle Garden, the ships' manifest records of those years survived.

Now the Battery Conservancy has created an online database of information about 10 million immigrants for the years 1830 through 1892, the years before Ellis Island opened. All these records are extracted from the original ship manifests. If you are one of the more than 73 million Americans who are descended from those who entered at Castle Garden, you can probably find your ancestors in this database.

As usual, I started with my own surname. A few seconds later I was looking at a list of 78 immigrants who share the same last name as mine. I was a bit disappointed to find that one immigrant was listed with a first name of "Mr." while his wife's name was listed as "Mrs." Another's first name was listed as "Professor," and a fourth seemed to have the first

name of "Unknown." However, the rest of the entries had true first names or initials listed, as expected.

By clicking on menu items, I found that Professor Eastman was 34 years old when he arrived from Liverpool, England, on the ship *Abyssinia* on February 17, 1871. He was a music professor. Perhaps that is enough information for a descendant to make the connection, even without a listed first name.

The following is an example of a more typical entry:

THOMAS EASTMAN, Occupation-Farmer, Age-35, Sex-M, Literacy-U, Arrived-1884/05/05, Origin-England, Port-Liverpool & Queenstown, Last Residence- , Destination-USA, Plan-Unknown, Ship-Alaska, Passage-Unknown.

The Quick Search that I used allows you to easily find an individual or family. Quick Searches are free of charge.

The site also offers Advanced Searches: the ability to search the database using more fields. An Advanced Search allows everything that a Quick Search allows, plus the ability to search by gender, age upon arrival, and destination. The site states that Advanced Searches are "ideal for scholars and those interested in genealogical research." An Advanced Search costs \$45.

Unless you are searching for a very common surname, I suspect that the free Quick Searches will suffice for most genealogists.

CastleGarden.org is a great resource for educators, scholars, students, family historians, and the interested public. The site currently has 10 million records in its database, with another 2 million records yet to be entered. Donations are solicited to help maintain this site for all.

For more information about the online Castle Garden immigration database or to search the records yourself, go to <http://castlegarden.org> (from Lafayette County Genealogy Society Newsletter, *Ancestral Diggin's*, March 2012, Edition 101, p. 9)

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## Upcoming Meetings

### **July 26, 2012—“Annual Potluck Picnic”**

Once again, Al and Pat Breden have graciously invited us for our annual picnic at their country home. We are also planning on the DAR to join us for a full flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring any old flags that need to be retired. Meal starts at 6:00 p.m. with Flag Retirement Ceremony to follow.

### **August 23, 2012—“Research at the State Historical Society”**

In preparation for the group's field trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society, members will share stories of resources and finds at the State Historical Society.

### **September 27—“Civil War Genealogy”**

Records generated during, and after, the American Civil War created a treasure of genealogical information. Don Schnitzler will share information possibly found among the contents of a Civil War Pension Record, and explain how you might obtain similar records on your Civil War ancestor.

### **October 25—“Find-a-Grave”**

Find-A-Grave maybe an overlooked and under appreciated resource for basic on-line genealogical research. Find-a-grave volunteer, and MAGG president, Vickie Schnitzler, will share information about the organization, website and how to search the more than 70 million graves already posted and members are also invited to share their stories of successes finding genealogical information through Find-a-Grave.

*Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Marshfield Public Library, except August (traditionally our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.*



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