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President's Message

Dear Friends,

This is it, my last opportunity as MAGG president to address you using this format. Where do I begin? How do I thank everyone for having done so much over the past couple of years to make MAGG the wonderful organization that it is? And most important, how do I ensure that no one is overlooked? I have to take the easy way out here, and rather than name names, let me express my deepest appreciation to all of you for all that you have done and do to fulfill the mission of our group. You are each amazing and I will always count among my blessings, your friendship. Thank you for encouraging me to accept this position when you did. I found the job was easier than one might expect because of the continuous support you each gave.

Now I can look forward to my continued participation in the group as your past-president. Before moving into that position though, we need to plan and hold our 2009 elections. In the last issue of Kith and Kin, I asked each of you to think about the upcoming may elections and consider whether or not you could commit to serving in one of the available positions. Those positions are the offices of president, treasurer, and one director at large. If you have any interest, please talk to me, or those currently holding the positions, our treasurer the past three years, Ada May, and our director at large, Al Breden. Again, give it some thought. None of the jobs are overly demanding.

Recently I was asked if the group might consider a field trip to the State Historical Society Library this spring. Since we haven't made a trip for sometime, I'd like to propose one for May 2nd. The morning of May 2nd, the State Historical Society will present a three-hour lecture on the three genealogy websites that hold the most digital collections and databases for genealogical

research in a presentation titled, "Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org and Footnote.com." Planning the trip on this Saturday would allow those interested in research to do that, while others might chose to attend the class in the morning and then research in the afternoon. Think about it. We'll talk about it at an upcoming meeting.

May is Historic Preservation Month too, and Marshfield's Historic Preservation Month planning committee has been busy putting together an entire month of activities. Our contribution to the planned events will be a "Beginners Family History Research Workshop" on May 16th. Mark your calendar. Depending on the response we may need volunteers to help with the one-on-one assistance for workshop participants. Additional details of upcoming Historic Preservation Month activities will be posted in this newsletter or as made available as announced at upcoming meetings of genealogy group.

Programs for our upcoming meetings promise to be very informative and enjoyable. I look forward to your continued participation there. And again, full details of those meetings and programs are provided in this newsletter.

Thank you again for all you do on behalf of the genealogical group, and good luck with all your genealogical pursuits!

*As Always,
Schnitz*

Upcoming Meetings and Events

*Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Marshfield Public Library, General Meeting Room
"Creative Writing In Family History"
Each year as Judy Peterson winters in the warmer western climate, she participates in a creative writing class recording her own life stories. During this program she will share some of the techniques used that might help you prepare a narrative record*



Thursday May 28, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Marshfield Public Library, General Meeting Room
"Using Google Book Search In Your Family
History Research As Well As Other Google
Searches Too"

Ken Wood will tell us all about Google Book Search and demonstrate its use in Family History Research. Google Book Search is an on-line tool that searches the full text of books scanned by Google (now over 7 million books). Google's ultimate goal with Google Book Search is to let you search the full text of any book ever published, and then provide the option of reading that book (for selected books), purchasing the book (from selected book sellers), or finding out where you can borrow a copy of the book (from selected libraries). One million books are in full preview mode and one million more are fully viewable and downloadable public domain works. About five million are currently out of print.

Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Marshfield Public Library, General Meeting Room
"Preparing A Family History For Publication"
Nate Norberg, a member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives will share information about a service he provides preparing family histories for publication.

Other Upcoming Events:

Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, 2009

WSGS - Gene-A-Rama

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society (WSGS) will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary at the 2009 Gene-A-Rama Conference at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton. The featured speaker will be author, lecturer and professional genealogist, Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG. For more information and registration forms visit the WSGS Website, www.wsgs.org

Upcoming Wisconsin State Historical Society
Library-Archives Workshops

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Abstracting Deeds: a Workshop

Saturday, April 17, 2009

Native American Genealogy

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org and Footnote.com

Monday, June 29, 2009

Genealogy Workshop for the Genealogy Intraclub
of the WBCCI

Complete Details Available:

www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes

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Marshfield Historic Preservation Month Activities

May 1, 2009, 5:30 p.m. Opening "Flying Trees" and
Marshfield Aviation Exhibit, Marshfield Airport

May 14, 2009, 2 and 7 p.m. When is Daddy Coming
Home? An American Family During World War II"
Marshfield Public Library

May 16, 2009, 9 a.m. MAGG Beginners Family
History Workshop, Marshfield Public Library

May 21, 2009, 5:30 p.m. A Taste of History,
Lasagna Dinner and Historical Reenactments, West
14th Street Restaurant

May 29, 2009, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Marshfield Cemetery
Tours and Historical Reenactments, Hillside
Cemetery

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Library of Virginia

by Michael J. Leclerc

The Library of Virginia (LVA) was founded by the General Assembly in 1823 to manage the books and official records of the Commonwealth dating back to the early colonial period. The library was housed in the Capitol in Richmond until a new library and office building was constructed in 1895. In 1940 it outgrew this space and moved to a new building adjacent to City Hall. In 1997 the library moved to its current six-story building. The library has always worked diligently to provide access to the materials in its collections, and has taken advantage of recent technological developments, such as the internet, to make it easier to access information.

The LVA website includes a sophisticated search page that allows you to search many different catalogs at once, or limit your search to a specific area. You can also search a number of different online record

collections. Among the valuable collections available are several newspaper marriage and obituary notice indexes, WPA Life Histories Collection, photograph collections, historic building surveys, and biographical sketches. A large number of military records have been digitized, including Revolutionary War bounty warrants, land office military certificates, public service claims, and state pensions; Index to War of 1812 Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls; and World War I History Commission Questionnaires. Also available are Confederate Disability Applications and Receipts, Confederate Pensions Rolls for veterans and widows, Index to Virginia Confederate Rosters, and Index to Confederate Veteran Magazine. The pension files are filled with valuable information about births, marriages, and deaths as well as other family details. You can also find more details about an ancestor's military service as well. LVA also operates the Virginia Memory website at www.VirginiaMemory.com. In addition to the searchable databases also available on the main LVA site, you can find general information about Virginia history, a chronology of the Commonwealth, online exhibitions from the collections, and an online classroom for use by educators.

The main LVA website is at www.lva.virginia.gov, but they have also just launched a beta version of their new website, which you can view at <http://beta.lva.virginia.gov/>. If you have Virginia ancestors, LVA is a must-visit place.

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REMEMBER—Membership dues are to be paid with this issue of the **Kith & Kin**. The form is included and please use the envelope provided. Lorraine Markee-Treasurer

Cologne Archives Destroyed

Subject: [PRUSSIA-ROOTS] Collapse of Cologne Archives

G'day everyone,
 Tragic news for researchers in Cologne/Köln. I've just learned that the four story building housing the Köln Archives has collapsed and is now a pile of rubble. Records up to a 1,000 years old are feared lost forever.
 Does anyone know if they had much of their collection microfilmed? I know the LDS catalogue for Köln doesn't have much.
 Regards
 David Armstrong
 Maylands, Western Australia

American Social History Online -

<http://www.dlfaquifer.org/>

"Find and use 19th and 20th century primary resources from unique digital collections." Search or browse by subject, place, and time, in collections of historical photographs, broadsides and printed ephemera, posters, first person narratives, cartoons, digitized serials, and more.

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Smithsonian's History Explorer

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<http://historyexplorer.americanhistory.si.edu/>

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, along with the Verizon Foundation, has developed a website that offers standards-based online resources for teaching and learning American history. This lively looking red, white and blue-themed website has an eye-catching feature on the homepage which highlights an item from the Museum's Artifacts. Visitors should click on the "Read More" tab, which is right below the description of the artifact, which will take the visitor to the full detail of the artifact, as well as any related artifacts. Clicking on the "Museum Artifacts" tab at the top of the page will take the visitor to the search engine for the 65 museum artifacts on the site. The "Lessons/Activities" tab at the top of the homepage takes the visitor to a list of lessons and activities that can be filtered by Grade Level or Historical Eras/National Standards. Additionally, the list provides the lesson/activity description, the grade band it's suitable for, as well as the duration of the lesson. Finally, the "Interactives/Media" tab, located at the top of the homepage, links to a slew of audio, video, and interactive resources that are meant to be used by students on their own, without the aid of a parent or teacher. "Building a Sod House", "Artificial Anatomy: Body Parts", "Children

Write to the President", and "Whatever Happened to Polio?" are just a few of the 36 fascinating interactive lessons. [KMG] - The Scout Report -- January 9, 2009

The History of Aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone

invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know, and love, the story about Grandma's aprons. Or it can be a good history lesson for those that have no idea how the apron played a part in our lives.

REMEMBER :

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron. But Love!

COUNTY MAPS THROUGH HISTORY

If anyone has presented this site before, my apologies for not realizing what was being presented!

Wisconsin goes from 1790 through our present times. By clicking the years, counties are added... and that goes for all states.

Bob~~Clark County History Buffs
http://www.familyhistory101.com/map_county.html

History of Our Schools

Article 4

April 19, 1929 P. 6

In the fall of 1890 the new high school building was opened and a four-year course of study was adopted in place of the old three year course. F. E. Hamlin was engaged as principal at a salary of \$110 a month. The new building was described as a beautiful structure, with six class rooms, and office and various other rooms, and cost was given as \$15,000 and it was said to be one of the best school buildings in the northern part of the state. The cost of the building was

defrayed by a \$15,000 six percent bond issue.

There were no graduates in 1890 on account of the high school course of study being extended to four years. The first class from the four-year high school was graduated in 1891 and consisted of three boys and four girls. The class the following year was even smaller as but two boys and one girl were given diplomas.

507 Enrollment in 1891

The school census of 1891 showed that 507 were enrolled in the schools and a teaching force of nine teachers attempted to conduct the classes. An increase in attendance of 112 children in the fall of 1891 gave the school board a problem. Not all of the children could be seated, so many had to come and stand. It was therefore necessary to enact a rule to the effect that any person absent from school for three consecutive days would forfeit his or her seat to the first person on the waiting list.

At the time Marshfield was considered as a suitable location for one of the State Normal schools. This was in 1893. In order to induce the board of regents to locate the school here, the city in a special election voted \$20,000 and a site. Later when Stevens Point and Wausau each advanced \$50,000, Marshfield through the Wood county board of supervisors raised \$50,000 but the regents, much to the regret of the citizens of Marshfield, voted in favor of Stevens Point.

Needed More Instructors

As the high school grew, more instructors were needed so in 1893 two teachers in addition to the principal were employed. The high school enrollment was now reported at 53 and that of the grades as 645. Ten teachers were employed in the grades. It was in 1894 that George Paulus became principal of the schools. In the high school he had as his assistants Miss Ella Kelly and Miss Anne Connor. Mr. Paulus received a salary of \$142.21 per month and the assistants \$60.

The grade teachers received from \$35 to \$40 per month. School was taught for a period of nine and one-half months. The nine and one-half months school year has been from this time on even to the present day. On account of the crowded conditions in the grades a room was opened in the city hall and Miss Jessie Taylor was engaged to teach this department.

The placement of the over-flow in the city hall did not relieve the housing problems so the school board found it necessary to finish the third floor of the high school building and utilize it for class rooms. In order to reduce the number of tuition students the tuition was raised from fifty cents to \$1 per month.

(To be continued)

History of City School System

By L. H. Dressendorfer

Article 5

April 20, 1929P. 4

The first course of study for the high school was definitely drawn up by Professor George W. Paulus and was officially adopted by the board Sept. 22, 1894.

Again in 1894 it was necessary to provide additional room for the sixth and seventh grades. There was no room in any public buildings, therefore, it was necessary to rent a store room in the building known as the Miss Alice Boseworth Brick Block. A large attendance at St. John's school too made it necessary for the church authorities to provide more room. This was accomplished by fitting up a room under the winter chapel.

The renting of outside rooms for school purposes was only to provide temporary relief. The permanent solution was to build another school. With this aim in mind the board was empowered by the school district at the annual meeting in 1894 to buy lots 8, 9 and 10 in block 58 for the site of the Fourth ward school. The site cost the board \$1,050. At a special meeting of the school district on

May 15, 1895 the school board was authorized to borrow \$7,000 from the trust fund of the State of Wisconsin and erect a four room, two story brick grade school building upon the site held in the Fourth Ward. Allen D. Conover of Madison, Wis. Was given the contract to draw plans for and superintend the construction of the building. Thomas Wright was the lowest bidder for the construction of the building and he was given the contract to build the same. For his services he was paid \$7,429. The building was occupied in the fall of 1895

(To be continued)

This may be a repeat but with St. Patrick's Day and all I though it was appropriate.

Griffith 's Valuation

A list of Irish landowners and tenants from the mid-19th century, is now available online and free of charge, thanks to An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, the Library Council. The lists are widely used by people trying to trace their ancestors. http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie/gv4/gv_start.php

Please note - this is currently a prototype/test site, and is still under development.

Research Recommendations:

Congressional Cemetery

by Michael J. Leclerc NEHGS

Situated on the banks of the Anacostia River, Historic Congressional Cemetery was envisioned as a neighborhood burial ground when it was founded in 1807. Until 1835 almost every member of Congress who died at Washington was buried in Congressional Cemetery. Even those whose bodies were interred elsewhere often saw a sandstone cenotaph placed in the cemetery as a memorial, a practice which continued until 1876.

After years of neglect, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery was formed in 1976. The Christ Church Vestry turned over operation of the grounds to the APHCC until July 31, 2019. The group implemented a strategic plan that called for extensive historical research and renovation work to be completed in time for the cemetery's bicentennial in 2007. The cemetery is now a growing and thriving place for neighborhood residents and visitors.

The final resting place of 19 senators and 71 representatives, the cemetery is home to many famous individuals, as well as average citizens. More than 80,000 individuals are interred there. Among the famous individuals buried here are Civil War photographer Matthew Brady, signer of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Vice President Elbridge Gerry, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation J. Edgar Hoover, and composer John Philip Sousa.

Among the many volunteer projects at the cemetery are a number of genealogically significant ones being made available on their website. More than 15,000 photographs have been made of stones, markers, and vaults in the cemetery, and they are in the process of being uploaded to the site. They are laid out in order by range and section, allowing you to scan through to see individuals buried next to each other.

Volunteers are currently transcribing log books of burials in the cemetery. These logs date back to 1898. Among the information included is the death certificate number, name of deceased, birthplace and last residence, age, and date and cause of death. Also transcribed are earlier records from

Methodist Episcopal books.

Approximately 60,000 individuals are listed in the Congressional Cemetery Interment Index. The index is completely searchable, and you can also browse by surname. A number of death certificates, dating as early as 1884, have been uploaded and made available as well.

The Historic Congressional Cemetery website at

www.congressionalcemetery.org is a shining example of cemetery restoration, and providing access to vital information for research.

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**Marshfield News Herald
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Year Ago Today**

Miss Beryl Goddard and Joseph Reigel of the town of Rock were married Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic church, the Rev. H. P. Toeller officiating at the nuptial mass. They were attended by the groom's sister, Miss Elanore Reigel and Joseph Panske, the latter of this city.

**Marshfield News Herald
April 17, 1929
Five Years Ago Today**

A quiet but pretty wedding occurred Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bidwell, 618 West Grand Avenue, Chippewa Falls, when their daughter, Katherine Eloise, was married to J. Wayne Johnson of Marshfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson. Rev. Paul Turner of the First Presbyterian church officiated.

Police today are searching for clues leading to the arrest of one or more persons who robbed \$800 worth of merchandise last night from the Consumers store, formerly the Kestel store, on North Central avenue. After prying their way into the store through a window in the rear of the building the burglars escaped with seven suits of clothes, neckties, collars, shoes, shirts, underwear, overalls, tobacco and cigars which they carried away in three suitcases selected from the stock of the store.

Arrangements are completed for the choral concert to be given May 7, at the Methodist-Episcopal church under the auspices of the Campfire Girls organizations of the city.

**Marshfield News Herald
April 24, 1929 Page 4
Five Years Ago Today**

Dr. Karl H. Doege, Jr., has let a contract for construction of a new home of brick and stucco on West Fifth Street, in the 800 block just west of the H. H. McCain home. The contract was awarded to J. E. Wegner and will cost approximately \$15,000. Building operations will start shortly.

Another new home in that section is expected to be built this summer, Mrs. R. Connor having purchased the corner property at West Fifth street and Wisconsin avenue from Adolph Kleinheinz and is planning to build. The purchase price of the lots is reported to be \$3,200.

**Friday, March 6, 2009; B08
Washington Post**

**James M. Cesnik Labor Union
Representative**

James M. Cesnik, 73, a union representative from 1965 to 1993 with the Newspaper Guild, which represents journalists and other media employees, died Feb. 27 at his home in Winchester of congestive heart failure. Mr. Cesnik represented the Guild on newspaper antitrust issues, labor law changes and the employment of women and minorities.

He was the editor of the union's publication, the Guild Reporter, from 1973 until his retirement in 1993.

Early in his career, he worked as a reporter, copy editor and layout editor for the old Minneapolis Star, an evening newspaper, and the old Minneapolis Tribune, a morning newspaper.

James Michael Cesnik, a native of Marshfield, Wis., graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., in 1958. He served as president of what is now the Minnesota Newspaper Guild from 1963 to 1964 before moving to the Washington region to work for the union.

He was president of the AFL-CIO's International Labor Communications Association from 1980 to 1981 and was the association's secretary-treasurer from 1984 to 1987.

His marriage to Elizabeth Havlik ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Barbara Nelson Cesnik of Winchester; three children from his first marriage, Margaret McGuigan of Keedysville, Md., Sarah C. Mejac of Chevy Chase and Michael I. Cesnik of Winchester; three brothers; and nine grandchildren.

The Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum, New York

www.trinitywallstreet.org/welcome/?cemetery

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While researching I came across this website. I had found a death record and it stated that a person was buried at Trinity. I wondered exactly what that meant and where it was. There was the Trinity Churchyard at Wall Street, but that seemed unlikely. I began to search the web and came up The Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum website, which has searchable database of registers of the Parish of Trinity Church. Click on the Registers & Churchyards link. The baptismal records date from 1769 to June 1885, the marriage records from 1746 to 1886, and the burial records from 1777 to 2003. The registers cover the baptisms, marriages and burials performed at Trinity Church, Wall Street, as well as those performed at separate chapels in Manhattan previously run by the Parish of Trinity. The database can be searched by name and type of record, and limited by date.

There are links to the Trinity Churchyard and St. Paul's Churchyard burying grounds on the Registers & Clicking on either of these links opens a new page where you can read selected stories of colorful figures buried in these churchyards, browse the churchyard by section, or search the burials by name. To browse by churchyard click on the link to open a cemetery map. Next click on a section of the map to bring up and enlargement of the section showing headstone icons. Then click on a headstone to access information about the individual(s) buried in the plot.

I found the burial record I was looking for in the Parish Register database. It took me a bit of searching to find the cemetery, but I finally did. As it turns out, St. John's Burying Ground was located at Clarkson, Le Roy, and Hudson Streets in Lower Manhattan. The burying ground was used from 1802 to the 1850s. In 1896 the property was conveyed to the City of New York and then was turned into a playground. Some of the remains and stones were removed from the cemetery while others are still buried beneath the playground.

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