



# KITH AND KIN

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## MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS

On Thursday, March 22nd, Jerry Porter, one of our own MAGG members and retired doctor of the Marshfield Clinic will be presenting "Tracing Your Irish Ancestors." Dr. Porter has been working on researching his family for many years. And now with a little more time, we'll see what he has accomplished. His presentation will be at the Marshfield Clinic, room LL-207, starting at 7 p.m.

In April, instead of a regular meeting, the MAGG has decided to take a road trip to the Family History Center in Rib Mountain. Those interested in going should meet on April 26th in the southwest corner of the Northway Mall parking lot around 5:00 p.m. so we can leave by 5:15 p.m. We can research until about 8:30 p.m. Bring a snack along if you wish for in the car on the way up and we will probably stop at Applebee's when we're done researching for a debriefing session.

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## SUMMER TRIPS FOR MAGG MEMBERS

Several more trips are being planned for members to help in their research. In June, we will be going to the Area Research Center located on the U.W. Stevens Point Campus. Ruth Steffen has agreed to open the archives up for us some evening and give us a brief overview of the resources. Fortunately, we would be the only ones there that evening.

Also in July, the group will travel to the archives on the U.W. Eau Claire campus. Times and dates have not yet been set. Please note that these two trips are in addition to our regular meetings.

## DISCOVER YOUR PAST AT THE MARSHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKSHOP

The Marshfield Public Library is co-hosting a genealogy workshop entitled "Discover Your Past @ Marshfield Public Library" with the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group on April 7, 2001 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Beebee Forum Room on the library's lower level.

The morning session runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon. It features information on "How to Prepare for a Research Trip" by MAGG's own **Vickie Schnitzler**. Vickie will explain the essential pre-trip planning which ensures productive research expeditions. Her show and tell is loaded with practical, witty advice. Next, Marshfield Cemetery Sexton, **Mike Baltus**, will speak about the database of information available with regard to cemetery records. **Joan Spencer**, City Assessor, then plans to cover information available through the Assessor's Office and the inaccessibility of certain records.

**Ken Wood**, of the Marshfield Public Library will present information on the wide variety of available Passenger Lists and Indexes, including choice Internet websites. Then, **Lori Belongia**, also of the Marshfield Public Library, will explain how to effectively use the Wood County Naturalization Records as they appear on the microfilm owned by the library.

After lunch on your own, return back to the library for individual research where the library staff and MAGG members will be available to assist until 4:30 p.m. Tours of the library's Genealogy collection will be lead by **Lori Belongia** at 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Contact the library's Reference Center, (715) 387-8494, to register by April 5th to assure that you receive an information packet at the workshop.

## KITH AND KIN

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

**MEETINGS:** The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room LL-207. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December,

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Subscriptions are free with membership. (The business year runs from May 1 to April 30). Individual membership is \$12 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$15 per year. Organization membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year memberships include all current volume issues.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING "KITH & KIN"

The contents of our newsletter "Kith and Kin" is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 24 & 25, 2001** Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc. & Family Research Library present their 32nd Annual Jamboree at the Exhibition Building, The Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA. For additional info contact them at (818) 843-7247, e-mail: [scgs@keyconnect.com](mailto:scgs@keyconnect.com), or fax: (818) 843-7262.

**April 7, 2001** Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Spring 2001 Seminar in Manitowoc featuring Marian L. Smith, Senior Historian, Immigration & Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. For info contact: Rollie Littlewood, 5109 Coney Weston Pl., Madison, WI 53711, phone (608) 273-0211.

**April 7, 2001** Marshfield Public Library Spring Workshop, Marshfield Public Library, Marshfield, WI. For more info contact: Lori Belongia, (715) 387-8494.

**April 28, 2001** Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Workshop at Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 West Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Speakers include: Larry O. Jensen, Bob Heck, Adam Campbell, and Patricia Keeney Geyh. Cost: \$30. Contact: Lois I. Kuehn, 2950 North 84th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222-4706, (414) 475-9297.

**July 14, 2001** German Interest Group presents Roger P. Minert, popular speaker and author, 8:45 a.m.-3:20 p.m. in the Hamilton Room at the James R. Connor University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. For more info contact: Delores at (608) 753-0714 or e-mail Linda at [herrickd@ticon.net](mailto:herrickd@ticon.net) or write to: German Interest Group, P.O. Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53547-2185.

**September 12-15, 2001** FGS Conference at River Center/Adler Theatre, Davenport, IA.

**October 20, 2001** Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall 2001 Seminar, Madison, WI.

**May 15-18, 2002** The National Genealogical

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of MAGG,

I just read some memories that my cousin wrote about her grandfather. Her grandfather is my great-grandfather so her memories were very interesting to me. Eventually she had 20 pages of memories. I read every line with some excitement even though the writing was not professional, and the content was not earth shaking. The point is that any one of us can write memories of our parents and grandparents. Someday someone will read them with interest and even excitement.

Her 20 pages of memories have reminded me to write more of my memories. My youngest brother bought the family farm. Being 13 years younger than me he does not remember seeing a work horse on the farm. I remember when our pretty sorrel mare had a colt in 1942. One day the colt was missing, yet only a week old. My dad and my uncle had been digging the ditch for the water pipes to run from the windmill to the hog house. We found that the colt had fallen into the trench and could not get out. Dad lifted it out. Where was the mare? The mare suffered a muscle injury in the birth and could not stand up and so could not care for the colt properly. Dad fashioned a sling out of timothy seed bags and rope. With the tractor he pulled the downed horse on a home made stoneboat to a large tree branch. He put a pulley up on the branch and with another rope, he pulled the horse up to a standing position. The mare again was able to nurse the colt. The colt eventually matured and we called it "Dick." The mare was "Topsy."

I hope my "little brother" enjoys this memory as much as I do. I hope this memory will encourage you to write down anything that you remember about "the good old days." This will help to keep the memory of your ancestors alive!

Sincerely,

*Denis Kuennen*

MAGG President

## MARSHFIELD RESOURCES

Indexes to the Births, Deaths, & Marriages of the Marshfield Times and Marshfield News, 1880-1908, (3-volume set).....\$75.00

Sold Individually: Births.....\$17.50  
Deaths.....\$30.00  
Marriages.....\$35.00

MAGG Surname Index and Pedigree Charts from 1984-1994.....\$15.00

Surname Index and Pedigree Chart Updates from 1994-2000.....\$4.00\*\*

Past issues of Newsletters  
-Individually.....\$1.00  
-Volume Set (6 Issues).....\$5.00

Order these items from the Marshfield Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

\*\* Available October 2000.

## THE MARSHFIELD STORY: 1872-1997, PIECING TOGETHER OUR PAST

Cost: \$29.95 (Soft-cover), plus \$6.00 shipping.  
Available by contacting the Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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## THE HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD 2nd VOLUME NOW AVAILABLE

A brand new volume of Marshfield History and Genealogy is now completed, with all new stories and pictures. The price for the soft-covered edition is \$34.95 and for the hard-covered edition is \$59.95. Please add 5% sales tax, \$1.75 (soft) / \$3.00 (hard). If books are being shipped, an additional \$6.00 is added for each book ordered. Checks should be made out to: **The Marshfield Chamber Foundation** and sent to **The Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449-0914.**

## QUERIES

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

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## MAX KADE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The Friends of Max Kade Institute are pleased to offer a one-day workshop on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Meeting House and the Max Kade Institute. The workshop on "German Genealogy" is being held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Rhine and Mosel River tour of Germany, exploring German-American heritage, September 9-19, 2001.

In order to provide participants in the WAA program and members of the Friends with the tools needed to make a trip to Germany conducive to exploring genealogy, this workshop will cover topics such as what steps to take before getting to Germany, how to find a family's place of origin, what information can be found in German archives and a lesson in transcribing 19th-century German script – the handwriting that often holds the key to many genealogy-related questions.

The cost of the workshop, which includes a box lunch, is \$60.00, and is limited to 25 participants. Please contact the MKI at (608) 262-7546 for more information.

## IRISH RESEARCH

Irish research is more difficult than that in the rest of the British Isles. Civil registration commenced in 1864 but many Irish records were destroyed in the "Unrest" of 1922., Records from 1864 to 1922, for all Ireland, and from 1922 for the Republic, are held at the office of the Registrar General, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Northern Irish records since 1922 are held at the GRO, Oxford House, Chichester Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1,4HL. Virtually all 19th century census returns have been destroyed, but the Irish censuses for 1901 and 1911 may be examined at the National Archives in Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland; however, researchers should note that the 100 Year Rule prohibits disclosure of these two returns for the six Northern Counties on Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone, but they may be scrutinized in Ireland.

If you wish to use a researcher in Ireland, the Hibernian Research Company, Ltd., claims that they are Ireland's oldest and largest research company. They also say they proved the ancestries of former President Reagan and former Prime Minister Mulroney. HRCL is at P.O. Box 3097, Dublin 6, Ireland. Their Fax is 353-1-497-3011.

Irish Roots is a quarterly genealogical publication from Belgrave Avenue, Cork, Ireland. Annual subscriptions are for the U.S. \$15.00.

North of the border is the Association of Ulster Genealogists and Record Agents. Write for a list to Glenmachan Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 2NP.

*(from the Bureau Co. Gen. Soc., Sep./Oct. 1998 via Thistle Press of Scottish Soc. of MI, via The Illuminator Vol. 13, #4, 1997.)*

***When you know all the answers, you haven't asked the right questions.***  
*(from "The Sunny Side of Genealogy" compiled by Fonda D. Baselt, page 40.)*

## COMPUTER CORNER

### **German Migration Resource Center** <<http://www.germanmigration.com/default.asp>>

The German Migration Resource Center encourages a worldwide exchange of genealogy information about German emigrants and immigrants. New search features have been added. Free query searches are now offered by surname, ship name, immigration years, places of origin, destinations and more. Families of German descent are invited to submit and search for reunion announcements. Genealogy books and research tools are also available.

### **German Genealogy Home Page** <<http://genealogy.net/gene/genealogy.html>>

Genealogy.net. This website provides information about German genealogical societies, and LDS centers; sample letters in English and German for writing to church and state archives; and a section "FAQ", Frequently Asked Questions, with tips about avenues of research, writing to archives in Germany and volunteer translation service.

### **Palatines to America.** <<http://www.genealogy.org/~palam/>>

This organization has an online Ancestor Register with immigration information, a limited list that is growing; information about the Palatine library.

### **Hanacek's listing of genealogical resources.** <<http://www.bawue.de/~hanacek/info/edabase/htm>>

Available in both English and German, links to Internet resources and databases for German genealogy; gives addresses for German military, church and state archives.

### **Immigration History Research Center.** <<http://umn.edu.ihrc/index.htm>>

The Center is an international resource on American immigration and ethnic history. It maintains archival and library collections, sponsors academic and public programs, and publishes bibliographic and scholarly works.

### **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia** <<http://www.ahsgr.org/>>

This website provides an on-line newsletter, publications, village census information and research help for people interested in the history of Germans from Russia.

### **Odessa-- A German Russian Genealogical Library** <<http://pixel.cs.vt.edu/library/odessa.html>>

The library gives access to documents about Russian Germans both in Russia and in the U.S.; and links to other sites related to German-Russian research.

### **German Nobility.** <<http://www.worldroots.com/brigitte/royal/royal.htm>>

This database provides over 30,000 names of nobles in the Holy Roman Empire, including biographies and some portraits Indexed by geographical area, time period, title and name. This site is in German.

### **Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies** <<http://www.wisc.edu/mki/>>

This site explores the German immigrant experience and, in particular, Germans in Wisconsin. The institute studies how Germans helped shape this country and how it has shaped them, by looking at history, geography, linguistics, literature and other fields. The link to exhibits is very good. It takes the viewer to virtual exhibits (two on immigrant children), complete with additional resources and suggested children's activities.

## SHIPS' PASSENGER MANIFEST RECORDS

Sometime in April 2000, the American Family Immigration History Center will provide easy access to the ships' passenger manifest records of more than 17 million people who entered the United States through the Port of New York and Ellis Island from 1892 to 1924. In the past, these records have been available only on microfilm at the National Archives, or on loan at the Family History Centers. It took more than four years, millions of volunteers, and nearly \$25 million to input and double-check these passenger records. Each immigrant entry will contain up to eleven fields of digitized data, including name, ship, port of origin, arrival date, gender, age, marital status and last known residence. You will be able to obtain a reproduction of the ship manifest and also a photo of the ship. For more information contact: <[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)> or <[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)>.

If your immigrants entered the Port of New York between 1855 and 1890, they would have come through Castle Garden, and would not be included in this new on line service. For information on Castle Garden contact,  
<[www.nps.gov/cacl/](http://www.nps.gov/cacl/)>.

*(from "Behind the Golden Door," by David A. Fryxell in Volume 2, Issue 2 (April 2001) of Family Tree Magazine, pages 6 & 7. The magazine is published bimonthly by F&W Publications, Inc., Cincinnati, OH, via Zion Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "The Illuminator," Vol. 17, #1, Feb. 2001, pg. 14.)*

## WISCONSIN CIVIL WAR DATABASE

The museum has taken the 91,379 Civil War enlistments and re-enlistments recorded by the Wisconsin Adjutant General and entered them onto a computer database. The database allows researchers to search for both soldiers' names and enlistments from particular locations. The database consists only of enlistments in Wisconsin regiments, and does not include soldiers from other states or in federal regiments.

The Research Center is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 3 p.m. Access to the library stacks is unrestricted. Visitors wishing to view manuscript collections are required to complete a researcher registration form. It is suggested those wishing to view manuscripts contact the Research Center ahead of time.

All materials, including library books, are non-circulating. The WVM does not participate in an inter-library loan program at this time. Researchers may photocopy materials at the discretion of the museum staff. The first ten photocopies are free, subsequent copies are 10 cents a page

For more information please contact the Reference Desk, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Muffin St., Madison, WI 53703. (608) 237-1790.

*(from The PIPOST, Dec. 2000, Vol. 16, No. 3, via Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "Genealogical Gems", Mar. 2001, Vol. 19, #4, pg. 3.)*

## DOING GERMAN RESEARCH?

Germany's 120-year privacy rules are being observed by the FHL. This applies to all German films except Church or police records. To obtain a film under this restriction a patron must fill out a special form and prove, with proper identification, direct descendancy to the person being researched at the Salt Lake FHL. After approval by specified officials five films may be released. The process is then repeated for another five. Only hand copying is allowed

*(from the German Interest Group Newsletter, Vol. 7, No. 4, Feb 2001 pg. 336 as it originally appeared in The Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter, Nov. 2000, via Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "Genealogical Gems", Mar. 2001, Vol. 19, #4, pg. 3.)*

## HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD SCHOOLS

### Graduating Seniors as Recorded from Local Papers

*Compiled by Lorraine Markee, MAGG*

*(continued from the last issue of "Kith and Kin".)*

#### **Class of 1940**

Helen Marie Anderson, Wilbur Arendt, Nancy Barnes, James Barrett, Marjorie Baumbach, Virginia Berlin, Karl Berndt, D. William Beseler, Alice Biechler, Clifford Billings, Genevieve Binder, Robert Birge, LaVerne Bloczynski, Marion Borens, Rose Mary Bodoh, Linus Brandt, Ralph Brayer, Virginia Brickheimer, John Brinkman, Alice Britten, Goldie Brodhagen, Donald Bump, Edwin Buttke, Helen Cafferty, Lyle Cattanach, Jack Conion, Jack Connaughty, Henrietta Curtin, Lesley Daul, Mary Dickof, Eugene Diem, Violet Ditmar, Gordon Doherty, Marie Domres, Evelyn Duval, Helen Duval, Elinor Eckes, Lucille Eisberner, Wallace Edvall, Willard Edvall, Angela Ernst, Phyllis Faulkner, Jeanette Fehrenbach, William Fehrenbach, Violet Felhofer, Mary Felke, Victoria Feuerstein, Helen Fiechter, Laura Fjelstad, Reuben Follendorf, Dale Folz, Della Folz, Helen Fornefeld, Merlin Frieders, Robert Froehlke, Alvin Fyksen, Marian Garvue, William Geldernick, Walteer Gleisner, Lucille Gluck, Lucille Grancorvitz, Nina Grotteau, Muriel Hanson, Muriel Harper, Eugene Harsch, Virginia Hasenohrl, Corrine Heggund, Robert Heiting, Marie Hellish, Bette Henning, Adelaide Henseler, Gerald Herman, Lois Hill, Lois Hunter, James Imoehl, Grace Ingle, Harold Jensen, Dale Jirschele, Grace Juno, Ellsworth Kane, Jeanette Kipps, Paul Kliner, Alexander Knox, Gordon Koller, Helen Kraemer, Charles Krainz, Donald Krasin, Rosalie Krier, Clifford Krohn, Howard Kuse, Melvin Laird, Alfred Langrehr, Catherine Laufenberg, Allen Leitner, James LeMahieu, Norbert Ley, John Lueck, John McDonald, DuWayne Martin, Lois Martin, Angela Marx, Howard Metz, Elaine Miller, Leona Miller, Wilma Mitten, Carol Mittermiller, James Murray, Edna Oligney, Kathleen Oettinger, Eugene Palacek, Herman Pankratz, Floy Patterson, Jeanne Peters, Shirley Peterson, Alvin Pilsner, Genevieve Pinion, Bernice Ploen, Harold Poppy, Martha Pors, Bernice Prust, Harold Rauscher, Irma Redig, Violet Regel, Anna Regner, Rita Rehlinger, Ardice Reitz, Bette Robinson, Joyce Roecklein, Robert Roider, Joseph Schaefer, Edward Scherr, Robert Schunk, Anita Seehafer, Gladys Seehafer, Marianna Sexton, James Sigl, Lynette Sommers, Victor Sorlie, James Sparr, Bernice Spearbecker, Kenneth Specht, Harold Staargardt, James Staauss, Jeaanette Stegbauer, Lois Stewart, Richard Stoiber, Marie Thomson, Margaret Trierweiler, Frederick Upham, Dwaine Van Epps, Irene Viergutz, Ruth Weber, Mercedes Weber, Harold Wechorek, Irene Wechorek, Frances Wegner, Anna Weigel, Roman Weigel, Floyd Wichman, Elaine Wilcott, Lorraine Wiltgen, Albert Wittman, John Zeidler, and Joseph Zinthefer.

*(from The Marshfield News Herald, May 28, 1940, page 8.)*

#### **Class of 1941**

Donald Adler, Maxine Adler, Virginia Aigner, Valeria Arts, Marcella Bauer, Eileen Baumbach, Ruth Becker, Donald Berg, Audrey Biechler, John Blaettler, Ellen Bliesener, Jeanette Bloy, Allen Braem, Esther Braem, Virginia Braem, Donald Buffington, Beatrice Burg, William Butler, Scott Campbell, William Chapel, Lorraine Coaty, Iris Crocker, Audry Curtin, Arlyne Dick, Cynthia Diem, Lucille Dishinger, Edith Domack, Marvin Dorst, Betty Dumas, Evelyn Durst, Geraldine Eckes, Dorothy Fehrenbach, Mary Felhofer, Wayne Felhofer, Jerome Fischer, Roslyn Fohrmann, Mary Fordyce, James Frank, Harold Geldernick, Georgiann Giles, Marilyn Goldbach, Robert Greene, Ray Gripentrog, Roland Grosbier, Leland Guk, Constance Haight, Geraldine Haley, Lorraine Hansen, Orville Hansen, Verna Hanson, John Hartl, Gordon Hasenohrl, Otto Helmke, Alice Henning, Lorraine Henseler, Lucille Henseler, Donald Hoag, Lillian Hobbs, Otto Huebscher, Laura Hustedt, Walter Ives, Crystal Jensen, John Johnson, Julia Johnson, Walter Johnson, Wilbur Johnson, Kathryn Kenney, Yvonne Kettle, Esther Kickland, Clyde Kiddoo, Joyce Kiesling, Daniel Knapton, Alma Koch, Donald Koenig, Ione Kohl, Inez Kraemer, LaVern LaMere, Robert Lange, Jean Lester, Helen Lindow, Vernon Lindow, Irvin Lube, Verle Luedtke, Betty McCabe, Chester Meissner, Bert Messerschmidt, Evelyn Michels, Audrey Miles, Jacquelin Miller, Marjorie Mitten, Robert Montgomery, Dorothy Morrison, Audrey Motchenbacher, Catherine Multerer,

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*(Class of 1941 continued)*

Max Nelles, Jerry Normington, Louise Nowacki, Joan Oligney, Everett Olsen, Betty Olstinski, Laverna Ott, Felix Pankratz, Virginia Pfeifer, Robert Pinney, Robert Plank, Marion Podratz, Mavis Porter, Faith Pucker, Frank Purdy, Robert Reeths, Terence Reichert, Marion Rice, LaVerne Rick, William Roecklein, Mark Rudy, Linus Ruffing, Bernice Schmidt, Carole Schmitt, Helen Schmitz, Lorraine Schneider, Blanche Schrader, Violet Schubert, Eileen Schulte, Romilda Schuster, Carole Schroeder, Carol Smith, Norman Sommers, Irene Spaulding, Genevieve Spearbecker, Jerome Spindler, Betty Stangl, Robert Stargardt, Robert Stauber, Pauline Steffen, Jack Stengl, Robert Stoker, Robert Strouts, Katherine Strupp, James Stueber, Jack Sutton, Delores Toy, Jeanne Treutel, Harold Trierweiler, Kathleen Trudeau, Donald Van Ryn, Edith Walsh, Eulalia Wand, Sheila Wears, William Weiler, Joan Weigel, Frances Werner, Carl Wichman, Mary Wilcott, Carol Witgen, William Wix, Audrey Woodkey, Irene Yeager, Loretta Zahn, George Zeidler, Mary Zertler, Russell Zimmer, and Kermit Zopfi.

*(from The Marshfield News Herald, May 27, 1941, page 3.)*

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## CITIZENSHIPS

**(As listed in area papers for Clark, Marathon, and Wood Counties.)**

Circuit Court convened Tuesday to hear petitions for citizenship, the applicants with their witnesses were present for examination by Judge Crosby and the Federal examiner. The following were admitted to citizenship: Andrew Jarocki, Max Papenfuss, Thomas Peter Syalalonowicy, Kazimer Wnuezynski, John Engelbretson, John August Ruotsalasinere, whose name was changed on his own request Ruotfy, David Louis Gotterman. Mike Tyznik's application was continued over.

*(from the Owen Enterprise, November 26, 1925, page 1.)*

### 14 Granted Final Citizenship Papers

Hearing Held Before Judge E. W. Crosby at Neillsville Last Week

Fourteen foreign born Clark county residents were given their final citizenship papers at a citizenship hearing held before Judge E. W. Crosby, in circuit court at Neillsville last week. The examinations were conducted by C.R. Berg, of St. Paul of the immigration and naturalization service of the U.S. department of labor. Following are the names of 14 who successfully passed their final tests: Alojzija Campa, Willard; John Szurko, Withee; Frank Otrin, Owen, Helene Wischulke, Granton; Norman J. Cornelius, Abbotsford; Emil Hauri, Neillsville; Marie B. Bragstad, Withee, and John Szpara, Louis Koblyenski, Gottlob Martini, Mike Soda, Boleslaw Wynimko, John Sliva and Herman (Gustav H. Andreasen) Warner, all of Thorp.

*(from The Owen Enterprise, December 26, 1935, page 1.)*

### Six Women But No Men Ask for Citizenship

Judge Bruce Beilfuss gave an address at the Clark county court house at Neillsville Tuesday, June 17th, when six women became citizens of the United States. The program, under the direction of the Neillsville Business and Professional Woman's club, consisted of the invocation by Rev. William Koehler and music by the Neillsville band. Dr. Sarah Rosekrans lead in group singing of the national anthem.

Those who petitioned for naturalization on that day were Marie Agatha Grabara of Greenwood, Mary Neimat of Willard, Theresia Kapusta of Granton, Regina Anna Westhoff of Loyal, Franziska Elpert of Abbotsford, and Helen Margaret Preston of Neillsville. Miss Preston, a teacher in Beloit, is a Canadian by birth. Although her parents were both born in the United States, they had lost their citizenship at the time of her birth by residence in Canada.

*(from the Colby Phonograph, June 19, 1952, page 1.)*



## HOMESTEADING, THE GROWTH OF AMERICA

Homesteading began with the passing of the Homestead Act of 1862. You can get information about homestead records by writing to Civil Archives, Division of the National Archives and Records Services, GSA, Washington, DC 20409 requesting the appropriate form for a record search, (There are seven states whose homestead records are cross indexed by the landowner's names to help speed your search.) If your ancestor acquired land, or bought land from the government, his application will be on file. The files include a 4-page questionnaire filled out by the homesteader listing the names of family members and other personal information as completely and accurately as you can. You will be billed for copies received.

THE TREE CLIMBER, Vol. 18, No. 10 (March 1993) included this reprint from a North Dakota magazine, ca. 1906, published by Col. Lounsberry, "The Bismarck Tribune".

### Rules for Homesteading

1. No person who is the owner of more than 160 acres of land in any state or territory can acquire any right under the homestead law.
2. A man has to be twenty-one years of age to make an entry, unless he is married or is the head of a family.
3. A married woman has no right to make a homestead entry. A deserted wife can make a homestead entry.
4. A single woman over the age of twenty-one years of age has the right to make a homestead entry.
5. A single woman does not forfeit her homestead entry by marriage if thereafter she continued to comply with the law as to residence, improvements and cultivation. But a husband and wife cannot both hold separate homestead entries and prove up on both.
6. The widow or children of a homesteader are not required to reside on their homestead after his death, but must continue cultivation by agent or otherwise. The widow can enter a homestead in her own right while cultivating that of her husband, in which event she must actually reside on the land entered in her name.
7. Homestead entries cannot be made for more than 160 acres of land.
8. Five years' residence from date of entry is required on homestead for perfecting the title, except that sailors or soldiers of the late war may apply, as time of residence, the period of their military service, but in all cases there must not be less than one year's actual residence on, and improvement of, the land.
9. After fourteen months' residence on a homestead, the entry may be commuted, if desired, by paying \$2.50 per acre, if within the Northern Pacific Railway land grant, 40 miles each side of the center of the of said railway track, or \$1.25 per acre, if outside said limit, and the government will give patent.
10. Any person who entered less than 160 acres of land as a homestead before March 2, 1889 may now enter enough additional land which, added to the amount originally entered, will not exceed 160 acres.
11. A person who has not perfected title to a homestead entry, which he made prior to June 5, 1900, may make a new homestead entry of 160 acres, regardless of his previous filing.
12. Any person who, prior to June 5, 1900, commuted a homestead entry, may now take another homestead, but he must reside on it for five years. He cannot commute the entry again.
13. It is necessary to appear in person when making an entry of homestead lands.
14. Land office fees, when application is made for homestead entry, are as follows: \$14 for 160 acres; \$13 for 120 acres; \$7 for 80 acres; \$6 for 40 acres. If within the railroad land grant limit, \$18 for 160 acres; \$16 for 120 acres; \$9 for 80 acres; \$7 for 40 acres.  
*(from Northwest Iowa Root Diggers, Vol. 15, #4, pg. 4, via Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "Genealogical Gems", Mar. 2001, Vol. 19, #4, pg. 5.)*

## LEAVING A LEGACY IN THE OBITUARIES

Since the newspaper stands as a daily record of the city and its citizens, obituaries serve as keys not only to family lore but also to community history. Often an obit is the only time a person's name makes the paper. Have you thought about how you'd like to be remembered? Which facts you want included in your obituary? As odd as it may sound, you can help with your obit by writing down useful information and making it easily available to loved ones.

Besides giving the essentials - name, age, address, occupation, survivors, etc. - the writer of an obituary should consider the following issues:

**Cause of death:** some people feel stigmatized by a loved one's death from AIDS or cancer or suicide. But knowing the cause of death can be of value to future generations. In addition emitting the cause of death "skews the public health snapshot, which is reflected in a lack of support for funding for health studies and seeking cures," says Dallas obituary aficionado Carolyn Gilbert.

**Naming Names:** for genealogy's sake, if no other, a women's maiden name should always be provided. If the deceased was known by a nickname, by all means include it. If possible, explain its derivation.

**Use of pictures:** regular obit readers will have noticed that many obit photos are old. A photo might show the deceased in a way he or she wants to be remembered, in a military uniform, in a special hat, in good health. For clarification, you might suggest a photo caption: "Jane Doe at age 35" or "John Doe 1943."

**Check it out:** an error in an obit can be terribly upsetting, so do not hesitate to double and triple check everything.

Contemplating your mortality may strike you as unpleasant, but the reality is that you should do so on a regular basis. And remember that what you're really contemplating, in preparing your obituary, is your life. You don't have to be a public figure to keep a file in progress. The best time to write down a special memory, a funny quote or a historical fact is now, not when you're sick or grieving. Think of it as you would a will. You go to the trouble of having a will written, witnessed and verified, why leave an obituary to chance?

*(from the Houston Chronicle - Feb. 23, 2000— via Inscriptions, Wis. State Old Cemetery Soc., Winter 2000, Vol. 29, # 4, via Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "Genealogical Gems", Mar. 2001, Vol. 19, #4, pg. 5.)*

## A GENEALOGICAL TOOL KIT

A Connecticut State library has prepared a Web site called "A Genealogical Tool Kit at <http://www.cslnet.ctstateu.edu/toolkit.htm>. They have prepared lists of basic items you will want to take with you on your research trips to archives, libraries, town halls, courthouses and cemeteries. The lists are quite comprehensive, but you may think of a few other items as well. The use of the CSL'S Web site as a checklist will help you remember all you need to take with you.

*(from Fox Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter, "Genealogical Gems", Mar. 2001, Vol. 19, #4, pg. 4.)*

## SCRAPBOOK SOURCES

The family scrapbook often contains valuable items for your genealogical research. You may find newspaper clippings about events in which family members participated, greeting cards and envelopes with handwriting samples and return addresses, programs from shows and events attended, photographs, postcards, letters, souvenirs and even copies of obituaries. These items can prove invaluable in learning more about family members and may point you towards other clues.

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## 1941 CLARK COUNTY DEATHS

As recorded in the Clark County Press in January, 1942

Submitted by Linda Berres, MAGG

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### January 1941

Mrs. Herman Kunkel, 67, Seif  
 Jane Christofferson, 5, Juneau  
 August Wagner, 66, Pine Valley  
 Mrs. Annie Young, 90, Minneapolis  
 Fred O. Balch, 71, Neillsville  
 Jerome Clark, 84, Gillette, Wis.  
 Mrs. William Schultz, 63, Neillsville  
 Willis Keller, 80, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Maurice Dick, 73, Spencer  
 Mrs. Andrew Anderegg, 74, York  
 Mrs. Grace Williams, Milwaukee  
 Mrs. Robb Spray, Morgantown, W.V.  
 Mathew Marx, 77, Neillsville  
 Albion Mathew Tousley, 77, Hollywood, Cal.  
 James P. Baker, 80, Neillsville  
 Robert Crothers, 90, Wisconsin Dells  
 Mrs. Virginia Listeman Sherriff, Chicago  
 Mrs. Rita Stevens Kohn, Porto Rica  
 Arthur Kueng, 31, town of York  
 Walter Dangers, 58, Neillsville  
 Otto F. Walter, 96, Neillsville  
 Gust Kuhl, 53, Neillsville  
 John Znidarsic, 73, Willard  
 Mrs. Emma Koser, 68, Chili  
 Alan Craig Peterson, 11, Minneapolis  
 Mrs. Harry Bradway, 67, Dublin, Ind.  
 Mrs. William Wischuelke, 78, Lynn  
 Fred Cole, 79, Marshfield

### February 1941

Dr. J. S. Sayles, 72, Wisconsin Rapids  
 Albert Schoolman, 75, Vinton Nursing Home  
 William Bistier, 74, Beloit  
 Mrs. Christian Guenther, 92, Lynn  
 Ernest Garbisch, 78, Lynn  
 Melvin Haas, 20, Humbird  
 August Kindt, 68, Eatm  
 Charles Stoltz, 67, Sechlerville  
 Mrs. John Neidlein, 54, Spencer  
 Adeline Konrath, 77, Milwaukee  
 Isadore Jolivette, 69, Greenwood  
 Mrs. Charles Cary, Portland, Oregon

Arthur Kronenberg, Thorp  
 Joseph Stamcar, Willard  
 Joseph Hrasky, 64, Washburn  
 J. M. Philpott, 70, Loyal  
 Jule Walters, 75, Black River Falls  
 Brother of Miss Lynda Goeres, instructor of music in  
 Neillsville schools  
 Lyle Heastett, 43, Green Bay  
 Harold Riedel, 45, International Falls, Minn.  
 John Hrasky, Jr., Sheboygan  
 J. W. Francis, 74, Eugene, Ore.  
 Leo Johnson, 38, Greenwood  
 Mrs. Martin Lebeck, 63, Stanley

### March 1941

Otto Kuenzli, 62, Janesville  
 C. E. Bartlett 67, Neillsville  
 Mrs. Mary Steinbach, 67, Neillsville  
 George Harper, 82, town of Weston  
 Roy F. Cota, 55, Greenwood  
 Frank Hasert, 74, Greenwood  
 Mrs. Elsie Stamfle Schenk, 70, Humbird  
 Frank J. Gall, 71, Neillsville  
 Henry Williams, 71, Granton  
 Mrs. Edgar A. Bennett, 77, Neenah  
 Thomas Thomas, 59, Weston  
 Carl Timerson, 19, Christie  
 James S. Andrews, 77, Greenwood  
 Ole Bragstad, 79, Greenwood  
 George F. Milton, 81, Neillsville  
 Mrs. C. C. Sniteman, 84, Neillsville  
 Abe Lynch, 77, Neillsville

### April 1941

Frank J. Kopp, 68, Owen  
 Mrs. Sarah Moek, 92, Waupaca  
 Louis Wilsmann, 56, Two Rivers  
 Albert (Jack) Nelson, 58, Black River Falls  
 Vaclaw Sindelar, 76, Columbia  
 William Papenfuss, 48, Dewhurst  
 Mrs. Amanda Dietsche, 70, Neillsville  
 George Pepper, 68, Marshfield  
 Ramona Luebke, 8, town of Weston  
 Frank Waterman, 85, Fremont  
 Mrs. Thomas Kelly, 75, Neillsville  
 (to be continued in the next issue of Kith and Kin)

# MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, March 22, 2001..... Jerry Porter, one of our own MAGG members and retired doctor of the Marshfield Clinic will be presenting "Tracing Your Irish Ancestors." Marshfield Clinic, room LL-207, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26, 2001.....Road trip to the Family History Center in Rib Mountain. Those interested in going should meet in the southwest corner of the Northway Mall parking lot around 5:00 p.m. and leave by 5:15 p.m. We can research until about 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 24, 2001.....Sherry Framness, from the Sons of Norway, will be sharing with us how to do research in Norway. Marshfield Clinic, room LL-207, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 28, 2001.....Rene Krause, the Wood County Register of Deeds, will present information on what the Wood County Court House has to offer us, changes that are or have taken place, and what we can do to make our research experience there more productive. Marshfield Clinic, room LL-207, 7:00 p.m.



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