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## NEWS OF OUR GROUP

### 1986 JOINT MEETING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 5TH

The Annual Meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies will be held on Saturday, October 5th, in Wisconsin Rapids. This year's "Joint" meeting is being hosted by the Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society.

Guest speakers for this day-long meeting are William Wilson and Dave Engel. Wilson, Director of the McMillan Memorial Library at Wisconsin Rapids, will tell us about genealogical research and how the library can help. Engel's portion of the program is entitled, "Anyone Can Write a Family History." He is a local author and historian.

In addition to the two guest speakers, each of the five central Wisconsin genealogical societies will give a brief report, five to ten minutes each, of their individual activities and projects.

The meeting will be held at the McMillan Memorial Library, 490 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids. The morning session begins with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by greetings from Emil Krause, chairman of the Heart O' Wisconsin

Genealogical Society at 10:15. Mr. Wilson will make the first presentation at 10:20. Immediately following his talk, each of the societies will give their reports.

An open lunch period is scheduled from noon until 1:30 p.m. During this time, meeting participants are on their own. They may use the meeting room at the library for a sack lunch or visit one of several restaurants in the area.

The afternoon session, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will feature Dave Engel and his presentation on writing a family history.

Those of you interested in doing research at the library, can do so during the lunch hour or following the meeting. The library will be open from 9:30 to 6:00 p.m. for your convenience.

The five societies to be represented at this joint meeting are: Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society; Marathon County Genealogical Society, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, The North Pines Genealogy Group, and the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group.

### President's Message

Our group has kept pretty busy this summer. Besides our regular meetings, many of you have been busy with family reunions and individual research. I hope that whatever you've been doing, it's been enjoyable.

I heard some really nice things about our bus trip to the Wisconsin State Historical Society at Madison. Besides almost everyone having a successful day of research, I've been told that several of you shared your research time to help others. That's great! It's also one more example why our group has done so well this past year.

Besides the Madison trip, we had the opportunity to use Karen Boerboom's microfilms at the informal get-together at Sue Weber's home. Those records, in addition to our growing library, provided everyo with an enjoyable afternoon or evening. Thank you Karen and Sue.

Using your suggestions, our program chairperson, Vicki Hasz, has set up a schedule of interesting programs for the next year. Our September meeting will feature George and Emily Fijalkiewicz, sharing the slides of their recent trip to Russia. In October, we will hold our regular meeting at the McMillan Town Hall. Virginia Narlock will talk about the Polish customs and traditions she and her family observe.

The joint meeting of the five central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies will be held on October 5th. The hosts, Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society, have prepared an interesting day-long workshop. I hope that many of you can attend. We'll have a sign up sheet at our September meeting for those who would like to share a ride.

Hats off to the Kieffer Bus Service of Auburndale; the bus was exceptionally clean, the driver friendly and courteous, and the package deal was really reasonable for our trip to Madison. Also, thanks again to Robert and Carrie Archibald for giving rides to the LDS Branch Library at Shawano.

Join me in welcoming the new members of our group. There are very good indications that we will continue to grow and Judy Luchau, vice-president and membership chairperson, is busy contacting prospective members.

You can see our group is busy, I hope that each of you are benefiting from these efforts. If not, talk to us! I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings.

Joann

PHOTO SESSION TO BE HELD  
OCTOBER 24TH

A note from Schnitz:

On October 24th, before and after the regular meeting, I will be copying old photographs. This will be the only copying done before Christmas because of my other commitments. So, if you'd like to give someone a picture of great-grandpa and grandma for Christmas, this is your opportunity.

Also, as a courtesy to our speaker, and to allow everyone to get the most from our programs (including me) I will not copy photos during the program. To help make up that hour of copying time, Sue has agreed to open the hall an hour earlier so I'll start copying photos at 6. I hope a couple of you can come help me get off to an early start.

Thanks,

Schnitz

P.S. On a different subject, I'd like to apologize for any inconvenience my error on the last calendar of events may have caused some of you. I hope that everyone who had hoped to attend the informal get-together at Sue's in August recognized my mistake and realized that the date was wrong.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

A meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, Board of Directors, is planned for September 12th at 7 p.m. at Joann Hilgemann's home. For more information contact her at 387-1878 after five.

NEWSLETTER INDEX AVAILABLE

The every name index to our newsletter, volume one, is now available. The index, containing a surprising 626 names, will sell for \$1. It may be purchased at our next meeting or by mail. Mail orders please include a long SASE.

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MARSHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE  
CLOSED SEPT. 14 UNTIL MID-OCTOBER

The Marshfield Public Library will begin moving back to its original location Sept. 14. According to Gil Johnson, library Director, the library will be closed from Sept. 14 until mid-October. Extensive remodeling of the library began earlier this year.

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NEW MEMBERS

Vi MILLER  
410 East Pine  
Abbotsford, Wisconsin 54405

Mike and Peggy BREHM  
2711 S. Washington Avenue  
Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

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FORMS FOR SALE

# of sheets	Family	Pedigree
	Group Sheet	Chart
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	cost	
1	.04	.05
10	.35	.45
25	--	1.10
50	1.50	--
100	2.75	--

Forms available to members of the MAGG only.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our evergrowing library has proven to be a popular feature at the group's regular meetings. Before and after every meeting, members surround the library tables to find research books to help them with their genealogy and to see if any new books have been added. The popularity of the library is a testimonial to the help you can find by joining together with others with similar interests. Our library's success is only possible because of the generosity of our members. Their willingness to share has made our library what it is today.

During the past two months, our library has been undergoing changes. Our members have been so generous with their donations that our library is becoming large enough to require some sort of order to make it more usable. In an effort to organize our holdings and to better protect loan donations, we will now be using a card system. In the back of the book you will find a card which you will sign and date to check the book out of the library. When you return the book, it must be checked back in with the librarian in order for your responsibility to end. The librarian will cross off your name and return the card to the book.

A card file is being established to aid members in determining what we have available. Every book is being assigned a letter and a number. The letter denotes the classification. (Example: The letter [A] is the classification for Atlases. All Atlases, maps and plat books will be found in this section.) The number is simply for the order in which they are found in that section.

The phone books are being referenced on a card file. Since many phone books include directories for more than one town, a card will be made for each town listed. This will help you find the needed directory without searching through the books.

Your help is needed to make this system work. Please make an effort to keep the books in order. It will make it easier for all of us to find the books we want.

We also have a new system for receiving book donations. This is necessary to insure that each donor gets proper credit for the donations and to establish which type of donation is being made. We accept outright donations to the group and loan donations where the owner maintains ownership of the book but places it in our library for the use of the group. When you are making donations, contact the librarian before the meeting so that a form can be filled out and the book can be placed in the library immediately.

GENEALOGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

## ILLINOIS ARCHIVES PROJECT

The Illinois State Archives and the Illinois State Genealogical Society is cooperating in a project of creating alphabetical indices by groom and by bride of all marriages in Illinois from the period prior to statehood (1818) through 1900. Later, marriages to 1916 may be added as the project proceeds.

Anyone who has information about Illinois marriages during those years is invited to send the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage and place where it occurred, or the county, to Peggy Sapp, 421 W. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62704. Give your permission to use the records, please. (Records may be in family Bibles or elsewhere.)

Many persons passed through Illinois to locate further west. Marriage records were not recorded officially in the early years of statehood, therefore, a master index of this kind is envisioned as a unique service to researchers.--from the *Genealogy Week, Antique Week/Tri-State Trader Genealogy Section*.

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## CHOOSE PHOTO ALBUM WITH CARE

Periodically we spread the word about the problems inherent in the magnetic photo album. The kind with a sticky backing and a clear plastic overlay. Unfortunately, these are the most commonly available type, and they are the worst thing that you could put your photographs and treasures in. The chemical reaction from the backing

and plastic will eventually cause deterioration and discoloration. As if that weren't enough, moisture entrapment is possible if the plastic is sealed tightly on a humid day. For example, one woman lost her prints within two months of inserting them in the album.

How do you remove material from the album when it adheres tightly to the pages? Unfortunately, no simple answer is available. Possibly, you could cut it out and carefully peel off the backing.

There are archival albums available, however. Ask your nearest librarian or museum archivist.--from the *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Newsletter, Jots from the Point*.

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LDS BRANCH LIBRARY SHAWANO  
REGULAR HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## SCOTLAND

The country of Scotland took its name from the Irish who settled the area about 500 A.D. The name stems from the way the Romans referred to the Irish--as "Scotti"--in early Latin documents. The Irish gave that name to the new area.

**SERVICES OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC  
LIBRARY, MAP DIVISION**

Recently in several exchange newsletters, a brief news item was run concerning the map collection of the New York Public Library. Some of that information was incorrect. The following is a letter from Brent Allison, librarian, New York Public Library, explaining the services available.

"I regret that erroneous information is being perpetuated by many genealogists concerning the availability and cost of 'genealogical maps' from the New York Public Library, Map Division.

"Although we do have many maps and atlases which can be of great value to genealogical research, we have no 'genealogical map collection' per se. Copies of maps are usually available. They require a \$3 search fee and cost estimate. Prices of copies vary widely, depending on size, condition of map, and type of copy.

"We are able to answer short reference letters, but must ask that inquiries be limited to one place and date per letter.

"I hope this clarifies the services of the Map Division and would appreciate your passing this information along to your fellow genealogist."--from the *Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter, Gems of Genealogy*.

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**MAPS AT THE WISCONSIN STATE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Following the mention of the New York Public Library's Map Collection, it is appropriate to

mention the map collection available at the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

Michael Edmonds, Map Librarian for the Wisconsin State Historical Society, in April of this year wrote: "We might be able to answer your readers' inquiries more quickly and cheaply than the New York Public Library, and I'm certain we have a more comprehensive collection of Wisconsin maps." You can call him at 608/262-5867 or send inquiries to him at the State Historical Society, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706.

The map and Atlas collection of the WSHS concentrates principally on documenting the discovery and early exploration of the Americas, the history of Wisconsin, and the history of the Great Lakes region--a parallel to the manuscript collection holdings on the Old Northwest. The collection contains maps, some as old as 450 years, of other sections of the world.--from the *Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Pinery Pedigree*.

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**LUXEMBOURG SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN**

There is a Society for those of Luxembourg descent with a membership fee of \$5/year. They publish a monthly newsletter available only to members. For more information, write them at 303 N. Garfield Avenue, Port Washington, WI 53074--from the *Fox Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, Nuggets*.

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"Today weds yesterday with tomorrow for continuity..."

## FINDING GERMAN VILLAGES

For help in locating villages in Germany, try the 1956 three volume set, *The United States Army Map Gazetteer*, which includes both East and West Germany.

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## SAMPLERS

By the 17th century, Colonial girls made samplers as part of their "housewifery" training. Samplers were a reference panel for different types of colors and stitches. Colored silk or wool thread was used on a square or rectangle of linen. Mottos and the alphabet were popular. Many samplers, signed by their owner, were framed. Samplers were first made in New England and then spread throughout America. Pre-1800 samplers are presently rare.

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## THE ROWBERG FILE

St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, Minnesota has a valuable source for research of Norwegian immigrants. The Rowberg File is a collection of obituaries clipped from various Norwegian language newspapers. The file is indexed. This file is part of a collection of the Norwegian American Historical Association sources. It begins with 1914 and continues through the 1960's. Obituaries are of persons of Norwegian birth and are from many states. Write to: St. Olaf College Library, Northfield, MN 55057.--from the *Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*, *Pedigree Pointers*.

## WORLD WAR I SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS

Among little-used sources of information are World War I Selective Service Records. Most males born between 1873 and 1900 were required to register, resulting in some 24 million registration cards. Information from the files is available from the Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30044. However, you must have complete names and addresses of registrants, including the street address if the person lived in a metropolitan area. Fee for a copy is \$5. Some major libraries and state libraries have microfilm copies of the registration cards for their area or state. They are arranged alphabetically by selective service board and are time-consuming to search.--from the *Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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## OLD BIBLES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IOWA IN 1984

The Jefferson County (Iowa) Genealogical Society recently had bound a volume entitled *Old Bibles in Jefferson County in 1984*. It includes copies of the title page and vital statistics from fifty-two old Bibles brought in by county residents. For further information on this and other publications, send a SASE and \$.50 to Verda Baird, Corresponding Secretary, Rt. 1, Box 50, Fairfield, IA 52556.--from the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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HEIR - An heir at common law is a person who succeeds, by rules of law, to an estate upon the death of his ancestor, by descent and right of relationship.

### AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS MICROFILMED

The Archives of the American Lutheran Church has microfilmed the congregation records of nearly half its members. Basically these records consist of baptism, confirmation, marriage, and funeral records, as well as minutes of the congregation.

For further details regarding use of these records, Contact: Robert Wiederaendus, Archivist for the American Lutheran Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa 52001.--from the *Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Pinery Pedigree.*

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### PORTAGE COUNTY SURNAMENES

A new way to find other researchers working on your Portage County surname line has been introduced by the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society.

For the past five years visitors to the Register of Deeds office at the Portage County Courthouse have "registered" before starting work in the records. In addition to reading the rules of the office, each visitor needed to provide their name and address, as well as the surnames they were going to be searching.

Those registration sheets have now been indexed by surname. In addition, requests for genealogical assistance that have been sent to the Portage County Public Library or the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society have also been indexed. This combined index now improves your chances of finding other researchers working on your same Portage County surname.

You can check the Stevens Point Area Index by sending a list of surnames you are researching (no more than ten spelled at least two different ways) to the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, c/o Portage County Library, 1325 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Include \$3 and a SASE for the search.

If a name is matched up, you will receive the name, address, city, state and sometimes zip; with the name they were working on and the year the work was done. If no information is found, \$2 of your search fee will be returned.--from the *Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter, Pedigree Pointers.*

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### DELAYED BIRTH FILE

A "delayed birth file" may exist in some courthouses. The file would probably have been expanded considerably in 1940 when people had to have a birth certificate for Social Security Cards. Such persons filed the births with the county clerk. Affidavits sworn to by a relative or family doctor who was present when the birth occurred or proof from baptism or family Bible records were necessary. The delayed birth file might also have been necessary if the courthouse where the original record was filed had been destroyed anytime after the birth.--from *Piatt Co. (Illinois) Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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Genealogy is the science of identifying, classifying, and organizing facts pertaining to the history and descent of a person, family or group, from an ancestor or ancestors in their natural order of succession.



## SEPTEMBER AFTERNOONS 1985

Each afternoon in September beginning at 1:00 p.m., a special mini-course will begin at the Old Wade House in Greenbush. The course is designed to last three hours and may last longer depending on class participation and interest. Class size is limited to 40 people, so register soon to ensure your spot in the discussion!

### \* Mini-course Schedule \*

- Monday (Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)  
Identification and uses of wild foods and medicine of native Americans and pioneers.
- Tuesday (Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24)  
The process of restoring wagons and carriages.
- Wednesday (Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25)  
Historic gardening and landscaping.
- Thursday (Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26)  
Discussions and case studies on German Immigration to Wisconsin
- Friday (Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27)  
The weaving process in textile manufacturing.
- Saturday (Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28)  
Small town development in early Sheboygan County.
- Sunday (Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29)  
The ethnic architecture of Wisconsin.

The cost of attending the discussion is included in the regular site fee. To enroll, write to the Old Wade House, Greenbush, WI 53026, with your name, address, phone number, and the date you wish to attend. You will be contacted if that date is already filled so that other arrangements may be made. For more information call Alan Pape, 414/526-3271.

## Southern Minnesota Fall Genealogical Conference

The Southern Minnesota Fall Genealogical Conference is scheduled for September 28-29 at Winona State University. For information, write: The Southern Minnesota Genealogical Conference, P.O. Box 573, Winona, MN 55987.

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## Brown County Family Tree Workshop

The Brown County Library, Green Bay, Wisconsin will hold a Family Tree Workshop on Saturday October 26. The featured speaker is State genealogist, Jim Hanson of the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Mr. Hanson's knowledgeable talks are consistently interesting and educational.

Full details of this day long workshop are not available at this time. The topic of Hanson's talk, schedule and fee will be announced at our September meeting.

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## POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

The Polish Genealogical Society of Chicago will hold its annual Fall Workshop on October 26 at the Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago. There is no admission fee.

A Polish family-style luncheon will be available at the Society, 984 North Milwaukee, Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.95.

\* \* \* MIDDLE NAMES \* \* \*

Middle names were uncommon until the 17th century. The first Englishman to have one is presumed to be Henry Frederick, Earl of Arundel, in 1608.

## \* \* \* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \* \* \*

- Thurs. Sept. 26....A Visit to the U.S.S.R. George and Emily Fijalkiewicz, members of the local Deutcher Club, will share with us slides of their 1982 visit to Russia.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall
- Sat. October 5.....Annual Joint Meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies.
- Thurs. October 24...Customs and Traditions of a Polish Family in America. Virginia (Mikula) Narlock will talk with us about some of the Polish customs and traditions that her family celebrate. Her talk will highlight early holidays with her immigrant grandparents, childhood games and songs, and traditional Polish dinners.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall
- Thurs. December 5...Genealogical Research Report. Vicki Johnson will share with the group some of the experiences she has had while working on her family history.  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town Hall

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