



KITH AND KIN

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FAMILY HISTORY COURSES OFFERED BY NCTI AT STRATFORD AND SPENCER

North Central Technical Institute is offering two courses in Family History during their spring semester. The classes have been designed for beginners, but they may be helpful to the researcher who wishes to sharpen skills and increase knowledge in the field. Each Participant will learn basic techniques in assembling their family history through available records located in their homes, local libraries, public records of the county, state and federal government, and in their ancestral homeland.

The two classes will run for six weeks at NCTI Outreach Centers, located at the Stratford and Spencer high schools. Beginning date at Stratford is Thursday, January 30th and at Spencer, Thursday, February 6th. Sue Weber and Don Schnitzler are the course instructors.

If you'd like more information, or are interested in registering for one of the two classes you can call: Sue Toufar at 659-4429 for Spencer classes or Sue Weber at 387-6099 for Stratford classes. The registration fee is \$13.40 at Stratford and \$10.55 at Spencer.

Note: Both classes will be joining us at our February 27th meeting on Civil War Genealogy.

SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR HELD AT CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Beginners Seminar held on Saturday, November 9th at the Clark County Courthouse Auditorium was an enjoyable success. Attended by about twenty persons, it was an excellent opportunity for every one involved.

The program included the following talks: How to begin and organize; Where to find information; Using census records; and Why belong to a genealogy group. Individuals eagerly made use of the Group's library and expertise to answer questions concerning problem areas in their personal research. Also receiving a great deal of attention and use were the Wisconsin census records provided by Karen Boehrboom.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE PROJECT 5-GENERATION PEDIGREE CHARTS

Just a reminder! Each member is asked to complete a 5-generation pedigree chart on their family and submit them to Vicki Johnson, research committee chairperson.

An index will be generated of all individuals listed and be made available to members to see if others in the group are working on that name.

RED & WHITE LABELS
Fund Raising Effort Continued

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, is continuing its efforts at fund raising through the collection and redemption of Red & White Labels. Northtown and Southtown foods, Marshfield's Red & White grocers, will redeem the labels for two cents each, in accordance to the rules covering their offer.

Your participation is important and easy. All you need do is save complete labels from all Red & White products. The complete carton (less ends) of all lithographed products such as, frozen orange juice or any other Red & White product that has a non-removable label. Please rinse and flatten all lithographed cans.

The labels can be deposited in the Red & White Box at each regular meeting of our society, or given to the fund raising chairperson, Gloria Spindler. She will also be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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NEW MEMBERS

Pauline Hantke
Route 1
Neilsville, Wisconsin 54456

Brent & Terese Redmond
9515 Highway BB
Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

Garry & Darlene Martin
1121 W. Blodgett Street
Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Please submit one query at a time. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name and address. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

ESSLINGER-ESELINGER-ESLINGER

Would like to correspond with anyone researching these names and descendants of anyone with this surname.

MEYERS-NICKLEY

Seeking information on family of John MEYERS, b. 1847 and d. 1929, married Mary NICKLEY, b. 14 Dec 1852, d. 25 Jan 1950. Children: Frank, John, George, Jake, Maggie and Mayme. John had a brother Joe MEYERS.

SIGL

Seeking a copy of "A History of Max Sigl" written ca. 1965 by Helen Scholl Brehm Buckholz. Max SIGL is a descendant of my great-grandfather Sebastian SIGL. Will pay copying and postage expenses.

KISSINGER

Seeking correspondence and info on KISSINGER family. Four brothers located in Washington County, WI. Fred had daughter and son (John). Jacob had son John D. KISSINGER, my great uncle.

SCHINK-KONIG-TAUSCHECK
WALDHAUSER-SAXINGER

Seeking information and correspondence with anyone researching these family names.

Contact: Patti Laessig Zimmerman
N629 Hilly Road
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

Take a Closer Look

??? QUERIES ???

After you have collected all the information possible from your known relatives, you will want to get in touch with unknown distant relatives who are also doing genealogical research in your family line.

One popular way for searching for these unknown relatives is by advertising in a genealogical query column. A "Query" is a request for information concerning your ancestors.

A well-written and well-placed query should provide the right information or answers to your questions. The most effective query is brief and to the point, while giving enough pertinent information to specifically identify the family or persons you're interested in learning more about.

When you write a query ask yourself what response you want and then specifically ask for that information. For example: "Need parents of Robert SPENCER..." or "Need ancestors and descendants of Lewis WELLS." Starting your query in this fashion clearly defines what information you seek.

Your query should go on to specifically identify the person or family you are interested in by locality and time. For example: "Need parents of Robert SPENCER, born Armagh County, Northern Ireland, 1819." or "Need ancestors and descendants of Lewis WELLS, born Essex County, New York, 1838; died Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, 21 Sep 1922." By

clearly identifying your query in this manner, you will most likely hear from someone who actually has the information you need.

Avoid queries that contain only surnames, they are generally a waste of time, effort and money. For example: "Will exchange information on WEBER, GREATHOUSE, WELLS, SPENCER, SMITH, BROWN, WILLIAMS in Wisconsin." Most likely you will receive no response to such a query, and those you do receive may be worthless.

When preparing a query, always type, double spacing your lines, and do not abbreviate. Capitalize ALL of the letters in SURNAMEs and the first letter ONLY of given names. Write dates as day, month, year. Always Proofread your query for accuracy and clarity.

Just as important as preparing a clearly written query, is placing it in the right publication. That is, one that may be read by others doing research on your family line. For example, it is probably best to place a query concerning your Wisconsin SPENCER family in a periodical devoted to Wisconsin Genealogy or in a Spencer family newsletter. Don't overlook the local genealogical societies of an area your ancestor lived either. It is also possible to place your query in one of the national periodicals that devote a large part of each issue to queries on families.

Your queries may not all get results. But if you ask the right question in the right place, you may find an unknown relative with invaluable information with whom you will want to share your research.

One final note! Always acknowledge and thank those who respond to your queries.

OHIO LIBRARIES LISTED

A 5 page listing of libraries, archives and societies which have material of interest to genealogists is available for a SASE from: Cincinnati Public Library, 800 Vine Street, Library Square, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-2071.--from the *Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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IRISH FAMILY NAMES SOCIETY

The Irish Family Names Society is for individuals researching the origins of their Irish family names. The organization promotes research and education concerning Irish genealogy. Members conduct their own research; the society serves as a clearinghouse for exchange of information. The society publishes a newsletter three times a year, and a book, *If You're a Wee Bit Irish*, presenting genealogical data. For more information, write: Irish Family Names Society, P.O. Box 2095, LaMesa, California 92041.

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PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN SOCIETY

The Pennsylvania German Society was founded in 1891 for descendants of German and Swiss pioneers who settled Pennsylvania and other states; others interested in collecting and preserving landmarks and records of the culture, language, genealogy and history of the Pennsylvania Germans (sometimes referred to as Pennsylvania Dutch). Publications include: 1) Annual Volumes, published since 1891 on various aspects of the culture; 2) *Der Reggeboge*, (The Rainbow-journal). For further information, write: The Pennsylvania German Society, Box 97, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania 18031.

UNREADABLE TOMBSTONES

According to the Jacksonville, Illinois Area Journal, you can throw away your chalk, charcoal, tissue paper and crayons. To make those unreadable tombstones readable they recommend the "perfect solution"--shaving cream. Spray the stone with lots of shaving cream and squeegee the excess off the face of the stone. In most cases, you will be able to read the inscription very well. For best results on large stones do a section at a time as the method is not as effective when the cream dries out.--from the *Northwoods Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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WISCONSIN VITAL RECORDS

The State of Wisconsin has centralized birth, death and marriage records from each county at the Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, Wisconsin 53701. The registration of events prior to 1907 was rather sketchy. It has been estimated that less than 50 per cent of the records were prepared and submitted for permanent filing. For a \$7 fee the Department of Health and Social Services will make a 5-year search if you only have an approximate date.

Wisconsin Vital records are also available at the Register of Deeds office in each county. In addition, a microfiche index of births, deaths and marriages occurring prior to 1907 is available at the State Historical Society and the Area Resource Centers. The indexes can be used for no cost, and copies of the certificates can be obtained for 25 cents from microfilm records at the State Historical Library.

VITAL RECORDS PRICE INCREASES IN ARKANSAS AND GEORGIA

The Arkansas State Health Department, Bureau of Vital Records, 4815 W. Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, announced price changes for copies of vital records. The fee for the first copy of a birth certificate is \$5, and a death certificate is \$4, and \$1 for each additional copy.

In Georgia, copies of birth and death certificates have been increased to \$3. To obtain copies write: Georgia Department of Human Resources, Vital Records Service, Room 217-H, 47 Trinity Ave. S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

When requesting copies of birth or death certificates by mail provide every possible bit of information known to you. Always include the full name, town, county, the date and type of event, and both parents names.

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SCOTLAND MAPS

Maps of crofting townships, farm districts and villages in Scotland as they existed in the 19th century are available from a cartographer in Scotland. The maps are taken from the original surveys which are kept in the National Library of Scotland. For more information, write: P.J. Adams, B Rutherford Folds, Inveryries, Aberdeenshire, Scotland AB5 9JH.--from *the Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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1990 CENSUS RECORD

The U.S. Census Bureau is asking what questions should be asked on the 1990 Census. They

are interested in the public's view on the length and content of its questionnaire and improving census-taking technique. You can give your comments or suggestions by writing: Peter A. Bounpane, Assistant Director, Bureau of Census, Room 3049-3, Washington, D. C. 20233.--from *Genes of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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SWEDISH ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES

An organization in Sweden is doing research on those who left Sweden. They will check their files and suggest ways to find your Swedish ancestors. Include data you have so that they might better help you. Write: Utvand-rarnas, The House of Emigrants, Box 201, S-351 04 Vaxjo, Sweden.--from *the North Pines Genealogy Group Newsletter*.

Another Swedish based group that may be of interest is the National Association for Swedish. Write: Riksforeningen Sverigeron-tart, Teatergarten 4, S-411 35 Goteborg, Sweden.--from *the Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society*.

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PROFESSIONAL ANCESTORS IN WISCONSIN

Doctors, dentists, morticians, etc. before 1931 were required to register in the county where they practiced. Copies of these records can be acquired from the county clerk's office in that county. Any records after 1931 are filed with the State Medical Society, 330 E. Lakeside Street, P.O. Box 1109, Madison, Wisconsin 53701.--from *Family Vines, Manitowoc County Genealogical Society*.

MINNESOTA NATURALIZATION RECORDS

The November 1985 Newsletter of the Minnesota Genealogical Society states: "The Naturalization records for 70 counties of the State of Minnesota are housed at the Minnesota Historical Society Archives and Manuscripts Division, 1500 Mississippi Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Only the following counties have their own records: Blue Earth, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Dakota, Faribault, Houston, Itasca, Kittson, Koochi-ching, Marshall, Martin, Nicollet, Nobles, Rock, Roseau, and Sibley. --from *Gems of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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GERMAN ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES

A 17 page booklet that contains a brief history of Germany, time periods for civil and church records, a 1918 map, lists of archives and the addresses and names of genealogical periodicals and almanacs is available from the German Consulate General in San Francisco, California. --from *the Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society.*

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KANSAS VITAL RECORDS RESTRICTED ACCESS

Access to vital records in the state of Kansas is restricted to people who need records to determine personal or property rights. Records are not available for genealogical research.

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ILLINOIS RESEARCH

The Information Service Reference Unit, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois 62756 will

search the 1910 Illinois Census for you. You must provide them with the complete name of the head of the family, county and any other pertinent information, such as: age, birthplace, wife and children. If they locate the correct family, they will send a copy of the census page.

Please send only one name at a time and wait until you receive an answer before sending another request. Do not send a SASE.--from *Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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ILLINOIS OBITUARIES

The State of Illinois Historical Library will look up and copy obituaries for 25 cents each. Send the deceased person's name, date of death, and county lived and/or buried in. Enclose a SASE. The address is: Illinois State Historical Library, Old State Capital, Springfield, Illinois--from *the San Mateo Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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GERMAN GENEALOGICAL INDEX

Researchers interested in German Genealogy are invited to submit data, free of charge, for publication in the Index. The Index, published annually, is cross-referenced to enable the genealogist to locate others interested in the same German Surname and/or localities in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg, etc., as well as settlements in Hungary, Poland and Russia. Write: German Genealogical Index, P.O. Box 10155, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440.--from *the Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

GERMAN RESEARCH

Just a reminder to those of you with German research to do. Karen Boerboom has a nearly complete set of German phone books. She will search them for your surnames, and send you the names and addresses of them. The charge to members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is \$2/surname, non-members is \$5/surname. Money is refunded if no name is found. Send requests to: Karen Boerboom, 8354 Richfield Drive, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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OHIO RESEARCH

Effective immediately, the Kent State University Network Center has been eliminated as part of the Ohio Historical Society's state-wide network of district repositories.

The records for the following counties: Ashland, Carrol, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne are now found at Archival Services, Bierce Library, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio 44325.

The records for the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake Lorain, Medina and Trumbul are now located at: The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44206.--from the *Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIANS

New York state law provides for a local historian in each town, city, village and county in the state. To learn the address of

the local historian in your area of interest, send a SASE to: the State Historian, State Education Building, Albany, New York 12207.--from the *Northwoods Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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MAINE GENEALOGY: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Maine Historical Society has published a revised edition of *Maine Genealogy: A Bibliographical Guide*. It is available for \$4 plus \$1 shipping (Maine residents add 5 per cent sales tax) from the Society, 485 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101.--from the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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DANISH IMMIGRANT ARCHIVES

A Danish Immigrant Archives has been established at Grand View College, 1351 Grand View Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50316. If you have Danish material that would be appropriate, send it to them. Research is also available.--from the *Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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A Few Definitions

Direct Ancestor--One from whom a person is descended in a direct line, e.g., father, grandfather

Collateral line--Person descended from a common ancestor but in a line other than one's own line of descent, e.g., cousin

Cousin removed--One descended from a common ancestor but by a different number of generations

Cousin full--One descended from a common ancestor by the same number of generations

1878 ATLAS OF WISCONSIN
Patron's Directory for Wood County

(Continued from Kith and Kin, Vol. 2, No. 4)

Centralia City

- Mennet, E., Book keeper, born Switzerland, came to Wisconsin 1857, Centralia City P.O.
 Mitchell, J. B., Merchant, born Tioga Co., Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1863, Plainfield P.O.
 Moore, R. G., Mayor, born Bradford Co., Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1871, Centralia City P.O.
 Nash, L. M., Station Agent, born Wisconsin 1854, Centralia City P.O.
 Pomainville, Frank, Wholesale Liquors and Cigars, born Montreal, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1865, Centralia City P.O.
 Rossier, E. B., R. R. Cont'r, born Switzerland, came to Wisconsin 1858, Centralia City P.O.
 Thompson, S. M., Mechanic, born New Hampshire, came to Wisconsin 1872, Centralia City P.O.
 Whitney, G. W. Physician, born Maine, came to Wisconsin 1855, Centralia City P.O.

Town of Dexter

- Baker, E. W., Dexterville, Engineer, born Montreal, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1850.
 Clow, Henry, Farmer, born Bradford County, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1861, Dexterville, P.O.
 Farley Patrick, Dexterville, Engineer, born Ireland, came to Wisconsin 1854.
 Hudson, John, Dexterville, Stone Mason, born Yorkshire, England, came to Wisconsin 1844.
 Kruger, C. J., Sec. 25, Attorney, Real Estate and Cranberry culturist, born Germany, came to Wisconsin 1852, Dexterville P.O.
 McLaughlin, W. W., Dexterville, Carpenter, born Waukesha County, Wisconsin 1842.
 McLunan D. G., Dexterville, Book keeper, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1869.
 Mosher, Frank H., Dexterville, Carpenter and Joiner & J. P., born Ohio, came to Wisconsin 1845.
 O'Brien, Walter, Dexterville, Book keeper, born Cayuga County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1854.
 Turner, John, Farmer, born Staffordshire, England, came to Wisconsin 1843, Dexterville, P.O.
 Winters, T., Dexterville, Lumberman, born Cook County, Illinois, came to Wisconsin 1858.
 Ryan Patrick, Lumberman, born Ontario, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1863, Scranton, P.O.

Grand Rapids City

- Atwood, A. M., Barber, born Tioga County, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1855.
- Baker, C. O., Attorney-at-Law, born Wisconsin 1847.
- Beron, Francis, Lumber Dealer, born St. Francis, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1836.
- Burns, Maggie, Teacher, born Wood County, Wisconsin 1857.
- Burt, F. W., Asst. P.M., born Newark, New Jersey, came to Wisconsin 1850.
- Cleveland, A. J., Music Teacher and Artist, born Middlesex, Massachusetts, came to Wisconsin 1871.
- Closnit, Fred, Saloon and Resturant, born Vallais, Switzerland, came to Wisconsin 1854.
- Cochran, W. H., Cashier, born Otto, New York, came to Wisconsin 1867.
- Case F. B., Ex-sheriff, born Delaware County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1845.
- Cole, D. J., Merchant, born England, came to Wisconsin 1845.
- Dutruit, El., Land Agent, born Switzerland, came to Wisconsin 1855.
- Fournier, L., Barber, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1875.
- Gardner, Geo. R., Attorney-at-Law, born Chenango, New York, came to Wisconsin 1873.
- Hasbrouck, J. B., Blacksmith, born Ulster County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1844.
- Hayden, Henry, Attorney and Abstract Office, born Ireland, came to Wisconsin 1849.
- Huban, Ed., Lumberman, born Dublin, came to Wisconsin 1856.
- King, W. T., Register of Deeds, born McKean County, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1857.
- Kline, W., Jeweler, born Quebec, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1840.
- LaBreche, J. D., Boots and Shoes, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1851.
- Lord, H. W., City Clerk and J. P., born Bradford County, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1866.
- McCormick, F. D., Livery Stable, born Steuben County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1862.
- McRaith, M. J., Merchant Tailor, born Plymouth, Massachusetts, came to Wisconsin 1856.
- Miller, Wm. S., Groceries and Dry Goods, born Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1855.
- Mosher, Mark A., Physician and Surgeon, born Columbia County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1850.
- Mosher, I. L., County Treasurer, born Livingston, New York, came to Wisconsin 1844.
- Morill, D. P., Tannery, born Essex County, Vermont, came to Wisconsin 1841.
- Neeves, Geo., Lumber Dealer, born England, came to Wisconsin 1844.
- Neeves, D. C., Prop'r Bus Line and Am. Ex. Agt., born Grand Rapids 1847.
- Philleo, H. B., Editor and Pub. Reporter, born Herkimer County, New York, came to Wisconsin 1856.
- Pomainville, Frank, Wholesale Liquors & Cigars, born Montreal, Canada, came to Wisconsin 1865.
- Pratt, Mrs. S. A., Sec. 25, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1855, Grand Rapids P.O.

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* * * CALENDAR OF EVENTS * * *

Thurs. January 23..Northern Germany. Helga Krainz, a German Teacher and native of the northern part of Germany will share her information on that area with us.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall

Thurs. February 27..Civil War Genealogy. Don Schnitzler, will present a basic research guide on tracing your Civil War ancestors with sources and instructions on how to obtain them.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall

Thurs. March 27.....Care of Old Photographs and Photo Restoration. Keel Photographers will instruct us on the proper care of old photographs and the process of photo restoration.
7 p.m.
McMillan Town Hall

Thurs. April 24.....Show and Tell

Thurs. May 22.....Elections of Officers and Photographic Tour of Norway

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