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OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group re-elected the all officers for one more term. Also elected was Lenore Anderson as a member of the Board of Directors.

The officers and board members of the genealogy group are as follows:

President: Lou Hacker
Vice-President: Barb Heart
Sec./Treasurer: Sue LaSavage

Board Members: Lenore Anderson
Marlene Cherney

* Vicki Johnson

Newsletter: Don Schnitzler
Program: Vickie Schnitzler
Librarian: Sue Weber

Past President: Don Schnitzler

* Vicki Johnson currently fills one of the two positions held by Past President and Newsletter editor, Don Schnitzler.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

A meeting of the MAGG Board of Directors will be held immediately following the September meeting.

GENE-A-RAMA

On September 16th and 17th the Wisconsin Genealogical Council will hold its annual meeting. This year, the Gene-A-Rama will be held at the Holiday Inn at Wausau.

Gene-A-Rama will begin Friday evening with an open board meeting from 7 to 9. Immediately following will be a social hour. Saturday will feature display tables, sales tables, lectures and discussion groups, and an annual business meeting of the Council.

Mr. James Hanson, of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin is the featured speaker. His talk, "Hidden Research Possibilities at the the State Historical Society and the Area Research Centers," should be of interest to all family historians. In addition to Mr. Hanson, four other genealogists will be presenting one hour talks. They are: Betty Plombon, "How to Use the LDS Library"; Joy Reisinger, "Documentation of Your Research"; Jean Rentmeister, "How to Become Certified"; and Don Schnitzler, "Rejuvenate the Local Genealogical Society".

Further information will be available at our August Open House or by contacting Vickie Schnitzler.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I appreciate the support that all of you have given to the recent election of officers for the Group. As returning president of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, I will try to do my very best for each of you. I will look to many of the rest of you to help make this a great year.

I would like to thank all the committee members, committee chairmen and board members who served this past year. I would like to give a special thank you to our newsletter editor Don Schnitzler, and to our program chairperson, Vickie (Hasz) Schnitzler. I would ask that each of you express your appreciation to each member that has served the Group this past year.

I would like to see us maintain the level of trips that we had this past year. Personally, I feel that we have a nice balance. The second set of trips to Shawano are being completed this month. I wish to thank everyone who has helped to make them a success. In addition to two sets of Shawano trips a year, I would hope to continue the spring and fall trips to the Area Research Center in Stevens Point, the spring and fall trips to Wisconsin State Historical Library in Madison and an annual trip to Newberry Library in Chicago. Someone had suggested this past year that we sponsor a trip to the LDS library in Salt Lake City. If you have any thoughts about such a trip please let one of the board members know.

Our primary objective for the up coming year will be that, "Our Marshfield Area Genealogy Group continues to be the best Genealogy Group possible." While I will be looking to each of you to help set up goals to accomplish this objective, I will start the list with two goals. First, I would like to get all members involved in some aspect of the group. I feel that such involvement will keep the Group from becoming inbred and will broaden the appeal of the Group to the needs of each member. Second, to have a balance of activities within the Group to appeal to the beginning genealogist as well as the intermediate genealogist. Perhaps someone can tell me how we can best help the more experienced genealogists of the group. As one member keeps reminding me, "Everyone has something to offer." I might add, "and everyone has something to gain."

There are two projects that I would like to see published within the next twelve months, (1) the Marshfield newspaper index, and (2) the MAGG pedigree charts, perhaps with updates, and definately with an index. If you are asked to help with these projects, please respond.

If the officers or board members can do a better job of serving you, please let us know.

As Always,

Lou H.

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group
Financial Summary 1987-1988

Balance Sept. 1987\$251.26

Receipts:

Photos.....	25.50
Dues.....	73.00
Form Sales.....	20.20
Red & White labels.....	78.60

Total Receipts...\$197.50
Total Assets.....\$448.76

Expenses:

Newsletter (est.).....	236.55
Forms.....	66.15
Surname Index.....	62.40
Post Office Box.....	39.00
Credit Union Service Chg.	2.00
Speaker (May 1988).....	10.00

Total Expenses. \$426.10
Ending Balance. \$ 22.66

Dues Recieved for 1986-89 \$445.50
Reserved for Book Fund.. \$ 78.80

Submitted by Sue LaSavage

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NEW MEMBERS

Frank & Betty Schuster
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Pittsville, Wisconsin
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Mary Anne Schreiner
W793 Huckleberry Street
Edgar, Wisconsin
54426

Denis Kuennen
1112 Briarwood
Marshfield, Wisconsin
54449

Jalayne Weinfurter
713 S. Sycamore
Marshfield, Wisconsin
54449

NEW BOOKS AT THE MARSHFIELD
PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Marshfield Public Library has added the following book to their reference collection: *Directory of American Libraries With Genealogy or Local History Collections*. The call number is R026.973 F472.

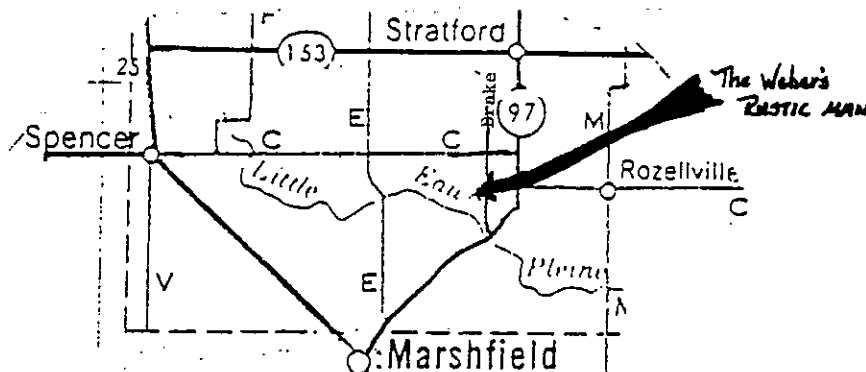
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NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST

Since the Genealogy Group does not meet in August, Sue Weber has once again invited us to her house for an informal get-together. She will have the Library there and ready for your use. The photocopying machine will also be available. The cost of copies is 5 cents per page. The Microfilm reader will also be available.

The hours for the informal get-togethers are 1 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening on Thursday August 25th.

To get to Sue's house, leave Marshfield on Highway 97 north. About 4 miles north of town you will pass the intersection of County Trunk "T" and cross over the Little Eau Pleine River. The Road immediately past the the bridge is Drake Avenue. Turn left on Drake. Just over a mile up the road, on the left hand side, is the Allen Weber farm. A sign in the front yard clearly marks the home..



NATURALIZATION (PAPERS) RECORDS

Q: What are naturalization records for?

A: Naturalization is for the purpose of becoming a citizen. The process has two steps:

1. The "Declaration of Intention".
2. The "final papers".

You probably will not find women prior to 1920. Citizenship was obtained in order to vote. Since women could not vote, they did not as a rule obtain citizenship.

Q: What do naturalization records contain?

A: While the information may vary, generally included is: place and date of birth, occupation, vessel, port of entry and date of arrival in the United States, place of residence at the time of application and the name and address of a witness. Request the "full folder".

Q: Where do I find naturalization records?

A: In order to find naturalization records, you need to know when the individual arrived in this country. Passenger lists, census records, land records, family papers, and county tax lists are some of the sources that can help you establish the arrival date.

Before 1906, an immigrant could file his "first papers" at any federal, state, or local court. Many did this in their port of entry soon after their arrival in this country. After 1906, the declaration had to be filed in a federal court.

"Final papers" included a Petition for Citizenship, an Oath of Allegiance, and papers proving residency for the required number of years. The residency requirement varied from time to time but was generally five years. The final papers did not have to be filed in the same court as the Declaration of intention. The process was complete when the court issued the Certificate of Naturalization.

Records of naturalization before 1906 are scattered among state and federal archives, historical societies, libraries and courthouses. Indexes and guides to each collection may help you locate the records you need. Papers filed after 1906 are usually kept with the records of the court which handled them. If you do not know which court your ancestor went to, inquire at an office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the proper form and procedure for having a search made. Family records, stories, and newspaper clippings of your ancestor taking the Oath of Allegiance may also save you from having to check multiple court houses.

Ancestors arriving in this country before the American Revolution generally did not go through a naturalization process. In fact, many were already British citizens simply changing their residence within the British Empire. Before the first naturalization law in 1790, the states handled the process on their own.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Neagles, James C. and Lila Lee Neagles, Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor. Logan, Utah: The Everton Publishers, Inc., 1975.

Please Note: The information on the preceding page was prepared by Lou Hacker. He highly recommends his research sources: Croom, Emily Anne, *Unpuzzling Your Past A Basic Guide To Genealogy*, White Hall, Virginia: Betterway Publications, Inc., 1983.

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GENEALOGICAL PERIODICALS: A NEGLECTED TREASURE

Both current and defunct genealogical periodicals have information that is often neglected because we don't know it exists or how to access it. The booklet, *Genealogical Periodicals: A Neglected Treasure*, explains what is available and how to find it through a wide variety of published indexes. A complimentary copy of this guide is available from the compiler, Laird C. Towle, Ph.D., send request for free copy to Heritage Books, Inc. 3602 Maureen Lane, Suite 220, Bowie, MD 20715.

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IOWA RESEARCH

In 1986 the State of Iowa passed a law that the county courthouses are to charge \$6 for a search of any individual. Not all courthouses are doing it, but if you write for a search, you should include the fee.—from *Gems of Genealogy, Vol XIV, No. 2, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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VIDEO CAMERA GENEALOGY

Video Family Portraits: the User Friendly Guide to Video Taping Your Family History. This

book by Rob Huberman and Laura Janis. The book shows how to use a video camera, video cassette recorder or camcorder to record your family history, and you don't even need to own the equipment—just rent what you need, when you need it for those special occasions! This easy to use guide shows you how to do it without getting bogged down with technical aspects. It covers how to: use the various types of equipment available; care for the equipment and the tapes; make basic camera settings, movement, picture composition; get the best video sound and lighting; edit and copy tapes to improve quality; update old "home movies;" and has an adaptable "script" of over 350 questions which you can use in video taping family history and biographical interviews.

The 160 page book, *Video Family Portraits* is available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 102, Bowie, MD 20715. The cost is \$9.95.

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PHOTOGRAPH TAX STAMP

An old photograph with a funny looking little tax stamp(s) on the reverse side will enable you to put a date on it as tax stamps were only used on photographs from September 1864 to August 1866.—from *Trail Breakers, Vol XIV, No. 4 Quarterly of the Clark County (Washington) Genealogical Society*

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INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE RATES

International postage rates, for countries other than Canada and Mexico, are 45 cents per half

ounce up to and including 2 ounces; 42 cents each additional half ounce up to and including 32 ounces.

Reminder! Have your letters weighed if you are in doubt as to the weight. This will save the recipient from having to pay postage due.--from *Gems of Genealogy*, Vol XIV, No. 2.

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ULSTER RESEARCH

There is an Ulster Foundation attached to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland that will undertake genealogical researches. Registration fee is about \$3.50 U.S. money. For more difficult genealogical searches a fee of up to \$60.00 will be charged. These six northern Ireland counties are covered: Antrim, Down, Armagh, Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Derry. Write to:

Ulster Historical Foundation
66 Balmoral Avenue
Belfast BT96NY
Northern Ireland

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POLISH RESEARCH

Polish-Americans may send in their surnames, mother's maiden name and name of grandparents. This firm will inform you whether further genealogical information is available and if so will indicate the bank account to which their fee is to be remitted. In such cases you can expect a family history and reproduction of family crest. Write to the Polish Heraldry Bureau:

Buuro Heraldyki Polskij
58-560 Jelenia Gora Jdroj
Skrytka Pocztaowa 73

--from *Heart O Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol 13

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IOWA BIOGRAPHY INDEX

The Iowa Biography Index is now available. This massive index includes references to more than 150,000 biographical sketches and portraits of Iowa people dating from the 1800's to the present. Hundreds of town, county, church, fraternal, governmental, vital records, state records, military and occupational records/histories, etc., have been indexed.

For more information, send a long self addressed stamped envelope to: Lending Library, Route 1, Box 23, Menlo, Iowa 50164--from *Pedigree Pointers*, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. X, No. 3.

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SALVATION ARMY HELPS LOCATE MISSING RELATIVES

The Salvation Army will help you locate missing relatives who haven't been heard from for years. The Salvation Army's Missing Person Locator Service extends to 86 countries and will make a search for the modest fee of \$5. However, there are certain guidelines:

- 1) The person you want to locate must be a close relative, not a friend.
- 2) You must be able to provide essential information regarding the missing person.
- 3) The Salvation Army will not search for people for their purpose of collecting debts;

nor men or women who have deserted their families; nor will it search for people in adoption situations.

To obtain further information, or a missing person inquiry form, contact your local Salvation Army Office.--*From Trail Breakers, Vol. XIV, No. 4, Quarterly of the Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society.*

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RHODE ISLAND STATE ARCHIVES

The Rhode Island State Archives, State House, Providence, RI 02903 is willing to help with research in their state. There is now research fee, photocopies are 50 cents per page.--*from Pinery Pedigree Vol 14, No. 5; Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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MEDICAL HEALTH TREE

For information on recording your family's medical health tree, write the National Genetic Foundation, 555 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. Please include a SASE (legal size).--*from Pinery Pedigree, Vol. XIV, No. 5, Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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ILLINOIS RECORDS

The State of Illinois has increased fees for certain genealogical records. Birth cards are now \$10. The short form birth or death certificates are \$10. To obtain a certified copy of either certificate is \$15 extra. Copies ordered at the same time \$2 each.

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES

By Joan Luetzow

Illinois is a state which offers a helping hand and tremendous resources to the genealogist. The three main sources of help are the Illinois State Archives itself, plus two important sections of the archives: Public Domain Conversion Project and Illinois Regional Archives Depository System (IRAD). The Archives building in Springfield houses these sections, plus IRAD has six regional centers throughout the state on University campuses. Requests to any of these three sections of the Illinois Archives are generally handled free of charge, however, only two names may be submitted at one time.

The Archives, in Springfield, is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 4:30, and Saturdays from 8 to 3:30, except holidays. Housed there are all Illinois Federal Census Records, plus the only two complete state censuses for Illinois (1855 and 1865). Before 1855, state censuses were taken, but records from only a few counties survived. Of particular interest are the Everyname Index to early Illinois Records (census records index, 1810-1850) and the indexes to men serving in Illinois units during the Indian, Black Hawk, Mexican, Civil and Spanish-American Wars. The lists mentioned above are available on interlibrary loan. Local librarians must request them through the Illinois State Library, Centennial Building, Springfield, IL 62756.

Also available at the Archives are county histories and microfilm copies of records from some

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counties, mostly southern Illinois counties. Vital records are found in the county in question, but after 1916, check with the Department of Public Health, Vital Records, 605 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62702.

The Public Domain Conversion Project specializes in land records on computer. Here are found 1) the records of ten general federal land offices for Illinois, 2) the state land offices, and 3) the Railroad land offices. The sale of lands began in 1804 and the last of the federal land offices was closed by 1876. The records are located on the computer by surname. From there, the section, township, county and state, and the word "void" if the sale was canceled are given. They will send you a xerox copy of the listing plus an explanatory page on how to read it. The listing of land records can be requested on inter-library loan through the Illinois State Library.

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository System (IRAD) is the third section of the records mentioned above. However, IRAD does not include Cook County. The six regional depositories acquire local records from courthouses. The types of material collected include: circuit court case records, probate records, poll books and election returns, school board minutes, swamp land records, deed books, tax assessments, naturalization papers and militia roll records.

This writer sent a name, possible death date, and county to the Springfield IRAD address with a request for a probate search, and received, free copies of what was found on LDS film, plus a list of the records searched. Also, without asking, the request was

then forwarded to the regional IRAD Center, where more information was found, copied and forwarded, along with the addresses of the local county courthouse and historic society.

For further information about the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System, contact: Karl R. Moore, IRAD Coordinator, Illinois State Archives, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756. --from the Reporter, Vol. 19, No. 2, Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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BREMEN PASSENGER LISTS

As far as can be ascertained by German archivists, lists of emigrants sailing from Bremen were kept beginning in 1832. These lists were used to compile statistical reports for the government and port authorities. Owing to a lack of space, the lists from 1832 to 1872 were destroyed in 1874 and every two years following. From 1907 the original lists were again saved, but with the destruction of the Statistical Land Office on 6 Oct 1944, all remaining lists perished. Transcripts of some twentieth-century lists (1907, 1908, 1913, 1914) were recently discovered at the German State Archives in zoblenz--the product of a college study. At this time no nineteenth-century transcripts have as yet been discovered.--from the Chippewa County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 8, No. 2.

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Emigrate--to leave one country to settle in another.

Immigrate--come into a new country or region in order to settle there.

**SOME PLACES TO WRITE FOR HELP
IN FINDING YOUR ENGLISH ANCESTORS**

For records of birth, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1 Jul 1837; stillbirths since 1 Jul 1927; births and deaths in aircraft since 1949, write:

The General Register Office
St. Catherine's House
10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP
England

For all probate records of England and Wales since 1 January 1858. When writing, give as much information about the testator as possible. Write:

Principle Propate Registry
Somerset House
London, WC2R 1LP
England

The finest genealogical library in Enland. The library has its own research department with slightly cheaper rates for members. Write:

Society of Genealogists
14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
London, EC1M 7BA
England

The Federation of Family History Societies, will provide a list of local family history societies with addresses. Specific inquiries should be addressed to local societies--not the federation. Write:

**Federation of Family History
Societies**
Mrs. Pauline A. Saul
31 Seven Star Road
Solihull
West Midlands, B91 2B2
England

For state documents from the 11th century to the present; wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury England 1834-1857; non-conformist church records before 1837; army and navy service records before WW I, legal proceedings; deeds; tax returns and apprenticeship records. Write:

The Public Records Office
Chancery Lane
London, EC1M 7BA
England

and

The Public Records Office
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU
England

Many Welsh records are centralized in the National Library of Wales. They will undertake only limited searches for mail inquires. They usually refer you to a list of professional researchers. Write:

The National Library of Wales
Aberyswyth
Dyfed
Wales SY23 3BU

--from *The Illuminator*, Vol. 4,
No. 1, Quarterly Newsletter of the
Zion Genealogical Society

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"SAVE CITY HALL !"

Calendar of Events

Thurs. Sept 15...Public Meeting
7 p.m. Marshfield Library

Thurs. Sept 29...Petition Meeting
7 p.m. Marshfield Library

Anyone willing to circulate petitions to save City Hall should call Schnitz, 387-4044.

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- Thurs. July 23.....Basic Genealogy Forms. Vickie Schnitzler will discuss
7 p.m. some of the basic forms used in family history
Marshfield Clinic research, comparing and contrasting the purposes and
Conf. Rm. G620 styles of available forms.
- Thurs. Aug 25.....No Regular Meeting. Open house at Sue Weber's home
to use library, copying machine, etc. Details and
times inside.
- Sat. Sep 17.....Fall Gene-A-Rama. Annual meeting of the Wisconsin
9-4:30 Genealogical Council. Details inside and further
Holiday Inn information will be available at the August open
Wausau house.
- Thurs. Sep 22.....Basic Sources of Genealogical Research. Ruth Steffen,
7 p.m. Librarian at the University of Wisconsin--Stevens
Marshfield Clinic Point, Learning Resource Center will discuss various
Conf. Rm. G620 Research Sources used by family historians. The talk
will cover resources courthouses, libraries, family
members and more.
- Sat. OctJoint Meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical
Societies. This year's joint meeting will be hosted
by the Marathon County Genealogical Society, further
details will be available in the September-October
issue of our Newsletter.
- Thurs. Oct 27.....Basic Use of Census Records in Genealogical Research.
7 p.m. Don Schnitzler, will discuss aspects of Federal and
Marshfield Clinic State Census records and how to use them when
Conf. Rm. G620 compiling a family history. The talk will include
information about available records and indexes.

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Address Correction Requested

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