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MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership in the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Membership in the MAGG begins May 1st annually. Please take a few moments and complete the membership renewal form attached to this newsletter and mail it to the Group's P.O. Box or bring it along to one of our next meetings.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASED

Since 1984 membership dues for the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group have been \$7 for individuals and \$8 for families. At this time however, the board has decided to raise the membership dues to \$8 for individuals and \$10 for families.

The decision to raise the membership dues was necessary partly because of the expected increase in postage rates. However other costs to the organization; mailing labels, brochures, post office box fees, library expenses and special indexing project expenses all were factors in the decision.

Even with the increased dues, membership in the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is still a bargain.

SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH AT THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY, CHICAGO

Three members of our Group, Lou Hacker, Laurie Clement and Judy Grimm, recently took advantage of the research trip to the Newberry Library. Each of them came back to Marshfield happy that they made the trip.

We've asked Judy Grimm to tell you about her feelings about the library and their trip there.

"Our trip to the Newberry Library in Chicago was one of the most fulfilling trips I've taken. Our arrival at the library was expected and we were given a brief but very informative tour right away. The staff was very helpful and even found time to check on our progress throughout the day.

The Newberry Library has a very well organized system. A closed shelf library, we would submit our requests for books and they would be brought to our assigned seats usually within 5 to 10 minutes. During that time we could continue to use the card file or check out books on the open shelves. Although the open shelf area is not extensive, I found very valuable information in that area for my research.

(See Newberry page 3)

*President's Message**Dear Friends,**The group received the following letter which I would like to share with you:**19 January 1988**Please accept the enclosed check as a token expression of my thanks to Pauline F. Hantke for the assistance she so generously gave to my pursuit of the family tree.**Sincerely,
Edward A. Hatts
Lexington, MA**It is nice to see our efforts appreciated. I would like to thank each of you who have helped respond to the requests for help that the group gets. I think that this is just super.**The trip to Newbury Library in Chicago was productive and enjoyable. Also, the group has three more people to be resources on what it is like to research at the Newbury Library.**Speaking of libraries the Marshfield Library has continued to add holdings of a genealogical nature. Also, it is my understanding that they are trying to get a copy of book "The Library" on the LDS library at Salt Lake City. The Marshfield Library is supporting genealogy we should support them.**The Group library had a shot in the arm when Elaine Hansen along with Gloria Spindler and others were able to respond quickly to a request for help in exchanging Red and White labels. Over seventy dollars were added to the book fund for the Group. Much thanks to all those who helped.**You can help, too! If the nominating committee asks you to serve, please, see if you can help. We have a number of very important positions to be filled. The Mall display will be needing volunteers also.**Information on upcoming research trips will be available elsewhere in the news letter and at the meeting. Some of the trips include a trip to the State Historical Library in Madison and a trip jointly with the Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society to the Area Research Center in Stevens Point.**Good luck ancestor hunting!**As Always,**Lou H.*

QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Queries for non-members will be published for \$1. 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.

HOWARD - SQUIRE

Seeking the parent's names of Hannah HOWARD, born 20 Jan 1818, married 2 Mar 1837 to Charles SQUIRE at Cattaraugus County, NY, she died 10 Sep 1906 at Clark County, WI.

Contact: Pauline Hantke
Route 1, Box 178
Neillsville, Wisconsin
54456

WOOD

Seeking information on the family of Augustav and Catherine WOOD, from Canada, residents of Marathon County from 1870-1900.

Contact: Eveann Nicholson
925 Northwood # 9203
Baytown, Texas
77521

MAYHAM-HORTON-CORNELL

Seeking the marriage date and any information on the decendants of Frank R. and Isidore (HORTON) MAYHAM. Frank was born 1852, probably at Glenheim Hill, Schohaire Co, NY, the son of Dr. Isaac Oscar and Ellen (CORNELL) MAYHAM. They lived at Fond du Lac in the late 1860's. Frank and Isidore married after 1901 and lived at Brandon, WI.

Contact: Louis C. Hacker
805 State Street
Marshfield, Wisconsin
54449

NEWBERRY (cont.)

"I started my research by using the card file to check by county for books of interest. Among my finds were county histories, maps, wills and birth, death and marriage records. It was in these books that I spent most of my day. After finishing my county searches I had hoped to check the card file by Surname and then by city. Unfortunately, with the wealth of information I found checking by counties I never got that far.

"Anything I wanted copied from these books had to be requested on a form. The staff would then make the copies which were picked up later in the day. We did find some books that were labeled fragile. These books could not be photo copied. However, other options were available.

"When I was getting ready for this research trip I felt somewhat apprehensive. I have only been doing genealogy for about a year and I was afraid I didn't have enough knowledge to have a fulfilling day. I found out though, that the Newberry is not just for an advanced researcher. At Newberry I was able to take one family line back three more generations, and one more in another, besides filling in with all kinds of other information elsewhere. I think anyone searching back about 100 years, with a family established in a specific area could have a similars successes at the Newberry Library.

"Our research trip left me with only one regret, that we were unable to stay for another day. Unlike researching microfilms all day, we left the the library without feeling tired or burnt out. I really enjoyed the visit there and the Newberry Library is at the top of my list for a return visit."

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The main order of business at our annual business meeting in May will be the election of new officers and a board member. A nominations committee will be appointed at our April meeting to prepare a slate of candidates. The positions to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and one member at large for the Board of Directors. If asked to serve please consider doing so.

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SURNAME INDEX TO BE UPDATED

Along with the other business items the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group takes care of this time of the year is updating our Surname index. Your 1987 surname index contained 1001 names. At this time, it is appropriate for you to review your surnames, check the index to see that all your surnames are included and that their spelling is correct. Also consider whether or not other spellings of the same surname should be added, i.e., Smith, Smyth, or Smythe. Should you wish to add surnames to your list, you can do so when you complete your renewal form. The surname index is a great opportunity to "advertise" the family names your research focuses on. Don't pass it up! Get your surnames in soon.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Newsletter usually lists the groups' upcoming events several months ahead. Providing advance notice of upcoming meeting dates, time and topics. As a general

rule, the events will be listed twice, once in each consecutive newsletter. When you see an announcement of a meeting or a trip mark your personal calendar so you don't forget. Notification of our meetings will also be found in the Calendar of Events section of the *Marshfield New-Herald*. Regular meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are the fourth Thursday of each month at the Marshfield Clinic, conference room G-620. The exceptions to this rule are; August-no regular meeting, and November/December meeting held the first thursday of December.

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NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE MARSHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Marshfield Public Library has the following two titles to its reference collection:

Irish Passenger Lists, 1847-1871

A volume of lists of passengers sailing from Londonderry to America on the J & J Cooke Line and the McCorkell Line. This series of records is especially valuable because it provides name, age, and place of residence of the passenger with the name of the ship. The Cooke's lists provide the year of sailing, and the port of departure, usually Londonderry. Most passengers on the Cooke line were from counties Tyrone, Donegal, and Londonderry.

A Guide to German Passenger Registers, Volume 1, Baden, Bavaria and Wuerttemberg.

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LAST NEWSLETTER

This is the last issue of *Kith and Kin* you will receive unless your membership is renewed.

UPCOMING GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS AROUND THE AREA

* * April 23rd * *

The Monroe, Juneau, and Jackson Counties Annual Genealogy Workshop will be held at the City Hall, Sparta on April 23. The morning session; **Tracking Down Pennsylvania-German Ancestors**, will discuss Emigration from the Palatinate and other areas of Germany in the 17th & 18th centuries; definitions of the terms "Pennsylvania-Germans" & "Pennsylvania-Dutch"; settlements in Pennsylvania; research problems and finding aids available; finding the German origins of the families; migration routes out of Pennsylvania and where they went. The afternoon session; **Pennsylvania; Pathway To The West-With Special Emphasis on Scotch-Irish**. Will present information on the people of Pennsylvania and their origins, religions, and ethnic groups and reasons for coming into the state; geographical factors affecting settlement; availability of records and associations to assist the researcher.

The price is \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door. For additional information, or to register, write: Carolyn Habelman, Route 3, Box 253, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

Registration will be from 9-10 a.m at the City Hall, Sparta, Wisconsin.

* * April 23rd * *

The Manitowoc County Genealogical Society will sponsor a Spring Workshop at Roncalli High School, Manitowoc. The following sessions are being offered; A) Hints and Helps in "Dating" Old Photos; B)

Copying Your Old Photographs; C) Care of Old Photos; D) Wisconsin Area Research Center Holdings; E) Using Land Records and Court Houses; F) Computer Genealogy; G) Basic Charts and Where To Start; H) LDS Library and it's holdings.

You will be able to participate in three of these sessions during the day. Sessions are being filled on a first request basis, so early registration is important. The fee is \$4 before April 8th. Make check payable to the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society and mail to: Mrs. Edward Yakoubek, 2100 Madison Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241. When registering you should select five sessions and list them in order of preference.

* * April 23rd * *

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will sponsor its Spring Workshop on April 23rd at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 9600 W. Grange Avenue, Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The morning sessions, presented by Charles M. Hall, include: **The Geography of the German Empire**, and **The Linguistics of German Genealogy**. Three afternoon sessions will be held, you may attend one. They are: **Slavic and East European Research in the Former Austro-Hungarian Empire** (presented by Mr. Hall); **Maps, Atlases and Gazeteers** (presented by Carol Schiffman); and **Immigration, Naturalization and Ellis Island** (presented by Loretta D. Szucs).

The Workshop fee is \$8 before April 13, and then \$10. Mail registration fee to Milwaukee Co. Geneal. Society, Workshop Registration, 1720 West Small Road, New Berlin, Wisconsin 5351.

NEWSPAPER RESOURCE

A fine reference for early newspapers in the United States is the *Union List of American Newspapers, 1821-1936*, by Gregory, published by H.W. Wilson Co., N.Y. 1937. This reference states the names of the old newspapers and where they are now located, in one form or another.

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JEWISH GENEALOGY

Answers to your questions about Jewish Genealogy should be found in the book, *Finding Our Fathers* (a guidebook to Jewish Genealogy) by Dan Rottenberg, Random House, N.Y. 1977.

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PRESERVATION LEAFLETS

Do you have old family documents you'd like to preserve. The National Preservation Program Office, L.M.G. 21, Washington DC 20540 has three leaflets that may help. They concern the preservation of records, not photographs. Write to the address above to obtain. (*It is not known if there is a fee for these leaflets*).

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IDENTIFYING MILITARY UNIFORMS

If you have a photograph of an ancestor in a military uniform and you would like to identify the uniform he is wearing, contact the General Reference Section of the National Archives, Washington DC. They have extensive volumes in identifying not only uniforms, insignia, etc., but military outfits as well.

SPELL IT THE WAY YOU FIND IT

Phonetic spellings of surnames was very common in early American records. The important thing is that, in your record, you spell the surname as you find it in the original records. In that way only will you find the true or original manner of spelling. In subsequent writing about such a variation you may wish to place a variation of the spelling in parenthesis as an indication that you are aware of the different manner in which the surname spelling has been found in the records.

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FRENCH-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

The following is a list of some French-Canadian Genealogical Societies in the United States.

Acadian Genealogical & Historical
Association
Box 668
Manchester, NH 03105

American-French Genealogical
Society
Box 2113
Pawtucket, RI 02681

Detroit Chapter, French-Canadian
Heritage Society
c/o Jerry Ricard
1056 Balfour Road
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

Northern NY American-Canadian
Genealogical Society
Box 1250
Plattsburg, NY 12901

Northwest Territory French-
Canadian Heritage Institute
Box 2372
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS THREATENED

The Social Security records are being computerized. Mary E. Schwartz, of the American Research Bureau, in a letter published by the Federation of Genealogical Societies says she has been informed the originals are being destroyed after being entered into the computer. She points out, the computerized version does not include all the information on the original such as exact birth place, address at time of application, etc. She asks the genealogical community to act quickly to determine the status of the originals at to provide for their preservation. --from the *Monroe, Juneau, Jackson Genealogical Workshop Newsletter*.

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CZECH OBITUARIES

If your Czech ancestors were members of Western Fraternal Life Association (WFLA), as many Czech people have been, chances are their obituaries were printed in the monthly *Fraternal Herald, Bratrsky Vestnik*, a publication of this organization. The home office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa has original copies of this publication back to 1890. Copies are also available on microfilm at the Historical Society Library at Madison, Wisconsin--from the *Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Reporter*

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SLOVENIAN LETTER WRITING GUIDE

A "Slovenian Letter Writing Guide" for those wishing to write to Slovenian Archives for genealogical information is available.

Send a SASE to Slovenian Genealogy, 6625 Jeffrey Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905.--from the *Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Reporter*.

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GERMAN GENEALOGISTS

Before trying to hire someone to do your research in Germany, check to see if someone has already done research on your surname. In addition to checking a list of published genealogies, look at *Glensdorf's Internationales Genealogen Lexicon*. The Milwaukee County Library has three copies and the Historical Library in Madison should also have copies.

Glensdorf's is a directory of genealogists in Germany, and includes the surnames on which they work. Although it is in German, it is easy to use. The Surname index, on pages 825-988, directs you to the numbered columns in the front, in which the surname occurs. Heading each section of the front listing is the name, occupation, address and some biographical information of the researcher. Some of the listings include the town of the families location, allowing you to eliminate those surnames from a completely different area.

Using the addresses you have found, send a simple form letter to each researcher (enclosing international postal coupons), giving the name and birth date and place of your ancestor. You will receive answers to most of your letters.--from *Pedigree Pointers, Newsletter of the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society*

MORE UPCOMING GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

* * April 23rd * *

The Minnesota Genealogical Society, German Interest Group, is sponsoring a Spring Conference on Saturday April 23rd, 8:30-3:00. The Conference will be held at the College of St. Catherine, St. Joseph Hall, Marian Lounges, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

The speaker, Dr. Arta F. Johnson, will present; **Backtracking Your Ancestors to Europe; Ungarbling Misspelled German Names; and Problems and Pitfalls in Research.** Dr. Johnson is the former editor of a national genealogical journal for German ancestry and the author of books and monographs on German research.

The cost of the Conference, including lunch, is \$15 until April 16th, after that it is \$18. Send reservation and check made to 'The German Interest Group' to: Carl and Marcy Obermeier, German Interest Group, 7208 Candlewood Drive, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55445. For more information call: Carl or Marcy at (612) 425-8156.

* * May 7th * *

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Annual Spring Meeting will be at the Howard Johnson Conference Center, 4822 East Washington Avenue, Madison on May 7th. The speaker, Nancy G. Frederick is from Illinois. She will conduct an all day New York Research Program. She can adapt her information to the interests of her audience if advance notice is given about special topics we wish discussed. If you are attending the meeting and have a special problem in New York, or want her to talk on a definite topic, send the request now to Peg Barry, 5713

Arbor Vitae Place, Madison, WI 53705. Further information on the time and the luncheon will appear in April in the WSGS Newsletter.

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GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES CHICAGO BRANCH

The 1988 series of genealogy workshops conducted by the National Archives-Chicago Branch, features new specialized sessions aimed at beginning, intermediate and advanced genealogists.

The instructions will emphasize Irish and German research; census; immigration and land records; lesser-known records; and studies in problem solving. The workshops are offered in addition to the Chicago Branch's popular workshops for beginners.

Workshop instructors include Archives Director Peter Bunce, as well as outstanding genealogists and lecturers from the Chicago area, assisted by volunteers and staff of the National Archives-Chicago Branch. A \$5 registration fee covers morning lecture and coffee. Participants may pursue afternoon research in the Branch's extensive microfilm collection.

Registration for the 20 workshops scheduled from March 21 through November 18 is limited to 25 persons each and is by telephone only. For more information, a detailed workshop schedule, or registration confirmation, call (312) 581-7816 and ask for "Genealogy Workshops."

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The 1988 Fall Gene-A-Rama is scheduled for September 16 & 17 at Wausau.

**1890 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ROLE
For the Village of Auburndale, Wisconsin**

Name of Owner	H o r s e s	C o w s	W a g o n s	W a t c h e s	S w i n e	O r g a n s	S t o c k	P r o p e r t y	V a l u e T o t a l I n
Petske, Frank		1		1		1			\$ 35
Porter, J. D.		1		1					15
Ponkrotz, Casper	2	4	1						155
Radants, Charl		2							18
Sturm, Fred		1		1					15
Schrieners, Frank		1							10
Trapp, Adam		1							10
Tack, T. A.				1		1			25

Note: This concludes our listing of the 1890 Personal Property Tax Role for the Village of Auburndale. The original records are maintained by the Regional Archives at U.W. Stevens Point where they are available for your use.

COMPUTER PROGRAM AVAILABLE

A Genealogical Software package is available for \$35. The family records program enables you to assemble your pedigree and at the same time compile a wealth of genealogical information for each of your ancestors. Versions are available for MS-DOS computers and Apple Computers. For further information, Write: Ancestral File Operations Unit, Genealogical Department, 50 East Temple Street, Salt Lake City UT 84150. (1-800-247-3892) or (801)531-2584. (Pete & Maureen Hulke, members of the MAGG, use this program, and may answer some of your questions).

EARLY CHEESE FACTORY PHOTOS NEEDED

Photographs of early central Wisconsin Cheese factories are needed by Schnitz and Sue for a historical display they are currently planning for the New Vision Gallery's Culture and Agriculture exhibit. Anyone who could help us with locating photographs would be greatly appreciated. If you have photos please call Sue or Schnitz.

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NEW ADDRESS & PHONE

Schnitz & Vickie, 301 S. Cedar Av.
Marshfield, WI (phone 387-4044).

* * * CALENDAR OF EVENTS * * *

- Thurs. Mar. 24....."German Script." Sister Margaret will discuss
7 p.m. German writing styles. With the use of an over-
Marshfield Clinic head projector, she will show us some of the
Conf. Rm. G620 variations.
- Thurs. Apr. 28....."Naming Practices Here and Abroad. Maybelle Nardin,
7 p.m. president of the North Wood County Historical Society,
Marshfield Clinic will discuss Naming Practices commonly found in North
Conf. Rm. G620 America, Europe and the far East.
- Sat. May 14....."Research Trip to the Regional Archives." A day
9 a.m. long research trip to the Regional Archives with
Regional Archives the *Heart of Wisconsin* genealogical society. Ruth
UW-Stevens Point Steffen will give a brief introduction and be on
hand throughout the day to assist with research
questions.
- Thurs. May 26.....Researching the Family History Center at Shawano.
7 p.m. (promptly) Virginia Bartelt, a librarian from the Family History
Marshfield Clinic center will describe its holdings and how the center
Conf. Rm. G620 can help us in our genealogical pursuits. "Annual
Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy
Group." The business meeting, including election
of officers will follow Mrs. Bartelt's talk.
- May or June. 11....."Research Trip to the State Historical Society
Library at Madison."

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