



KITH AND KIN



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NAME CHANGES

The MAGG meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 1993 in Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G620 is entitled Parcistents, Percistense, Persistence. Vickie Schnitzler will discuss name changes. How do you know that the name was changed? What was the former/new name? Vickie will help you find out the answers to these and other questions. Plan to attend. At 6:15 p.m. the Beginners Group will meet.

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MAKE A FAMILY VIDEO

On Thursday, May 27, 1993 at 7 p.m. MAGG will meet in Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G620. The program will be How to Make a Family Video from old Movies, Slides and Old Pictures, a video. The Annual Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will be the same night. Elections will take place.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

A meeting of the MAGG full Board of Directors including committee chairpersons will be held immediately following the April meeting. All members are asked to attend.

EDITORIAL

While I have expressed my opinions in a variety of ways, this is my first attempt to publish an editorial. I have been bothered by editorial comments in the local newspaper this past Saturday.* The editor had acknowledged that the newspaper had continued to get requests to put dates - rather than just the day - in obituaries. Prior to this time I felt that the newspaper simply had been oblivious to the need for the specific date in obituaries, birth and marriage announcements.

Suggested was that when you clip out a newspaper article, date it at that time or keep the entire page. The explanations given for not including the date were: 1. Giving both the day and date takes up a lot of space, 2. People would request the same treatment for other stories, and 3. Few newspapers use the month, date[sic.] year reference.

Genealogists may remember to date a clipping. I will not only write the date published on the clipping, but also include the name of the newspaper, the page, the column(s) and the section, if applicable. When I came into possession of Aunt Edith's scrap
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March 19, 1993

Dear Members,

The signs of spring are starting to appear—longer daylight hours, melting snow and warmer temperatures. Why not offer to help a relative with spring cleaning. What a great way to learn more about the family and also help a loved one with the "springtime chores".

I would like to point out a couple of seminars that are coming up:

17 April 1993 - Monroe, Juneau, Jackson German Workshop in Sparta, Wi.

18-19 June 1993 - Gene-A-Rama in Sparta, WI.

You can find more information on these seminars elsewhere in the newsletter.

I would like to thank Mr. Arnold Heggelund for donating a copy of the 1943 History of Tinity Lutheran Church in Marshfield, a copy to the Church Secretary Book and a copy of the record book of baptisms, marriages, etc. Thank you Arnold.

I will be selecting a nominating committee to contact members and ask for your interest in serving as an officer or a member of the board. If any of you are willing to run for a position, please let one of the officers know.

Sincerely,

Jane Braun

RESEARCH TRIP TO WISCONSIN
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIBRARY, MADISON

On a date to be determined at the March meeting, the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will spend a day at the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library at Madison. A car pool will leave the southwest corner of the Northway Mall at 6 a.m. sharp and return about 9:30 p.m.

Again we will plan to stop for supper at Madison's Heritage House. Their smorgasbord is around \$6 plus tip.

The trip down permits discussion of resources available, directions on where to find these resources and individual research tips about the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library.

The round trip fare will be around \$10. Those persons interested in attending who cannot sign up at the March meeting are asked to sign up by calling Lou Hacker at 715-387-6979.

NEW MEMBERS

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

MEETINGS: The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Clinic Conference Room G-620. The November-December meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

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

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
CONCERNING "KITH AND KIN"**

The contents of our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, is gathered from a number of sources: through our exchange newsletters, your contributions and from notices and announcements received by the group. While every attempt is made to include only reliable information, you should be aware that notices given in our newsletter are for information only and are not necessarily a recommendation. All trademarks and tradenames are the property of their respective holders.

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books, about half of the clippings had no date (and often no place). I still have not been able to date (or place) many of those clipping. The emotional aspects around the time of the death of loved ones often make it difficult to remember to date the clipping or to keep the whole page. Mother often kept the whole page of an important newspaper item. Now I cannot figure out which item on which page she wanted to keep. A hundred years from now, who will have a calendar handy to tell what the last Wednesday was before March 20, 1993? The specific date needs to be mentioned in newspaper items.

I will grant you that including both the day and date does take up more space than the day alone. However, using the date alone instead of the day of the week does not take up that much more space. The specific date should be used in place of the day of the week.

My concern is that obituaries, marriage and birth announcements include the date rather than the day. Think about it, *all* stories *should* include the specific date. The argument here should be, that all newspaper items should include the specific date, when available and when appropriate.

My exposure to other parts of the country suggest that more than just a few daily newspapers include specific dates in obituaries and death notices. I would have to see a specific study or tabulation to be able to give you numbers. Did the editor of the local newspaper have or use such a study or tabulation when he prepared his comments? Even if no other newspaper uses specific dates, newspaper items need to include specific dates rather than the day of the week.

Newspaper items should include

specific dates, as specific dates are more precise and more accurate than the day of the week. A few weeks later, sometimes even a few days later, the day of the week mentioned in a newspaper item becomes a source of confusion to the reader. The date referred to by the name of a day of the week changes weekly. Doctors are told to use specific dates rather than days of the week to avoid confusion when the record is reviewed later. The importance of using specific dates goes beyond the undated clipping.

Your help is needed! I have used I and my rather than the editorial we. We need to write letters to the editor of the local newspaper. The letters should be brief. Include one or two points at the most. You may include points made in this editorial. This editorial would be too long to be published as a letter to the editor. Send your letter to the editor of the local newspaper now.

*Bill Heath, "This thief has conscience," Marshfield News Herald (Marshfield, Wisconsin) March 20, 1993, p. 8A, cols. 3-6.

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REPORTS DUE

Annual reports of committee chairpersons, officers and board members are due. Please give a copy to Jane Braun. Some of the reports may be included in *Kith and Kin*.

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OFFICER, DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE BOOKS TO BE UPDATED

Each officer, board member and committee chairperson should update their book and papers at this time whether the book will be passed on or not.

BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEMS

There is a bulletin board system in central Wisconsin that carries the Genealogy Echo. It also has over seventy genealogical files including programs, hints, indexes and GEDCOM files of a few famous people. The programs are either shareware or freeware (public domain).

The Twilight Zone BBS
715-652-2758

SysOp: John Hrusovszky
1119 E MAIN ST

AUBURNDALE WI 54412

Voice: 715-652-3175

[Eds. Note: We are working to get a *Kith and Kin* on this bulletin board.]

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PENNSYLVANIA MAPS

Pennsylvania County maps, which include cemetery locations, can be obtained from Pennsylvania D.O.T., Public Sales Section, PO BOX 134, MIDDLETON PA 17057-0134. Specify the county and ask for General Highway Service Map #10.--from The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 9.

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NEW YORK CITY ANCESTORS

If you would like to register your New York City Area ancestors with the New York Public Library, send a request and SASE to: History and Genealogy Section, New York Public Library, FIFTH AVE and 42ND ST. NEW YORK NY 10018. In return you will receive special 3 x 5 cards to write identifying information about the ancestors you are researching. There is no charge to enter information into the card file, but you must use the forms they provide.--from The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 10.

MAP SERIES
TRACES AMERICA'S GROWTH

Fletcher-Boeselt Cartographers has produced a series of more than a dozen maps that trace America's growth and development from the seventeenth century to the Civil War era. The well researched, finely articulated maps are annotated with the historical events of the periods depicted, illustrating the changes in the nation through territorial acquisition. The earliest map in the collection shows the locations of the North American tribal groups who peopled the continent at the early stages of the European settlement. Although based on period cartography, these maps have U.S. Geological Survey to provide Accuracy of detail. Fletcher-Boeselt Cartographers, 3018 BRIARFIELD DR, SAN ANTONIO TX 78230; will send a price list upon request.--from Henry Co. Genealogical Society via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 9.

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PASSPORTS - OVERLOOKED SOURCE

If your ancestor returned to the old country to visit, he needed a passport. The passport application gives the date of birth, the birth place, and personal description, and are a valuable source of information for the researcher. Write to the Diplomatic Records Branch, National Archives, ROOM 5-E, WASHINGTON DC 20520. Be sure to give the applicant's name, residence and the place and approximate date of application. A charge is made for the search and copies of these records.--from N. W. Missouri Genealogical Society via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 9, No. 1 (1993), p. 9.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Whether or not you have found any recurring diseases in your family you should look at:

Sue Browder, "This 'Tree' Can Save Your Life" Reader's Digest (Pleasantville, New York: The Reader's Digest Association, Inc., March 1993) pp. 66-70.

Rosemary A. Chorzempa, "Make Your Own Genetic Family Tree" North Pines News Quarterly (North Pines Genealogical Group: Merrill, Wisconsin), 8 (1992), pp. 343-349.

Myra Vanderpool Gormley, Family Diseases Are You at Risk? (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1989).

Write for:

"Where to Write for Vital Records," a booklet available for \$1.75 from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Mail Stop SSOP, WASHINGTON DC 20402-9328.

"Genetic Counseling," a 10-page booklet on heredity, genetic counseling and testing, is available free in single copies from your local chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation or by writing their national headquarters, 1275 MAMARONECK AVE, WHITE PLAINS NY 10605.

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BEWARE!!

The list of fraudulent family history schemes continues to grow. These schemes exploit both the novices of genealogy and the many individuals who simply possess an interest in their heritage. Members should themselves beware of such frauds but should also alert new friends to genealogy of these unscrupulous commercial opportunists. --excerpt from Georgia Gen. Soc. Newsletter via Newsletter (Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington), (October 1992) p. 3.

SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS

World War I: This is a rarely used source of information. Almost every male born between 1873 and 1900 was required to register. Twenty-four million registration cards exist with a wealth of information. These are available from the Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, 1557 ST JOSEPH AVE, EAST POINT GA 30044. You must give complete name and address of the person and a street address if the person lived in a metropolitan area. Fee \$5.00. [Eds. Note: I have been told these records are available in other National Archives Branches, including the one in Chicago, but few personnel know where to find them. I asked for them in the National Archives, Washington, DC, and was told to write to the branch in Georgia.]--from Blue Mt. Heritage, Walla Walla Gen. Soc. Vol XII #3 via Bulletin (Clallam County Genealogical Society, Port Angeles, Washington), Vol. 12, No. 3 (Fall 1992), p. 7.

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RAILROAD WORKERS

In 1937 a law was passed establishing the Railroad Retirement Board. The RR Board is located at 844 RUSH ST, CHICAGO IL 60611, phone 312-751-4776. If your ancestor was a railroad worker in the 1930s or later, his records may be located here. Information can include months employed and earning record, father's name, all addresses, complete medical record, mother's maiden name, social security #, but NOT spouse's name.-- Prodigy Service, "Railroad Retirement", 8 Dec. 1991 via Newsletter (Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), Vol. VI, No. 2 (Fall 1992), p. 16.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

First, at the January 28, 1993 MAGG meeting, the membership voted to distribute *Kith and Kin* to members in the Marshfield Area at the meetings.

Second, *Kith and Kin* will undergo a major overhaul with volume 10. It will be prepared on a new computer and printed on a new printer. It will have new type and different paragraphing. The right margin will no longer be justified. The white space will change. If there are any changes in the format of the newsletter that you would like to see, please let the editor know. We will accept submissions on disks formatted in MS-DOS.

Third, as mentioned, we are trying to get the newsletter on one of the local bulletin board systems.

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SPECIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

A number of special court proceedings are invaluable to the genealogist. Some, like name changes, are straightforward sources with easy indexes. Others like the records of extra legal courts, must be hunted down without an index.

These special processes can provide the key which opens a door:

- Naturalizations Oaths of Allegiance
- Name Changes Adoptions
- Admiralty Claims
- Courts-Martial Extra-legal Courts
- Special courts: Indian, Blacks and Foreign Powers
- Appeals and Court reports.--from *Pinery Pedigree* (Wausau, Wisconsin, Marathon County Genealogical Society), 19 (No.1) (September/October 1992), p. 4.

DAKOTA RECORDS

North Dakota: Microfilm copies of North Dakota's newspaper collection (1,421 titles) are available on interlibrary loan. Orders are limited to 5 rolls. Contact State Archives and Historical Research Library, State Historical Society of North Dakota, 612 E BOULEVARD AVE, BISMARCK ND 58505-0830.--from *Olympia GS Quarterly*, Jan. 1992 via *SoKing Newsletter*, May 1992, p. 24 and *Newsletter* (Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), Vol. VI, No. 2 (Fall 1992), p. 16.

South Dakota: Available on microfilm through interlibrary loan are transcriptions of tombstones, copied by the WPA in the 1930s. Most of these are located in the southern half of South Dakota. For more information contact South Dakota Historical Archives, 800 GOVERNOR'S DR, PIERRE SD 57501.--from *SD Genealogical Soc. Newsletter*, Oct. 1991 via *MN Genealogist*, March 1992, p. 40 and *Newsletter* (Wisconsin Genealogical Council, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), Vol. VI, No. 2 (Fall 1992), p. 16.

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MODERN WOODSMAN OF AMERICA

If a member of your family was insured by this organization, there may be some help for you. The application contains useful genealogical information including: names of parents and other relatives. To obtain the records, write to:
MODERN WOODSMAN OF AMERICA
17TH ST
ROCK ISLAND IL 61201
--from *NUGGETS from Paradise*, vol 11 no 4 via *Nuggets Fox Valley Genealogical Society*, Appleton, Wisconsin), 11 (1992), p. 27.

U.S. HORSE CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

The U.S. Horse Cavalry Association offers biographical sketches of all cavalymen from the Revolutionary War through World War II, when the cavalry was disbanded. Write to them for more information. PO BOX 6254, FT BLISS TX 79906.--from *Clark/Oconee Genealogical Society via The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 8, No. 3 (1992), p. 11.*

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MICROFILMING YOUR GENEALOGY

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City will microfilm your family history free of charge if the material is organized and indexed. Your original copy and one copy of the microfilm will be returned to you. Write Vick Munson, Acquisition-Parton Microfilming, 50 E NORTH TEMPLE ST, SALT LAKE CITY UT 84150.--from *Portland Area PAF User's Groups, Vol. 2, #8, 12 Oct 1992 via Trail Breakers (Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington), Vol. 19, No. 1 (Fall 1992), p. 40.*

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ANALIZE

When you get really stuck, make two columns on a sheet of paper. Mark them, "What I know about this family" and "What I can guess or need to know about this family." You may be surprised at what ideas come forth from this method. Try it with other genealogists present for even better results.--adapted from *Newsletter, (Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), 18 (September 1992), p. 369.*

FAMILY REUNION CERTIFICATES

Are you planning a family reunion in Wisconsin? If it is the 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., you can apply for a family reunion certificate. For information write to:

Clifford Sweet
RTE 2 BOX 210
N 1421 SAVAGE RD
BRANDON WI 53919

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FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS

Don't just use an index to the Federal Census records when searching for that elusive ancestor, because they are not 100% accurate. First, try alternate spellings of the surname and given name(s). If you still don't find the elusive ancestor where you think he should be, look at the actual enumeration of the county.--adapted from *The Illuminator (Zion Genealogical Society, Zion, Illinois) Vol. 8, No. 3 (1992), p. 5.*

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

That is the first question that comes into our minds when we see or hear of a seminar or genealogy book. We ache to have the answer to our own family tree problems, but doubt if anyone can help us. Our families are all so very unique. Surely this book or seminar would be a waste of our precious time and money. The reality is that by not attending or purchasing a book is the waste. You will come away richer for the experience. TRY IT --- YOU'LL LIKE IT!---adapted from *Manasota Genealogical Society, Bradenton, FL, Vol. 15, No. 3, Feb. 1993 via Out on a Limb (Watertown, Wisconsin), Vol. 8, No. 1 (February 1993), p. 6.*