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Help! My Genealogy Research Is Stuck!

Posted on Lisa Lisson's Blog, "Are You My Cousin?"

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Is your genealogy research stuck? Just can't find your ancestors? Learn why you are not finding your ancestors and what you can do.

One of my genealogy brick walls is Joanna Barrett. If you are a long time reader here at [Are You My Cousin?](#), you've likely learned a bit about her already! Joanna is my Irish 3rd great grandmother who arrived in America around 1851 and somehow ended up married to William Richard Wimouth and living in Surry County, North Carolina.

Oh,...and she could "cuss like a sailor" according to family lore.

I have come to recognize part of the reason I struggle in my research of her, is that I do not understand her life. I do not fully understand the life of a female Irish immigrant arriving in the 1850's. I do not completely comprehend the struggles, the successes and the motivations of Joanna's life once she landed in America. I do not understand why she ended up in Surry County. I do not understand how she met her husband.

Understanding what I do not know is just as important as understanding what I do know.

Let me ask you a question:



Help! My Genealogy Research Is Stuck!

Do you fully understand why is your genealogy research stuck?

Seven (7) Reasons Why Your Research is Stuck & What You Can Do To Get Un-Stuck!

I. Consider a Broader Range of Spelling and Name Variations

If you are new to genealogy research and even if you've been researching for a while, the spelling of an ancestor's name can be frustrating! This occurs partly because spelling was not standardized in the U. S. until the 1900's. Capturing all of the spelling variations can be a bit tricky, too. One thing I try to do is to say the name out loud and spell the name out phonetically. If an ancestor is from a different part of the country or a different country, I try to get a native speaker to say the name, so I can capture a potentially different phonetic spelling.

Consider if an ancestor used a nickname or went by a middle name. I have one family line that went by middle names in daily life, but used the birth name in rec-
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President's Message

Hello MAGG Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021! With all sincerity, my wish is that 2021 is a year of healing health and happiness. We've had a lot to process this year...Covid-19, businesses being closed, many who have lost jobs, not being able to see and spend time with family and friends, and unfortunately in some cases even losing some of those family and friends, few genealogy meetings and conferences, genealogy resources being closed to public visitors and researchers, and the list goes on.

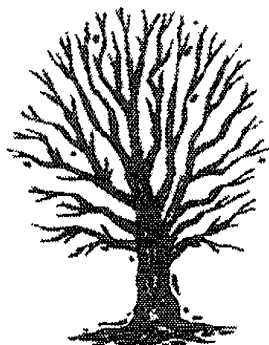
On the positive side, we may have had more time to research on-line and to sharpen up our techy research skills. In the absence of resources being closed, there have been many new resources being made available on-line. Have you checked out the Everett Roehl's Marshfield Public Library's website to see what is available now for assisting with your genealogical research? Check out their **Genealogy & Local History page** at: <https://marshfieldlibrary.org/services/genealogy-history-research.php> or their **Anytime e-Resources** at: <https://marshfieldlibrary.org/adults/anytime-e-resources.php>, specifically the links under the Genealogy and History tab and the **Research** tab. There is a wealth of information available for you to find and conveniently at your finger tips in your own home.

Keep watch on our Facebook page and the library's Facebook page and your email for updates on upcoming genealogy presentations. Once more things are scheduled, we'll let you know and try to keep you informed.

In the meantime, make a plan for at least one thing you want to accomplish in your genealogy research this year. Write it down and post it on your fridge or the bulletin board in your research area. Seek out pages on-line where you can describe what you are looking for and ask for suggestions and help, for example the Wisconsin Genealogy Network at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/166325933433955>. And during Covid, many local libraires have made available Ancestry Library by searching through their e-Resources and using your library card to sign in from home. For Marshfield Public Library card holders, go to: <https://www.scls.lib.wi.us/cgi-bin/libauth.cgi?connectto=AL>.

Until next time,

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The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Our purpose is to provide meetings and programs of genealogical interest and to provide instruction in genealogical procedures. Also to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield area and/or relative to the people of the Marshfield Area.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December.

Membership Information

Our membership year is from May 1 to April 30. Individual membership per year is \$12.00 and a Family membership is \$15.00 per year. For hardcopy newsletter add \$6.

Membership Forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/> and returned with payment to us at: MAGG, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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ords. Once I figured that out, I was able to break down a brick wall. Sometimes an ancestor did change his or her name. Changing a name was quite easy and required no legal action until more modern times. If you suspect an ancestor did change his name, check out [You Suspect Your Ancestor Changed His Name, Now What?](#).

2. Reach Out and Network Genealogy Style

As researchers we miss out on a lot by not reaching out to distant family and other genealogy researchers. Networking genealogy style can take on a couple of different forms and foci. Talking your research through with another genealogy research helps tremendously. Another researcher may see gaps or have insights into your research that you do not. Sometimes we are just “too close” to our own research. Additionally, supporting your theories to another researcher will highlight where your research is strong and where more proof is needed.

Reach out to collateral family researchers and non-researchers alike! Include distant family and cousins. Family knowledge and records (including that [Family Bible!](#)) may have passed down one side of a family line and not the other. What is common knowledge to a distant cousin may not be known on your own side of the family. I am always amazed at the gems I pick up when I take the time to reach out to my distant cousins.

In the past year, I spoke on researching female ancestors and used Joanna Barrett above as one of the examples. After the talk, a woman (and very distant cousin) came up to me and stated, “I know your Joanna Barrett. My uncle has information on her.” I was speechless! I’m still working on Joanna, but I’m that much further along. 😊

Your take away here: Reach out!

3. Do Not Limit Your Research For Your Ancestors To Online Resources

A very common mistake researchers make when tackling brick wall ancestors is to only research online. Yes, many needed records are online, and more are coming online each year. However, these online records represent only a small portion of records that can be searched. When county or other government records did not survive, local communi-

ty records may have survived. Genealogy researchers will benefit from unplugging their research and seeking out local church, benevolent society and organization records. Records generated by an ancestor’s community activities can be extremely valuable. While frequently not online, they are still worth a researcher’s time to track down and view.

You’ve heard it before – Not everything is online! Don’t keep your genealogy research stuck by not getting offline!

[Can’t travel? You do have options!](#)

4. Include Social History as Part Of Your Research Plan

Remember my brick wall ancestor Joanna Barrett above? Failing to fully understand the Irish immigrant life and what factors were influencing her decisions here in America has been responsible for my brick wall. This is the role of social history in our genealogy research. We must understand our ancestor’s life including the events and circumstances happening to them and how their life decisions were made. By having a better understanding of how an ancestor may have thought and made decisions, the better chance we have of finding him/her.

In the case of Joanna Barrett, I need to do background research on Irish immigrants to D. C. (where she lived prior to NC). Additionally, I need to ponder on her life. If she was a pregnant widow (as oral history states) arriving in the Baltimore/D.C. area, where would she go? Where would she seek out housing? Where would she have worshipped? Would she have sought assistance through an aide society, and if so, which ones were available to her at that time?

Pro Tip: I create my research plans from my brainstorm questions!

5. Understand All of the Terminology Used in the Records

You have discovered land, estate and/or court records pertaining to your ancestor. But....**do you really understand** everything those documents are telling you? Sometimes genealogy researchers do not need more documents. What is needed is a full understanding of the documents already found. Consider:

- Why the document was created. What was it’s purpose?

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- What do the unfamiliar legal terms mean? (I use [Black's Law Dictionary on Google Books](#) for reference. It's free.)
- What information does is included and not included in a document or record?
- What individuals are named in the document? Why are they included in the document?

Answers to these types of questions are crucial to understanding more about our ancestors and breaking down brick walls. (Source: Unsplash)

6. Do Not Forget To Research the Neighbors

Most genealogy researchers have “lost” an ancestor in the records. Sometimes that ancestor is not lost, but the name has been transcribed in such a way he/she is not recognizable in the records. When this happens, it is important to remember our ancestors did not live in a bubble. They had family, friends and neighbors.

Lose your ancestor? Look for a different family member and/or the neighbors. Your ancestor may very well appear in their documents and living alongside of them even when the family migrated.

7. Put Your Ancestors on the Map – Literally!

I love a good map! Actually, I love any map. 🗺 If you are still finding your genealogy research stuck, pull out the maps!

Take an ancestor's census records, land records, tax records – any records you have found on your ancestor – and plot them on a map. All of them! If you can find a map close to the time period you are researching, that is even better. Now plot the neighbors and others who lived close. Next, study all the points on the map.

See any names that pop out as frequently appearing in your ancestor's records? Pay closer attention to them. Do you see families migrating together? Add them to your research plan! Related family members and neighbor often migrated together.

Still Have That Genealogy Brick Wall? Time To Call In The Professionals!

Sometimes, no matter how hard genealogy researchers try, a stubborn brick wall will just not come down. That is when a professional is needed!

[It's sort of like when I try to unsuccessfully unclog my sink. Sometimes I just have to call the plumber.

It's faster, easier and a lot less messy!]

Genealogy researchers cannot be specialists in all needed areas of research. Maybe DNA holds the needed answers, but not understanding those DNA results is keeping your genealogy research stuck.

Perhaps, our genealogy research requires we research in a different country or a different faith.

Perhaps the needed records are offline in a location we cannot go. It is faster, more accurate and comprehensive to hire that research out.

When that happens, professional genealogists at [Trace](#) are there to provide much needed guidance and expertise, as well as access to many offline and foreign records that may be out of your reach. These genealogists have years of knowledge that they will put to use uncovering your ancestors.

A little bit more about [Trace](#):

[Trace](#) is a genealogy company that helps customers find the right genealogist for their unique project, wherever that might be in the world. They have a large network of thousands of professional and experienced genealogists in over 90 countries throughout the world, including subject matter experts, such as private investigators, historians, religious scholars, archivists, clergy and university professors. To learn more about them, go to [Trace.com](#) or [fill out this short form](#) letting Trace know what you need help with. (It's free!)

(from <https://lisalisson.com/genealogy-research-stuck/>)

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The Genealogy Research Process—The Wander Method

from Dick Eastman's Blog, August 21, 2020

Have you ever felt lost in your genealogy research? Running into brick walls, falling down rabbit holes, following the latest “bright shiny object”? If so, it's time to take a look at what the research process really is and how you can use the WANDER method to stay on the right path.

The Genealogy Research Process

Much of genealogy focuses on the finding and evaluation of records. But if our underlying *process* for finding answers to our questions is flawed, we're going to end up frustrated.

Genealogy research **isn't a matter of just getting more and more records**. The drive to continually add more records leads us to going down rabbit holes, only to surface later with not much more than a bunch of downloaded records and piles of photocopies.

The genealogy research process usually isn't a straight line. It isn't just “find records → fill in the blanks.”

So if the research process isn't just going in a straight line, gathering records along the way, *what is it?*

The WANDER Method

My family used to vacation at a lake in northern Michigan. The owners of the cabins where we stayed lived at the top of a wooded hill; there was a trail that led from the house down to the lake. You couldn't even see the lake from the house. The trail twisted and turned through the woods until finally you down at the lake. It wasn't the shortest way down to the cabins, but it was the easiest and fastest. (No fallen trees to climb over or old creek beds to fall into.)

So it is with the genealogy research process. Rather than it being a straight line, it's more like that trail through the woods. The research wanders... not in the sense of being lost, but in the sense that it takes an indirect path.

WANDER is also an acronym that I've come up with to help describe the genealogy research process:

What do you want to find?

Analyze what you already have

Note what is missing

Discover new records

Evaluate everything

Repeat as necessary

What Do You Want to Find?

One of the most common mistakes in genealogy research is diving in without a goal in mind. **Make sure that you start with a question. What do you want to find?** Are you trying to find your great-great-grandmother's maiden name? Are you trying to find when and where she died? Are you trying to figure out who her parents were? Each of those questions will lead you down a different path. Without a question, you quickly become lost because you don't know what point you're aiming for.

Analyze What You Already Have

This can be thought of “**What do you know and how do you know it?**” Before you go off looking for more records, analyze what you already have. It might turn out that you already have the answer waiting in your notes. Going back through your previous research will also help you get more “grounded” in what you really do know. Sure, you may have added Robert as William's father on your ancestor chart, but does your research really back you up on that?

Note What Is Missing

As you're analyzing what you already have and you have a question in mind, make note of what is missing that could help you solve the problem. If you're looking for Susan's maiden name, do you have her birth record, her death record, and all of her marriage records?

This is also the time to **note improvements that you can make to your records**. For example, if the documentation that you have for Susan's marriage is from a book published by the local genealogical society, you could look for the actual marriage record.

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Discover New Records

Now we can start looking for new records! **Keep an eye out for alternative or complementary records.** If you find the civil marriage record and it lists a minister as the officiant, look for a corresponding church marriage record.

Evaluate Everything

It probably isn't a surprise that evaluating sources needs to be part of the research process. In addition to evaluating those new sources for accuracy, evaluate them against what you already have. Are there any conflicts or discrepancies? If so, you'll need to resolve them.

That brings us to the last phase, which is...

Repeat as Necessary

Research is rarely a straight line. If you haven't answered your original question, then **go back to whatever phase you need to.** You might need to discover new records. You might need to analyze all of your research again and identify other gaps in what you have. It's possible that you'll have to ask a new question in order to answer the first one. (This happens a lot when we have conflicting information and we have a theory. It also happens when we have a question that isn't going to be answered by a single document.)

How the WANDER Method Can Help You as a Researcher

When I presented the WANDER Method to members inside the [Generations Cafe Circle membership](#), one of them said, “Your WANDER method seems like something we inherently know, but just don't use it effectively. This class reinforces the ideas.”

Taking a step back and thinking about the genealogy research process — not just discovery of records and not just evaluation — can help us focus our efforts, lessen our frustration, and make more discoveries in our family history. The WANDER Method gives us a path to follow so we don't get lost.

(from <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/genealogy-research-process-wander-method/>)

The Twelve Days of Christmas Genealogy Records

Posted on Lisa Lisson's Blog, “Are You My Cousin?”

Find your ancestors in the records of the holidays they celebrated! Seasonal holidays generated many Christmas genealogy records to find your ancestors.

The holidays are upon us. We are shopping, baking, wrapping presents, traveling..... and more!

Despite all the business of the season, Christmas (and holidays in general) is a fantastic time of year to research your genealogy and family history.

Surprised?

I was, too, initially, but it makes sense.

Religious holidays such as Christmas create their own records and their own traditions. These traditions can be handed down through the generations.

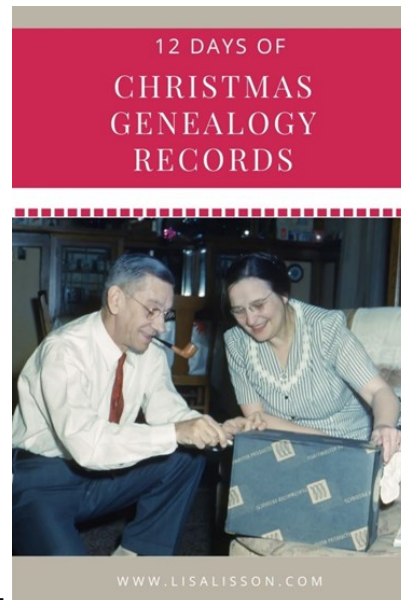
Have you considered what traditions and associated records can tell you about your ancestors? And how to track your ancestors?

If not careful, we as family historians and genealogy researchers can miss their meanings entirely. We can lose out on valuable records and resources to find our ancestors. Christmas and holiday records are absolutely **“out of the box” genealogy records.** [You know who much I love those!]

Remember: Your ancestor's holiday traditions generated records!

Gaining an understanding of your ancestor's religious and secular celebrations of Christmas is important in understanding where to find holiday themed records.

I should note here that while most of these records



revolve around the Christmas holidays, your ancestors of a different faith would have generated similar record based on their specific religious holidays and customs.

Genealogy Tip: Take time to learn what holiday and customs your ancestors celebrated. You will then be prepared to search for the records!

12 Days of Christmas Genealogy Records ?

Now that I've put the "12 Days of Christmas" tune in your head for the next week (!), let's explore 12 types of Christmas genealogy records and resources.

Yes, I've got 12 "out of the box" Christmas genealogy records and resources for you to explore this holiday season.

1. Oral Histories

The holidays are a popular time for gathering oral history and also creating oral history recordings.

Family is gathering, telling stories and re-living earlier days. Don't rush this! A cup of coffee is often your best genealogy tool in the toolbox! You may be surprised at what you learn.

Additionally, ask your family members if any oral history recordings or videos in your family exist. If so, take them out and listen/watch. Make your own oral history recordings. Today's smart phone technology makes it easier than ever.

2. Christmas Cards and letters

Love them or hate them, Christmas cards and letters been around for a long time! Image my excitement when I discovered a number of Christmas cards in my grandmother's photograph boxes. Some were family, and some are not.

Why? – **Christmas cards place family members in time and often in place.** Be sure and check any envelopes for return addresses and postmarks. You can track your ancestor's location through the postmark.

Photograph Christmas cards are even better! These can be the only photograph you have of an ancestor. Those holiday letters provide family details and stories that let you really get to know your ancestors.

3. Address Books

Before smartphones, we once stored all our im-

portant numbers and address in the family address book. I remember watching both my grandmother and my mother writing out Christmas cards and using their address books.

Do you – or someone in the family – have an old address book?

Carefully, go through the old family address book. Make note of family member addresses and any extra notes by a name.

4. Christmas Ornaments

Does your family have special heirloom ornaments? What is the story behind those ornaments? Are they unique to a specific culture? Do you understand the family culture and how it impacts your research? Ask! You can learn important social history on your family.

5. Special Recipes

What does your family eat for Christmas dinner? Are there culturally specific dishes that you have each year? Do you know the history of these dishes and why they are important to your family?

Research any special foods and dishes to see what you can learn about how and why your ancestors celebrated with these foods.

6. Church Pageant Programs

Who remembers being a part of a church Christmas pageant? You're ancestors likely did, too! Seek out those old Christmas programs that were saved either in your family or in the church archives. Find not only your ancestor(s), but also collateral ancestors and families. Use these to place ancestors in place and time.

7. Church Newsletters

Church newsletters are full of church family activities at Christmas. Often **female ancestors** will be found in these newsletters and they organize programs and charity type events. These might be tucked in old family photo albums, the family Bible or in the church archives.

Tip: Check with the church historian. It is worth your effort.

8. School Programs

What parent does not save some of their child's school artwork? School programs?

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Odds and Ends from the 1940's

Items Reprinted from the Marshfield News Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin

COMPANY C PROMOTIONS TO RESULT FROM GROWTH

Guardsmen Anxious to Change Camps; Herman Eckes III, Returns

BY CORP. GENE DOMACK

Camp Beauregard, La., Feb. 3— Company C will soon be a full strength company. An error was made in figure's in my article of Jan. 21. Instead of 216 men in the war strength rifle company there will be 171 men. The first procedure is underway, that is, the promotion of non-commissioned officers to instruct, command, and help train the new men to 'soldier' in the proper manner.

Promotions to the grade of corporal, sergeant, and staff sergeant have been made but will not be announced till official confirmation of the order is received. Our organization will have one first sergeant, one staff sergeant, 18 sergeants, and 14 corporals. Forty-six first class privates will be appointed and our full strength will include 91 privates.

All the special jobs held by private and privates first class rate a specialist's pay. The specialists of Company C are rated by a company order and the men receiving the ratings have already been announced.

They are as follows: First Class Pvt. Gerry Hoag was rated specialist third class; First Class Pvt. Milton Witt, third class; First Class Pvt. Vernon Tippelt, fourth class; First Class Pvt. Wallace Ladron, the latest member of the cooking staff, fourth class, and First Class Pvt. Donald Reese, fifth class. A specialist rating does not indicate superior rank but gives the soldier an increase in pay for the special job done by him.

Moving Day Mystery

We are still in the clouds concerning moving day. No information has been received to tell us when we will be transferred to Camp Livingston. We don't mind admitting that we are getting impatient to move to the new camp. Camp Livingston has many improvements and features which are lacking at our present location.

The wood framed tents, at Livingston, have wood floors improved electrical systems, and are covered

with wire screening, under the canvas to keep out insects during the summer months.

One of the most welcome improvements, we are told, is the installation of natural gas heaters which will do away with the task of chopping and carrying wood from the end of the company street to heat our present tents.

We will surely enjoy just turning a valve to turn on the heat instead of spending all that precious time to build a fire from wet wood in the morning. That will mean at least four minutes more sleep for the poor guy elected to keep the home fires burning at 5 a. m. on a cold morning.

Night Maneuvers

The company has participated in a number of night maneuvers during the past two months and is preparing at this moment to go on another one. The maneuvers at night started with just a short hike and lasted only an hour.

Each succeeding one was scheduled for a longer time and over a greater distance until now we think nothing of a 20-mile hike with pack and rifle, at night. Then it always feels swell to take off GI shoes and soak the feet in warm water when we get back in the company street. A midnight lunch and a good night's sleep complete the program.

The men are allowed to sleep late the next day and are completely refreshed and ready for the following day's duties.

"Motor Show" Held

Another interesting addition to the divisional recreation program was conducted Saturday, Feb. 1. The first motor show given by the Division was an outstanding success, according to reports of those who saw it. A crowd, estimated at 5,000 persons, watched the various contests and demonstrations involving the use of motorized equipment.

The show was put on, not only for entertainment but to demonstrate, the training which the motorized units have had during the past three months.

The program included martial music by the division bands, course driving, motorcycle cigar race, awards for care and appearance of equipment, equipment in operation such as earth auger, truck parking, light field artillery, moving heavy guns (155 MM howitzer),

wire splicing and wire recovery races, detrucking and entrucking of riflemen, motor movements and signals, air hammers and saws operating from trucks, and many other demonstrations using all equipment of motorized units. The contest winners received various awards for their fine display of military prowess.

Sports Program

The sport program this month highlights the Golden Gloves boxing tournament sponsored by a local business firm. The tournament got under way Monday night Feb. 3 at the Division field with novice welterweights opening the show. The winners in the different weights and competitions will be taken to Chicago to compete in the Golden Gloves tournament to be held there.

The 32nd Division basketball team Saturday night dropped a 41 to 39 decision to a parish, (county) team from Natchitoches, La. The game was the wind up of a high school tournament that was held Saturday.

Herman Eckes Returning

Our strength has been weakened by the loss of a man by discharge. Pvt. Herman Eckes of Marshfield was honorably discharged from the Army of the United States because of an affliction which confined him to camp hospital for 84 days of the time he spent with us down here. The boys hate to see him go as much as he wishes he could stay.

He will leave for Marshfield tomorrow, wearing the uniform the government has given him. He was also entitled to 5 cents per mile travel pay for the distance from here to Marshfield. His status as a National Guard member is still in effect, however, even though he is discharged from active service.

In closing I was asked to add that any one from Marshfield who is planning a trip south for the balance of the winter will be most heartily welcomed by the boys, should he and his party happen down Alexandria way. If you don't visit us please write, and if you can't write send a post card.

Lieut. F. R. Thums of this company has just returned from a trip to Marshfield over the week end to attend the funeral of his mother. The lieutenant left last Friday by train and returned late Monday afternoon. The boys were very happy to hear about the weather and news of home.

(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 7, 1941, Page 2)

THREE MEN NAMED FOR FEBRUARY DRAFT QUOTA

Orders to report for February induction into the U. S. Army are in the mail today for three volunteers registered with the local Selective Board, following a meeting of the Board last night.

The men ordered to report here Feb. 19. for induction at Milwaukee on Feb. 20 are Andrew Linzmeier, 23, Milladore. route 2; Lester K. Hansen, 23, Vesper, route 1; and Thomas J. Redmond, 23, Arpin. route 1.

Three other volunteers were classified and placed in Class 1A for later induction last night. They are Edwin G. Engman, 24, Auburndale. route 2; Laurence F. Weirauch, 25, Marshfield. route 2; and Clarence G. Yaeger, 22, Marshfield, route 4. Yaeger has been classified for the Stevens County Board, Colville, Wash. where he is registered.

(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 8, 1941, Page 1)

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News Herald Photo

WED 56 YEARS - Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt, 723 W. Arnold street, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary at their home here on Feb. 10. They have two sons, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

(from the Marshfield News Herald, Feb. 15, 1941, Page 9)

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In the next issue of Kith N Kin:

- Patriotic Groups to Use Civic Center When Built
- Baer and Huth to Open Men's Wear Shop Here
- 500 People Attend Annual Co-op Meet

(More 1940's articles to be continued in next issue)

Marathon County, Wisconsin Homesteaders
Homesteading Act of May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)

(We have already completed Clark and Wood Counties, so would like to include Marathon, County.)

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
HILDEBRANDT, FREDERICK	8/20/1875	683	029N - 007E	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	10
			029N - 007E	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	11
HILL, OBADIAH P	8/20/1875	574	027N - 002E	E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	36
HINZ, HERMAN	3/21/1893	3101	030N - 008E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	25
HOBART, MARTIN S	10/1/1880	1255	030N - 008E	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	30
			030N - 008E	NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	31
HODGE, NAAMAN	4/30/1880	1192	029N - 002E	SE ¹ / ₄	28
HOESLE, VINCENT	5/1/1878	969	028N - 005E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	2
			028N - 005E	N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	2
HOFFMANN, THERESE, HOFFMANN, PETER	7/26/1889	2267	027N - 003E	SW ¹ / ₄	2
HOGAN, PATRICK	4/10/1882	1344	029N - 003E	NE ¹ / ₄	20
HOGARTY, JOHN C	6/20/1884	1699	030N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	33
			030N - 010E	NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	33
HOLBROOK, BENJAMIN	4/30/1880	1208	029N - 009E	E ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	22
HOLBROOK, DRURY W	4/10/1882	1352	030N - 008E	S ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	21
HOLETON, GEORGE W	8/1/1874	372	029N - 002E	SW ¹ / ₄	20
HOLLINGER, DAVID	10/1/1869	36	030N - 008E	E ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	6
			030N - 008E	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	6
			030N - 008E	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	6
HOLLMANN, GUSTAV	12/16/1895	3409	030N - 009E	NW ¹ / ₄	24
HOLLMANN, HERMAN	8/30/1895	3402	030N - 010E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	18
			030N - 010E	W ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	19
			030N - 010E	NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	19
HOLMSTEAD, AUGUSTUS	9/9/1878	1019	029N - 002E	NE ¹ / ₄	8
HOMESTEAD, SETH W	5/15/1877	874	029N - 002E	SW ¹ / ₄	4
HOPPE, FRIEDRICH	10/7/1893	3191	030N - 009E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	12
			030N - 009E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	13
			030N - 009E	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	13
HOPPE, WILHELM	3/23/1892	2979	030N - 009E	SW ¹ / ₄	12
HOWE, GEORGE W	10/10/1888	2182	026N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	2
			026N - 010E	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	2

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HUBER, ANTONE	8/15/1898	3748	027N - 007E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
HUBER, JOHN	4/16/1890	2411	027N - 007E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	22
HUGHES, ROBERT	8/1/1874	353	027N - 005E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19
			027N - 005E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	20
HUGHES, SYLVESTER	2/20/1883	1494	027N - 005E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	6
			027N - 005E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	6
HUGHES, THOMAS	4/20/1871	141	027N - 005E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29
			027N - 005E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29
HULL, DANIEL B	6/4/1877	921	028N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	20
HULL, NELSON	4/30/1880	1189	029N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	34
HULSBURG, FRED	5/19/1903	4466	028N - 008E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	32
HUNK CHAW COO WIN KAH	6/27/1903	4590	026N - 010E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	20
HUNTER, SAMUEL	10/11/1888	2037	029N - 010E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	35
			029N - 010E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35
			029N - 010E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	36
HUNTLY, FRANCIS	12/10/1881	1301	027N - 005E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	6
			027N - 005E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	6
HUNTOON, SAMUEL O	2/1/1873	177	028N - 007E	Lot/Trct 7	14
			028N - 007E	Lot/Trct 9	14
			028N - 007E	Lot/Trct 10	14
HUPE, CHRISTIAN	6/20/1884	1734	027N - 003E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	28
HURRELLE, FRANCIS	2/20/1883	1491	029N - 002E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	32
HUTTON, HYATT	4/30/1880	1220	028N - 002E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	12
JAECKS, AUGUST	8/20/1875	618	029N - 009E	Lot/Trct 24	19
JAENSCH, CARL	3/23/1892	2935	028N - 007E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	7
			028N - 007E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	7
JAHNKE, FRANZ	5/9/1885	1879	028N - 003E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	2
JOHANKNECHT, PHILIP	8/3/1882	1450	026N - 004E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	10
JOHANSEN, SVEN	2/20/1883	1483	029N - 002E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	22
JOHNS, AUGUST	10/11/1869	34	030N - 006E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
JOHNSON, GILBERT	6/11/1900	3948	028N - 010E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	31
JOHNSON, JACOB	6/20/1884	1719	027N - 006E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	2
JONES, ALVENA, JONES, MYRON E	7/26/1899	3829	028N - 009E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	28

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Just like church programs, school Christmas and holiday programs provide information on the community as well as placing families and children in time and place. If you find a school program tucked in the family memorabilia, seek out other school records to use in your genealogy research.

9. Newspapers

During the holiday season, your ancestors traveled to visit family and friends just as we often do today. Society pages in newspapers often wrote blurbs on who went visiting and who had visitors.

Names, relationships and locations about families and individuals can be found in these blurbs. These society pages are excellent sources of family information.

10. Vertical Files

Vertical files are like a “box of chocolates”. You never know what you are going to get! [I hope Tom Hanks from *Forest Gump* forgives me taking liberties with that phrase.]

But...it's true. Vertical files can hold a wide variety of genealogy related materials, including church histories, town histories, newspaper articles, written family histories, photos, holiday programs and much more.

If you make a visit back to your where you ancestors lived this holiday, take time to visit the vertical files in

the local library.

11. Photographs

Family photographs hold clues to your family history search. While you may have hundreds of photos on your smartphone right now, our ancestors did things a bit differently. Photographs were taken on more special occasions like Christmas. Ask your relatives to bring our the old family photos. Nothing sparks a family history conversation like an old family photo!

[Not sure who is in those old family photos? Check out my [Identify Your Ancestor in That Old Family Photograph](#) e-book and workbook.]

12. Family Reunions

Family reunions – whether big or small – are the place to re-connect with your family including past generations. Share your findings and ask your genealogy questions. You never know who has the answer to your burning genealogy question.

I was surprised to find out about a name change at one family gathering. What was common knowledge a few generations ago, never made it to my generation, and I never thought to ask.

So...share your knowledge AND ask your questions!

There you have it – 12 Days of Christmas Genealogy Records for you to explore!

From <https://lialisson.com/4-types-of-holiday-genealogy-records/>


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Upcoming Meeting

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all future meetings have been postponed until further notice.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have to our members and speakers, but we choose to be safe so we can continue working on our family histories.

Watch our Face Book page, the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library's Website or our website for updates.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library upstairs in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room, except July (month of our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.