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VISION STATEMENT: The Polk County Genealogical Society vision is to empower those interested in developing concise, accurate, and comprehensive family histories.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Polk County Genealogical Society mission is to assist in the exchange and dissemination of information for genealogical investigations.

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Monthly board meeting
5:30 p.m.
SUBWAY, Main Street
Osceola, east side of Highway 35.

Thanks to **Jim McCarville** for the informative program on researching Irish relatives both here and in Ireland. This program had good attendance with PCGS members as well as several visitors.

2007

Tentative Schedule

Board meetings 5:30 p.m.
Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Osceola Public Library

Monday 23 April -7:00 p.m.
"Future Directions of Genealogy"

Russ Hanson

Osceola Public Library
Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments to follow

*Thanks to **Russ Hanson** for sending this email concerning the April program.

"I will lead the discussion of where genealogy is headed in the next 25 years. We will look at what is happening now and predict how things will change. Items of interest include: Internet, Computers, DNA, Digital photography, LDS directions, and a look at how to easily make your own family history movie, booklet, CD or DVD, just like Ken Burns (The Public TV historian.)

*Please note date change due to Memorial Day
Third Monday evening
Monday 21 May 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Bob Williamson - Funeral Practices
Osceola Public Library,
Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments to follow

PROGRAM ideas for the fall line-up are being requested. If you have a subject you would like to hear more about, or better still, if you are willing to share your knowledge concerning your research, PLEASE share that interest with your Board! New program ideas are always welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD to PCGS

Summer Service Project?
PCHS museum in Balsam Lake
every Monday afternoons from
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

June, July, August, 2007

Come join the activity as we do a
**Complete Inventory of Family Names in all
the Family Histories**

located at the PCHS Museum in
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

A master database will be started to compile
all of the family names in all the family
histories on the shelves at the PCHS
museum in
Balsam Lake. The purpose is to share, not
only the collection with the visiting public
researching family history, but also to
shorten that search for the elusive name
needed to move back
one more generation.

We all know how much we appreciate an index
allowing our search to cover greater ground
more efficiently. Without an index a family
history book is rarely taken off the shelf. A
master hardcopy database will be wonderful!

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ATTENTION

The 2007 PCGS yearly membership dues are
payable at our monthly meetings or may be
mailed to the treasurer. Thank you.

Polk County Genealogy Society
Jan-Dec \$15.00

Please make your check or money order
payable to PCGS and mail, along with your:
Name, Address, State/Zip
to

Russ Adams
2410 River Road
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

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Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

2007 GENE-A-RAMA

13 and 14 April 2007
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Information at
WSGS at www.wsgs.org

Minnesota Genealogical Society Library

5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422
(763) 595-3947

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. -3 p.m. and
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Library Fee:

There is a \$5.00 fee for non-member
use of the library. The \$5.00 fee can be
applied to membership in the MN. Gen.
Society, any branches, or the Czechoslovak
Gen. Soc. Int'l.

VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION

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(continued from March issue)

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Loveless, William	Balsam Lake	34
Little, Reuben F.	Clear Lake	64
Law, Columbus	Clear Lake	81
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Linderroot, Nels L.	St. Croix Falls	271
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McFaggen, Robert	Amery	15
McLeod, Peter C.	Balsam Lake	- 43
McCrey, Chauncey	Clear Lake	- 99
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Thanks to PCGS member
Norma Holmbeck
 for sharing Polk County information
 she discovered at the
 Cumberland Public Library:

WISCONSIN'S GOLD STAR LIST

Prepared by
John G. Gregory
 Department of War History
 State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 1925

"This material comprised lists -
 necessarily imperfect - of officers and
 enlisted men from Wisconsin who died
 while serving with the American
 Expeditionary Force during the World
 War." (page 5)

Aageson, James Louis: 23, Luck;
 Pvt. 342 Inf. - Overseas;
 death from disease (influ)
 10 October 1918.

Anderson, Clarence Arthur 21,
 St. Croix Falls;
 Pvt. Infrpl & tngtr, - Camp Grant, US;
 death from disease (pneu)
 11 October 1918.

Anderson, H. L., 26, Clam Falls,
 Sgt. Mgtngentr - Camp Hancock, US;
 death from disease (pneu)
 15 October 1918.

Auchter, Fred Ernst, 22, Luck;
 Pvt. Casdet - Camp Nichols,
 death from disease (pneu)
 6 November 1918.

Beauchamp, Arthur, 21, Luck,
 Rct Rctdep - Camp Shelby, Miss; US,
 death from disease (pneu);
 10 November 1918.

Carlson, Joseph E. 34, Amery
 Pvt. 16 Inf. - Overseas;
 death from disease (pneu)
 30 September 1918

Davis, Wiley D. 20, Clear Lake
 Pvt. 16 Inf. - Killed in Action
 21 January 1918.
 (to be continued)

CENTURY CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Polk County Memories 1978
 Polk County Historical Society

Methodist Episcopal, now UMC	
Osceola	1854
First Baptist, Osceola	1857
Methodist Episcopal, now UMC	
St. Croix Falls	1859
First Presbyterian,	
St. Croix Falls	1865
Zion Ev. Lutheran	
East Farmington	1865
Assumption Catholic	
East Farmington	1869
Cushing Lutheran	1870
East Immanuel Lutheran	
RR#4 Amery	1870
West Immanuel Lutheran	
Pine Lake	1870
Balsam Lutheran	
RR # 3 Amery	1872
Bethesda Lutheran	
Sand Lake	1872
Grace Lutheran	
West Sweden	1873
West Denmark Lutheran	1873
St. Patrick's Catholic	
North of Long Lake, Milltown	
Township, moved to Balsam Lake in	
1955, now Our Lady of the Pines	1875
Moe Lutheran	
Clear Lake Township	1875
Scandinavian Ev. Lutheran now Milltown	
Lutheran	1875

COMPUTER HELPER

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Indian Scout Books

www.indianscoutbooks.com
 for Native American lines

Scottish Censuses (1841-1901)

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
 (pay-per-view)

"IT WAS I WHO DID IT"

Women's Role in the Founding
of the Nation

by **Carol Berkin**

Professor of History: Baruch College,
Graduate Center/City University of N.Y.

"In the 1770s, King George III was convinced that all of the problems with his colonies could be laid at the feet of "that brace of Adamses" and the rebellious mobs of Massachusetts men. As it turned out, he was wrong - not only about the widespread nature of American discontent and desire for independence, but also about the gender of many of his Massachusetts opponents. Abigail Adams, as much as her husband John, supported an American revolution, and rebellious crowds of Massachusetts women picketed the shops of merchants who broke the boycott, staged mass spinning bees to show their solidarity with American resistance to British taxation, and served as spies for the American army. And, after independence was won, women played a central role in ensuring that the republic would survive."

The Colonial response to British "trade regulations and levying new taxes" was that colonial legislatures immediately "drafted constitutional arguments against these novel changes, and assemblies fired off petitions demanding the repeal of legislation such as the Stamp Act and later the Townshend Acts. The British government found it easy to ignore the fiery rhetoric of a Patrick Henry or a John Adams. But, the Americans had another strategy that Parliament could not ignore: the boycott of British goods."

"The success of this boycott depended heavily upon women's participation, for it was wives and mothers who were the primary purchasers and consumers of these goods. The determination of these women to honor the boycott sent English profits tumbling and this drop in profits

in turn sent English merchants rushing to their government to demand repeal."

"The boycott strategy politicized women's domestic sphere-and women with it. In New England, hundred of young women flocked to publicly staged spinning bees, taking quick lessons on what was, by the 1760s, almost a lost art. Wearing the homespun that these women produced became a badge of honor, a sign that you were indeed a "daughter of liberty."

Once the war began, "women were vital participants in every aspect of the struggle for independence. Girls and young women served as spies and couriers for American generals ... women organized massive fund-raising operations to finance Washington's ragtag army ... as men went off to war, women took over the management of farms and shops ... women proved resourceful in devising substitutes for scarce but needed supplies, i.e. walnut ash replaced salt as the preservative for winter meat ... when the traditional rum rations, that were every soldier's due, could not be found, women produced corn liquor and rye whiskey. "

Thousands of white colonial women, "whose loyalty to their husbands (and sons) also meant loyalty to the King ... and separation from sisters, brothers, parents, and the need to adjust to ... life in Nova Scotia, Halifax (or Ontario), ... transforming a strange land into a new home."

"Valley Forge was no stag affair; wives, mothers, and sweethearts were there, gathering firewood, cooking meals, washing the filthy clothing of their husbands, sons, and their comrades; nursing the sick and the wounded ... perhaps King George should have paid closer attention to the Daughters of Liberty who helped found a new nation."

Excerpts taken from
Phi Kappa Phi Forum
Summer 2006, *FOUNDERS*

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