

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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**Polk County Genealogical Society
POB # 101
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810**

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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Thanks to **Bob Williamson** for the May program on epitaphs and tombstones. Twenty members and guests made for enthusiastic questions/answers. Two ladies from the State of Oregon were in Polk County researching family history and joined our Group for the evening. We learned relevant information concerning the placement of tombstones, a bit about funeral protocol in Polk County churches and cemeteries, and advice when requesting a tombstone from the United States Government for any family members who served in the US military.

2007

Tentative Schedule

Summer board meetings
4th Monday of each month
June - August

Polk County Historical Society Museum
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 1:00 p.m.

LOOKING FORWARD to PCGS

Summer Service Project at the PCHS museum in Balsam Lake every Monday afternoon beginning Monday 4 June to Monday 27 August 2007 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

No Summer Service Project on Monday 2 July 2007, due to the 4th of July holiday week.

Come join the activity as we assemble a **Complete Inventory of Family Names from all the Family Histories** in PCHS Museum.

A master database will be compiled with all family names from all the family histories on the shelves at the PCHS museum in Balsam Lake.

PCGS is presently making plans for a research day at the **Minnesota Genealogical Society Library** 5768 Olson Memorial Highway Golden Valley, MN 55422 (763) 595-3947

Saturday 4 August 2007

Meet at the home of

Richard Kretzschmar - at 8:00 a.m.
205 -9th Avenue - Osceola, Wisconsin
715.294.3447

kretweed@cornernet.com

to carpool or caravan to the MGS library. Please notify any PCGS Board member of your interest in attending this event enabling ride share to be arranged.

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.

2007 schedule con't.

Monday 24 September 2007

Gretchen Hellie - Norwegian Research
Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

Monday 22 October 2007

Wally Milbrath
"Wisconsin, the Civil War, and Genealogy"
Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

Monday 26 November 2007

Barb Oestreich
"Writing your Family History."
Barb tells me
"this program is a lesson on how-to have
Christmas gifts without charge cards or
crowds. If you are stuck on what to get your
kids (or extended family members) come and
learn how to give them a prize. We will do
some simple writing of things that can be
transformed into a meaningful gift.
Bring your memories along with pen and ink "
Included will be an update on Leon, his three
wives, and how that information was
discovered.
Program Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

Monday 10 December 2007

Noon Holiday Potluck
Location to be announced

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

VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION

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FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS:

Subject: Free Alternatives to Ancestry: Vital Records Indexes

From: **Edith Sherwood** at sherwood2ak@yahoo.com

Dates: 13 April 2007 and 17 May 2007.

"Since the loss of Ancestry.com at Family History Centers," there are several "free alternatives to some of the content on Ancestry." The following is a partial list of the free alternatives.

Illinois State Vital Records Databases:
<www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing System:
<www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/search.htm>

Wisconsin pre-1907 vital records index:
<www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>

Minnesota Birth Certificates Index:
<<http://people.mnhs.org/bci/search.cfm?bhc p=1>>

Minnesota Death Certificates Index:
<<http://people.mnhs.org/dci/search.cfm?bhc p=1>>

North Dakota Public Death Index:
<<http://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>>

South Dakota Birth Records:
<<http://apps.sd.gov/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp>>

Ohio Death Certificate Index:
<www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/>

Oregon Historical Records Index:
<<http://genealogy.state.or.us/>>

Missouri Birth & Death Records Database:
<www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath>

The following announcement was made in Richmond, Virginia, 16 May 2007 at the annual conference of the National Genealogical Society:

"Genealogists and family historians to benefit from global collaboration Provo, UT, May 16, 2007 - more than 4,500 FamilySearch Family History Centers throughout the world will now have free access to WorldVitalRecords.com's genealogical records and resources, as a result of an agreement signed between FamilySearch (TM) and WorldVitalRecords.com "We are looking for a new breed of genealogy websites that are willing to work with FamilySearch to meet the needs and interests of record custodians and our patrons. WorldVitalRecords.com was

uniquely positioned because of its rapid growth in the industry and potential for success, along with additional genealogical providers to fill this void. We are certain this agreement with WorldVitalRecords.com will greatly benefit a worldwide audience of genealogists with this free service," said Paul Nauta, Manager of Public Affairs, FamilySearch (TM).

"WorldVitalRecords.com will provide a vast collection of genealogical material including vital, land, immigration, and military records; newspapers, international databases, and a collection of reference material."

A sample of the extensive list of available material :

"U.S. and Canada Record Collection
*Federal Census Records 1790-1920 (most have indexes)

*Passenger and immigration lists (1820-1940s) for New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and so on: Canadian border crossings

*Military Records:
Revolutionary War pension and service files

War of 1812 indexes, pension and service files

Civil War pension and service files
World War I/II draft registrations
United States Military index

*State Records:
Vital records
Special census records

*County Records:
Vital records
Probate records/Court records
Cemetery records

*Town Records:
Vital records
City directories

*Church Records

CANADA:

*Census records 1871-1901

*Provincial census records 1608-1891

*Ontario archives land indexes

*Loiselle index to French-Canadian marriages

*Ontario vital records 1869-1900

*Quebec church records: Protestant and Catholic.

Over 700,000 rolls of microfilm

Over 220,000 microfiche

Over 175,000 books, serials, and other formats."

In the past when family history researchers visited FamilySearch.com we were almost immediately linked to Ancestry.com. It was my experience recently that this was not the current procedure. When the FamilySearch.com home page appeared on my computer, I was no longer forwarded to Ancestry.com.

The Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Library in Salt Lake City has agreements and contracts with many different organizations and libraries worldwide and a long list of available materials may be accessed to all interested parties through FamilySearch.com from your home online connection, free of charge, to study and in preparation **for later use at any of the Family History Centers.**

I was not a member of FamilySearch.com. I was asked to register, (the registration was free), I choose a username and FamilySearch.com emailed me verification of my chosen username for my next **visit to a Family History Center.**

- Editor.

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Genealogy and prime time

25 May 2007

6: 00 p.m.

The News Hour

Genealogy received twenty minutes of prime-time exposure 25 May 2007 on the Twin Cities market TPT/Channel 2.

The CEO of Ancestry.com and a professional genealogists joined together to explain the interest in family history by so many people worldwide. Ancestry claims 90 millions names on their online site ranging in interest from military records to marriage records and everything in-between.

According to the two 'experts' the one great advantage of online records is "quick access", in a method, manner, and a timetable suitable to the researcher. For example, finding an ancestor's draft registration card went from several weeks via snail mail to several minutes online.

Genealogy brings historical facts from the 'big picture' of world issues to a 'manageable image' of your ancestors day to day activities within those events.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN POLK COUNTY

Osceola Historical Society (May Newsletter)

annual train ride on the Osceola St. Croix River Railroad is taking place

Saturday, 2 June 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

The train **leaves at 2:30 p.m. sharp** so be there at least 20 minutes ahead of time!

All paid up dues members from Osceola Historical Society will travel for free - all others travel for only \$10.00. The train will travel over the St. Croix River to Marine, MN and back. - **John Jenkins**

Saturday 9 June 2007 the Polk County Historical Society Bus Tour to Fort Folle Avoine and Crex Meadows. (Call **Carl Johnson** @ 715.268.8353 to reserve your ticket. Cost is \$30.00/lunch is included. The bus will **leave from the Amery Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.**

Don't forget the

Polk County Fair 26-29 July 2007

PCGS will have a table and any members interested in sharing genealogy materials and/or visiting with guests coming by our booth at

"The Little Red School House"

please contact PCGS Chair

Richard Kretzschmar at 715.294.3447.

CENTURY CHURCH CONGREGATIONS con't

Source:

PCGS member **Judy Wester**

E-mail 11 April 2007

St. John's Lutheran	
Centuria	1889
East Balsam Baptist	1890
St. Joseph's Catholic	
Amery	1890
Amery Congregational	1891
First Lutheran	
Amery	1892
El Salem Baptist	
Garfield Township	1894
Trinity Lutheran	
Garfield Township	1896
Congregational	
Clear Lake	1897
Seventh Day Adventist	
Clear Lake	1897

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