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

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

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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

2007-2008
Tentative Schedule

*Monday 22 October 2007
Wally Milbrath
"Wisconsin, the Civil War, and Genealogy"
Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin

*Monday 26 November 2007
Barb Oestreich
"Writing your Family History."
Bring your memories along with pen and ink "
Included will be an update on Leon, his three wives, and how that information was discovered.
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin

*Monday 10 December 2007
Noon Holiday Potluck
at the home of
Richard and **Norma Kretzschmar**
205-9 th Avenue
Osceola, Wisconsin

*Monday 28 January 2008
"The 'Dos & Don'ts' of the Internet"
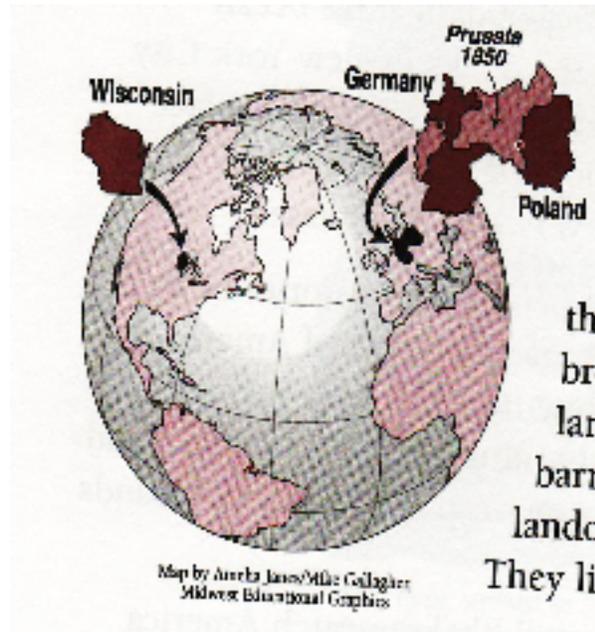presented by
Richard Kretzschmar/President PCGS

VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATIONS
POLK COUNTY , WISCONSIN
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"DID YOU KNOW "

They Came to Wisconsin
Julia Pferdehirt
Wisconsin Historical Society Press
pages 14

CORRECTION
Email from: Price County Gen Society
Dated: 6 September 2007

Editor PCGS:

"I regret to inform you that there was an **error** in the article about ONE ROOM SCHOOLS from the Price County Genealogical Society Newsletter that was published in your September THE POST.

The schools were **5 miles apart (not 2-1/2)** because the children were not to walk more than 2-1/2 miles.

We need to have a correction in our next newsletter.

Karen Baumgartner/Chairperson
Price Co. Gen. Soc.

POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES
1855-1867

ADAMS, Joseph to **Sarah GODFREY**
 24 Dec 1869 / Vol 2-#183
ADAMS, Thomas to **LAURA MILLERMAN**
26 May 1860 / Vol 2-#190
BAKER, John to **Adelia McCARTY**
July 1860 / Vol 1-#46
BARINGTON, Leander to **Ann TILLEY**
23 July 1871 / Vol 2-#226
CAIN, Joseph to **Sarah Virginia MILLER**
3 Jul 1869 / Vol 2-#167
DAINBROCK, Carl to **Anna ERICKSON**
31 July 1869 / Vol 2-#170
ESSEN, Albert to **Caroline KRAUSE**
13 Dec 1869 / Vol 2-#181
FEE, Andrew to **Hellen WILSON**
18 Nov. 1862 / Vol 1-#54
GILLESPIE, A. L. to **A. F. WILSON**
-1860- / Vol 1-#43
HALE, Isaac to **Elisabeth COREY**
21 Mar 1861 / Vol 1-#48
JAYNER, George M. to **Abbie BEEDE**
11 Sept 1870 / Vol 2-#202
KELLY, Charles to **Larista PATTEN**
28 Mar 1869 / Vol 2-#151
LARSON, John to **Mary A. NELSON**
23 Sept 1871 / Vol 2-#236
McDONALD, George to **Mary A. LOUDY**
3 Aug. 1858 / Vol 1-#26
NASON, Joel F. to **Mary A. ABBOTT**
31 Oct. 1867 / Vol 2-#205
OLES, Oliver to **Elisabeth MOORE**
30 Dec 1856 / Vol 1-#12
PLEASLER, M. H. to **F. R. NASON**
25 Mar 1860 / Vol 1-#45
RAMBURG, John to **Christine JOHNSON**
17 Aug. 1870 / Vol 2-#8
STEPHENSON, James to **Julia P. GUILD**
7 May 1859 / Vol 1-#38
TEWKSBURY, Sam. to **Amanda TYLER**
23 Jul 1869 / Vol 2-#166
VASSON, Charles to **Alma KETTEL**
14 Feb. 1858 / Vol 1-#22
WALLACE, William to **Almena CLOUGH**
29 May 1866 / Vol 1-#73
WALTER, Joseph to **Sophie MESSENGER**
22 Mar 1869 / Vol 2-#153
(to be continued in next issues)
Copied from Polk County Vital Records
by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**
PCGS member

TOOLS of the TRADE
by **Allison Stacy**
(several of 21 listed in article)

1. Blank charts and worksheets: pedigree charts/family group sheet
2. Research binder: for copies of charts and sheets named in #1
3. Storage: notebook paper/archival-quality protectors, manila folders, flash drives, CD's
4. Computer access: although you still do your sleuthing the old-fashioned way, a computer will revolutionize your record keeping and records accessibility
5. Software: collected data saved in a database
6. Internet access and an e-mail account: to connect to the world-wide records
7. Library card: interlibrary loan, remote access to census records, for instance, to HeritageQuest.com
8.. Basic genealogy how-to books and user manuals
9. Scanner/digital camera
10. Cemetery kit: cleaning tools and rubbing wax
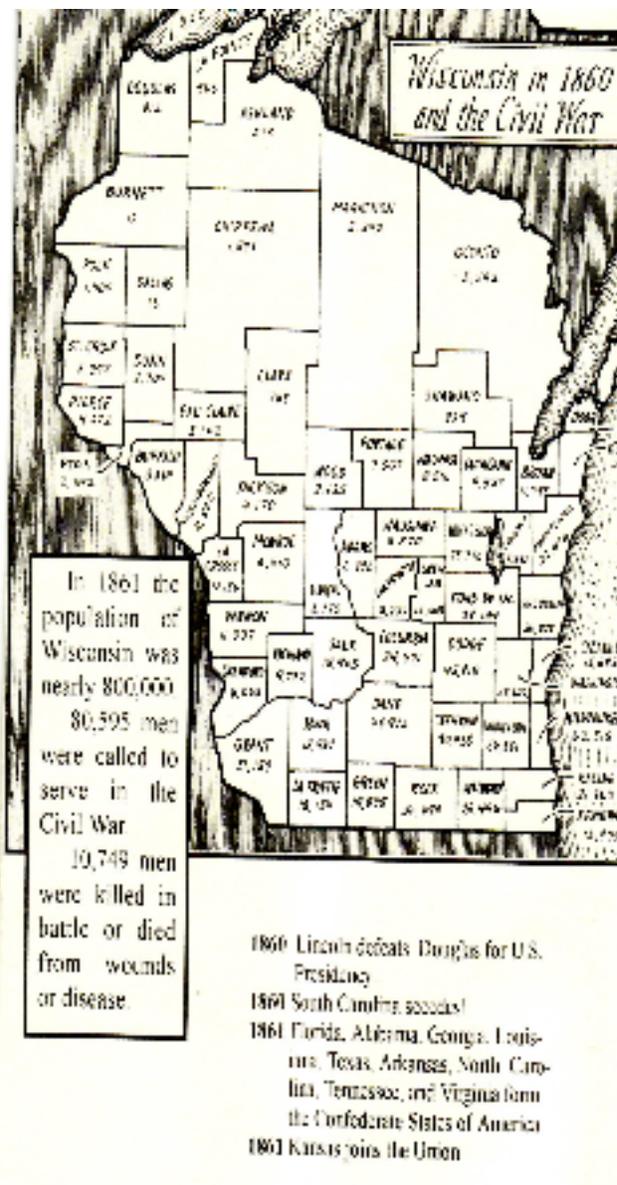11. **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**: network of genealogy research benefits.

and

STANDARD ISSUE
by ***Maureen A. Taylor***

1400s - Family Tree Charts: from 15th century France where historians indicated lines of descent with three branched lines

1845 - Genealogical Societies: New England Historic Genealogical Society

1894 - Family History Library: natural outgrowth of Latter Day Saints emphasis on family history

1969 - Genealogy Conferences: first conference in Salt Lake City

1979 - Family Tree Software: many programs, continually improved

1981 - Digital Cameras - huge impact

1984 - Message Boards - shared info

1996 - Email Newsletters - huge savings for societies to 'get the news out'

2000 - DNA Testing: "set genealogical world on fire."

Both articles:
Family Tree Magazine
September 2007
(Well worth the $6.00 - **Editor**)

In 1861 the population of Wisconsin was nearly 800,000 80,595 men were called to serve in the Civil War 10,749 men were killed in battle or died from wounds or disease.

1860 Lincoln defeats Douglas for U.S. Presidency
1861 South Carolina secedes!
1861 Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia form the Confederate States of America
1861 Kansas joins the Union

WISCONSIN *Timeline*
Events in Wisconsin History from
12,000 BC to 1900 AD
Created by ***John M. Russell***

NEIGHBORING SOCIETIES

St. Croix Valley Gen Society
Thursday 18 October 2007
7:00 p.m. - River Falls Public Library
Paul Sternberg
Surmounting Brick Walls

OLIVE TREE GENEALOGY
*and quoting their **claims**:*
*"The Olive Tree Genealogy is committed to bringing you **FREE** genealogy records ...(with) more than 1,900 pages of free genealogy to help you find your brick wall ancestors ... ships passenger lists, Palatines (Germans), Mennonites, Huguenots, Native American, Loyalists, Military Ancestors, United States Genealogy and Canadian Genealogy.*
*1. the **free** databases*
*2. Genealogy **tutorials** and help files*
*3. **Research guides:** books, microfilm little-known records on film and fiche and CD Roms."*
Google.com: olive tree genealogy

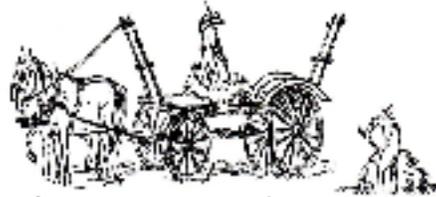
SORTING COUNTY HISTORY DETAILS
*by **Paula Stuart Warren***

"Found an ancestor's biography in a county history? Watch out - these entries were usually submitted directly by the family and subject to very little fact-checking. So how can you be sure of the facts?:
1. Grab a blank pedigree chart -enter the info from the county history - compare with your earlier records
2. Look in the census
3. Expand to other records
4. Look for published family tree
5. Fact-check with a newspaper."

Ancestry
July/August 2007 pg 41

(GOOD ARTICLE -
*well worth the $4.95 - **Editor**)*

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In the early years, the hand pitchfork was the universal tool for getting hay onto the wagon and from the wagon to the mow or stack. Beginning in 1890, some farmers used hay loaders to reduce the time and labor required to get their hay from the fields into the large barns they soon built. Horse power was used to lift great fork-fulls of hay into the loft, or second story of the barn, where it was stored for use in the winter.

Early Hay Loader

FARMING in EARLY MINNESOTA
by **Edward J. Letterman**
Ramsey County Historical Society
1999