

## **THE POLK COUNTY POST**

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**Polk County Genealogical Society**  
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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.

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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  
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**Russ Adams**

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2007

## **Tentative Schedule**

\* Monday 24 September 2007

**Gretchen Hellie** - "Why Do Genealogy?"  
Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin

\*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**  
205-9th Avenue  
Osceola, Wisconsin

### **NEIGHBORING EVENT**

Oakdale Family History Center  
German Genealogy Research  
**8 September 2007 - Open House**  
at 2140 Hadley Ave No. Oakdale, MN  
For additional information, please  
contact:  
**Nancy Roell** <roellish@aol.com>

### **STATE GENEALOGY EVENTS**

**Society Leaders Workshop-North**  
Saturday 22 September 2007  
Comfort Inn - Tomahawk, Wisconsin  
715-453-8900  
9 AM-3:15 PM  
For information, please contact:  
Jennifer Ehle at <stevee@inwave.com>  
Thanks **Dorothy Adams**

**27 October 2007 - Fall Seminar**  
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
**Find Your Roots on the Family Farm**  
Stoney Creek Inn - Wausau, Wisconsin

Polk County Century Church  
Congregations

St. Patrick's Catholic, Centuria - 1900  
 United Methodist - Centuria - 1902  
 Luck Lutheran - 1903  
 Elim Evangelical Luther. - Range - 1904  
 East Balsam Baptist - 1904  
 St. Dominic's Catholic, Frederic - 1904

Thanks **Judy Wester**  
 PCGS member

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**NETTING YOUR ANCESTORS - British**

*Tracing Family History on the Internet  
 The Internet is now the first port of  
 call for most beginning family historians. It  
 has a vast amount of information - but it is  
 not always easy to find your way around.  
 In this book, **Stuart Raymond**, takes you  
 on a tour. He points out where to find the  
 information you need to trace your British  
 family tree, how to assess the value of  
 Internet evidence, and how to avoid the  
 various pitfalls that are waiting to entrap  
 you.*

*Family History Partnership,  
 published this book, price 9.95 pounds  
 sterling + p&p. Email orders are invited.  
 Overseas customers will be invoiced via  
 Paypal, unless they are able to pay via  
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**www.stuartraymond.co.uk***

The Lanark Log  
 Newsletter of the Lanark County  
 Genealogical Society  
 Perth, Ontario, CANADA

INTERNET SITE

This site claims : "free searchable  
 genealogy databases at your fingertips -  
 adding another branch to your family  
 tree has never been easier"

**The Olive Tree Genealogy**

(I found this site on <Google.com>  
 looking for ships passenger lists and  
 Loyalists lists - Editor.)

VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATIONS

VOLUME ONE- (continued)  
 POLK COUNTY , WISCONSIN

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**LOYALISTS LISTS**

The most prominent and  
 prestigious hereditary society honoring a  
 Loyalist ancestor is: UNITED EMPIRE  
 LOYALISTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
 (UEL) founded in 1914 and granting  
 membership to those proving that an  
 ancestor remained loyal to Britain and  
 fled north into Canada during the  
 American Revolution.

A good resource in researching  
 that claim is: *United Empire Loyalists*, by  
**Alexander Fraser**. It is two volumes  
 published by the Bureau of Archives for  
 the Province of Ontario that documents  
 the Loyalists who fled the colonies to  
 live in Ontario and their claims to Mother  
 England for compensation.

*Family Chronicle* August 2007  
 All the King's Men: Loyalists During the  
 (American) Revolution  
 by **Donna Potter Phillips**  
 pages 17-20

(May be available through Interlibrary  
 loan, however, if this book is still  
 considered a reference work you may  
 need to write to the Archives for the  
 Province of Ontario requesting a search  
 - Editor)

Crossing the Atlantic from Europe to  
America

From records found in a letter to family members still in Denmark - we learn the cost of the ships passage to America was about \$35.00 in 1890. The trip usually took from five to eight weeks, however, without good winds it could take much longer. By the early 1900s steamships replaced sailing ships and cut the time to cross the ocean in half.

After arriving in America (port of New York, Baltimore or perhaps Philadelphia) immigrants traveled to Wisconsin overland or over water through the Great Lakes. Immigrant families who came through the port of New York, hired wagons to take them up the Hudson River to the Erie Canal, and by canal boat (or train) to Lake Erie.

**"DID YOU KNOW**

how much it cost to travel across the Great Lakes? In 1849, Alexander Turner left from Edinburg, Scotland, to move to Dodge County, Wisconsin. In his diary, he kept the following list of what things cost his family.....he recorded every penny: 85 cents for beef, bread, and treacle; 37 1/2 cents to a wagon driver to cart their luggage from the docks to a rooming house in Milwaukee, and 19 cents each for breakfast.

Pd for passage of 9 persons...from Buffalo to Milwaukee ..... 20 Dolls  
Pd for baggage from B. to M. ... 20.29  
Pd for 1/2 lb sugar .....4 cents  
Pd for 1/2 lb cheese .....5 cents  
Pd for moving luggage from boat to boat .....25 cents."

*They Came to Wisconsin*  
**Julia Pferdehirt**

Wisconsin Historical Society Press  
pages 61- 62

FYI:

The **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) + World Vital Records (WVR), Footnote, ProQuest CSA and the Godfrey Library <www.godfrey.org>**: The LDS church <www.familysearch.org> will provide these companies' subscription databases FREE at its Salt Lake City Family History Library AND at the 4,500 BRANCH FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS (FHCS). ProQuest's HeritageQuest Online <heritagequestonline.com> will not be available in every center.

The LDS church hopes its new partnerships will fill the void left last spring when the FHL and FHCs lost free Ancestry.com access for their patrons.

The Generations Network <tgn.com> had provided seven years of free Ancestry.com service without a contract. But when it tried to formalize the arrangement, the sides could not reach a deal.

Existing contracts will keep SOME Ancestry.com data at FHCs: 1880, 1900, and 1920 US censuses; 1841 to 1891 census indexes for England and Wales, and WWI draft cards. You can access more free data at a library that offers Ancestry Library Edition.

*Family Tree Magazine*  
*September 2007*  
*page 8*

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press  
<www.twincities.com>  
1 September 2007  
page 2/B

The term "Boston Marriage" was used in 19th century New England to describe a long-term monogamous relationship between two unmarried women.

### ONE ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Rural, one-room school houses dotted the map of Wisconsin counties every 2 1/2 miles because the state mandated no child be required to walk more than that distance to attend school. Some of the schools were built as early as 1890 when the logging of pine and hardwoods ended, making space for settlers (and their families) who then moved onto the land. Populations shifted and some schools closed while others were built as late as the 1920s.

In many districts, a stipulation was in place that the enrollment must be ten or more pupils in order to keep the school open. As late as 1940, in one particular school in Price County, only eight children registered and in an effort to keep the rural school open, parents enrolled three, four-year old little girls, and thus the school remained open for one more year.

*Price County Genealogy Society  
August 2007*

#### Eight Events that Changed YOUR History

1. Landing of the *Mayflower*
2. Declaration of Independence
3. California Gold Rush
4. Seneca Falls Convention and Women's Rights
5. Civil War
6. Transcontinental Railroad
7. Stock Market Crash
8. Pearl Harbor

What you may have missed in history class is that behind every pivotal moment in history are ancestors with stories - not only where they were, but also where the extended clan members were (a big part of each event).

Therefore, once you dig, even deeper, into the history that is truly yours, you gain a view of the family side of history. Young genealogists will probably add to the list the death of JFK and Vietnam.

*Ancestry - "Eureka!"  
July/August 2007, pages 23-28*

### POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

**ABBOTT, Memry to Rachel MATTHEWS**  
1 Aug 1863; Vol/1-#60B

**BABCOCK, John to Sarah DUNNING**  
3 Nov 1869 Vol/2-#176

**CADOTT, Joseph to Mary Ann JANUARY**  
18 Feb 1864; Vol/1-#69

**DAHL, Hans to Christine BURGLAND**  
6 Aug 1870 Vol/2-#197

**EMERY, Cyrus D. to Delia A. GOODSSELL**  
11 Aug 1869 Vol/2-#157

**FAY, Hiram to Johana Matilda JONSON**  
3 Mr 1871 Vol/2-#211

**GALE, Dudley L. to Elisa L. MURPHY**  
2 Feb 1859 Vol/1-#32

**HAGEN, John to Betsy THORSON**  
12 April 1868 Vol/2-#49

**INGRAHAM, Samuel to Martha BOOTH**  
5 Jan 1870 Vol/2-#76

**JANUARY, Joseph to Mary OLIDY**  
20 Jan 1867 Vol/1-#168

**KELLEY, Michael to Mary CONLEY**  
13 May 1870 Vol/2-#192

**LaPRARIE, Alexes to Mary SKIES**  
16 Feb 1864 Vol/1-#69

**McADAMS, John to Mrs. Sue THOMPSON**  
28 Jul 1862 Vol/1#18

**NASON, James to Mary E. TEWKSBURY**  
2 Nov 1870 Vol/2-#128

**OLE, Lumberg to Christisine OLESON**  
25 APR 1869 Vol/2#160

**PEASLEE, Nathaniel to Julia HASKINS**  
5 May 1869 Vol/2-#?

**RAFAR, Jos to Ansonia LaPRARIA**  
16 Feb 1864 Vol/1-#68

**STEPHENSON, John to Emma MOOBECK**  
26 Dec 1867 Vol/2-#131

**TACKE, Hugo to Minna REICH**  
16 Sept 1871 Vol/2-#230

**VANASTINE, James to Elizabeth AMERY**  
11 Nov 1855 Vol/1#2

**WALE, Samuel to Anis Anna MOORE**  
5 Dec 1857 Vol/1-#21

**YOUNG, Lewellen to Huldah MAY**  
17 Nov 1868 Vol/2-#143

**ZIMMONS, John to Sarah CAMPBELL**  
21 Nov 1871 Vol/2-#240

(to be continued in next issues)

Copied from Polk County Vital Records  
by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**  
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