

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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

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.

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THANK YOU

Paul Clark for the "Genealogy 101" program at the March meeting. Good time of Q & A ranging from questions/answers about family history to questions/answers pertaining to digital cameras.

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Tentative Schedule

4:30 pm Fund-raising/Grants Board meeting
5:30 pm PCGS Board Meeting - Both at Rocky Waters Restaurant - Osceola
7:00 pm April program - Osceola Library

*Monday 28 April 2008

"DNA Genealogy"

presented by

Alan Hagstrom - PCGS member
Osceola Public Library - 7:00 PM

Notice: One week early due to the Memorial Day Holiday AND change of program meeting location for this month.

*Monday 19 May 2008

"Using Ancestry.com"

presented by

Kathy Clark - PCGS member
*****Rocky Waters Restaurant*****
Osceola, Wisconsin 7:00 PM

GENEALOGY MONDAY

EVERY Monday from 1-4 PM

June/July/August

(4th of July is on a Friday this year so PCGS Genealogy Monday is not affected)

PCGS members, once again, meet at the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin to assist in helping others locate family history data in the records available. Please join us if/when you are able.

Sept/Oct./Nov. Program Ideas Needed!

Please email **Kathy Clark**

<rkmclark@lakeland.ws>

with your suggestions.

VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATIONS

POLK COUNTY , WISCONSIN
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Name	Cemetery	Page
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WELLINGTON, Cyrus	Balsam Lake	37
WELLINGTON, Philip	Balsam Lake	40 & 46
WHEELER, John Wesley	Balsam Lake	41
WALLACE, Albert H.	Clear Lake	90
WIXON, Henry S.	Clear Lake	91
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WALSH (Welch), John	Long Lake	135
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WILSON, NOBLE E.	Mount Hope	224
WORDEN, Henry D.	St. Croix Falls	276
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POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Groom	/	Bride	Vol/Pg
SWEERZEY, George	/	Mary Ann REMIE	
24 Sept 1867			2/218
SCOTT, Charles D.	/	Emma SCOTT	
17 Jun. 1859			1/?
SCOTT, Willis	/	Eveline DAVIS	
23 April 1871			2/75

SEAVEY, Webber S./Harriet WILSON	29 Nov. 1866	1/215
SEVEY, Warren L./Sarah Ann TOWN	28 Aug., 1862	1/52
SHEIMADINE, Bornt/John THOMPSON	2 Jan 1871	2/62

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

ATTENTION The 2008 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

Basic Principles

of

Citing Online Historical Resources

2005 **Elizabeth Shown Mills**

*Published by Genealogical Publishing Co.,
Baltimore, MD*

<www.genealogical.com>

**Online sources are publications*

**They have the same core elements as
printed publications*

*A website is the online equivalent of a
book. Thus, you cite:*

**author/creator/owner of the websites
content (when identifiable)*

**title of the website*

**type of item (a book's edition data)*

**publication data:*

-place (URL)

-date (posted, updated, or accessed)

**Citation detail (page, section, paragraph,
keywords, entry, etc.)*

PLANNING
for the Future of a
HISTORICAL RECORDS ROOM
(HRR)

*at the Polk County Historical Society
Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin*

An HISTORICAL RECORDS ROOM (HRR) evolved with the prospects of an addition to house an elevator and auxiliary space within the Polk County Historical Society Museum. The concept is for an archival depository, accessible to the general public, for genealogical and historical documents pertaining to Polk County.

The HRR will one day hold many more of the fundamentals for historical/genealogical research including: school registers, census records, church and cemetery records, numerous published family histories, reference books for local history, "how-to" genealogy publications, and the history of local communities.

Every Monday from 1-4 PM during the summer months of June, July and August, volunteer members of the Polk County Genealogy Society, meet at the museum to sort, transcript, label, and assist visitors looking for family history data. PCGS would like, from our members and friends of PCGS, input regarding the development of a long term plan to continue to collect and preserve our Polk County genealogical and historical records. **We need to look ahead, plan, and make sure growth continues.**

This **survey** will give members/friends a chance for input. Please share your thoughts on the survey questions and email your reply to PCGS secretary at:

DOROTHY ADAMS
<adams2410@hotmail.com>

or

THE POST
<hs35@uwrf.edu>

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

- 1. What do you, as a PCGS member/friend, envision for the growth of the Historical Records Room over the next two years: five years: ten years?**
- 2. How do PCGS members accomplish our visions?**
- 3. Other suggestions or comments:**

Thank you.

THANK YOU:

Irene Spence-Archival Executive,
Lanark County Genealogical Society,
Lanark County, Ontario, Canada
November 2007 **The Lanark Log**

Minnesota marriage licenses
to be put online

Nancy Yang

Tuesday 18 March 2008
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Washington County (Stillwater) will participate in a new statewide online marriage database.

Marriage records, maintained by individual counties, are often requested by people doing genealogical research or needing proof of a marriage.

The database is expected to launch over the summer with information from some counties.

The county's cost will be \$2,000 this year and \$1,000 a year in 2009 and 2010, funded by marriage license fees. A marriage license is \$40 if a couple completes at least 12 hours of premarital education, or \$110 without the counseling. The county keeps \$25 of the tab.

MISSION and VISION STATEMENTS

Every couple of years the PCGS Board of Directors would like to take a look at the PCGS Mission and Vision Statements, making sure they are still applicable. Any suggestions with regard to additions/corrections, please email the President of PCGS:
Richard Kretzschmar
at: <kretweed@cornernet.com>
Thank you.

CHARTING A HOBBY

Tracing the Emergence of Genealogy in America by **Maureen Taylor**

When 24-year-old **John Farmer** published his first genealogy in 1813, only two other similar works were in print. But that didn't last long, **Farmer**, who is now considered the father of genealogy, probably didn't realize it at the time, but he started the first genealogy boom in the United States.

Read the complete article in AMERICAN SPIRIT, DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION, pages 34/35

Thanks to PCGS member **JUDY WESTER**

PLAYING DETECTIVE

Genealogical Research

Thanks to **Paul Clark** speaker at March PCGS program meeting handout.
Rule #1. Determine what you want to find out, and what you **DON'T** need to know.

Step #1.

- Set your initial goal
- Determine where to "draw the line"
- Know what you want when finished.

Step #2

- Set up your own personal system
- A computer is a great help!
- A digital camera?
- A filing system (any that works for you)
- Keep copies of everything

Step #3

- Interview living relatives NOW
- Collect photos/stories/documents
- Record family history (good and bad)

Polk County Historical Society

Email from:

Darrell Kittleson/9 April 2008/3:47 pm
13th Annual Bus Tour

Date: **13 June 2008**

Where: Meet at "**Amery Senior Center** ...for coffee and a place to leave our cars...also return to the Senior Center.trip to **Shell Lake** to the **Woodcarving Museum**, and **Train Ride** from **Spoooner to Spring Brook with 3-course meal**. For more information, call me at 715.483.3979; or **Carl Johnson** at 715.268.8353. Reservation by 20 May 2008. \$50.00"

Accessing Castle Garden and Barge Office Manifests

(from 1851 to 1891 and includes some pre-Castle Garden manifests also)
Stephen P. Morse, San Francisco

In 1819 Congress passed legislation requiring passenger ships coming from foreign ports to submit lists (manifests) of the arriving passengers. The passengers were processed at various places, depending on the year of arrival

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- *up to 31 July 1855: no processing. Passengers simply walked off the ship.
- *1 August 1855 to 18 April 1890: Castle Garden
- *19 April 1890 to 31 December 1891: Barge Office
- *1 January 1892 to 13 June 1897: Ellis Island
- *14 June 1897 to 16 December 1900: Barge Office (Ellis Island closed due to fire)
- *17 Dec. 1900 to 31 Dec. 1924: Ellis Island

Scanned images of microfilm rolls from 1851 to 1891 reside on the <ancestry.com> website. Scanned images of microfilm rolls from 1892-1924 reside on the <ellisland.org> website. A subscription to <ancestry.com> is required to view the <ancestry.com> manifest images. No subscription is required to view the <ellisland.org> manifest images.