

## **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.

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Thanks to **Muriel Pheifer** PCGS member, for presenting the September program:  
"Obits and all they tell"

The St. Croix Falls Senior Center is a very pleasant location to hold the monthly PCGS meeting. Plenty of space to gather around tables, coffee pot on site, ample space for the speaker to use easels, white boards, and/or posters. Plan to join us in October to hear **Tim Ericson** share information on our research library.

Tentative Schedule 2008-2009

ATTENTION:

**NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR  
2008-2009**

**SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS**

140 North Washington/Main Street  
Highway '87' /east side of road.

FALL SCHEDULE:

Monday 27 October 2008 - 7 P.M.  
**Tim Ericson** -Retired Archivist with  
University of Wisconsin system

24 November 2008 - 7 P.M.

**Barb Oestreich**

Barb meets **Leon's** near/dear!  
"Oh! the stories to tell"  
also Probate Records

Monday 8 December 2008 NOON  
at **Judy Wester's** Holiday Potluck.  
please call: 715-646-1447.

January 2009 7 P.M.

**OPEN FORUM**

FEBRUARY 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

March 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

April 2009 7 P.M.

**Paul Clark -**  
DIGITIZING RECORDS

May 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

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St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Groom / Bride Date Vol/P

**McKEE, Samuel/Mary Rose ADDINGTON**

27 Apr 1871 2/49

**MALLIN, Henry / Emily J. TONN**

7 Apr 1861 1/216

**MALLIN, Henry/**

**Mrs. Sarah Seavey HANDSCOM**

9 Jul 1867 1/78

**MARKEE, Theodore/Caroline JOHNSON**

12 Jul 1871 2/78

**MINEON, Oliver/Sarah REDMAN**

30 Jul 1870 2/225

**MOORE, John/ Caroline PREZELLE**

29 Jul 1867 1/201

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

Wisconsin State Censuses at

FamilySearch

by **Kathy Deiss**/President  
St. Croix Valley Gen Society  
September 2008

One of the great pilot projects of FamilySearch is putting the

Wisconsin State Censuses online. As with all of the FamilySearch data, this information is free. you can find it at:

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch>

There you will see a map of the world, where you click on "Canada, USA, and Mexico". A list of several projects will appear, including the 1855, 1875, 1885, 1895, and 1905 Wisconsin State Census records. Since this is a work in progress, not all of the images have been posted as yet -- at least not as of this writing.

Viewing the images is very user-friendly, with a great zoom feature and the ability to easily move the page around using the mouse.

The 1905 census was the first every-name state census for Wisconsin, with the previous census listing only the head of the family by name, followed by information on the residents of the household that varied through the census years. When you pick a county from the choices for 1905, a clickable list of the townships, villages, and cities appear.

You might well find some other projects listed that would be of interest such as the Massachusetts State Census for 1855 and 1865, Michigan Births 1867-1902, and Ohio deaths 1908-1953. This site holds great promise and is well worth return visits.

Thanks, **Kathy!**

Marriage of **Henry Clark**  
and **Elizabeth Kelly**

Handwritten copy of a marriage certificate at the Hudson Library from the Ashland Wisconsin Historical Museum.

"This is to certify that **Mr. Henry Clark** and **Miss Elizabeth Kelly**, both of the town of Hudson, in Saint Croix County and State of Wisconsin were, by me, duly joined together in Holy Matrimony, in the Village of Richmond, in said County, on the first day of June, A.D. 1864, in the presence of **John Duffy** and **Mrs. Maria D. Taylor** of Richmond. Given under my hand, and stamped with Revenue Stamps, according to law, at Richmond, Wisconsin this 1st day of June 1864."

T.M. Fulluton  
Minister of the Gospel  
Methodist Episcopal Church

Thanks to **Nancy Hawkinson**  
The Pipost  
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WEB SITES:

Free search of more than 12 billion records from anywhere on the Internet <[www.myheritage.com/research](http://www.myheritage.com/research)>

The government maintains a listing of significant record collections available for genealogists. The list also mentions may state and local archives. <[www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History/Family/State\\_Genealogy.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History/Family/State_Genealogy.shtml)>

Thanks:  
Price County Genealogy Society  
April-August 2008

State & Territorial Census

Censuses taken by the Territory or State of Wisconsin and the information that is included in each census.

Territorial

1836: Name of family head; number (#) of males over 21; # of males under 21; # of females over 21; # of females under 21.

1838: Name of family head; # of white males, # of white females; # of free males of color; # of free females of color. (Portions missing)

1842: Name of family head; # of white males; # of white females; # of free males of color; # of free females of color.

1846: Name of family head; # of white males; # of white females; # of males of color; # of females of color. (Portions missing)

1847: Name of family head; # of white males; # of white females; # of males of color; # of females of color. (Portions missing)

State

1855: Name of family head; number (#) of white males; # of white females; # of colored males; # of colored females; # of deaf, dumb, blind, or insane; # of individuals of foreign birth.

1865: Name of family head; # of males and females in racial categories. All counties destroyed except Dunn, Green, Jackson, Kewaunee, Ozaukee and Sheboygan.

1875: Name of family head; # of white males; # of white females; # of colored males; # of colored females; # of deaf, dumb, blind or insane.

1885 and 1895: Name of family head; # of white males; # of white females; # of colored males; # of colored females; # of born in each of the following countries: U.S., Great Britain, Ireland, France, British-America, Scandinavia, Holland, all other countries. Also a special enumeration of "Soldiers and Sailors of the Late War". Each veteran was asked his name, rank, company and regiment, state from which he served and his post office address.

1905: Name of each person; relationship to head of household; color or race; sex; age at last birthday; martial status; place of birth (state or country); place of birth of parents (state or country); occupation of all age 14 or over; number of months employed; whether home or farm is owned or rented. Also a special enumeration of "Soldiers and Sailors of the Late War". Each veteran was asked his name, rank, company and regiment, state from which he served and his post office address.

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Timelines that would interest Children

Thanks **Vicki Garro**  
Douglas County Genealogy Club  
August 2008

Books:

1822 Night Before Christmas  
1903 Call of the Wild by **Jack London**  
1904-1979 Bobbsey Twins  
1918 Raggedy Ann Stories  
1919 Lad a Dog  
1941 The Black Stallion

Music:

1901 Stars/Stripes Forever by **Sousa**  
1904 Nearer My God To Thee  
1906 Give my Regards to Broadway  
1908 Take Me Out To The Ballgame  
1912 Alexander's Ragtime Band  
1926 Baby Face

FARMING IN EARLY MINNESOTA

by

**Edward J. Lettermann**

1999 by Ramsey County Hist Society

"In the early 1880s, Minnesota (all Midwest) farmers began buying twine binders. A binder not only cuts or reaps grain, but it also ties it into bundles.

The McCormick Binder - 1886"

The invention of horse-powered machinery continued to reduce the labor and time involved in reaping and binding grain during the years from 1850-1880. As early as the 1830s the groundhog thresher, a simply(sic) mounted toothed cylinder combined with a winnower that Midwest farmers used on many farms. Soon various types of grain separators or small horse-powered threshers were on the market.

A Cox and Roberts Separator built in 1860 in St. Louis, Missouri moved up the Mississippi River by steamboat to Marine, Minnesota, and was in use until about 1870. A team of horses walking on a treadmill powdered this machine.

Much larger metal threshers, powered by steam engines, began to appear on Midwest farms in the late 1880 and brought fond memories to many old-timers. The machine sent chaff and dirt into the air and the sweating farmers were soon covered, yet, "the romance of the great puffing engines, the steam whistle, the water wagon, and the shouts of the 'straw bosses' will ever remain a part" of the Midwest early farming stories told at neighborhood picnics, during Sunday dinners and at family reunions as a part of the 'good-old-days.'

A great book for details of early farming life in the Midwest. Every page has at least one sketch of a piece of early farm equipment.

