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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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Russ Hanson, thank you for the March program on Civil War research. Interesting and useful to all Civil War enthusiasts - thanks again!

History of Photography at the Luck Museum
and
Old Camera evaluation.

23 April 2009

Guest speaker: **Jim McKeown**

The Luck Area Historical Society announces the opening of the Luck Museum for the 2009 season. The museum will be open Friday and Sunday noon to 4 PM and Saturday 10-2 from April through October. Sunday afternoons - Beginning Genealogy sessions, including how-to use the resources at the Luck Museum.

Tentative Schedule 2009

SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS

140 North Washington / Main Street

Monday 27 April 2009 7 P.M.

Paul Clark -
DIGITIZING RECORDS

Monday 18 May 2009 7 P.M.

One week early due to Memorial Day
ROUNDTABLE- BEGINNING GENEALOGY
Kathy Clark - Lead

June/July/August

Monday at the Museum
INVENTORY
RESEARCH ROOM COLLECTION

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.

Anita Buck, Author of
Steamboats on the St. Croix
CARRYING IMMIGRANTS/CARGO
UP THE ST. CROIX RIVER
BETWEEN 1850-1920

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich - 'AND MORE ON LEON'

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.

MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM
RESEARCH ROOM
Local/State/National/The Old Country
Fifty Years ago?
Hundred years ago?
Two hundred years ago?

Monday 14 December 2009 7 P.M.

Holiday Potluck
at
St. Croix Falls Senior Center

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Jan-Dec \$15.00

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Name, Address, State/Zip
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OSCEOLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
is inviting PCGS to join in at the Osceola Main Street/Chamber membership meeting, held at the Art Barn, Thursday 7 May, 2009 at 5:30 PM. Mr. **Joe Lawniczak** Design Coordinator for the Wisconsin field office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be the guest speaker.

Genealogy Events

“2009 Tre Lag Stevne”
a joint Stevne of Gudbrandsdal Lag National, Tronderlag of America and Nord Hedmark pg Hedemarken Lag
5-8 August 2009
at
South St. Paul Hotel & Conference Ctr
701 Concord Street S.
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651.455.3600
<info@southstpaulhotel.com>

Tracing Irish Roots
St. Paul Pioneer Press
Sunday 15 March 2009
Travel Section
Irish Ancestral Research Association
<<http://tiara.ie/>>

Wisconsin Digital Collections

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections has recently digitized materials from several local history collections held by public libraries from across the State of Wisconsin.

Hundreds of other local history resources online and freely searchable in the State of Wisconsin Collection at:
<<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711/dl/WI>>

Thanks: **Nancy Hawkinson**
St. Croix Valley Gen Soc
March 2009, pg 51

Polk County Wisconsin
Marriages 1855-1867

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Vol/Page</u>
ABRAHAM, John	/ Margett ANDREWS	18 Dec 1871	2/239
ANDREWS, John	/ Olive CLARK	28 Mar 1868	2/135
ARBUCKEL, John A.	/ Mary LEGOO	30 Oct 1869	2/174
AMGREN, C. O.	/ Betsy WICKSTROM	11 Aug 1868	2/141
AYERS, Charles	/ Mary A. WILLIAMS	4 Jul 1866	1/72
AYERS, Charles	/ Amanda McCARTY	23 Jun 1869	2/165
BEEDE, J. A.	/ Jane M. BILKFORD	14 Oct 1970	2/204

Thanks to **Muriel Pfeifer**
PCGS member

Midwest Crop Seeding and Planting

In the earliest years in the Midwest (Wisconsin/Minnesota) seeding and planting (potatoes and corn) were done by hand. Planting potato cuttings, with one or more “eyes,” was a painful, stooping over, job. Early on, a long handled potato planter developed. It operated by dropping an ‘eye’ into a cup, stepping on a lever and dropping the potato into the field, thereby eliminating the constant stooping.

Corn became a major row crop due to the fact that planting, cultivating and harvesting on imperfectly cleared ground where less of a finely cultivated

seedbed was required. It remained a back breaking job even after the hand held corn planter was devised.

Before 1860 Midwest farmers planted mostly oats as their small grain crop. Shortly after, however, wheat became the lead crop. Seed grains were cleaned with a fanning mill before farmers sowed their crop.

Farming in early Minnesota

by **Edward J. Letterman**

Ramsey County Historical Society 1999

ABBREVIATIONS

assn.	association
bk.	book
chap.	chapter
Co.	County, Company
col.	column
comp.	compiler
c/.ca.	circa
dept.	department
ed.	edition, editor
eds.	editors
et.al.	and others
fo.	folio
ff.	and following
MS/MSS	manuscript(s)
no.	number
d./nn.	note
n.d.	no publication date
n.p.	no publisher shown no publication place
N.S.	new series, new style
O.S.	Old series, Old style
pt.	part
p./pp.	page(s)
p.p.	privately printed
rev.ed.	revised edition
RG	record group
sect.	section
ser.	series
supp.	supplement
transcr.	transcriber
transl.	translator
v./vs	versus
ver.	version
vol.	volume

Evidence!

Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian

Elizabeth Shown Mills

Genealogical Pub. Co., 1997, pg 39

VITAL RECORDS

WISCONSIN Genealogical Research

by **Linda M. Herrick**

Wisconsin required counties to register births, marriages and deaths in 1852. However, only a limited number were actually recorded before 30 September 1907 when the state made registration mandatory.

The pre-1907 records which were recorded can be viewed on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in Madison.

Area Research Centers also have microfilms of the vital records but only for the counties the ARC serves. [ARC center on University of Wisc-River Falls campus, Davies Library basement for Burnett, Polk, St. Croix, and Pierce counties.]

Records on the films include [some] births from 1852-1907; marriages from 1836-1907; and deaths from 1852-1907. The records are arranged by county by the date of registration. A fiche index is available to aid in finding the correct place to search on the film. The index can be found at the State Historical Society in Madison, the Area Research Centers, the Family History Libraries [Mormon Libraries] and some public libraries.

Some records not on the statewide index can be found at the county level. Wisconsin birth, marriage and death records are kept by the Register of Deeds in each county. Divorce documents are usually found in the civil court records.

If a visit to the [county] courthouse is not possible, mailed requests for information will generally be answered. Be short and specific with requests. Be sure to include a SASE and the correct payment. [Google.com] county you are interested in searching, for the fee schedule.] *Origins* Janesville, Wisconsin 1998, pg 21