

THE POLK COUNTY POST

*Polk County Genealogical Society (PCGS)
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**Polk County Genealogical Society
C/O Judy Wester
901-8th Street
Centuria, Wisconsin 54824**

***MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

***VISION STATEMENT:**

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

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~Program Format as of 1 Jan 2010~

The general membership in October agreed to the following changes to the PCGS format:

*Elimination of elected officers (president, vice-president and secretary). However, the office of treasurer will remain and **Judy Wester** graciously accepted that post.

*The dues for one year, January thru December, are reduced to \$5.00 per person per year, Please make out your check or money order to: PCGS and mail to **Judy Wester**
901-8th Street
Centuria, Wisconsin 54824

* PCGS monthly meeting will continue to be held on the fourth Monday of each month, starting with the winter months of Jan, Feb. and Mar. 2010 and for these three winter meeting

Judy Wester cordially invites PCGS members to her home at 901-8th Street Centuria, Wisc.

THANK YOU **Judy!**

NOTE New time: 12:30 PM

PLEASE telephone Judy 715.646.1447 to confirm your attendance.

*April, May, September, October, November meetings will resume in the **evening** - 7:00 pm
Location: Senior Center - SCF

June, July, August will carry on as "Genie Mondays" to assist researchers in their quest for family history at the Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake - 1:00 -4:00pm.

The 2010 noon Holiday Potluck will once again be held on the second Monday of December.

*Monday 14 December 2009

Annual Holiday Potluck
12:00 Noon at the Home of PCGS member **Jay / Joyce Bergstrand**
Please call for directions (715).268.9523

Program: "Introduction to Indexing"

*Monday 25 January 2010

Gathering at the home of **Judy Wester** Centuria, Wisc. at 12:30 PM
Program: "Indexing - Value and Merits"

*Monday 22 February 2010

Gathering at the home of **Judy Wester** Centuria, Wisc. at 12:30 PM
Program: "Aunt Betty and Eureka"

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Monday 22 March 2010
Gathering at the home of **Judy Wester**
Centuria, Wisc. at 12:30 PM
Program TBA

Monday 22 April 2010
Gathering at the
Senior Center-St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM
Program: **James Rusch** PLS
"History of Land Records for Genealogy"

Monday 24 May 2010
(Memorial Day is the next Monday)
Gather at the
Senior Center-St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM
Program TBA

June, July, August
Every Monday
gather at the Historical Society Museum
in Balsam Lake - 1:00 to 4:00 PM
to assist researchers in their quest for
family history within the museum.

27 September 2010
Gather at the
Senior Center-St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM
Program: **Barb Oestreich**

25 October 2010
Gather at the
Senior Center-St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM
Program: TBA

22 November 2010
Gather at the
Senior Center-St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM
Program: TBA

13 December 2010
Annual Potluck Holiday Event
Location: TBA

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2010 officers:
Judy Wester - Treasurer
Editor:
helen.f.stoltz-wood@uwrf.edu

Polk County Genealogy Society Dues
Jan-Dec 2010 \$5.00

**POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN
MARRIAGES 1855-1867**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Vol/Pg</u>
G-	
GLENDENING James/Mary THOMPSON	
19 Jul 1870	2/196

GODFREY, James/Myra FENLASON	
Dec 1855	1/28

GONTER, Michael/widow Mary COMSTOCK	
8 Sep 1858	1/136

GORE, Ben/Jane ORR	
18 Dec 1870	2/208

H-	
HALE, Reuben W./Mary E. MAXWELL	
2 Jul 1869	2/163

HALE, Silas F./Lavenia A. MAXWELL	
4 Jul 1869	2/19

HAMBLETON, John/Sarah A. JORDON	
25 Oct 1857	1/184

HANSON, Carl/Mary L. JOHNSON	
14 Mar 1871	2/220

HANSON, Charlie/Johanna M. OLESON	
10 Feb 1870	2/79

HANSON, John/Urrenne IVERSON	
7 Sept 1867	1/6

Thanks to PCGS member
Muriel Pfeifer

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The original tax receipts (public records) can be found at the Polk County Historical Society museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Some of the records are for taxes paid on personal property (moveable property) and some are for real estate (land) taxes. I have not listed the amount of the tax nor have I listed the justification for the tax. (These records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read. I apologize for any misspelling/Editor)

For the first time you will be able to search both manuscripts and periodicals, to find maps, estate papers, and business records which initially would be a great use for those preparing for a research trip to Ireland.

What is wonderful is that an interactive map showing the location of all archives and libraries holding an Irish materials collection, with full details.

The site is: <http://sources.nli.je>

TOWNSHIP OF CLAM FALLS **1877 AND 1878**

Thone Bjornsen	J.C. Ferry
C.A. Nuan	J. Almquist
C. Swenson	Silas Wess
Faye N. Butte	E. Smith
D.F. Smith	Lars Hanson
O.E. Halvorson	Niels Larsen
Mrs. S.J. Smith	Selem Smith
E. Knowles	Egna Jewell
John Evenson	J. Evenson
John Bjornson	P. Paulson
Porter Witherby	P.F. Smith
John Halvorson	J.S. Baker
John Bayley	
C. Vitalis for C. Winslow	
J.W. Mullen for S.C. Gregg	

Researcher Be Aware

Wills do not always mention all the children of the deceased person. Often a child has already received property and it simply does not specify that in the will. If the gift was real estate or other personal property, then there likely would be a DEED saying something like "For love and affection for my daughter and son-in-law Mariah and Seth Clark," and there is the proof of relationships. Wills are only a small part of any probate records. More information can be found in ESTATE RECORDS, INVENTORIES, BILLS OF SALE, ADMINISTRATOR BONDS, and/or ORDER BOOKS. Lawsuits among family members often occurred and these records can be a goldmine of factual information on which to build your family history. Knowing the names of siblings and in-laws will help you to recognize key people in the indexes.

Price County Genealogical Society
Thanks to: **Beverly Brayton**/Editor
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IRISH RESEARCH

from **James Roberts**/Editor
Anchorage Genealogy Society
thanks to: **Barb Oestreich**

A National Library of Ireland database for Irish Research, will allow anyone, anywhere, to search across 196,574 records, for Irish Manuscripts and periodical materials covering subjects which range from Art, Architecture and Archaeology, through Economics and Genealogy to History, Politics, Literature and Science and Zoology.