

**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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Thank you, PCGS member, **Judy Wester** for hosting the annual genealogy Holiday Potluck in December. Good program with guest speaker **Margaret Marty**, who shared interesting tips with regard to writing one's memoirs. Thanks again!

**CORRECTION:**

**"For copies of Willis Miller's Biographical Index , HABI CD, contact the St. Croix Valley Genealogical Society POB # 396, River Falls, WI 54022, not the Historical Society, cost is \$29.95 plus \$3.00 mailing. Nancy Hawkinson/SCVGS**

Tentative Schedule 2009

ATTENTION:

**Winter Schedule: Program meeting begin at 1:00 PM, 4th Monday of January, February, and March 2009**

**SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS**

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

Monday 26 January 2009 1:00 P.M.  
**OPEN FORUM**

Monday 23 February 2009 1:00 P.M.  
**Janell Anderson**  
PROBATE RECORDS

Monday 23 March 2009 1:00 P.M.  
Pending

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**  
Pending

June/July/August  
Museum Monday?

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.  
**Anita Buck,** Author of  
*Steamboats on the St. Croix*  
carrying immigrants/cargo up the river  
between 1850-1920

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.  
Pending

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.  
Pending

Monday 14 December 2009 7 P.M.  
Holiday Potluck

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**Polk County Genealogy Society Dues**  
**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

**INTERNET SOURCES**

Obituary Sources:

1. [www.lacrosselibrary.org](http://www.lacrosselibrary.org) click on Local History & Genealogy *obits are 25 cents per page.*
2. [www.monroecountyhistory.org](http://www.monroecountyhistory.org) has obits index from Sparta area and other great info. You can also order obits from this site.
3. Findagrave.com I have found several obits from this site.

Thanks  
**Mary Christensen**  
THE PIPOST December 2008

POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Groom / Bride Date Vol/P

**JONSON, Aven / Annie E. JANSON**  
31 Dec 1867 2/130

**JONES, Henry A. / Leni GARLICK**  
1 Jul 1867 1/77

**JOHNSON, N.P. / Johanna Sophia JOHNSON**  
3 Mar 1872 2/248

**JOHNSON, Luman P. / Ellen M. WIGHT**  
13 Apr 1859 1/33

**JEWEL, Ezra / Henrietta S. COOPER**  
11 Nov. 1866 1/44

**JENSEN, Jens J. / Hansina Maria JOHANSON**  
29 Nov. 1871 2/241

**DON'T FORGET!**

Polk County Genealogy Society is now meeting at the -Senior Center- St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin Main Street/North End Winter Schedule 1:00 PM

Canadian Censuses to come online

FamilySearch (the Family History Library) and Ancestry.com have announced a joint project to bring more Canadian censuses online.

FamilySearch will digitize and index Canadian census records that Ancestry has acquired and Ancestry will provide FamilySearch with indexes and images for the 1851, 1891, 1901, and 1906 censuses.

This is similar to the United States census agreement announced by the two organizations earlier this year.

The digitized and indexed records will be made available to Ancestry members on the company's website, and later will also be available to the public at FamilySearch.org. By the end of 2009, it is anticipated that all publicly available Canadian Census 1851-1916 will be online.

Thanks **Nancy Hawkinson**  
The PIPOST, December 2008

## NICOLLET, MINNESOTA

St. Paul Pioneer Press - Dec. 2007

A sign has been placed where Nicollet County's poor farm once stood to honor the memory of tenants buried there.

The farm housed wards of the county for 100 years before succumbing to disrepair and changing mores.

"The people who ended up there are the same people that government takes care of today" through Medicare, Social Security and other programs, said Ben Leonard, director of the Nicollet County Historical Society, which paid for the marker.

The first tenant, Napoleon Brisbo, was sent to the farm after county officials labeled him "a lunatic and a pauper" in 1859.

The owner was to be paid \$12.50 a month for each person housed at the farm, and tenants helped with crop and livestock operations in exchange for food, clothing and lodging the county provided.

Nursing homes, state and federal programs later proliferated, and the Nicollet County Poor Farm closed in 1958.

The marker, which was placed in November on the land about six miles northwest of Nicollet, names nine tenants who were buried in a small cemetery there. County commissioners decided in the early 1900s to plow over the cemetery.

### Elderhostel Opportunities

Elderhostel is hosting a genealogy research trip to Salt Lake City in March of 2009. There is still room to sign up for this six (6) day event at:  
<http://elderhostel.org>  
program # 7031RJ.

Beginning courses teach how to organize genealogy materials and practical ways to compose personal history. Organize home and family sources on the new Family Search Website. Topics include:  
-vital records  
-census

-county and local histories  
-probate and court records  
-writing your family history

Intermediate courses are:

-USA/British Isles research records  
-land record  
-population movement  
-court records  
-military indexes

Included in all courses is a private consultation with a professional researcher. Enjoy an evening rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Beginning Course date:

8 March 2009;

Intermediate Course date:

15 March 2009.

Program in association with Utah Valley University. Cost per person include six (6) nights hotel, all transportation from hotel to research library, seventeen (17) meals, all classes and consultation with a genealogy research expert: - \$894.  
Airfare not included.

Thanks **Vicki Garro**

Gen News - January 2009

Douglas County Genealogy Club

Internet Source [genealogy.about.com](http://genealogy.about.com)  
Ten tips for finding alternate surname spellings and variations:

- 1-say the surname out loud
- 2-add a silent "h"
- 3-look for silent letter
- 4-try different vowels
- 5-add or remove an ending "s"
- 6-watch for letter transpositions
- 7-consider possible typing errors
- 8-add or remove suffixes or superlatives
- 9-look for commonly misread letters
- 10-did your ancestor change his name?

