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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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Jenell Anderson, thank you for the interesting PROBATE RECORDS program that you presented at our February meeting. Many questions were asked and you patiently explained the answers. Thank you for the many handouts on:

- Probate Questions;
- Court Records Retention Schedule;
- Basic Power of Attorney Forms;
- Links to Other Probate Information on the Internet; and
- A Wisconsin Basic Will Form

Tentative Schedule 2009

Winter Schedule:
Program at 1:PM
4th Monday of March 2009

SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS

140 North Washington / Main Street

Monday 23 March 2009 1:00 P.M.

Russ Hanson
Two-part Program
1-SEARCHING A CIVIL WAR RELATIVE
2-DIGITAL FACE RECOGNITION

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?

June/July/August
Monday at the Museum
INVENTORYING
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

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**My email is back up and running, however, I must now use the long version of my name (as written above) instead of the short version I used for years.
Thank you/**Editor**

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

Genealogy Events

Gene-A-Rama
at

The Marriott Madison West
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive,
Middleton, Wisconsin
registration by 18 March 2009 to:

WSGS

Gene-R-Rama
POB 5106

Madison, Wisconsin 53705-0106

"2009 Tre Lag Stevne"

a joint Stevne of Gudbrandsdal Lag
National, Tronderlag of America

and

Nord Hedmark og 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

Websites to check out
" <www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/.>
for Canadian Archives site

<www.mncounty.com>
for Minnesota marriage index.
Searchable by county.

<www.familysearchlabs.org>
Another site from the Church of Latter
Day Saints. Includes digitized imagers.

also thru the Family History Centers
GEN LINE: Swedish Parish registers.
They are digitized."

Thank you
Vicki Garro/Editor
Douglas County Genealogy Club's
Gen News. February 2009, pg 6.

Polk County Wisconsin
Marriages 1855-1867

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>
Date:	Vol/Page
ABRAHAM, John / Margett ANDREWS	
18 Dec 1871	2/239
ANDERSON, Andrew/ Angeline E. PARKER	
4 July 1867	1/77
ANDERSON, Canute / Catherine JONES	
10 Jul 1861	1/47
ANDERSON, John / Auley FREDRICA	
7 Jun 1863	1/70
ANDERSON, Nils / Caroline Amelia LARSEN	
28 Jun 1871	2/223
ANDERSON, Peter/Mary Jakobson EGERBERG	
30 Mar 1870	2/188
ANDERSON, Peter G./Eliza JOHNSON	
26 Jun 1871	2/222

Thanks to **Muriel Pfeifer**
PCGS member

NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Great Lakes Region

Address:
National Archives-Great Lakes Region
7358 South Pulaski Road
Chicago, Illinois 60629-5898

Phone: 773.581.7816

The archives staff will do research by mail **ONLY** if provided with a specific record to copy. It is best to call or write to find out what information is required to use this service. Archives staff **will not** assist in doing research.

The Great Lakes Region serves the following six Great Lakes states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. (**not** Minnesota)

Generally only U.S. government records created or received by Federal courts and agencies can be found in the archives. The records held by the archives date from the 1780s up to the present and come in many forms: books, papers, photographs, maps, drawings, and microfilm. The original records and the microfilm in the holdings are available for use by researchers in the archives' research rooms.

Records in the archives are arranged by record group, which is a body of records from an agency, bureau, or the Federal courts. For a description of the records, call or write for *Guide to Records in the National Archives - Great Lakes Region*.

Example of types of records are:

- Military records: revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Wars with Indian Nations, and Spanish-American War
- Soundex Index to Naturalization Petitions for District 9, 1840-1950
- Matthew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs
- Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832-1971

WISCONSIN Genealogical Research
by **Linda M. Herrick**
Second Edition, page63

CONSIDER:

When researching your ancestors consider the ancestor's life patterns and what affected them in their daily lives. Several choices were depended upon the ethnic background and geographical place of origin including:

- choice of spouse/timing of marriage
- children's names
- land and building practices
- holiday celebrations
- language
- manner of living within the community

Religious background including:

- friendships
- marriage
- migration
- church behaviors

Social status/education/occupation including:

- land ownership
- political power
- social and geographic mobility
- choice of spouse
- associates
- records kept (wills/newspaper items)

Historic/economic events including:

- timeframe of ancestors' lives/wars
- labor and transportation costs
- opening of new territories
- railroads
- Native American expulsion
- business condition:depression/high tax
- weather conditions/drought/floods

Look for:

- close kinfolk (in-laws/related kin)
- extended family (collateral relatives)
- ancestors neighbors (geographic, social, ethnic, religious, military)
- ancestors background (history, morality, custom, law, creation, survival)

Consider
by
Helen F. M. Leary