

## **THE POLK COUNTY POST**

*Polk County Genealogical Society (PCGS)  
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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 **Judy Wester**/PCGS member for hosting our February meeting. The soup and homemade bread were both delicious, and the Eureka slides were very interesting- thanks to your **Aunt Betty Jensen**.

\*PCGS monthly meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Monday of each month.

**NOTE: last winter time schedule: 12:30 p.m.**

for the month of March. 2010, when **Judy Wester** again cordially invites PCGS members to her home at 901-8th Street Centuria, Wisconsin.  
Please call 715.646.1447 for directions

\*Monday 22 March 2010

Gather at the home of **Judy Wester**  
Centuria, WI  
Business meeting over lunch 12:30 pm  
Program to follow

\*Monday 26 April 2010

Gather at the St. Croix Falls Senior Center - 7:00 PM  
"Scaling over those brick walls"  
Round table discussion

**(NOTE: Jim Rusch program moved to May. )**

\*Monday 24 May 2010

(Memorial Day is the following Monday)  
Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.  
Program: **James Rusch** PLS  
"History of Land Records for Genealogy "

**\*June, July, August**  
**Every Monday**

Gather at the Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. to assist researchers in their quest for family history within the museum and research tips in other areas.

\*Monday 27 September 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.  
Program: **Barb Oestreich**

\*Monday 25 October 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

\*Monday 22 November 2010

Gather at the Senior Center-St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

\*Monday 13 December 2010

Annual Potluck Holiday Event  
Noon - Location: TBA

## **PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2010 Officers:

**Judy Wester** graciously agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer for PCGS and we trust our 2009 board members will remain at their post for a short time into the 2010 calendar year.  
Thank you **EVERYONE!**

### **Polk County Genealogy Society Dues**

**Jan-Dec 2010 \$5.00** per person  
Please make out your check or money order to PCGS and mail to:

**Judy Wester**  
901-8th Street  
Centuria, Wisconsin 54824

</www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/>  
officially transferred the web-mastership to: **JUDY WESTER**

Should **Judy** ask for help on this project please, PCGS members, be ready and willing to assist where possible.

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Thanks to **Darcy Boock - SCVGS:**  
</www.genealogyblog.com/?p=7805>

British program:

**"Who Do You Think You Are"**  
premiers on

Friday 5 March 2010 at 7:p.m.  
Traces well known Americans and their family history.

NBC and <Ancestry.com>  
partner to sponsor this program.

### **St. Croix Valley Genealogy Society**

introduces their new Web page/blog.

The URL is

<<http://scvgs.wordpress.com/>>

This site has a link to Polk County.  
Take a look and **Darcy Boock** is looking for feedback.

**Nice job, Darcy!**

## **Accessing Castle Garden and Barge Office Manifest 1851-1891**

In 1819 Congress passed legislation requiring passenger ships coming from foreign ports to submit lists (manifests) of the arriving passengers. Those manifests have subsequently been placed on microfilm rolls at the National Archives as follows:

1820-1850:  
microfilm series M237, rolls 1 to 94  
1851-1894;  
microfilm series M237, rolls 95-580  
1892-1897;  
microfilm series M237, rolls 581-675  
1897-1924;  
microfilm series T715, rolls 1 to 3590

The passengers were processed at various places, depending on the year of arrival:

up to 31 July 1855-no processing,  
passengers simply walked off the ship.

1 August 1855 to 18 April 1890:  
Castle Garden.

19 April 1890 - 31 December 1891:  
Barge Office.

1 January 1892 - 13 June 1897:  
Ellis Island.

14 June 1897 - 16 December 1900:  
Barge Office

(Ellis Island closed due to fire)

17 December 1900-31 December 1924:  
Ellis Island

Scanned images of microfilm rolls from  
1851 to 1891 reside on the

<ancestry.com> . Scanned images of  
microfilm rolls from 1892-1924 reside  
on the <ellisland.org> website.

A subscription to <ancestry.com> is  
required to view the ancestry.com  
manifest images. No subscription is  
required to view the <ellisland.org>  
manifest images.

Thank you  
**Stephen P. Morse,** San Francisco

**Passport Searches**

Prior to 1906:  
Diplomatic Records Branch  
National Archives, Room 5D  
Washington D.C. 20408

1906- Present:  
The Passport Office  
Department of State  
1425 K. Street NW  
Washington D.C. 20406

**Immigration and Naturalization**

1892-1906:  
Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Fndn  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue  
New York, New York 10017-3808

Website:  
<http://www.ellisland.org/ellis.html>

1906-Present:  
Immigration/Naturalization Ser.  
425 I Street NW Room 5304  
Washington D. C. 20536  
Thank you/**Beth Mullinax**  
Irish Genealogical Society, Intl.  
April 2003

**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 taxes listed are for real estate (land). The amount or the justification for the tax is not listed here. (The records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read, should misspelling occur, my apologies/Editor

Jam Endicott  
Torwald Peterson  
Nelson Harvey  
F.A Dresser  
John Lumsdan  
Peter Holbeck  
Jacob Oleson  
Charles Johnson  
Aug Danielson  
Lou Nielsen  
Fred Bulow  
Peter Anderson  
Thorsten Johnson  
Adeline Booth  
James Smith  
Murdock Family  
Lou Christensen  
W. Amery  
Evan Hanson  
Carsten Peterson  
Sam Deneen  
O. Mennow  
R. Goodridge  
E.E. Blanding  
J.H. Thompson  
W. Vincent  
H.W. Elberling  
L.H. Burrington  
Ole Olson Eng  
John Rice  
J.C. Nelsen  
Jacob Spangton  
Hans Jespersen  
Norman Wilson  
T.B. Coddington  
W. Kerner  
Carl Christophersen  
Hans Henderson  
Arthur Lymay

Reub Perkins  
A.C. Granum  
Jesse Holladay  
Jens Guloe  
Hans Nelsen  
John Nelsen  
Mag Peterson  
Carl Peterson  
Neils Petersen  
Christ. Bulow  
James Callin  
L.A. Harper  
John Knudsen  
H.J. Chippen  
J. Robenson  
E.R. Tuttle  
J. Whittaker  
A. Bernstad  
U. Burrows  
E. Olson  
C.S. Nevers  
E. Grofsman  
Geo. Seymour  
E. Trunsel  
A. Franck  
Albert Perkins  
O. Peterson  
Jems Welling  
Mart Carlstad  
Lou Valin  
Lou Greger  
M. L. Olesen  
Nels Johnson  
J. Rich  
W.A. Talboys  
C. Granerson  
Berta Olson  
Carl Anderson  
John Johnson

**Township of Eureka 1877-1878**

Jans Hanson for J. Pedersen  
Max Young  
J.C. Beede  
A.C. Hoover  
Mads Frantriend  
J.C. Baker  
N. Christensen  
Gil Gudmansen  
Henry Peck  
John Beede  
Jos Laine  
J. Gudmansen  
Heff. Pomroy  
Chris Nelsen  
J.C. Hoover  
Baker by Peck  
Thomas Peck

**Township of Alden -1873**

Peter Olsen  
Andrew Bjoshowt  
Lewis Anderson  
M.C. Cook  
Peter Nash  
Ole Peterson

## Useful Addresses for Military Records

### Pre W.W.I:

National Archives and Record Admin.  
Attn: NWCTB  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20408-001  
Website: <http://www.nara.gov>

Military records: NATF Form 86  
Pension/Bounty Land: NATF Form 85  
Website: [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

Civil War (NO and So) Index to Solders:  
Website: [www.itd.nps.gov/ewss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/ewss/)

### W.W.I - Present:

National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis MO 63132-5100

[www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel)

### Miscellaneous:

W.W.I - Draft cards:  
National Archives Records Center  
Southeast Branch  
1557 St. Joseph Avenue  
East Point, GA 30344

US Department of Veterans Affairs  
Regional Office  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Bldg.  
1 Federal Drive  
St. Paul MN 55111-4050  
1-800-827-1000

### VA Cemeteries in US

[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)  
American Battle Monuments Comm.  
(Overseas Burials)  
Arlington Court House Plaza II, Su. 500  
2300 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201

Thank you **Beth L. Mullinax**  
email: [blmkerry@tcq.net](mailto:blmkerry@tcq.net)  
10/07

## National Archives Tweets

The following is a press release from the  
National Archives and Records Adm.

Washington D.C.

The National Archives has signed on to  
Twitter! Check for all the latest Archives  
news and upcoming events:  
<http://twitter.com/archivesnews/>

New Tweets will alert the public to  
exciting programs taking place at the  
National Archives in the Washington, DC  
headquarters building and around the  
country at the 13 presidential libraries  
and 14 regional facilities.

Find out news about major projects  
happening at the Archives by following  
our tweets.

Thank you **Beverly Brayton**  
Price County Genealogical Society  
Oct-Dec 2006

## **Upcoming Wisconsin Events:**

Mark Your Calendars  
16-17 April 2010 - Gene-A-Rama

### **"Finding your ancestors in Wisconsin's Ethnic Melting Pot"**

Holiday Inn Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
**Stephen S. Barthel**, International  
Reference Consultant 1983-2004 at the  
Family History Library in  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
9 October 2010

### **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar**

at the Ramada Hotel  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
(more details to follow)

### **PCGS members:**

**please remember that every Monday  
afternoon (1 pm -4 pm) during  
June, July, and August**

**PCGS volunteers are needed to provide  
assistance to museum visitors who are  
doing genealogy research within the  
museum. This is a PCGS service project  
and volunteers may offer guidance for  
research in the museum and/or share a  
genealogy tip, with museum guests,  
that worked in their own quest for  
elusive ancestors.**