

THE POLK COUNTY POST

*Polk County Genealogical Society (PCGS)
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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.

Thank you **Carolyn Wedin** for the intriguing and interesting program on Swedish genealogy with pedigree charts and books to illustrate your talking points. We had a near full house at the Luck Museum in September 2011. Thank you to PCGS members for the wonderful treats.

PCGS Websites

<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/index2011a.html>

is the newly expanded Polk County Genealogy Website. Thank you:

Marie Loughlin
Judy Wester
and most recently
Russ Hanson

Please check out this website and email a thank you and/or comments to the PCGS email address:
<polkgen@gmail.com>

2011-2012 Tentative Schedule

Refreshments are served after each meeting.

NOTE: CHANGE of VENUE

for the meeting on the
4th Monday 24 October 2011

Please join us at
7:00 PM at the Luck Museum
(with WIFI availability)

Main Street, Luck, Wisconsin
to hear

Kathy Greener's
presentation on the
Find-a-Grave program

4th Monday 28 November 2011

7:00 PM at Senior Citizen
St. Croix Falls, Wi

Roundtable discussion on six
aspects of Genealogy:

Judy Wester - Forms
Helen Stoltz-Wood - Sources
Muriel Pfeifer - Civil War
Dorothy Adams - Trip preparations
Jay Bergstrand - Miscellaneous
Russ Hanson - Internet

2nd Monday 12 December 2011

12:00 Noon at the home of
Joyce and Jay Bergstrand
(please call for directions
715.268.9523)

Potluck Holiday Event

(Schedule continued on page 2)

4th Monday 23 January 2012 -

7:00 PM at **Senior Center**
St. Croix Falls
Funeral Home Records for genealogy
Jane Austin, speaker

4th Monday 27 February 2012

7:00 PM at **Senior Center**
St. Croix Falls
Preparations for **Genealogy Exhibits**
at the Polk **County Fair**

4th Monday 26 March 2012

7:00 PM at **Senior Center**
St. Croix Falls
Records for Pre-1790 Research
(First Census) to prove ancestry.

4th Monday 23 April 2012

7:00 PM at **Luck Museum**
Main Street, Luck, Wisconsin
Russ Hanson - Internet
(Hands-on help)

4th Monday 28 May 2012

Field trip to Minnesota
Genealogy Society House
on Concord Street in So. St. Paul
Carpooling will be available

NOTE: If you have a suggestion for a program, PLEASE do not hesitate to share that idea with a board member.
Thank you.

DATE SENSITIVE

Each day during the first fifteen (15) days of October, Ancestry will celebrate their 15th anniversary featuring a free database. The free database for 9 October included W.W.I draft registrations. This database features such data as address, occupation, next of kin, physical description., nationality and more. Men up to age 45 had to register.

Thanks to:

VICKI GARRO

TWIN PORTS GENEALOGY Email

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Polk County Genealogy Society members will staff the Luck Historical Society Museum on Monday 10 OCTOBER 2011 and Monday 24 OCTOBER 2011.

TIME - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

And speaking of the Luck Museum, the PCGS Directors are trusting there are PCGS members who would enjoy staffing the Luck museum on an every second and/or fourth Monday schedule 1-4 PM during the winter months
Nov 2011 - April 2012.

The Luck Historical Society is asking for additional volunteers. Please call Judy Wester (715.646.1447) or Jay Bergstrand (715.268.9523) to schedule a time slot.

ST. CROIX VALLEY GEN SOCIETY

will meet

Thursday 27 October 2011 at 7:00 PM
at the UW-River Falls Research Center where archivist **Kathy Otto** will speak to the issue of the holdings in the ARC.

Thursday, 24 OCTOBER 2011

7:00 PM at the Luck Museum

the PCGS will be featuring

Kathy Greener

speaking and teaching on

Find-a-Grave

Please plan to attend.

Polk County Normal School Graduates

Class of 1921
Luella Anderson
Alvina Andrus
Blanche Burch
Ella Chell
Jesse Fish
Ruth Handlos
Clara E. Hanson
Clara J. Hanson
Stella Holmberg
Nina Jacobson
Lillian Lawson
Irene Murphy
Mabel Olson
Clara Rochne
Agnes Searl
Martha Stoltz
Helen Taylor
Alice Wilton
Leta Wade

Class of 1922
Catherine Anderson
Erwin Anderson
Isadora Anderson
Gladys Carlstrom
Elsie Chell
Mabel Christensen
Merle Corey
Lillian Fisk
Cora Graf
Mabel Gronlund
Hazel Hallberg
Stanton Holcomb
Elsie Jensen
Frances McClung
Wayne McKenzie
Myrtle Nykreim
Ruth Porter
Catherine Taylor
Teresa Tendrup
Doris Welch
Elsie Anderson

Jeanne Alling, Author
I Heard the School Bells Ringing

REMINDER

Luck Museum Hours Staffed by PCGS

"We are here the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons (1:00-4:00 PM) to serve you with family research.

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Polk County Wisconsin Genealogy
Contact Person: **Judy Wester**
715-646-1447

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST

Voices of the loyalists (persons loyal to the British Crown before, during and after the American Revolutionary War) which record testimonies of their service to the Crown and their subsequent losses.

Many are letters "from loyalists [which] shed a much-needed light on a year full of chaos and persecution."

The Constitution Act of 1791 changed the government of the province of Quebec in response to the influx of English-speaking settlers who, having been Loyalists during the American Revolution, came to Canada from the United States following the conclusion of that war.

The act divided Quebec into two sections, the western half becoming Upper Canada (now southern Ontario) and the eastern half Lower Canada (now southern Quebec.)

Weekly newsletter via email from

<loyalists.trails@uelac.org>

Thanks to **Doug Grant**

ARCHIVAL RESOURCES IN WISCONSIN

Certificates of Naturalization and Petitions

To locate a Certificate of Naturalization or a Petition, the researcher should begin with the Card Index to Citizenship (1859-1906, 1927-1954). If the name being researched is not found there, the Index to Citizenship (1907-1954) should be consulted. In both of these indexes the key information is the Certificate or Petition number. These indexes also give the volume, page number and other identifying information, but this information, because of inconsistencies is often misleading.

The Card Index is alphabetical. It gives the Certificate number for papers filed prior to 1907; this number is also the number of the corresponding Petition. For those filed after 1907 the Petition number is the key piece of information provided by the Card Index. Unfortunately, this index does not include information for Petitions filed between 1907 and mid 1927.

The Index to Citizenship (1907-1954), Volume C, is arranged in alphabetical segments by first letter of surname and therein more or less chronologically by date of the Petition. It gives the date, volume, page and document number of Declarations, Petitions and Certificates for those who

completed the naturalization process after 1906.

There is also an Index to Petitions and Certificates (1859-1906), Volume B, which is arranged in alphabetical segments and more or less chronologically therein. It gives the date, volume and page number, but, it is inconsistent in its numbering of the volumes. Thus, the date is the only reliable finding aid. This index should be used only as a last resort.

DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION

The Index to Declarations of Intention (1855-1889), Volume A, is also arranged in alphabetical segments and therein more or less chronologically by date of Declaration. It gives the date of the Declaration and sometimes the volume and page number. For Declarations filed between 1889 and 1907 the researcher should consult the indexes at the front of Volume 4 and 5. Declarations for people who completed the naturalization process after 1906 are indexed in the Index to Citizenship (1907-1954). All Declarations filed after 1906 are contained in Volumes 6-10 and each of these volumes is individually indexed at the front.

Title: Wisconsin Circuit Court (Polk County), Naturalization Records
Inclusive Dates: 1855-1954
Call Number: Polk Series 32
Repository: Wisconsin Historical Society Archives / UWRF / ARC