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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.*

THANK YOU to:

Russ Hanson

for presenting the June
Genealogy Program:

Free Genealogy Sites on the Internet.

Russ also assisted the group
with 1940 US Federal Census
Indexing questions.
Thanks again, **Russ**.

AND speaking of the 1940 census indexing project, one tip that PCGS member **Muriel Pfeifer** passed on was to enlarge the image from 50% to 100% (top of page on task bar) for names that are difficult to read which is sometimes just what is needed to distinguish between an 'o' and an 'a' ; an 'i' and an 'e'; or an 'h' and a 'k'. Another tip is to scroll down to the Supplemental Questions at the bottom of the page where the writing is (again) sometimes printed more clearly on the one/two questions asked at the conclusion of the census form.

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PCGS and the POLK COUNTY FAIR 2012

at the

Little Red Schoolhouse

#1 - Monday 16 July 2012 **Clean** up of the Little Red Schoolhouse **prior** to the opening of the Fair. Time: 10A - 3 P. PCGS will treat the PCGS workers to lunch at the church hall directly across from the schoolhouse.

Please Note: While there is a lock on the schoolhouse door ~ personal responsibility for your artifacts is necessary.

#2 - Staffing the Little Red Schoolhouse during the four days of the Polk County Fair. Please contact **Russ Hanson** at:

<riverroadrambler@gmail.com>

with questions and/or volunteering hours.

Thank you.

2011-2012 Tentative Schedule

Refreshments during each meeting.
Summer Schedule ~ as of April our programs moved to evenings at 7 PM at the Luck Museum.

July 'program' will be a working session on Monday 16 July 2012 at the Polk Cty Fairgrounds (St. Croix Falls, WI) helping to clean up the Little Red Schoolhouse prior to the fair.

Time: 10A-3P with a noon break. Thanks to **Margo Hansen** who reminds everyone to bring a small bucket/small bottle of Spin/Span (or some such) along with some cloths to be used for cleaning purposes.

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Good time to bring any schoolhouse items or genealogy items for display.

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August Program:

Katherine Wilson Danish genealogy online.
Statens Arkiver Arkivalieronline.dk
27 August 2012 7:00 PM Luck Museum -

September 24 7:00 PM program
at the Luck Museum.

PCGS member **Richard Kretzschmar**
"Come Take A Journey With Me"

October Program TBA

November 26 1.00 PM

Mary Jane Bridge / SCVGS Member
Genealogy Data in Probate Records

December Holiday Event
Second Monday 10 December 2012
Noon Potluck ~ Luck Museum?

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

PCGS Websites

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

is the newly expanded Polk County Genealogy Website. Please check out this website and email questions and/or comments to the PCGS email address:

<polkgen@gmail.com>



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List of Duties for the Teacher of a one-room School.

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nubs to the individual taste of the student.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they attend church.
5. After ten (10) hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years.

General Conference Handout

Article Unsigned

Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1932

Ariel Benson Helen Carlson
Alvida Peterson Edna Puffer
Mildred Papenfuss Bernice Bergreen
Genevieve Edholm Arlene Naper
Edna Johnson Vivian Gamache
Violette Larson Freda Hauser
Edna Askov Eleanor Kromery
Florence Rogers Fern McDonald
Ray Thompson Viola Lindh
Ila Brackin Lorna Zabel
Grace Milligan Evelyn Tyler
Arlene Johnson Lloyd Linder
Mary Rochford Valentine Raser
Margaret Paulson Helen Evans
Katherine Holmquist Alice Lapham
Tryn DeCracium Lenore Lynch
Melvin Johnson Jesse Turnbull
Pearl Wickerman Lillian Kopecky
Donald Siltberg George Whitner
Everett Johnson Doris Wade
Cloyce Jackson

Jeanne Alling, Author
I Heard the School Bells Ringings

Websites for Locating Maps

A service provided by the U.S. government will provide maps for you. Best of all there are NO copyrights on the maps. The online National Atlas of the United States of America is a web site created by the United States Department of the Interior with electronic maps and services. Zoom in on an area you want to map, choose from the elements such as water, road, boundaries. By first saving the map to your hard drive, using any appropriate photo-editing program, you can now add text.

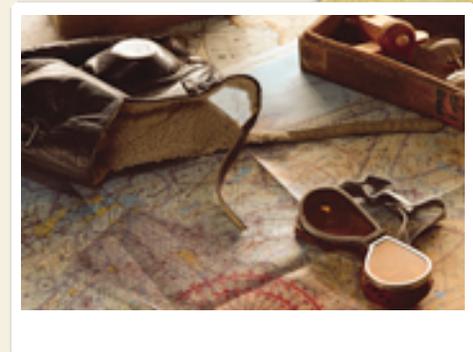
<http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>

Posted by **Dick Eastman** on 24 April 2011
 Heart O'Wisconsin Genealogical Society
Wood County Roots, Vol. 38, June 2011 Pg 1075.

SURNAME INDEX

Compiled by
 St. Croix Valley Gen Society
 A MUST if you are using **Easton's** book
History of the St. Croix Valley.

Index **For Sale** by:
 St. Croix Valley Gen Society
 POB # 396
 River Falls, WI 54022



Historic Mexican Records

FamilySearch has added a massive collection of about 11.1 million new images of historic civil registrations from various states in Mexico.

These are mostly government-issued birth, marriage and death certificates from the states of:

- Guerra (1833-1996)
- Hidalgo (1861-1967)
- Oaxaca (1861-2001)
- Tamaulipas (1800-2002)
- Veracruz (1821-1949)
- Yucatan (1860-1926)

Access is free.

Thank You.

Tip of Texas Genealogy Society
 September-October 2011

It does not take long, even for those of us entangled in the hobby of genealogy for thirty plus years, to become completely overwhelmed by loose papers from past society meetings, handouts from one conference or another, tiny scraps of paper with one or two words that we were sure we would never forget the meaning of and/or forms of every size and description. For all of us it is the search for one more name / date / nationalization papers for grandpa and grandma / marriage date for g-g-grandparents / final resting places in the family plot. However, we **must not** forget that others are just getting started on this wonderful journey and need our assistance when struggling. This may help:

BEYOND PEDIGREES, *Organizing and Enhancing Your Work*

by **Beverly DeLong Whitaker** lists 26 tips to organize your work:

- A: Ahnentafel** (German word meaning “ancestral table” prepare this as a quick reference.
 - B: Bibliography** - make a personalized list of genealogical resources.
 - C: Census summaries** - use these invaluable overviews often.
 - D: Diary** - record your own life events (add photos often, do not forget to ID the people).
 - E: Expense record** - list expenses, estimate costs of research plans.
 - F: Filing system** - choose a system and follow it conscientiously. No one system is correct.
 - G: Generation charts/family group sheets** - enter basic information.
 - H: Heraldic Arms** - collect these for the fun or it.
 - I: Immigrant ancestor list** - see how many you can identify.
 - J: Journal** - preserve the family stories.
 - K: Kit** - gather your research materials for a quick trip to the courthouse.
 - L: Letters** - keep up a steady correspondence.
 - M: Migration maps** - exploring genealogical geography may be one of the first tasks.
 - N: Newspapers** - assemble a clipping collection.
 - O: Occupation descriptions** - imagine (and write down) your ancestors’ daily lives.
 - P: Photograph albums** - preserve a visual heritage / phone cameras.
 - Q: Queries** - prepare and send these to genealogical publications as often as necessary.
 - R: Recordings** - capture your family on tape /other technological equipment.
 - S: States** - learn unique features of the states key to your research.
 - T: Timelines** - pinpoint important events in your ancestors lives and for the states they lived in.
 - U: Uniforms design forms** - to use at archives and courthouses-putting data into perspective.
 - V: Vocabulary list** - acquire a glossary of genealogical terms.
 - W: War charts** - compare dates/ancestral involvement (military/citizen) in campaigns near and far.
 - X: Extra copies** - share your research.
 - Y: Yearly events** - know the historical settings for your people
 - Z: Zero-in plan** - develop a plan of the next steps for your researching.
- REMEMBER:** No man or woman ever lived apart from his/her area’s history.
 Also: An event without people is called Science.

News item via email dated 24 June 2012 from PCGS member, **Richard Kretzschmar** :

Found on a message board: “The original Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) website was the brainchild of and moderated by **Bridgett Schneider**. (Ms. **Schneider** passed away in 2011.) After many years the site was removed from the Internet.

Since then a similar site has been posted titled

“Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness Wiki.” **at:**

<[http://raogk.wikia.com/wiki/Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness](http://raogk.wikia.com/wiki/Random_Acts_of_Genealogical_Kindness)>

PCGS Surname Index 2012

Member ID # Surname Surname Data

W 0009 Bach English
 W 0009 Bartel English
 S 0011 Beebe New York
 W 0009 Bille Danish
 S 0011 Boardman New York
 W 0009 Bush German
 S 0011 Cain Wisc/Ireland
 S 0011 Christiansen Denmark
 W 0009 Clapp English
 C 0013 Clark Vermont
 W 0009 Day English
 S 0011 Fay No Dakota/Ireland
 S 0011 Hale Pennsylvania
 W 0009 Horn Danish
 P 0021 Hughes Ohio
 W 0009 Jorgen Danish
 C 0013 Lund Norway
 C 0013 Lunde Norway
 C 0013 McCourt New York
 C 0013 McLean Vermont
 P 0021 Morgan Ohio
 W 0009 Pattishall English
 P 0021 Pfeifer Germany
 P 0021 Poppe Germany
 P 0021 Rockwell Wisconsin
 P 00201 Showalter Switzerland

W 0009 Skow Danish
 S 0011 Stoltz Denmark
 S 0011 Thomas Ohio
 W 0009 Tretsven Danish
 W 0009 Welling Danish
 S 0011 Wood Cornwall, ON, CA
 C 0013 Young New York

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Space saved for additional surnames

The Great Depression Annual Earnings 1932-1934

Transcribed by Ralph 'Bear' Middough, Origination Unknown

Airline Pilot	\$ 8,000.00
Airline Stewardess	1,500.00
Apartment House Superintendent	1,500.00
Bituminous Coal Miner	723.00
Bus Driver	1,373.00
Chauffeur	624.00
Civil Service Employee	1,284.00
College Teacher	3,111.00
Construction Worker	907.00
Dentist	2,391.00
Department Store Model	936.00
Doctor	3,382.00
Dressmaker	780.00
Electrical Worker	1,559.00
Engineer	2,520.00
Fire Chief (city of 30,000-50,000 population)	2,075.00
Hired Farm Hand	216.00
Lawyer	4,218.00
Live-in Maid	260.00
Mayor (city of 30,000-50,000 population)	2,317.00
Pharmaceutical Salesman	1,500.00
Police Chief (city of 30,000-50,000 population)	2,636.00
Priest	831.00
Public School Teacher	1,227.00
Publicity Agent	1,800.00
Railroad Executive	5,064.00
Railroad Conductor	2,729.00
Registered Nurse	936.00
Secretary	1,040.00
Statistician	1,820.00
Steel Worker	422.87
Stenographer-Bookkeeper	936.00
Textile Worker	435.00
Typist	624.00
United States Congressman	8,663.00
Waitress	520.00

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For those doing the 1940 Fed Census this is very interesting because the indexer is recording the occupation of the persons listed on the census form and this provides an idea of a family's earning just prior to the 1940 census. For many researchers it is the first census that they find themselves listed on and furnishes an example of the earning power of their parents. A coal miner earned less than a bus driver, a textile worker less than an RX salesman, a farm hired hand (often with wife/children) earned far less than anyone else on this list.