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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.*

Special Beginning Computer Class

for doing genealogy using a computer program at **10-11:30 am** on Monday **9 September 2013** at the **RRC** within the Luck Museum.

Russ Hanson - Teaching

PCGS MEETING - 23 September

4th Monday of September 2013

Ravenholt Family History Research Center (RRC)

(within the Luck Museum)

1:00-3:30 pm

Work session in the

RRC immediately following business meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

September meeting

means election

of officers and PCGS has a full slate of volunteers willing to guide our society for the next couple of years:

Jay Bergstrand - President

Muriel Pfeifer - Vice President

Dorothy Adams - Secretary

Judy Wester - Treasurer

Russ Hanson - Liaison between PCGS and the Luck Museum Board

Helen Stoltz-Wood - Newsletter

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the election process.

Continuing Beginners's Basic Genealogy

Class "101" at the

Ravenholt Family History Research Center (RRC) within the Luck Museum.

on Monday mornings 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.
the 4th Monday of September, October and November.

Bring your curiosity and your questions about 'how-to' do family history research the old-fashioned method. Discover references to help you prove your 'facts'.

Familiarize yourself with the difference between first-hand vs suggested evidence;

authentic vs duplicate materials; and original or major sources vs secondary or minor sources.

Learn the techniques that adhere to the standard for "developing concise, accurate and comprehensive family histories." (1)

(1) PCGS Vision Statement

September's focus: researching and obtaining military records

Note Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

2013 Schedule

FIFTH SESSION OF CONTINUING CLASSES

Genealogy 101-Basic lessons (4th Mondays) using "the old-fashioned methods"
23 September, 28 October
and 25 November. 10:00-11:30 AM - **RRC**

PLEASE take NOTE: 2013 Fall Schedule:

On **23 September** classes (Military Records) and general meeting will be on the regularly scheduled 4th Monday at 10-11:30 for classes and 1-3:30 for general meeting - **RRC**.

The **28th October classes** will be on the regularly scheduled **4th Monday morning 10-11:30 - RRC**, focus will be genealogy & photography (bringing old photos is encouraged). **AND THEN**, the **October general meeting program** will be in conjunction with the Luck Historical Society on the **4th Thursday evening 7:00 PM. Russ Hanson** will be leading the program on how to **ID Old Photos** using fashion styles, hair styles, and studio props.

November classes and general meeting return to the regularly scheduled time and venue - **RRC** (hopefully class will be on land records) - more later.

December will be the all Society Holiday Event- location to be determined.

Aebleskiver (Danish Pancake)

2 cups milk and 2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt and 4 eggs, separated
4 teaspoon baking powder
1 Tablespoon sugar

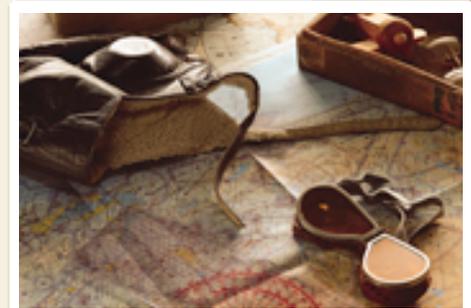
Combine milk and egg yolks. Sift together dry ingredients and add to milk / egg mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add to above mixture. Put about one teaspoon of shortening in each cup of an aebleskiver pan. Put one tablespoon of batter in each cup. Use knitting needle or ice pick to turn aebleskiver when golden brown, brown other side. Add shortening for each frying. Serve with maple syrup, lingonberries or jam. Makes about three dozen.
Luck, Wisconsin History Club

NOTE: THIS IS OUR REGION

West Central Regional Mtg **Saturday 21 September 2013**

Stanley Area Hist Museum
228 Helgersen St. Stanley, WI
54768 \$20.00 per person

<www.wsconsinhistory.org/localhistory/pdfs/Registration-Regional-Meetings-2013.pdf>



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Wisc Historical Society

Wisc Council/Local History

7th Annual Local History and
Historic Preservation Conference
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Hotel Mead and Conference Center
Friday & Saturday 11-12 October 2013

For conference information visit:

<<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/annualconference.asp>>

24 sessions / 12 workshops

Town Square, a networking opportunity for historical and preservation groups to share information about their organizations / programs

Wisconsin Movie Night &
Bill and Bobbie Malone/Historian of
Country Music: *Music From the True Vine:
the Life and Music of Mike Seeger*

A Whisper in the Wind

by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**

<mpfeifer@amerytel.net>

Subject line: Whisper

("use as you see fit" -mmp.

Article edited to fit space)

East Lincoln

East Lincoln was formally known as Lincoln Center and before that Mapleton. [At one time] it consisted of a railroad stop, school and church.

Methodist church records show Quarterly Conference meetings were held in Mapleton. The town of Mapleton is listed in records from 1874-1884. Mapleton is recorded on the 1876 Wisconsin Atlas.

An old East Lincoln Sunday School Record Book listed Mapleton as the address for children. In 1885, the address was changed to East Lincoln.

Lydia Wood Baker ... [and her two older siblings, Netta and Enos] attended the East Lincoln Sunday School in 1884. It was five miles from the family home near Richardson so she and their mother [Alice Hale Wood] would have traveled to church with horse and buggy.

The town of Mapleton did not disappear. The name changed to East Lincoln since the cemetery went by that name .

El Salem

El Salem was a post office by the name of Strong, in Garfield, but there were so many Strong post offices over the county, it was changed to El Salem. Reverend H.N. Strong took exception to the way El Salem was written. He said the meaning was, "God's Peace" and a prayer for peace.

Evergreen

Evergreen was located in West Sterling township, near the St. Croix River on Evergreen Avenue. There is only a post office shown on the old maps. This post office was located in a house owned by the **Grant Fasset Family**, of which one member served as postmaster. Mail was brought from the Randall store in Burnett County.

Russell B. Hanson's great-uncle ran a gas station in Evergreen as late as the early 1930s. The town was not much more than a scattering of homes used for businesses gathered near a school or church. Most of the people traded at Sunrise, Minnesota or Wolf Creek, Wisconsin and later by the 1890s, at Cushing.

All that is left is the Evergreen schoolhouse.

Indian Creek

Indian Creek was a small hamlet in Lorain Township, Section 10, that had several business places. " a small trading center and social center has sprung up on Indian Creek and absorbed that name."

The 'social center' was a dance hall and Legion Post.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW

Austin, Texas

Monday 23 September 8pm

In a new series, experts in genealogy, history and DNA will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to unearth family and community secrets, reveal notables relatives and discover unexpected stories that connect the past to the present.

TPT Magazine, September 2012

Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1946

Helen Bergstrand Tengs**Esther Brunclik Hunter****Rita Creighton Doll****Lillian Eliason Cruezer Christensen****Carol Hanson Peterson****Hazel Michaelson Johnson****Ramona Mittelsdorf Paulson****Kathryn Murphy Boucher****Marjorie Olson Swenson****Rita Pappenfus****Muriel Thompson Peterson****Jeanne Ailing, Author***I Heard the School Bells Ringing***GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY**

thanks to:

<GotGenealogy.com>

1. **"Spelling Dusen't Count:** Back in the day, folks couldn't spell and many could barely write, so how a name sounds is more important than how it is spelled. Use wild card or Soundex searches to help find variant spellings of names.
2. **Assume Nothing** Check all your facts, do not assume that any particular document is right or wrong and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify! For instance, **do not** assume that:
 - your ancestors were married,
 - census information is accurate,
 - vital (or other) records were correct,
 - your ancestor's life events were recorded,
 - the current spelling of your surname is always the way your surname was spelled.
3. **Use Discretion** Never lie in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living relatives.

(Continued in October issue)

PLEASE, check out the PCGS website and email comments or inquiries to the PCGS email address: [<polkgen@gmail.com>](mailto:polkgen@gmail.com)

Thanks to **Russ Hanson** for supervising this website.

**2013 Fall Genealogy Seminar**

will be held on 28 September 2013 at the Janesville Conference Center-Holiday Inn Express located at 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, Wisconsin

with a **Pre-Conference Workshop** on Friday, 27 September 2013 lead by **Lori Bessler**, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives.

"FamilySearch.org: A Lot More to This Site than Meets the Eye"

The Constitution of the USA

was adopted in September 1787, ratified by conventions in eleven States and went into effect in March 1789. The ratifying of this document and the dates listed, therefore, become extremely important when looking **for roads to trace the journeys your families choose traveling from the Colonies to Mid-America and beyond; for very early land records; and for knowing the location of your ancestors when counted in the early Federal Census.**

Colonial Roads to 1750

Early trails that were used first as postal 'roads' then for stagecoaches and finally for families in wagons pulled by a team of four or six include: The Boston Post Road (1664) which in due course became The King's Highway early parts of the highway by 1725: Boston to New York City by 1740s then New York to Philadelphia and Philadelphia to Alexandria (also called Great Coastal Road) by 1745. Other roads include: the Lancaster Road (Pennsylvania); the Fall Line Road (from Maryland to Georgia); The Great Valley Road (Shenandoah Valley); the Pioneer's Road (connected Alexandria to Winchester, Virginia); the Upper Road (wagon route into the Carolinas).

States Give up Land

By ratifying the Constitution of the United States, the (mostly) thirteen States (prior Colonies) were not only agreeing to the creation of a new Federal Government they were giving up any claims (without a fight) each had in the western lands, which for the most part, lay between the Mountains of Appalachia and the Mississippi River.

For instance, conflicting claims were eliminated when three of the Original Colonies:

Massachusetts, Virginia and Connecticut ceded all their western lands to the newly created Federal Government. (Ceding the lands certainly cleared up matters when it was discovered all three Colonies lay claim to much of the SAME areas.) In 1787 these ceded lands became the Northwest Territory.

Virginia's old Fincastle County became the State of Kentucky in 1792. North Carolina relinquished an area which became the Territory Southwest of the Ohio River in 1790 and then the State of Tennessee in 1796. Georgia eventually ceded its western lands in 1802 to add to the Mississippi Territory and in turn that area became the States of Alabama and Mississippi.

Map Guide to American Migration Routes 1735-1815 by **William Dollarhide**, Bountiful, Utah 1997, pg 1-8

Census

The first United States Federal Census was taken between August 1790 and May 1791 and covered the following States and Territories:

Connecticut
Maine (part of Massachusetts)
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New York
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Vermont

May have some type of substitute list for an area covering a county:

Northwest Territory and Southwest Territory

States Missing (most have substitutes):

Delaware Georgia
Kentucky New Jersey
Tennessee (part of the Southwest Territory)
Virginia www.familysearch.org

Re: Genealogy, Polk County Newsletter PCGS

01 August 2013

From: **Sue Rupp**

Helen would you please pass this on to your group?

Hello, I'd like to take a moment to update you on my genealogy activities in Polk County. I attended only one meeting of the PCGS, in Oct of 2011 when I believe you decided to change your meeting time to day time which I couldn't attend. I really enjoyed the speaker that night who shared about www.findagrave.com. I've always been fascinated by cemeteries and when she mentioned that the cemeteries in the Luck are had not been much photographed, I took it as an open invitation and reason to check them out. I started at West Denmark and to date I've photographed and logged on www.findagrave.com that cemetery plus these:

Luck Village Cemetery
Saint Peter's Cemetery
Milltown Cemetery
Maple Grove Cemetery
Saint Dominic's Cemetery
Bone Lake Cemetery
Long Lake Cemetery
Fristad Lutheran Cemetery
Saint John's Cemetery
North Valley Cemetery
Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery
Strout Cemetery

I'm current working on the Balsam Lake Cemetery and have also logged in a number of memorials for the St Croix Falls Cemetery and Wolf Creek Cemetery as well as several Burnett County cemeteries. It's become something of an addiction that I can blame on my one meeting with the PCGS! Once I complete the Balsam Lake Cemetery I've decided I've spent enough time photographing cemeteries. It's been a real journey though and such a good way to learn about the area. With my Ancestry.com subscription I've been able to link up families and because www.findagrave.com is now linked to Ancestry.com I do get a fair number of requests for transfers of the memorials I've created to family members. I'd much prefer memorials reside with family and enjoy seeing photos and additional information added for those I've transferred.

Thank you for the fun I've had in the past couple of years. I've gotten to investigate and walk all of the local cemeteries because of the one PCGS meeting I attended. Maybe once I retire I can join and be a more active part of your group.

Sue Rupp

Luck WI

NOTE: What kind words for PCGS and what good work YOU have accomplished for genealogists all over! Thank you and please do join us whenever your schedule allows. Again, thank you Sue Rupp

Report to members of PCGS

on the success of the seven months of genealogy classes held in the new **RRC** within the Luck Museum. Starting in May the teaching-team instructed from three students to ten students each month ranging in age from a couple of young lads of 12/13 to grandparents. The genealogy classes were scheduled in the mornings (10-11:30 am) while in the afternoons (1:-3:30 pm) the regularly planned PCGS meetings were convened, all held in the **RRC**.

The lessons in genealogy using
the "old-fashioned" methods to learn the difference between

- first-hand vs suggested evidence and/or authentic vs duplicate materials,
- original or major sources vs secondary or minor sources;
- preparing the students to investigate thoroughly (using these methods) ANY data they receive before they enter materials into their family tree records.
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- **September's** class schedule will be the same: 4th Monday of the month, 10-11:30 am at the **RRC** within the Luck Museum and the focus will be **MILITARY RECORDS**,
- how to obtain copies and how to use what you find online.
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- "how-to" ID OLD PHOTOS using fashion styles, hair styles and studio props.
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- **December** will be the entire PCG Society's HOLIDAY EVENT - location to be determined.
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2014-Schedule January - December

The PCGS Board, acting on a suggestion made at the August general meeting, agreed to sponsor PCGS classes at the Amery Public Library for:

Monday mornings between 10:00-11:30 am for:

27 January 2014, 24 February 2014,

24 March 2014 and possibly 22 April 2014.

Suggested topics for class discussion are: *definition and vocabulary list, *census records,

- *"how-to" gather facts, do a layout, write a human interest narrative (family history)
- *maps and the importance of using several different area surveys drawn for the
- several different time periods in a particular area(s) your families may have lived.