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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.*

Polk County Fair -
Thursday
24 July 2014 -
Sunday 27 July
2014

The Polk County Genealogical Society Board Members

encourage the membership and friends
alike to consider entering
one or several of your genealogy projects
into the

Polk County Fair in July 2014.

(or a county fair in your area)

Exhibits other years included:

- *family history book with family group sheets, pedigrees charts and photos
- *maps showing the area your family traveled to reach the county your reside in
- *individual family group sheets in folders
- *family history story
- *wall mounted pedigree chart
- *Family farm chart

Fair Books available at the Polk County Extension Office and **perhaps** at some local area banks.

Polk County Genealogy
Society members send
heartfelt sympathy to the
family of

Muriel Morgan Pfeifer

who passed away on Tuesday
18 March 2014.

Muriel was Vice-President of
the Polk County Genealogy
Society; President of the
Polk County Historical Society;
active in the Interfaith
Caregivers of Polk County and
President of a Civil War
Society of Minnesota.

2014 PCGS Schedule

The PCGS April business meeting will be in the RRC within the Luck Historical Museum, Luck, Wisconsin, Monday 28 April 2014 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

President **Jay Bergstrand** presiding

A summer project the PCGS is investigating, is to continue a project already started by other PCGS members - documenting the local Polk County cemeteries for inclusion into the website "Find-A-Grave".

What cameras to use, what and how much data to record and a reasonable time commitment for the project, will be under discussion. Find-A-Grave is a website used extensively by genealogist researching material for family group sheets, pedigree charts and/or for data when developing a family history story line.

In April the Polk County Genealogy Society (PCGS) will conduct one more class at the Amery Public Library and then the classes will return to meeting at the RRC within the Luck Museum from May to November on the fourth Monday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m. December is the Holiday Event at the RRC.

The April class will continue with writing a family history story, researching details for accuracy, plus specific facts surrounding the story, often means starting over and over again to correct an inaccuracy or put in an unknown fact recently discovered.

Please check out the PCGS website and email comments or inquiries to the PCGS email address: <polkgen@gmail.com>

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



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Luck Historical Society

invites any/all historically minded groups to gather on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Luck Museum, Luck Wisconsin to recap their 2013 season and share plans and goals for 2014.

Guest speaker - Janet Seymour, Wisconsin Historical Society Field Representative for the Northwest District.

Coffee and snacks will be served with some 'chat' time built in after the formal meeting.

Chuck Adleman President
Luck Historical Society

Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1953

Mabel Hanson
Norma Holdt
Eleanor Moshul Eggert
Lois Ogilvie
Bernice Olson
Gaylie Palmer
Janice Schneewind
Florence Witzel

Jeanne Alling, Author*I Heard the School Bells Ringing***ArCat Geographic Field Codes**
State Codes*(continued from March 2014)*

Kentucky	3950
Louisiana	4010
Maine	3730
Maryland	3840
Massachusetts	3760
Michigan	4110
Minnesota	4140
Mississippi	3980
Missouri	4160
Montana	4250
Nebraska	4190
Nevada	4350
New Hampshire	3740
New Jersey	3810
New Mexico	4320
New York	3800
North Carolina	3900
Wisconsin	4120

<http://arcata.library.wisc.edu/help/codes.geographic.htm>

*(continue in April 2014 issue)***2014 Polk County Fair Thursday 24 July - Sunday 27 July. Entry and Set up day: Wed. 23 July Opens Thurs. 24 July, 2014**

Additional information for Open Class Exhibits please contact

Gail Peterson at 715. 268. 6036

Fair Books will be available at the Polk County Extension Office and perhaps at some local banks.

Genealogy exhibit judging will be Friday 25 July 2014Entries may be picked up after 4:30 p.m. Sunday 27 July 2014 **Thank you****Judy Wester, PCGS member****PCGS turn at the ARC-UWRF for****“Second Saturday”****February 2014** - Civil War Project**14 June 2014** - Meet in lower level of campus library.

From 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(or later is possible)

11 October 2014.**German Databases Available**

The German Genealogy Group continues to add to its collection of free searchable databases. The Group, based on Long Island, New York, is focused on German genealogy, but it has a variety of records that would be of interest to many people.

There are databases for marriages, naturalizations, cemeteries, churches and veterans.

One particularly engaging database is the surname database that is a compilation of the German surnames submitted by members of the group that shows how to contact members for various surnames and regions of Germany. Access is

free at: www.germangenealogygroup.com

<GenealogyInTime.com> Magazine Newsletter

14 September 2013

A Whisper in the Wind

Muriel Morgan Pfeifer

("Use as you see fit" - M. M. Pfeifer)

HORSE CREEK

One of the first settlers near Horse Creek was **James D. Thompson** who homesteaded there in May of 1856. James settled the northeast 80 acres of what was later plated as Section 22 of Alden Township, approximately 3/4 miles from the town of Horse Creek, in the southwest quarter of Section 15 of Alden Township at the junction of County Roads M and X.

In 1869 a small group of five families from Norway made their way into the area about three miles north of Cedar Lake and three miles east of what was later 1883) to become the town of Horse Creek. These first families were: **Anders and Kjersti Paulson Bjoralt; Lars Bottolfson Harestua** and his wife **Kari Bjoralt; Halvor Halvorson Raknerud** and his wife **Kari Arnesdatter Teslo; Ole and Karen Bjoralt Monserud** and **Hans Kulpen** and his wife **Anne Bjoralt**.

Two stores were built in Horse Creek, one in 1870 and another in 1885. By the time the second store was completed, Horse Creek supported a post office, the Alden Coop Cheese Factory, a tobacco shed, a blacksmith shop (**Nils Johan Westin**) later (**Jack Williams** and much later **Carl Mescar** and wife **Ida**), a feed mill, a shoe repair shop (**Hans Skogstad**) and a cemetery.

Tom T. Johnson and his wife **Amanda** raised beans and corn for resale (\$3.00 @100#s) at the Horse Creek store circa 1904.

PCGS Minutes

from meeting on Monday 24 March 2014

1. Motion made, seconded and approved to select **George A. Nelson** of Milltown as the genealogy roadshow person. He is relatively famous having been a local and state politician as well as having run for Vice President in 1936 under the Socialist ticket. **R. Hanson** working on this.

2. Motion made, seconded and approved that one summer activity is to find a Polk County [sic] cemetery not represented or poorly represented on Find-A-Grave and try to add it to the site. **R. Hanson** will look for cemeteries in northern Polk County while **J. Bergstrand** will report on cemeteries in his area and the rest of us please look for Polk County cemeteries that do not have much data listed on Find-A-Grave; that are small and scenic for summer work! Being near a nice restaurant would be a plus!
3. Motion to go forward with a plaque honoring PCGS members. Initially you will need to be decreased to get your name on the plaque.
4. Agreed to cover the Polk County Schoolhouse on the fairgrounds on Friday if the Luck Historical Soc (or maybe others) host the schoolhouse. Friday is judging genealogy exhibits and maple syrup so most of us will be there already.
5. Russ gave a report concerning the purchases of furniture and all-in-one computer. Initial items purchased were: wide file cabinet/book shelf/computer work station and computer all from the surplus center. Color laser printer is working great. \$1,000.00 to pay for items will come from the **Ravenholt Funds**. All future purchases will have to be accommodated with wheels to easily reconfigure the room.
6. Polk County day at ARC-UWRF is **14 JUNE, 9:30-2:00**. Meet at lower level of campus library

Meeting included delicious spring dessert as well as stale brownies and cookies left from a men's meeting a week earlier.

Submitted by **Russ Hanson** [who fears his] memory is imperfect and notes even worse!

