

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 Polk County Genealogical Society vision is to empower those interested in developing concise, accurate, and comprehensive family histories.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Polk County Genealogical Society mission is to assist in the exchange and dissemination of information for genealogical investigations.

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ATTENTION

The 2007 PCGS yearly membership dues are payable at our monthly meetings or may be mailed to the treasurer. Thank you.

Polk County Genealogy Society

Jan-Dec \$15.00

Please make your check or money order payable to PCGS and mail, along with your:

Name, Address, State/Zip
to

Russ Adams

2410 River Road
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

2007

Tentative Schedule

Summer board meetings
4th Monday of each month
June, July, and August
Polk County Historical Society Museum
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 1:00 p.m.

CONTINUING WITH THE PCGS

Summer Service Project at the
PCHS museum in Balsam Lake
every Monday afternoon beginning
Monday 4 June to
Monday 27 August 2007
from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come join the activity as we assemble a
**Complete Inventory of Family Names
from all the Family Histories**
in PCHS Museum.

A master database will be compiled with
all family names from all the family
histories on the shelves at the PCHS
museum in Balsam Lake. This is an
ongoing project from one summer to the
next.

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PCGS is presently making plans for a
research day at the
Minnesota Genealogical Society Library
5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422
(763) 595-3947

Saturday 4 August 2007

Meet at the home of

Richard Kretzschmar - at 8:00 a.m.
205 -9th Avenue - Osceola, Wisconsin
715.294.3447

kretweed@cornernet.com

to carpool or caravan to the MGS library.
Please notify any PCGS Board
member of your interest in attending
this event enabling ride share to be
arranged.

Library Fee: There is a \$5.00 fee
for non-member use of the library. The
\$5.00 fee can be applied to
membership in the MN. Gen. Society,
any branches, or the Czechoslovak Gen.
Soc. Int'l.

2007 schedule con't.

* Monday 24 September 2007

Gretchen Hellie - Norwegian Research

Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

*Monday 22 October 2007

Wally Milbrath

"Wisconsin, the Civil War, and Genealogy"

Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

*Monday 26 November 2007

Barb Oestreich

"Writing your Family History."

Barb tells me

"this program is a lesson on how-to have Christmas gifts without charge cards or crowds. If you are stuck on what to get your kids (or extended family members) come and learn how to give them a prize. We will do some simple writing of things that can be transformed into a meaningful gift.

Bring your memories along with pen and ink " Included will be an update on Leon, his three wives, and how that information was discovered.

Program Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
Refreshments

*Monday 10 December 2007

Noon Holiday Potluck

at the home of

Richard and Norma Kretzschmar

205-9th Avenue

Osceola, Wisconsin

SALT LAKE CITY INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY

For a week every January, 200-300 people meet for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. The dates for the 2008 session are: 8-12 January. The nine tracts for this session are:

1-American Records & Resources

2-Western U.S. Research

3-Welsh Research

4-Scandinavian Research

5-Advanced Research Techniques

6-Multimedia Publishing Archives,

Libraries, Societies Serving

Genealogists

7-France and Her Former Colonies

8-Producing a Quality Family Narrative

9-Genealogical Problem Solving

U.S. NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Before the year 1906, there was no national policy or regulatory procedure regarding the process of naturalization.

Naturalization, was not and still is not, a mandatory procedure.

Before 1906, the entire naturalization process was conducted on a county, district or federal court level within each specific state. Therefore, records before the 1906 date can be archived in a smorgasbord of court houses and archive centers throughout each state.

After 1906, the INS

(now the USCIS)

records became more comprehensive and specific rules and procedures for naturalization were implemented. The post 1906 records contain more detail than the earlier records, and include a declaration of intent (first papers), and **may** contain a certificate of arrival and an oath of allegiance. Forward from about 1930 a photograph **may** be included.

Prior to 22 September 1922, women automatically became United States citizens if they married a U.S. citizen or if their foreign born husband applied and was given naturalization. After this date wives of immigrants no longer could derive their citizenship from their husbands. Under the new law women became eligible to naturalize on almost the same term as men.

For a variety of reasons, many immigrants filed only for the first papers, and some immigrants just never pursued even the first papers process and therefore, records simply *do not exist.*

OAKDALE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

FREE classes coming up:

14 July 2007 - **Tom Rice**

Finding an Immigrants Place of Origin

25 August 2007 - **Larry Jensen**

German Genealogy Research

8 September 2007 - Open House

all at: 2140 Hadley Ave N - Oakdale, MN

For additional information: **Nancy Roell**

<roellish@aol.com>

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

GOOGLE the **SSDI** for the person you are researching, find the letter column, and out comes this little form.

Social Security Administration
OEO FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Green Street
POB # 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022

Please send me a photocopy of the actual application for a Social Security card (Form ss-5-Social Security Number Record Third Party Request for Photocopy) filed by the person listed below.

I obtained this information from the Social Security Death Master file at RootsWeb.com Inc. that obtained it from the Social Security Death Master file, originally compiled by the Social Security Administration.

My understanding is that the fee is \$27.00, when the Social Security number is provided or \$29.00 if the Social Security number is unknown or incorrect. Enclosed is a check or money order for \$_____, made payable to the Social Security Administration.

Thank you for your assistance.

MY ANCESTOR'S NAME
Social Security Number: xxx-xx-xxxx
Birth: xx-xx-xxxx
Death: xx-xx-xxxx

Sincerely,
Address
Daytime Phone Number

Thanks **Barb Oestreich**
PCGS member

Microsoft Wisconsin Settlement
<www.microsoftwisuit.com.FAQ.htm>

Library of Congress/Ask a Librarian/email
<www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-genealogy.html>

VETERANS GRAVES REGISTRATION

Polk County, Wisconsin - Volume 1
(con't from June newsletter)

Name	Cemetery	Page
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Porter, John	Amery	18
Peterson, Wallace	Apple River Township	30
Parks, John Wesley	Balsam Lake	49
Peters, Charles Valentine	Bone Lake Township	53
Pratt, Albert	Clear Lake	60
Peterson, Lawrence E.	Clear Lake	73
Peirson, Charles R.	Clear Lake	97
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Patterson, Jerome	Evergreen/Eureka	109
Pearson, Robert Arthur	Georgetown	118
Peake, Joseph W.	Hale/Osceola	130
Pawlding, John	Luck Village	164
Pearson, Louis Albin	Maple Grove	173
Peterson, Charles Oscar	McDonald/Eureka	176
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DAR library

The DAR Library offers two services that handle postal-mail requests. Both services require a letter of request with payment by check or money order. If you have a question before mailing your written request and payment, the services can be contacted at:
email: <searchservice#dar.org>

(for both Search & Photocopy services)

Telephone: Search Service:
(202) 879-3245

Photocopy Services:
(202) 628-1776 Ext.398

Videophone Relay: Search Service
1(866) 327-8877

(202) 879-3245 (ask for **Dennis**)

The Search Service does NOT accept requests via e-mail or over the telephone.

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27 October 2007

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
Fall Seminar

Find Your Roots on the Family Farm

Stoney Creek Inn
Wausau, Wisconsin

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Society Leaders Workshop-North

Saturday 22 September 2007
Comfort Inn - Tomahawk, Wisconsin
715-453-8900
9 AM-3:15 PM

Wisconsin State Genealogy Society (WSGS) will underwrite a portion of the workshop costs for members of affiliated societies. Members from societies not affiliated with WSGS are also welcome to attend. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$10.00 each for the first three members from an affiliated society; \$15.00 each for additional members from the same affiliate; and \$20.00 per person for nonaffiliated society members.

Please contact for info: Jennifer Ehle at <stevee@inwave.com>

Thanks **Dorothy Adams**
PCGS Member

"POLK COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL

1906-1917

Course of Study

First Quarter:

Arithmetic
Grammar and Composition
Reading and Orthospy
Psychology and Pedagogy
Penmanship and Spelling

Second Quarter:

Arithmetic
Grammar and Composition
Literature
Manual and Observation
Penmanship and Spelling

Third Quarter:

United States History
Geography
Physiology
Manual and Observation
Drawing and Library

Fourth Quarter:

United States History
Geography
Agriculture
School Management and Law
Manual Training and Library

Those who are capable of satisfactory work in Spelling and Penmanship will be excused from all but the work in methods in these branches. Work in Algebra and Physical Geography sufficient to cover the requirements for a second grade certificate will be offered to those whose other work will permit,"

Polk County Educational Representatives

1916-1917

MARTIN STENERSON,
County Superintendent

GAIL CHADWICK, Supervising Teacher

TEKLA LUNDMARK, Clerk

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Chairman, Clear Lake

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PETER NELSON, Milltown

First School Annual of Polk County, WI

