

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 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.

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QUESTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The present board of directors is having a difficult time finding members who are willing to take over and serve in leadership positions for the 2010 year. The directors have all served well and faithfully for several years and, due to a variety of circumstances, wish to share the responsibility with another member(s). Programs and a meeting place are both scheduled and locked in for the remainder of 2009. Election of officers is at the October meeting.

Several ideas are presented

for your consideration:

-Disband completely and give our little bit of grant money, checking account funds and savings account funds away (approximately \$1000.00) What organization(s) would you choose? (Needs to be a tax exempt 501(c)3.)

-Continue with monthly meetings (at Osceola or Amery?) but discontinue officer positions, discontinue dues, roll back our status as a Society and once again call ourselves Polk County Genealogy Group. PCGS would become a "sharing and caring" genealogy group as opposed to a structured society. Each meeting would be a group of people sharing a problem/a success or with questions. A speaker or program only if someone of our Group would be willing to be responsible for the same. Continue with the monthly newsletter to inform interested parties of events. Give our money away.

-Continue with meeting only on an irregular bases, no officer positions, no dues, roll back our status as a Society to Polk County Genealogy Group. Continue with monthly newsletters to inform interested parties of events. Give our money away.

-Become a genealogy group that functions only as a Group with a newsletter - no meetings, no dues, no officers, give our money away.

-Other ideas? Thank you.

Tentative Schedule 2009

Don't Forget to Join in "Genie Mondays"

June/July/August
Every

Monday at the Polk County Historical Society Museum's Research Library

1 PM to 4 PM

BUILDING an INVENTORY of the RESEARCH ROOM LIBRARY COLLECTION

Support will be available to explain and direct our work. Of course, should any guests stop by looking for help with family history research questions, PCGS members will be on hand to assist.

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SEPT AND OCT. MEETING LOCATION

once again we will meet at the
OSCEOLA

PUBLIC LIBRARY

starting on

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.

program:

Anita Buck, Author of
STEAMBOATS ON THE ST. CROIX CARRYING IMMIGRANTS/CARGO UP THE ST. CROIX RIVER BETWEEN 1850-1920

and also

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich -

A New Genealogy Adventure

***** NEW *****

NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION

AMERY SENIOR CENTER

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.
MAP AVAILABILITY AT THE MUSEUM RESEARCH ROOM, Balsam Lake, WI

Monday 14 December 2009

Noon Holiday Potluck
at the
Home of PCGS member
Jay / Joyce Bergstrand
Please call for directions
(715).268.9523

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Polk County Genealogy Society

Dues

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

Wisconsin State Genealogical
Society
2009 Fall Seminar
2-3 October 2009
Neenah, Wisconsin
Best Western Bridgewood Resort
Hotel & Conference Center.
[<wsgs@tds.net>](mailto:wsgs@tds.net)
or
WSGS
POB # 5108
Madison, WI 53705-0106

**Local History and Historic
Preservation Annual Conference**

9-10 October 2009
Wausau, Wisconsin
24 Sessions
8 Hands-on-workshops
3 Friday evening events
2 Keynotes addresses

New CDs in the Research Library
Museum - Balsam Lake

Family Archives: German and Swiss
Settlers in America 1700s-1800s

Family Archives: Passenger and
Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-
1900s, 2001 Edition

Thanks to **Judy Wester**
PCGS member

More Tips from **Bev Brayton**

Price County Genealogy Society
*ASSUMING THAT FAMILY STORES
ARE ALL TRUE.

Often there is a glean of truth
in any family story, however, details
have become distorted through the
years. A common story might be:
"Great-great grandma was from
Italy". Someone might have said:
"gg-grandma looked like an Italian"
or "she might have been Italian" or
"she cooked like an Italian because
she lived near the Italian
community." ALWAYS seek out
official records that can prove or
disprove components of the story.

*ASSUMING THAT ALL CHILDREN IN
THE PRE-1880 CENSUS HOUSEHOLD
SCHEDULE ARE CHILDREN OF THE
'HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD'.

The children listed MAY or MAY
NOT be children of the core family.
They may be nieces, nephews,
stepchildren, grandchildren or even
NO RELATIONSHIP AT ALL. Study
the ages and birthplaces of ALL
households members, other census
records, probate, guardianships
papers, deeds, etc. for these could
all help identify relationships and
reveal the true children of this
particular family. Understanding
these relationships can be crucial to
building your pedigree. Census
records through 1840 can be very
helpful when analyzed with other
records, however, they can be
misleading if you insist on
"accounting" for everyone. Txks/**Bev**

POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN
MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Last Name First Name
Date Vol/Pg

CAMPBELL, Sam W/Phebe L. HANSCOM
24 Dec 1868 2/148

CAMPBELL, Will/Sarah MUCKLEWAND
3 OCT 1861 2/173

CAMPLELE, Olser/N. Francis NELSON
19 Apr 1860 1/44

CARPENTER, John/Mary BAUM
28 Feb 1871 2/212

CATLIN, Alphonso/Amanda CLARK
24 Nov 1867 2/127

CHRISTIE, John M./Emily EMERY
28 Feb 1860 1/41

CLARK, Andrew J./Emily SALSBURY
9 Apr 1862 1/51
Thanks to PCGS member
Muriel Pfeifer

JULY HISTORY EVENTS in Wisconsin
11-12 July: The War of 1812

Events from this historic event will be interpreted through a living history camp and a narrated battle each day. **Villa Louis** 10AM-5PM (608) 326-2721 or villalouis@wisconsinhistory.org

25-26 July: Laura Ingalls Wilder plus Farm Power Days

Step into the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder at this hands-on celebration of her life. Also check out steam-powered vintage machines at work.

Old World Wisconsin 10AM-5PM (262) 594-6300 or oww@wisconsinhistory.org

The Scottish Clan System

The clan system was not unique to Scotland. It was, quite probably, the earliest form of human government in many areas. As societies grew and became more complex, it was gradually replaced in most areas by something else. Yet in Scotland, it lasted longer than elsewhere in Europe. This fact suggests that it either had some features that made it particularly suited to the land and people of Scotland, or that the "Scottish Version" was preferable to competing economic and social structures, at least until the Industrial Revolution.

The geographic features of the land were certainly conducive to the clan system. Isolated glens, individual islands or areas bounded by natural features such as mountains, rivers, etc., lent themselves to the formation of separate clan territories. This also might explain why the system lasted longer in the Highlands than in the Lowlands (where transportation was easier and territory less physically defensible).

Another factor that contributed to the longevity of the clan system in Scotland was the fact that membership in a Scottish clan was more flexible than in other cultures. While the main criterion was still blood relationship, virtually all clans had outsiders, often called "broken men."

Edward Gardiner

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