

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.

THANK YOU to **each** and **every person** who advocates for PCGS with words and deeds in our ever reaching search for family history records.

THANK YOU **Judy Wester**/PCGS member for the tasty lunches of homemade soup/crackers and for sharing your home with the PCGS members during the winter months of Jan/Feb/Mar 2010. March business meeting took place during lunch. Ad hock proceeding.

Abbreviated Minutes of March Meeting

Wester read minutes and treasurer's reports - both approved

Group discussion and found consensus for:

**PCGS will financially support online PCGS project site with purchase of software for uploading to RootsWeb the Polk County historical data pertinent to Polk County genealogical research and with membership assistance whenever possible if needed.

**PCGS meetings April-November 2010 will be held at the St. Croix Falls Senior Center - 7:00 PM. Thanks to the Adams' for arranging this meeting place.

**PCGS' relationship with historical societies in Polk County.

**PCGS' treasury earmarked only for in-house projects.

Group Discussion- and tabled until further information is available and evaluated:

**Duties and projects for PCGS members during Genie Mondays May-Aug 2010 at the Polk County Historical Society Museum, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Correspondence to membership will be forthcoming with responsibilities for PCGS members outlined.

Time ran out - meeting adjourned
From memory/hsw

*PCGS monthly meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Monday of each month.
April - November 2010 meetings will be held at the Senior Center in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin - 7:00 PM

*Monday 26 April 2010

Gather at the St. Croix Falls Senior Center - 7:00 PM

"Scaling over those brick walls"
Round table discussion

(NOTE: Jim Rusch program moved to May.)

*Monday 24 May 2010

(Memorial Day is the following Monday)
Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.

Program: **James Rusch** PLS
"History of Land Records for Genealogy "

***June, July, August
Every Monday**

**NOTE: TIME CORRECTION -
12:00 -4:00 pm**

Gather at the Historical Society Museum
in Balsam Lake - 12:00- 4:00 p.m.
to assist researchers in their quest for
family history within the museum and
research tips in other areas.

*Monday 27 September 2010

Gather at the
Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.
Program: **Barb Oestreich**

*Monday 25 October 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix
Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

*Monday 22 November 2010

Gather at the Senior Center-St. Croix
Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

*Monday 13 December 2010

Annual Potluck Holiday Event
Noon - Location: TBA

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2010 Officers:

Judy Wester graciously agreed to be
Secretary/Treasurer for PCGS and we
trust our 2009 board members will
remain at their post for a short time into
the 2010 calendar year.
Thank you **EVERYONE!**

Polk County Genealogy Society Dues

Jan-Dec 2010 \$5.00 per person
Please make out your check or money
order to PCGS and mail to:
Judy Wester
901-8th Street
Centuria, Wisconsin 54824

</www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/>
officially transferred the web-mastership
to: **JUDY WESTER**

Should **Judy** ask for help on this project
please PCGS members, be ready and
willing to assist where possible.

Thanks to **Darcy Boock - SCVGS:**
</www.genealogyblog.com/?p=7805>

British program:

"Who Do You Think You Are"

premiers on

Friday 5 March 2010 at 7:p.m.

Traces well known Americans and their
family history.

NBC and <Ancestry.com>

partner to sponsor this program.

St. Croix Valley Genealogy Society

introduces their new Web page/blog.

The URL is

<<http://scvgs.wordpress.com/>>

This site has a link to Polk County.
Take a look and **Darcy Boock** is looking
for feedback.

Nice job, Darcy!

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The original tax receipts (public records) can be found at the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Some of the records are for taxes paid on personal property (moveable property) and some taxes listed are for real estate (land). The amount or the justification for the tax is not listed here. (The records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read, should misspelling occur, my apologies/Editor

Township of Farmington

Dec 1875

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| Louis Peachey | Michael Lynch |
| Mark Brier | John Morrsey |
| August Beryl | Andrew Hopkins |
| Joseph Richman | George Si----sey |
| Carl Bloom | Joseph DeParent |
| Frank Tanke | John Enik |
| John J. Nelson | John Demulling |
| Henry Moore | Joseph Degler |
| Ben Langenback | Peter Billeau |
| Allen Ramsey | Henry Bauer |
| O. Penny | Barnard Volkering |
| Ev. Danichirn | M. Herold |
| E. Moore Jr. | John Frenndt |
| John Reimely | Michael Rump |
| J. D. Downer | Michael Kremer |
| Henry Demulling | John Oundy |
| E.J. Roos | Peter Bonpries |
| John Rump | James Cording |
| Patrick Callamen | Patrick Berry |
| August Beryl | Edward Cromroy |
| Wm. Ramsey | F. Beryl |
| Louis Jaco | Claus Missner |
- Charles Engelharet**

Researcher:

Be Aware of These Pitfalls

Marriage "license" versus marriage "returns": Occasionally couples obtained a license or bond to marry but never carried out their intentions. It is the Ministers or the Justice of the Peace RETURN/CERTIFICATE that PROVES a marriage took place. Also learn about the different types of records that are included in marriage records vs marriage applications.

Thanks/ **Bev Brayton**
Price County Gen Society - 2009

PCGS members:

please remember that every Monday afternoon (12:00 pm -4 pm) during June, July, and August PCGS volunteers are needed to provide assistance to museum visitors who are doing genealogy research within the museum. This is a PCGS service project and volunteers may offer guidance for research in the museum records and/or share a genealogy tip with museum guests working on their quest for elusive ancestors.

TRE LAG STEVNE 2010

Theme:

"Looking Forward, Looking Back: Norwegian Spirit and Perseverance"

**Stevens Point, Wisconsin from Wednesday 4 August to Saturday, 7 August 2010
Ramada Hotel, Stevens Point
715-341-1340
Ask for the Tre Lag rate**

CENSUS

As the decade opened in 1850, the U.S. Federal Census counted 23,191,876 residents in the U.S. Of this number 2,244,602 were enumerated as being of foreign birth (about 9.7%). Not surprisingly, due to the Irish Potato famine of the 1840s, 961,719 people claimed Irish origins (close to 43%) making it the largest single country of origin cited. These numbers did not go unnoticed in urban areas and resentment of the Irish Catholic immigrants paved the way for a period of nativism.

The anti-immigrant sentiment was largely due to fears - fears that immigrant workers willing to accept lower pay would take their jobs; fears that the growing number of Roman Catholics would put loyalty to the pope over country; and fears that more Catholics would mean more votes that could sway power politically.

Thanks to **Jim Roberts**
Anchorage Genealogy Society