

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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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 helped with the April round table discussion "Over the Brick Walls"

*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

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

*Monday 24 May 2010

Program: **James Rusch, PLS**
"History of Land Records for Genealogy "
Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments to follow

"Considering the entire spectrum of American genealogy, **land and property records** have probably helped solve more difficult problems than any other single source; yet, many researchers fail to make effective use of them. An American pedigree should be built on land records."

Taken from the Pinery Pedigree, Marathon County Genealogy Society, Wausau, WI January-February 2010 reprinted with member permission

***June, July, August**
Every Monday
12:00 -4:00 pm

PCGS members please 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

Program: **Barb Oestreich**
Please gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments to follow

*Monday 25 October 2010

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

*Monday 22 November 2010

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

*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!**

Website: for Danish genealogy research:

<www.homeofourfathers.com/lisbeth/danishenglishgenealogydictionary.htm>
Great site!

The Pleasant Hill Cemetery

is located in the town of **Eureka** and is one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. The oldest tombstone there was for **Tuttle** (no first name), buried in 1849. Another early grave - **Mary E. Thomas**, buried in 1858. There are three Civil War veterans. Earliest records indicate a cemetery association formed in 1877, with 25 (or so) lot owners, lot cost \$5.00; association assessed each lot owner \$1.00 to pay for upkeep and the building of a fence. Cleaning and lawn care cost \$25.00 per season.

Cemetery board members in 1943: **Richard Johnson, Olive Anderson, and Evelyn Peterson.**

MILITARY INFORMATION

A military veteran, or the next of kin of a deceased veteran, may now complete a requests for records online at:

<www.archives.gov/research/room/vetrecs/>

The general public may also obtain limited information from an Official Military Personal File without the consent of the veteran or their next of kin under the Freedom of Information Act. Needed:

Name of veteran and service number,
Rank/Branch, and dates of service,
Awards and decorations,

Place of entrance and separation,
If veteran is deceased you may learn
Place of birth

Date/place of death/location of burial.

M/J 2005 **Everton's Genealogical Helper**

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The original tax receipts (public records) can be found at the Polk Cty Hist. Soc. Museum in Balsam Lake, WI. The records are for taxes paid on personal property (moveable property) or taxes listed are for real estate (land). The amount or the justification for each tax is not listed here. The records are well over a hundred years old, very difficult to read, and great care must be taken when researching within these documents. My apologies for any misspelling/Editor

Township of Milltown 1877-1878

Geo P. Anderson	David Slayton
Chas. T. Turner	Jorgen Michaelson
Jens Germanson	Peder Larson
John Neilson	Casper Johnson
Jens Tretsven	Hans C. Christensen
Christian Grannum	L.M. Jensen
Mathias Christensen	N.H. Neilson
Peder Christensen	Peter Johnson
Hans B. Mortensen	N. C. Berring
Hans A. Dahl	Jorgen Neilson
Peter Johnson	Nichols Smith
Lars Larsen Sund	Jens Larsen Sund
Mortin Hansen	John Lynch
Ole Larsen	Iver Michaelson
Wm. Blanding	Lawrence Williams
Wm. Ahern	John Blynn
John Hansen	E.A. Erickson
Peder Pedersen Bjerre	J.A. Clark
Michael Hurley	Mary Conley
Wm. Taylor	E.W. Whitehouse
Braclish Johnson by W.J. Vincent	
E. Grofman by W.J. Vincent	
A. Frank by W.J. Vincent	
Patrick Hurley, C. Phelps, S.B. Drake	
Nels Nelson, John Nelson, H.M. Lillis	
Andrew Tretsven	Michael Supples
Ole Tretsven	John Hurley
Lars Johnson	D.F. Murphy
Francis White	Lewis Elkins
Thomas Jensen	James Campbell
James H. Clark	Porter Kimbell
Ed Winslow	Albert Eyen
Hemming Olsen	N.P. Johnson
Frank G. Peterson	U.G. Paris
H.P. Bjerre	Michael Laughlin
Chresti Hansen	Jens Neilsen
Patrick Lillis	Jens Jensen Holm
Margaret Ahern	S.B. Drake
Peter Chr. Jensen	Charles Davidson
Charles Elmgreen	Thomas Thompson

JOEL/RICHARDSON AREA TEACHERS

Years Unknown

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| E.E. Husband | Myrtle Degolier |
| Thomas Ryan | Carrie Kenny |
| Agnes Kinney | Caroline Wikander |
| Rose Berg | Ada Densmore |
| Mabel Shotwell | Anna J. Shan |
| Dora Nelson | Fern Gusdorf |
| Maye Cook | Ronald Mahr |
| Alma Rockney | Carrie Cochran |
| Frank Nelson | Josephine Whitmore |
| Bessie Williams | Lida Montgomery |
| Kenneth Outcalt | Viva Sower |
| Adah Wall | Maybelle Peterson |
| Winnie Brandt | Olga Elton |
| Miss Johnson | Sola Kittel |
| Mabel Jensen | Elma Jensen |
| W.B. Lawrence | Ruth Landwig |
| Mathilda Feske | Ida Holmbeck |
| Gladys Palmberg | Elsie Burch |
| Claude VanHollen | Elsie Migasnes |
| Lida Hull | Lucille Carlson |

Wisconsin Building Methods

Fachwerk, or half-timber construction required timber for the framework, mud and straw daubing or clay for bricks-resources available in abundance in southeastern Wisconsin. A broadaxe shaped the rough logs into beams and an adze refined the beams used in the construction. Mortise and tendon joints held together by oak pins secured the framework.

Old World Wisconsin Site companion 2003

Judy Wester, PCGS member, officially became the webmaster for </www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/> Should **Judy** ask for help on this project please PCGS members, be ready and willing to assist where possible.

"Names of pupils who went to school to me back in the Good Old Days"

(Unfortunately the teacher (author) did not sign the memories he (she) wrote).

Dated July 1959

First term at the Sucker Lake school. The school house, with addition was bought by Al York and now stands on the left side of the road leading into Amery (WI). School started April 12, 1897 and closed June 28.

Students:

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| Mark Johnson | Seward Johnson |
| Sophie Johnson | Allen Johnson |
| Morris Johnson | Sophia Bergren |
| Frank Bergren | John Bergren |
| Andy Bergren | Hulda Hawkinson |
| Ella Hawkinson | Clara Hawkinson |
| Charley Hallquist | Anna Hallquist |
| Signe Hallquist | Tommy Jones |
| Ray Jones | Albert Thomson |
| Clara Thomson | Sophie Thomson |
| Otelia Thomson | Amelia Hoff |
| Hazel Hoff | Allie Hoff |
| Willie Friday | Otto Friday |
| (Freitag) | Ida Gumpert |
| Wilbur Gumpert | Edward Gumpert |
| Harry Ridler | Peter Nelson |
| Hedvik Hallquist | Ernest Hillbory |

I was paid the magnificent sum of \$23.00 a month, (all I was worth) and got board for the three months for \$20.00 with Olof Olson who had a saw mill across the road, to the southwest from the Polk County Farm.

School teachers "in those days were hired by the term and not by the year" - perhaps from April to June or from September to November in any given year. (to be continued)

Please PCGS members 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 in another area on their quest for elusive ancestors.

