

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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Polk County Genealogical Society
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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.

The general meeting schedule for September 2010 thru May 2011 returns to the fourth Monday of each month and the meeting place is once again the Senior Center in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, at 7:00 PM. (except Dec.'s Holiday Event which is at the home of J. & J. Bergstrand.)

'Genie Thursdays' will now be known as work days for genealogy projects every Thursday for the month of September at the Luck Historical Society Museum 12:00 noon - 3:00 P.M. Work day schedule may change for the months of October and November.

2010-2011 SCHEDULE

***Monday 27 September 2010**

Program: **Barb Oestreich**
"Using City Directories" & Leon Update
Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM Refreshments to follow

***Monday 25 October 2010**

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls
7:00 PM Refreshments to follow
Program: **Tim Ericson**
University of Wisconsin Archivist, Retired
"Black Americans in Wisconsin"

***Monday 22 November 2010**

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

***Monday 13 December 2010 - NOON**

Annual **Potluck** Holiday Event
Home of **Jay/Joyce Bergstrand**
PCGS members

***Monday 24 January 2011**

Gather at the Senior Center - 7:00 p.m.
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
"Sharing Software Reports"
Judy Wester - PCGS member

***Monday 28 February 2011**

Gather at the Senior Center - 7:00 p.m.
St. Croix Falls Wisconsin
"Ancestry.com/Family Tree Maker"
Jay Bergstrand - PCGS member

***Monday 28 March 2011**

Gather at the Senior Center - 7:00 p.m.
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
"1914 Plat Map Project"
Norma Holmbeck - PCGS member

***Monday 25 April 2011**

Gather at **TBA**
"The PCGS Presence "
Russ Hanson - PCGS member

***Monday 23 May 2011**

Gather at the Senior Center
St. Croix Falls, Wisc. - Program: TBA

Upcoming Events

9 October 2010 Wisconsin State
Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar:
Research: "Something for Everyone"

Lori Bessier

of the Wisconsin Historical Society

Four lectures:

- * Everyone's a Beginner
- * How to find Genealogical Collections
 - * Google.com
 - * Genealogy on a Budget

at
Ramada Hotel, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
WSHS POB # 5106, Madison, WI
53405-0106

SHARING our STORIES

Local History/Historical Preservation Conf

15-16 October 2010 Lake Geneva, WI

The Grand Geneva Resort

Sponsored by:

Wisconsin Historical Society

Wisconsin Council for Local History

featuring

3 Workshops just made for genealogist:

***Turning Memories into Stories**

(Writing from your life)

***Getting our Stories into Print**

(Intro guide to publishing)

and

featuring

WI Historical Society Archivist

Jim Hansen

Tracing Your Ancestors

(21st Century)

Wisconsin Historical Society

816 State Street

Madison, WI 53706-1482

Check out the Wisconsin Historical Society site at

[wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/
classes](http://wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes)

for schedule:

Sept - **Ancestry.com Workshop**

Oct - **French-Canadian Research**

Dec - **Oh Darned! Where Did I Put Uncle George**

Douglas County Genealogy Club

presents their 3rd

Annual Fall Conference

25 September 2010

Christ Lutheran Church, Superior, Wisc.

Featured Speaker: **Rich Pifer**

from the

Wisconsin State Historical Society.

Topics:

- * organizing your research files
- * drawing accurate conclusions
 - * court records

Additional speaker: **Tom Holden**,
Director of the Lake Superior Marine
Museum and Visitor's Center/Army
Corps of Engineers.

Topic:

"Castle Behind the Light"

Local Lighthouse History

COST: **FREE!**

Lunch will be available for \$6.00 from
Boy Scout Troop # 202
Vendors, Vendors, Vendors
and representatives of genealogical
interest.

INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Kathie Otto,

is the recently engaged

Area Research Center (ARC) Archivist
located on the

University of Wisconsin-River Falls
campus. Stop in at the ARC-UWRF, say
Hello to Ms. Otto and visit the beautiful
new facilities.

The ARC/UWRF holdings focus
primarily on the four counties of Burnett,
Polk, St. Croix and Pierce. However,
miscellaneous items, such as plat maps
or written histories, that cover counties
outside of the region and in some
cases, such as census records and the
pre-1907 vital stats index, the ARC-
UWRF records cover the entire state.

ARC NEWS FROM KATHIE OTTO
to
PCGS

"The UW-River Falls Area Research Center (ARC) is going to be open the second Saturday of every month beginning in September. We want to recruit some "Genealogy Helpers" for those Saturdays. What we are thinking is that each of the four counties in the ARC area would get a month to be their county's "Genealogy Month."

The way it would work is, we would want to recruit 1 or 2 genealogists for each county who know that county's genealogy very well and could help us work with any researchers who came in. We would advertise a specific month as Polk County Genealogy Month (or anyone of the other 3 counties,) and, hopefully, get more researchers that month specifically interested in Polk County(or anyone of the other 3 counties). Members of PCGS interested in a particular county would also be encouraged to come do research that month. It often more fun to research in a group than individually, and people could share rides from the counties that are further away.

Of course, anyone is welcome to come any second Saturday and anytime during the week as well. But we would hope to encourage more people to become interested in their family history if they knew there was a month devoted just to "their" county. And you could tell people who came that month about the PCGS and perhaps recruit some more members.

We also want to start off the day with a special class for people who have never been here before to come early and learn where we are, what kinds of resources we hold, and how everything works. If a Genealogy Helper wanted to help teach the class, that would be great; otherwise, we would do the whole class." Thanks/**Kathie Otto**

5/6 PCGS members already signed up for the 2nd Saturday in October - 9 October 2010.

Dan Geister is interested for Pierce County.

Michigan Death Records

For those who are doing research on Michigan relatives, you may find "**Seeking Michigan**" a useful site particular for death records. The address is:

<<http://seekingmichigan.org/discover>>

Thanks

Richard Kretzschmar
PCGS Past President

Diseases listed on old records

Ague- intermittent fever, sometimes called 'the shakes', or by names expressive of the locality in which it was prevalent such a 'swamp fever' in Louisiana or 'Panama fever' in Panama.

Apoplexy - paralysis due to stroke

Bad Blood - syphilis

Brain fever - meningitis, typhus

Bright's Disease - kidney inflammation

Croup - any obstructive condition of the larynx (voice box) or windpipe.

Diphtheria - an acute infectious disease

acquired by contact with an infected person or a carrier of the disease. It was usually confined to the upper respiratory tract (throat). Occasionally confused with scarlet fever and croup.

Dropsy - congestive heart failure

Grippe - an old term for influenza

Jaundice - yellow discoloration of the skin, whites of the eyes, and mucous membranes.

Lockjaw - tetanus, disease in which the jaws become firmly locked together

Plague/Black Death - bubonic plague

Quinsy - an acute inflammation of the tonsils, often leading to an abscess

Septic - infected, a condition of local or generalized invasion of the body by disease causing germs

Summer complaint - cholera, common noncontiguous diarrhea of young children

Thrush - a disease characterized by whitish spots and ulcers on the membranes of the mouth, tongue caused by a parasitic fungus.

<www.olivetreegenealogy.com>

Atlas of Denmark

The Wikimedia Atlas of the World is an organized and commented collection of geographical, political and **historical maps** available at Wikimedia Commons. Content and index of the Atlas and Atlas in categories. The introductions of the country, dependency and region entries are in the native languages and in English. The other introductions are in English

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Historical Maps of Sweden

Lantmateriet's Historical Maps website contain a wealth of unique maps and documents from all over Sweden dating from 1630 onwards. Try out the following website and click on the English tab in the upper right corner.

<www.lantmateriet.se>

Thanks to
Beverly Brayton
Price County Genealogical Society

Ancestry Library Edition

The UWRF Davee Library and the University Archives & ARC now have **Ancestry Library Edition** which members of the public are welcome to use for **free** anytime the Archives and/or Library are open. You **do** need to be on campus to use it.

Kathie Otto
PCGS member

Historic Preservation Award

New Holstein Historical Society Award for 2010 - **Tim House** Congratulations!

Toting Files Digitally

Paper backup is great and so are external drives and CDs. [However] do not forget that digital camera that goes on every vacation. Not everyone may be aware of this, but the card you use for your camera and plug into your computer is a disk like any other. If you can access the contents of the disk, you can drop your GEDCOM on to it and still take and download pictures all you want.

This is still my preferred method of transferring files from computer to computer, seeing as I have a Mac and a PC and some are brand-new and some are more than five years old. The only thing that consistently worked was my digital camera card.

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Stephanie Carson Feldman

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ROOTS in Washburn County, Editor:
Bonnie Brandt

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To all the Beebe Cousins

Evergreen Cemetery - on Highway 25 about ten miles south of Menomonie, Wisconsin, grave of **Alanson J. Beebe** age 22 - kicked by a mule during the Civil War.

North forty miles at the Arland Cemetery are the stones of **Lathrop Beebe**, his wife **Abigail Alger Beebe**, their daughter **Anna Mariah Beebe Hanson** and her husband, **Charles Martin Hanson**.

Ernest Clinton Beebe and his wife **Jessie Alger Beebe** burials at the

Kahbong Cemetery
high above the St. Croix River out of Taylors Falls.

Thanks to:
PCGS member **Russ Hanson**,
River Road Ramblings Column Inter-
County Leader 25 May 2010
<riverroadrambler@gmail.com>

