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## From The President

We received a lot of positive feedback about our 2014 programs so far. Using your input on this winters questioner, the board members and our Vice President/program director Richard Ammann were able to bring programs to you. How exciting it is to be able to share and learn at the same time in a room full of enthusiastic people with like interests.

In March Judy Rockwell shared about the Wisconsin Genealogical Society and upcoming webinars. I went to the site and looked up more about them. Here is an excerpt from their article at <http://www.wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=125>

“The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society is now offering an exciting new educational option for the Wisconsin genealogical community - webinars!

Webinars are online sessions during which you can see an hour-long presentation from a state- or nationally-known speaker on topics ranging from research in Wisconsin libraries, archives, historical societies and courthouses, to beginning research methods, organization, ethnic research and more!

Join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM (CST) to hear great speakers and learn more about how to do your genealogy better! If you can't join us for the live presentation, be sure to [join WSGS](#) so that you can listen to the recording in the Members-Only section as many times as you'd like!

If you are new to webinars here is a [great article](#) on learning more about webinars! There is also a great [Attendee Reference Guide](#) for GoToWebinars! “

Bonnie Bolster

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Our April meeting was at the Parkside Achieves in Kenosha Wisconsin. The Archives staff provided an introduction and overview to their resources. The members that were able to attend were taught how to use the resources available and found some interesting facts which we hope they will share with us at our May meeting.

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**The date is set for our Family History Fair to be held at Burlington High School Commons. It will be Sat Sept 27, 2014 from 9 to 3. Set up will be at 8 am.**

We still are looking for an Editor. In the meantime it will be a joint effort of our members. Please submit stories to me for the July / Aug 2014 newsletter by July 9. Word document format or plain text are preferable.

**Facebook articles and links can be posted at any time.**

.From Judith Schulz : A link to an article on Family Search  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Genealogical\\_Dictionary\\_of\\_Legal\\_Terms](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Genealogical_Dictionary_of_Legal_Terms)

Genealogical Dictionary of Legal Terms

### **Introduction**

The study of Genealogy is rarely confined to the formation of a bare "tree," and few genealogists are satisfied with such but wish to know, appreciate and record all the information obtainable in connection with the family being dealt with. Most of the recorded matter of use to genealogists in this wider sense is connected with the land, and particularly with legal actions and operations closely related to it. The consequence is that to take advantage of many of our old records a knowledge of legal history, terms and operations is essential. This is frequently the case too, even when the genealogist is confining himself to the "tree" strictly, for proper connections can sometimes only be made or confirmed by correct interpretation of legal documents and records. The neophytic genealogist usually lacks the knowledge referred to, and even when of a legal or semi-legal profession often has not the requisite knowledge of medieval law for his purpose. He appreciates this quickly if he is earnest, but not so quickly can he supply the deficiency. It is difficult to identify the proper books to refer to, and when reference is had, he finds that it is often very difficult to glean the simple information required. Inquirers in every subject experience this. The more or less basic or superseded principles that require elucidation on appear to be obscured by the mass of technical detail. In fact, it is similar to looking for a simple remedy for a cold in a learned medical work. It is, therefore, thought that the brief explanations given in the following pages of what to the beginner are obscure legal terms and documents will be of help to the genealogist, forming a handy reference to those terms, etc., the ignorance of which has been found from experience to constitute difficulty for him.

It should be understood that the matter presented has been written with special consideration to pre-Victorian conditions, as the genealogist's path in the Victorian era is straightforward, if not easy.

In order to economize space and make for clearness those terms used in the text, which are themselves substantively dealt with, are printed in italics.

**P. C. Rushen**

From our Facebook Page:  
Searching Orphans on line is interesting. Sometimes you get a word or two but other times you get a whole document of orphan information. Such was the case today. this is for Orphan's Court Minors Papers for Chester Co. PA. Orphans' Court Minors Papers Index 1714-1881.

<http://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/5564>

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|  | <p>This in from our member <a href="#">Judith</a><br/> best history lesson ever...<br/> this is an amazing map..<br/> 170 years of America's land development.... right before your eyes<br/> <a href="http://freedomfathers.com/170-years-american-history-one-amazing-gif/">http://freedomfathers.com/170-years-american-history-one-amazing-gif/</a></p> |
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**Tentative 2014 Programs**

The date for our Writing your Obit will be known soon. This may be an early session prior to our regular meeting.

April – Field trip to UW-Parkside Archives, with tour and research time – a Wednesday

May 21 – Maps in family history. Sites for historic maps, both physical repositories and on-line. We will focus on maps and how they can assist with family history research, and also how their use can add to family history reporting and stories. The program will be led by Dick Ammann, who has a lifelong fascination with maps.

June 18– Stock photos and images to enhance family history – Bonnie Bolster and Richard Ammann – postcards, Google images, online photo archives (Wisconsin Historical Society), etc.

July 16 – The Burlington Genealogical Society will hold a Potluck Family Picnic at Wehmhoff Square Park, downtown Historic Burlington, Wisconsin; on Wednesday, at the corner of Pine Street and Washington at **6 pm**.

Aug 20 – Internet tools for genealogists: RSS readers to facilitate web news accumulation, Google tools, and more. Bonnie Bolster.

Sep 17 – Annual members' sharing session: new discoveries and how they were found. Facilitated by Richard Ammann and Bonnie Bolster

Sept 27 - Annual family history fair: 27 September 2014 Burlington High School

Oct 15 – Organizing computer files, photos, and paper files – Judy Rockwell

November 19 – Stories of military service, veterans, and local wartime activities at home – Round-table sharing session, moderated by Dave Nelson.

December – no meeting