



THE GREEN COUNTY GENEALOGIST

Calendar



Meetings

Meetings are held at the Monroe, WI Public Library at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month.

January – No meeting.

February 3 "Civil War Medicine Hollywood Version: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly"- Gordon Dammann Dr. Dammann was an Army Post Dental Surgeon and Captain (1969-70) and is a retired dentist from Lena, Illinois. He is founder of the Lena Area Historical Society as well as the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

March 3 Finding Your Ancestors in Fraternal Organizations – Rhonda McClure Webinar In this webinar, Rhonda R. McClure teaches you how to identify different fraternal organizations, provide valuable tools for locating a lodge and its records, and discuss how these records can enrich your family history research.

April 7 Railroads in the Landscape – Paul Schoenike A railroad does not support itself, but rather draws heavily on the hinterland through which it is built. Explore the landscapes, and the people, machines, and challenges of running a railroad. Learn how the railroads affected the migration and lives of your ancestors

May 5 Annual Meeting – & lunch 2 programs: member **Sandy Wille's 2017 Trip to Norway** and "**The Coffin Ships: Death on the Ocean Crossing and One Family's Story.**" - **Glenn Borreson**

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May tbd Green's Prairie Cemetery Walk given by **David Greene & Tom Mitchell** for GCGS members

June 2 Dairy By Design: the Transition to Dairying in the Badger State- **Dave Driscoll** of Wisconsin State Historical Society will address the fact that Wisconsin became the Dairy State not by fate or accident, but by the sustained actions of dedicated promoters and risk-taking farmers over several decades. The results transformed the economy of the state and the lives of Wisconsin farmers.

July 7 Taverns, Trinkets, & Tidbits -Dr. Lance Sathoff will discuss the history of Monroe's Taverns and Bars

August 4 Swiss Cemetery Walk Field Trip details TBD

September 1 Early Cheesemaking in Green County – Donna Douglas from the National Historic Cheesemaking Center will share the history of cheesemaking in Green County.

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October 6 Preserving Family Treasures
– **Katie Mullen** Preservation Coordinator
Wisconsin Historical Society

November 3 Funeral Homes and Family History: They Are Dying to Meet You! –
Daniel Earl –webinar

December 1 Members Show & Share –
Christmas/holiday memories and family traditions – favorite ornaments or gifts from the past or any other family heirloom or story.

President's Column.

2017 has come to a close and 2018 is before us. When looking ahead it is good to reflect on what has happened or been accomplished. We have had a busy year and have been able to prioritize some of our projects. Since opening the research center in the library we have had an explosion of growth which has taken this past year to sort out and set priorities. One of those priorities has been the digitizing of our marriage records. We borrowed a scanner from the library that has enabled us to speed up the process. Seeing how valuable this type of scanner is, one of our first priorities for 2018 is the purchase of scanner for ourselves with a cost around \$800-\$900. The Friends of the Library have made a generous donation towards the purchase and several members have also donated so we are ready to make that purchase. With the increase in the number of records being digitized we also need help with renaming the files. Once the files are renamed they can be merged together into a master file that can be searched. We currently have 5-6 who are helping with the renaming and the master file has been started. If you are interested in helping with this project it can be done from

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home. All you need is a computer and internet service and we will train you how to do it. Stop by or give the Research Center a call if you would be interested. It would be a huge goal accomplished if we could complete this by the end of 2018.

Another thing to reflect on is the many disasters our country has experienced in 2017 and continue to experience. Would you be able to preserve your genealogical research if you had to evacuate quickly or if you had a fire or tornado? What about your financial records? Are you prepared if you lost your home? What plans do you need to set in place for 2018 to be disaster ready? I know my weakest area is that I have many photos yet to be digitized and offsite storage for those photos. If I was caught in a fire much would be gone. So let's set a goal for 2018 to make a plan which could include:

- Back up your computer regularly
- Digitize your photos and family history
- Store in the cloud (offsite storage is good but is often not kept up as often as cloud storage). It is recommended to have three copies.
- Prioritize digitizing original copies of items or documents that cannot be easily replaced. Skip scanning document easily found online (census records, for example).

In an evacuation situation, in which we may have some time, consider taking anything that cannot be replaced. That might include: Diaries & journals, photographs, letter of correspondence from ancestors, family Bibles, awards, original naturalization, military or other papers, etc.

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What about your heirlooms? What if you did not have time or the space to grab them? You may want to consider putting together a book of heirloom images that includes provenance details. Then you would at least have a physical reminder of those items if you lost them all. That's if you have it backed up to your cloud storage. This is an item on my to do list, not only for a disaster, but also for my children and grandchildren so they will know what each item is and the story that goes with it when I am not here to tell them. ;

I hope you will consider a plan for your genealogy, heirlooms and family memories in case of a disaster. It may minimize the loss of many years of research. Have a great year of research in 2018!

Ginny Gerber

FamilySearch Changes

At the November 18 meeting of the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois, Maureen Brady (the speaker for our October workshop) talked about changes for the FamilySearch website. As you probably are aware, microfilms are no longer available to order from Salt Lake City. Maureen explained the two part reason for the change. First the only company in the world manufacturing the raw film used has been threatening to discontinue making it. Secondly, the Church of the Latter day Saints has been digitizing the records for the past eight years.

Starting December 13, 2017, there is a new FamilySearch sign-in screen. Everyone needs to sign in or get a new account (if they don't have one). Some original record custodians have contracts stating only registered users can have access. If you have trouble getting logged in, you can call 866-406-1830 for a live voice that will help

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you with forgotten passwords, etc. There is still no cost to use FamilySearch, but you must sign in. You will have a different personalized home screen each time you sign in reflecting the research you have done during past sessions. At any time you can hit the FamilySearch logo in the upper left corner to go back to your home screen.

All microfilms requested in the past 5 years have been digitized (if they have permission from the original record custodian.) Their goal is to have all digitized by December of 2020. To find the historical records, the most efficient way is to first look for the place. If you start with the ancestor's name, you will miss some of the records available and have a large number that may not be related. Many films are not indexed. Search every place name used for the location the ancestor lived – country, state/province/territory, county, town/parish/township. You can also use keyword search for subject, religion, or place. Symbols are used in the FamilySearch catalog and historical record databases. They designate the availability of the records. While most are available online, some are available only at the Family History Library, Family History Centers, or affiliate libraries. Those available at another website may require a fee or subscription such as Ancestry.com. Symbols also designate microfilms that have been indexed, records that have been linked to an individual in Family Tree, and films that have not yet been digitized. If you would like a film that has not been digitized you may phone the number mentioned above and request digitization of the film number (one at a time). Requested films are put on the top of the list for digitization. Maureen said that since it only takes a few minutes to digitize a film, they are done fairly quickly. Films not indexed can be browsed.

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FamilySearch Changes—contd

FamilySearch has digitized over 350,000 family histories, and county and local histories. Gazetteers and pamphlets are also digitized. Many of these are available online. Some you need to access at the FHL or a Family History Center. As PDFs, they are opened in Adobe and are every word searchable, so you can check for your ancestor in even the un-indexed books. Remember to consult the FamilySearch wikis for the type of record, place, and ethnicity.

Submitted by:
Sharon Mitchell

2018 Membership Dues

It's that time of year. Your 2018 dues will be due Dec 31, 2017. The dues are \$15 for an emailed newsletter and \$22 if you want postal newsletter.

If you need membership form there is one at the end of this newsletter.

Donations to GCGS through AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable organization of your choice (that's us – Green County Genealogical Society).



A Happy Christmas Story

When I was between four and six years old, I lived in Beloit, WI. It was during World War Two and we didn't have a lot but being kids, we didn't know it. We played in the neighborhood, going home for lunch when one of the mothers whistled for us to get home. We played outside games as there was no TV or laptops.

When it rained, we went to play in the street gutters. We didn't have to worry about traffic as there weren't many cars around. My closest friend in the neighborhood lived "kiddy-korner" from my house. We would run and splash in the rain while our mom's watched from the doorway with their cups of coffee.

We moved away in 1946 so my girlfriend and I only saw each other a couple of times after that, but during that time we were inseparable.

While going through some clippings at the center, I found a 50th anniversary clipping of Jeanette's parents. It brought back wonderful memories so I sent it to her. I had looked up her address several years ago and it had stuck in my memory.

Soon with the help of a friend of hers, she called me after finding my name on google. (It pays to have lots of hits on Google!) She has lived in the same house in IL for over 60 years just over the line in South Beloit. We enjoyed a short conversation and made plans to meet so by the time you read this, I will have gone to see her and revisited our past.

One just never knows where you might find a friend or an ancestor.

Donna Kjendlie



Genealogy Do-Over Returns for 2018

Thomas MacEntee is again having a Genealogy Do-Over for 2018. He asks us, “Are you ready to hit the reset button? Starts January 1, 2018.” The following information is taken from his posting.

“The Genealogy Do-Over started in January 2015 as a weekly program lasting 13 weeks. In January 2016, the format switched to one using monthly topics. I’m pleased to announce that due to popular demand, we’ll be running another cycle of monthly topics for 2018 on our Facebook page... “

Here is a complete listing of monthly topics:

Month 1: Setting Previous Research Aside & Preparing to Research

Month 2: Establishing Base Practices and Guidelines & Setting Research Goals

Month 3: Conducting Self Interview & Conducting Family Interviews

Month 4: Tracking Research & Conducting Research

Month 5: Citing Sources & Building a Research Toolbox

Month 6: Evaluating Evidence & Reviewing Online Education Options

Month 7: Reviewing Genealogy Database Software & Digitizing Photos and Documents

Month 8: Conducting Collateral Research & Reviewing Offline Education Options

Month 9: Conducting Cluster Research & Organizing Research Materials – Documents and Photos

Month 10: Reviewing DNA Testing Options & Organizing Research Materials – Digital

Month 11: Reviewing Social Media Options & Building a Research Network & Reviewing Research Travel Options

Month 12: Sharing Research & Securing Research Data “

Genealogy Do-Over Returns for 2018—contd

You can join the Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogydoover/>. You can unsubscribe at anytime. A Do-Over Workbook is available in print, kindle, or pdf format to purchase. There will be an announcement the last week of December regarding a special bonus group to accompany the Genealogy Do-Over.

Submitted by:

Sharon Mitchell

Genealogist Stew

Take 1 Curious Beginner

Add: 1 Age Discrepancy
1 Unreadable Microfiche
1 Census Record written in “disappearing ink”

Fold in 1 ton of correspondence.

Simmer while awaiting answers.

....That’s enough to make an Genealogist Stew!!



Wisconsin Veterans Museum

by Ginny Gerber

If you are looking for military information the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison is a resource that may help your research. They recently launched a newly designed website at www.wisvetsmuseum.com. It has new features and resources that you may want to check out. Some of the databases include:

Civil War Database: This database includes about 90,000 men who served in Wisconsin regiments. Find out when they enlisted, if they were wounded, which unit they served in and more. From the database you may request more information on your Civil War ancestor.

Spanish-American War Database: If your ancestor served in a Wisconsin National Guard unit during the Spanish-American War in 1898 you can find them in this database. About 5000 Wisconsin men served in this war.

World War 1 Database: This database was launched in April and includes information about the 122,000 Doughboys (and Doughgirls) from Wisconsin who served in the Great War. In addition to searching by name, you can also search by City or County to get a list of the men and women from your community who served. The museum has a service record for every person in the database. When you find your ancestor be sure to use the request info by the name to find out how to access those records.

All three databases can be found under the Research tab on the homepage

Also be sure to check for photos of your ancestor, especially if they served in the Civil War. Go to the Research tab, select Search Artifacts, and then select Photos. You may find a photo you did not know existed.

Wisconsin Veterans Museum—contd

When searching a database it is best to use the “less is more” approach. Start by searching with just the last name. If you get too many results, add a first name.

When I did a search for my “Adair” ancestors who served in the Civil War, eight names of soldiers who served in the civil war were listed with their name, location, rank, enlistment date, discharge date, regiment and remarks such as “Killed in action December 31, 1862, Stone River”. From the search page you may request more info on the soldier. Seven of those soldiers are my ancestors from Green County. Looks like I have some research to do.

You may visit the museum at 30 W. Mifflin St, Madison WI Tel: 608-267-1799.

Old Postcards/Photos

Do you have old photos or postcards you'd love to share with us, please submit them to DLB56@aol.com. And if you have a current picture of the old location that would be fun to share to.

Research Center Location & Hours

We are located on the lower level of Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Ave., Monroe, WI.

Hours:

Tuesday & third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Saturday of the month 1 pm to 3 pm Oct. thru May

Friday 1 pm to 4 pm June thru Sept.

Other times available by appointment. Call 608-328-7436

Panel Discussed Lineage Societies in November

“How and Why to Join a Lineage Society” was the topic for the November 4 meeting. Rhonda Stevens, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society board member, discussed how to apply for Pioneer Certificates. Bob Stone, told us about the Sons of American Revolution membership, and Barb Nemec spoke on the Daughters of the American Revolution.

All members of the panel stressed that it is a lot of work to research and locate all the required documentation to complete the application. They also told us that there is a great sense of accomplishment when their research documentation on their ancestor is accepted as correct. (The documentation required is really just good genealogy and that we all should strive to find for each of our ancestors.)

Rhonda, the WSGS board member for our district, told us that applying for a Pioneer (or similar) Certificate is a good starting point to learn about documenting our ancestors. It often involves less generations of research than DAR or SAR, but has similar documentation requirements. There are four certificates available through WSGS: WI Pioneer Ancestor Certificate (prove descent from persons who settled in WI prior to 1851), WI Century Ancestor Certificate (prove descent from persons who settled in WI over 100 years prior to application), WI Homestead Certificate (prove descent from individual that obtained a homestead in WI), and WI Military War Ancestor Certificate (prove descent from an ancestor that was born, died, lived, or served in WI Military Unit). The first two certificates must be direct descendant; the second two may be either a direct or collateral descendant. Information is available on the WSGS website: wsgs@wsgs.org. Rhonda's email is msrms@charter.net if you would like to contact her with questions.

Panel Discussed Lineage Societies in November - contd

Bob, the Wisconsin SAR genealogist, told us the Sons of the American Revolution was organized in 1889 (the 100th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration) “to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny - a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.” SAR's mission is to foster patriotism, engage community, and preserve American history. Bob walked us through the application. The application form has changed, so be sure to have the current application (available on their website.) If you have a relative or ancestor that was an SAR member, you may be able to use their membership application as part of your application. Be aware, however, that the documentation requirements have changed through the years and applicants may have to provide additional documentation for some lines. The SAR website is <http://www.sar.org>. Bob reviews all Wisconsin SAR applications and is willing to help applicants and answer questions. His email is rjstone@chorus.net.

The Daughters of the American Revolution started in 1890 as a result of the SAR refusing women membership. This was approximately one generation after the Revolutionary War. The children of the patriots felt a responsibility to remember the effort. Barb Nemec, Regent of Colonel Benjamin Harrison Chapter DAR, told us that it is a service organization dedicated to “historical preservation, patriotism, and education.” Like SAR, DAR membership is limited to those who can prove direct lineage to a patriot (someone who contributed to the American side of the war by military service, providing supplies, paying continental taxes, jury duty, etc.) The DAR application has also changed, so verify you are working on the current one. You can check the Descendants Search on their

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Panel Discussed Lineage Societies in November - contd

website to see if your ancestor has been used for previous DAR applications. As with SAR, the requirements have changed so additional documentation may be needed. The national website is dar.org; the Monroe Chapter DAR website is colbenjaminharri-sondar.org. Barb Nemic is willing to help applicants and answer questions. Her email is barb.nemic@gmail.com or phone 608-482-2483.

The process for other lineage societies and certificate programs are similar to these. Many genealogical and historical societies (region, state, and county) have certificate programs for pioneers, military veterans, etc. There are many other lineage societies such as for Mayflower and Colonial descendants, descendants of various ethnicities, descendants of various war veterans, etc. –A Google search should reveal lineage societies active in various states.

A number of books published by lineage societies are available to use in our Resource Center as well as many other resources that can be used for research including: family, state, and county histories, our surname and subject files, online databases, etc.

Submitted by:
Sharon Mitchell

Tables Full of Cookie Cutters at December Meeting

Dr. Gary Oldenberg shared Christmas cookie cutters from his collection of over 23,000 cookie cutters with us. Gary is a retired anesthesiologist now living in Freeport. His 2great-grandfather, Edward Schubert, was orphaned and drafted by the Confederate Army in 1861 and then taken prisoner of war. Because of his background, instead of being confined in prison, he was made a baker for the Union Army. After the war, he moved his family to Lena, IL and opened a bakery there. His daughters wrote memoirs of their lives and using cutters to decorate their Christmas tree.

Cookie cutters have been made from various materials and been manufactured by many companies. He particularly likes to find hand-made cutters since many are one of a kind. He has one made from a Raleigh Co. tin. Plastic cutters were popular after WWII. Many were used for advertising. Some companies mentioned were Dial Soap, King Midas Flour, Ocean Spray, Land of Lakes, and Smuckers. In 1952 a set of three was made to cut jellied cranberry sauce.

He mentioned many of the companies and styles of cookie cutters throughout the years.

Gary showed us his most treasured cookies cutters. And told us about an International Harvester cutter that sold for more than \$1000 on ebay with other stock left in a close IH Dealership. It was an outline cutter with a flap that the logo to impress in the dough.

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Happy
Holidays!

Tables Full of Cookie Cutters at December Meeting—contd



Gary and his cookie cutters.

The Pope cookie cutter



GREEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Quantity	Publication	CD	Book
	1852 Militia Lists		\$5
	Naturalization Book One CD only	\$15	
	1873 Green County Atlas with index	\$15	\$15
	1877 History of Green County, WI.,		\$30
	1877 History of Green County, WI., Index only		\$15
	1884 Green County History CD only	\$15	
	1885 Monroe City Directory	\$15	\$15
	1913 Commemorative History of Green Co Bios and Index EACH Vol		\$30
	1913 Commemorative History Of Green County Bios and Index 2 vol		\$55
	Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers & Breeders of Green County, WI 1919		\$12.50
	2000-2005 Monroe Times Obituaries	\$15	
	Green Co Genealogical Newsletters 2001-2012 with Index coming soon	\$15	
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	CEMETERIES		
	Albany Township Cemeteries	\$15	\$20
	Adam Township Cemeteries	\$15	\$20
	Cadiz Township Cemeteries, revised edition 2013	\$15	\$15
	Calvary, Old Calvary, Poor Farm Cemeteries	\$15	\$25
	Clarno Cemetery Transcriptions	\$15	\$15
	Exeter Cemetery Transcriptions		\$15
	Greenwood Cemetery – Brodhead inscriptions	\$15	\$35
	Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe inscriptions	\$15	\$35
	Lewis-Jordan Cemeteries	\$15	\$15
	Monroe-Washington Twnshp Cemeteries – transcriptions	\$15	\$15
	Mt. Hope Cemetery Photos - Spring Grove tnsHP	\$15	\$35
	Mt Pleasant Township Cemeteries- Highland, Zwinglii, Truax, Trumpy	\$15	\$20
	Mt Vernon Cemetery – Juda	\$15	\$20
	Spring Grove Cemeteries-Transcriptions	\$15	\$15
	Spring Grove Township Cemeteries, Photos	\$15	\$25
	Twin Grove Cemetery, Photos, Jefferson Tnsp	\$15	\$25
	Union/Oakley Cemetery Photos	\$15	\$35

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Total book price	Amount paid \$
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Your surnames _____

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