



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 2 **Adventures with Ma & Pa Immigration Program** – Tom Kleist & Sandy Fisher bring history alive in their programs with humor and historical props.

March 2 **History of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** – Mark Peterson – Learn about the public relief program in the U.S. for unemployed, unmarried men ages 17-28.

April 6 **Coming to Green County on the Erie Canal** – Duane Freitag of Green Dale WI will present a program on how the famed canal was used by European immigrants in the 1800's as they traveled from New York City to Milwaukee and on to Green County.

May 4 **Annual Meeting - Have You Ever Wondered How Women Got Into Their Clothes Through the 18th and 19th centuries or Why Did Women All Have the Same Shape?** - Nancy Sorchy will return to discuss and show us what does the clothing looks like close up and what's underneath what you can see?

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June 1 **The Role of Our Ancestors in Building a Great State** -- Ken Germanson, president emeritus of the Wisconsin Labor History Society in Milwaukee, will present the story of how workers struggled to create better lives for their families and for generations to come that has long been overlooked.

July 6 **Did Grandpa Go Fishing? Collecting Old Wood Fishing Lures** – Jerry Pardus, retired Stephenson County Sheriff, has been collecting antique fishing lures about 18 years.

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

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President's Column

As 2018 closes let's take some time to reflect on the past year. We had two major purchases this past year which have been very helpful. In January we purchased an overhead scanner and this was possible because of the generous donations of you, our members. It's our first step to digitizing our records. We scanned thousands of marriage records and have several volunteers renaming, cropping and merging those files into our Master Marriage File. It will be a project that will continue throughout 2019. The second purchase was for two computers made possible by a grant from the Monroe Fund. We will be finalizing the paper work to receive the monies this January at the end of our fiscal year. This has helped with having enough computers for volunteers and researchers. But we also lost one computer to old age and a non-working power supply. We had fixed it once and decided it was not worth fixing a second time.

Amongst our members we celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and friendships but we also suffered losses through health and death. Fran Albright celebrated her 80th birthday, Donna Kjendlie had a surprise birthday party and we had fun celebrating Alex Sutter's birthday. Judy and Hermie Huber and Evelyn and Ed Crooks celebrated their 50th anniversaries. We were saddened with the death of Frank Bontly and the health issues that Jerry Stabler has which require nursing home care. We enjoyed visits from Jackie and Cliff Riley and Paula and Lee Wright, former LDS Elders, from Utah.

We had great opportunities to learn and improve our genealogical research through learning about Civil War medicine, Fraternal Organizations, railroads, Coffin Ships and Norwegian genealogy, Greens Prairie Cemetery, Dairying in the Badger state, local

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President's Column

tavern history, early cheese making in Green County, preserving our family treasures, how to use Google for our research, and records found in funeral homes. It has been a great year and we are looking forward to 2019.

On January 17 we will be having a long-range and fundraising planning meeting. So many things have changed with the digital age. One thing that has impacted our finances greatly is that so much information is now available on line and there is no longer a demand for our publications. They were once a major source of our income but not so any longer. So we need to find ways to increase our income, become more proactive in our promotions and increase educational outreach. Please feel free to share your ideas on what you would like to see for our future and how to better serve our membership. Hope 2019 will be successful genealogical year for you!

Ginny Gerber

It's Time – Payment of 2019 Dues

Don't forget to send you 2019 membership dues in. Membership form, information and address are on page 11.

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Canton Glarus Family History Now Online

In the following paragraphs you will read how collaboration has made a number of resources available for those investigating their Swiss Glarner families. The Green County Genealogical Society Research Center located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library has Bob Elmer's newsletters, a number of family histories, a surname file, and information on Swiss research. If you don't have Glarner ancestors, don't worry. The Research Center also has many resources for families from Green County and surrounding counties, Germany, and other states and countries. After Christmas, the Research Center will be by appointment until February. Please call Donna Kjendlie at 608-921-1537 to make an appointment and leave a message if we are not available to answer.

When it comes to researching ancestry, area families with Canton Glarus, Switzerland roots have had a distinct advantage compared with others of Swiss background. This advantage lies in the meticulous records held in the Canton Glarus archives in the village of Glarus. Thirty-six volumes of hand-written family vital statistics are the result of a 30-year project begun over a century ago by Johann Jakob Kubly-Müller. Kubly-Müller transformed assorted church records into orderly, numbered family entries, most of which extend back to the 1500s. These systematic volumes are exactly what one might expect of the renowned Swiss attention to detail. Until recently, access to these records required a trip to Glarus to study and transcribe the records. Or typed ancestry reports were available for a fee from the archives staff.

Today a new source of this genealogical information exists providing yet another advantage for Glarner-Americans. Patrick Wild, a Swiss family historian (and lawyer and banker by profession), has taken Canton Glarus genealogy and history into the

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21st century. He has developed a website called "Glarus Family Tree" (glarusfamilytree.com) which is designed to be "one-stop-shopping" for those interested in Canton Glarus family history. At its core the Glarus Family Tree is a genealogical database of more than 185,000 individuals. Each individual entry contains birth, marriage and death dates, names of parents, spouses and children, and often the individual's occupation. As is the case with most genealogical databases, the individuals found in Patrick's database are linked. Clicking on one individual's name will take you to their page of information. Clicking on the name of a parent or child will advance you to their page of information. Multigenerational charts of both ancestors and descendants can be generated.

Patrick Wild's vision is to provide more than just names and dates. To that end, he has included information of the history of the canton and its villages. He has included historic photographs, maps and demographic tables. The unique coats of arms for the Glarner families are displayed. Books relevant to Canton Glarus history, genealogy and culture are listed. Even visiting tourists can find information about the canton. Since this is an ongoing project, new materials are added as they become available.

For example, recently added to Wild's Glarus Family Tree are copies of the "Family History Notes" newsletters written and researched by New Glarus native Robert A. Elmer. Bob Elmer's newsletters contain wide-ranging family history and local history information, much of which has never been published by local historians. All 52 past newsletter issues can now be read and printed using Wild's website. The names found in all issues of the "Family History Notes" newsletters have been indexed by Sherry Anderegg of the Green County Genealogical Society. And a link to Sherry's

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can also be found on the Glarus Family Tree site. Patrick, Bob and Sherry possess a shared passion for history. They have collaborated in recent years helping put people across America in touch with their Glarner roots.

Should Americans with Glarner ancestry still wish to visit the Glarus archives in person, Patrick Wild also includes a user guide for understanding and navigating the original Kubly-Müller books. Due to increased privacy concerns in Switzerland, advance permission is now required to view these archived volumes. This is not a difficult procedure and Wild's site provides the necessary steps and email links.

The Glarus Family Tree database is now accessible from your home or library computer proving how online research is getting increasingly more comprehensive, faster, and even less expensive. Despite these advances, a research trip to Glarus, Switzerland remains an inviting option.



December 1 Meeting

On the first day of December, our society had a wonderful day of delicious and plentiful food and sharing of special items and stories. (I won't describe the great food as I don't want you to quit reading and go look for something to eat.) Shirley Holland's story involved a box from a sale that held family photos which were then shared with a newly found (through DNA) relative. Sandy Wille's DNA story involved a half-sister-in-law who she and husband had been unaware of previously. They met her and shared stories and photos. Sandy also showed a box of her mother-in-law's that she wants to learn more about. Ginny brought photos and stories of childless aunts and uncles that made Christmas special for a young family. Bill brought a replica of a Norwegian ring toy and memories of a step-grandfather to share. Karen Brugger shared memories of a goose-feather tree in grandma's parlor and two special books received. Sherry Anderegg set up a cardboard nativity set found in her great-grandma's attic. Sharon shared stories of grandmas, ornaments, and special gift from a neighbor. Not all of the stories were about ancestors and heirlooms. Donna shared the finished quilt that some of us had gave squares for in celebration of one of her past birthdays and an ornament specially made in remembrance of a past truck. Linda Schieser shared a new tradition she was delighted to receive this year – a "scharischnitt" advent calendar. Each window opens to a different scherenschnitte design. She received a CD with it. You may want to check out this youtube video – (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYGKhTVXf_Y). As Marc Trauffer sings and walks around the Swiss countryside, the images in the scherenschnitte come to life.

More stories and a filling potluck were enjoyed before playing "JINGO." Donna made us candy cane table favors and provided prizes for all of the Jingo winners. As they say, "A great time was had by all!"

. Shelf Linings

Another year has flown by!! Did you accomplish your goals?? The Society was kept busy with visitors and projects.

Our large scanner has been busy with the marriages. Our many volunteers have been busy with renaming the files. Many of these gals live out of town or even out of state. Lots of thanks goes out to them as there are over 45,000 clippings to rename.

Our surname and subject files are groaning with space limitations. What do we clip and save? What can be digitized? Our goal is to have more online for everyone to see. It is a have decision to decide what to do with newspaper clippings after they are scanned. Is it necessary to keep them if there is another copy somewhere?

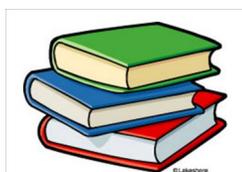
A BIG shout out to all of you who participated in our Christmas tree wish list. We received most of what was on our wish cards and was received by all as a worthwhile project.

My goal as a librarian in the New Year is to catalog the many books that are waiting to be done. We will also be deciding what books have been used for research and what can be offered to the researchers.

If you have comments and or suggestions for research material you would like to see either at the research center or on line, please let us know and we will try to accommodate.

We wish you the best of the 2019 year and much happiness as you head in to research again.

Donna Kjendlie and Staff



.Google Workshop Held October 19

On the evening of Friday, October 19, a workshop was co-sponsored by the Green County Genealogical Society and Monroe Public Library. David Bradford, showed us some of the 50 Google Hints, Tips, and Tricks for Online Researchers that he had listed on the handout. The goal is to get a smaller number of results and results that are what we are searching for. He told us that we can combine tips to limit (or broaden) the searches. He mentioned that Google doesn't care about case or punctuation. If a "404 – This Page Not Found" message is received, if the back button is hit you may be able to go to the "cached" link to view an archived snapshot of the page. There is also a way to find terms within a specified number of words of each other. The handout is available to review at the Research Center. I spoke with several people that had attended the workshop who all said that they were glad they went. Now all we need is a way to get more hours in the day so we can search more!!

Sharon Mitchell

**Happy
New Year!**

Funeral Homes and Family History was topic of November Meeting

The “Funeral Homes & Family History: They’re Dying to Meet You” webinar given by Daniel Earl covered the history of funeral homes and types of records they produce. He told us the timeline of the body’s condition after death.

Before the Civil War, most families took care of their own. Funerals were usually at home and burials in the family cemetery on the farm or in nearby town or church cemeteries. Burials were soon after death since embalming was not widely practiced. Embalming became popular during the Civil War as families wanted their dead returned home for burial. President Lincoln’s two-week funeral tour had embalmers traveling with to make sure that he was presentable during each train stop on his way home to Springfield, IL. Following that embalming became more acceptable.

The Undertaker/Funeral Director became the person taking care of the dead within 20 years of the Civil War. To join the profession, one only had to buy a kit including a pump and embalming fluid and hang out a shingle. In 1890 there were 9,891 funeral directors and the population had a 19.6/1000 death rate. By 1920, 24,469 funeral directors took care of the 12.1/1000 dead. The National Funeral Directors Association was founded in 1882 in Wisconsin to promote professional standards and integrity. The funerals came out of homes and into the funeral parlor or funeral home. Most were small family operations until the 1970’s. Now there are large corporate chains such as Service Corporation that are involved with multiple parts of the business – funeral homes, caskets, crematoria, cemeteries, etc.

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One type of records that may be available is Bills of Sale. These may include a lot of information or very little. Service programs outline the funeral service and are typically proof-read by family rather than derived from the director’s notes. These records and funeral cards can contain family clues.

For online research, Daniel Earl prefers Family Search and Ancestry. Search for “funeral records”+state+”city name” in Google. There are various websites for funeral cards. These websites and additional resources are listed on the handout that is on file in our Research Center.

To do traditional research use Google to find funeral homes in a specific location. The National Funeral Directors Association website can also be helpful. Realize that funeral records are private business records and the directors do not have to share information with a researcher. Family owned funeral homes are more likely to share information than a large corporate funeral home. Do not call the funeral home asking for information. Use the “Contact us” function on their website or snail mail to write a query. They can then answer when they are not busy with a family or funeral. Most directors of family-owned funeral homes are on call 24/7/52. Be polite and patient. If you visit the funeral home, ask for restaurant suggestions. Who knows, besides good food you may meet a cousin. Daniel shared some interesting facts with us. Fifty seven percent of all mortuary science students are female now. Twenty percent more people die in the winter than in summer.

Samples of funeral resources from our Research Center were on display. They included obit books, funeral home records, and burial permits. Monument orders and some burial information found in the digitized township records are also available to researchers in the center. You may also find information in the surname file and our family histories.

Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society Annual Workshop

On November 10 workshop Grayslake, Illinois I attended Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society Conference. Since we are encouraged to share things we have learned at conferences, I thought I'd write a few lines. I went to all four of Curt Witcher's sessions. Curt is the Genealogy Center Manager at Allen County Public Library (the second largest at genealogical library in the country). In the keynote "Doing the History Eliminates the Mystery," Curt suggests that we need to slow down our research and evaluate each document more thoroughly. First, we need to focus on a single ancestor. Ask the full range of who, what, where, when and why – especially the WHY. Some examples: Why is he here? Why does he go to church there? Who are his neighbors? Who is he (ethnicity, in community, in family)? What is he doing (job, organizations, hobbies)? How did he get there (womb, waterway, railroad, etc.)? By looking at each entry in a document and asking one of these questions, we may find answers that we didn't immediately see. For example, if we see that the person is a veteran on a census, it opens up military and pension files as places to investigate. The handout had a whole page of documents that may support details of an ancestor from tax rolls, land and court records, school lists, legislative records, registers of specific types of persons. Evaluate specific contexts of the ancestor/family. Check out the neighbors. Are they of the same ethnicity? Are they on homestead/bounty lands? Did they move for their occupation? Then check the histories of the area. These could be county, township, church, school, occupational, or ethnic. Check newspapers, directories, military lists, company records, and government documents. Study the ethnic histories relating to the person. Don't forget the friends, associates, and neighbors. Knowing who they are, the geography of the area, and migration routes that brought people may locate additional ancestors.

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The second Witcher talk was on using directories. General types of directories include geographic (neighborhood, town, or region), institutional/organizational (school, special clubs), professional/occupational, and common interest. Directories can work as census substitutes and may help discover migration routes. To locate directories, start with local public libraries, historical and genealogical societies. If not there, go up a level to state libraries, historical societies, and archives. The next step is the National Archives, Library of Congress, and other major libraries.

Curt's third talk was on PERSI (PERiodical Source Index). PERSI is the largest subject index to genealogical, historical & ethnic periodical publications and is indexed by Allen County Public Library. It is now housed on the findmypast.com site. If you do not have a subscription to FindMyPast, most libraries do. These publications often have lists, Bible records, research tips, etc. that can help your research. Curt told us that as most topics fall into either who or where questions to search. A keyword can also be added to the search.

Curt's final talk was on the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. The Genealogy Center contains more than 486,048 printed volumes and 661,341 items of microtext. The best way to access the print collection is to use the Center's catalogs. There are more than 66,000 compiled genealogies. There are databases that can be accessed through their website and more that need to be access in person. There is an online service to get copies of articles from PERSI searches or pages from a directory/book in their collection.

Pictures from December Meeting



Donna Kjendlie with truck ornament made special for her.



Giving Tree.



Bill Holland with Norwegian toy that he made from childhood memory.



Karen Brugger with book.



Ginny Gerber telling Christmas story about her aunt and uncle..

Postcards and What Is there Now?

Trail's Mix

As I sit at my desk looking out the window this grey, wet December day and try to write this column, my mind wanders about. It wanders about the Christmas pasts. What were some of my favorite toys, meals, family get togethers, friends, etc.

I think it is time to sit down and write out some of those events and include it in my family tree. Maybe include photos if some exist.

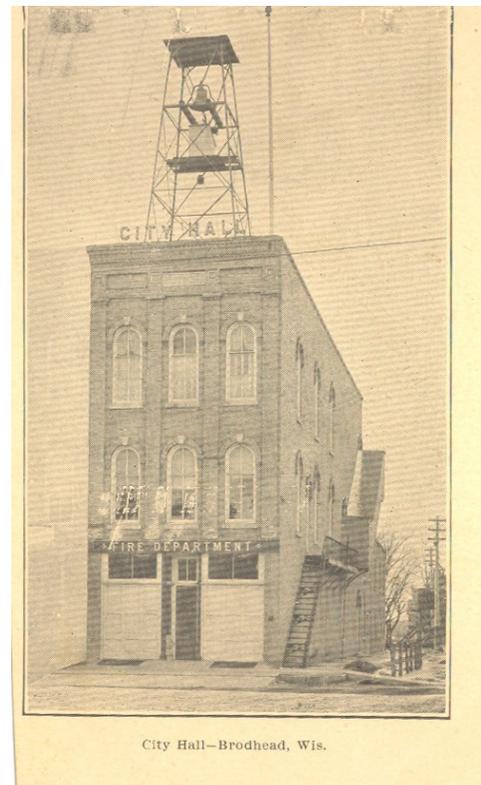
For example recently because of my move I came across the china tea set I got for Christmas when I was 7 yrs old. Yes, it is intact, all 4 place settings!! Besides that awesome gift that year I had the measles and remember my one half-brother carrying me all wrapped in blankets to Grandma's (just 2 doors away) for Christmas Eve dinner. Now there's a memory.

Or another fun memory. One year my friends that own a parrot store had another customer dress up like Santa. We fixed a nice little corner in window for him to sit and people to bring their parrots for photos with Santa. My job was the photographer. And we charged a minimal fee to cover my costs and then donations to animal shelter. Now that was fun. You think kids are scared of Santa Some parrots weren't too happy. But then there was one parrot who actually had on small Santa hat.

Okay, so there's some ideas for you. Now is the time to gather stories and memories of Christmases past and record them for your family tree.

By:

Debra Bailey Trail



Here's the challenge. Find me a photo of where these two images are now. What is standing in their place? Send to DLB56@aol.com

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	
	Juda Facts and Photos reprinted from original 1975 version and includes index		\$10
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	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
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