



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.

All meetings are currently cancelled due to CoVid 19 restrictions. Stay healthy.

Credit Card Payments

We are now able to take Credit Card payments. Currently we can take credit card payments for memberships, workshops, and some publications. We will be working over the next couple of months to make more of our products available for credit card purchase. We are also able to receive credit card payments for research records also by sending an invoice by which credit card payment can be made. We also will be taking credit card payments at the research center/meetings with a terminal. We are excited to provide this service to our members and researchers.

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Limited hours, as we get back to normal.

Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm

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President's Message

Welcome to Winter! I was ready for Spring back in November. But the winter does bring more opportunities for research. I discovered I had many ancestors that were part of the Great Puritan Migration which began about 10 years following the Mayflower. It's been fun discovering them because there is a lot of recorded history about those early settlers to our country. I hope to share some of their stories. Check out "My Drummin' Ancestor".

You will notice a change to our newsletter. Starting with this newsletter we will move to a quarterly newsletter. This is more in line with what most societies are offering. We will continue to offer the same quality stories and society information as always. If you have a human-interest story among your ancestors, we would love to hear about it. A paragraph about your ancestor's accomplishments or their troubles would be great to include in our newsletter. They do not have to be from Green County.

We have some additional benefits for our members. We miss seeing you and offering our meetings but felt we could help you with your research anyway. Newspaper research can provide much information about our ancestors. We have been offering Newspaper Archives to our membership for the last year. This year we have added GenealogyBank. See the articles for more information. We also offer our members a FREE half hour surname search. (See article). The Monroe Public Library also has research offerings on their website that include Newspaper.com (Library Edition), Sanborn Maps and Heritage Quest. On their menu select Explore>Research & Reading and you will be able access the databases. They also offer Ancestry.com but that can only be accessed from the library which is currently closed to the public.

Last newsletter I provided a list of names from one of the abstracts of the Gerber farm in Jordan Township. Georgianna Kuebler

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hit the jackpot with her ancestor Jacob Speich which included wills and several transactions. The abstract included more information about her ancestor than mine. Here is the list of names from the second abstract 485-B. This abstract included three Homestead documents and two of them were Military Warrants from the Mississippi Volunteers.

Hamilton Gray & wife (Homestead – Military Warrant)

Delorma Brooks & wife

Henry Hubbard Jr.

John C. Bannister & wife

William D Bannister & wife

Otis Wells & wife (Foreclosure included)

Harvey Bancroft

William A. Wells & wife

Michael North & wife

Hazen Cheeney

Alfred Goddard & wife

James W. Sharrard & wife

Harriet Wells (wife of Otis Wells)

August Wagner & wife

David Fritz

Hannah J Fritz (executor of David Fritz estate)

Seth Welton & wife (will included)

Frank C. Wagner (executor of August Wagner estate)

Walter Rhodes & wife

Jason Turnham

Clyde Turnham (single)

J. Jacob Figi (error, it should have been section 21)

Barbara Figi (error, it should have been section 21)

Ella Welton (widow of Seth Welton)

John Hartwig & wife

Wm. Dunwiddie (executor of Seth Welton estate)

Andrew Streiker

Louis Schneider & wife

Alfred A. Gerber & Alta Gerber, wife (joint tenants, not as tenants in common) 4 Sep 1940

And the cigar box.... the story is in the newsletter. Happy sleuthing!

Ginny Gerber

Member Benefits

New For Members

For the last year or more we have offered Newspaper Archives to our members and it has been well used. For 2022 we are adding GenealogyBank. GenealogyBank offers a different set of newspapers to search. Their collections include Birth Records, Marriage Records, Passenger Lists, Obituaries, U. S. Census Records, Government Publications, Historical Books and the Social Security Death Index. You can search by country, state and city. The Learning Center offers webinars and video tutorials. Take the time to explore the Frequently Asked Questions. It will answer your questions on the best ways to search and how to save items to your computer. It is best not to save searches or surnames as the results will not come to you but will fill up our email with your results. A tip for research in the Green and Rock County areas, after searching Wisconsin do a search in Illinois for the Rockford and Freeport area. These newspapers were used a lot for our area news well into the 1960's. You may find this true for any area you are researching that borders another state. The login information for both Newspaper Archives and GenealogyBank can be found on our website (www.greencogenealogywi.org) at the Members Only page. The password for the page changes in January. All new and renewing members will receive an email with the new password in January. Remember to renew by the end of December so not to miss this opportunity! Have fun researching.

Free Surname Search

As members you are entitled to a half hour of free surname research at our Research Center. During the winter is a great time to take advantage of this. It's when most of us do our research when we aren't shoveling snow. If you would like to have a search done send an email to:

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info@greencogenealogywi.org with "Surname Search" in the subject line. Include as much information as possible such as birth, death, marriage, spouse, children and time period living in Green County and the surrounding area. Also include any specifics as to what information you are looking for and what you already have so we can focus the half hour search (the time goes by quickly). Keep in mind we have limited amount of information pre-1900. The person searching will contact you by email with what they have found and what copies would cost. Please allow a couple of weeks for the search. Due to Covid protocols someone is usually only at the Research Center once a week. The free search applies only to our Research Room. There is a charge for any research outside of our Center. Donations are always welcome!

Ye Olde Boxes in Closet—contd

By **Debra Bailey Trail**

So, are you the one in the family who inherits all the boxes of paperwork and photos from various family members and you just put them in closet to look at and sort some day? Well winter is really good time (summer if you live where it is hot and would rather stay inside with air conditioning) to see what is there.

Recently at Thanksgiving dinner with my best friends Kathy was waiting for me to arrive to ask some questions etc of. She had decided it was time to go thru the boxes she had inherited. First we discussed some of her questions about the photos and then about some documents she found, one letter in particular we thought might pinpoint where in Ireland Kathy's lineage came from. After our discussion on scanning, digital reproduction of 8 mm films and the like we sat back

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By Debra Bailey Trail

waited on her brothers to both be present.

I sat and listened as Kathy explained what she had and her thoughts on it and then asked both brothers if they were interested in digital preservation of the photos or did they even care. One was so-so. The one I am closest to and has two teen age kids was not sure so I stepped on it. I put the “you may not be interested now or maybe never but you have two kids that might be, now or in future.” That put him in the yes Deb’s right I’m in and he thanked me for pointing that out.

Kathy and I have shared some emails as she tries to decide whether to purchase a higher end scanner etc, where she might take some of the negatives to get digitized (luckily my other hobby is photography and in past there are some great places I’ve used to do just that at reasonable rate), etc. She knows she has me in her corner to help toss ideas off etc and she now has some more focus on the project.

Of course, then the task is what categories to sort all photos in. Parents with kids, kids by themselves, aunts and uncles, ancestors, friends and how to name them. This process becomes personal as does the naming when processed. I for instance name my files Surname First Name and date (if known). If family group I would name it surname first name of father and family. So, it would look like this: SmithRobertFamily 1922.

I’ll be interested to see how it all turns out.

We are also hoping she will run into more letters or paperwork that will tie more family tree ends up with.



Shelf Linings

For several years now we have been able to interact with missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They have volunteered their time to help us in our research center. Many talents were used in their services. Some worked on our marriage files, others scanned records, while others taught classes on Family Search.

We got to know them and they became genealogy family to us. Over the years, we have kept up with the by facebook, phone and emails. We got to know some of their family, where the couple went on to other missions. One couple went to Hawaii. We enjoyed many get togethers with them and the young men that passed through Monroe. Our volunteers miss them. Some of them have come back to visit and stay with us to help out through Cheese Days. Others volunteer throughout the town.

Our society has learned much about the Salt Lake Library, what is there and how to access it. Due that interest, it inspired three of us to drive out to Utah to see and research there. We stayed with one of the couples and had a great time.

The young men were valuable in helping with organizing files and doing many other things such as moving file cabinets and other items. We enjoyed having them help us and they enjoyed getting together after hours to partake in pot lucks, birthday parties and cook outs.

I wanted to write this as a thank you to the many young men that came through our lives and shared their knowledge with us. Such a great addition to the community. The couples have remained great friends to us and some hope to come to the next Cheese Days. We wish them all well and thanks to all of them. We are happy to once again have another couple to work with.

Donna Kjendlie

The Cigar Box

by Ginny Gerber

The cigar box – Tops Perfectos 5¢. My husband's grandfather smoked cigars. Dennis and his siblings all had cigar boxes for their school supplies. This box most likely came from "Grandpa Gerber". At first glance it looks like a box of old receipts, something most of us would toss. But hidden amongst all those receipts were some hidden treasures and you had to go through all the receipts to find them! Like the receipt from the Clerk of Circuit Court in Green County for \$10 received of Ida Gerber for her naturalization fee. That doesn't seem like much but in 2021 that would be \$116.21 (Today the naturalization fee is \$725). Compare that to the receipt for their marriage license in Green County, which was \$1.75 plus 25¢ for one parent's consent. That makes the \$10 look big! And it was a sacrifice for the farming couple in 1955. At 95 she is still very proud of her citizenship in this country.

Digging a little deeper I found the St. Clare hospital receipts for the births of Dennis and his siblings. In 1950 it cost \$61 to have a baby boy (boys cost more because of circumcision). In 1951 it went up to \$63.50. To give birth to a girl in 1952 it was \$52.50. By 1956 the cost of having a baby boy jumped to \$90.

I decided to do an inventory of everything in the box. What I discovered was a snapshot of farming life in the early and to mid 1950's. It was days when to purchase a tractor, corn plow, John Deere plow and a hay hoister you traded a bull and 2 cows to pay for half of it; 12 dozen eggs were sold for \$6; 12 feeder pigs brought \$210, 4 hogs \$120.90 and 4 calves \$116.90; and the price of milk per 100 lbs. averaged \$2.95 in 1950. They received between \$120 to \$645 per month for their milk. But in Feb 1950 there was only 42 lbs. of milk which they received \$1.54 and after expenses (like truck hauling) were taken out the check was for 73¢. Now imagine you are

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expecting your first baby and you have only 73¢ to pay the farm expenses and purchase groceries.

To purchase a new Dodge truck from Dearth Motor Sales in 1952 cost \$1851.01. They traded in a 1948 Ford truck for \$901.01. They paid cash for the balance of \$950. By the way, all the receipts in the box were paid by cash. The title to that truck is in the cigar box.

Do you remember some of these businesses? – Marfak Lubrication, Chapman Motor Co in South Wayne, Black and Clark John Deere, The Borden Co, Ridge Dairy Co, Monroe Roller Mills, Crandall Oil Co. Browntown Telephone Co, Ceille Buying Station in Argyle or the South Wayne Oil Co. In the 50's the South Wayne Oil Co also sold appliances and electrical supplies. In 1955 the Gerbers purchased their first RCA TV for \$125 from the South Wayne Oil Co.

So many memories in one little cigar box. As a child in the 50's we were oblivious to the Adult world of running a farm (as it should be). The cigar box brings a new dimension to those memories.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Dec. 10— Jan thru March Newsletter

March 10—April thru June Newsletter

June 10—July thru Sept Newsletter

Sept 10—Oct thru Dec Newsletter

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter. Send to DLB56@aol.com (Debra Bailey Trail) editor.

Thanks.

My Drummin' Ancestor

by Ginny Gerber

Simon Hoyt (Hoyte, Hayte, Haight, Hight, & other spellings) b. 1595 West Hatch, Somerset, England, was part of the Great Puritan Migration in the recent years following the arrival of the Mayflower and the first Puritans. He arrived in Salem, New England in 1628-29 with his family, including his son, Walter. From Salem they went to Charlestown as one of the first settlers. By 1630 he was listed as one of the first settlers of Dorchester. By 1635 he had moved to Scituate, Massachusetts and between 1636 - 1639 to Windsor, Connecticut. His name is listed as a founder on a monument that stands today in Windsor. From Windsor he moved to Norfolk, Connecticut by 1640. Being an adventurous settler, by 1649 he was granted land in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut. Before his death Simon moved to Stamford, Connecticut between 1649 and 1657. He died 1 Sep 1657. He was buried in the Stamford Burying Ground which was in use from 1641 – 1806. In 1806 the cemetery became part of the Connecticut Turnpike. (*From Find A Grave*): When the turnpike was built, dividing the cemetery, some of the remains and grave markers of the town founders were removed to Saint John's Burying Ground and others to Northfield Cemetery. Other grave markers appear to have been destroyed and dumped several miles to the north near Cascade Road in Stamford.

From "A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, Hight Families" by David W. Hoyt (1871), p.291: "the chronicles of the time give us some idea of the hardships endured by the first settlers at Charlestown and Dorchester, - the sufferings of the winter; the conspiracy of the Indians to cut off the English, when "all hands, of men, women, and children wrought at digging and building," until a fort was completed; and the perils of pestilence and famine, when they were compelled to live on "clams, and muscles, and fish." In all these Simon Hoyt must have participated."

"It also appears that he was an early settler of seven different towns in New England; and in

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most of them he was one of the first white residents. What an experience of pioneer life he must have had! Scarcely was he settled in one place before he gave up his home, with all its comforts, and started subdue a new portion of the wilderness."

Simon's son, Walter, also shared in the pioneer spirit. Walter was born Nov 1618 in West Hatch, Somerset, England and sailed with his parents to the New England about 1628. Walter's first wife is unknown, but in 1652 he married Rhoda Tinker and they had a son, Zerubbabel. As an adult he settled with his father in Windsor, Connecticut. Before 1653 he sold his lands in Windsor and became a founding settler of Norfolk, Connecticut. His name is also etched into a monument as a founder of Norfolk, like his father in Windsor. Walter's name appears very frequently on the town records. He was a deputy for Norwalk in the General Court and on 19 May 1659 the General Court confirmed Walter as a sergeant in Norwalk's local militia.

Drum roll time....Norwalk town records show that on 24 July 1665 "*Walter Haite*" agreed to "*beate the drumm for meetings when all occasions required,*" for which service he was paid 10 shillings. He performed that duty again on 21 Feb. 1670. More drumming to come....

Walter Hoyt died 10 Jan 1698 and is buried in the East Norwalk Historical Cemetery.

Walter and Rhoda's son, Zerubbabel, was born 1652 in Windsor, Connecticut. He married about 1675 but the name of his wife is unknown. Zerubbabel has a colorful portfolio of occupations. According to Norwalk town records, he was the town drummer/bell ringer/hog slayer/town house custodian and deacon of the church.

The records of a Norwalk town meeting on 28 Dec. 1680 state, "*Zerubbabel Hoyt hath undertaken to beate ye drumme for publick meetings, and also for such stray horses as*

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are brought on to be sold, for which he is to have fourteen shillings." In 1686 he was chosen for this service again, in addition to sweeping the meeting house. As noted above, his father Walter had previously served as drummer to summon people to town meetings. Later, after a belfry was built on the meeting house in 1709, Zerubbabel was responsible for ringing the bell every night. Records state that in Dec. 1713, "*Ye town grants to Zorubabbel Hoyt twenty six shillings in pay or two thirds money for his ringing ye bell at nine-o'clock at night for ye yeare ensueing sd. [said] engages [agrees] to perform ye same.*"

In those early times, much of New England was still wilderness, and wolves would be regularly caught in wolf-pits and killed to protect the colonists' livestock. In Dec. 1701, the Town of Norwalk paid Zerubbabel 5 shillings for half a wolf. Hmm....why only half a wolf?? Also in Dec. 1701, Zerubbabel was paid 18 pence for "burning the islands," presumably to assist in the maintenance of farmland. He was also chosen to be a hogward "*for to pound [i.e. impound] all swine that are on the comons of the towne after the 1st of March next ensueing: not sufficiently yoked and ringed.*" By 1717 he was called deacon and many of the records refer to him as Deacon Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel Hoyt died 25 Jan 1739 in Norwalk, Connecticut and is buried in the East Norwalk Cemetery. But he is most remembered for his drumming. A poem was written about him and survived to be printed in the Westport Town Crier in 1925. So, in remembrance of my drummin' ancestor....

Zerrubbable Haytt he beats his drum
To summon the Nurruck folk all and some;
"Come! to the meeting house,
Come! Come!"
With a roll and a thrum
On his corded drum,

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Says Zerrubbable, rubbable, rubbable,
Haytt.

Zerrubbable Haytt he beats his drum
With a him, bam, boom and a diddle-ed-um,
For a horse astray
On a training day,
Best hurry, best come
When you hear the drum
Of Zerrubbable, rubbable, rubbable, Haytt.

Zerrubbable Haytt he beats his drum
With a aging, bang, bang and a tum-tee-tum.

"I am not proud
As I beat it loud,
My drum, drum, drum with its flaxon cords,
For the glory thereof is the Lord's, the
Lord's,"
Says Zerrubbable, rubbable, rubbable,
Haytt.



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