



# 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.

**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.

**August 3 History of Photographic Formats: Date and Identify Images** – Simone Munson, archivist and Librarian at the Wisconsin History Society has worked closely with the Society's photographic collections for over 10 years

**September 7-Workshop** Lori Bessler will present **Organizing and Analyzing Your Research** and **Meet Mrs. George H. James: Writing a Biographical Sketch**. After lunch we will discuss ways to share your family history.

**October 5-Searching Through the Windows of Your Ancestor's Home** by GCGS member Linda Schiesser.

### 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.

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## President's Column

### "A Cousin Connection"

When you are a third cousin to your husband it makes cousin connections all the more interesting and fun. So before I share my "cousin" story here is a bit of genealogical background. My great grandmother, Marcy "Annie" Poff was a sister to my husband's great grandmother, Kate Poff. So we share the same great, great grandparents, Levi Henry & Irene (Adair) Poff. The Poff family lived in Wiota Township in Lafayette County moving to Adams Township in Green County and retiring in Argyle. Levi and Irene had 15 children. Marcy was the first born and married Oscar Hanson; Kate was the sixth born and married Earl Trotter; Hazel was the youngest and married Amos Raymond Jackson (d 1917) and Elmer Anderson.

Hazel and Raymond had a daughter, Irene, born in 1916. Irene is still living at the age of 102. She gets around with only a cane and lives alone in the home she and her husband built 50 years ago. She is very sharp in mind and remembers our great grandmothers and great great grandparents.

In May Irene's daughter, Sandy, contacted me through Ancestry sharing that her mother was still living and would I like to meet her and her mother. This was a chance in a lifetime and we made arrangements to go to Montello, WI for lunch and sharing. The day went too fast, of course, as we shared stories and genealogical information back and forth. Irene told the story of my husband's aunt Betty as a little girl. Her mother, Kate Trotter, was washing the floor and Betty came running into the room, hit the wet floor and went sliding across the room using language not proper for little girl. She also shared that Betty could not pronounce her mother's name,

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Hazel, so she called her "Aunt Ahole". The stories were fun, but the treasure was the three photo albums of pictures dating back to around 1900. This was the moment that a good Smart Phone camera was my best friend. I now have photos of family members I never would have had if not for this cousin connection. My favorite is a picture of my great grandmother holding my grandfather. The picture was most likely taken around 1900-01. Another photo of two couples with only my great uncle identified. I posted it on ancestry and made another connection and she identified the photo as her grandparent's wedding photo and we discovered her grandmother and my great aunt were sisters. Another photo was a Christmas family photo of the Alfred Anderson family. The little boy in the picture was identified as "Drew". As we studied the photo and names we realized the boy, Drew, was actually a friend of ours, Andy (and another cousin). We made a phone call to tell him about the photo and he had the opportunity to talk with Cousin Sandy, and share family stories. He made it very clear he did not like being called "Drew".

This was a special day – I met a cousin, made a friend and found a partner in my family genealogy. I have posted some of the family pictures with my story on our "Members Only" page. If you have connections to the Poff family I would enjoy hearing from you. If you have made some cousin connections we would love to hear your story and print it in the newsletter/ website. Don't put off your opportunities to connect. It's a rare opportunity to find a first cousin, twice removed still living at 102.

By: **Ginny Gerber**

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## Cousin Connection



Front: Irene Lazer, 102;

Back Left to Right: Sandy McNamara, Ginny Gerber, Dennis Gerber

## Annual GCGS Meeting

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Left to Right:  
Sherry Anderegg, Ginny Berber and Donna Kjendlie

Evelyn Crooks,

## Trail's Mix

Doing genealogy research can be a challenge at times and at others seem easy as pie. I've been doing research for others last several years and it is very rewarding in finding relatives for others and in helping me take second looks at my own research.

Lately, I've had one friend who I did her tree 5 years ago, tell me she has had a "cousin" approach her for information. When I told her she could share the book I had done for her she informed me that she had left it with her sister on the East coast. Well, I keep a copy of everyone's research I have done on external drive and my internal drive so I told her I could easily make her new copy, which delighted her to know end and she even offered to pay for it. That was completed this last week along with making her two cds with the info, one she can keep for future and one she can send to the cousin. So, just a little how to feel good knowing I had saved those files.

The third just happened to be written in my own neck of the woods (including the file is in the court system I work, but sealed to me). Working with the adoptee I was easily able to get info she needed to request file since most places require it to be the adoptee requesting the record. Her first attempt at getting record was denied as she didn't have either birth parents names but was able with adoptee parents' names, be informed of yes there is a file available. The adoptee was able to get her original pre-adoption birth certificate and lo-and-behold, it list her mother's name but not father. Next step was sending all info back in with copy of birth certificate. Due to my working in the court system and having contact the person in adoption office, I got a phone call last week from her and even though the resubmitted paperwork was not in yet, she was going to take the info I had and try again. She did tell me the file describes but doesn't name the father. So now we wait on that.

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In the meantime the Adoptee started googling the birth mother, who thankfully had an odd spelling middle name or it wouldn't have been easier with Barbara Miller name. Found her living nearby, email bounced back; and asked what she should do, call or go over. I said that would be her decision. Long story short she went over, ran into neighbor who said she had passed on few years ago but offered to pass on adoptee's info to her niece. Well, BINGO, for me. I knew what to do next and found the birth certificate and it had a good share of info, siblings.

Adoptee also did the DNA and has a contact 50% match as sibling, half-sibling, so since his Mom wasn't Barbara we are assuming it is his Dad. Working on that connection is the adoptee but I'll help if need be.

I have what should be Barbara's sister-in-law name address and phone and they will go to Adoptee next for her to contact this person.

So bottom line is don't give up on trying to find out adoptee information. It's just a little harder and varies so much between states on what you need to do to obtain the proof.

*Debra Bailey Trail*



## Book Review

### **The Civilian Conservation Corps in Wisconsin *Nature's at Work* Jerry Apps**

From the introduction:

*"They represented a generation of the nation's young men who, through no fault of their own, could not find a job because there were no jobs".*

Nearly two million men had given up any hope of finding work. They slept in caves or shantytowns while searching for a job or someplace to eat.

The Civil Conservation Corps was started in 1933, and many of the men signed up hoping for a job. The mission was to put as many of these men to work as possible. Some thought it was a handout and the poor would receive and not work. This was not the case as most were just wanting a job so they could feed their families.

Four agencies went together to start the Corps. Although these agencies each had their own missions, they worked together to come up with a program that would work. Enrollees were to receive thirty dollars a month, with twenty-five being sent to home. They would learn how to work develop new skills, how to get along with one another in a bunkhouse.

Some of things that they would be doing would be to build windbreaks, erosion control and develop state parks.

Camps were set up all around Wisconsin. The Army was a consideration of ruling the unruly. Discipline was necessary to keep order.

The day started at 6 AM when the bugle sounded reveille. By 7:45, they were in there assigned work area. Lunch consisted of sandwiches, cake or cookie and a beverage. At 4 p.m., work stopped when they

## Book Review—contd

returned to camp, washed and when in uniform, reported to the camp ground for the lowering of the flag. After supper, they were able to write letters home, read or go to the canteen for a snack.

Life was not easy, but they were provided for. The book goes on to talk about other camps in the area, what they worked on, what other jobs were available, medical availability, religious services and even educational programs.

I found the book to be very informative and a look into the life my father may have had as a member of the Corps. Very well written.

**Donna Kjendlie**



## Shelf Linings

Summer is finally here. There has been rain almost every day it seems. This weather is not conducive to getting any outside genealogy done. It is however, a good time to take a look at your genealogy and make a task list of things to be researched. It might also be a good time to take a look at what you already have in your files. Are you missing a birth or death date? I get reminded of this when working on my genealogy program or online.

Have you visited the county genealogy society that you have research in?? They have vertical files of information that may be of help to you. Check to see if there is a web site. Are they having a workshop that would be beneficial to you?

Our genealogy society has settled down some now from moving things around. We have been receiving lots of genealogy family books, including a large selection of the Trickle family. In the future, I hope to put a listing on our website.

Our volunteers continue to cut, sort, file and make available to our researchers whatever we may find.

With our new sliding shelf system, we have over 1800 lineal feet of books, about 540 feet of newspaper books and many township tax record books.

Come spend a Tuesday with us!

*Donna Kjendlie*  
*Librarian*



## Genealogy Taglines

- "Bother," said Pooh as the gene pool sprung a leak!
- "I'll be Bach." - Johann Sebastian Schwarzenegger
- #11: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's genealogy!
- (c) Copyright 1997 Elmer Fudd. All wights wesewved.
- (D)ivorce (P)roceedings (S)tarted - Modem named as respondent!
- \*\*\*QUARANTINED\*\*\* GENEALOGY FEVER\*\*\*INCURABLE\*\*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_/oo\\_\_\_\_\_ Yoo Hoo Where are you, lil' ancestor?
- 50% of my ancestors were women...
- 50% of my forefathers were female.
- A COMPLETE Genealogy just can't be..there's always more.
- A computer is a typewriter with an attitude.
- A cousin a day keeps boredom away.
- A cynic smells flowers and looks for the casket.
- A day without Genealogy is like a day without coffee.
- A family history shows you have lived!
- A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
- A family tree can wither if nobody maintains its roots!
- A generation that ignores history has neither past nor future.
- A good name is more desireable than great riches.
- A great many family trees were started by grafting,
- A great oak is only a little nut that held it's ground.
- A job is nice but it interferences with genealogy.
- A leaf, twigs, limbs, branches, trunk and root = TREE
- A library is an arsenal of liberty.
- A little a'disk and a little a'data.
- A lot of history isn't fit to repeat itself.

Source Unknown

# THE RECORDING OF A CEMETERY

BY: Thelma Greene Reagan

Today we walked where others walked On  
a lonely, windswept hill;  
Today we talked where other cried For  
Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.

Today our hearts were touched By graves  
of tiny babies;  
Snatched from the arms of loving kin, In the  
heartbreak of the ages.

Today we saw where the grandparents lay  
In the last sleep of their time; Lying under  
the trees and clouds - Their beds kissed by  
the sun and wind.

Today we wondered about an unmarked  
spot; Who lies beneath this hollowed  
ground?  
Was it a babe, child, young or old? No indi-  
cation could be found.

Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay.  
We had been here once before On a day  
we'd all like to forget, But will remember for-  
ever more.

Today we recorded for kith and kin The  
graves of ancestors past;  
To be preserved for generations hence, A  
record we hope will last.

Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend,  
For stones sometimes crumble to dust  
And generations of folks yet to come Will  
be grateful for your trust.





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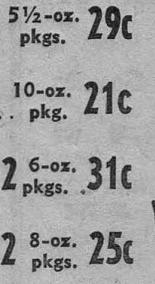
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**Time for School**



Vacation's over and youngsters everywhere are trooping back to school. Lots of Kroger people will be going to classes, too. As a matter of fact, Kroger training schools never close. Even during vacation time employees are being trained in store management, meat cutting, produce handling, and checking. Purpose of these training classes is to help Kroger people serve you better.

Kellogg's <b>RICE KRISPIES</b> .....	2 5½-oz. pkgs.	29c	
Breakfast of Champions <b>WHEATIES CEREAL</b> .....	10-oz. pkg.	21c	
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Makes Hearty Breakfast <b>TOASTED WHEAT</b> .....	2 8-oz. pkgs.	25c	
Kroger Extra-thin soda <b>CRACKERS</b> .....	Lb. pkg.	24c	
Kroger plain or poppy seed Vienna <b>BREAD</b> .....	16-oz. loaf	17c	
Good hot tomato soup <b>Campbell's 3</b>	10½-oz. Cans	32c	
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New improve 1 toilet tissue <b>WALDORF</b> .....	4 rolls	29c	
Guaranteed...127 size rolls <b>ANSCO FILM</b> .....	roll	32c	
Kroger fine quality <b>PORK &amp; BEANS</b> ....	3 16-oz. cans	27c	
Avondale new pack <b>CREAM CORN</b> .....	2 16-oz. cans	23c	
Kroger refreshing <b>TOMATO JUICE</b> .....	2 46-oz. cans	49c	
Kroger fluffy <b>MARSHMALLOWS</b> .....	10-oz. pkg.	19c	
Serves 4 economically <b>BEN GEE CHINESE DINNER</b> .....	Lb. pkg.	31c	
Fine bleach and deodorant <b>SNOW CLEAN BLEACH</b> ½ Gal.		23c	
Mild flavor, yellow dry <b>ONIONS</b> .....	3 lbs.	10c	
U. S. No. 1 Size "A" Washed Chippewa White <b>POTATOES</b> ..	15 lbs.	45c	
Large, Yellow, Ripe <b>BANANAS</b> .....	2 lbs.	29c	

**CLEAN—WHITE FINE-FLAVORED CAULIFLOWER GIANT HEAD 25c**

1949 Ad

## Wisconsin in the Labor Movement

Our June speaker, Ken Germanson, President Emeritus of Wisconsin Labor History Society, gave us a very interesting and educational history of Wisconsin's Labor Movement. Ken was a newspaper reporter who was blacklisted because of his union activity. He then became a union rep for 35 years. The Wisconsin Labor History Society was founded in 1981 with goals to tell the contributions of labor in building the great state of Wisconsin, get labor's history into schools and colleges, preserve documents and records of workers and their unions, and gather workers' stories.

Ken explained that labor unions are human institutions with flaws and successes made up of people – not just leadership, but also the everyday workers. He said there have always been people that don't work for common good or follow laws and rules. He commented we find this also in our ancestors and told us that in his family there was a horse thief, Chicago detective, Civil War deserter, and a well-known Unitarian preacher as well as regular folk. He said unions can only be effective if they are democratic. Wisconsin was formed by workers - on farms, in industries, and on the Great Lakes and state waterways. Ken gave examples working people joining together to create a better life not only for their families, but also for neighbors, friends, and generations to come. The Great Seal of Wisconsin shows the role of workers in Wisconsin. On the seal, tools of development (plow, pick and shovel, arm and hammer, and an anchor) join two workers (a sailor and yeoman) to signify land and marine-based workforces.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the industrial revolution reached Wisconsin. Workers faced exploitation by their employers who forced them to work long hours in deplorable working conditions for wages not sufficient to support

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for change. Farm movements to get better prices included milk coops, Farmers Union, Grange, and Farm Bureau. Other causes were women's suffrage, abolition, and temperance. Labor unions and political parties worked for better conditions. Desperation brought a push for an eight-hour work day that resulted in rallies, parades, marches, and ended with Wisconsin's deadliest labor event. This was the Bay View Massacre when the state militia fired into marchers killing seven. "Fighting Bob" LaFollette and other progressives passed legislation that showed Wisconsin to be a forerunner in supporting workers. Other examples of collective actions from the state are: Fox Valley paper mill workers in 1901-02, Carpenter's Union strike in Oshkosh, 1933 milk strike, and Kohler strikes in the 1930's. Learn more about these and others on the WLHS website <http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org>.

Ken explained that the workers and farmers, through collective efforts, contributed to the welfare of their entire communities. The Wisconsin Federation of Labor fought for strong public education at all levels. Building and health codes were fought for. Union members were encouraged to volunteer for non-profits in their communities and to donate to the United Way.

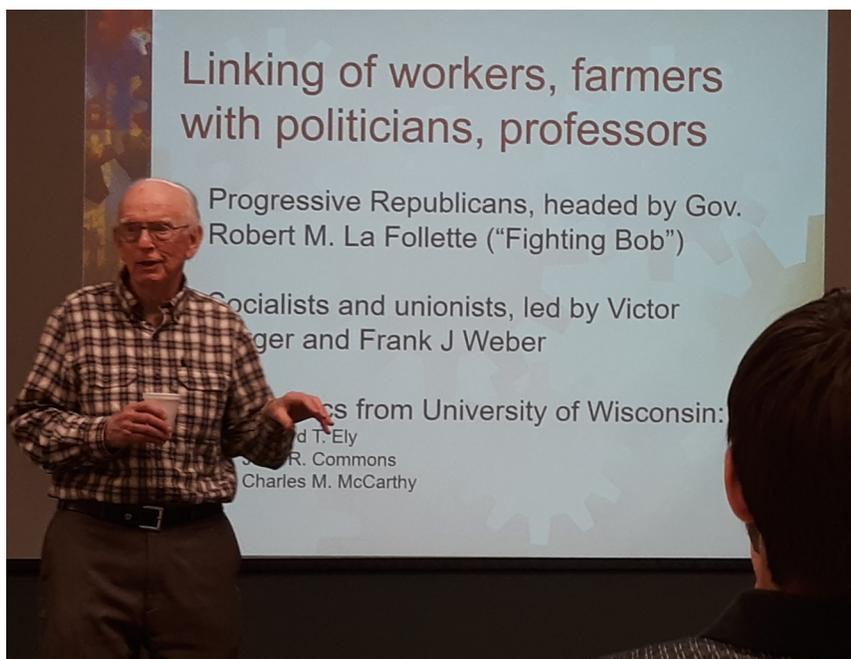
We were told labor unions didn't do well preserving records. They were formed by mostly the blue collar working class in the past not the professional leadership of today. There were no requirements to keep records and many have been destroyed or lost. One obstacle to researching is that a number of the unions are defunct. Many others merged – sometimes several times- with name changes that make finding records difficult. The railroad unions all combined into one with a lot of old records lost. Workers that were members of one union may have found themselves retirees of another. Ken suggested using city directories to find our ancestral workers' occupations and often

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their employers. This is important to find the Union they belonged to. A history study of that union may help discover where the records could be found. There are a number of archives with union records. Check out state, regional, local, and college/university archives and libraries. Ken noted that the Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Area Research Centers have good labor collections. Wayne State University has the UAW labor archive and Northern Illinois University also has a good labor collection.

Sherry Anderegg presented Ken Germanson with a display board of union buttons, photos, and other information put together by George C. Rothenbuehler. Ken gifted meeting participants with "Stickin' With The Union: Songs From Wisconsin Labor History" booklets with words to labor songs and the stories behind them and "8 hour" buttons. A copy of the booklet can be found in our Research Center subject file. Ginny Gerber showed us Wisconsin labor history she found in some of the reference books from the center.

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**GREEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS**

Quantity	Publication	CD	Book
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