



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.

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?

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.

Meetings—contd

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

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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Oct. thru May

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President's Column

What a winter! We have had Polar Vortex, many inches of snow, March temperatures, flooding, ice, wind chills, and frost quakes all in less than a two week span. Are you ready for Spring! Hopefully it is warming up by the time you are reading this.

Then we started our sliding shelf unit project. This has been in the talking and planning stages for the last couple of years. As the Monroe Clinic is moving to digital medical records they are no longer needing their shelving units and are donating them to us for the labor of moving them out. Currently the research center is closed for the installing and rearranging work and may be open again by the time you are reading this. This is going to be a big space saver for us since we have no growing room. We are very grateful to Bill Holland who approached the clinic and has done most of the work of planning and moving the units. Also a thank you to Sharon and Gil Mitchell for their help with Bill at moving medical records at the clinic so the units would be available and then moving "stuff" at the research center. Thank you to Dennis Gerber for his help with the installation of the rails into the cement and to all those who helped after the February meeting to bring the unit pieces downstairs to the research center and to all the staff and volunteers who moved books, file cabinets, etc. We appreciate all of you who helped to make this possible. We will be looking to grant possibilities to help cover the expenses incurred.

We have a lot of fun and interesting programs planned for this year. Be sure to check our Upcoming Events page on the website to see what's up next. If you are not part of our Facebook group, look us up and request to join. And while you are snowed in.....do lots of genealogy!

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.

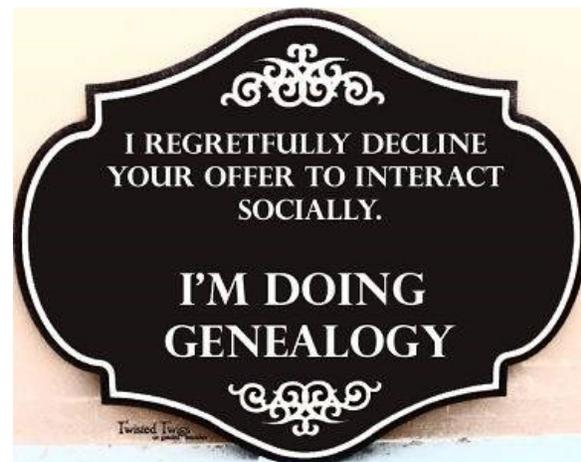
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Items for Sale

We are having an ongoing remodeling sale. Here is a list of some of the items. We may add to it as we uncover more stuff. Call ahead to be sure someone can be at the Research Center when you come. The Research Center will not have regular hours until the installation of the shelving unit is complete.

Family Tree Maker CD's
Sheet protectors
Three Ring D binders in a variety of sizes
Genealogy Books & Magazines
Upright book/magazine holders



Shelf Linings

As I sit here waiting for yet another winter storm, I wonder how many more we are going to get. It has been a challenge for us to get to the center, sometimes just not worth trying to penguin walk.

Even with the unusual weather, we have made great progress on the space saver move. Bill Holland has been instrumental in working with the Monroe Clinic to be able to dismantle the shelving with the help of Sharon and Gil Mitchel. Dennis Gerber helped with the planning and we were on our way.

As soon as one section was up, we started moving books over. As you can see in the pictures, it will be a great improvement for the newspaper research. We no longer will have to move many books to get the one that is always on the bottom. They will take up two sections and will be so much easier to find the one we need.

We are anxious to see how much will be accessible with these sections. They are easy to move back and forth, making it easier to find the research books. As we are moving items, we are looking for things that no longer apply or are outdated. Some of these are still useful and will be offered for sale before offering to other societies.



Shelf Linings—contd

It has incurred some expense. We purchased rubber mats to be put down between the rails to bring the area up to the same height as the rails. This will help not having to step over the rails and possibly falling. Some of these will also be used for a threshold at the front of the units. Another expense will be to put a “top” on the units. Possibly plywood or some other material. We need to protect them as much as possible if the sprinkler would ever come on. Matting for signage will be purchased so that each section is marked as to what are on the rows.

Thanks to everyone that helped in any way. This will be something that we can be proud of for many years. Waiting impatiently for the finished project. The crew teases the librarian for her many changes as she tries for the best possible solution.

We welcome any donations toward this valuable project.

Donna Kjendlie
Librarian



Ma and Pa Visit February Meeting

At the first meeting of the year, members and guests were entertained by “Ma & Pa” (Tom Kleist and Sandy Fisher). They talked on the immigration experiences of our ancestors. The three trunks they brought with contained items our immigrant ancestors may have packed when they came over the ocean.

They explained there were both push and pull reasons why they risked the trip to America. During the potato famine, the Irish had a choice between starving and going to America. Once here, there were plenty of job opportunities, but “Irish need not apply.” The Scandinavians were running out of land and jobs for their people. At one time, Finland had only one third of the population employed. Many early immigrants from Switzerland came because they professed the wrong religion and were being persecuted for it. The lead mining opportunities in Wisconsin pulled miners from the UK. Emigrants also left because there was not enough land for all children to inherit a piece large enough to provide a living for their family. One family member or neighbor might come over first, and then write about the opportunities and land available here. Often the first immigrants settled in pockets of others from the same area or country. Skilled craftsmen were recruited to the towns in the new frontier. The decision to leave their home country and go to the unknown in America was conflicted. They knew they had to or wanted to go, but didn't want to leave their families, neighbors, and friends

Wisconsin was just being settled when a lot of the push elements were taking place in Europe. The opportunity to use their skills and get free land was a great pull. Wisconsin was the most ethnically diverse of all states with communities settled by a variety of nationalities. Wisconsin must have

Ma and Pa—contd

thought it was something special. The Historical Society was founded two years before Wisconsin became a state.

They had to decide what to take in the trunk each was allowed. While they may have taken a few treasures or family heirlooms, they considered what would be needed to survive in the New World. They took the tools for their trade. A farmer might take the head of a pitchfork, knowing there were forests to provide the wood for a new handle. Each trade or occupation would need their tools when they got to their new home. Quilts and blankets would be needed both for the journey and once they arrived. Clothes needed to be packed and often food for the voyage was needed. Even if the contract said food and water were provided, it usually wasn't sufficient. Hard cheese and dried bread or crackers kept well. Farmers may have brought seed and brewers may have brought hops to get started. Books made their way into the trunk. (Family Bibles were probably the most often found in the trunks and Pa passed around a variety of them in different languages.) Herbs and seasonings may have been packed. Cooking utensils, sewing, spinning, weaving, other handiwork tools may have been in the women's trunks. Ma and Pa showed us a number of small toys for the children. We had the opportunity to try them out. Musical instruments may have made their way to America. Trunks with flat tops would have been put on the bottom and were less accessible during the trip. The “camel back” trunks wouldn't stack nicely and would have been put on the top of the others.

Ships often weren't on time and immigrants had to use their money for food and lodging until the ship came into port. If emigrants had money when they boarded the ship, individuals often cheated them as they exchanged their foreign money for local currency when reaching the American port.

After the program, we were invited to inspect the contents of the trunks and talk to Ma and Pa.

Ma and Pa



Checking the trunk



Trying out the wooden toy.

In Grandma's Kitchen

by Ginny Gerber

The phrase "Invite to Dinner" invokes so many memories of the many meals in Grandma's Kitchen. She was always having a picnic or planning a family reunion and the holidays were filled with many wonderful flavors and sweet treats. So I pulled out a well-used cookbook printed by the Ladies Aid of the Martintown Church looking for some of the recipes by my grandmother, Martha Hanson. The recipes lack a lot of details such as this recipe that is wonderful with the summer lettuce from the garden.

Sweet & Sour Dressing

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar

2 very well beaten eggs

Butter the size of a walnut

Cook in saucepan until thickened. Chill.

By the way "butter the size of a walnut" is about 2 tablespoons. A "hen's egg of butter" is about 3-4 tablespoons. And if you come across a recipe listing "sweet milk" it is whole milk distinguishing it from "buttermilk".

This recipe for "Chocolate Chip Custard Pie" reminded me that my grandmother did not have the luxury of instant puddings, chocolate chips in a bag or frozen whipped topping. And as a farm wife she used what they raised and grew.

4 egg yolks, beaten

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. semi-sweetened chocolate, chipped

4 egg whites

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar

2 c. milk, scalded

$\frac{1}{4}$ t. cream tartar

1 T. gelatin

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. cold water

1 t. vanilla

1 graham cracker crust

In Grandma's Kitchen—contd.

Beat egg yolks, add sugar and milk. Cook in double boiler until thick. Add gelatin softened in water. Add vanilla. Cool. Add the chipped chocolate. Add cream of tartar to egg whites and beat stiff. Add the $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar and spread over mixture. Chill 1 hour.

If you try this recipe remember the listing of ingredients does not follow the order used in the recipe. And I am sure the graham cracker crust wasn't purchased.

In the cookbook was also a recipe by my grandmother for "Raised Doughnuts" which shows there was no concern for things like "low fat" or "watching cholesterol numbers".
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. milk, scalded and cooled

Take out $\frac{1}{4}$ c. and add 1 cake fresh yeast and 1 t. sugar. To rest of milk add $\frac{1}{2}$ scant c. butter or other shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar. Stir and add yeast, then add 4 c. sifted flour, 1 t. salt, 2 beaten eggs, beat until ball or loaf. Let rise 1 hour or until light. Roll, cut and let rise again until light. Fry in deep fat. These are not tough.

That last line "These are not tough", did it mean they were not a tough doughnut or that they were not tough to make?? When it came to cooking I don't believe anything was too tough for my grandmother to make.

Every year on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day my grandpa looked forward to my grandmother's oyster stew. As kids we were not so excited and grandpa liked to gross us out by picking out the oysters and eating them whole. Me....I sipped on the soup and left the oysters behind but I remember how delighted my grandpa was at enjoying the soup and teasing us kids! There was never a dull moment in grandma's kitchen!

Grandma's kitchen was in the family for three generations but there is nothing like the memories of working with my grandmother in her kitchen. Contd.

In Grandma's Kitchen—contd.

<p>FRIED OYSTERS 1 pkg. Irvington King Carter Brand Oysters 1 egg Cracker meal Salt and pepper to taste Drain Oysters. Dip in seasoned crumbs, beaten egg, then in crumbs again. Pan fry until golden brown turning oysters often. Drain on brown paper and serve hot.</p> <p>OYSTER STEW 1 pkg. Irvington King Carter Brand Oysters 2 tbsp. butter 1 qt. milk Salt and pepper, to taste Simmer Oysters until edges ruffle. Add milk, salt and pepper, bring to boiling point. Add butter. Serve with crackers.</p>	<p>SCALLOPED OYSTERS 1 pkg. Irvington King Carter Brand Oysters 1 c. milk 1 egg 3 tbsp. butter 2 c. soft bread crumbs. Butter-baking dish, put in layer of crumbs, then layer of Oysters, butter in small pieces, salt and pepper. Repeat, ending with layer of crumbs, dotted with butter. Heat milk and add egg slightly beaten and pour over. Bake in 350 to 400 degree oven until brown or about 30 to 40 minutes.</p> <p>OYSTER STUFFING FOR CHICKEN OR TURKEY Use your favorite recipe for dressing and add one pkg. Irvington King Carter Brand Oysters slightly chopped.</p>
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Grandma in her kitchen.

Winter of the Big Snow

by Ginny Gerber

We have been complaining about this Jan-Feb 2019 winter with its polar vortex, lots of snow and wind chills. But have you considered what weather difficulties our ancestors may have had to endure. How about the "Winter of the Big Snow" here in the Midwest.

October 16, 1880 there swept down on the state of Wisconsin a terrific storm of snow and sleet, with winds up to 70 miles per hour. The mid-fall blizzard dropped several inches of snow stalling hundreds of trains, preventing crops from being harvested and causing untold suffering with its zero weather. The storm was the forerunner of the winter of the big snow which came in early March. For many years after events were dated from "the year of the big snow."¹

Everyone was already storm beleaguered from the early fall blizzard and just days earlier on February 26 and 27, 1881 a major storm swept the area with rain, thunderstorms and snow drifting into piles from three to ten feet and when the temperatures plummeted they were wrapped in ice. Can you imagine your ancestor family working to tunnel out to take care of their farm animals and reach their wood supply? Then on the evening of March 2 the snow began to fall. The Wisconsin State Journal reported, "All night long air filled with huge flakes which were piled up into drifts as soon as they fell."² Strong winds and heavy snow continued without interruption for 24 hours. The blizzard stopped to catch its breath before starting up again. When it ended, snow drifts had blown 40 feet high and covered trees growing in low places up to their tips.¹ Streams, roads, and small buildings had completely disappeared from view.³ Two to four feet of snow had fallen. What did it look like on the small Wisconsin homesteads? Farm homes were buried to their roofs. Farmers had to tunnel to their barns and melt the snow in tubs for water to give to the cattle. Lamps and lanterns had to be used all day long because windows were covered with snow. Roaring fires had to be kept burning and farmers dug down to their rail fences for additional supply of fuel.¹ Food supplies ran low because of the loss of crops from the mid fall blizzard. The snow crusted so solid that a sleigh sailed over fences and new routes were created to reach town. Our ancestor families survived the blizzard of 1881 but they had to plow

Winter of the Big Snow—contd

through the "winter of big snow". So I guess we can stop our complaining about this year's winter, we can still see out our windows!

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4. "Train stuck in snow" by Elmer and Tenney - Photograph by Elmer and Tenney. Snow blockade, Southern Minnesota Division, Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway. Source: Photograph Collection, Stereograph 3/29/1881 Location no. HE6.43 r18 Negative no. 4289 Original image from the Minnesota Historical Society. Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons - http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Train_stuck_in_snow.jpg#mediaviewer/File:Train_stuck_in_snow.jpg

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Postcards and What Is there Now?

Apologies. Last newsletter I listed the above image as Monroe, WI when it is from Monroe, WA (where I used to live).



Trail's Mix

By: Debra Bailey Trail

Are you new to genealogy? Have you been doing it for years? No matter where you are in your research there are things I find I must do from time to time,. Step back and organize. Yes the dreaded organize.

I have recently started doing another person's tree and we all know how easy it is to start acquiring records to help us. Well pretty soon you have a stack and you hit the, "Did I download that one already" mode. It's time to step back and make a list of what you have for each ancestor. Some of the records will pertain to more than one ancestor so be sure to put them on each list or you'll be looking for that record again.

I also like to do an ancestor charts for the people I have with dates etc. I usually do them in pencil until I find primary records to verify the info. I can keep a working copy of these charts handy to help me see what I have and where I am going.

And then of course the , how do you organize the records so they can be found quickly. Everyone has their favorite way but make it so it is easy to keep up and easy to look for when you need to look at something again.

I am also little O.C.D. and actually use blank census forms to write out the ancestors on it . I attach the handwritten to actual copy so when I am looking back I can verify stuff faster (and it is easier on the eyes).

So, don't forget to step back once in a while to organize while you are having fun doing research.

Happy Trails.

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