



# 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.

### Green County Surnames List

We are updating the surname listing on the web. If you have Green County surnames and would like to add yours, please send us the information to :

[info@greencogenealogywi.org](mailto:info@greencogenealogywi.org) with the header Surnames. Be sure to check to make sure you are not already on the list.

### Research Center Hours

**Due to Covid 19 restrictions we are closed until further notice. You can check on our website too.**

The Green County Genealogical Society Research Center will be open to researchers by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

- Appointments available on Mondays 10:30 am – 3:00 pm (Please consider that if maximum capacity is met you will have to wait for entrance to the Library)
- Call Bill Holland (608) 325-2990 to schedule appointment
- Appointments on other days would be dependent on volunteer staff availability. No appointments on Tuesdays.
- Masks Required (We will have disposable masks available)
- Door to Research Center will be locked. Please knock for entry.
- Bring your own pens, pencils, paper, etc.

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## **President's Message**

We are taking small steps back to some normalcy as we look forward to an end to a pandemic. The vaccine has helped considerably. We are now able to come together and get some work done and answer some queries. The library remains closed so our Research Center is still closed to the public. Green County is currently still at a high level for Covid cases. When Green County drops to a medium level the library will reopen. We are anticipating that and are hopeful that possibly later this year we may have some type of public meeting.

The library is also in the middle of a fund-raising campaign for remodeling and updates. That also means updates for the Research Center. We look forward to an updated lobby and new restrooms. It also means a fix to some of the water leakage issues we have had. We encourage you to partner with the library with a donation to their project. It will benefit the Society, the Literacy Council and the community.  
[https://www.monroepubliclibrary.org/  
campaign-2021.html](https://www.monroepubliclibrary.org/campaign-2021.html)

Around my house we are experiencing the hints of change. The grandkids are back into school so no more virtual school at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Babysitting is now down to just one 3-year old. Seeing grandchildren again has been such a joy! Not seeing some of the family for a year has been difficult. I hope you also are beginning to experience some of those family times. We still live with an abundance of caution but hope is before us! We all are looking forward to family times. We are also looking forward to doing some genealogy TOGETHER!

**Ginny Gerber**

## **The Monroe Public Library**

The Monroe Public Library is currently holding a fundraising campaign for interior renovations, some of which will benefit the Green County Genealogical Society. Many don't realize the current building's interior is twenty-five years old. Among other things, the library hopes to gut the bathrooms on the lower, first, and second floors, and do a partial infill of the second floor to close in more area around the central staircase, which will also be replaced. Specifically on the lower level, the lobby in the genealogy area will be entirely redone, with custom display space and a new storage area.

The campaign committee hopes to raise \$1.5 million to complete all of the work. Substantial corporate contributions from Colony Brands and Klondike Cheese have come in, as well as from individuals and businesses. Multiple grants are being sought. The fundraisers hope to wrap up the campaign in June. For more information, please visit the library's website at [monroepubliclibrary.org](https://monroepubliclibrary.org) or contact Library Director Suzann Holland at [sholland@monroepubliclibrary.org](mailto:sholland@monroepubliclibrary.org) or 608-328-7010.



## **Sad Burial Grounds Story**

About 2004, the Green County Genealogical Society started to transcribe cemetery stones. Some cemeteries were large and some were just burial grounds for families in the area. One of those burial grounds was the Kline on the intersection of County K and Mill Road.

One of the unique things of this burial grounds was that a tree had started to grow around a stone. Over the years, stones fell over or were moved to let the farmers have more land to work. Stones were thrown against the tree or pushed up to the old fence that was in disrepair.

This was common of several of the country grounds. People needed land and became disrespectful of the families buried there. Some of these burial grounds were lucky enough to be protected by getting them cataloged with the Burial Sites Division at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Kline grounds wasn't one of the lucky ones. Someone had asked a question about it and the volunteers at the society decided to take a look. The first look didn't provide much as three corners of the intersection looked just like any other farmland and the fourth corner was wooded.

A second ride was taken and by a better look in the old Zimmerman field, we found that the burial grounds had been plowed under. No stones were visible. The tree has been cut down.

It was like losing a good friend and reminds me that nothing is permanent. A hard find for sure as the person that taught me about the cemeteries and burial grounds used to live on the land and has now departed this earth also.

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## **.Sad Burial Grounds Story—contd**

If you know of these small areas with stones still standing, please contact the historical or genealogical society in your area. Maybe there is a cemetery association or at least try to get the information to your state historical society. These places are lost forever and the burials forgotten. We need to be respectful of them and respect the land.

Thank you,  
Donna Kjendlie



## **The Old Kline Neighborhood**

From a sketch by Hazel Gilbert on the Bright School District 1952

Isaac Kline and his family were the first permanent settlers, coming in 1837. Isaac's family that came with him, consisted of his wife, Catherine, Mary, Jane and son, William. Other family members were Sarah and her husband, Samuel Meyers and two married sons, Eli and John, who came to Green County later.

The Kline's had formerly lived at LaPorte, IN. They came by boat to Galena and then on to Spring Grove. Isaac built a saw mill on Mill Creek on Section 20, which was in operation by May 1839. It operated for 29 years before being destroyed by fire. In 1843, he started a carding mill further upstream near Oakley. This was later grew into a woolen manufacturing plant.

Isaac died in Springfield, MO in 1863. His wife passed here in the township in 1853, both were buried in the family plot known as Kline's ground. This burial ground was on the property of Milo Zimmerman. The first burial was a man by the name of Tiffany, who used to run the Kline Carding Mill.

Catherine married Horace Griffin in November 1837. It was the first marriage and their son John was the first birth.

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## **The Old Kline Neighborhood- contd**

Shortly after the Kline's came, James Kildow and James Chadwick arrived. They were carpenters who built the mills. Both unmarried, they decided one day to visit Chadwick's father who lived about 20 miles away. They stopped to visit Joseph Woodle and his family, and had supper with them. Starting out again, it was raining, and they lost their way, both stating that they knew which way to go. Finally after several hours, they decided it would be a good idea to mark a tree so they would know if they circled around to it again. They walked until they got to section 16 and finally met John Kline who got them on a straight path again to the Chadwick cabin.

Chadwick finally decided after years, it was time to get married. In 1846, he married a daughter of Deacon David Davis. This was the third marriage in the township. Kildow married a sister of Chadwick's wife. They both bought land, Chadwick in Section 22 in Jefferson Township and Kildow Section 19 in Spring Grove.

The Kildow's had ten children, four died in infancy.

Over the years, many other families came. A need for trails or better "roads" were necessary. They laid down poles side by side by side and covered them with slew hay or straw to become corrugated roads.

The Bright School was believed to be named for a family that lived across the road.

(See prior article on the Burial Ground)

## **Excerpts from "Pioneer Days in Monroe & Green County"**

By The First National Bank of Monroe, 75th Anniversary

Pg. 7 "Postal Receipts for One Year \$3.00

In the spring of 1841 Noah Phelps was named the first Postmaster for Monroe. His duties were few; only three newspapers were taken at the office, and sometimes, owing to high water, there might be no mail for a month. Most letters were stamped '25c Unpaid,' and even though a quarter meant two bushels of corn and potatoes, the early settlers were willing to pay this much for news from friends back east. Often Mr. Phelps had to thaw and dry the mail by fire when it had been dipped in the river. Postal receipts for the first year were only about \$3.00."

Pg 9 "When Women Couldn't Walk to A Dance -

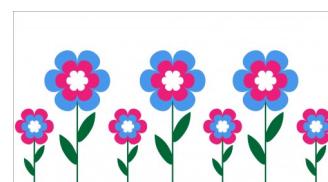
Although in the 1840s it was considered a woman's work to carry water from the spring, it was an unwritten law of pioneer days that she could not, especially a young woman, walk to a dance or party. As there were no livery stables in those days it was the exceptional young man who could take a girl to a dance."

Pg. 16 "A Reasonable Family Budget in 1861 -

According to careful records kept by A.C. Dodge during the period from 1860-1865 it was fairly east to support a family of three on between \$250 and \$260 a year with a few dollars left for tobacco and other luxuries."

Pg 17 "The Great Bank Robbery of 1864 -

In the diary of A.C. Dodge, dated October 5, 1864, we read: 'Bank of Monroe was blown open and robbed of twenty thousand dollars last night..... Robbers never caught.'



## **The Barn Raising Photo**

By:  
Debra Bailey Trail

I am lucky enough to have a couple great pals in Green County WI that look out for my surnames when they are doing their volunteer time at various historical museums and our (GCGS) research center. They copy and send to me what they find. Well not too many months ago I was sent a photo of a barn raising for Link Allen. (Actually Abraham Lincoln "Link" Allen my great grand uncle.)

The photo is awesome showing a bunch of people "raising the barn". It was said to be on corner of Mt. Hope and Hoosier Rd. This would likely be correct when compared with plat maps of the area and time.

Few months ago I was doing a "let's see what is new" search on Wisconsin Historical Society webpage, in particular their digital collection. There are 100s of photos there. Suddenly my eyes couldn't believe what I saw ... a barn, THE BARN. Looked just like the one that was being raised but only it was complete (aging). I emailed to WHS page to inquire if there was more info on that photo and unfortunately not but the librarian sent me a hi-res copy of the picture!!!

I stared for some time and the two photos trying to make sure my eyes weren't tricking me. Finally I sent it to a cousin (from the Allen line as it so happens to be) who is an architect. I asked his input on the two pictures. BINGO. He was fairly sure it was one in the same!!

I emailed the librarian at WHS with my confirmation and she added information to the photo there with new information. Google search of the intersection is bare of my barn and the one house I could see further back I didn't know address of.

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## **The Barn Raising Photo—contd**

My inquisitive mind wanted more information (and Link son who was last family that had lived there passed away in 1950s.) so I contacted Evelyn Crooks to see what she might know. To see what Evelyn could help with look for rest of this article!!

### **"Link" Allen Barn Raising**

By:  
Evelyn Crooks

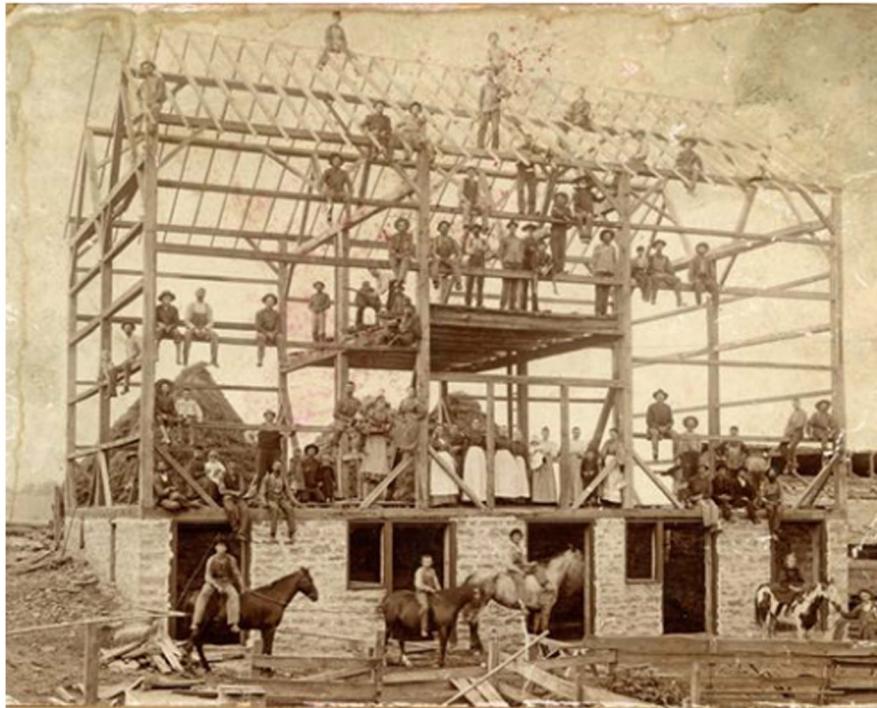
The Brodhead Historical Society frequently submits photos and short articles to the current Brodhead newspapers. An early 1900's barn raising photo in Section 35, Spring Grove Township, Green County, WI., included the surname Allen. Abraham Lincoln "Link" Allen was a Brodhead businessman and owner of the farm surrounding the intersection of Mt. Hope and Hoosier Roads. I emailed the article to Debra Bailey Trail, our GCGS newsletter editor. Deb had several relatives settle in Spring Grove Township. This turned out to be her great grand uncle!

Her question was "which corner of the intersection was the barn?" I looked in the 1891 and 1902 Green County plat books and discovered that Link's buildings were constructed on the NE corner. So...I made a few phone calls and verified there had been a barn and buildings at that location. Easter Sunday I did a drive-by of the farm and discovered only the stucco house exists but is resided in. I'm waiting on a phone call from someone who grew up on the farm about fifty years ago. Hopefully she has old photos to share!

Photos on next page!

## THE BARN

This barn raising took place in the early 1900s on a farm at the corner of Hoosier Road and Mount Hope Road in Spring Grove Township. It is believed that Lincoln Allen owned the property at the time. Unfortunately, the barn no longer stands.



## **Shelf Linings**

Spring is finally here and everyone is anxious to get out and about. It is also a good time to do deep cleaning, sorting, and purging. Please remember that when you find articles, books, family histories or other material that could benefit someone else doing their family history that you could donate it to us or to a historical society in your area.

We are now able to work in the research center, however, still not able to have visitors. It is nice to see our volunteers coming in to work on the projects that have been sitting, some for over a year.

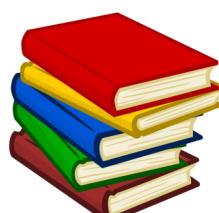
One of our projects is to get the stacks cataloged and organized for easier access. It is a project that is easier said than done, but progress is going on little by little. We will have end cap information as to what and where to find the material. It has been fun having discussing should the shelving run clear across the shelves or up and down. You will find both ways clearly marked. We want to make it easier for others to be able to browse the shelves.

We are lucky to have volunteers that have picked a special project and take it over to file or shelve. Sometime in the future, we will be involved somewhat in the remodeling of the library. New restrooms downstairs and a separate storage shed will be done. There will be two display cases for our use in the lobby and we hope to purchase one that will be in our room for remembrance of members.

We are answering queries so if you have something that we can help with our research volunteers will be happy to take a look and let you know of the procedure to receive it.

Take care and maybe we will be seeing you on the research trails.

*Donna Kjendlie  
Librarian*



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## **Trail's Mix**

**By  
Debra Bailey Trail**

This column will be short. Have you backed up ALL your genealogy related files? If not, stop your research for while and get backed up. I even have a thumbdrive I keep at a neighbors (used to keep in desk drawer at work but now that I am retired I had to think of another off site back up copy).

Once you have backed up your files you can research sites you already had done and thought you had everything. Or go look at digital files available on library and Genealogy Society sites.

I recently went back and looked at digital collection on the Wisconsin Historical Society page....BINGO, found photo of barn that was in my family,

So don't forget to back up files and review online sources again and again.

## "Where Is It?" Photo Identified

Our GCGS website features a photo gallery asking help in identifying and/or returning old family photos. A July 1964 photo of the possible Haman Cheese Factory, Greenbush Road, Sylvester Township Section 29, Green County, had been submitted by Sharon Mitchell. How Sharon came upon the photo may never be known. The factory no longer exists.

A February 2, 2021 email on our society's website from Mick Herrli to Sharon, started his wealth of information about the factory and his cheese making family from Trub, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Sadly, I returned an email to Mick to say Sharon had passed away last fall. I offered what I knew about the Haman Factory and farm about five miles from our farm. Mick knew a lot about the area factories having been discussed by his mother and later growing up in Brodhead. Fred (Dreyer) Leiser made cheese at the Haman Factory. Fred married Susanna Katherine Allemann in 1895. Their first son, Fred Jr., was born at the factory in 1897. Five of the eight Dreyer siblings, along with their mother, Maria Anna, immigrated to America. John Dreyer changed his name to Glanzmann when arriving in 1893; Fred came in 1895; Gottfried, Rose and their mother in 1900. Interestingly, all of them but John changed their name from Dreyer to Leiser. Leiser was their mother's maiden name. Maria Anna was married to Christian Dreyer.

John (Dreyer) Glanzmann married Emily Hafen in 1905. GCGS member, Shirley Jero, is related to Emily. Gottfried (Dreyer) Leiser married Ann Von Dach in 1913. Rose (Dreyer) Leiser married Samuel Allemann in 1905. All were involved in cheese making primarily in the Green County area.

Finally- the connection to Mick's cheese making relatives. Mick's grandfather, Carl Herrli, married Emma (Dreyer) Leiser. Although Mick's father, Warner Herrli, didn't choose the cheese making profession, he was born at the Senn Cheese Factory in Jordan Township. Warner decided to be a Green County farmer and later settled in Brodhead to raise their family.

As emails continued, we involved historian Matt Figi to help locate a Monroe tavern from the mid 1950's. Mick also had a question about location of the Burkhalter Cheese Factory in Sylvester Township, Green County. In yet another email conversation, Mick's sister ended up being a Brodhead High School classmate of my niece. He emailed me a 1977 flute contest photo I hadn't seen before.

Sharing all the info connected more of Green County genealogy and history than the original email was asking about the Haman Cheese Factory. Mick has also offered to share his family's cheese making history with the National Historic Cheese Making Center in Monroe WI. It was a win, win exchange for everyone. We have now welcomed Mick as a GCGS member.

By:

Evelyn Crooks



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Sunday, May Fourteenth



To the Mothers who have sons and daughters in the service who may not receive messages on this Mother's Day, and to all Mothers, we ask that you consider these messages as coming directly from your son or daughter, and that your Faith Lives on forever.

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIES

More precious than gold,  
Are my memories of you,  
They are fragrant and fond,  
They are fervent and true;  
  
They light all my days  
With a radiance untold,  
And to me they are precious,  
More precious than gold.

NO ONE CARES LIKE MOTHER

Nobody cares like mother,  
Nobody's half so true,  
And nobody's half so dear to me,  
Mother, my dear, as you.  
  
The loving wishes I send today  
Are different from all others,  
Because they're being sent to you,  
The dearest, the best of mothers.

## Daddy's Footsteps

Author Unknown



"Walk a little slower, Daddy",  
Said a little child so small.  
"I'm following in your footsteps,  
And I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,  
Sometimes they're hard to see;  
So walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,  
You're what I want to be;  
Then I will have a little child  
Who'll want to follow me.  
And I would want to lead just right,

And know that I was true;  
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For I must follow you."

## GREEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Quantity	Publication	CD	Book
	1852 Militia Lists		\$7
	Naturalization Book One - cd only	\$15	
	1873 Green County Atlas with Index	\$15	\$20
	1877 History of Green County, WI		\$25
	1877 History of Green County, WI, index only		\$10
	1884 Green County History - cd only	\$15	
	1885 Monroe City Directory	\$15	
	1913 Commemorative History of Green County - Bios and Index - Each Volume		\$30
	1913 Commemorative History of Green County - Bios and Index - 2 volumes		\$50
	Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers & Breeders of Green County, WI 1919		\$15
	2000 - 2005 Monroe Times Obituaries	\$15	
	Green County Genealogical Newsletters 2001 - 2012	\$15	
	Juda Fast and Photos - reprinted from original 1975 version and includes index		\$10
	<b>CEMETERIES</b>		
	Albany Township Cemeteries	\$15	\$20
	Adams 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	\$25
	Greenwood Cemetery - Monroe inscriptions	\$15	\$30
	Lewis-Jordan Cemeteries	\$15	\$15
	Monroe-Washington Township Cemeteries - transcriptions	\$15	\$15
	Mt. Hope Cemetery Photos - Spring Grove township	\$15	\$35
	Mt Pleasant Township Cemeteries - Highland, Swinglii, Truax, Trumy	\$15	\$20
	Mt. Vernon Cemetery - Juda	\$15	\$20
	Spring Grove Cemetery Transcriptions	\$15	\$25
	Twin Grove Cemetery Photos - Jefferson Township	\$15	\$20
	Union / Oakley Cemetery Photos	\$15	\$30

Shipping and handling—CD's are \$3 Books are \$3 for 1st book and \$2 for each additional

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Year runs from Jan 1-Dec 31. If you wish hard copy, please remit \$22.00 to cover postage.

NAME	ADDRESS		
PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS		
Total book price	Amount paid	\$	
Membership	Amount paid	\$	
DATE	Cash or check #??	Total amount paid	\$

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We invite you to join us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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What topics are you interested in learning about? \_\_\_\_\_

Your surnames \_\_\_\_\_

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I do  do not  give my permission to have my information printed in any handouts, newsletters or publications that GCGS may develop. If the box do not is not marked permission is granted.

## GCGS Meeting and Contact Information:

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Meetings are at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month. They are usually held in the Monroe Public Library located at 925-16th Ave. Monroe, WI. We are in the community meeting room on the second floor.

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