



# THE GREEN COUNTY GENEALOGIST

## Calendar



### Meetings & Field Trips

Meetings are held at the Monroe, WI Public Library at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month.

**March 04**—“From Powmerania to America: Resources for Genealogists” by Antje Petty.

**April 01**—“Native American Culture/ Traditions” by Theresa Schenk

**May 06** — “Growing Up As A Teen During The Blitz” by Joy Aavang, author.

**June 03**—“Peck-a-ton-oka” by Jeanette Hartman.

**July 01**— Members Show and Share Family Heirlooms and Stories

**August 05**—“Marriage Records and Where to Find Them” by Sharon Mitchell

**Sept— 02** Great Grandpa Gerdinand Strief in the Civil War’ by Peter Ott.

**Oct 07** —GCGS Workshop with featured speaker Maureen Brady

**Nov 04**—“Why and How to Join a Lineage Society” - A panel discussion with members.

**Dec 02**—“Unique Cookie Cutters” by Dr. Gary Oldenburg

## President’s Column

It feels a bit like a whirlwind of activity since becoming president. Our February meeting had 61 people in attendance to hear Mark Loudon with his presentation on “Who Are the Amish?” What a great way to get initiated into the presidency at my first meeting!

With a change in leadership there usually follows change in how things are done. That happens because each of us are uniquely made and talented so we each have our own style in leading whether that is as president or on a committee or with a project. We each want the opportunity to try our ideas. Sometimes they are successful and other times they don’t work out so well. But what is great is that there is always opportunity for change. Often we become very comfortable with our roles and “the way things are done”. What are our barriers to change? Why are we resistant to change? Can we face the risk of change? Have we examined the risk of staying tied to our established patterns and routines? How many of us have heard “But we have always done it this way”? When we continually resist change we stop growing per-

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## President's Column—contd

personally and as an organization. We have a wonderful society with a clear mission and great friendships. That's what draws people to our society. Together we want to continue that goal and hopefully that includes some new and innovative ideas from all of us.

One of our new ideas is to help the summer travel researcher by increasing our summer hours. We want to coordinate with the Historical Society and the Justice Center by being open on Friday afternoons when they are open. But that also means we need more volunteers to cover those hours. I hope you will take on the challenge to learn something new and work with the researcher in the Research Center. You are already an experienced Genealogical Researcher so all you need is a little time to become familiar with the Research Center and where things are. Please contact Donna or myself if you are interested in helping in the Center.

We are also planning some local and day long field trips over the summer. We will keep you up to date in the newsletter and on our website so you can register early as some of them will have limited space. Our Spring Council will be in April and is an outreach to surrounding genealogical and historical societies and libraries on leadership challenges. It looks to be an exciting year.

*Ginny Gerber, President*

## We Need Your Tidbits

Feel free to send us "tidbits" that might be interesting to put in the newsletter. Don't forget to include the source of those tidbits. This is your newsletter and we welcome your contributions.

## Submit Your Names in Green County

Submit your names for the column of "Looking for".

Send your Green County names (and years) to [info@greencogenealogywi.com](mailto:info@greencogenealogywi.com) with subject line NEWSLETTER.

## Throwback Thursday Classes

Our Throwback Thursday classes are back! The classes will be held beginning May 4 to June 1 at the Research Center from 10-12am. The classes are free and registration is not required.

The schedule of class is as follows:

**May 4** – Source Citations by Ginny Gerber

**May 11** – Charts and Ahnentafel Numbering System by Donna Kjendlie

**May 18** – Medical Genealogy by Susie Rufener

**May 25** – Timelines by Suzann Holland

**June 1** – Assistance with Research, Questions, etc.

If there is a topic that you would like to see taught in one of our classes please let us know and it may be included in a future class.

## Recommendations

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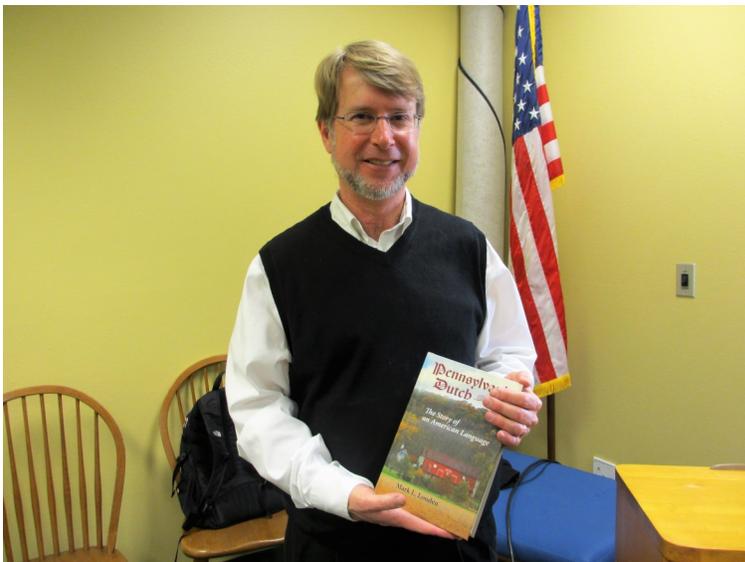
There are many very well written articles on genealogy and research by Thomas MacEntee on this website. The two I recently read were Copyrights and Privacy.

Check it out.

## Who Are the Amish?

Mark Loudon presented the program on the Amish to (what I believe is a record attendance) over 60 participants. He told us that there are 300,000 Amish in thirty-one U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. There are 20,000 living in Wisconsin which has the fourth largest Amish population. (Ohio is first, Pennsylvania is second, and Indiana is third.) Amish and Mennonites are the most rapidly growing populations. Their populations have been growing at 2% per year (doubling in 20 years). This is due mostly to their large families (average seven children) and improved medical care. From 85%-90% of their young people make the decision to join their churches. There is very little increase by non-Amish born individuals joining the faith.

The Amish and Mennonite life styles have been distorted in fiction, movies, and many television shows. Rumspringa, the time between reaching adulthood (about 16) and the time they choose to join the Amish church (usually 18 to 20), has been portrayed incorrectly as a time when the young go wild and party. A very small number actually do that. Most of their young people of this age will continue their customs, but enjoy the freedom to interact with other young people without supervision.



## Who Are the Amish? - contd

The Radical Reformation of the Roman Christian faith began in 1517 with Martin Luther. All protestant churches descend from his break with the Church, including the Amish and Mennonites. Both the Amish and Mennonites are Anabaptists. Anabaptists believed it should be an adult choice as to whether an individual is baptized and becomes a member of the church. Menno Simons founded the Mennonites in 1525 and was a prolific writer. Jakob Ammann started a conservative splinter group of Swiss Brethren in 1536 which is referred to as "Amish." Very little is known about Jakob Ammann. The Anabaptists were persecuted in Europe. About 250 to 300 Amish emigrated to North America where they hoped to find religious freedom. There are no longer any Amish or Mennonite churches outside North America. Both the Amish and Mennonites have affiliations that follow different life styles. Each individual church decides how much technology is allowed without interfering with family and religious life. When the churches are deciding about technology, the questions asked are: Do we need it? Is it good for community life? Is it something we can do without? Technology is used as a tool. Telephones are used within limits. Today less than 15% of the Amish depend on agriculture. Many work in factories and own businesses. The Amish are schooled in their parochial schools up to the eighth grade. The Old Order Amish and Old Order Mennonite affiliations are the most conservative (buggy-driving and unconnected to the grid.)

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## Who Are the Amish? - contd

Both Amish and Mennonites are members of the Christian faith and their faith is visible in all aspects of their lives – not just on Sunday. Their core beliefs include: believers' baptism, separation of church and state, and active discipleship following Jesus' words and deeds. They are communities of Christians that do not participate in war or violence of any form. If attacked or hurt, they do not respond with violence, but forgive the attackers. Their faith affects the way they interact with their neighbors and raise their children. Humility is important, which is why they don't want photos taken of them since they feel it would be show pride rather than humility. Their nonconformity is evidenced by their distinctive dress and grooming, limiting technology, language, and non-resistance. Pennsylvania Dutch is their oral language.

Professor Loudon told us that there are many good genealogies in the Mennonite Archives in the Swiss Canton Bern. The Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Max Kade Institute are other good places to look for German American, Amish, and Mennonite family history.

Submitted By Sharon Mitchell

## Digitized Newspapers

Many area newspapers have been digitalized, from microfilm copies at state historical societies & libraries. The digitalized process used by a good computer digitalization program, can enhance the images to make the more readable & names etc. Can be searched. The area newspapers that have recently been digitalized from microfilms are:

WWW.NEWSPAPERS.COM pay website

1. BELVIDERE, BOONE CO. ILLINOIS – four papers, 1850 – 1978.
2. DEKALB, DEKALB CO. ILLINOIS – three papers, 1879 – 2016.

## Digitized Newspapers

3. FREEPORT, STEPHENSON CO. ILLINOIS – FREEPORT JOURNAL STANDARD 1883 – 1977.
4. MARENGO, MCHENRY CO. ILLINOIS – four papers, 1872 – 1986. Few years missing.
5. STERLING, WHITESIDE CO. ILLINOIS – three papers, 1866 – 1928. Few years missing.
6. WOODSTOCK, MCHENRY CO. ILLINOIS – eight papers, 1860 – 1985.
7. JANESVILLE, ROCK CO. WISCONSIN – two papers, 1845 – 1970.

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1. FREEPORT, STEPHENSON CO. ILLINOIS – fourteen papers, 1848 – 1990.
2. DIXON, LEE CO. ILLINOIS – nine papers, 1852 – 1990.
3. STERLING, WHITESIDE CO. ILLINOIS – 1854 – 1980.
4. BELOIT, ROCK CO. WISCONSIN – four papers, 1848 – 1890.
5. JANESVILLE, ROCK CO. WISCONSIN – twenty papers, 1845 – 2014.

WWW.JOINERHISTORYROOM.ORG free website

SYCAMORE, DEKALB CO. ILLINOIS – Dec. 15, 1869 – Dec. 31, 1968.

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It has been a great help for researchers in this area.

Martin W. Johnson area historian & researcher since 1969

514 West Menomone St. Belvidere, Illinois 61008-3142 *Newspaper Archive is available free through the Monroe Public Library website if you have a library card.*

## Newspaper Tidbits

**PYTHIAN SISTERS**  
*Monroe Daily Journal*

Installation of officers of the Pythian Sisters was held Thursday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall as follows:

Most Excellent Chief—Mrs. Grace C. Young  
Excellent Senior—Miss Helen Corson  
Excellent Junior—Mrs. Louise Gnaggi  
Manager of the Temple—Mrs. Anna Musselman  
Mistress of Records and Correspondence—Mrs. Emilie S. Dodge  
Mistress of Finance—Mrs. Lydia R. West  
Protector—Mrs. Emma Bayerhoffer  
Guard—Mrs. Emma Dunwiddie  
Past Chief—Mrs. May L. Luchsinger  
Captain of the Degree Staff—Mr. Brooks Dunwiddie  
Challenge Bearers—Mrs. Edna Woodle, Mrs. Emilie Dodge  
Degree Staff—Mesdames Nellie Wells, Maude C. Kohli, Mabel King, Della Ludlow, Ida Sickinger, Mollie Kubly, Olga Clark and Miss Eva Sickinger.

A social was enjoyed after the meeting and light refreshments were served.

4/10/1919



## Unidentified Photos

Recently one of our members came into possession of several Monroe and Brodhead WI as well as Freeport, IL area unidentified professional photos. They have been scanned and are on our website in the photo gallery on the "Do You Know Me" page. We would like to return these originals to family descendants. You may see the photos at:

<http://www.greencogenealogywi.org/do-you-know-me.html>

Please contact us if you can identify the photos and if they are your family we will send them to you.



## Dad Didn't Tell Me

*By Ginny Gerber*

I have had a subscription to GenealogyBank.com for a couple of years. Although none of the Monroe, Wisconsin newspapers are digitized on GenealogyBank I discovered that a lot of Monroe and Freeport, Illinois news was covered by the Rockford newspapers, often with columns just for Monroe news. It was a wealth of obituary and marriage articles for my families in Green and Rock counties.

One day I put my dad's name in the search and to my surprise several articles appeared that contained his name. My dad didn't tell me that he had been a boxer as a young man along with his older brother, Bud. At the time of the articles my dad, Frank Hanson, would have been about 17 years old. He and his brother were boxing as novices in the Freeport sectional of the Golden Gloves tournament according to the Rockford Morning Star 6 February 1942 edition. Both of them were in the welterweight class which ranges in weight from 140 – 147 pounds.

As I continued to search, I learned not to be limited to just one website of digitized newspapers. By using Newspapers.com with the help of a friend who had a subscription I obtained several more articles from the Freeport Journal Standard about the tournament which gave another viewpoint of what was happening. I found these articles more descriptive and detailed about the Monroe squad of boxers.

By the time the squad reached the sectionals seven boys were still in the running, including my dad and his brother. The unexpected competition in the novice class was a draw and the Freeport Journal Standard warned fans to secure

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their tickets at once. In the 10 Feb 1942 edition of the Freeport Journal Standard the novice boxers take the headline, "Novice Boxers Hold Spotlight in Local Finals" and "Battling Monroe Squad Set to Claim Team Trophy". I have enjoyed the descriptive language used to describe the boxers.

*"A pair of Monroe team mates, clever Val Hagar and determined Frank Hanson will battle for the 147-pound championship. Bud Hanson, brother of Frank, has been forced to withdraw because of an ailing thumb."*

That had to be a disappointment for my uncle to withdraw. The excitement was running high for this squad of boxers.

The action moves to the finals at Rockford. The Rockford Morning Star (18 Feb 1942) describes the team:

*"With the finest crop of novices that ever entered the Rockford tournament, tonight's title bouts in the beginner class will give the fans some real action, thrills and excitement. These lads go out there and when the going gets tough through caution to the four winds wading in and fighting it out toe to toe."*

And if you wanted to go to the boxing match it would cost you \$1.10 for a ringside seat, 80¢ for a reserved seat and 50¢ for general admission according to an ad that ran in the 18 Feb 1942 edition of the Rockford Morning Star.

Did he win? The following day's newspaper announced the novice welterweight championship for Monroe went to Val Hagar. So he did not win but he still has a proud daughter.

## Shelf Linings

We have had a lot happening at the Research Center. Our volunteers have been very busy scanning marriage records and indexing them. Work is progressing on the Luchsinger Monument project also. GCGS is always looking for volunteers to do some computer entry for indexing.

The Research Center has accepted many books this month.

*Civil War Enlistment Records for the Town of Exeter, and Village of Dayton, Green County*

*Civil War Enlistment for the Village of Albany and Surrounding area, Green County*

*Monticello are Civil War roster, individual service records and regimental histories of the men who served from the area including Monticello, and the Town of Mt Pleasant and Town of Washington.*

*Monticello, WI Civil War Veterans Roster, and includes Towns of Washington, Mt Pleasant, Exeter*

*Adams Cemetery Transcriptions Directory*

*1906 Monroe City Directory*

These books will be a valuable addition to our holdings and we appreciate the donations.

We have also been copying some family histories that members and others are allowing us to do so. Some of our listings are on the website and hopefully our holdings will be available to members on the members-only page. Local members are able to check out certain books.

Stay tuned for more news of our Center. The Summer hours starting in May will allow more hours for searching your family.

Donna Kjendlie  
Librarian

## Got a Bare Wall ?

Here's what one of our members (Cathy Cadd) has started on a bare wall. Slowly but surely she plans to add names to the tree. I can't wait to see those pictures!!!

Have anything like this you have done? Send us some photos and information and we can share with others.



## Trail's Mix

By:

Debra Bailey Trail

So what shall I ramble about this month? Well, how about checking your local library online databases? I was doing some research for my friends Mayflower Society application (I mentioned this a few issues ago). We had turned all that we had found in about six months ago and we got the application with "hopes" we could find a few death and marriage dates from early 1700s while we acquired a couple missing death certificates and one marriage license. Well, I suddenly remembered a database I had not seen in ages and last time was at the library. So I logged on with my library card and went to the Genealogy Databases they had. Didn't find ProQuest but did find some others. Although the search engine left me with some GRRRRR moments (couldn't fine tune it so you'd end up with lots more than you want) I was able to find a lot of goodies including a Family Genealogy for the friend's line!! Now to go back to the library online and check for my own information. So, don't forget to check the public libraries besides your local genealogy or historical libraries.

An just a reminder when sourcing your information primary and secondary sources are most helpful, especially when you start publishing or submitting your tree for genealogy status (SAR, DAR, Mayflower etc).

Rambling number two... family pets. Having had the unfortunate loss recently of one of our beloved pets—a 22 yr. old African Grey Parrot who we had to put down due to a recurring prolapse colon, it made me think ... are you remembering to include your animal family in your genealogy? Also nice to remember them and what they gave us... love love love. Just a thought for you.

And a final ramble, how about photos, addresses and comments about the residences

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your family lived in. Several years ago I had the luck of a town historian who's in-laws used to live in a house my ancestors lived and he took photos for me. He also knew by the land records the land the family had owned and had businesses on and photographed them as they were that day. Can you imagine the surprise when I got that envelope in the mail? I had no idea he was doing this and wanted nothing in return!!

So on that note I will stop rambling and simply say "Happy Hunting".

## Don't Forget Amazon Will Make Donations to GCGS through AmazonSmile

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## Old Postcards/Photos

Do you have old photos or postcards you'd love to share with us, please submit them to DLB56@aol.com . And if you have a current picture of the old location that would be fun to share to.

## Postcard Challenge #1

Can you find the same location today or any time after these postcards were taken and submit a photo of what it looks like since. We'd love to see it and print it in next newsletter!



This is Albany 1975. So even photos prior to 1975 as well as after would be fun to see.

**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
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	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	
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	Adam Township Cemeteries	\$15	\$20
	Cadiz Township Cemeteries, revised edition 2013	\$15	\$15
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	Clarno Cemetery Transcriptions	\$15	\$15
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	Greenwood Cemetery – Brodhead inscriptions	\$15	\$35
	Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe inscriptions	\$15	\$35
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	Spring Grove Township Cemeteries, Photos	\$15	\$25
	Twin Grove Cemetery, Photos, Jefferson Tnsp	\$15	\$25
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## CGGS Meeting and Contact Information:

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