



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.

Nov 5—"Finding Swiss Relatives—Dead & Alive" by Sherry Anderegg and Swiss Friends

Dec 3 Hollywood & WWII. Presented by Ed Finch.

Used Ink Cartridges



Don't forget to bring your used ink cartridges to the Research Center. We can recycle them and earn some money to purchase office supplies for the center.

Submit Your Names in Green County

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

We'd like to start a column of "Looking for".



President's Column

Our Wisconsin weather yesterday was 71 degrees for an October day. Today the high will be about 68 and the fall will continue toward the end of the week. So if we are lucky, we can still do some cemetery work. I hope you have had a chance to do some genealogy this summer and fall.

After ten years as your President, I am stepping down as of January of next year. We will be having election at the December meeting. It has been a wonderful journey, watching our society grow to the point of having growing pains. As I look back, I am amazed at all we have accomplished. From storing our materials in a storage shed, to moving to an apartment up 24 steps and then moving into our research center that we have now. From a few collections to over 1700 cataloged books with many more to be cataloged. We are fortunate to have archival collections and a huge collection of funeral records. It seems to grow overnight at times.

We are looking for ways to make more of our holdings available to non-local members through our website. Scanning the marriage records is one project that is in progress. We have one member that is indexing and another is waiting for instructions to help also.

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It has been a wonderful experience to work with such talented people who enjoy genealogy as much as I do. We always are looking for new members and people who like to volunteer.

Members have told me that I have done a good job, however, a President is only as good as the membership the society has. Delegation is the key to success of a society. One cannot do all.

Thanks for going on the journey with me. I will not be leaving but will continue to volunteer as the Librarian at the Research Center.

Donna Kjendlie

President 2006-2016

Newspaper Tidbits

From the Monroe Times 12 April 1943

“Wanted: One Mind-Reader

Mrs Belle Burke, register of deeds, is besieged these days with requests for certified copies of birth certificates. And she is only too willing to oblige. But frequently the letters contain no clue as to the sender's age, containing neither birth day, year nor month, nor even names of parents. Such requests necessitate correspondence and delay issuance of the certificates, often urgently needed”.

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.

Our Website

I hope you are taking advantage of our website. Currently we are averaging about 271 unique visitors to our website each week and they are viewing about 1325 different pages of the website. Since the inception of our new website 77 people have contacted us through the website with inquiries. As a member you also have access to the Members Only page. On the members only page you will find the current newsletter and an archive of past newsletters, minutes of our meetings and a minutes archive, resources of Swiss ancestors and genealogy stories and biographies of members. The Members Only page requires you to have a password. If you do not have the password you may email info@greencogenealogywi.org and request the password. The password changes each January so you will need to request the new password at the beginning of the year.

There are many research indexes and data bases on our website. Some of the items you can find are Birth, Death, and Marriage indexes and extractions, Cemetery, Cemetery Surname, and Burial Indexes for Green County, Obituary Indexes, Township Record Indexes, Index to Bob Elmer's "Family History Notes" newsletters (this is especially helpful if you have Swiss ancestors from canton Glarus and New Glarus). If you have ancestors who served in the Civil War from Green County the resource page has rosters and other information. You will also find information on local churches, newspapers, funeral homes and churches. Whether it's links to other helpful websites, or Green County Surnames being researched or history of the various townships in Green County you are looking for, our website has a lot of information to be explored. I hope you take advantage of it.

Happy Exploring!

Ginny Gerber

Ladies First

“Ladies First: Finding Your Female Ancestors” presented by Lisa A. Alzo was the webinar viewed at the October 1 GCGS meeting. Lisa explained why it is difficult to research our female ancestors. Before the 20th century, most historical documents were created for and about men. For example, property was usually listed under the man’s name and men ran most of the businesses and government. The male surname was generally taken by the wife and given to the children. There were cultural influences regarding the behavior and treatment of women.

Lisa gave us five strategies for find our female ancestors. The first is to check all records for the husband. This includes tax, property, naturalization, military, etc. If you know her siblings, check their records and look for clues in photographs, newspapers, yearbooks, etc. Next, look into the possibility of more than one marriage and multiple grave markers. The third strategy is to find out about naming patterns for the family, region, and culture. Some cultures have different endings for female surnames. Fourth, be aware of spelling variations and handwriting and transcription errors when searching for records – especially online. The fifth strategy is to create a timeline of what you do know about her. Include historical events that may have caused her or the family to move or be separated. Examples include the Dust Bowl or the husband/father going into the military.

Maiden names may be found in marriage, census, land, church, probate, and death

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records. Newspaper articles, military records, passenger lists, and naturalization records are other possibilities. Be sure to check the records of the husband and children for clues. Family papers and letters and scrapbooks may also contain clues.

Lisa encouraged us to record our own stories and those of our female ancestors. The handouts included a “Female Ancestors Resources Checklist” to use for our research for both our female and male ancestors. She recommended using a chart to record surname and proper name variations and possibilities. A number of references and websites were listed in the handouts.

Unidentified Female Ancestor



This lovely lady is an unidentified ancestor. Do you know her? Email:

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with subject line Unidentified Female Ancestor.

History mysteries

Have you been a regular viewer of the Public Broadcasting's "Genealogy Roadshow" or "History Detectives?" If you had been at the The New Glarus Historical Society archives recently, you may have thought an episode of one of these shows was in progress!

Dr. Ueli Bachman, Richterswil, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, has been researching family history for many years, inspired by the oral tradition of his father and relatives before him. In addition, in the 1990s, he and another American relative brainstormed a project that would focus on genetic testing to attempt to identify links between generations of their families, on both sides of the Atlantic. That project continues today, with 75 American, German and Swiss male family members receiving DNA tests and results studied by researchers at Stanford University.

However, Dr. Bachman's search at this time was focused on finding information about a woman named Barbara Hottinger, a woman who found her way to New Glarus. Barbara was a resident of Richterswil who, among others, immigrated to Wisconsin. Her immigration story included meeting a Glarner, J.J. Tschudy near her home. J.J. Tschudy, later came to America to secure information about the progress in the colony, called New Glarus. Barbara became Mrs. J. J. Tschudy.

An inheritance from Dr. Bachman's father, a box of letters set aside in the attic for a number of years, had been remembered and retrieved. Letters, written on thin,

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onion skin paper, in a spidery script filling the front, back and margins of the paper conveyed the story of the journey, *Der Auswandererbrief*. After many hours of research, and with help from a retired professor of History in Zurich, Dr. Bachman discovered other letters telling of life in rural Wisconsin. Internet connections, emails and the generosity of genealogists from both our area and Switzerland helped Dr. Bachman find the New Glarus Historical Society and its archives.

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As a result, Dr. Bachman and his wife, Dr. Francoise Bachman, traveled to Wisconsin in July and spent time in Baraboo, Plain, New Glarus and Monroe to conduct more research. His visit was successful!

Dr. Bachman returned home with almost 1200 images of documents, locations, and photographs from his time in Wisconsin. Some of those images were of photographs in the New Glarus Historical Society collection; two are of Barbara and J.J. Tschudy, which were on display in the museum. On a recommendation from Bob Elmer, he was able to obtain a copy of a book, *Amerikas Little Switzerland erinnert sich : 150 Jahre New Glarus*, which told of Barbara's life through letters which she had written to her Swiss connections. This book is also available in the Historical Society archives. Sherry Anderegg, of the Green County Historical Society and Green County Genealogy

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Society, provided a copy of Barbara's death report which confirmed details in a letter that Dr. Bachman had in his possession. In return, Dr. Bachman shared numerous files and photos that will be available in our archives and a promise to return and potentially present his research to the community.

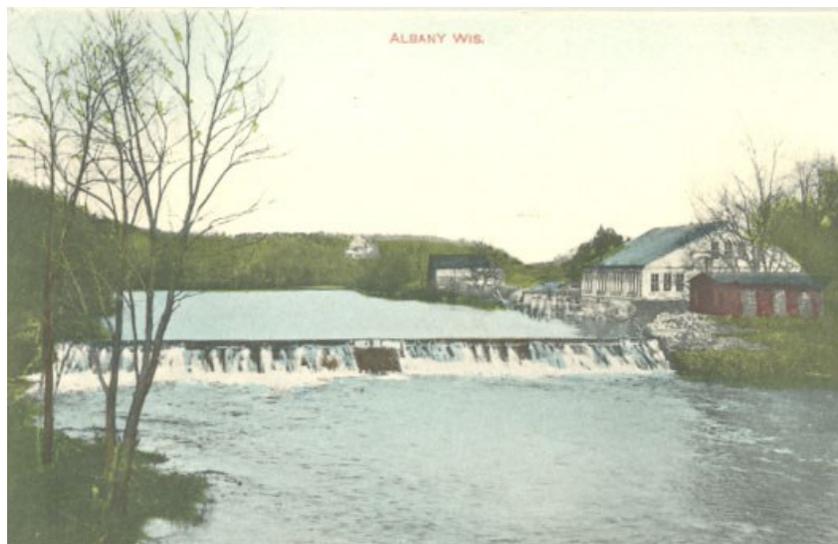
Genealogy and History experts Bob Elmer and Sherry Anderegg meet with Doctors Ueli and Francoise Bachman Richterswil, Canton Zurich, in the New Glarus Historical Society's archives, on the grounds of the Swiss Historical Village.



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Old Postcard

Can you identify this location today? Have any current day photos. This is Albany River by dam and mill in the early 1900's.



Family History Projects

Presented by Lori Bessler

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Have you been accumulating lots of data and stories about your family? Do you know what you want to do with this information? Lori Bessler had lots of tips on how to finish a genealogy project.

It helps if you set a deadline. At some point you need to stop researching and start organizing your material. Think about who you want to give your project to. Examples Lori brought in were a cookbook, a family history book, a picture book, and a memoir book. Do your research but eventually choose a project you feel you can handle and would be of interest to your family. There is lots of help on line. Google what you think you might like to do.

Organize your research using chronological order and timelines. A website to look at is www.OurTimelines.com. Google “historic timelines” “location”. Family tree software and online family trees will often create timelines and family reports.

Digitize and store your genealogy in various locations and back up files monthly. Consider saving photos in TIFF format.

Document each and every source. The goal is to make it easy for the reader to locate the record on their own. List people who have helped you.

More information about your family can be found in church records, court records, school records, military records, land records, and maps. Always check with other

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other family members including collateral lines. Look at newspapers for headlines, obituaries, and other family announcements. Interview more than one family member to tell their story about the same event. Don't edit the stories, quote them. Visit local libraries and historical institutions. Take a current picture of a location, home, or building and compare it to one taken years ago. Watch documentaries to get some idea of the time or place. They can be found at PBS.org. Include everyone in the project. No one on your tree is ordinary.

Consider doing an online project. Set up a website or write a blog. Share your photo collections on line thru Facebook, Google photos, or Picasso.

Print options would include a cookbook, picture book, a calendar, a multigenerational book, artifact book or a family newsletter.

A multi-generational project is a large project. She suggested including 5 generations. Use a binder with divisions for each section and color code areas you still need to fill in to help organize your data. Look at other published genealogies for ideas. The book should include a title page with title, author, publisher, and year of publication. Also an introduction page, a name index, footnotes/endnotes, a source list, and documentation on the front and back cover for photos. Create chapters and number the pages.

Printing/Publishing check: <http://genealogyabout.com> for a list of companies. Some others are photo or office supply stores. PUT A COPY IN THE LIBRARY! Print on demand to keep the costs down.

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Some tips on planning a family reunion. Keep it simple. Communication is everything. Build a database for current contact information. Have a core person for each branch of the family. Keep your contact information up to date.

Set up a Facebook account for the family to share announcements, stories, and photos. Give people advance notice and ask for confirmation. Make it fun! Come up with a theme, t-shirts, or pedigree charts on bulletin boards.

Lori Bessler's handout for this presentation will be on our member's only page.

Submitted by: Judy Huber

Kline Cheese Factory & Fleek Tobacco Warehouse

A newspaper clipping from 1917 was given to me because it listed someone who died near the "Kline Cheese Factory" on the state line. Anyone have any information about the Kline Cheese Factory including photos. Besides my personal interest in it it might be fun to know about another Cheese Factory.

Also another newspaper clipping from 1894 lists a Fleek Tobacco Warehouse. Any information on this?

Please submit you comments to DLB56@aol.com. Thanks



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.

Using Lichens To Help Date Tombstones

Lindsay Fulton describes how to use lichen to age an exposed rock such as a tombstone in the September 29, 2016, [Vita Brevis](#) blog of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. She explains that there are five common types of lichen in North America. Common Greenshield (*flavoparmelia caperata*) grows in the Midwest and entire eastern United States. It grows at a constant rate of 1 mm per year.

While genealogists tend to clean tombstones when they can, IF a marker has never been cleaned, it may be possible to determine a date range using the measurement of lichen growth. If the Greenshield lichen shows an earlier date than on the stone, it is possible that the stone was placed at a later date, is a replacement stone, or had been cleaned. Lindsay suggests that the next time we are in a cemetery to look for a marker with large lichen, measure it, and see how accurate this dating process is.

Submitted by: Sharon Mitchell



Trail's Mix

Well, when I first starting gathering my thoughts for this column in early October I was going to say how nice autumn is but today as I sit here I can only think dang, winter storms came in earlier than ever and how much is that roof going to cost. Yep, almost 22 yr. old roof got a leak!!! And a patch of drywall in family ceiling will need replacing. Ahh, life's every changing moves.

So, what was your summer like? Go to some reunions? Gather some tombstone photos? If you're like me you created a pile of genealogy finds during summer months but are too busy outside to work on them. Now the change of weather and early darkness says, bring on that genealogy stuff. While I am inputting things I keep a notepad (no not scraps of paper, notepad) handy to make a list of things I need to look for after I input new information. It seems every time we find something it leads to another question. What better time to make that list than while you are working on it.

Other tasks. How about downloading (after getting permissions) family photos off of relatives social media sites!!!

Next. I like to send family "questionnaires" to family members. What I mean is asking them list of questions to learn more about them. Example: what color are your eyes, original hair color, favorite foods, favorite colors and movies. The types of things that would be nice to put in your family tree notes about that person (don't forget to include the year) that helps us know more about the person. (I will gladly share some a couple of the ones I have made up if anyone wants a copy. Just email me at

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DLB56@aol.com.)

And of course, more research. But don't forget to back-up your files. Back them up to external drive, dvd, cloud etc. I'm ocd and have at least 3 backups.

Happy Hunting.

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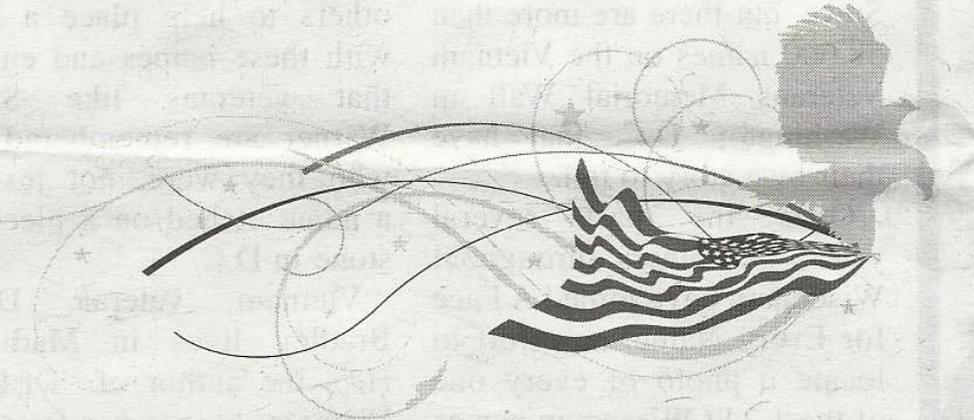
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11 Facts about Veterans Day

1. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11th.
2. The holiday honors anyone who has served in the United States armed services.
3. The holiday started in 1919 when President Wilson proclaimed November 11 to be Armistice Day.
4. The first celebration of Armistice Day marked the one year anniversary of the end of World War I.
5. Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938.
6. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill establishing the holiday through Congress and changing the name to Veterans Day to include all veterans, not just those of World War I.
7. In 1968 the holiday was moved to the fourth Monday of October, but was later moved back to November 11th in 1978.
8. All federal offices and many schools and businesses are closed in observance of the holiday.
9. Veterans Day coincides with many other countries' celebration of Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. These holidays also commemorate the end of World War I.
10. There are approximately 23.2 million veterans in the United States that the holiday honors.
11. America's Parade in New York City is the largest event in the nation celebrating Veterans Day.



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