

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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**Polk County Genealogical Society
POB # 101
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810**

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the Polk County Genealogical Society is to empower those interested in developing concise, accurate, and comprehensive family histories.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Polk County Genealogical Society is to assist in the exchange and dissemination of information for genealogical investigations.

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Thank you, **Tim Ericson**
for the great program you
presented
"The Ten Things to Remember
About Starting a
Historical Records Program."

The challenges of identifying meaningful and worthy historical records; setting program areas and goals; the need for policies & procedures in place including what you do collect and what you do not collect (to name but three) for the new historical records room at the remodeled Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Tentative Schedule 2008-2009

ATTENTION:
**NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR
2008-2009**
SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS
140 North Washington/Main Street
Highway '87' /east side of road.

24 November 2008 - 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich

Barb meets **Leon's** near/dear!
"Oh! the stories to tell"

Monday 8 December 2008 NOON
at **Judy Wester's** Holiday Potluck.
please call: 715-646-1447.

January 2009 7 P.M.

OPEN FORUM

FEBRUARY 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

March 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

April 2009 7 P.M.
Paul Clark -
DIGITIZING RECORDS

May 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

2008 PCGS Election Results:

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: **Kathy Clark**
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Polk County Genealogy Society

Jan-Dec \$15.00

Please make your check or money order payable to PCGS and mail, along with your:

Name, Address, State/Zip
to

Russ Adams

2410 River Road

St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Groom / Bride Date Vol/P

LEVI, Paul / Harriet LEGOO
29 Aug. 1865 1/71
LEVOCOTT Francis / Mary MECKLER-widow
23 Feb. 1863 1/56
LEVOCOTT, Nicholas / Sophie NELSON
19 Apr 1863 1/59
LIFESETT, Phillip / Essie N. SEED
29 May 1864 1/70
LOVE, James / Lizzie DUNLAP
13 Nov. 1870 2/155
LOVELACE, Wilson / Ellen CARLSON
2 May 1869 2/207
LUNDBORG, Olf / Margaret PETERSON
3 OCT. 1858
1/29

Copied from Polk County Vital Records
by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**
PCGS member

THE KU KLUX KLAN
in ELLSWORTH, [WISCONSIN?]

"What might you do if you were certain you had watched the Ku Klux Klan marching up the Main Street of Ellsworth, [Wisconsin] in the mid-1920s, but had no proof that your memories were accurate? An old friend who recalled those memories asked if I would check the Ellsworth newspapers from that period to see if there was a written account of that event - and there was!

Articles in both the *Pierce County Herald* and *The Ellsworth Record* from that period told of meetings, conferences, and parades occurring mostly in the spring and summer of 1926."

Thanks to **Kathy Deiss / SCVGS**
For answers to questions and more information please see
The PIPOST, September 2008
Indexed in *PERSI*, Volume 24 Number 2

Publications from:

Warren County, Iowa

Available from
Warren County Genealogy Society
POB 151
Indianola, Iowa 50125
***Birth** Records of Warren County through 1920
***Atlas** of Warren County for years: 1847, 1872, 1887, 1897, 1902-1903, 1915, 1919-1924
Every name Index for above
***Cemetery** and **Death Records** of Warren County, Iowa 1980
*Warren County **Marriages**
*Warren County **Newspapers** - Deaths, Probate & Obituaries
*1895 State of Iowa Population **Census** for Warren County
Available from Warren County Hist. Soc.,
***Railroads** of Warren County
***George Washington Carver** booklet

Please mail requests for publication list and purchase price/postage & handling costs to: Treasurer at address above.

WISCONSIN STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY CONFERENCE/2008 - Madison.

Oral History Workshop
-digital equipment-
by **Troy Reeves**
<treeves@library.wisc.edu>
Email dated: 13 October 2008

If you want to record digitally, but want to start out with something less costly than the \$700-\$800 range model equipment (my recommendations), to make sure an oral history project or program is worth pursuing, I recommend checking out this website:

<www.vermontfolklifecenter.org/archive/res-audioequip.htm>

Two more things to think about:
(a) try partnering with a school, school district, local library, or even a nearby college or university. The reason I say this is that they may already have purchased a digital recorder that you could borrow to conduct an interview to see if their equipment could work for you.

(b) while this is only applicable to a few of you IF you are close enough to us [Madison], I would be happy to [discuss with you] a loan of our recorders to conduct an interview to see if our gear is worth the price [for you to spend purchasing like equipment]. If we do not have a [model] 660 or 671, I would [discuss with you] a loan of our 620s, making sure that I walked you through explaining how best to capture the sound as well as possible.

**"DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK ME
QUESTIONS, THAT IS WHAT I AM HERE
FOR"**

Thank you **Troy Reeves**

PCGS New Membership
The Genealogical
Society of Utah/FamilySearch
50 East North Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3400
USA

SURPRISING DNA NEWS:

Richard Rubin

Are you my cousin? How the new DNA technology can solve mysteries in your family tree...and help you discover relatives you never knew you had.

AARP, The Magazine
Nov./Dec 2008 <www.aarpmagazine.org>

DON'T GET ARRESTED

Family Tree Magazine recently had an article on their website (<<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com>>) concerning cemetery gravestone rubbings. It has long been a practice of genealogists to create cemetery rubbings of those hard to read gravestones. Before you do, however, stop at the cemetery office to find if the practice is allowed or prohibited. It seems that laws governing cemetery rubbings can be created at the state, local, county, or cemetery level.

For example:

New Hampshire law states "No person shall make gravestone rubbings in any municipal cemetery or burial ground without first obtaining the written permission of the town selectmen or the mayor of a city ...[who] will ascertain to the best of their ability that the person making the request knows the proper precautions."

Those cemeteries popular with tourists may also prohibit rubbings because of potential damage to the stones. Veteran's Cemeteries prohibit the practice.

Thanks to: **Vicki Garro**/Editor
Gen News
Douglas County Genealogy Club
November 2008

DON'T FORGET!

Polk County Genealogy Society
is now meeting at the
-Senior Center-
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
Main Street/North End