

THE POLK COUNTY POST

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Polk County Genealogical Society
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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.

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THANK YOU
Kathy Clark

for the May meeting program "Using Ancestry.com." Good presentation and lots of Q & A from the members/friends attending. Coffee and delicious treats were served following Kathy's course.

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Tentative Schedule

NO Fund-raising Board Meeting
June/July/August
PCGS Board meeting
1:00 PM at the Polk County Historical Society Museum- Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Monday afternoon - 23 June 2008.
Monday afternoon - 28 July 2008
Monday afternoon - 25 August 2008

GENEALOGY MONDAY

EVERY Monday from 1-4 PM
June/July/August
(4th of July is on a Friday this year so PCGS Genealogy Monday is not affected)

PCGS members, once again, meet at the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin to assist in helping others locate family history data in the records available. Please join us if/when you are able.

Sept/Oct./Nov. Program Ideas Needed!
Please email **Kathy Clark**
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with your suggestions.

WSGS Fall Convention

Saturday 11 October 2008
Holiday Inn Express and Janesville
Convention Center
Craig R. Scott, CG, authority on military
research and owner of Heritage Books,
Inc.
Wisconsin Historical Society
<lori.bessler@wisconsinhistory.org>

"Some diseases listed under **Cause of Death** are archaic terms that are rarely heard now. The following definitions were found on a variety of Internet sites.

Bloody Flux - inflammation of the large bowel; commonly known as colitis.

Consumption - usually referred to pulmonary tuberculosis; sometimes called marasmus.

Dropsy - edema; the presence of abnormally large amounts of fluid, often caused by kidney disease or congestive heart failure.

Summer Complaint - diarrhea, usually in infants, often caused by drinking spoiled milk.

Teething - since infants were often weaned at the time of teething, it is surmised that they may have died from drinking contaminated milk, or from malnutrition if watered-down milk was given."

Thanks to: St. Croix Valley Gen Society
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Always and Always, when researching for an ancestor's family history data - "check the collateral ancestors for hidden information. Newspaper obits/death notices/probate records/gravestones/marriage announcements/local newspaper society pages/community histories/immigration/naturalization records/military records/family Bibles."
Gen News
Douglas County Gen Club
June 2008
Editor: **Vicki Garro**

Email dated 20 May 2008
from PCGS member
Norma Holmbeck

<www.foreverswedish.org>

"Dick and I belong to the Amery, Wisc. Swedish Club - Forever Swedish. The Club has a terrific website, and worth checking out, especially with Midsommer coming soon. I (Norma), daughter Jeanne and (her) husband Gary, will be in Sweden to Celebrate Midsommer this June."

Thanks for tip **Norma!**

Email dated 27 May 2008
from PCGS member
Richard Kretzschmar

<www.myheritage.com/research>

"MyHeritage Research now searches across more than 12 billion records to provide you the most extensive genealogy searches available anywhere on the Internet, and it's FREE!

Tre Lag Stevne - *Voices of the Prairie*
6-8 August 2008

Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Norwegian-Americans are invited to learn more about their Norwegian heritage at a special 4-day gathering beginning 6 August at the Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls, Mn.

The combined Norwegian-American organizations of Gudbrandsdalslaget, Nord-Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag and Tronderlag of America sponsor the "Tag Lag Stevne."

The program will include genealogy research labs, local tours, multiple seminars on genealogical, cultural and historical Norwegian-American topics. The event is open to the public. For additional information or registration forms and costs, contact Chairman **Gary Olson** at (507.282.1090 or email: <golson6638@aol.com>

Thanks to: St. Croix Valley Gen Society
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POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867
Groom / Bride Vol/Pg

Smith, Charles E./Annie Gerke
22 Sep 1867 2/124
Smith, George W./Catherine M. McIntosh
27 Mar 1869 2/159
Smith, Frank/Alma Matheson
1 Oct. 1871 2/232
Smith, James/Emma A. Akin
11 Dec 1865 1/72
Smith, John/Lizzie Will
26 Nov. 1868 2/145
Smith, Sewall C./Nellie Terry
14 Jun. 1869 2/169
Starkweather, Stephen/Mary Danforth
5 Feb. 1868 2/133

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

Websites

As I search the internet, I come across new and exciting genealogy websites.

The University of Wisconsin has a growing digital collection that can be found at

[<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WI/>](http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WI/)

and

[<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/)
is a searchable database if your ancestor was granted homestead lands from the federal government., original images are available for purchase or you can print them out.

Thanks to: GEN NEWS
Douglas County Genealogy Club
April 2008, Vol 3:2, pp 3,4.

United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada

Dominion Office:

The UELAC Dominion Office is located in historic George Brown House in Toronto, at the following address:

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I found this website by first going to Google.com and typing in : United Empire Loyalists of Canada and then I clicked on the Home page. However, there are many other links for the researcher.

Editor

ATTENTION The 2008 PCGS yearly membership dues are payable at our monthly meetings or may be mailed to the treasurer. Thank you.

Polk County Genealogy Society
Jan-Dec \$15.00

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