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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.

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Paul Clark thank you so much for the interesting program on Digitizing Records at our April meeting. We had an excellent turnout - obviously it was a program that interested many PCGS members. Thanks again.

LUCK

The Luck Area Historical Society announces the opening of the Luck Museum for the 2009 season. The museum will be open Friday and Sunday noon to 4 PM and Saturday 10-2 from April through October. Sunday afternoons - Beginning Genealogy sessions, including how-to use the resources at the Luck Museum. PCGS member, **Russ Hanson**, is often at the **LUCK** museum during these times to help with genealogy questions.

Tentative Schedule 2009

SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS

140 North Washington / Main Street

Monday 18 May 2009 7 P.M.

One week early due to Memorial Day
ROUNDTABLE- BEGINNING GENEALOGY
Kathy Clark - Lead

June/July/August

Every

Monday at the Museum - 1PM to 4PM

BUILDING an INVENTORY of the RESEARCH ROOM LIBRARY COLLECTION Forms will be available and all the PCGS members need do is to fill in the blanks. Support will be available to explain and direct our work. Once the forms are complete, someone else will put the information we have collected into a database.

Of course, should any guests stop by looking for help with family history research questions, PCGS members will be on hand to assist.

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.

Anita Buck, Author of
Steamboats on the St. Croix
CARRYING IMMIGRANTS/CARGO
UP THE ST. CROIX RIVER
BETWEEN 1850-1920

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich - 'AND MORE ON LEON'

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.

MAP AVAILABILITY AT THE MUSEUM
RESEARCH ROOM
Local/State/National/The Old Country
Fifty Years ago?
Hundred years ago?
Two hundred years ago?

Monday 14 December 2009 7 P.M.

Holiday Potluck
at
St. Croix Falls Senior Center

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Polk County Wisconsin
Marriages 1855-1867

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BEEDE, John Char/ Caroline A. COOPER
13 Sep 1862 1/52

BERRY, John/E. STROUT
7 Oct 1859 1/42

BILLE, Jens J.J./Maren C. PETERSON
223 May 1870 2/189

BLANDING, John M./Sarah E. WORTH
15 Sep 1866 1/64

BLANDING, William/Elisa M. TUTTLE
24 May 1857 1/15

BLOOMGREEN, Gus/Caroline SWENSON
19 Jan 1872 2/244

BOUCHER, Cyrell/Harriet BUSS
10 Oct 1865 1/66

BOWRON, Robert/ Mrs. Eliza. DOANE
30 Mar 1871 2/213

BRADLEY, Cyrus/Mary E. FOSTER
22 Mar 1866 1/43

BROKAU, John/Ruhann ELKING
10 Dec 1869 2/156

BROMVILLE, John/Martha MATISON
9 Feb 1869 2/150

BROWN, Allen H./Catherine RING
9 Jul 1868 2/139

BUCK, John/Mary ORIFF
18 Feb 1864 1/67

BULLARD, Leonard/Mary THOMPSON
22 Sep 1861 1/50

BUSH, Henry/Mary Cath. BAPP
4 Oct 1869 2/171

Thanks to **Muriel Pfeifer**/PCGS member

Congratulations to **ROSALIE KETTLESON**, Polk County 2009 Woman of the Year. **Rosalie** is the Director of the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Polk County Genealogy Society Dues
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

Genealogy Events

“2009 Tre Lag Stevne”
a joint Stevne of Gudbrandsdal Lag National, Tronderlag of America and Nord Hedmark pg Hedemarken Lag
5-8 August 2009
at
South St. Paul Hotel & Conference Ctr
701 Concord Street S.
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651.455.3600
info@southsaintpaulhotel.com

9 May and 30 May, 2009
BASIC BLACKSMITHING
Learn the rudiments of blacksmithing,
OLD WORLD WISCONSIN
10AM - 4PM.
Registration Required \$150.00
262.594.6301
or
oww@wisconsinhistory.org

Columns

Wisconsin Historical Society
May/June 2009

LOOK AGAIN!

WHAT DID YOU MISS?

Patricia Law Hatcher, CG

"Are you waiting for the book that says: 'Shadrack Jones is the son of Meshach Jones?' Do you search for a deed that proves the relationship between Abel Brown and Cain Brown?

Guess what? You may already have examined that book. You may already have found -and copied- that deed. You may find more success in solving your genealogical problems if you periodically take time to reexamine your research, rather than constantly seeking new sources."

Basic Methodology: as you look again through your research files, there are three major categories of what you might have missed:

- something written on a document
- something implicit from a document
- something not in the file, but should be

10 reasons you may have missed it:

- your research was a long time ago and now you have additional info
- you were not as knowledgeable then
- you did not analyze what was missing
- you did not look at the arrangement of the source material
- you failed to take the time to read the introduction, the notes, the bibliography
- you quit after the abstract
- you failed to read every word
- the documents were difficult to read
- the documents were not accessible
- you did not analyze the document creatively.

Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Family
History Conference, pg 103
Madison/October 1998

A YEAR IN THE SOUTH

Four Lives in 1865

by

Stephen V. Ash

"A *Year in the South* is about four ordinary people in an extraordinary time. They lived in the South during 1865 - a year that saw war, disunion, and slavery give way to peace, reconstruction, and emancipation.

- **CORNELIA McDONALD** battled poverty and despair as she struggled to raise seven children by herself;

- **LOUIS HUGHES** was a slave determined to gain freedom for himself and his family;

- **SAMUEL AGNEW**, a minister and son of a planter, grappled with spiritual and worldly troubles;

- **JOHN ROBERTSON**, a former Confederate soldier, searched for a new life far away from war."

Geographical locations of the four families are Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Extensive Notes by chapter; Bibliographic sources include Manuscripts, Newspapers, and Published Sources; plus an Index.

Ash wrote a social history that included the deep sense of prejudice and old habits amongst the common folk - male and female, church and unchurched in three of the eleven states south of the Mason/Dixon line in 1865.

It was a good read and the stories may help explain some viewpoints, or it may help fill in some blank spaces in our family histories. Editor