

THE POLK COUNTY POST

*Polk County Genealogical Society (PCGS)
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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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QUESTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The present board of directors is having a difficult time finding members who are willing to take over and serve in leadership positions for the 2010 year. The directors have all served well and faithfully for several years and, due to a variety of circumstances, wish to share the responsibility with another member(s). Programs and a meeting place are both scheduled and locked in for the remainder of 2009. Election of officers is at the October meeting.

Several ideas are presented for your consideration:

-Disband completely and give our little bit of grant money, checking account funds and savings account funds away (approximately \$1000.00) What organization(s) would you choose?

-Continue with monthly meetings but discontinue officer positions, discontinue dues, roll back our status as a Society and once again call ourselves

Polk County Genealogy Group. PCGS would become a "sharing and caring" genealogy group as opposed to a structured society. Each meeting would be a group of people sharing a problem/a success or with questions. A speaker or program only if someone of our Group would be willing to be responsible for the same. Continue with the monthly newsletter to inform interested parties of events. Share our money.

-Continue with meeting only on an irregular bases, no officer positions, no dues, Continue with monthly newsletters to inform interested parties of events. Give our money away.

-Become a genealogy group that functions only as a Group with a newsletter - no meetings, no dues, no officers, give our money away.

Suggestions that have come forward since the last newsletter

-Reduce our dues to \$5.00 a year; discontinue officers; "hate to see PCGS disband completely, perhaps hold meetings ONLY in NON-SNOW months"; roll back our status as a Society to Polk County Genealogy Group.

Newsletter? Funds?

-Hold the Polk County Genealogy meetings the same evening/same location as the Polk County Historical Society ONLY the genealogy meeting would be 1 hour to 1-1/2 an hour earlier which would enable PCGS to conduct our business and join the historical society for a joint program at 7:00 pm. Newsletter? Funds?

-Join the historical society for the program (7 PM) and then hold a genealogy meeting AFTER the historical societies program (8-8:30 PM)

Newsletter? Funds?

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS?

Settled Schedule 2009
SEPT AND OCT. MEETING LOCATION

once again we will meet at the
O S C E O L A

P U B L I C L I B R A R Y

starting on

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.

program:

Anita Buck, Author of
STEAMBOATS ON THE ST. CROIX
CARRYING IMMIGRANTS/CARGO
UP THE ST. CROIX RIVER
BETWEEN 1850-1920

slide presentation:
"Steamboats A-Comin"!

and also at Osceola

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich -

A New Genealogy Adventure

*** **NEW** ***

NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION

A M E R Y S E N I O R C E N T E R

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.

MAP AVAILABILITY AT THE MUSEUM
RESEARCH ROOM, Balsam Lake, WI
by PCGS member **Judy Wester**

Monday 14 December 2009

Noon Holiday Potluck
at the

Home of PCGS member

Jay / Joyce Bergstrand

Please call for directions

(715).268.9523

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: **Kathy Clark**

Vice President: **Jay Bergstrand**

Treasurer: **Russ Adams**

Secretary: **Dorothy Adams**

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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

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

2009 Fall Seminar

2-3 October 2009

Neenah, Wisconsin

Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel &
Conference Center.

<wsgs@tds.net>

or

WSGS

POB # 5108

Madison, WI 53705-0106

Local History and Historic Preservation

Annual Conference

9-10 October 2009

Wausau, Wisconsin

24 Sessions

8 Hands-on-workshops

3 Friday evening events

2 Keynotes addresses

Request from the Polk County Historical
Society

A request was made at the July Polk
County Historical Society meeting asking
if members of the Polk County

Genealogy Society would be willing to
staff the research library at the museum
in Balsam Lake one day a week in the
calendar year 2010. Monday seems to
still be the day that the Historical Society
would like our members in attendance.
Please consider this request and let your
officers know which Monday this will
work into your schedule.

PCGS makes donation

A thank you card was received from the Polk County Historical Society (PCHS) for the donation of \$350.00 the Polk County Genealogy Society donated to PCHS for expenses with purchasing power-point equipment.

POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN MARRIAGES 1855-1867

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vol/Pg</u>
DELP, Peter	/ Mary LOCK	6 Mar 1863	1/57
DEMELLING, John	/ Roesa RUMPH	2 Dec 1863	1/67
DIKE, Henry B.	/ Mary E. STAPLES	1 Sep 1871	2/228
DOE, William	/ Abigail AYRES	4 July 1854	1/23
DOTY, John	/ Fanny FRAERY	17 Dec 1865	1/79
DOTY, John H.	/ Alma VOGELSANG	3 Oct 18871	2/234
DUNHAM, George B.	/ Mina HILLS	10 Sep 1867	2/126
DURRAN, Adnar F.	/ Ella N. EYERS	1 Jan 1868	2/132
DRESSER, Sam	/ Charlotte M. GODFREY	23 Jun 1859	1/36

Thanks to PCGS member **Muriel Pfeifer**

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The original tax receipts can be found at the Polk County Historical Society museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Some of the records are for taxes paid on personal property (moveable property) and some are for real estate (land) taxes. I have not listed the amount of the tax nor have I listed the justification for the tax. (These records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read. I apologize for any misspelling/Editor)

TOWNSHIP of APPLE RIVER

1878

Taxpayers:

Julia Reusler	Joseph Londrey
George Lambard	C.W. Haskins
Peter Gamache	G.P. Anderson
H. Hendrickson	R.S. Haskins
Joseph Johnson	Charles Swanson
Gustaf Johnson by Jos Johnson	
Jens Isaacson	John Isaacson
John Best	Swan Carlson
Jacob Owrey	Caroline Markee
Andrew Nelson	Olof Johnson
C.P. Johnson	Edward Owrey
Dominick Cayontte	James Kirkland
F.W. Carlson	J.C. Cannon
Chas. Johnson	Newell Skinner
Frank Johnson	Ole Johnson
John Munson	I.S. Jones
N.M. Swanson	Frank Carlson
Hans Christianson	John Beedan
Wm Rosenbush	M. G. Thomas
Dominick Geneson	David Straffon
Theophilus Flurry	David Turcott
John Peterson	Michell Pierson
Richard Pierson	Charles Sandeen
Chas Betcher	Jens Isaacson
W.H. Skinner	E.S. Lundgreen
Adolph Revoir	John Lamar
P.I. Swanson	Edward Penan
Chas Norenus	G. Talpan
Joel Johnson	Chas Wamlon
Nels Peterson	Emil Morriot
A.P. Anderson	Aaron Malmquist
A.G. Lundin	Edward Parant

Abbreviations used in Military Records

+	Reported died in service
*	Reported deserted
c	Reported captured
Gen.	General
Col.	Colonel
Maj.	Major
Capt.	Captain
Lt.	Lieutenant
Ens.	Ensign
Sgt.	Sergeant
Corp.	Corporal
Pvt	Private
Clrk.	Clerk
Drum.	Drummer
Trum.	Trumpeter
Gun.	Gunner
Suing.	Surgeon'
Adj.	Adjutant
Qrm.	Quartermaster
Comm.	Commissary
Intr.	Interpreter
Chpl.	Chaplain
Corn.	Cornet
Armr.	Armourer
(b)	Place of Birth
(d)	Year(s) not given, year(s) provided taken from date of endorsement of muster roll
Cty.	County
Regt.	Regiment
Co.	Company

Thanks to **Bev Learn** of the
Douglas County Genealogy Club
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THANKS - PCGS MEMBERS!

Many thanks to each and every member of the Polk County Genealogy Society for their assistance in the research library at the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin this summer.

One project, which the members worked on, listed the taxpayers in each township from the earliest settlement of the township.

(Records taken from old, old tax receipts stored in the museum)

Another project entailed the making of a general research materials availability list: i.e. family histories, maps, military records, county board proceedings, histories of town and township, rivers and dams, county politicians and many more.

Within that list, the subject of the material, the location of each resource (which shelf/which wall), and the source of the information is listed.

Several Mondays vacationers to Polk County stopped by the museum to research long lost ancestors. One such family lives in California, came to Polk County to seek out the birthplace of a great-grandfather. When the museum's resources were exhausted, PCGS members encouraged the couple to stop at the courthouse to view pre 1907 marriage, birth, death records, and very early grantor/grantee land records.

PC Historical Society September meeting will be held in the 'gathering room' at the new north door entrance. (Parking in the bank lot) The location of the new museum elevator is directly off this room. Easy to reach the research library on the elevator for those who have not seen the room. Everyone is welcome.

7:00 PM