

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.

The PCGS January meeting was cancelled due to poor driving conditions in a winter storm. Thanks **Judy** for making the soup, we look forward to another time.

*PCGS monthly meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Monday of each month.

NOTE: new time: 12:30 p.m. in the winter months of Jan., Feb., and Mar. 2010, when **Judy Wester** cordially invites PCGS members to her home at 901-8th Street Centuria, Wisconsin.
THANK YOU, Judy

*Monday 22 February 2010

Gather at the home of **Judy Wester** Centuria, Wisc at 12:30 p.m.
Program:
"Aunt Betty tells Eureka's story"
Short business meeting.

*Monday 22 March 2010

Gather at the home of **Judy Wester** Centuria, WI at 12:30 p.m.
Program: TBA

*Monday 26 April 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.
Program: **James Rusch** PLS
"History of Land Records for Genealogy "

*Monday 24 May 2010

(Memorial Day is the following Monday)
Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m. Program TBA

***June, July, August
Every Monday**

Gather at the Historical Society Museum in Balsam Lake - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. to assist researchers in their quest for family history within the museum and research tips in other areas.

*Monday 27 September 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m.
Program: **Barb Oestreich**

*Monday 25 October 2010

Gather at the Senior Center - St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

*Monday 22 November 2010

Gather at the Senior Center-St. Croix Falls 7:00 p.m. Program: TBA

*Monday 13 December 2010

Annual Potluck Holiday Event
Noon - Location: TBA

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2010 Officers:

Judy Wester graciously agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer for PCGS and we trust our 2009 board members will remain at their post for a short time into the 2010 calendar year.
Thank you **EVERYONE!**

Polk County Genealogy Society Dues

Jan-Dec 2010 \$5.00 per person
Please make out your check or money order to PCGS and mail to:

Judy Wester
901-8th Street
Centuria, Wisconsin 54824

GENEALOGY on Television FACES OF AMERICA

starting
Wednesday 10 February 2010 at
7:00 p.m. on PBS (Channel 2)
Host: Professor Gates

Thanks to **Darcy Boock - SCVGS:**
</www.genealogyblog.com/?p=7805>

British program:
"Who Do You Think You Are"
premiers on
Friday 5 March 2010 at 7:p.m.
Traces well known Americans and their family history.
NBC and <Ancestry.com>
partner to sponsor this program.

</www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/>
officially transferred the web-mastership
to: **JUDY WESTER**

as of an email dated 27 January 2010.
Should **Judy** ask for help on this project please, PCGS members, be ready and willing to assist where possible.

Our THANKS go out to
Marie Loughlin
who, in the beginning,
got this site up and going. **Marie**
worked long and hard to entry cemetery data, military data, and general genealogy information for others looking for Polk County family history.
Thank you **Marie!**

St. Croix Valley Genealogy Society

introduces their new Web page/blog.

The URL is

<<http://scvgs.wordpress.com/>>

This site has a link to Polk County.
Take a look and **Darcy Boock** is looking for feedback.

Nice job, Darcy!

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

The Osceola Area in 1860 boasted of having four schools - one in the village, Farmington Center, Godfrey and Riverside. The first little school was built on the west side of the River Road going to St. Croix Falls. Just a board shanty sixteen feet square, seven feet high in the back and ten feet high in the front. It had one door and one window. **Worthy Prentice** attended this school. He was a veteran of the Civil War and author of the book *Reminiscences of Early Pioneer Days in Polk County*.

In the annual report of the Town Superintendent of Schools in August of 1854, **Isaac Hale** reported 23 children attended Farmington Center; 25 children attended in the village of Leroy while 23 children attended in Godfrey making a total of 71 children between the ages of four and twenty. School sessions lasted three and one-half months in Farmington and the Village, and the average wages were \$13.00.

The front room of **Samuel Thomson's** home, near Close Creek, served as a school for the Riverside area with **Ella Walker** teaching for \$1.25 per pupil.

Superintendents of School

1854 - **Isaac Hale**
1861 - **Henry Barron**
1863 - **Robert Clark**
1865 - **A.B. Peabody**
1869 - **Charles Mears**
1876 - **Marcellius Tozer**
1867 - **Lester Dresser**
1891 - **Carrie Asp**
1894-1898 - **Jens Pederson**
1900 - **C.W. Monty**
1911 - **Lida Blanding** - resigned
Replaced by - **Martin Stenerson**

1918 - **Gail Chadwick**
 1921 - **Evelyn Weed**
 1923 - **P.J. Lynch**
 1945 - **Kenneth Outcalt** and
Alvina Starry
 1946 - **L.R. Bune**
 1957 - **Leo Burdette**
Teachers at Riverside
 1868-1870 **Ellen Froland**
Jennie Armstrong
Nellie Kenyon
Laura Mears
Mary Searl
 1871-1873 **J.B. Brown**
 1874-1875 **E. Branley**
 1876 **Minnie Smith**
 1878-1880 **Ella Amery**
 1883 **Maria McCabe**
Bertha Thompson
Carrie Nelson
 1884-1885 **Grace Pitman**
 1886 **Etta Anderson**
 1887 **Nellie Turnbull**
 1888 **Nettie Boucher**
 1892 **Rosa Spengler**
 1893 **Nellie Husband**
Minnie Biggar
 1894-1895 **Emma Weinhardt**
Josie Christie
 1896 **Jessie Amery**
Eliza Montgomery
 1897 **Eliza Montgomery**
Edna Mears
Amy Kent
 1898 **Maria Benjamin**
 1900 **Pearl Churchill**
 1901-1903 **Florence Huss**
 1904-1905 **Violet Johnson**
Minnie Burger
Effie Dinsmore
 1906 **Elizabeth Amery**
Ada Dinsmore
Denzil Johnson
 1908 **Florence M. Linn**
Zella Francis
 1909 **Jennie Johnson**
 1910 **Julin Nelson**
Ethel Vassau
Lillie Peterson
 1911 **J.M. Feyder**
Magna Stromberg
Amanda Dunberg
 1913 **Mildred Gilbertson**
 1914-1916 **Minnie Lee**
 1917 **Helen Rowcliff**
 1918 **Bessie Cox**
 1919 **Nettie Lumsden**

1920 **Mabel Carlson**
 1922 **Cora Graff**
 1923 **Nellie Skidmore**
 1924 **Katherine Fountain**
 1925-1926 **Blanche Bergerson**
 1927 **Lorraine Anderson**
 1928 **Delia Holmberg**
 1929 **Sumner Twiet**
 1930-1932 **Gladys Olson**
 1933 **Arnold Kolles**
 1934 **Phyllis Peabody**
 1935 **Gladys Swanson**
 1936-1937 **Iris Bear**
 1938 **Evelyn Noreen**
 1939-1940 **Alice Hurley**
 1941 **Lorraine Gunderson**

MERGED WITH OSCEOLA

Riverside Residents on the School Board

1868-1941

W.H. Tilton	Joseph Mitchell
Hans Johnson	Daniel Mears
Dr. Joel Marbel	J. Hanson
P.O. Frank	Ed Lindberg
Erick Klung	Nels Surrell
Emil Frank	Charlie Carlson
Chris Green	James Hanson
Frank Quist	Adam Leisch
C.W. Swanson	Abraham Lindberg
	Author Unknown

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The original tax receipts (public records) 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 taxes listed are for real estate (land).

The amount, nor is the justification for the tax listed here. (The records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read,

should misspelling occur, my
apologizes/Editor

TOWNSHIP OF CLEAR LAKE - 1879

W.H. Sholtz	Edward Guy
Thomas Stout	Samuel Engle
Fred Ernest	Tread Waterstreet
F.W. Picker	S. Dewitt
P.A. Lindahl	John Anderson
David Thompson	H. Whitiaml
P. Palmer	W. Engalls
A. Sandreth	Fred Knetz
Charles Benson	C. Santz
Pat Suliem	Peter Burdick

Abe Slater

