

Polk County Genealogical Society, Polk County Wisconsin

THE POST

TO:

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

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

PCGS Mailing Address

PCGS
C/o **Judy Wester**
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Centuria, WI
54824

Thank you to
Mary Jane Bridge for the
interesting and informative
program at the PCGS November
meeting.

Watch your emails for
PCGS Board Meeting
schedules and locations.
Should you have an item
you wish put on an
upcoming PCGS Board
meeting agenda, please
email **Jay Bergstrand** at:
<jbergstr@amerytel.net>

December Holiday Event - **New Date**

Wednesday 5 December 2012

-Noon Potluck: location:
Home of **Jay & Joyce Bergstrand**
Email for directions
jbergstr@amerytel.net or
Telephone: 715.268.9523

Winter Schedule 2013
Series of 3 -

General Genealogy Q and A Wed for the next 3 months!

30 January 2013 - Osceola
27 February 2013 - Amery
27 March 2013 - Clear Lake
(Additional details on page 2)

MOCAVO records are no longer free
\$89.95 per year dated 19 Nov 2012
Advertising email from MOCAVO - Editor

2012-2013 Tentative Schedule

Refreshments available during each meeting.

Winter Schedule November-May

NOTE: Winter program schedule in effect: Afternoon gatherings began in November 2012 due to possible unfavorable weather conditions. **NOTE:** In order to honor the PCGS commitment to the Luck Hist Society for staffing the Luck Museum on Mondays, the PCGS will be holding the Holiday Event, the January, February and March gatherings on WEDNESDAYS specifically at the Bergstrand Home for the Holiday Event and in Osceola, Amery and Clear Lake for the Jan/Feb/Mar meetings respectfully.

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Wednesday 30 January 2013 -
Riverside Room, Osceola Hospital
12:45-3:30 p

Wednesday 27 February 2013 -
Community Room - Basement
Bremer Bank (North Side of town)
Amery, Wisconsin 1:00 p

Wednesday 27 Mar 2013 -
Clear Lake Public Library
1:00-3:30 p

PCGS Websites

<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wipolk/index2011a.html>
is the newly expanded Polk County Genealogy Website.

Thank you:

**Marie Loughlin, Judy Wester
and most recently
Russ Hanson**



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Barn Quilt Trails

Barn quilt trails use colourful, decorative murals based on quilt block designs as markers on barns or other agricultural buildings to signal historical points of interest. Travelers follow a printed map, available along the route, in local tourism offices and/or from the tour's web site.

New Canadian CD Releases: Historical Records of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. 1908-1928 Formally the 91st Regiment Canadian Highlanders, also known as "Princess Louise's A. & S. H. of Canada" CA0375 \$13.00

Past Tents

Thunder Bay District Branch
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Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1937

Norma Bear

- Dorothy Gundlach Skow**
- Fern Dueholm Holmgren**
- Dorothy DeCracium White**
- Leone Hansen Anton**
- Esther Hedlund Berntson**
- Leora Hahn VanSickle**
- Margaret Howey Ross**
- Pauline Hauser Larsen**
- Susan Hylkema Chakolis**
- Estelle Larsen Mattson**
- Alvina Lauritsen Bonsness**
- Robert McKenzie**
- Gladys Nielson**
- Dorothy Nelson**
- Stanley Smith**
- Lillian Neuman Peterson**
- Evelyn Noreen**
- Lucille Ogren**

Evelyn Thompson (Mrs. Earl Hanson)

Evelyn Wassberg (Ms. Donald Lund)

Myrtle Lindfield

Jeanne Alling, Author

I Heard the School Bells Ringing

8th Grade Education

Reproduced from *The Muskingum Quarterly*

Volume 36, Issue 3, Aug-Dec 2012

Remember when our grandparents and great-grandparents said that they **only** had an 8th grade education?

Reproduced here is an 8th grade final exam from 1895
Selina, Kansas

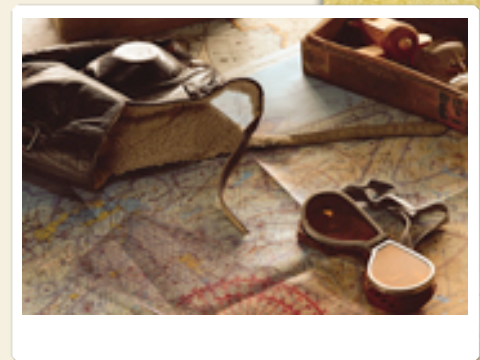
U.S. History (Time to complete - 45 minutes)

1. Give the era into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Explore the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history [of Wisconsin].
6. Describe 3 most prominent battles of the Rebellion .
7. Who were the following: **Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn** and **Howe?**
8. Name events connected with the following dates:
1607, 1620, 1800, [1848], 1865.

Email from a PCGS subscriber:

"...took my old friends last Wednesday to explore their great-grandparents' farms. What a great afternoon we had! The weather was wonderful and we tied lots of family memories together. Even went to see an old aunt's house, as they remembered it from former visits. The two sisters and their daughters were along, so now the kids can retrace our steps and learn more on their own. Genealogy is **soooo** contagious!...."

(This is what it is all about-passing it forward especially to the young. Ed.)



Bread Pudding

Nothing went to waste during The Great Depression, not even stale bread. Everything was reused and stretched into another meal. You could make croutons from your stale bread, or you could make some delicious bread pudding!

This is an Amish recipe recently found on Moms Who Think

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole milk (or 2 cups of half & half)
- 1/4 cup butter,
- 3 eggs and 2/3 cup sugar (white or brown)
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups bread, torn into small pieces and 1/2 cup raisins

Directions:

In a medium saucepan, heat milk just until film forms over top. Combine butter with the milk, stirring until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm. Combine eggs, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla, beat and slowly add to milk mixture. Place bread in a lightly greased 1 and 1/2 quart casserole dish, sprinkle with raisins and pour batter on top of bread.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until set.
Serve warm with sweet white sauce recipe on page 5.

PCGS Surname Index 2012

Member ID # Surname Surname Data

W 0009	Bach	English
W 0009	Bartel	English
S 0011	Beebe	New York
W 0009	Bille	Danish
S 0011	Boardman	New York
A 0003	Burruss	
W 0009	Bush	German
S 0011	Cain	Wisc/Ireland
S 0011	Christiansen	Denmark
W 0009	Clapp	English
C 0013	Clark	Vermont
W 0009	Day	English
S 0011	Fay	No Dakota/Ireland
A 0003	Garske	
A 0003	Greenberg	
S 0011	Hale	Pennsylvania
W0009	Horn	Danish
P 0021	Hughes	Ohio
A 0003	Howard	
W 0009	Jorgen	Danish
A 0003	Kelley	
A 0003	Lubenski	
C 0013	Lund	Norway
C 0013	Lunde	Norway
A 0003	Lunde	
C 0013	McCourt	New York
C 0013	McLean	Vermont
P 0021	Morgan	Ohio
W 0009	Pattishall	English
A 0003	Paulson	
A 0003	Petersen	Denmark
P 0021	Pfeifer	Germany
P 0021	Poppe	Germany

P 0021	Rockwell	Wisconsin
A 0003	Rumpel	
A 0003	Salmon	
P 0021	Showalter	Switzerland
W 0009	Skow	Danish
S 0011	Stoltz	Denmark
A 0003	Theis	
S 0011	Thomas	Ohio
W 0009	Tretsven	Danish
S 0011	Wakeling	England
W 0009	Welling	Danish
S 0011	Wood	Cornwall, Ont. CA
C 0013	Young	New York

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Space saved for additional surnames

IRELAND - Census Substitute Records for Co.Derry

The Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service (ORS) are pleased to announce the availability of **90,866** new census substitute records from the **Derry ~ Londonderry Genealogy Centre** for Co. Derry.

This database contains an index to people recorded in seven such sources, dating from 1663 to 1837. These sources name heads of household only; each source returns the name of head of household, year, civil parish address, and, in most cases, townland (or street/town) address. The Flax Growers Lists of 1796 plus some of the 1740 and 1766 returns don't record townland addresses. The seven sources are:

- Hearth Money Rolls of 1663
- Protestant Householders Lists of 1740
- Religious Census of 1766 - Returns survive for 10 civil parishes in County Derry, namely: Artrea, Ballynascreen, Banagher, Bovevagh, Derryloran, Desertlyn, Desertmartin, Drumachose, Dungiven and Magherafelt.
- Flax Growers Lists of 1796
- Private Census of 1803 for the civil parish of Faughnavale
- Early-19th century Tithe Books. Year of compilation, ranging from 1822 to 1837, vary from parish to parish. The Tithe Book for the Deanery of Derry, which includes the parishes of Burt, Inch, Muff and Templemore, doesn't record a year of compilation.
- 1831 Census. An abstract of the 1831 census returns survive which names all heads of households, 40,000 in total, in County Derry.

By logging directly into the Derry Centre site you can choose a 'Source' from the search screen to narrow your search. Just go to the following site and login using your existing IFHF login details. <http://derry.rootsireland.ie>

See the [Derry Sources List](#) for full details.

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup whole milk (or half and half)
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup granulated white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 Tablespoon flour
- Dash of salt

Directions:

Mix everything together and bring to a boil for 3-4 minutes **stirring constantly**. Set aside for 5 minutes, then pour on warm bread pudding. If you want a thicker sauce continue boiling, stir and beat.
This is a sweet white sauce.

Turning your hobby into cash

A story about a man who actually made money doing genealogy for others!

<http://www.nextavenue.org/blog/career-shift-turn-your-hobby-new-job>

After his employer went bankrupt, **Thomas MacEntee** transformed his fondness for genealogy into an income-generating profession. He didn't actually do genealogy--instead he talked, blogged, twittered, and wrote about doing it.

"Today, MacEntee breaks down his income this way: about 50 percent from consulting with companies that want to break into the genealogy market; 30 percent from speaking engagements, ranging from one-hour webinars to weeklong genealogical themed cruises; and 20 percent from freelance writing assignments for genealogy magazines and websites".

Thanks **Russ Hanson - PCGS** member
River Road Ramblings now appearing at riverroadrambler.blogspot.com

Why Probate?

What: Court procedure by which a will is proven to be valid or invalid; through in current usage this term has been expanded to generally include all matters and proceedings pertaining to administration of estates, guardianships, etc. [Black's Law Dictionary](#) by Henry Campbell Black 5th ed, 1979, West Publishing, Co.

Why: The procedure has been around for a long time: "Probate Courts were established in Minnesota counties shortly after the organization of each county." [Using Minnesota Probate Court Records](#), MN Historical Society Pamphlet

Why: Probate records are public records

Where: Wherever a person had real property when he/she died.

When: After the death of a person holding real and personal property.

The documents with the most pertinent information include:

- Petition to begin proceedings
- Will, if there is one
- Inventory and Appraisal (of the Estate)
 - Land Records
 - Final Distribution
 - Special Testimony

-Thank you **Mary Jane Bridge/SCVGS** member

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Polk County Genealogy Society,
Polk County, Wisconsin

For **Cemetery Work** it is often helpful to have a 'form' to record your work. **Origins**, Janesville, Wisconsin

CEMETERY RECORD

SURNAME _____
 First and Middle Name _____
 Birth Date _____
 Death Date and Age _____
 Marriage Date _____
 Spouse's First (and Maiden) Name _____
 Military Information _____
 Name of the Cemetery _____
 Direction to the cemetery:
 State _____
 County _____
 City _____
 Highway _____
 Turn Right _____ Turn Left _____
 Near Landmarks _____
 Section _____ Lot _____ Plot _____
 Individual Grave (A/B/C or !/2/3) _____

Place Photo Here:

Anyone looking for family history in
County Cavan, Ireland

CAVAN GENEALOGY
FIRST FLOOR, JOHNSTON
CENTRAL LIBRARY
FARNHAM STREET, CAVAN
cavangenealogy@eircom.net



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A Whisper in the Wind
 by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**
[<mpfeifer@amerytel.net>](mailto:mpfeifer@amerytel.net)
 Subject line: Whisper

(History of small Polk County villages and hamlets that are now ghost towns.)

Bush

*Bush was a short lived post office run by **Henry Harison Bush**. He lived at the junction of Cowan Creek and Sterling Township in West Sterling. A church was started in 1873 of which [only] the cemetery remains. The Sterling town hall was built there in 1877 ? The whole of West Sterling rose in the 1860s and died by the 19teens with a brief spurt again during The [Great] Depression. The land was poor, sandy and many people depended on work with the logging crews [further north] to make a living. When logging came to an end, some acres [were still] available for farming if you were willing to clear cut the remaining timber.*

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 Article edited to fit the page-Editor)