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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.*

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Polk County Genealogical Society

meeting for

4th Monday in July

22 July 2013

Business Meeting and then
Continuing work on the Ravenholt
Research Room Luck Historical
Society Museum

1:00-3:30 pm Refreshments

(almost) always served.

Luck Historical Society is hosting
the **Aebleskiver Feed** on the
Saturday of Lucky Days

20 July 2013 9-Noon

Public is invited to attend

**Third Session of the Beginners's Basic
Genealogy Class at the
Luck Historical Society Museum on Monday
morning from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. The
Group will meet on the 4th Monday of each
month (July, August and September) same
time, same location. Bring your curiosity, a
couple of pencils and your questions about 'how-to'
do family history research the old-fashioned method,
learning the difference between
first-hand vs suggested evidence;
authentic vs duplicate materials; and
original or major sources vs secondary or minor sources.**

**Discover references to help you prove your 'facts'
Complete a family group sheet and a pedigree chart,
familiarize yourself with the skills for searching old
newspapers, church and school records, military and
census records including the techniques that adhere to the
standard for "developing concise, accurate and
comprehensive family histories." (1)**

This class will promote the grand opening of the new

Ravenholt Research Room at the Luck Museum.

(1) PCGS Vision Statement .

NOTE TIME CHANGE 10:00-11:30 AM

2013 PCGS Schedule

Third Session of the genealogy class

~Basic Genealogy 101 ~

**will continue ~ starting one-half
hour earlier ~ 10:00-11:30 AM**

on Monday 22 July 2013 at the Luck
Historical Society Museum. This class

stresses understanding the basically
accepted standards for beginning
genealogy. Learn several 'old-fashioned'
methods that will aid in your further
research once you embark on genealogy
software with computer generated websites.

Bring your questions and a couple of
pencils. Forms will be passed out during
the session. AND THEN,
at a bit before noon, the class will adjourn
for lunch at a near-by cafe (dutch treat) or
bring a brown bag lunch and join the
group for lunch.

An invitation is extended to all members to
join the Polk County Genealogy Society
meeting in the Luck Museum at 1:00-3:30
PM. A work session is scheduled for the
Ravenholt Family History Research Room
following the PCGS business meeting and
(almost) always refreshments are served.
Members and guests encouraged to attend.

Changes to FamilySearch

“One class (Tech Conference), taught by **Judith Kay**,
informed us of ... changes in FamilySearch, as well as
ways to use the site more effectively. As most of us
have done, I’ve gone to the FamilySearch home page
many times and entered the names of various
ancestors in the blanks. In all of those attempts, I
never noticed the blue word a little further down the
page - “parents.”

Judith

instructed us to
click on it and
enter the names
of any pair of
ancestors, so I
put in my
maternal

great-grandparents,

Sylvester Burrows and
Mary Danaher and pushed “search.”

Up popped data that I have been trying to find for over
thirty years - the marriage record of their oldest son,
Andrew Burrows. There was an abstract of data
from their license application, as well as the
opportunity to click on the original image.

With the new FamilySearch site, it takes a couple of
clicks to get to the page that used to come up first. On
the home page, click “search” and then “historical
records”, and it will take you to the search page.

I have [used] that same parent search several more
times with other ancestors and have come up with
some interesting information.

by

Kathy Deiss (SCVGS) from the trip to
RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake.

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Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1944

Lorraine Claude McKenzie **Marjorie Currey**
Ardis Francis **Esther Gjonnis**
Genevieve Fuerstenberg Mingo
Lola Hastings Friberg **Betty Mabry Feske**
Eida Ellen Mckenzie Tuft **Margie Pfarr Peper**
Hazel Thompson **Margaret Willger**

Jeanne Alling, Author*I Heard the School Bells Ringing***A.B. Peabody** of Register of Baptism 1856-1894Polk County Entries: St. Croix Falls, and Wagon LandingThanks to **Nancy Hawkinson**

St. Croix Valley Gen Soc. PIPOST Jun 2013 pg 14

(Continued from June newsletter)

Wagon Landing Congregation*** Mary Bridgeman**, Birth / Aug 1868Baptism / Feb 1878 Adopted by: **John & Arcelia**Sponsors: **Mrs. Bridgeman, M/M George Thomson***** Byron Albertus Vassaw**, Birth / Dec 1877Baptism / Feb 1878. Parents: **Charles & Alma**Sponsors: **George & Ellen Thomson &****Charles Vassow [Vassaw?] Jr.*****Godon Mitchell**, Birth/Jan 1878, Baptism Oct 1878Parents: **Charles & Emma**Sponsors: **Mrs. P.L. Godon, Mrs. J.L. Bridgeman
& V.B. Kittel*****Claude William Vassaw** Birth / Jun 1880Baptism / Jul 1880, Parents: **Charles & Alma**Sponsors: **P.B. Peabody, C. Vassaw & Mrs. Geo.
Thomson*****Kenneth Foster Peabody** Birth / Nov 1881,Baptism / 1881, Parents: **A.B. & Esther K.**

Sponsors not listed.

St. Croix Falls Congregation***Harlan Wells Blanding**, Birth / Oct 1880Baptism / Dec 1881, Parents: **Wm.M. & Elisa**Sponsors: **The father & Mrs. A.B. Peabody**Two **Great Depression** meals:**Dandelion Salad**

Dig up dandelions and discard flowers, roots and dead leaves. Soak in clean water and rinse 3 times.

Repeat twice more if necessary. Dry leaves once they are clean. Arrange leaves in bowl. Pour lemon juice and olive oil over leaves. Mix salad ENJOY!

Pasta with Peas

Ingredients: 1 potato, 1 onion, olive oil & 1 'tin' of peas. Peel and dice potatoes & onions, brown in olive oil in large pan, add bay leaf 'as seasoning to taste. Add peas and "half-a-pot" full of water, bring to a boil. Add pasta, cook to packet instructions. Serve.

Google: Depression Era Cooking

**A Whisper in the Wind**by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**<mpfeifer@amerytel.net>

Subject line: Whisper

("use as you see fit" -mmp. Article edited to fit space)

Gregory

was located on the line between Sections 17 & 18 in Clayton Township, about 1 & 1/2 miles southwest of Joel and founded there circa 1885. **Dr. Helbson**, a Tavern, Gregory Store and **Gilbert's** Hardware Store were all there in this bustling area, located close to the railroad tracks by Beaver Brook. There are no signs there now to show that **Gregory** ever existed!

Going on a Genealogy Vacation..... by **Bobbi Hoyt, togs Editor**

Just as you prepare the car for a trip, get road maps, money and reservations for hotels you need to prepare for the genealogy adventure you will be going on. Using a checklist helps you ORGANIZE your thinking and find out what you are missing. You need to know what you have, what you need and where you might find it.

I always make a quick checklist and print a family group sheet to use for each ancestor I plan to research that looks similar to this. You can adjust the list to your individual needs but here is mine and what follows is an example of how I used it to stay organized.

Individual Records Checklist

Surname _____ What I need _____ Where to look _____

First Name/Alias/nicknames _____

Birth/baptism _____

Religion/Church _____

Marriage record _____

Death record _____

Funeral Home _____

Obituary _____

Cemetery/ photo of headstone and cemetery entrance _____

Probate _____

Land records _____

Naturalization _____

Newspaper articles _____

Military service record _____ Census records /blank forms List what state they were in for each year and check off if you have it.

1870 _____ 1880 _____ 1885 (state) _____ 1895 _____ 1900 _____ 1905 _____ 1910 _____ 1920 _____ 1930 _____ 1940 _____

_____ Extra census (did the state have a census beyond 1905? Or **Agricultural census for your relative**) _____

_____ Address of County Court House: _____

_____ Address of nearest Library: _____

_____ Address of local newspaper: _____

_____ Location of local cemeteries: _____

_____ County Historical society/ museum _____

Platt Map of area _____ Addresses of churches in area: _____ Photo Tip: Always

take a picture of church or cemetery sign before taking cemetery pictures. If visiting multiple cemeteries, this will provide the separation marker for each one.. Twin Ports Genealogical Society, **Martha J. Watson** Vol.32, No.4 June 2013 pages 6 and 7

STATE CENSUSES

can be as important as the federal census to genealogists but, because they were taken randomly, remain a much under-utilized resource in American genealogy. State censuses often can serve as substitutes for some of the missing federal census records - most notably the 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1890 censuses. Many state censuses also asked different questions than the federal census, thus recording information that cannot be found elsewhere in the federal schedules.

While not all states took their own censuses and some have not survived, state and local census records can be found in many locations. Most states which took censuses usually did so every 10 years, in years ending in "5" (1855, 1865, 1875, etc.) to complement the federal census. These state census records are most often found at the state archives or state library. Many are also on microfilm through a local Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and online via commercial genealogy databases.

The following list of state and territorial censuses was compiled by Ann S. Lainhart's *State Census Records*. <www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html>

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Ohio: No State census records are known to exist.

Oklahoma: 1890, 1907.

Oregon: 1842, 1843, 1845, 1849, 1850, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905.

Pennsylvania: No State census are known to exist.

Rhode Island: 1774, 1777, 1782, 1865, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935.

South Carolina: 1825, 1839, 1869, 1875.

Tennessee: 1891.

Texas: 1829, 1836.

Utah: 1856.

Vermont: No State census records are known to exist.

Virginia: 1782, 1873, 1784, 1785, 1786.

Washington: 1856, 1857, 1858, 1860, 1871, 1874, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1898.

West Virginia: No State census records are known to exist.

Wisconsin: 1836, 1838, 1842, 1846, 1847, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905.

Wyoming: 1875, 1878. The End.