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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.*

## Polk County Genealogical Society

meeting for

**4th Monday in August**

**26 August 2013**

Business Meeting and then  
Continuing work in the Ravenholt  
Family History Research Room  
Luck Historical Society Museum  
**1:00-3:30 pm Refreshments**  
(almost) always served.

Watch for the **Grand Opening** of  
the Ravenholt Family History  
Research Center (RRC) addition to  
the Luck Historical Society  
Museum, Luck, Wisconsin!

**Fourth Session of the Beginners's Basic  
Genealogy Class at the Luck Historical  
Society Museum continues with an  
examination of Census Records 1790-2010 on  
Monday morning 10:00-11:30 AM. The  
Group will meet on the 4th Monday of each  
month ( August, September, October and  
possibly, November 2013)  
same time, same location.**

**Bring your curiosity and your questions about  
'how-to' do family history research  
the old-fashioned method, learning how important citing  
your sources is to a genealogy project that adhere to the  
standard for "developing concise, accurate and  
comprehensive family histories." (1)**

**Familiarize yourself with the different between  
first-hand vs suggested evidence;  
authentic vs duplicate materials; and  
original or major sources vs secondary or minor sources.**

**Discover how census records  
often help prove your facts.  
(1) PCGS Vision Statement .**

**NOTE TIME 10:00-11:30 AM**

**2013 PCGS Schedule**

Fourth session ~ Census Records  
at the upcoming session.

~Basic Genealogy 101 ~ using the old-fashioned methods will continue, starting at 10:00 - 11:30 AM on **Monday 26 August 2013** at the Luck Historical Society Museum. The August class will examine census records from 1790-1940 and all that they offer. **First time students welcomed.** At a bit before noon the class will adjourn for lunch.

An invitation is extended to all members of PCGS, as well as those in the beginners class, to join the PCGS meeting also in the Luck Museum at 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Following the business meeting, a work session is scheduled for the Ravenholt Family History Research Center (RRC).

Refreshment (almost) always follow the class, business meeting and/or work session.

**POLK COUNTY COLLECTION**

The Polk County Genealogy Society (PCGS) holds a hard copy file of the recorded Marriage / Birth / Death records from the 1850s to 1907 that occurred in Polk County Wisconsin. Please contact PCGS at <[polkgen@gmail.com](mailto:polkgen@gmail.com)> for assistance in researching these files for genealogical purposes.

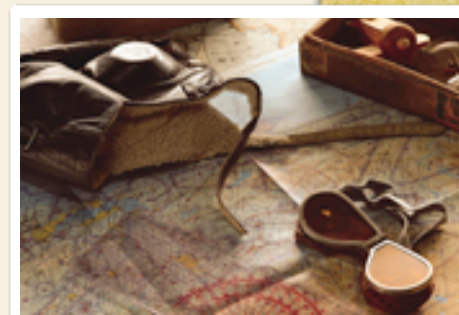
**Websites:**

University of Wisconsin Digital Collection  
<<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/WI/>>

Belgian-American Research Collection  
<<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/WI/BelgAmrCol>>

Please check out the PCGS website and email comments or inquiries to the PCGS email address: <[polkgen@gmail.com](mailto:polkgen@gmail.com)>

Thanks to **Russ Hanson** for supervising this website.



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**Wisconsin Historical Society  
Wisconsin Council/Local History**

7th Annual Local History &  
Historic Preservation Conference  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI.  
Hotel Mead & Conference Center  
Friday & Saturday 11-12 October 2013  
For conference information visit:  
<[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/  
localhistory/annual\\_conference.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/annual_conference.asp)>

24 sessions / 12 workshops

**Town Square**, a networking opportunity for historical and preservation groups to share information about their organizations/ programs.

Wisconsin Movie Night &  
Bill and Bobbie Malone/Historian of  
Country Music: *Music From the True Vine: the  
Life and Music of Mike Seeger*

**Polk County Normal School Grads**

Class of 1945

**Donna Darmody**  
**Jeanette Ramstrom**  
**Norma Lackey Prose**  
**Jeanne Mattson**  
**Carol Pfarr**  
**Helen Baker**  
**Helen Swanson McCourt**

**Jeanne Alling, Author***I Heard the School Bells Ringing***Stop the Impending Fiscal Disaster for Historical Records in the U.S.A**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission's (NHPRC) ability to carry out its legal mandate may be in danger. Congress has proposed severe budget cuts. If passed, these cuts could seriously impede the capacity of repositories nationwide to care for our nation's heritage and make it available for use by our citizens. The Society of American Archivists has issued a call for Americans to contact the members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services as well as other elected officials to tell them of our opinions on the budget cuts. **Tip O' Texas Genealogy Society** April-June 2013 pg 37

**Who Do You Think You Are?**

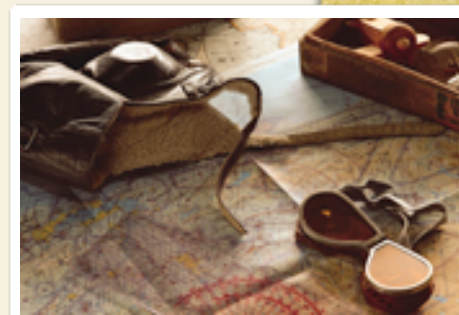
The popular genealogy series "Who Do You Think You Are" is coming back to television on the TLC network (originally The Learning Channel) this summer. The premier was scheduled for Tuesday 23 July. The show is expected to run for eight weeks. The series was dropped by major networks, TLC agreed to pick it up and is sponsored by <Ancestry.com.>

**The PIPOST**

Wisconsin Counties of Pierce and St. Croix  
**Nancy Hawkinson, Editor**

**BadgerLink**<<http://www.badgerlink.net/>>

Users can search approximately 20,000 full-text magazines, journals, **newspapers**, reference materials and other specialized information sources. Included are over ... 1,500 newspapers, newswires and approximately 6,800 full text books. Full text articles are taken from 2,900 historical newspaper titles. This includes yearbooks, biographies and primary historical documents.

**German Immigrants 1850-1897**

FamilySearch.org has created a very interesting indexed record collection of some 4.1 million records of Germans who migrated to America between the years 1850-1897. These records came from the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. The key information in these records are name, age, sex, last residence in Germany and expected town/city destination in the United States. Access is free.

Tip of Texas Genealogical Society

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<[www.GenealogyInTime.com](http://www.GenealogyInTime.com),>

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

Subject line: Whisper

"use as you see fit" - Morgan-Pfeifer

(Article edited to fit space)

**Dueholm**

One of the best stories involving a town that is no longer and never really was is Dueholm, southwest of Bone Lake, Wisconsin. Local historian and author **Edwin Peterson**, Luck, tells the story:

"I had a teacher who once told me to never buy a map or Gazetteer that showed the town of Dueholm [because] it never existed." [It seemed that] "back in the mid-1800s a surveyor was mapping large portions of ... Polk County. The surveyor camped across the road from the Dueholm Post Office, with little food, drink or companionship. The postmaster and the surveyor became good friends in the weeks that they were neighbors. I guess a couple of times a day the postmaster would open his door, raise a coffee cup into the air, signaling to the surveyor that he made fresh coffee and [the surveyor] was welcome to join him at the office," recalled Peterson.

"The weeks passed and the surveyor had finally finished his work. The wages paid to a land surveyor were hardly much to brag about back then and the surveyor felt he owed the postmaster for all the coffee and snacks he had eaten over the weeks. As he was leaving for his next job, the surveyor thanked the postmaster over and over, all the while apologizing for having no money, [but] wait until you see the map I made; there will be a little surprise on there for you."

Peterson laughed out loud as he recalled the payment made to the postmaster: "The surveyor made up the town of 'Dueholm' just for the postmaster! Can you believe that?" Peterson asked with a big grin, "for years there were maps that showed Dueholm as a town."

..., there never was a town called Dueholm. ..., the old postal office is no more ... but, we can look at where the post office once stood and guess where the fictitious town would have been. (1)

(1) Marsten, Greg *The Laker*. Ledger Newspapers, Balsam Lake, WI

**Frontier Cooking**

The idiom, **making do** means managing to get along with the means available. In no place is that more true than in cooking in the early days on the Midwestern Frontier - Editor

**Marjorie Kreidberg**, in *Food on the Frontier* enchants and delights the reader with "nostalgia [that] has grown around the words "pioneer," "settler," "frontier" and the word "cooking," [as it] conjures up the smell of baking bread, the sizzle of meat, the snap and tang of crisp pickles, or the special taste of a remembered childhood favorite dessert like mother's chocolate cake. These words call up images of the 'good old days" when a family lived a self-sufficient, bucolic life in a log cabin or a claim shanty set under spreading trees, hunted the abundant wild game, fished in clear-running streams, picked berries or gathered nuts when they were hungry. Or so we tend to think. And sometimes in some places, it was even true. **But not always.**

**Mulligatawny Soup**

"Cut up a chicken; put into a soup-kettle with a little sliced onion, carrot, celery, parsley & 3 or 4 cloves. Cover with 4 quarts of water. Add any pieces of veal and bones you may have; of course a knuckle of veal would be the proper thing. When the pieces of chicken are nearly done, take out and trim neatly, to serve with the soup. Let the veal continue to simmer for three hours. Now, fry an onion, a small carrot and a stick of sliced celery in a little butter. When light brown, throw in a table-spoonful of flour; stir it on the fire 1/2 minute; then add a good tea-spoonful of curry powder to the chicken and veal broth. Place this on the fire to simmer ... for an hour. 1/2 hour before dinner, strain the soup, skim off all the fat, return to the fire with the pieces of chicken and two or three table-spoonfuls of boiled rice ... long enough to cook the chickens thoroughly." HENDERSON, Practical Cooking, 92.

**OR To Get Up a Soup in Haste**

"Chop some kind of cold cooked meat fine & put a pint into a stew pan with some gravy. Season with pepper/salt and a little butter ... add a little flour moistened with cold water & 3 pints boiling water. Boil moderately half an hour. Strain over some rice or nicely toasted bread and serve. Uncooked meat may be used by adding 1 quart cold water to a pound of chopped meat, letting it stand 1/2 hour before boiling. Celery root may be grated in as seasoning, or a bunch of parsley thrown in."

ASCENSION CHURCH, Family Friend, 6