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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.*

Results

of the PCGS election.

Thank you to all Officers and volunteers willing to guide our society for the next couple of years:

Jay Bergstrand - President

Muriel Pfeifer - Vice President

Dorothy Adams - Secretary

Judy Wester - Treasurer

Russ Hanson - Liaison between PCGS and the Luck Museum Board

Helen Stoltz-Wood - Newsletter Editor

Thank you to all who volunteer to serve PCGS in any way what-so-ever!

“Second Saturday” in October

(12th) is once again our chance to volunteer at the ARC-UWRF

lending a helping hand to any guests who come to research their roots from Polk County. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Car pooling is always good.

Dues - \$5.00 a year

will be payable again in January.

Beginning Computer Classes

for students who wish to do genealogy using a computer program - <Ancestry.com>. Entering one ancestor into this program and build forward using other family members already in the system.

Russ Hanson is the instructor

1:00-2:00 pm at the

Ravenholt Family History Research Center (RRC)

within the Luck Museum

on the first Monday of the month.

Next class is scheduled for

7 October 2013

2013 Tentative Schedule

Refreshments after each meeting.

4th Monday at the

Ravenholt Family History Research Center (RRC)

within the

Luck Historical Society Museum

CONTINUING CLASSES Genealogy 101-
Basic lessons (4th Mondays) using
"the old-fashioned methods"
on 28 October and 25 November 2013
10:00-11:30 AM - **RRC**

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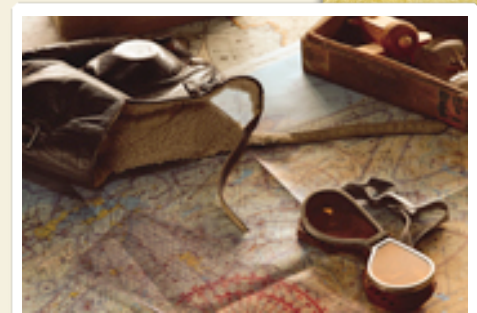
to the October class meeting on the
28th October on the regularly scheduled
4th Monday morning 10-11:30 am - RRC.
Focus will be **genealogy & photography** using
printed materials. Lunch break at about
11:30 a.m. and **then Russ Hanson** will do a
"computer photography and genealogy"
presentation over the lunch hour. **Students,**
please plan to stay for the 'lunch-hour
presentation' continuing on with
computer photography and genealogy. PCGS'
regular business meeting will follow **Russ**
Hanson's lunch-hour presentation in the **RRC.**

Monday 25 November classes and the
general meeting returns to the regularly
scheduled time and venue - RRC (hopefully the
class will focus on land records)

Monday 9 December 2013 will be
the **all Society Potluck Holiday Event** now
scheduled to take place in the **RRC**
(with the new mini-kitchen/serving bar)
all within the Luck Museum. **Please plan to**
gather at about 11:30 a.m. for set-up of
potluck dishes, finger food, treats and serving
will be at approximately noon. Coffee/tea,
paper plates and silverware furnished.
Members of the Luck Historical Society and
Luck Library Staff welcome.

PLEASE, check out the PCGS
website and email comments or
inquiries to the PCGS email address:
<polkgen@gmail.com>

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



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Wisc Historical Society**Wisc Council/Local History**

7th Annual Local History and
Historic Preservation Conference
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Hotel Mead and Conference Center
Friday & Saturday 11-12 October 2013
For conference information visit:

<[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/
localhistory/annualconference.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/annualconference.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 1947

Alice Whitaker
 Mary Malberg
 Marie Rydeen Southard
 Ruth Jeanette Swanson
 Nellie Betty Jane Johnson
 Pearl Wassberg Pagh

Jeanne Alling, Author
I Heard the School Bells Ringing

Golden Rules of Genealogy

thanks to:

<GotGenealogy.com>

(Continued from September 2013 issue)

4. **Always document your sources**, no matter how much they contradict one another. Be consistent as you cite your sources, there are standard citation formats, but even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, **be consistent** with whatever method you use.
5. **Most days are approximate.** It is okay to state that someone was born "abt 1845" or died "May 1915" if you are unsure of the exact date or where documents show different dates.
6. **If unsure, say so!**
7. Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you 'suspect' such and such is true. **Do not fudge the facts - EVER!**

(Continuing in the November 2013 issue)

Harper School District No. 1 Eureka Township 1869-1914

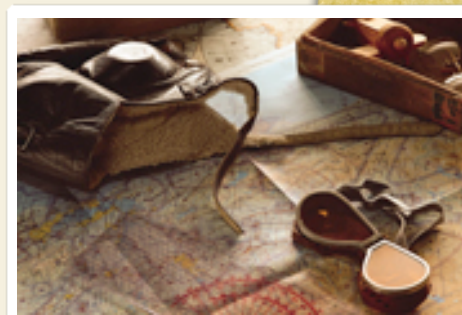
#1 - Across from the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Hwy 87 1869-1873

#2 NE SE Section 25 West Eureka 1873-1889

#3 SE NW Section 30 East Eureka 1889-1914

Integrated with Eureka Center
 The first school of Eureka Center

was the Harper School. It was about a mile-and-a-half south of what is



now Eureka Center. All the children as far as the St. Croix Town line went to Harper School. Some children having four to five miles to travel to school.

The first meeting held to form School District #1, was held at the home of **John C. Beede on 29 August 1868**. It was moved and carried to accept a gift of one acre from **L.A. Harper** for the new school. Also moved at this meeting that a female teacher be hired and that a 3 month term of school begin on the 1st Monday of December and two months the summer following.

Moses Keezer had the contract for building the new school, 18 x 24 feet with 6 windows of 10 x 24 inch glass, one outside door to be hewed. For the sum of \$95.00, Mr. Keezer was to frame and raise the school, enclose it, put a roof of one foot projecting with finish to it, lay the floor, planed and matched, 6 seat with backs and desks.

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Continue: Harper School

From old **Clerk's Ledger of the Minutes Records** you will see the first school was built in 1869 and a second school built in 1873. A special meeting on 3 August 1872 decided to build a new school on the site of the old. The contract was given to **Matthew Young** for \$475.00 completion date 15 March, 1873.

Harper was one of three towns in the plat book in 1878 - **Harper, Patterson and North Valley**. All three towns had a post office and all were started before 1880.

When the railroad went through, Patterson was absorbed by the new town of Milltown, which was only a saw mill before this action. North Valley died and Harper was absorbed into Eureka Center.

The 30th day of November 1895 describes locating and establishing a schoolhouse site for District #1, awarding the owner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 30 compensation of \$10.00 for the land. (This school was located on what was known in 1975 as the **Chester Anderson** property). The school was eventually sold for \$143.00, the wood shed for \$12.00 and the stove for \$4.00.

Source not known

Common Law Marriage article

in the May 2013 issue of THE POST was run in the **Twin Ports Genealogical Society** newsletter in Vol 33, #1, September 2013.
Sharing is a good thing!

Most Common Names for Counties

Washington	in	31 States
Jefferson	in	26 States
Franklin	in	25 States
Lincoln	in	24 States

Barb Burch

Carlton County, Minnesota
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States with most Counties

- Texas with 254
- Georgia with 159
- Virginia with 134
- Kentucky with 120
- Missouri with 115
- Kansas with 105
- Illinois with 102
- North Carolina with 100
- *Minnesota with 87
- ***Wisconsin** with 72.

Yahoo Answers
2013

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

offers a variety of live webinars on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you are a WSGS member you can view those webinars from the 'member-only' area of their website at any time. To see the current schedule and fees (if any) go to their webpage:

<<http://wsge.org/events/php>>

NorthStar Conference

presented by the MN Genealogical Society will be held 4-5 October 2013 at Colonial Church in Edina. **Steve Luxenberg**, Washington Post journalist/editor and author will be the keynote speaker. There will be a wide array of break-out sessions. Full descriptions of the programs are available at

<[www.mnsgs.org/pdf/NorthStar2013schedule\(Final\).pdf](http://www.mnsgs.org/pdf/NorthStar2013schedule(Final).pdf)>

Salt Lake City research trip - the MN Genealogy Group annual trip to the Family History Library takes place 10-16 November 2013. Accommodations are at the St. Plaza Hotel right next door to the library. If you are interested in more details contact

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St. Croix Valley Gen Soc/**Judy Olson**