

Polk County Genealogical Society, Polk County Wisconsin

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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

“Finger-Food” Holiday Event

will be held in the **RRC** within the Luck Historical Society Museum.

Date: Monday 9 Dec.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Luck, WI

Finger-Food such as those Holiday treats our **grandmothers** may have made using a recipe saved from their homeland or nationality of a loved one and/or **your** favorite Holiday finger-food treats are welcome! Hot Coco and Coffee will be served.

Guests are welcome

Don't forget
to pay your
dues!

Thank You.

Polk County Genealogy Society

**2014 - Dues
\$5.00 a year**

are due on/near

1 January 2014.

Please forward to:

Judy Wester

901-8th Street

Centuria, WI 54824

2013 PCGS Schedule

December Finger-Food Holiday Event
on Monday 9 December - 2013
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Bring any Finger-Food you wish for
sharing at this gathering
of members and friends.

Guests are welcome!

Business meeting on 9 December will address the "Genealogy Roadshow"(1)-type project featuring a noteworthy citizen of Polk County (living or deceased). PCGS will research and present a family history to known kinfolk. Suggestions are welcome - final decision will be by vote of the membership.

Beginning the fourth Monday, 27 January 2014, the PCGS classes will once again commence and from January thru April 2014 these classes will be held in the Amery Public Library 10-11:30 a.m. The first class will review the basic concepts of good genealogy work to "develop concise, accurate and comprehensive family histories," (2) stressing the difference between first-hand vs suggested evidence, authentic vs duplicate materials, original or major sources vs secondary or minor sources.

PCGS members trust the second class period will focus on land records and the following two class sessions will be devoted to putting down specific details of a family story (amusing or sad or celebrating a wedding/graduation/baptism or old-time rural or town memory) using whichever story you wish to record and save for your family.

May-December 2014 the PCGS classes are once again set to be held at the **RRC** within the Luck Museum, 10-11:30 a.m., the 4th Monday of each month.

- (1) Public TV Program - Autumn of 2013
 (2) PCGS Vision Statement

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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Determining Church Affiliation

(Majority of people in each nationality)

If you are unsure what church your ancestors were members of you might be able to determine by their nationality. If your ancestors were:

Scotch-Irish: Presbyterian or Quaker

Irish: Roman Catholic

English: Church of England,
 Congregational or Methodist

German: Lutheran, German Reformed
 Lutheran, Roman Catholic or Evangelical

Finish: Lutheran

Swedish: Lutheran

Denmark: Lutheran

Norwegian: Lutheran

Swiss: Mennonites

Italian: Roman Catholic

Greek: Orthodox

Israel: Jewish

Iran: Muslims - (Shia, Sunni) Zoroastrian

Thank you/Gen Soc./Carlton County, MN

Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1949

Marian Anderson
Violet Bergstrom Wright
Joyce Culligan Erickson
June Ross Walen
Patricia Heath Jensen
Albine Kelley Hagen
Dorothy LaRue
Mary Ann Miller Jorgenson
Theresa Murphy
Rodney Pagh
Floraine Rude Haroldson
Elsie Wicklund Berg

Jeanne Alling, Author
I Heard the School Bells Ringing

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 Editor **Vicki Garro**

(The USCIS is a fee for service)

A little known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications, citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files.

Under the USCIS Genealogy Program, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. The government will run a search of the name, as long as that person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files. The fee for a record

A Family is sentenced in tax fraud scam that used Ancestry.com

The family used the family research website Ancestry.com to find names and Social Security numbers of **recently** deceased people and used the information to file fraudulent claims.

The family did not get ... the money and were sentenced to jail terms.

-Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
 7 September 2013

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copy from microfilm identified as (M) is \$20.00 per request. The fee for a copy of a hard copy file identified as (HC) is \$35.00 per request. Information about the entire program including fees associated with each file series may be found at Google:

<USCIS Genealogy Program>

There are six choices to click for information.

The documents typically include immigration information often (but not always) including exact hometowns in an ancestors native country. The files often have information on brothers, sisters,

aunts and uncles. Thanks again to:

Vicki Garro and Douglas County Gen Club