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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.*

Don't forget
to pay your
dues!
Thank You.

Polk County Genealogical Society

Thank you to

Kathy Pedersen Wilson

for attending our October meeting to help those of us with Danish roots. The Danish Archives (written in old Danish script) was used extensively and after a couple of tries we were even able to “read” a line or two.

Thanks again, Kathy.

With the consensus of the PCGS members present, the Group made the decision to return to meeting during the early evening hours. This schedule will enable those who are interested in genealogy, but who are unable to attend during the daytime hours, to join us. The ‘new’ schedule will begin in April 2015 allowing for poor roads and driving during the winter months of Jan/ Feb/Mar.

Please mark your calendars.

24 November 2014 - 1-4 p.m.

LAND RECORDS

and how the use of land records will almost always answer a genealogy question or two. We need to remember that no record is an answer in and of itself and then perhaps we need to look in another direction.

Russ Hanson will instruct those gathered in online land records as well as the basic of what is at township and county offices for Wisconsin land records, as well as what is available at State level.

Examples of original surveys, abstracts, maps and homestead information will be available.

Monday, 24 November 2015, 1-4 p.m.

RRC within the Luck Historical Society Museum

2014 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!

Monday afternoon - 1-4 p.m. 26 January 2015

Monday afternoon 1-4 p.m. 23 February 2015

Monday afternoon 1-4 p.m. 23 March 2015

Monday evening 6:30-9:00 p.m. 27 April 2015

Monday evening 6:30-9:00 p.m. 23 May 2015

All meetings will be held at the RRC within the Luck Historical Society Museum, Luck, Wi.

US – Yale University has created an incredible online archive of images from the Great Depression. The archive allows viewers to explore some 175,000 photographs of America taken in the 1930s and 1940s.

Most of the images were taken by government photographers under the Farm Security Administration act. Although all these images were already available online from the Library of Congress, what is amazing is how Yale University has managed to create a website called Photogrammar that organizes and visualizes the images on an interactive map.

Simply zoom in to the region where your ancestors lived in the 1930s and 1940s to view all the photographs from that region. Access is free. [[Photogrammar](#)]

This iconic image of Florence Owens Thompson and three of her seven children (a baby is tucked into her lap) was taken by Dorothea Lange in 1936 in Nipomo, California.

Thompson was a destitute pea picker during the Great Depression. *Source: Library of Congress GenealogyInTime Magazine / November 2014*

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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U.S. Census Records

Although it is impossible to state precisely how many people entered what is now the United State from Europe and to a lesser extent, from Africa, a reasonable estimate would place the figure at close to 60 million. Most early immigrants came from northwestern Europe. At the time of the first national census of the U.S.A. in 1790, more than 2/3's of the white population was of British origin, with German and Dutch next in numbers. Emigration to North America slowed between 1760-1815. This was a time of intermittent warfare in Europe and North America, as well as on the Atlantic Ocean. Between about 1815 and the start of WW I in 1914, immigration tended to increase with each passing decade.

Settlement Patterns/Ancestry.com

Polk County Normal School Grads

Class of 1960

Linda Born
Mary Cassavant
Robert Clifton
Russell Erickson
Shirley Fleming
JoAnn Forrest
Jorgine Graf
Kay Graf
Elizabeth Johnson
Earl Kammerud
Alma Mae Karels
Beverly Larson
Patricia LaRue
Marilyn Severson

Jeanne Alling, Author
I Heard the School Bells Ringing

A.B. peabody, Register of Baptism
1856-1894

Transcription from handwritten records*Star Prairie - Nov 1887 -****Helen Ruth Harrington*** Birth-1871*Parents: Curtis & Arlotta**Sponsors: Miss Elizabeth Little /**Mrs. E.B. Crounwell /**Mrs. Martha Jewell.**Wagon Landing - Jan 1887****Helen Beatrice Morgan*** Birth-1886*Parents: Willis & Mary**Sponsors: Mrs. John Bridgeman,**Mrs. Ancella Bridgeman**and the mother.**Wagon Landing - April 1886****Howard William Nelson*** Birth 1885*Parents: George & Emma**Sponsors: Lloyd Peabody, the father and**Mrs. A.B. Peabody*

If you don't know (some) history, you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree , –

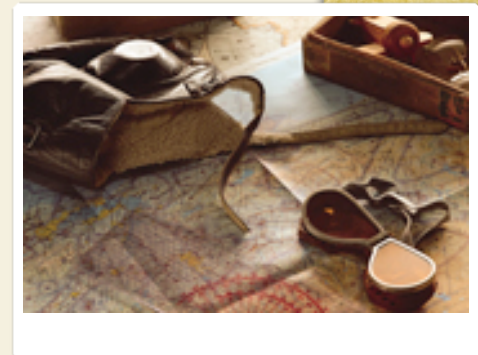
Michael Crichton

his-to-ry 'hist(ə)rē/ noun

noun: **history**; plural noun: **histories**

1. 1.

the study of past events, particularly in human affairs.

**BACK-UP!**

It is the first day of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups!

Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often. Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts of word processing documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first day of each month?

Thanks to **Vicki Garro**,
Douglas County Genealogy Club