

# WOOD COUNTY ROOTS



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### *Greetings Everyone*

*It has been a busy couple months since we had our last meeting. We have finally finished up the Wisconsin Rapids Cemeteries and the Marriages. After much debate about putting them in book form or on DVD's to sell, we finally took a vote and entered both on our website. Check out the site at [www.howgs.org](http://www.howgs.org) and see the "Queries", the cemeteries and the additional Marriages.*

*I was very pleased with the participation and interest that followed my e-mail. At least that is now finished and done with. Now to complete the Church Survey and get all the new Churches on our website with updated information.*

*We had seven on our bus trip to Madison Library on the 13th of July. Everyone found some little thing that made the trip worthwhile. We had a little*

*rain coming home, but nothing serious. I'm finally getting used to the new copiers.*

*It is family reunion time again and time to get out all those old pictures and find help to put names to them. I am doing that this coming weekend and have many who I don't know or who my parents didn't put names on. I am hoping for some input from cousins.*

*Here's hoping your summer is productive.*

*Good Hunting.*

*Diantha Neinfeldt*

*Genealogy  
is all about  
Chasing  
your own tale.  
:)*

## NEW OFFICERS

Officers were voted in at the end of last year to take us on into the new year. Please help the officers out in any way that you can. Our society is only as strong as its members.

Chairman:  
Diantha Neinfeldt

Vice Chairman:  
Norma Reber

Secretary:  
Doreen Dimick

Treasurer:  
Position open

Trustee:  
Karen McCarthy

## Dues!

It's that time of year again—your annual dues are payable now. Our membership year runs from August 1 through July 31.

Check your newsletter label. The line above your name has the expiration date of your membership. There is a membership form on page 1206 of this newsletter. Please check with Bev, our treasurer, on the status of your membership.

## “DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HAUNTED CEMETERY?”

Being a genealogist I have been involved in some very unusual conversations. One of these was with my high school study hall this spring. I mentioned that I was recording cemeteries for the society and a young man said “Do you know about the haunted cemetery on Mosquito Bluff?”

Well that was all I needed to peak my interest. Not the haunted part, but the cemetery part. I ask where the cemetery was, he told me where and we talked about it a little while. Thinking it was an old baby graves, I did some homework on the site. There was no cemetery in the plat map book (2008 edition) in the library. There was a cemetery (Pine Grove) around the corner, was it part of that cemetery. So I did a Google Earth view of the area. Nothing showed that it was connected. There was only one thing left to do and that was to see it for myself.

A couple of weeks later we arranged to do a walk through. The bluff was surrounded by farm fields; the bluff is tree covered and no homes or housing on the bluff near the cemetery area. Walking in from the road along a field road and turning into the woods, there it was. An area about 15 to 20 foot square surrounded by a metal fence with a gate. The gate was easy to open and the stones were obviously newer than the dates on the stones. It was somewhat



cared for, but not regularly.

It is obviously a family plot for the Beggs, Pratt's, and the Roseberry family. Several baby graves along with parents. The Pratt family was father Leaman, mother Anna, children Willie, Lida, Ivy, Jennie; the Beggs family was father Everett; mother Harriet, daughter Lilly Anna. There was only a headstone with the name of Roseberry on one of the two very old and broken stone. I took pictures and closed the gate and walked out with my student talking about how cool the cemetery was.

That is where the curiosity got the better of me. Who were these people? Why were they buried there? Why are there 3 families in one cemetery? What is their connection to each other? So I did what every one of us does, I went to the records that I know, first the census, then birth and death records and newspapers.

After about an hour, I had learned that the Everett (born in NY) and Harriet (born in Wisconsin) Beggs lived here and died in the area and I guessed that Harriett's last name had been Roseberry and that two stones that were old and falling down were most likely her parents Jeremiah Roseberry (Born in New Jersey) and Caroline (Merrill born in Pennsylvania)



## “DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HAUNTED CEMETERY?”



Roseberry. Since there was no readable inscription, I made this assumption do to the fact that they lived in this area of Portage County. So that was two of the three large stones.

Then I looked at the Leaman and Anna Pratt. Here is where things got interesting. I found that Leaman was a Military Veteran (Civil War), but nothing else. Nothing in the Wisconsin Census records, nothing in the Wisconsin birth or death records. Now I wanted to know more. Why were they here? What was the connection?

I started broadened my search in the census and death records and found Leyman Pratt in Minnesota. He had been born in Moriah, Essax Co. New York, lived

and died in North Mankato Nicollet Co. Minnesota. As for Anna M.R. Pratt, she was born in Pennsylvania and lived and died in North Mankato Minnesota as well. But why were they buried in Almond Wisconsin? What is their connection to the others buried there?

After several hours of looking and piecing together, I



learned that Harriet and Anna are sisters, children of Jeremiah and Caroline (Merrill) Roseberry. So when they passed away they were buried in the family cemetery.

This was a good afternoon of searching and looking into the history of people who



had died between 1888 and 1933. Most of the locals know about forgotten cemeteries in an area, most are older members of the communities, but sometimes the young stumble across things that are true treasures. Teen agers don't realize what they know until we tell them. The young man was very interested in learning more about family history they just need a guiding hand. I am going to help him get started researching his family since he commented as we passed another cemetery that day, "Hey they have Gibbs in there, that's my family!" so it begins a future Genealogist.

By Tina Krummel

## SOME DISEASES OF OUR ANCESTORS

**Ague:** An intermittent fever attributed to the mosquito.

**Apoplexy:** An Epileptic Seizure of hysterical reaction. Treatment included the taking of blood aided by mustard plasters to the back and epigastrium; with laxative injections into the rectum during attacks and saline purgatives afterward. Hair should be cut very short or shaved off very short or shaved off entirely and ice caps applied.

**Bilious Fever:** High fever accomplished by vomiting with the presence of bile.

**Brain Fever:** Today known as meningitis. Symptoms included delirium and progressive paralysis, usually terminating in fatal apoplexy. Thought to be a frequent consequence of an injury to the head.

More to come...

From The Pipost, June 1987.

## RECORD NUMBER WILL APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP HERE

*The largest number of petitioners for naturalization as United States citizens in recent Wood county history will appear in circuit court here next Monday morning for the citizenship hearings to be conducted before Circuit Judge Herman J. Severson.*

### **Forty-two Petitioners**

*Forty two alien residents, representing 14 European nationalities, are named as petitioners who will be examined by an official of the federal bureau of immigration. The number exceeds that of any year since the immediate post-world war period. The naturalization hearings are expected to consume the entire first day of the October term of circuit court for Wood county.*

*Fifteen Germans are the largest national group to be represented, Polish, Swedes, Canadians and Czecho-Slovaks number four each; there are two Norwegians and two Hollanders; one each of Greek, Irish, English, Rumanian, Russian and Austro-German extraction, and one former citizen of the Free City of Danzig.*

### **Twelve from City**

The petitioners include 12 from Wisconsin Rapids. They are Mary Stranz, George Demos, Cecelia Garber, Oscar Gusk, Gustave Gidean Anderson, Maria Schroeder, John James Gerry, Getrude Schafraneck, Frank Joseph Hager, Minna Weiss, Augusta Krumrei and Emma Schroeder.

Others are Anton Smietelniak, Alfred Richard Gilbert and Oldrich Simek, Nekoosa; Agda Dorothea Osberg, Louis Bekiacs and Maren Fjeld, Port Edwardes; Edia Kristina Ranberg, Anna Bertha Elise Bouma and Rudolph Fleischauer Arpin; Carl William Becker, Niclaus Deranek, Adelle Leland, Paul Gladoske and Gustaf Braun, Wisconsin Rapids rural routes; Anna Ida Anderson, Frank Krupka

and Terezje Krummel, Milladore; Hilda Bohn Kohel, Auberndale, R. 2; Rosie Koller, Sherry; Anton Kleifgan and Gertrud Lubberink, Pittsville; May Gorat, Pittsville, R. 2; Christ Schultz, Nekoosa, R. 1, and Sister Maria Basilla Anna Thoma, Albert Oscar Perner, Alois Pilz, Robert Tyrolt, Ole Olson Warren, Charley Julias Herman and Stephan Epstein, Marshfield.

### **Short Term in Prospect**

A comparatively short term of court is in prospect. A single criminal case is listed for trial involving J. Vernon Smith, of Loyal, as the defendant on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. It is likely that the case will be continued, however.

Among six civil jury suits marked for trial is the suit for damages brought by Francis Anderson, Wisconsin Rapids, against an insurance company and the city of Wisconsin Rapids, for injuries sustained in a traffic accident at Eight and Oak streets on September 21, 1939.

A truck driven by Anderson and a city-owned coupe driven by Fire Chief August C. Miller collided at the intersection, Anderson deeks \$25,000 damages.

### **Appeal for Award**

Also to be tried is an appeal from a county court award for damages to the property of Mr. and Mrs. Amiel R. Lueptow in Auberndale cause by the relocation of Highway 10 in Northern Wood county. The Lueptows, declining to accept the condemnation award, are asking a circuit court jury to fix the amount of damages.

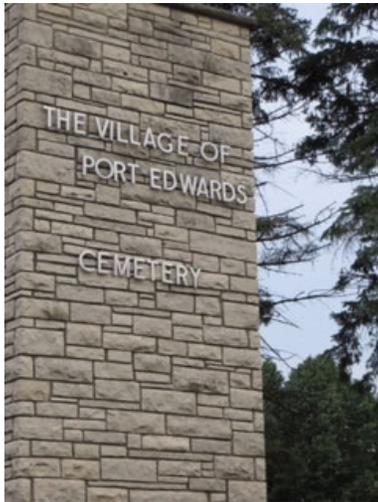
*The Daily Tribune  
Thursday October 2, 1941*

## June Cemetery Walk Meeting The Village of Port Edwards Cemetery

*Our June meeting was held at the Village of Port Edwards Cemetery, off of Hwy 54 just outside the village of Port Edwards..*

*Diantha truly was in the spirit of the event dressing in period costume and sharing information that she had gathered about the Alexanders and Edwards family.*

*There were about 15 members in attendance. Hot Dogs, chips and deserts was the evening meal. The weather held off giving us plenty of time to explore the cemetery.*



*You know you're a genealogist, if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.*

## BOOKS PURCHASED FOR McMILLAN LIBRARY

### COLLECTION OF BOOKS RECEIVED FROM DAR—2016

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inscriptions with obits, St. Mary's Cem.,<br/>Eden Twsp, Fond du Lac County- 1998</li> <li>2. History of Northern Wisconsin (Given to<br/>Hatch Library) 1881</li> <li>3. Inventory of the Church Archives of Wiscon-<br/>sin, Moravian Church 1938</li> <li>4. Members of the First Methodist Church,<br/>Platteville 1950</li> <li>5. History of Winnebago County 1880</li> <li>6. History of Langlade County 1921</li> <li>7. History of Marathon County 1913</li> <li>8. Sketches of Wisconsin Pioneer Women<br/>abt 1922</li> <li>9. Fathers of Wisconsin (Sketches of the lives<br/>and Careers of the Members of the Constitu-<br/>tional conventions of 1846-47</li> <li>10. Report and Collections of the State Historical<br/>Society of Wisconsin Vol 1- 1872</li> <li>11. Wisconsin, A History by Robert Nesbit<br/>1973</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Baraboo, Dells and Devils Lake Region<br/>1921</li> <li>13. Wisconsin Family (A Magazine of the Wisc.<br/>Genealogical Soc 1941</li> <li>14. In Jesus' Name Shall All our work be done-<br/>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Norwegian Evangelical<br/>Lutheran Church of Wind Lake, Wisc. 1843-<br/>1993 1993</li> <li>15. History of LaFayette County<br/>1881</li> <li>16. A complete Civil, Political and Military Histo-<br/>ry of Wisc. 1875</li> <li>17. History of Green County<br/>1877</li> <li>18. A History of LaCrosse Wisconsin, 1841-<br/>1900 1900</li> <li>19. History of Lacrosse County<br/>1881</li> <li>20. A History of Fond du Lac County, Past &amp;<br/>Present, Vol 1 &amp; 2 1912</li> <li>21. Portrait and Biographical Album of Racine<br/>and Kenosha Counties Vol 1 &amp; 2 -1892</li> </ol> |
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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

**DETACH AND MAIL WITH A CHECK FOR \$15 PAYABLE TO:  
HEART O' WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 1565  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI 54495-1565**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**New members only:** You may have **one** free surname search if you reside outside of Wood County, WI (a \$10 value).

Surname you would like researched: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership list is published once per year in the December newsletter. We ask that you give permission for us to publish your address, telephone number, and e-mail address by responding to the following questions. **(Please clearly circle your answer; if no response is given, we will automatically publish):** I wish to have the following published in the December newsletter: my address? **Yes No**; my phone number? **Yes No**; my e-mail address? **Yes No**

Members may submit one free query per year, which will be published in the Society's newsletter in order to contact others researching the same ancestors. It should be 50 words or less, not counting the name and address of the submitter. Members and non-members may submit additional queries at the rate of 10 cents per word.

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want a membership card mailed to you. Thanks.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Aug 31- Sep 3, 2015**      **FGS 2015 Regional Conference, Springfield, Illinois.** Held in partnership with the Illinois State Genealogical Society in Springfield, Illinois. FGS 2016 brings you sessions with a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts, along with top international speakers from Scotland and Australia. Go to [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for more details and registration.

**13 Sept 2016**                      **Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.** Janet Zbowski Of DAR Nay-osh-ing Chapter of Plover will give a program on "Knitting Goes to War". How women organized during the Revolution to provide warm clothes for their men. Visitors are welcome to join us.

**24 Sept 2016**                      **Leadership Workshop Hosted by Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society** . Morning session is "Genealogy Scavenger Hunt " activity and break out sessions for different leadership roles. The afternoon session is "Qualities of Being a leader." Lunch will be available . For more details go to [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org).

**7-8 Oct 2016**                      **Fall Seminar 2015, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.** The main event will be Saturday, "Genealogy Potpourri" by Craig Scott. The Pre-conference speaker is George Finlen, "Crafting Sources for Our Research: a Workshop. This event will be held at the Aurora medical Center in Summit, WI. For more details go to [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org).

**11 Oct 2016**                      **Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.** Our meeting will be a Tour of The Nekoosa Library and the additions to the Genealogy Section. The business meeting will be held in the Meeting Room after the Tour. Visitors are always welcome.

**8 Nov 2016**                      **Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.** To Be Announced

**7 Dec 2016**                      **Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Meeting, The Alexander House, Port Edwards, WI.** This will be our annual Christmas gathering. Please note the day of the week change. Come and join us for sweet treats and good fellowship.

*If you're a member of WSGS, don't forget their very informative webinars which you, as a member, can access on their website at [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org).*

## Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society

Chairman	Di Neinfeldt
Vice Chairman	Norma Reber
Secretary	Doreen Dimick
Treasurer	Position open
Trustees	3 years Karen McCarthy
	2 years Eugene Meier
	1 year Ben Chitek

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Book Purchases	Flores Gumz
By-Laws	
Genealogy Class	(Vacant)
Historian	
Hospitality	Joyce Keehn
Indexing	Mary Peters
Library Files	Arlene Keehn
New Members	
Newsletter	Tina Krummel
Pedigree Charts	Myra Sweet
Research	
Sunshine	Sue Miller
Website	Di Neinfeldt

Wood County Roots Editor:  
Tina Krummel

**HEART O' WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**PURPOSE OF SOCIETY:** To assist members and others in genealogical research and to preserve local records.

**DUES:** \$15 per household—one newsletter per address. Please list names of all persons joining. Due at or before 31 July. Membership year runs from 01 August through 31 July.

**MEETINGS:** Held monthly—September through June—on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the McMillan Memorial Library, 490 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI (right across the street from the Hotel Mead & Convention Center).

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