

WOOD COUNTY ROOTS



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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

School has started in many areas across the country. Time to wind up those summer vacations, campouts, campfires, etc., that have kept us busy during the past few months. The cooler nights and trees showing a start to their fall foliage are telling us that the seasons are changing. I am looking forward to my favorite time of the year—Fall. It does go by fast though so make those plans for any genealogy jaunts you might be thinking of before winter comes. I do have a few local cemeteries I need to photograph and a trip to the Rapids courthouse is also on my “to do” list.

Please bear with us as the new Program Committee is working to follow in Wayne's rather large footsteps and get some interesting programs together. We are working on 5 or 6 ideas at the moment and will get them finalized. If you have any ideas for programs, please contact me or Christine Armstrong. We are open to any and all suggestions. Is there a certain country you're researching and can't find anything? Let us know; perhaps we can plan a program on sources available in that country. The same goes for any state or county that you're researching; let us know, perhaps we can find someone in the club who's an expert in research there. The ideas for programs are out there; we just need to grab onto them!

We'd like to start member biographies again in our newsletter. We'll hopefully feature a member each newsletter or when we get a new one. This newsletter article depends on your writing a short bio to let other members get to know you. Answer

the burning question everyone wants to know the answer to—how did you get interested in genealogy? You can list some of your ancestors you're still looking for, the areas you're looking in, etc. Get creative! If you'd like to see an example of one, look up Myra Sweet, our secretary, at the next meeting as she has a sample. Send your bios digitally to Tina Krummel, the newsletter editor.

I've been checking on some of our members who've dropped off our membership list. One was Edmund Wright who'd been a member since 1997. I called him and found out he and his wife moved to an assisted living facility as he has early-stage dementia. His wife told me he has identified most of his mother's Specht family that lived in Wisconsin.

It was nice talking to them and they appreciated the call. I next contacted Inez Krohn whose email has been bouncing back as unknown. Found out she also moved to an assisted living facility, changed her email, and phone number. She says she enjoys not having to mow lawn or shovel snow but does miss driving her own car. We now have our records updated on her also. I'll be checking more in the future.

Meanwhile, it's almost Fall Y'All!

Happy Hunting!
Bev Peaslee, Chair

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:

Bev Peaslee

Vice Chairman:

Christine Armstrong

Secretary:

Myra Sweet

Treasurer:

Tina Krummel

Trustee:

Mary Moss

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 1462 of this newsletter. Please check with Tina, our treasurer, on the status of your membership.

Genealogy A to Z: A Trivia Adventure

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Trivia contests seem to be all the rage now. But if you were ever a fan of the television show Jeopardy or the game Trivial Pursuit, here's a way to test your genealogy knowledge. With genealogy expert Thomas MacEntee as presenter, you can participate in a fun, fast paced, and educational genealogy trivia game. Every participant will receive a handout at the END of the adventure complete with genealogy trivia questions and answers!

Genealogy Trivia Alphabetically

Here are genealogy and family history related terms and concepts you may or may not know!

A is for ...Archives

What is the best ONLINE resource to locate archives with primary source materials in the United States, Canada, and Australia?

ArchiveGrid

<https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

B is for ...Birth Records

What is a Delayed Birth Certificate, and can it be used to secure a US Passport?

US State Department Citizenship Evidence

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/citizenship-evidence.html>

C is for ... Census

When was the 1950 US Census released? And was there a searchable name index available when it was released?

Family Search: 1950 United States Census—Release Date and Research Help

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/1950-us-census-release-date/>

D is for ...Disasters

What is the most common disaster in the United States impacting access to records for genealogy research?

FamilySearch Burned Counties Research

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Burned_Counties_Research

E is for ... Evidence

What is "evidence evaluation" or "evidence analysis" and why is it an important part of the GPS (Genealogical Proof Standard?)

Evidence Explained QuickLesson 17: The Evidence Analysis Process Map

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-17-evidence-analysis-process-map>

F is for ...Female

What is one of the best resources (book, website, record set) for locating female ancestors in the US?

The Hidden Half of the Family by Christina Schaefer

<https://www.amazon.com/Hidden-Half-Family-Sourcebook-Genealogy/dp/0806315822>

G is for ... GPS

What does "GPS" stand for in genealogy and what organization maintains the standards for GPS?

Board for the Certification of Genealogists: Genealogical Proof Standard

<https://bcgcertification.org/ethics-standards/>

Genealogy A to Z: A Trivia Adventure

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H is for ...Handwriting

What is the best resource for deciphering handwritten records used for genealogy research?

FamilySearch: Handwriting Helps

<https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting>

I is for ... Intellectual Property

How do you determine whether a record – a vital record, a high school yearbook – is protected by copyright AND if you can still use the record for genealogy research?

American Library Association Copyright Tools

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/copyright-tools>

J is for ... Julian Calendar

What is the “Julian Calendar” or “Old Calendar” and how does it impact genealogy research?

FamilySearch: Julian and Gregorian Calendars

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Julian_and_Gregorian_Calendars

K is for ... Kinship and Cousins

What does “kith and kin” mean and are they blood relatives to your ancestors in terms of genealogy research?

FamilySearch: Research a Family in Community Context

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research_a_Family_in_Community_Context

L is for ...Lost and Found

What method did Irish immigrants to the United States use to connect with families and relatives who had arrived earlier?

Ancestry: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in “The Boston Pilot,” 1831-1920

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5060/>

M is for ... Mortality Schedule

What is a “mortality schedule” in certain United States Census records?

United States Census Bureau: Mortality Schedules

https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/mortality_schedules.html

N is for ... Naturalization

In the United States what is the “naturalization process” and what records useful for genealogy are produced?

National Archives & Records Administration: Naturalization Records

<https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/naturalization>

O is for ... Occupation

How do you find a description for an occupation, especially one from the 18th or 19th century?

Family Researcher: Dictionary of Old Occupations: A-Z Index

<https://www.familyresearcher.co.uk/glossary/Dictionary-of-Old-Occupations-Index.html>

P is for ... Plat Map or Plat Book

How is a plat map or a plat book useful for genealogical research in the United States?

Rockford Map: The History of Plat Books: Their Past, Present, and Future

<https://rockfordmap.com/blog/2018/03/06/the-history-of-plat-books-their-past-present-and-future/>

Q is for ...Query

What is a genealogy “query” and in what form can you find a genealogy query?

Cyndi's List: Queries & Message Boards

<https://www.cyndislist.com/queries/>

R is for ... Return

What is a marriage return and is it the same as a marriage certificate?

Evidence Explained: A Marriage Record Is a Marriage Record Is a Marriage Record—Not!

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/quicktips/marriage-record-marriage-record-marriage-record%E2%80%94not>

S is for ... Social Security Death Index

What is the Social Security Death Index (SSDI),

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how can it be accessed, and are the records reliable for use in genealogy research?

Family Search: United States Social Security Administration Records

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Social_Security_Administration_Records

T is for ... Timelines

How can a timeline help you with your genealogy research?

Thought.co: Using Genealogy Timelines as Research Tools

<https://www.thoughtco.com/genealogy-research-timelines-1422730>

U is for ... Unclaimed Mail Notice

How can you use data from an Unclaimed Mail Notice for genealogy research? Does this notice have another name?

Genealogy Bank: History of American Mail: Letters of Our Ancestors & the News

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/history-of-american-mail-letters-of-our-ancestors-the-news.html>

V is for ... Vertical Files

Why type of repositories hold "vertical files," what information do they hold, and how did they get their name?

MyHeritage: Loose Records: A Treasure Trove for Genealogists

<https://education.myheritage.com/article/loose-records-a-treasure-trove-for-genealogists/>

W is for ... WorldCat

What is WorldCat and how can it be used for genealogy research?

WorldCat

<https://www.worldcat.org/>

X is for ... X Marks the Spot

What does it mean when there is an "X" in place of a signature

Paleography: Interpreting Handwriting in Genealogical Research

<https://guides.loc.gov/paleography/signatures>

Y is for ... Yearbooks

Are high school or college yearbooks useful for genealogy research? Are there other types of yearbooks?

Family Tree Magazine (US): How to Find Old Yearbooks and School Records Online

<https://familytreemagazine.com/records/other/find-yearbooks-school-records/>

Z is for ... ZIP Code

What does the term ZIP in ZIP Code stand for? When and why were they created? Are they used in genealogy research?

Library of Congress: ZIP Code Introduced

<https://guides.loc.gov/this-month-in-business-history/july/zip-code-introduced>

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Murphy's Law of Genealogy

The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.



Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

In Memoriam

Mary Peters 1939-2024

Mary Lou Peters, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at Marshfield

Medical Center. She was born on June 26, 1939, to Harry and Arvilla (Monette) Chapman in Wisconsin Rapids. She married William Peters on January 10, 1956. They lived in Vesper their entire lives. Mary worked for the Wisconsin Rapids

Public Schools in Food Services, retiring in 2002 after 41 years of service, primarily at Vesper Elementary School. Mary was an active member of St.

Paul's Lutheran Church in Vesper on Seneca Corners. She is survived by her husband of 68 years William; her daughters, Linda (Allan) Peters-Baumann of Vesper and Sandra Peters of Vesper; her grandson, William M. (Beth) and two great grandchildren Michael and Gianna Peters all of Wisconsin Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harry (Ted) Chapman and Phil Tosch both of Ashland. In 2001 they lost their loving son Michael.

Mary joined our Society in February of 1997. She was a faithful member through the years and usually attended the "after meeting" socialization which was frequently held at a local restaurant. She was chasing the always-elusive Chapmans. One day she decided to look at a local church's records and, there they were, just waiting for her to find them! We all enjoyed a good laugh over that!

She served our Society as Trustee for a 3-year term from 2003 through 2005. In 2004 until the present time, she served as co-chair on the Indexing Committee. She also volunteered whenever help was needed for a conference or seminar.

She joined up with my friends and I in 2001 through 2004 for our annual 2-week trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to do genealogy research there. On these trips most of our time was spent in the library. We did manage to rent a car and travel a little bit outside of Salt Lake City on the in-between Sunday



when the library was closed. On one of those trips, we headed up into the mountains to Park City to see where many events of the Winter Olympics had been held. Little did I know that was Mary's first trip to the mountains. She was slightly white knuckled on some of the turns. Her daughter Linda was amazed when we returned to flat land that Mary had actually been a passenger with me driving the rental car! On that trip we'd also come down the mountain through Sundance to see where Clint Eastwood had his film festivals. We looked for him but didn't

see hide nor hair of him though! We also stopped at the Bingham Canyon Mine before heading back to the Carlton Hotel. Who can forget the Carlton Hotel (torn down now) where they had the best bacon on the continent? Most of us enjoyed that bacon every morning for breakfast!

On one of our flights home we experienced some turbulence. I tried to calm Mary (who was hanging on for dear life) down a little, telling her it was just like a car traveling on a gravel road! She informed me in none too subtle terms in her very own vocabulary with lots of expletives deleted that she'd never been on a gravel road like that! Thank you very much!

We'll miss you, Mary!



Plan Its Future.

You might be one of the few lucky collectors whose children cherish the collection. But don't count on it. "I don't think you can expect your children to love what you love," says Linda Karasner, who runs Vinatage Repairs by Linda in Queens, New York. Your heirs would benefit more from written information about the collection. David Seufer of suburban Denver details his fountain pen collection in his estate-planning documents. Telling his family what pens he has, why they are important to him and what they might do with them. "One of them, a Visconti pen made from Mount Etna lava, was given to me at the birth of my first son, and I would want him to have that pen," Seufer says. "I've also left information about where to liquidate the bulk of the collection."

One thing no to do is stress over your collection's value. The going price for all but the highest-quality items can be unpredictable. Unless you own a timeless piece like a Picasso, the collectibles markets are subject to the whims of popular culture. One TikTok video can drive the demand for say Shaker furniture can cause a sudden spike and then

likely downturn.

The bottom line: Care for items while they're in your possession, but if stuff no longer brings pleasure, sell, gift or donate it. "It served you well," Fesko says. "Let someone else treasure it while you enjoy having one less thing to care for."

(Article in AARP.org/Bulletin pg 29)

Ingrid Case has also written for *Money*, *financial Planning* and *Bankrate*. Christine Fellingham has also written for *Good Housekeeping* and *InStyle*.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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P.O. Box 1565 WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54495-1565**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ 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**; If you wish a printed copy your dues will be \$28 to cover the cost of the printing of the newsletter.

To receive the quarterly newsletter we need your E-mail: _____

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.

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: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 21st, 2024 **Welcome To Fall and an New Year**

Oct 19th, 2024 **TBA**

Nov 16th, 2024 **TBA**

Dec 21st, 2024 **Christmas Program**

Jan 2025 **No Meeting**

Watch for Christine's emails about this meeting

Starting August of 2024, the newsletter will have some changes. We will have raised our dues to \$20, with a digital Newsletter. If you wish a mailed copy of the newsletter it would be an additional \$8.00 per year. We will need to have your email address so we can send the newsletter directly to you.

The third Saturday of the month from August through June (skipping January).

At 9:30 a.m. At McMillan Memorial Library

We are in need of encouraging new members and activity from members who are in the Wisconsin Rapids Area.

We would like your input. You can email, or mail our President.

Email: info@howgs.org

***U.S Mail : Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society
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 Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54495-1565***

Look for us on Facebook.com

Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society.

It is a now an open group so please check it out.

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Vice Chairman	Christine Armstrong
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	2 years Betty Pearson
	1 year Kathy Bruner

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Hospitality	Joyce Keehn
Indexing	Myra Sweet
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HEART O' WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

DUES: \$20 per household—one digital 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.** If you wish a Mailed copy of the Newsletter it would be \$8 more per year.

MEETINGS: Held monthly—August through June—on the Third Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.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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