

# WOOD COUNTY



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

*Hello Fellow Genealogists!*

Merry Christmas to all of you Genealogists out there.

Well, as we come to the end of another year of working on our family trees, through research trips, visits to the internet; let us be thankful for all the information we have been able to gather on our prospective families.

We have had many well-given programs that have furthered our knowledge of various aspects of doing any research, from Google maps to writing about our families. We have attended seminars and conferences to gather even more knowledge.

As we continue in our en-

deavors, let us reflect on the past 40 years of our society and continue to improve on our knowledge for the next 40 years.

We will celebrate our anniversary in a few months, and I hope we can have some secrets sharing on research methods.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year, and will see everyone at our January meeting.

*Happy Hunting!*  
*Eugene Meier*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Come and join us for some fun at our December meeting! We will start at the usual time of 6:30 p.m. Everyone should bring some goodies, munchies, cookies, candy, etc., to share.

We are also asking everyone to bring a wrapped ornament—it can be a new one or a used one—just wrap it up and bring it along. Mary Peters is in charge of deciding how we are going to exchange these!

Think of your funniest, saddest, or most heart-warming stories of your Christmas ornaments. Share them with us at this social event!

In January, we will have a working session and look over the web site. We will check for broken links, outdated verbiage, etc. So look over the web site before the January meeting so you can suggest some changes.

At the February meeting, we will look at how our brick wall participants did. This should be a fun meeting and, who knows, you may learn something new!

## AN UNUSED MEMBER BENEFIT!

Did you know there is a member benefit that not many members (myself included) have taken advantage of over the years? Can you guess what it is? If you guessed one free query in the newsletter every year, you would get the prize!

Our membership form states that members can have one free query in the newsletter every year. This query must be 50 words or less (not counting the name and address of the submitter). Additional queries may be submitted for 10 cents per word.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing up your query. How do we know for whom you're looking if you don't let us know?

I will reserve a space in the March newsletter for all of the queries that I'll be getting!!

*The Editor*



## THE DAVID LIBRARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The David Library of the American Revolution is a specialized research library dedicated to the study of American history circa 1750 to 1800. We are open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The David Library is a non-profit educational institution. Our mission is the collection and dissemination of information on this early period of American history, and the support of related educational programs and scholarly research.

The David Library was founded in 1959 by Sol Feinstone (1888-1980), a businessman, a philanthropist, and a collector of Americana. He named the library in honor of his grandson, David Golub who was born developmentally disabled. In order to secure the future of the foundation he established, Mr. Feinstone donated to the institution his extensive collection of Revolutionary war manuscripts, his 118-acre farm on which the library and associated buildings are situated, and an endowment. In 1974 the present library building was built and opened to the public.

Two things set the David

Library apart from every other research institution that has materials on the American revolution—concentration and convenience. Here you will find almost all the basic primary sources on the Revolution, including materials such as many documents microfilmed at the British Archives, found nowhere else in this country! And, you will find this material in one building, serviced by a small but highly knowledgeable staff that has no other objective than to assist its users in learning about the broad era of the American Revolution.

The public can access this library's catalog of holdings on the internet at the following site: <http://207.67.203.70/D90002/OPAC/index.aspx>.

The David Library is located in Washington Crossing, PA, with the nearest large city being Trenton, NJ. The above information is from their website, [www.dlar.org](http://www.dlar.org). Go there for more information.

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Research Committee reported some light researching done over the last quarter. Lois Freeman from Eau Claire contacted us for some research on John Paul Reddin.

Saundra Middleton from Anchorage, Alaska, needed information on the August Sherman family. After some searching, I finally located him in Marathon County and I sent Saundra contact information for Marathon County.

*Diantha Neinfeldt, Research Committee Chair*



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*If you would like a copy of this list, please let me know. Thanks. The Editor*

## MEETING SUMMARIES

**September, 2013**—Rhonda Whetstone, local author and newspaper columnist, shared some of her writing experiences and tips with us in a very informative program. The treasurer reported a balance on hand Sep 1 of \$2,158.62. There were 31 people at the meeting. Flores is waiting for some of the books ordered last year. The library policy on disposal of books donated by the Society was questioned. A letter will be written to the library asking for clarification of this policy and whether they would at least let us know when any of our donated books were scheduled to be put out for sale. It was suggested that we buy a book on either the DAR or Czech genealogy in memory of Beth Klumb. A motion was made and approved to budget \$200 for

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book purchases this year. Two people joined at this

## HEART WELCOME!

We were introduced to one new member and one returning member at our September meeting. They are Jean Orłowski and Mary Moss.

Jean is a new member. Her e-mail address is [countrythyme@hotmail.com](mailto:countrythyme@hotmail.com). She is from Nekoosa, Wisconsin.

Mary Moss had been a member in the late 1990s and is back with us again. Mary's e-mail address is [memoss@charter.net](mailto:memoss@charter.net). Mary has been doing research for quite a few years and has a few brick-walls she'd like to break. Just ask her and she will fill you in on her search for Aurelia! She has traveled numerous places in her research, including Salt Lake City, Michigan, and New York State.

*Please give a big "Heart" welcome to Jean and Mary!*

*The Editor*

## PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS OF WOOD COUNTY

Back in 1999, one of our members did a survey of some of the photo/portrait studios in Wood County. Do you find yourself asking questions when you find a photo of your ancestors in one of the frames from a photographic studio? Besides who is this, I mean. Where was this studio? When were they in business? One thing that we as genealogists are really interested in is what happened to their old negatives.

One of the studios mentioned was the Don Arndt Studios. There isn't much information on this in the survey. The survey does state that the negatives were smelted for silver recovery. Isn't that a sad event? Realistically, that is what happened with a lot of the old negatives from studios that went out of business. Does anyone have any other information on this studio, such as when it was started and when it went out of business? Let's see what we can dig up on this one.

The Orville Reed Studio in Marshfield was bought out by John H. Keel Photography. The Reed studio had been in business about 10 years before that. A note says this was also Thomas Portrait Studios. Anyone know any more about this one?

Richard Klun died in 2008. He ran Klun Studios for many years but the survey didn't have dates or length of time noted. A note does state that it was taken over by Nieman's Photography.

When we look at Nieman's Photography, it's noted that all negatives from Klun and Don Arndt Studios were smelted for the silver. The owner did state that he took several boxes of 8x10 negatives to the Historical Society in 1979. Perhaps we can check there to see if they still have these.

O. R. Moore operated a studio on 1st Street North in Wisconsin Rapids. He sold his business to William A. Drumb in June of 1923. Not much else is noted about either of these.

Oliver Studios was located in Vesper. This is out of business but the South Wood County Historical Corporation had a few interesting programs and slide shows for the public to view some of Oliver's photographs that they have in their archives at the museum.

This survey will be turned over to the trustees to place in the Society's cabinets. It would be interesting to check at the museum to see what information they have on photographic studios in Wood County. I will check in to this and report in future issues.

*The Editor*

## MEETING SUMMARIES, CONT'D.

meeting—Jean Orlowski and Mary Moss. The Indexing Committee will schedule more meetings for proofreading, etc., in the coming months. Yours truly accepted the position of photographer at the 40th anniversary luncheon. There is a \$190 annual fee for the web site coming up. Part of this fee (\$25) is for the domain name. At an upcoming meeting, members will suggest verbiage to update the website. Plans are progressing for the anniversary luncheon. A motion was made and approved to budget \$350 for the expenses for this activity. The brick wall exchange will be started next month.

**October, 2013**—Our scheduled speaker was unable to be present so we started the discussion of the brick wall exchange, and people who want to participate exchanged names. Flores had talked to Andy Barnett about the library's book policy and he would like to discuss that with us. Reservation

forms for the anniversary luncheon will be available in February. Mary Moss volunteered to do the annual audit. This should have been done before the current year started but was forgotten.

**November, 2013**—Andy Barnett of McMillan Library talked about Google maps. It was a very fun program. Since the audit was already late and we only had one volunteer when we should really have two, it was motioned and approved to conduct a two-year audit next year. The December meeting will be at the library and will be an ornament exchange and a social gathering. The June cemetery walk will be at St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery in Sigel.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**10 Dec 2013** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Members will bring a wrapped ornament for an exchange. Coffee, hot chocolate, and treats will be served.

**14 Jan 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. We will work on updating the web site at our meeting. Some of the verbiage needs to be updated, and some of the links are broken.

**11 Feb 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Results of the Brick Wall Exchange.

**11 Mar 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Program to be announced.

**4-5 Apr 2014** Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Gene-A-Rama, Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI. The main speaker will be Lisa Alzo, author of 9 books on genealogy. Go to [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org) for more information and a registration form.

**18 Apr 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Program to be announced.

**26 Apr 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society 40th Anniversary Banquet, Lake Aire Supper Club, 6510 State Highway 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. This will be a noon luncheon to celebrate our anniversary. More details to follow.

**7-10 May 2014** National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference, Richmond, Virginia. Many, many great speakers will speak on many interesting topics. Go to [conference.ngsgenealogy.org](http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org) to download the registration form and view the meeting topics.

**13 May 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Program to be announced.

**10 Jun 2014** Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Members Ben Chitek and Bev Polansky will lead us on a tour of this cemetery in the Town of Sigel. More details will follow.

**IN MEMORIAM—PATRICIA BERKLUND**

It is with sadness that we report the death of a past member of our Society—Patricia Berklund died on October 16, 2013. She joined in October of 1978, shortly after the Society was formed. She had been a member continuously up until July of 2011 when ill health caught up with her.

Pat was born April 13, 1923, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Thomas and Nell (Schmoker) Paul. She married Bruno Berklund August 24, 1947. They had two children—Thomas and Lauri.

Pat attended the University of Iowa, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and later a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

She was a social worker

in Iowa and later in Chicago, Illinois. After the war, Pat became active in the Girl Scouts. She held the position of Executive Director of Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes.

Later, Pat became a librarian at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids and was the librarian for the Port Edwards School District.

Pat loved to read and always had two or three books going at one time. Her love of reading helped her out many a time in her genealogical research. She traveled to Iowa many times to do more research as well as to Salt Lake City. She was always interested in hearing about other members' research trips.

Although Pat was never an officer in our Society, she was a mover and a shaker be-

hind the scenes. She was always willing to help. She was involved in many of our early projects. Pat started us out on the huge project of indexing the naturalization records at the Wood County courthouse.

We will all miss Pat's beautiful smile and gentle words of welcome. She was surely one of a kind.

*The Editor*



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**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.

## Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society

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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:** \$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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