

# WOOD COUNTY ROOTS



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

*Greetings Everyone:*  
It's Fall, Y'All!

...and here we are in the same situation as the last newsletter. We are on hold waiting to see when meetings at the library can resume. Our program chair, Wayne, tells me he has reserved the Fine Arts Center in the library for our Saturday morning meetings, thinking that social distancing would be easier in there. We will have to wait and see what develops.

With the library use up in the air, can anyone think of where else we could meet that would give us enough social distancing yet allowing the speakers to be heard? Please put your thinking caps on and email or call your ideas to Wayne Peters, the program chair.

With the cancellation of all our meetings after February, we decided to do an election via the newsletter. All the officers were contacted and agreed to stay on for another term. In the June newsletter, you were asked to get your votes in for the slate of officers. The results are in...the slate of officers was unanimously re-elected. Please thank these people for again keeping our society running and giving of their time and talent

for a better club for all of us:

Chair: Bev Peaslee  
Vice-Chair: Wayne Peters  
Treasurer: Tina Krummel  
Co-Secretaries: Sue Ellen Miller  
Myra Sweet

The trustees agreed to remain the same, as follows:

3 years Flores Gumz  
2 years Betty Pearson  
1 year Mary Moss

Meanwhile, did everyone break through their brick walls over the spring and summer? After all, you didn't have anything else to do, right?? Write it up for the newsletter—success or failure! Perhaps you tried a new research trick? Write it up!

Hang in there, everyone. Hopefully, we will be back to normal (or a "new normal" whatever that is) soon.

*Happy Hunting!*  
*Bev Peaslee, Chair*

"My husband  
calls cemeteries  
ancestor farms."

## 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:

Wayne Peters

Secretary:

Sue Miller &  
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 1341 of this newsletter. Please check with Tina, our treasurer, on the status of your membership.

## How Do I Know What I Don't Know? Fast Tracking Your Genealogy Education by Thomas MacEntee

Albert Einstein, the famous scientist once said: "The more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know."

Genealogists who have been tracing family history for several years sometimes need to get out of their "bubble" of assumed knowledge and remind themselves that they really don't have the necessary knowledge when it comes to a research resource or methodology. This takes courage and resolve especially when you've been doing this for many years. If we don't, we run the risk of researching with blinders on our eyes and running into brick walls.

### How to Identify a Knowledge Gap in Genealogy

Admitting you don't know something is half the battle. You really need to commit to consistently creating an action plan when you find the need to learn something.

### Create a Knowledge Gap List.

Get it down in writing either by hand or digitally. If you discover for the first time that you have a Huguenot ancestor, create a list of sub-topics about which you want to learn more. For this example, you could include: Huguenot history, Huguenot migration to the United States, Huguenot religious practices, Huguenot surnames, etc.

### Identify your research needs.

Your Knowledge Gap list will be driven by what you need to ac-

complish with your research. Doing so could open the door to special record sets including church and immigration records.

Using the Huguenot example above, I would want to know more about Ann Freer, my 3rd great-grandmother who has a Huguenot surname and lived in New Paltz, New York, an area with a large Huguenot population. Were there special naming conventions for children? Were there specific religious practices often found in similar ethnic groups? Where were the Huguenots based in Europe?

### Be honest – no one will see your list.

Take off those blinders! If you are not honest with yourself as to the gaps in your knowledge, you won't benefit from new discoveries. You will continue to find the same records and record sets and get the same results.

### Best Ways to Quickly Get Up To Speed on a Resource

Let's say you have an immediate need to "get smart" about a topic, such as World War I draft registration. You want to know who in the United States was required to register, how many registration periods occurred, what type of information is included on the cards, how can the cards be accessed online and in person?

### FamilySearch Research Wiki

One of the best, free, online resources for genealogists is the **FamilySearch Wiki**. Similar to Wikipedia, this wiki has over

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86,000 articles covering a variety of topics.

Use the **Search** function to look for your topic and remember to first search **broad** and not too specific. Under broader topics, such as New York, you will find sub-topics on Census, Cemeteries, etc.

What if you can't find your topic in the FamilySearch Wiki? This is a perfect opportunity for you to give back to the genealogy community once you have built up your body of knowledge on a topic. The FamilySearch Wiki is a true wiki in that any user can create a topic page and add information.

### Facebook Groups

Even if you strongly dislike **Facebook**, you might consider signing up just to gain access to Facebook **Groups** related to genealogy and family history. From German Document Translations to French African Genealogy, you will find thousands of groups run by volunteers in the genealogy community.

To locate a group related to your knowledge gap, use the **Search** engine at the top left of the Facebook page. Once the results appear, it is important to focus only on **Groups**, not People or Pages. While these resources might be helpful, only Groups provide a collaborative environment where you can post a query and get a quick response from group members. In addition, don't forget to search within the group to look for previous posts and also access the **Files** section for important documents related to the topic.

### Work Your Genealogy Network – Offline and Online

Along with using Facebook Groups to gain knowledge about specific topics, remember that you have access to both in-person networks as well as online networks.

Other online networks include **Ancestry Mes-**

**sage Boards** (still active!), genealogical society websites, as well as social media platforms such as Twitter and Pinterest.

For offline networks look to your local genealogy society as well as genealogy department of a local public library.

### Going Forward: Using Constant Curiosity for Genealogy Success

Once you learn how to identify a knowledge gap and how to fill it, you need to commit to being constantly curious especially when encountering new finds about your ancestors.

### Extract Every Clue . . . and Track Them!

One of the easiest pitfalls in genealogical research, and one of which I've been guilty, is getting so excited about a find that you overlook other clues in a document. And add to that the inability to track clues for your "to do" list of research later on. Here's a quick way to overcome this "sinkhole":

- **Use a To Do List to track new information.** You can use a piece of paper, a notebook, a note taking program like **Evernote** or even a spreadsheet. But you need some way to track and remember any clues you may find when reviewing a document. Don't tell yourself that you'll remember it the next day, next week or next month.
- **Include details on how you found the new information.** Some researchers compose a "quick" source citation for new clues such as "NARA, World War I Draft Registration Card for John Ralph Austin, accessed 10 October 2017 via Ancestry. Indicates wife and child as of 5 June 1917.

**Extrapolate clues to form To Do List questions.** When you locate a new bit of information – such as a place of **employment** – **your mind should be working to form these questions: What type of job did he have**

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**there? Where was the employer located? When did he start working there? Is the company still in existence and do they have employee records?**

### **Understand How Your Ancestor Lived**

Very often we aren't curious about new information because we don't have solid knowledge on how our ancestors lived and what experiences they endured.

The best way to access background information on ancestor circumstances is to be curious and to use social history resources such as **JSTOR** or **Sage Publications** online or at a local library. These databases provide access to academic research articles, theses, dissertations, and more about past events and ways of life.

Example: my research shows that my great-grandfather John Ralph Austin was nearly 10 years old in 1905 when his family suddenly moved from a house they owned and a quiet live in a small upstate New York town to a rented apartment in New York City. Further social history research indicated that there was a financial "panic" in 1903 in the United States that caused John Ralph's father to lose his butcher business. He then went to work in a laundry in the Bronx in 1905 and moved his family there.

### **Long-Term Educational Plan**

Using your Knowledge Gap List, locate genealogical educational opportunities including online webinars (**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**) as well as genealogy conferences and institutes (**Salt Lake Institute for Genealogy**). Commit to attending at least one webinar each month and one in-person conference or institute a year.

### **Conclusion**

"When we say what we don't know, it increases the likelihood that someone who does know will offer to help." thought leader Simon Sinek.

Don't be afraid to admit there are gaps in your genealogy knowledge. But go beyond just owning up to it, do something about it!

## **Resource List**

### **Ancestry Message Boards**

<https://www.ancestry.com/boards/>

### **EBSCO Information Services**

<https://www.ebsco.com/>

### **Evernote**

<https://www.evernote.com>

### **FamilySearch Research Wiki**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

### **Genealogy on Facebook List**

<https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

### **Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)**

<http://www.gripitt.org/>

### **Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)**

<http://www.ighr.gagensociety.org/>

### **JSTOR**

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

### **Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

### **Pinterest**

<https://www.pinterest.com>

### **Sage Publishing**

<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/home>

### **Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy**

<https://slig.ugagenealogy.org/>

### **Twitter**

<https://www.twitter.com>

### **WorldCat**

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

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## HOWGS Members 2020-2021

Last name	first name	address	city	state	zip	exp
Allen County	Public Library	PO Box 2270	Fort Wayne	IN	46801-2270	8/19/2020
Becker	Lori	1750 2nd Ave S Apt 309	Wisc Rapids	WI	54495-5602	8/20/2020
Blount	Eleanor	9131 County Rd Z	Nekoosa	WI	54457-8216	8/19/2020
Castell	Janet	3420 Griffith Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7522	8/19/2020
Chitek	Ben	141 14th Ave N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54495-2412	8/19/2020
Clark	John/Sandy	4110 Ridgeview Lane	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-6755	8/22/2021
Cox	WT	201 Village Rd	Shallotte	NC	28470-4441	8/20/2020
Diesburg	Jim	8311 Hwy 13 S Lot 51	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9500	8/19/2020
Dimick	Doreen	5821 Church Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9136	8/20/2020
Evenhouse	George / Carol	1026 Eastview Ct	Wausau	WI	54403-9314	8/19/2021
Fischer	Patricia	244 Cranbrook Court	Nekoosa	WI	54457-8156	8/19/2020
Foster	Margaret	3947 Ugstad Rd	Hermantown	MN	55811-3651	8/20/2021
Greeno	Anna	8111 Highway 13 S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-8537	8/20/2021
Groskopf	Jim / Gerri	8374 Camp Pinemere Rd	Minocqua	WI	54548-9033	8/20/2021
Gumz	Flores	220 10th St S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4627	8/20/2021
Herzberg	Dennis	211 15th St N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4431	Life
Keehn	Arlene	4040 Wedgewood Cir	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7802	Life
Keehn	Joyce	1110 15th St N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-3027	8/19/2021
Kester	Denis / Barbara	6121 Helke Rd	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7728	8/19/2020
Krause	Dennis	683 Blue Ridge Lane	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7330	8/20/2021
Krohn	Inez	340 Tyler Ave	Port Edwards	WI	54469-1036	8/20/2021
LeBouton	Anne	W8805 Beechnut Ave	Wautoma	WI	54982-5210	8/20/2020
Legare	Helen	P.O. Box 383	Wisc Rapids	WI	54495-0383	8/20/2020
Krummel	Tina	2520 Ranger Rd	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9121	8/19/2021
Mackaben	Margaret	1410 Two Mile Ave #307	Wisc rapids	WI	54494-6629	8/20/2020
Marcinowski	Linda	3872 E Iona Terrace	Cudahy	WI	53110-2720	8/20/2021
Mary	Bonnie	2930 Sampson St	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-6270	8/20/2020
Matthews	Dan / Barb	299 Plank Hill Ln	Nekoosa	WI	54457-9524	8/19/2021
McChesney	Lu Anne	151 La Vigne Ave	Port Edwards	WI	54469-1336	8/20/2020
Meier	Eugene	N2665 Cty Rd QQ	King	WI	54946-0600	8/21/2021
Miller	Sue Ellen	3021 Ten Mile Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-8564	8/20/2020
Milz	Connie	2905 Cty Rd P	Milladore	WI	54454-9753	8/20/2020
Moss	Mary	1510 25th Ave S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54495-3875	8/19/2020
Murphy	Kathy	5121 Hunters Ridge Dr	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7735	8/19/2020
Murray	Marlene	1019 Angleus Dr	Nekoosa	WI	54457-1617	8/19/2021
Neinfeldt	Diantha J	3411 Washington Str #303	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-6868	8/20/2020
Orgish	Ted & Rose	514 Heminger Ct	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7538	8/20/2020
Orlowski	Jean	12028 Hollywood Rd	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7564	8/19/2021
O'Shasky	Kay	411 9th St S	Wis Rapids	WI	54494-5021	8/19/2020
Pelot	Don/Judy	5391 Cty Rd Q	Wis Rapids	WI	54495-9346	8/19/2020
Pearson	Betty Lou	2541 Church Ave.	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9143	8/19/2020

Peaslee	Beverly	3869 County Road N	Milladore	WI	54454-9720	8/20/2022
Peters	Mary	4718 Ruesch Rd	Vesper	WI	54489-9721	8/19/2021
Peters	Wayne	2910 77th St S	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-7311	8/20/2021
Plano	Franklin/ Jo Ann V	412 LaSalle St	Wausau	WI	54403-5665	8/20/2021
Reber	Norma	707 S Section St	Nekoosa	WI	54457-1445	8/19/2021
Reinke	Nathalie	1621 48th Str So.	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-7025	8/19/2020
Ryterske	Donna M.	5N135 Hanson Rd	Lily Lake	IL	60175-8102	8/19/2021
Schenk	Barbara	3111 6th Street So.	Wisc. Rapids	WI	54494	4/1/2020
Smith	Marion	9312 Bainbridge Trail	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-9174	8/19/2020
Steward	Roberta	529 Heminger Ct	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7538	8/20/2020
Stimac	Beverly	2525 31st St N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-1804	8/19/2020
Susa	Jake/Diane	10686 County Rd BB	Marshfield	WI	54449-9559	8/20/2021
Sweet	Myra J	PO Box 174	Nekoosa	WI	54457-0174	8/19/2020
Tomsyck	Michael	957 Kimberton Ct	Sun Praire	WI	53590-4011	8/19/2020
Van Wormer	Pat	5510 Townline Rd	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-8140	8/19/2021
Weaver	Lorraine	951 South Biron Dr	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-1861	8/19/2020
Wotruba	Carol	1175 Blue Iris Ct	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4243	Life
Wright	Edmund	4380 Bountiful Ridge Dr	Bountiful	UT	84010-5879	8/22/2021
Young	Sandy	1110 Goodnow Ave	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-6482	8/19/2020
Zellner	Crystal	5982 Ruess Rd	Vesper	WI	54489-9172	8/19/2020

**Please note the expiration date. If you are 2020 this will be your last newsletter. Please send your Dues in as soon as possible. Thank You.**

**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

- September 19, 2020**      *Due to the Library being closed to large groups an in person meeting is TBA*
- October 16– 17,2020**      *WSGS Virtual Fall Seminar  
Featuring Friday Pre—Conference Lori Bessler;  
On Saturday Elizabeth Williams Gomoll  
The conference will be available for a limited time as a Webinar  
But you need to register to gain access to it.  
See [WSGS@WSGS.org](mailto:WSGS@WSGS.org) for more information*
- October 17, 2020**      *I have listed the dates of the meetings but until we have a location or plan, I can not put anything in for the meetings.*
- November 21, 2020;**      **December 19, 2020,**      **January 16, 2021 (No Meeting),**  
**February 20, 2021,**      **March 20, 2021,**      **April 17, 2021,**      **May 15, 2021,**      **June 19, 2021**

**Membership note:**

*Due to the Pandemic Meetings are cancelled temporarily, but when they do resume we will follow the regular day and time.*

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

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

*As a committee we have changed our meeting date and time temporarily to see if attendance would rise. 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](mailto:info@howgs.org)*

*U.S Mail : Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 1565  
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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1 year	

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

<b>Book Purchases</b>	Flores Gumz
<b>Hospitality</b>	Joyce Keehn
<b>Indexing</b>	Mary Peters
<b>Library Files</b>	Arlene Keehn
<b>New Members</b>	Joyce Keehn
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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—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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