

WOOD COUNTY ROOTS



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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

It's time to gather our thoughts and do some genealogy research while the cold winds blow all that snow around! Mother Nature sure likes to remind us that she is still out there. We did have some fabulous days in November. But now it's time to hunker and gather your genealogical material around you. As we file some of the papers we've collected over the summer, look them over carefully to see if you've missed any valuable tidbits of information. Have someone else read them over and discuss them. Sometimes another person picks up a detail you've missed. One of my sisters is good at reading papers. She often finds something I missed or skimmed over at the time.

If you're a member of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, winter is a good time to go back over the webinars they have on their site. Or plan some time to do their "DNA Boot Camp Webinar Series." Start with the basics of DNA and go from there. Maybe, just maybe, it will all start to make a little more sense.

Another good winter suggestion is to check out familysearch.org for

the records they add constantly. Something new is always appearing on that site. Or update your family tree on their site and connect to their FamilySearch Family Tree. Or connect to a cousin who is adding information.

There is always something that needs to be done when you're a genealogist. I really need to update my present-day tree. I seem to be more focused on the older generations and it is the current generations that get neglected.

As you might have guessed, the above suggestions are all part of my "to do" list for this winter. Now that I've scaled back a little on my accounting business, I just may have time for some of these items.

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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:

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Myra Sweet

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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 1357 of this newsletter. Please check with Tina, our treasurer, on the status of your membership.

HOW MANY ANCESTORS DO WE HAVE????

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While the idea of the Diamond Theory of Ancestors is not new, I've taken notes from different sources, compiled my own data, and written up what I hope is an interesting and understandable explanation. If we double the number of ancestors in each generation, 2 parents, 4 grandparents, and so on, we can see that by the time we are back 10 generations, we have the potential for 1024 ancestors. But is this true? If we were to go back to the time of Charlemagne, we would find we had the potential for 281 trillion (YES!) ancestors all living at that one moment in history. This is statistically impossible! So where did our ancestors go?

It is estimated that 80% of the marriages in history were between second cousins. Why? Because the population base was smaller, people lived in small communities and migrated within those same small communities. The theory in genealogical research is that our family trees are actually shaped like a diamond, not a pyramid as shown below. Tracing back a few generations gives a wider shape. Keep going and you find the shape narrowing, eventually, the theory holds, converging to only a few ancestors.

This may sound mind-boggling but I've seen the truth of it. I am back a total of 14 generations which takes me to the last half of the 1500s. I've found that in two cases so far, I am descended from more than one child of one specific couple.

Need an example?

Pieter Uziele and his wife Cornelia Damen were my 8th great grandparents. I descend from two of their children: Sophia Uziele and her sister Maria Uziele. Remember, they are my 7th great-grandmothers and are in my 10th generation. I also descend from two children of Jochem Lambertse Van Valkenburg and his wife Eva Hendrickse Vrooman, who were my 8th great-grandparents. Their son Isaac and his sister Jannetie are my 7th great-grandparents and are in my 10th generation. So we see the gene pool narrowing in my 11th generation!

How?

In the pyramid theory of doubling ancestors each generation, these **four** 7th great-grandparents would give me **eight** distinct individuals as ancestors for my 8th great-grandparents - but they don't. Because they are sets of siblings, I have only **four** new distinct individuals as ancestors for my 8th great-grandparents - half the number I should have if the doubling theory held true. Assuming I have double sets of siblings at least three times on that 10th generation, I've lost six individuals from my 11th generation. That carries over to my 12th generation, but doubles the number I lose for a total of 12 ancestors. If I had three more double sets of siblings in my 11th generation, I've lost another six individuals in my 12th - for a total of 18 fewer individuals. Keep doing this for a few more generations and you'll see the shape your ancestral tree is taking.

Luckily for the human race, this tendency to marry cousins re-

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versed itself in more recent years, due to larger population bases and easier access to possible mates. Otherwise, our search for the missing link might prove to be just that ! One very interesting probability model created by a demographer for genealogists, is that a child born in 1947 in England tracing back to 1492 would have 60,000 ancestors. Going back further to 1215, this child would find that 80% of the entire population of England at that time would be on his/her family tree! So anyone living in present-day England who traces his/her lineage back through English history would theoretically be related. This is why genealogists find so many people searching for the same families in the 1600s and earlier, and why we find so many "cousins" out there in our search. I've found hundreds of cousins in the last year while searching via the Internet.

Genealogy is fascinating, and becomes even more so when we make those human contacts in present-day times with folks as far away as Norway who are descended from the same immigrant ancestor of 1624. I've become almost blasé about new cousins - I expect to find them, and I do!

Pyramid Theory of Doubling Ancestors

SELF
 2 PARENTS
 4 GRANDPARENTS
 8 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 16 GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 32 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 64 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 128 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 256 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 512 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 1024 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

In this theory the number of ancestors double each generation. I can't represent the rest of the generations on this page, so following is the number of theoretical ancestors in each generation, starting at Generation 12 where the figure above leaves off.

- Gen. 12: 2048
- Gen. 13: 4096
- Gen. 14: 8192
- Gen. 15: 16384
- Gen. 16: 32768

Diamond Theory of Ancestors

In this theory the pyramid begins to narrow beyond the 10th generation. I can't represent this with numbers as they would be unknown, so I am representing the basic shape with x representing the number of individuals in each generation. I will, however make some assumptions about the number of parents and grandparents back to the 10th generation.

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 x G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
 x-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

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My Family



Naturalization & Citizenship Records in Canada

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The Canadian Citizenship Act began on 1 January 1947. From 1763 to that date, people born in the provinces and colonies of British North America were all British subjects. Thus immigrants from Great Britain and the Commonwealth did not have to be naturalized.

Before 1854

A few naturalization registers exist for Upper Canada (Ontario), for the years 1828-1850 only. A nominal card index is available at the National Archives of Canada. You can request a search by sending a written inquiry to http://www.archives.ca/02/020209_e.html

1854 to the present

Citizenship and Immigration Canada holds records of naturalization and citizenship from 1854. The originals of records dated between 1854 and 1917 have been destroyed. However a nominal card index survives. It provides information compiled at the time of naturalization, such as present and former place of residence, former nationality, occupation, date of certification, name and location of the responsible court. The index rarely contains any other genealogical information.

Records created after 1917 are more detailed, indicating the surname, given name, date and place of birth, entry into Canada, and in some cases, the names of spouses and children.

Requests for copies of naturalization/citizenship records should be mailed to:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Public Rights Administration
360 Laurier Ave West
10th Floor
OTTAWA ON K1A 1L1

You must be a Canadian citizen or an individual present in Canada. Each application for copies must be submitted on

Christmas Gathering

12/17/2022

DECEMBER MEETING!

For our Christmas meeting we will be meeting in the larger All-Purpose Room.

Please bring any treats to share and your own beverages.

DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: All-Purpose Room, 1st Floor, at McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids

PROGRAM: ***Christmas Traditions!***
HOWGS Members & guests will have the opportunity to share their childhood Christmas and present-day traditions.

In addition to people's memories of Christmas, we will also look at some "unique" Christmas Traditions found in other countries including a country that watches the same Donald Duck TV Special every Christmas Eve, another country where a bucket of KFC "Christmas Chicken" is the most popular meal on Christmas Eve and a country where the men traditionally make the Christmas meal preparing strips of whale blubber and a dish from the flesh of a native bird that is buried in sealskin for several months and then served.



Heart O' Wisconsin Membership

2022-2023

Last name	first name	address	city	state	zip
Allen County	Public Library	PO Box 2270	Fort Wayne	IN	46801-2270
Blount	Eleanor	9131 County Rd Z	Nekoosa	WI	54457-8216
Berg	John	6421 Evergreen Ave	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-8599
Bruner	Brad/Kathy	2111 Bridle Path	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-0702
Castell	Janet	3420 Griffith Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7522
Chitek	Ben	141 14th Ave N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54495-2412
Clark	John/Sandy	4110 Ridgeview Lane	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-6755
Cox	WT	201 Village Rd	Shallotte	NC	28470-4441
Dimick	Doreen	5821 Church Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9136
Evenhouse	George / Carol	1026 Eastview Ct	Wausau	WI	54403-9314
Fischer	Patricia	244 Cranbrook Court	Nekoosa	WI	54457-8156
Foster	Margaret	3947 Ugstad Rd	Hermantown	MN	55811-3651
Greeno	Anna	8111 Highway 13 S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-8537
Groskopf	Gerri	8374 Camp Pinemere Rd	Minocqua	WI	54548-9033
Gumz	Flores	220 10th St S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4627
Hammer	Alvin	P.O. Box 260	Forest Junction	WI	54123-0260
Herzberg	Dennis	211 15th St N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4431
Keehn	Arlene	4040 Wedgewood Cir	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7802
Keehn	Joyce	1110 15th St N	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-3027
Kester	Denis / Barbara	6121 Helke Rd	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-7728
Krause	Dennis	683 Blue Ridge Lane	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7330
Krohn	Inez	340 Tyler Ave	Port Edwards	WI	54469-1036
Krummel	Tina	2520 Ranger Rd	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9121
Legare	Helen	P.O. Box 383	Wisc Rapids	WI	54495-0383
Mackaben	Margaret	1410 Two Mile Ave #307	Wisc rapids	WI	54494-6629
Marcinowski	Linda	3872 E Iona Terrace	Cudahy	WI	53110-2720
Marx	Bonnie	2930 Sampson St	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-6270
Matthews	Dan / Barb	299 Plank Hill Ln	Nekoosa	WI	54457-9524
Mattson	Marie	1860 Pudas Road	Brule	WI	54820-9064
McChesney	LuAnne	151 LaVigne Ave	Port Edwards	WI	54469-8078
Meier	Eugene	N2665 Cty Rd QQ	King	WI	54946-0600
Miller	Sue Ellen	3021 Ten Mile Ave	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-8564
Milz	Connie	2905 Cty Rd P	Milladore	WI	54454-9753
Moss	Mary	1510 25th Ave S	Wis. Rapids	WI	54495-3875
Murphy	Kathy	5121 Hunters Ridge	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-8376
Murray	Marlene	1019 Angleus Dr	Nekoosa	WI	54457-1617
Neinfeldt	Diantha J	3411 Washington Str #303	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-6868
Orlowski	Jean	12028 Hollywood Rd	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7564
O'Shasky	Kay	2411 Marie Circle	Wis Rapids	WI	54494-5021
Pelot	Don/Judy	5391 Cty Rd Q	Wis Rapids	WI	54495-9346
Pearson	Betty Lou	2541 Church Ave.	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-9143

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Last name	first name	address	city	state	zip
Peaslee	Beverly	3869 County Road N	Milladore	WI	54454-9720
Peters	Mary	4718 Ruesch Rd	Vesper	WI	54489-9721
Peters	Wayne	2910 77th St S	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-7311
Plano	Franklin/ Jo Ann V	412 LaSalle St	Wausau	WI	54403-5665
Plucinski	Kathleen	P.O. Box 203	Babcock	WI	54413-0203
Reinke	Nathalie	1621 48th Str So.	Wisc Rapids	WI	54494-7025
Riebe	Sharon	841 South Biron Dr	Wisc. Rapids	WI	54494-1893
Ryterske	Donna M.	5N135 Hanson Rd	Lily Lake	IL	60175-8102
Schoenick	James	5031 Griffith Ave	Wis Rapids	WI	54494-8078
Steward	Roberta	529 Heminger Ct	Nekoosa	WI	54457-7538
Susa	Jake/Diane	10686 County Rd BB	Marshfield	WI	54449-9559
Sweet	Myra J	PO Box 172	Wisc. Rapids	WI	54494-0172
Tomsyck	Michael	957 Kimberton Ct	Sun Praire	WI	53590-4011
Weaver	Lorraine	1500 Pepper Ave Apt 221	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-6417
Woodruff	Catherine	P.O. Box 126	Vesper	WI	54494-0126
Wotruba	Carol	1175 Blue Iris Ct	Wis. Rapids	WI	54494-4243
Wright	Edmund	4380 Bountiful Ridge Dr	Bountiful	UT	84010-5879

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

- Dec 17th, 2022** **Christmas gathering bring a treat to pass. Meeting in the Meeting room on 1st floor. Bring your favorite Holiday memory.**
- January, 2023** **No Meeting**
- Feb 18th, 2023** **"Carved in Stone: Exploring Cemetery Symbolism and Their Meanings" This will be a presentation by Bev Peaslee**
- March 18th, 2023** **"This Land of Promise: Wisconsin in the Early 19th Century 1816-1848" This will be a virtual presentation by Peter Shrake, Wisconsin Historical Society.**

Watch for Wayne's email about meeting information

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73145868172?pwd=SUhxd2EyU3NUS1Jvam1oUEc3TXdtZz09> Meeting ID: 731 4586 8172 Passcode: pxi95p

We will discuss keeping the Zoom component for the future meeting. Let us know your thoughts on the Zoom continuing or not.

Please note we are back in the Multi-Purpose Room again.

The third Saturday of the month from August through June (skipping January). At 9:30 a.m. At McMillan Memorial Library All-Purpose Room, Wisconsin Rapids

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

Email: info@howgs.org

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Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54495-1565***

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Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society.

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

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2 years	Mary Moss
1 year	

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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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