

WOOD COUNTY ROOTS



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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

It's almost Fall, y'all! Sadly, porch-sitting days are coming to an end! Fall is my favorite season and the reason I cannot ever imagine living anywhere other than Wisconsin!

I was going to report to you after cleaning my father's tombstone. Well, I didn't get that done yet but am hoping to work on it one of these nice days. I will get back to you on it.

My husband and I set off on a two-week river cruise in Europe with Viking. We flew to Amsterdam and then set off on the Rhine-Main-Danube through The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary where we ended this fabulous vacation in Budapest. It was a very enlightening adventure. One of our tour guides in Germany showed us a few graveyards. Typically, bodies are not embalmed in Germany, and they use wooden caskets. The gravesites are leased by the families for a period of typically 15 to 25 years. After that, the cemetery plots are recycled. Germany is running into problems with this practice these days. To read further regarding burial practices, google each country to get all the details. It is very interesting reading.

We are co-hosting the WSGS Fall Seminar which is being held at The Mead Inn on Friday afternoon and Saturday, October 14 and 15. October 15 would have been our regular

meeting day, but we are canceling our October meeting altogether. We will concentrate our forces on the seminar. I will send out the meeting minutes from the August meeting shortly and you can read all about what will be required of us. Get your registration in early. Go to the WSGS website to get the registration form. If you are into DNA, the Friday afternoon pre-conference session is going to be a hands-on format. You are asked to bring your laptop and your DNA results and be ready to get some work done on it. Check it out.

Check out Legacy Family Tree FREE webinars in September. These started Friday, September 2, but you can still benefit. There are 31 live and pre-recorded FREE webinars! You can access the pre-recorded sessions any time through the end of September. Many of these have handouts offered along with the sessions. These alone are worth accessing! I plan on listening to as many of them as I can. Go to familytreewebinars.com to check them all out.

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:

Wayne Peters

Secretary:

Sue Miller &
Kathy Murphy

Treasurer:

Tina Krummel

Trustee:

Kathy Bruner

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.

Committee Reports:

Indexing: Due to Covid nothing much was accomplished during the last year. Joyce Keehn has asked that the handwritten index sheets for the newspaper be removed from her house as she is needing the room. The Indexing Committee will come up with a place for them.

Major decisions need to be made to get the newspaper indexes on the website. I would be nice to proofread the typed copy to the original source (the black bound books), but the originals have been moved to the museum. Therefore, the typed indexes will be proofed to the handwritten sheets.

Over the summer the Indexing Committee will (depending on COVID restrictions) focus on the Military Index sheets:

1. Gather all the Military Indexing sheets that need to be imputed to the computer and those that need to be proofread.
2. Set up a schedule of days and volunteers to proofread the sheets. This will be a 2 person job—one reading the computer-generated sheet and one reading the handwritten sheet.
3. See that the final, proofread computer-generated sheet is saved on a flash drive to be given to Ben Chitek to be saved on the hard drive in place of any old copies that are on there.
4. Then, when all Military Indexes are done, get them published on our website. Submitted by Myra Sweet 5/21/2022

Book Purchases: End of Year Report 2021-2022

1. Auburndale 150 Years and Getting Better 1971-2021, compilation by Mike Sabel, Lead author on behalf of Auburndale Park Assoc. 2021, \$28.00 given in memory of Patricia Ann Van Wormer
2. Wisconsin It's Counties, Townships and Villages by Christine Klauer and Vickie Schnitzler (2nd edition) 2015 \$35.95 postage \$9.25 given in memory of Barbara Schenk

Corrections

1. On the 2017-2018 report it was noted that 2 books were withdrawn. Further research discovered that both books are still available at McMillan.
2. On the 2020-2021 report, it was noted that 3 books were withdrawn. Further research discovered that 2 books are still available at McMillan. A. Revolutionary War Pensions by Bockstruck and placed in memory of Emil and Evie Krause b. Threshing Rings and Chalkboard Lessons: A Living History of Central Wisconsin's by Todd Blair and Karen Garvey and

placed in memory of Barbara Salzmann

During 2021-2022, a complete review of books and other materials donated to McMillan by the Society since 1974 was done. Any corrections were made. Submitted by Flores Gumz 6/22/2022

Book Purchases for 2020-2021

1. Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes: The quick guide to creating a family tree, building connections with relatives, and discovering the stories of you ancestors by Shannon Combs-Bennett (2021) Placed in memory of Norma Reber
2. Genalogy for Beginners by Catherine Pennavaria (2020) placed in memory of James Diesburg.
3. Practical Genealogy: 50 simple Steps to Research Your Diverse Family History by Brian Sheffey (2020)
4. Sharign you Family History Online: A Guide for Family Historians by Chris Paton (2021) Placed in Memory of Beverly Stimac
5. Submitted by Flores Gumz

2019-2020 Book Purchases

1. The Adoptee's Guide to DNA Testing: How to use Genetic Genealogy to Discover Your Long-Lost Family by Tamer Weinberg (2018) Placed in memory of Charlotte M Deisburg
 2. The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Geneic Genealogy by Blaine T Bettinger (2019) Placed in memory of Caroline Mras
 3. The Family Tree Problem Solver: Tried and True Tactics for Tracing Elusive Ancestors by Marsha Hoffman Rising (2019)
 4. Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide by Nicole Duer (2018) place in memory of Fred Murray
 5. Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? Workbook: A guide to Passing on Personal Possesions by University of Minnesota Extension (2016)
- Submitted by Flores Gumz

Trustees: The trustees met in April 2022, to file materials collected from August 2020 to April 2022. The cabinet inventory was updated. A copy is kept in Cabinet I. The secretary and trustees also have a copy.

The trustees are looking for these End of the Year Reports: Secretary's minutes 2020-2021, Programs 2013-2014 to the present, Treasure's record after 2015

Trustees would like feedback from the board on the older newspaper index kept in Cabinet II submitted by Flores Gumz 6/22/2022

Reports will be published when they are received. I was not aware that they needed to be published in the newsletter. So I will put them in as I can. Sorry for the confusion.

Writing a Query

Posting a Query

As a family historian, you will ask for information from other researchers who may be tracing the same family lines. Queries may be published in magazines, genealogical society publications, or online mail lists or forums. Writing a concise short paragraph that clearly defines your question will help readers understand what you want. Follow the hints and use the Query Abbreviations to write an effective query.

Writing a Query

Not sure how to write a good query? View an example and read some helpful hints for Writing a Query below. Good queries are: Clear—Specific—Simple—Concise

**Subj: Allen Smith of Barren Co KY, 1821-abt 1857
Researching Allen Smith, b 1821 VA, mov to Barren Co
KY bef 1850, m Susan Carter.
dpl Metcalfe Co KY abt 1857. Bro of Geo. W. Smith, Civil
War veteran. Will share
GEDCOM. Email SuzyQ@Smith.com.**

How to Start

Each query should ask a specific question or questions about one particular individual. Clearly state your question right at the start. For example: "Seek bpl/d/m of Allen Smith..." Sometimes you might want to ask a question about a number of people; for example, a husband and wife. If this can be done simply, without causing confusion, it is acceptable. However, if there is no obvious connection between these individuals or if the query becomes too complicated, then submit a separate query for each individual.

Subject Lines

Subject lines in email queries and on message boards should be short and to the point. Surnames, place names, and dates are all that is necessary. Do not include unnecessary text. More complete details can be provided in the body of the message.

Sentence Beginnings

Avoid beginning sentences with pronouns; this can cause confusion especially when a number of individuals have been mentioned and it is unclear which one you're referring. By using actual names to begin sentences, you can avoid ambiguities.

Abbreviations

If you want to use accepted abbreviations for your query, consult the list of Query Abbreviations below.

What Not to Include

Any information that is not *directly* related to your query

should not be included. It is often tempting to include some of the interesting facts you have discovered about your subjects and to explain your relationship to them, but remember—your goal is to write a query that can be read quickly and easily, and to get a result. You can best achieve this by keeping it clear, specific, simple, and concise.

Use these standard Query Abbreviations to save space and help ensure a concise, readable query.

These standard abbreviations are used in creating effective genealogical queries.

abt	about	m1	married first
aft	after	md	marriage date
aka	also known as	mo	mother
anc	ancestor/ancestry	mov	moved
arr	arrived	mpl	marriage place
b	born	par	parent(s)
bap	baptized	poss	possibly
bef	before	prob	probably
bd	birth date	r	resided
bpl	birth place	re:	regarding
bro	brother(s)	rel	relationship
bur	buried	Rev	Revolutionary War
ca	circa	s	son
cem	cemetery	sib	sibling(s)
cen	census	s/o	son of
ch	child(ren)	vic	vicinity
Co	County	w	wife
d	died	wid	widow
dau	daughter		
dd	death date		
desc	descendant(s)		
d/o	daughter of		
dpl	death place		
em	emigrated		
esp	especially		
exch	exchange		
f	father		
fam	family		
fr	from		
g	grand		
gg	great grand		
h	husband		
imm	immigrated		
incl	includes		
liv	lived		
m	married		

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Queries Do's and Don'ts

Query:

Looking for information (definite proof) of a date of death and location for Silas Greeno, 1796-1874 (?) probably near or around Princeton Iowa.

He moved from New York

Found Tax Rec Personal Property in Princeton Iowa.

Son Edward was a teacher, wife Lucinda, Mother Lavica Platsburg, NY

Please contact

Anna Greeno

St Hwy 13 So.

Wisc. Rapids, 54494



Your Queries Please!!!

Julie Tarr (Genealogy in Action) has written several articles on writing Queries. When I went looking for information I found she had some really great ideas and would be someone to check out if you have the time.

Some points I learned from her article are as follows.

Include enough information in the title to attract people to look at your message; if you are too vague they will dismiss it.

Provide clear written information of what you are looking for and what you already know, could be information, and as much of the family information as you can; just don't go overboard.

Give a clear objective of what you are trying to learn; don't ask for everything including the kitchen sink. (you don't want to take advantage of them)

Include places and documents that you have searched; but summarize it.

When mailing a query be sure to send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope).

Don't just slap something together or use slang, text jargon, or abbreviations that no one but you understands. Write using proper grammar, spellings, punctuation, make your English teachers proud.

Don't link your tree to the query

Respond to questions, promptly, don't wait days (these people are trying to help you respond).

Be specific, provide enough information, be polite, and be sure to thank them whether they find anything or not.

And most of all be sure to pay it forward. Someday someone might ask you for help and you will be the person giving aid to another struggling genealogist.

Julie's article is copyrighted so I couldn't do more than tell you about it. But here is the website if you wish to read the article.

<https://www.genealogyinaction.com/blog/effective-genealogy-queries>

Membership list for 2022

Last name	first name		
		Matthews	Dan / Barb
Allen County	Public Library	McChesney	LuAnne
Blount	Eleanor	Meier	Eugene
Bruner	Brad/Kathy	Miller	Sue Ellen
Castell	Janet	Milz	Connie
Chitek	Ben	Moss	Mary
Clark	John/Sandy	Murphy	Kathy
Cox	WT	Murray	Marlene
Dimick	Doreen	Neinfeldt	Diantha J
Evenhouse	George / Carol	Orlowski	Jean
Fischer	Patricia	O'Shasky	Kay
Foster	Margaret	Pelot	Don/Judy
Greeno	Anna	Pearson	Betty Lou
Groskopf	Jim / Gerri	Peaslee	Beverly
Gumz	Flores	Peters	Mary
Hammer	Alvin	Peters	Wayne
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Keehn	Arlene	Plucinski	Kathleen
Keehn	Joyce	Reinke	Nathalie
Kester	Denis / Barbara	Riebe	Sharon
Krause	Dennis	Ryterske	Donna M.
Krohn	Inez	Schoenick	James
Krummel	Tina	Steward	Roberta
Legare	Helen	Susa	Jake/Diane
Mackaben	Margaret	Sweet	Myra J
Marcinowski	Linda	Tomsyck	Michael
Marx	Bonnie	Weaver	Lorraine
		Wotruba	Carol
		Wright	Edmund

In the past we have published members names, addresses and phone numbers. With the way information is stolen and used for not good purposes we are only publishing the names. If someone is interested in contacting a member please contact the society and we will help you connect.

Genealogy Tip of the Day

Past Member

[How Are the Names Organized?](#)

Posted: 26 Jul 2019 06:44 AM PDT

When using a record series, do you think about how the originals were recorded and organized? It's usually worth a thought:

- Vital records are usually recorded by file date, not necessarily the date of the event.
- Land records are organized by date the document was brought for recording, not the date the document was executed.
- Baptism records are organized by date of baptism, not birth date.
- Census records are organized geographically—with the amount of precision varying over time and from one place to another. Names may be organized in order of visit or roughly alphabetized.
- Loose probate papers are organized by probate case and those case files are generally organized by a case number—which may have been assigned based upon when the probate process was begun.
- And there are always exceptions and locations that seemingly invent their own system. Be flexible.

Lilas J. Smith, age 90, passed away after a courageous battle with dementia on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at Hilltop of Pepper in Wisconsin Rapids. Lilas was born on February 6, 1932, at her home in Cranmore, WI to the late Orley and Charlotte (Mosher) Smith. She graduated from UWSP with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Lilas was a hard worker and it paid off when she became a Microscopist for Consolidated Papers until her retirement.

Lilas is survived by her sisters, Marjorie Urban, Beatrice Smith and eight nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Shirley Joosten and Doris Arnold and brother, Orley Smith Jr.



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Address: _____

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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 17, 2022 **HOWGS will host John Berg, who will present "Intersection of History and Genealogy" Starting at 9:30**

October 15, 2022 **WSGS Fall conference will be at the Hotel Mead which members will be attending and working at.
No Regular Society Meeting**

November 19, 2022 **Presentation of "This Land of Promise" Wisconsin in the early 9th Century 1816-1848" Via Zoom Peter Shrake Archivist at WHS**

December 17, 2022 **TBA**

No January Meeting

Watch for Wayne's email about this meeting

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.

We will be meeting on the 2nd floor in the Conference Room. It has better technology for our Zoom participants.

**The third Saturday of the month from August through June (skipping January).
At 9:30 a.m. At McMillan Memorial Library**

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

Email: info@howgs.org

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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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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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