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Mission Statement-The WCGS was organized for the purpose of bringing together family researchers who can network together and promote preservation of heirlooms and documents. Our goal is to help others find their ancestors, to educate them about genealogy, to copy cemeteries in the area and to stimulate interest in the county and genealogy.

In the event a meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will post a message on the website www.walworthcgs.com or call 262-723-9150.

REMINDER-If you have any knowledge of the names of cemetery sextons in our area, please let us know, we are trying to gather a listing for reference, thank you. Send to wgcsec@gmail.com.

Summer 2020 Meetings

The July Group Meeting for WCGS has been cancelled. Notices were sent to all members via email and Facebook, but if you know someone that doesn't have Facebook or email, please let them know.

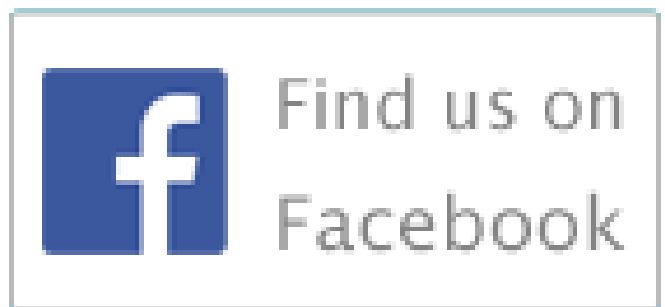


Hope to see you all in August for the ice cream social! As of right now the September Annual dinner details are not set yet, you will be notified when decisions regarding location and format are final, thank you.

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From the President's Desk



Karen Weston—President WCGS

President's Letter – June 2020

First, I would like to thank Shirley Sisk for her many years of informative columns in the newsletter. Shirley has decided that it is time to step down and the Board is reviewing ways we can replace her column. THANK YOU, SHIRLEY!

Second, the July meeting is canceled. We are not sure whether the Community Room is available yet and many members still feel more comfortable staying home. The Board hopes to be back on the regular schedule with the Ice Cream Social and Genealogy Jeopardy in August. I have about half of the questions done – have you run across “marasmus” in your family’s death certificates??

Third, we are still planning an annual dinner in September. We have the speaker, Jennifer Motszko, the University Archivist at UW-Whitewater, who will talk about changes to the Archives and ARC over the last two years. The Board is thinking about doing the dinner as a picnic at the Community Room with members bringing their own meal and the Society providing drinks and a dessert. Given the Covid-19 concerns with restaurants, this may be the best option.

I hope all of you are able to work on your research during this time of enclosure. Missouri has a very good website for state records, so I have been working on my son-in-law’s families who have been there since the 1830’s. The Loyds and the Rubisons followed very common paths from early Virginia, over the Blue Ridge Mountains to Tennessee and Kentucky, and across the Mississippi to Missouri.

If you have questions or information for the Board, please let one of us know. Stay safe!

WCGS Library Page



IT'S FEDERAL CENSUS TIME

A common idea is the U S Census was about counting people, but technically, the original idea was to count taxpayers (heads of households), and males of fighting age (males in the household) over age 16. A researcher at Kean University in New Jersey found a ledger with a summary of the population from the 1780's. It is suspected that an impromptu census was held and facts presented to the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

Originally, there were 65 members in the U.S. House of Representatives, after the 1790 Census the new number was 106. After the 1910 census, Congress permanently capped the House at 435 representatives.

In 1790 , the official 1st census, was conducted by 650 Federal Marshalls on horseback who were sent door to door in the original 13 states and cost \$45,000. There were only 5 choices for race: White, Black, Chinese, Japanese, and America Indian. A separate count of males over age of 16 was noted for the potential to be drafted for war , or who would be able to work at industrial jobs. Slaves were counted as 3/5 and American Indians were itemized but deliberately NOT counted at all.

Books on the Census records are in the WCGS library, but we are not yet resuming operation until the Matheson library is open again, all due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. The Census' over the years have asked a variety of questions and one can see all the census columns headings in these books. On a given census you may not be able to read the question at the top but you can follow an answer on the page and know what the mark was for, to get more family info. This 2020 Census is only a "short form" so future genealogists will not glean much info. This is the 1st time the Census data will be collected via the internet. The data is always released in public 72 years after it is taken. Census records are stored at the census bureau processing center in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and after 72 years the records are transferred to NARA in Washington D.C. for public release.

Data collection questions, known as schedules, have changed and been specialized over time, here are a few: Mortality Schedules for years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 counted persons who died in the previous 12 months before the census was taken. Agricultural Schedules were added from 1850 thru 1880 also Manufacturing schedules were added in these years. Veterans Schedules include the 1840 census with Revolutionary War Pensioners and widowers, 1890 has special census of Union Veterans and widows(limited to Washington D.C., some Kentucky and States alphabetically following Kentucky

We all love to find family details in the Census records, so it is the most compelling reason to participate in this 10 year data collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Bird, library committee member

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AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS

by Shirley Sisk

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North Walworth – Miss Josie Bunnell, of Chicago, is home for a few days visiting her parents.-----Mr. S. U. Phelps left Monday for Grand Rapids, Michigan. We are sorry to lose S. U. as he is one of our best young men, but console ourselves with the thought that he will return with the birds in the spring.-----Mr. E. W. Bunnell and Miss Jennie Ferow, were united in marriage Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, the Rev. Dr. Collie performing the ceremony. The scene of the ceremony was the residence of the bride's father, C. E. Ferow, where about seventy-five invited relatives and friends had assembled to witness the formula of this happy event. Mr. S. U. Phelps, who acted in the capacity of best man, and Miss May Griswold, the bridesmaid, were the first to take their place beneath the lovely arch which had been prepared. (etc.) (From the Delavan Republican, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1889)

Lyons – The oyster supper last Tuesday evening was a pleasant feature of the week's programme. Mrs. G. V. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. O. Gillett furnished some excellent music which was much enjoyed by all. The society cleared \$13.35.-----Mrs. Gill has moved to Geneva, where she will spend the winter.-----Mr. Chas. Winsor has been spending a few days at home, but returned again to St. Paul on Monday-----Mrs. Phoebe Healey is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Robinson, from Genesee Co., N.Y., and also a niece from the same place. (Delavan Republican, Wed., Nov. 13, 1889)

Millard – Last Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Harry Loomer, of this place, and Miss Nellie Rockwell, of Cold Spring. Both these young people are well and favorably known. Congratula-

tions are extended.-----Mrs. Nellie Gray, a respected resident of this place, died at her home last Thursday after a long illness.-----Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hanson are nicely settled on the farm again.-----Carl Herbst delivered hogs at Palmyra Monday, at \$4.60 per cwt.-----Mrs. Pollock and baby, of Whitewater, have been visiting Mrs. Harry Weaver. (The Delavan Republican, end of November, 1900)

Darien – John Fogel is quite ill with lagrippe. Hugh D. Long was quite ill with lagrippe last week. Mrs. John LaBundy was quite ill last week.-----Mrs. Augusta Heyer returned from Milwaukee last Tuesday evening.-----Mrs. Anna Matteson will occupy the Patsy Cannon residence this winter.-----On account of the cold weather Ed Wells will not finish his residence until spring.-----Work on M. Flaherty's residence is progressing rapidly. The carpenters will finish this week.-----Will Leason will move his family onto the farm owned by his father-in-law, Mr. Bulger, of Walworth.-----Swan Henderson was called here from Chicago Monday evening by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Chas. Fehrm.-----Messrs. David Dykeman, E. H. Clough and E. Bunnell left for Washington state on Tuesday evening to spend the winter.-----Chas. Eckert, a former resident of this village, now of Sioux Falls, is renewing old acquaintances here this week. (The Delavan Republican, end of Nov., 1900)



Reprinted Column from Shirley Sisk

Notes from Editor:

Nothing to report from meetings that were never held, but as I was researching for past columns from Shirley Sisk to include in this newsletter, I came across some older pictures of past meetings and decided to post those for your review. I don't know people in these pictures from as far back as 2013, but I know some of you do. So enjoy looking at these and enjoy your memories of the meetings and the people!





Chris Brookes and President Mike Hay



Word Search: Family History Records

In this puzzle we have hidden 12 types of records genealogists often use to trace their family trees.

See if you can find them all!

Hint: Use the word list below for help.

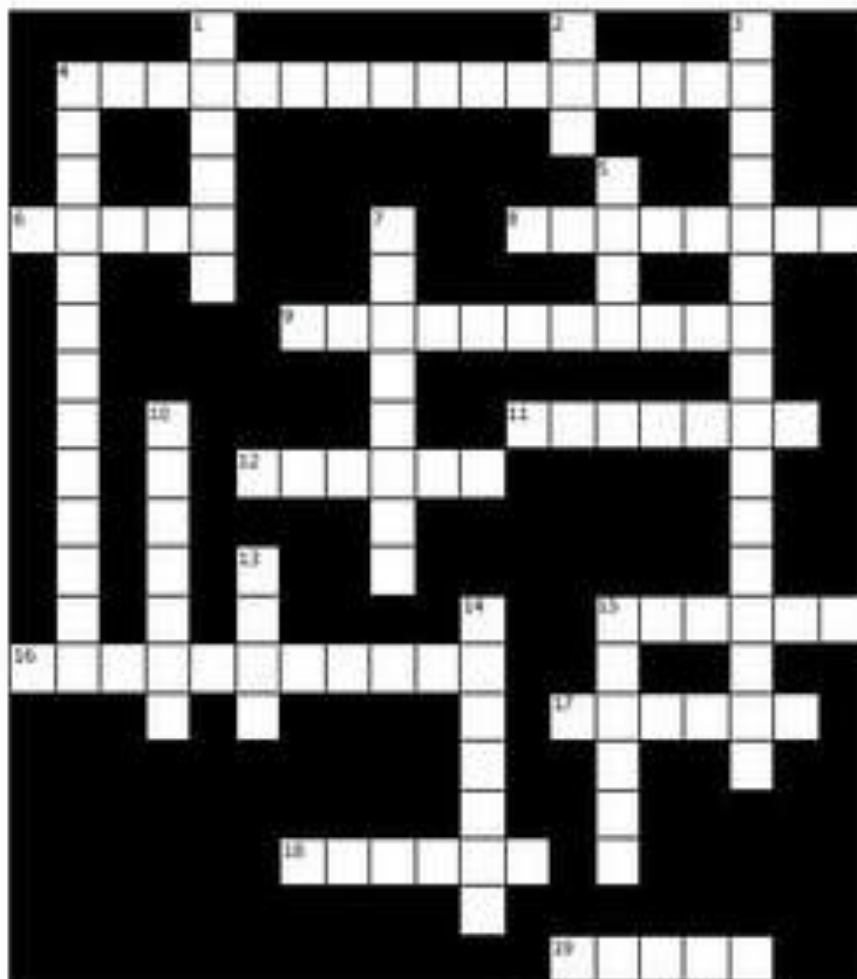
Words are hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

WORD LIST

- Census
- Birth Certificate
- Obituary
- Cemetery
- Marriage license
- Deed
- Will
- Family bible
- Military papers
- Old letters
- Citizenship papers
- City directory

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Family Relationship Vocabulary Crossword



- Across
- 4 Your grandparent's mother
 - 6 Your parent's brother
 - 8 A person's child (girl)
 - 9 Your parent's mom
 - 11 A man in a married relationship
 - 12 The child of your aunt or uncle
 - 15 Another child of your parents (girl)
 - 16 Your parent's dad
 - 17 Another word for 'Mom'
 - 18 Your sibling's son
 - 19 Your sibling's daughter

- Down
- 1 Another word for 'Dad'
 - 2 A person's child (boy)
 - 3 Your grandparent's father
 - 4 The child (girl) of your child
 - 5 Your parent's sister
 - 7 The child (boy) of your child
 - 10 Another word describing a brother or sister
 - 13 A woman in a married relationship
 - 14 Another child of your parents (boy)
 - 15 A man or woman in a married relationship

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