



# Walworth County Genealogical Society



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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](http://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 [wcgsssec@gmail.com](mailto:wcgsssec@gmail.com).

## Autumn/Winter 2019



### Meetings

**November 5th-6:30pm**—Video presentation of "The Stavig Letters", by the Sons of Norway, with Corlene Bartels.

**December 3rd- 5:30pm**— Christmas Pot-luck Party and Take Away Bingo, bring a wrapped gift (10 \$ value). Please bring your favorite dish to share



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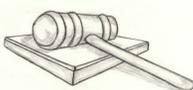


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Welcome to our newest members: Carla Moorehouse from Milwaukee, and Elaine Burditt from Janesville. We welcome you all and hope your informational searches ahead are successful, thank you for joining our WCGS family!

## From the President's Desk



Karen Weston—2019 President WCGS

### WCGS President's Letter, October 2019

Elections are coming up. We need someone for the Secretary position as Marilyn Traver has informed the Board that she wishes to step down. We thank Marilyn for her excellent service in that position. If you might be interested, please contact a Board member!

Our November program will be a video presentation of "The Stavig Letters" courtesy of Corlene Bartels of the local Sons of Norway group. Drawn from a collection of 150 letters written between two brothers, one of whom stayed in Norway while the other emigrated to America, the visualization of the letters illuminates the immigrant experience and the response to that experience back in the home country.

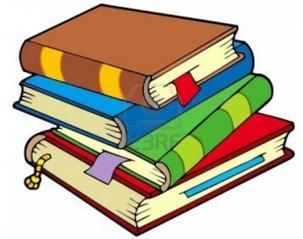
The December 3 meeting will be our usual elections, pot-luck, and take-away bingo party. The Society will supply the meat and members should bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the November meeting so we can balance the courses.

The first meeting of the new Board will be December 5 and, as usual, we will be working on next year's programs. If you have an idea for program that you would like to see or a topic that you would like to hear about, please let a Board member know. One program already planned will be on GEDMatch.

I am reflecting this month on the old saying that the first thing Easterners ask where you went to school, Southerners ask who your people are, and Midwesterners ask what you do for living. Having gone to school in the East and having Southern in-laws, I know that there is some truth to both of those statements and I will admit to usually asking people what they do for a living fairly early in a conversation. Since education, family, and employment are all things we want to know about our ancestors, we will want to document these things about our current family members now for our descendants. I do wonder what they ask out West?

If you have any ideas for next year's programs, please let a board member know as we will soon begin planning for it.

## WCGS Library Page



### SURNAMES RESEARCHED

In the WCGS library we have a registration notebook, with visitors info going back about ten years. We invite guests to list the surnames of family they research. The beginning pages are an index to the surnames searched for and reference to the person who physically came in to our library and left the info. Following is a list alphabetically of names searched for in recent months: Ames, Aragon, Barnhill, Bondeson, Brewster, Farrington, Freitag, Gabbard, Goff, Goodger, Hayden, Lake, Lane, Libby, Monahan, Peters, Pinnow, Piper, Rogers, Satterfield, Schaffer, Seaborn, Sebourn, Trujillo, Waltz, Walz, Williams, Wolz, Zimbeck. If any name is one researched by you and you have not visited our library, there might be a chance someone else is connecting to your surname. Stop in and check this out. Also just a quick look at a couple of books we have on surnames: "A Dictionary of British Surnames", "Our Italian Surnames", and "The Surnames of Ireland" might be of interest as they show origination of the name, possibly the area its from, and /or the meaning of names, thus giving clues to possible occupations such as the name WHEELER, someone who made wheels.

Lastly, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist guests, come in any Tuesday and talk to who is staffing that day. The rewards of being there and helping let you become familiar with our inventory, its location, assisting guests, and you can make time to do some of your own research. One does not have to research Walworth county as we have many unique books and records from the U.S. and foreign countries as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Bird

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\*\*\*\*\* Please note, the Library Committee is requesting that any projects that people are working on be communicated to them so they are better able to assist and/or keep track of current projects, thank you!\*\*\*\*\*



# AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS

by Shirley Sisk

**East Troy** - Mr. Shepherd, the present owner of the DePuy farm, on the east side of Troy Lake, has sold several building lots on the lake shore, and residences for summer use are to be put up at once. Chicago parties are becoming interested. The Wisconsin Central R. R. gives easy and rapid access to the above lake, and it is possible to have another Geneva Lake close at home, in the not very distant future.-----

- Mr. E. H. Beech was missed from his place of business Friday and Saturday of last week. General debility had laid hold of him and Dr. Canright went to the rescue.-----

Hollis Bailey, Joseph Conrad and R. J. Lacy, were looking after friends and drinking spring water in Waukesha, last week Monday.-----

---- Chas. Blanchard returned recently from attending medical lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago. Charley was a member of the graduation class, 1889, and is now duly qualified to administer to the ailing.-----

At the parsonage of the St. Peter's church last Monday morning, Miss Minnie Brophey and Mr. Jas. Brownlee were united in marriage, Father Kessler officiating. The friends of the couple wish them a long life and a happy one. (Delavan Republican, Wed., March 6, 1889)

**North Walworth** - We wish to rectify the mistake we made last week in saying Mr. J. P. Hatch was better as we are sorry to say he is not; he is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Maxon is attending him.-----

Mr. James Milton has been sick with mumps, which he says is the results of kissing a pretty girl at one of our recent surprise parties. James says that was the biggest kiss he ever had.-----

Mrs. Lucy VanDreser, returned last Saturday from Arlington, Dakota, where she has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Dangerfield.-----

Master Robby Buckles the young violinist, deserves no small amount of praise for the service rendered at our entertainments of late. Although he has never taken lessons he bids fair to be a fine violinist.-----

-(Delavan Enterprise, Wed., March 6, 1889)

**Sugar Creek** - There will be a meeting at the

schoolhouse in Dist. No. 9, on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of taking into consideration the possibility of erecting a cheese factory. All interested are invited to attend and talk business.-----

The dance Saturday night was a howling success in spite of the mud and the non-attendance of the music. The two harmonicas came in on good time and as the strains of the music vibrated through the spacious hall every one was filled with new life as they tripped the light fantastic toe. Even the old men and women lived over their young days once more and thus the time wore on until the wee hours of early morn.-----

Died, at her home in Sugar Creek, on Thursday, Feb. 13, Mrs. John G. Hiess, aged 75 years. Mrs. Heiss was one of the old settlers of Sugar Creek, having lived here about 35 years. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. (Delavan Republican, Wed., Feb. 19, 1890)

**Darien** - Those \$15.00 road carts at M. Wright's are going like hot cakes. Go to M. Wright's for corn planters and check sowers, satisfaction guaranteed.-----

Beside the regular singing at the Choral Union Saturday evening, there will be a quartette in charge of Chas. Lathrop, violin solo by Legrand Carter, and vocal solo by Lottie Fitzgerald.-----

- Mr. Legrand and Bert Lippett, of Baraboo, and Horace Lippett, of Beloit, came Saturday morning to attend the burial of their brother, Lamont.-----

-----The remains of Mr. Lamont Lippett were brought here by Railroad from Elkhorn for burial Saturday noon. Mr. Lippett became insane from over work a few years ago, and after being confined at Madison for a while was pronounced incurable and was removed to Elkhorn, where he died on Thursday, Feb. 13.-----

-- The School Literary will give a sheet and pillow case masquerade at the town hall this Wednesday evening.-----

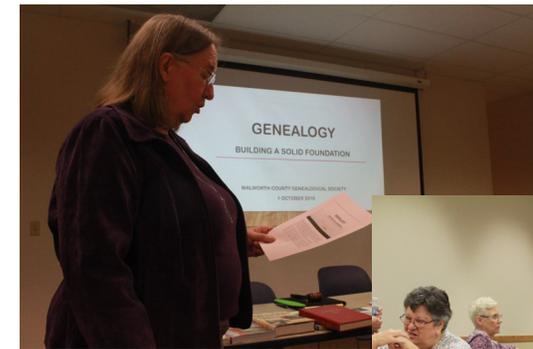
Miss Mabel Munson who broke her leg a few weeks ago, is now able to be about on crutches. (Delavan Republican, Wed., Feb. 19, 1890)

## Meeting Recaps for September and October 2019

**September 3rd — Annual Member's Dinner at Foley's in Lake Geneva**— Marrilee Lee from the Hoard Museum and Fort Atkinson Historical Society spoke about their new Civil War collection.



**October 1st - Delavan— Family History Month**—Karen Weston spoke on Beginning Genealogy, recommended using Cyndi's List to find genealogy websites that would direct beginners to useful pages for research, e.g. family search.org, USGENWEB. Thank you for sharing your



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tise Karen.



## **Notes from other Societies:**

Sponsor: German Interest Group - Wisconsin  
Event date: Monday, November 4, 7:00 PM  
Location: St. Mark Lutheran, 2921 Mount Zion, Janesville

The public is welcome to attend at no charge  
For further information, contact John at 608-362-4311

The speaker is **Lee Grady**

Reference Archivist, Wisconsin Historical Society

The program will be **"WW I Alien Registration"**

Following the beginning of United States involvement in World War I, all resident aliens who had not been naturalized, were required, as a security measure, to register with the U.S. Marshal nearest their place of residence. A failure to register risked interment or possible deportation. This registration occurred between November 1917 and April 1918.



## **British Resources on Find My Past Website**

**Saturday, November 16, 10 AM - Noon**

The British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois (BIGWILL) welcomes Maureen Brady as speaker from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Community Church, 5714 Broadway, Richmond, IL 60071.

Maureen's presentation will help us to better understand and use Find My Past, a comprehensive website with an ever-growing list of databases and images for British family history research. She will guide us through some of the most useful resources, various search techniques on the website and a case study of a British soldier of the Napoleonic era.

Maureen Brady, a former school librarian and computer educator, has 35 years experience with family history research. She has traced her own Scottish roots back to the end of the 17th century and beyond, and has also pursued Chicago area research, and the trans-Allegheny U.S., Quebec, Irish and Swedish research. She is the co-director and trainer for the Crystal Lake (IL) Family History Center. Maureen has made numerous presentations to Illinois and Wisconsin genealogical societies, libraries, conferences and workshops, including presenting at the 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Central Florida Family History Conference.

BIGWILL, a genealogical special interest group for those who wish to research family history and ancestry in the British Isles, meets at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Community Church, 5714 Broadway (2 blocks west of Hwy 12) in Richmond, IL 60071

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY WCGS

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
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| CD in pdf and searchable  | \$25.00 plus \$1.00 s/h |
| 1857 Walworth Co. Atlas - township maps and index   | \$16.00                 |
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| Walworth Co. - Directory of Prairie Farmers & Breeders (soft cover reprint)   | \$30.00                 |
| 1882 Walworth County Index to History Book  | \$30.00                 |
| 1912 Walworth County Index to History Book  | \$29.00                 |
| Area Research Center UW-Whitewater Resource Guide   | \$12.00                 |
| Declaration & Naturalization Papers Vol I \$18.00 Vol 2 & 3 (combined)  | \$15.00                 |
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| <b>BLOOMFIELD</b> - Hillside Cemetery- Genoa City   | \$23.00                 |
| <b>DARIEN</b> - Darien Cemetery   | \$22.00                 |
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| <b>LAFAYETTE</b> - White Oak Cemetery   | \$ 7.50                 |
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| Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery (DVD tombstone pics included)  | \$15.00                 |
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| Hillside Cemetery   | \$25.00                 |
| Unknown Burials   | \$18.00                 |
| Index to the Annals of Whitewater   | \$12.00                 |

Shipping and handling as follows: \$6.50 per book

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WCGS, PO Box 159, Delavan, WI 53115.

Membership (Jan 1st- Dec 31st) is \$15 individual (\$100 lifetime), \$18.00 family (\$200 lifetime), \$7.50 student

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Regular meetings of the WCGS are the first Tuesday of each month at the

**Delavan Community Centre, 826 E. Geneva St., Delavan, WI.**

Library Hours: Matheson Memorial Library, 101 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, WI- Every Tues. 10-3pm, phone 262-723-9150  
other times by appt - call 262-279-6541

The membership year runs from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. The newsletter is published bi-monthly.

\*\*\*\*Dues are \$15 (\$100 Lifetime) for an individual, \$18.00 (\$200 Lifetime) for a family, \$25 contributing, \$7.50 student.  
\$5.00 additional per year to receive the newsletter through the mail.

MEMBERS: Want email meeting minutes or not?? Contact Marilyn Traver, [msearchin@gmail.com](mailto:msearchin@gmail.com)

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