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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.

2020 Meetings

The September Annual Meeting has been canceled. Not sure yet if the October Meeting will be held. Our President Karen Weston will keep us updated. The availability of the Delavan Center for meetings and the hesitation of members to attend will be determining factors in scheduling future meetings. Stay well everyone.



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From the President's Desk



Karen Weston—President WCGS

WCGS President's Letter – August 2020

In light of the continuing Covid-19 uncertainty, we are canceling the September meeting. The bank has not given us any indication of when the Community Room will be open for use and Matheson Memorial Library has a limit on the number of individuals allowed in the building at any one time.

I have two pieces of genealogical news. The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will be doing their fall seminar as a webinar on Saturday, October 17, 2020, *“Hopscotching from Origins to DNA” with Elizabeth Williams Gomoll. Ms. Gomoll is president of the Northland chapter of the APG and a member of the board of the Minnesota State Genealogical Society. Panels include: Genealogy Smart Start: Things I Wish I'd Known, Where They Once Stood: Finding Your Ancestor's Place of Origin, Unlocking Notation Codes on Alien Passenger Lists, and I Got My DNA Results. Now What? Lori Bessler of the Wisconsin Historical Society will do a virtual pre-conference session on Friday afternoon. For details on the seminar and registration information, see <https://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=315>*

Lori is also the person to contact about information and registration details for the Wisconsin Historical Society's planned fall workshops:

September 26 African American Genealogy with Tony Burroughs

October 17 Researching Your Native American Ancestors with Paula Stuart Warren

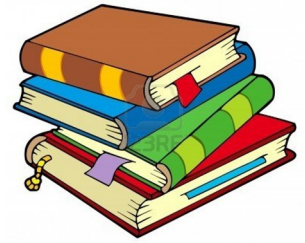
November 7 German Genealogy with Jim Beidler

November 14 Genealogy with Thomas MacEntee

You can contact her at: lori.bessler@wisconsinhistory.org

I have heard Burroughs, Warren, and Beidler all speak at various conferences and have learned a lot from them. Beidler was one of the featured speakers at the International German Genealogy Conference in Minneapolis several years ago.

WCGS Library Page



New Donation

In July a ledger, with newspaper clippings pasted in from the early 20th century, found its way to us from Dorothy Boxhorn and the Waukesha County Genealogy Society. They received it as a donation originally, but because most of the clippings are about East Troy and Troy Center, Dorothy contacted Burlington Genealogical Society to see if they would like it. BGS has no place to keep it so the message was forwarded to me. Of course I said we would be delighted to get it. Dorothy was going to mail the ledger on to me, but had to be in this area anyway so dropped it off at my house. It is in pretty fragile condition so it will have to be handled with care. We might want to scan it to be able to preserve it and also compile an index. There are lots of obituaries and weddings and a few other community articles. Unfortunately there is no indication which newspapers the articles are from.

This is a small sample of names from the articles.

Obituaries

McGraw
Madden
Keats
Hall
Clancy
Wilcox
Richey
Watkins
DeWitt
Brophy

Weddings

Wilmer
O'Leary
Brewster
Atkinson
Vaughn
Williams
Pratt
Wambold
Lacy
Babcock

Submitted by Judy Rockwell
Library Committee Member

If you would be interested in volunteering for projects or to help at the library contact one of the library committee members:

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AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS

by Shirley Sisk

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Delavan Lake – Gene B. Hollister is building a large addition to the “Log Cabin Grocery” at Willow Point.-----K. N. Hollister and family moved out to their cottage at Brighton last Saturday.-----W. L. Dilley and wife and Geo. Lyman and wife, of Chicago, are rusti-cating at Staley’s cabin.-----Chas. von Hel-molt has his new cottage on South Shore just finished and is now settled there with his fam-ily.-----Ed Williams’ fine sail boat, the Cres-cent, having been newly painted and put in perfect trim, is now ready to be launched.-----A moonlight excursion, on the steamer Peerless, was enjoyed by fifteen couples from town and about the lake, Monday night. (Wednesday, July 22, 1891, The Dela-van Republican)

East Troy – Mr. O. B. Rogers was a visitor to the World’s Fair city Monday and Tuesday of last week. O. B. was greatly impressed with its length and breadth and the height of some of the buildings therein. (July 22, 1891, The Delavan Republican)

Whitewater – Harvey Cutler, a well known old resident of Whitewater, died at the home of D. Jarvis, in the First Ward, on Monday, at the advanced age of 78 years. He had been for over thirty years a dweller here. The fu-neral services were held on Tues-day afternoon, Rev. Jas. Hall, officiating. -----Wm. Steng, a young man of about thirty-five years, and well known about the city, un-

til recently employed at Fryer’s livery, was found dead this morning at about eleven o’clock in one of the stalls in the old barn back of the Leffingwell & Morse livery. (July 22, 1891, The Delavan Republican)

Darien – Alice Waite is spending the week with her sister, Beula Siperly, at North Wal-worth.-----Mr. John Waite, of Marseilles, Illinois, has been a guest of his brother, I. N. Waite, for the past week.-----Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Truax and daughter, of Harvard, were guests of her mother, Mrs. Laura Long, over Sunday.-----Messrs. John Waite and I. N. Waite left for Milwau-kee, Wednesday morning, to visit a brother, and from there go to Chicago to visit a sister.------Mrs. Dockstater is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson.-----Died, at the home of his parents, in Oakland, Cal., July 6th, 1891, Mr. Frank Howard. It will be remembered they went from this village about seven years ago.-----Miss Jennie Hillman received news from her sister, Mrs. Katie Starring, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that their home was entirely swept away by the recent cyclone.-----Mr. Pratt opened his meat market on Wisconsin Street last week.-----Mrs. Bar-rett and Mrs. Comstock, who have been vis-iting their niece, Mrs. Griswold, returned home Thursday.-----Mr. Alex Reed, of Chicago, Sundayed with his mother. (July 22, 1891, The Delavan Republican)

Reprinted Column from Shirley Sisk

I suspect we are all missing our meandering among library shelves no matter where they are located, and for some of us wearing a mask is so uncomfortable we can't wear them for hours at a time in a library.

Here is a fun little word search to work on, a tribute to libraries and librarians everywhere, enjoy!



Library

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MOVIES
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 CRAFTING
 NEWSPAPER
 HISTORY
 RESEARCH
 FANTASY
 WIFI
 TRAVEL
 COMPUTERS
 NONFICTION
 REFERENCE
 PROGRAMS
 HEALTH
 WESTERNS
 TRUE CRIME
 ROMANCE
 GENEALOGY
 VIDEO
 MYSTERY

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/503446/>

Here is an interesting article about a woman in the early part of the last century who personifies the spirit of women of that day who had to fight for their rights in every aspect of our culture, including the right to vote. Our ancestors fought hard for everything they had, I am sure Emma must have had sympathies with the Suffragettes of 100 years ago! I chastise myself for complaining about the inconvenience of not being able to get a new washer for 4 weeks until there is stocked inventory again, or not being able to rebuild my torn-down deck because the lumber stores are depleted in deck board stock due to the lumber mills being shutdown for 3 mos. Thank you for God's Grace still keeping a roof over my head. When our ancestors pioneered this area, there were no food stores or Kwik Trips on the corner!

Emma Toft (1891-

City: Baileys Harbor

County: Door

Emma Toft is known as of Conservation" for her ef-

forest in Door County from being destroyed by logging and commercial development.



1982)

"Wisconsin's First Lady
forts to save an ancient

Before Toft's birth in 1891 in Baileys Harbor, her father had purchased more than 300 acres of ancient forest that today make up Toft's Point. She grew up hiking on this family land and developed an understanding of the importance of nature to the well-being of the earth. Toft attended Oshkosh Normal School to become an English teacher and briefly studied nursing in Chicago. When her father died in 1919, she started a summer resort on the Toft's Point land with her mother, brothers, and sisters. Over the next 50 years, guests from all over the country came to enjoy the natural beauty, simple living, and delicious food at Toft's Point Resort. [LTL] [SEP] [SEP]

Toft, affectionately referred to as "Miss Emma," spent her life fighting to protect Toft's Point from developers who wanted to use the land's natural resources or turn it into an expensive, exclusive resort. Because of her work, the ancient forest at Toft's Point remains nearly unchanged today from what it was a thousand years ago. Toft also had a lifelong friendship with fellow conservationist and famous landscape architect Jens Jensen, because of their shared goal to preserve The Ridges Sanctuary, also located in Baileys Harbor. In 1967, the Toft estate sold Toft's Point to the Wisconsin Nature Conservancy, which then turned it over to the University of Wisconsin System. The UW Green Bay now cares for the area, and students go there to conduct research.

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