



Walworth County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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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.

2018 Meetings



August 7th—Delavan Community

Centre, 6:30pm, Delavan WI. Ice cream social and Genealogy Jeopardy by Karen Weston, lots of fun, please join us!

CATEGORY	CATEGORY	CATEGORY	CATEGORY	CATEGORY	CATEGORY
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200

Sept 4th— Annual Dinner at 841 Brewhouse, Whitewater.

Starts at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6pm. Menu is listed on www.walworthcgs.com, cost is \$25.00 for member, \$30 for non member.

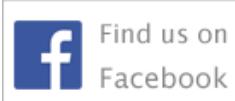
Sept 22nd—Cemetery Walk at Whitewater Cemetery, 11am to 1pm.

Oct 2nd— 6:30 pm. Delavan Community Center, Program TBD

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www.facebook.com/walworthcgs

A heartfelt welcome to new member Pat Petrie Jensen in Cedar Rapids IA. Pat found us on Facebook, surnames are Petrie, Weeks, Johnes, Worrell, Olp, Russell, Holcomb, Gott, Booth, Schut





From the President's Desk



Chris Brookes & Martha Hay- WCGS Co-Presidents

Chris comments:

Have dessert first! Ice Cream Social in August and dinner in September. Karen Weston will be our game show host for a round of Genealogy Jeopardy. Check the website for all the details

www.walworthcgs.com



Karen Weston will also be coordinating the September 22 Cemetery Walk in Whitewater. Hope to have all hands on deck for this event – at the registration table, assisting groups of visitors, portraying a character, photographing the activities (we NEED a volunteer since Martha is not available), and generally representing WCGS in the best possible manner. More info at the meeting.

Reservation forms for the Annual Dinner will be available at our August meeting. You can also make your reservation through PayPal on the website. 841 Brewhouse is the place, and the Whitewater Historical Society tour is a bonus!

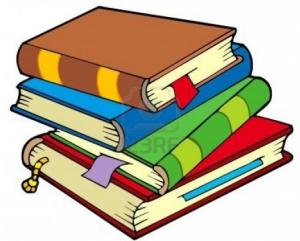


Membership cards will also be available at the August meeting.

Hope you had a happy holiday month of July. Did you have any opportunities for family research or make any new discoveries? Hope to see you at the meeting and hear all about your adventures.

Let's get ready to enjoy late summer and fall events and activities.

WCGS Library Page



LIBRARY REPORT IMMIGRATION/EMMIGRATION

Going back far enough one can find that most of our ancestors came from overseas. The hardest thing is to locate where they sailed from and where they landed in the United States. It depends where they lived and where they want to move to, of course. If you have the naturalized papers or intent to naturalize, the work is half done for you.

Our library has a few books to help out. Migration, Emigration, Immigration Vol 1; Complete Great Migration Newsletter Vol 1-10, Ellis Island Gateway to America, They Became Americans Finding Naturalization Records & Ethnic Origins; and Ships of Our Ancestors.

Maybe a little history sleuthing will help us to understand why they immigrated and when they left the country they lived in. Their travels depended a lot on where their relatives had settled, the jobs available, the destination ports, what tickets cost, and when the next ship was leaving. All the while researching, keep alert for any clues that would suggest exactly where they arrived.

<http://www.genealogybranches.com/arrivalports.html> has Tips for Determining Your Ancestor's Probable Port of Arrival, For Arrivals at U.S. Ports from Europe 1820-1950s by Joe Beine. This website has the links to click on for most of the ports in the United States and it's worth checking the article for hints on researching also.

According to the //www.familytreemagazine.com (Quote) "Five major US ports welcomed passenger ships during the 19th and early 20th centuries: Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia. New York was seeing three-quarters of all arrivals by the 1880s, when the nation's largest flood of immigration began. That's why Ellis Island (and its precursor, Castle Garden, open from 1855 to 1890) gets so much attention. But ships unloaded at more than 90 other ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, as well as the Great Lakes—including Detroit; Galveston, Texas; Gloucester and New Bedford, Mass.; Gulfport and Pascagoula, Miss.; Key West, Fla.; Portland, Maine; Providence, RI; San Francisco; Savannah, Ga.; and Seattle. The National Archives and Records Administration has an online list of immigration ports for which passenger records exist."(Unquote)

In checking other websites I've come across these; some are free and some charge: <https://www.familysearch.org/>; <http://www.genealogybranches.com/arrivalports.html>, <http://www.genesearch.com/ports.html>; <https://www.genealogy.com/articles/>; www.myheritage.com/Immigration; <https://www.archives.gov/nyc/finding-aids/passenger-lists.html>; <https://www.archives.gov/nyc/finding-aids/passenger-lists.html#online>(is the National Archives at New York;) and <https://www.ancestry.com/>.

Submitted by Marilyn Traver

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They will be delighted to hear from you!



Remarkable Women

Revolutionary Daughter

Margaret Foulke was the daughter of American Revolutionary soldier Stephen Foulke. He was married three times, and Margaret was the youngest of his seventeen children. She loved horseback riding, and, as a young woman, once rode 80 miles from her home in Pennsylvania to Baltimore in just two days' time. In 1812, Margaret's future husband, Gideon Low, entered the Army as an Ensign. He served in the 22nd Pennsylvania Infantry, part of Col. Winfield Scott's regiment, during the War of 1812. At the close of the war, when his unit was disbanded, they married and he went into the dry goods business. During the war the Native American Indians had sided with the British and participated in the battle at Prairie du Chien, the only battle in Wisconsin territory. One result of the war was the government's acknowledgment that the frontier, and especially the fur trading industry, needed protection. Consequently two forts were built along the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, Fort Howard at Green Bay and Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien. But would that be enough?

Three years later, Gideon Low was called back into service and ordered to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. Margaret packed all their belongings, including a large Sheraton-style sideboard and her china, and began life as an Army wife. She followed Gideon from post to post, bearing two children, traveling through swamps, plains, prairies, and forests, until finally arriving at a new fort built in 1828 at the portage of the Fox and Wisconsin, Fort Winnebago, her sideboard and china still intact. Her husband was now promoted to Captain and became commander of the fort in 1831.

The Low's lived in a four room house (which must have seemed like a mansion on the frontier) the Army had purchased from Francois LeRoy, a man who ran the portage business for the fur traders. The house had served as a sutler's store for a time and later became the quarters for the fort Surgeon, a hospital building being construct nearby.

There was only one woman at the Fort when the Lows arrived, the wife of Commander Twiggs. Soon another couple, John and Juliette Kinzie, came in when John became the Indian Agent for the territory. Later John brought his mother, sister, and other family members from Chicago. They passed by Geneva Lake in 1831, the "first white people" to see the sheet of clear water once known as Lake Big Foot.

Just before Gideon Low retired from the Army, he built the Franklin House hotel in the new town of Portage that had grown up around the fort. Due to declining health, Gideon sold the hotel, and he and Margaret moved into the Agency house that was now vacant. After Gideon died of consumption, Margaret continued to run the house as a boarding house. The garrison left the fort in 1845, the land was sold in 1853, and shortly after, fire consumed most the fort's buildings. Margaret moved in with her daughter in Mineral Point where she died at the age of 91.

SIDEBAR: This column began when Martha Hay asked me to write about some of the historical characters I research and portray. I had the privilege of bringing Margaret Foulke Low to life at the Bicentennial Celebration of the Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters, Portage, WI this past weekend. Her grave in Mineral Point will be marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution, custodians of the Surgeon's Quarters, on Sunday, August 14. This article is snippet of my presentation.



AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS

by Shirley Sisk

Delavan Lake Notes - Miss Pearle Nelson left for Chicago Monday morning, to enter the National Temperance Hospital training school for nurses.-----Mrs. James Grassie closed her summer home Oct. 1st and during the winter Mr. and Mrs. Grassie will live at the Chicago Beach hotel.-----Mrs. P. R. King and daughter Clara have returned from Europe and for the past week have been at Villa Clare. They encountered three severe storms on the return trip, being parts of the Texas tornado.-----Highland closed during the past week for the season, having done one of its largest season's business. Lake Lawn remains open, with about a dozen lingering to enjoy the fall weather and fishing.-----M. H. Lowell and family close their summer home, "Tacky Teazie," this week, ending their last season at Delavan Lake. They ship their household goods to their new home on the Hudson river, N. Y., and will go there to take up their residence about November 1, spending the intervening time visiting relatives in Illinois. (The Delavan Republican, Delavan, Wisconsin, Thursday, October 4, 1900)

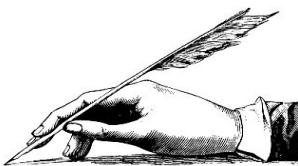
Richmond Rumblings - C. D. Earnest expects to move to the Arnold farm in the near future.-----Miss Anna Heffron has gone to White-water to learn the millinery trade.-----Homer Taylor of Hubbell, Nebraska, spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Ray W. Taylor.-----Where is the new school yard fence that the board in District No. 2 were going to have erected.-----John and Mat Knilans, Winfield Delaney, Burt Lawrence, Jessie Harris, Arthur and Leon Stewart and Miss Pearl Mitchell are attending Delavan high school.-----Last Friday noon as Clarence Knilans was riding a colt home from Mr. Gage's, the colt became frightened and threw him to the ground breaking his collar bone and otherwise bruising him. He was assisted to the house and a physician summoned, who patched him up and though he suffers a great deal of pain, he is as comfortable as can be ex-

pected. (The Enterprise, Delavan, Wis., Thursday, October 4, 1900)

Darien News - Henry Mosher, of Leavenworth, Kan., is the guest this week of his brother, J. J. Mosher.-----Mrs. Geo. Varney and daughter, Vera, of Chicago, are guests this week of the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Taylor.

-----Mrs. Clayton Stoker is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Ferguson, of Delavan.-----Mrs. McCulloch, of Indiana, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orange Starin.-----Mrs. B. Hunsbush is entertaining her sister, Miss Ehlfring, of Libertyville this week.-----The battleship on which Dr. Eugene Allen was stationed as surgeon has sailed for China.-----Mrs. E. H. Tubbs, of Clinton, was the guest Friday and Saturday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Seaver.-----Thirty-one couples enjoyed the fine music furnished by Smith's orchestra at the dancing party Friday evening.-----Charles Teeple came out from Chicago and spent Sunday at the lake with his mother. (The Delavan Republican, Delavan, Wisconsin, Thursday, August 9, 1900)

East Delavan - A. R. Ball purchased a fine new road buggy at Elkhorn last week.-----Silas Kishner is feeling very swell with that pleasant malady, the mumps.-----Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Woodford and son Earl, of Delavan, spent Sunday with Mrs. John Whiteman.-----Rev. C. C. Willett will take a vacation from his pastoral duties during the remainder of this month.-----We are sorry to note that S. J. Hollister is seriously ill with rheumatism of the heart.-----Geo. W. Diggins and family, who have resided at this place during the past few months, will move to Palmyra on the 15th inst. to be nearer their field of work as district organizers of the Mystic Workers of the World. They have proven exceptionally pleasant neighbors and we are sorry they are so soon to remove from our midst. (The Delavan Republican, Delavan, Wisconsin, Thursday, August 9, 1900)



NEW FEATURE! Member Stories to Share



We are excited to announce a new feature for our Newsletter! We know you all have unique family stories, and we would like to hear about a story you think others would find interesting. It doesn't have to be about someone famous or notorious, whatever you want to contribute is welcome. Please keep it short so I can get at least two to three on a page. I know you like to tell family stories, we all do, so lets share!

From Martha Hay:

My mother was taken away from her family when she was a very small child (about six months old). She had been in and out of the hospital since shortly after her birth suffering from malnutrition. The county nurse believed that her mother was not feeding her and the only way she would survive was to step in. My mother was left on the steps of the New York Foundling Home which was run by Catholic nuns. The nuns made the decision to ship my mother, on the orphan train, to states in the west. My mother wound up in a Catholic orphanage in Chicago. She was placed in a foster home. Her foster mother had a bad heart and could not have children. They had adopted a child before my mother, but they could not adopt my mom because her parents had not signed her away. When my mother was 11, her foster mother passed away. Through a misguided solution to an 11 year old child being alone all day, my mother was sent to the convent/school/orphanage in Green Bay, Wisconsin. There she learned what her birth name was. In 1936 she found out who her parents were and where they lived. In December of 1936 she sent a letter to the address and in January of 1937 she received a letter from her biological mother, which started out, "Yes, you are our daughter.".

From Karen Memory:

Hit the Road, Jack

Summer's here, the weather should be improving, so it's time to get out your GPS and take a genealogy research trip. Here are some ideas for you:

As you make vacation travel plans this year, widen your scope to include your family history. If your travel plans take you anywhere near an ancestral home town, stop in to visit the local historical or genealogical society, the court house, cemetery, or public library. See where your ancestor walked and worked. Take pictures!

Maybe it's time to meet up with that new-found cousin that you've only emailed with. Pick a nice public spot and bring your camera/phone, family pictures, and stories.

If you have an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary or Civil War (or any number of other conflicts), visit the battle site. See if there is an archive or research library connected with the site and spend some time there.

Remember to make sure that the archive or organization you want to visit will be open on the day (s) you're there and plan accordingly. Call ahead and let them know you're coming; they may be able to do some preliminary research and pull documents for you.

Visit these websites for great travel tips from the experts:

[What To Pack for Family History Research Trip](#) by Thomas MacEntee

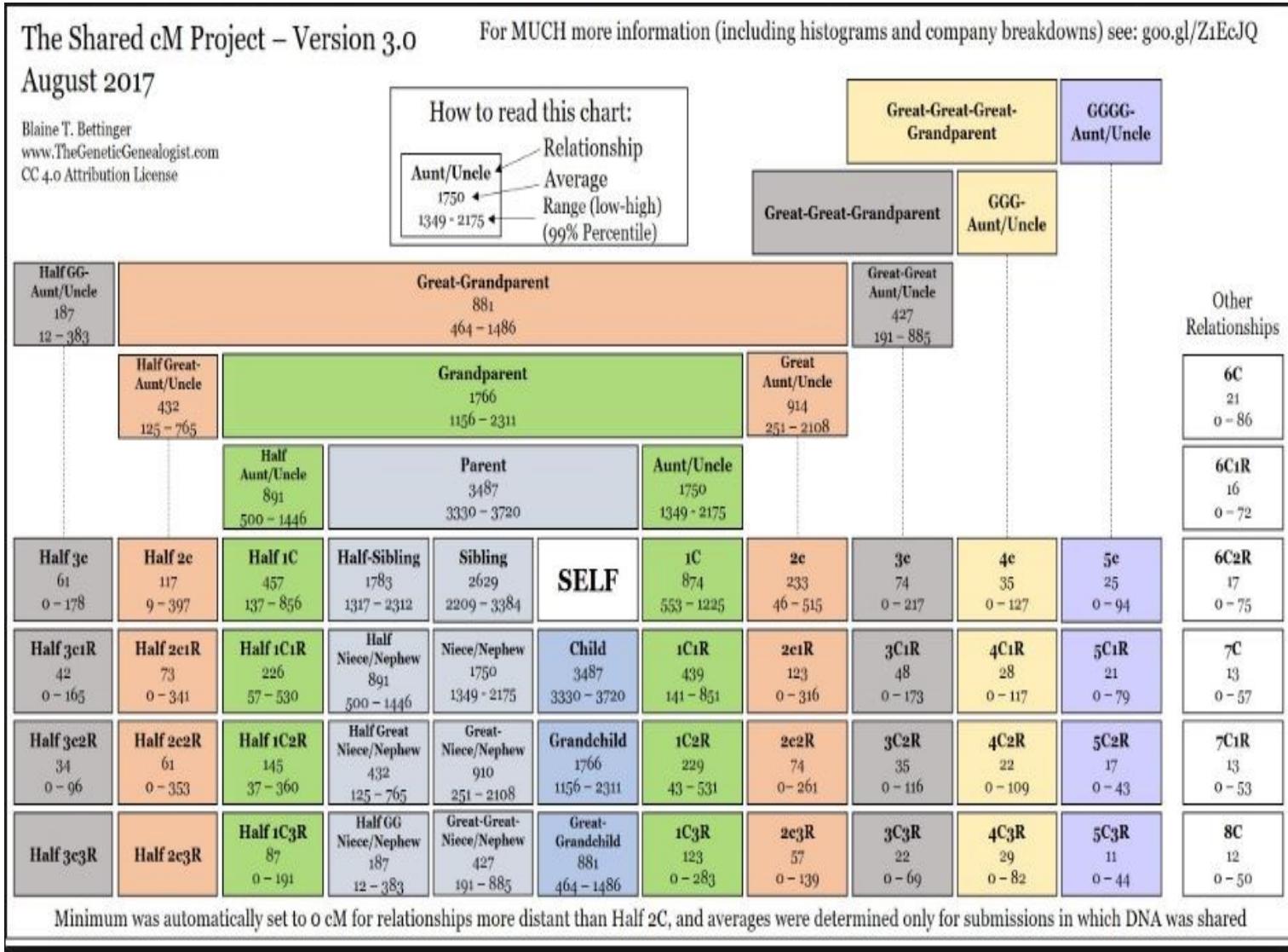
[Before Your Trip - Doing Your Homework](#). A checklist for your genealogy vacation.

[How To Plan Your Next Genealogy Trip](#)

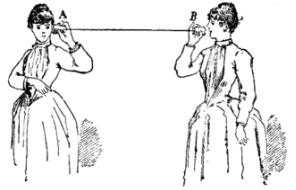
WCGS Meeting Program Recap:

June 5th, 2018– The June WCGS meeting was held at the Matheson Memorial Library Community Room at 6:00pm in Elkhorn, and was well attended by members and non-members. The featured presentation was titled “**Researching with DNA**” and was presented by Michael Stumpff, MD, PhD. Michael presented his material in a very engaging manner, considering the subject can be confusing and hard to grasp at times. His presentation touched on several ways that DNA has played a role in genealogy research and how the role of DNA will likely increase in the future, even to the point of possibly requiring DNA testing to join lineage societies.

Below is a interesting graph of the amount of shared DNA between yourself and your relatives, measured in Centimorgans.



Other Society News to Report



MCIGS– Aug 9, 2018—Probate Records—Held at the The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm

NWSGS—Aug 11th-2018— Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy; Finding Living Relatives Can Be a Challenge—Arlington Heights Memorial Library 10am <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>

KCGS—Kenosha County Genealogical Society is looking for photo volunteers at St George Cemetery, 2901 Sheridan Rd, Kenosha, WI on 7 different dates from July 27th To October 19th. Please visit their web page at <http://www.kengensoc.com> and /or Facebook page for dates and times.



Our Ancestors Were German

**Presented by Astrid Adler,
Author and German Genealogist
www.tiefenort-emigrants.de**



Washington County Historical Society

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
6:30 PM**

**History Center
Washington County
320 S. 5th Ave.
West Bend, WI 53095**

**Free to WCHS Members
\$15 non-members**

**Online registration
is available at:
www.historyisfun.com**

**For more
information contact:
director@historyisfun.com**

Waukesha County Genealogical Society

**Friday, October 19, 2018
1:00 PM**

**Southminster Presbyterian Church (Nelson Hall)
200 Richard Street
Waukesha, WI 53189**

A free will donation will be accepted, any non-member who donates \$10.00 or more will be given a one year membership to the organization

**For more information contact:
waukcgss@gmail.com**

German Interest Group – Wisconsin

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018
6:30 PM**

**Beloit Public Library
605 Eclipse Blvd
Beloit, WI 53511**

Free to attend

Co-sponsored by the German Interest Group - Wisconsin and the Beloit Public Library

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vhahn@beloitlibrary.org
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Reminders— Just in case you need to remember something you reminded yourself not to forget!

- * As a follow-up from the April 3rd presentation by Judy Rockwell and Judith Schulz, have you started to write your own obituary yet? Number 1 tip was to just get started!
- * A new tip I saw in the MCIGS newsletter bears repeating—Determine who you would like your genealogical collection to go to and also inform another person besides the designated beneficiary.

Cute story from the [All in a Day's Work](#) section of [The Readers Digest](#), submitted by Dolores Schutt....While I was working for a photo company, we received a reprint order for an old black and white photo of a man milking a cow. The man was sitting behind the cow, and all that was visible of him were his legs and feet. The re-order note read:"This is the only picture I have of my GGrandfather. Please move the cow so I can see what he looked like." Oh my!



THE 5 STEP RESEARCH OF EMMIGRATION By: Olive Tree Genealogy-from Marilyn Traver

Step 1: First search for your immigrant ancestor in the **five major ports of arrival** - [New York New York](#), [Philadelphia Pennsylvania](#), [Baltimore Maryland](#), [Boston Massachusetts](#) and [New Orleans Louisiana](#)

Step 2: If you don't find your immigrant ancestor in a large port city, try smaller ports of arrival - [Virginia](#), Connecticut, Delaware, [Texas](#), Georgia, [South Carolina](#), [North Carolina](#), Maine, Rhode Island, [Florida](#), New Jersey, New Hampshire, Michigan, Alaska, California, Hawaii and Washington

Step 3: Still can't find your immigrant ancestor on an American ships passenger list? Try a [Canadian Port of Arrival](#) and the [Canada-U.S. border crossing records](#) (Saint Albans Lists).

Step 4: If you still can't find your ancestor in free ships passenger lists, try ships passenger lists and naturalization records on a pay site. See the [Immigration Comparison Chart](#) to help you decide which of the fee-based sites has the passenger lists you need to find your immigrant ancestor

Step 5: Search for ships passengers in [Ethnic Groups immigrating to America](#), other [miscellaneous ports of arrival](#), [Ships Passenger Lists on NARA microfilm](#), [J.J. Cooke Shipping Agent Records](#), [Castle Garden New York Ships Passenger Lists 1855-1890](#), [Ellis Island New York Ships Passenger Lists 1894-1927](#) & [Naturalization Records](#)

Checking the Naturalization Records will give you the arrival year and the ship name.

The American Revolution



Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/20996/>

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY WCGS

Walworth Co. Probate Record Index - 1848-1939 CD in pdf and searchable	\$35.00 \$25.00 plus \$1.00 s/h
1857 Walworth Co. Atlas - township maps and index	\$16.00
1873 Walworth Co. Atlas - maps & Index (soft cover reprint)	\$20.00
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
Walworth County Pre-1907 Death Index	\$22.00
BLOOMFIELD - Hillside Cemetery- Genoa City	\$23.00
DARIEN - Darien Cemetery	\$22.00
DELAVAN - Delavan Area Cemeteries (Spring Grove, Old Settlers, St. Andrews, Arboretum and some church burials reprint)	\$14.00
East Delavan Union Cemetery	\$25.00
History of Delavan School 1982 - index only	\$18.00
EAST TROY - Oak Ridge Cemetery	\$18.00
St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery	\$25.00
GENEVA - Lake Geneva Area Obituaries (updated through June 30, 2010)	\$25.00
Pioneer Cemetery	\$15.00
Union Cemetery- plus some Geneva/Lyons Townships	\$20.00
LAFAYETTE - White Oak Cemetery	\$ 7.50
Hartwell-Westville-Sugar Creek Lutheran Cemeteries (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$12.00
LAGRANGE -LaGrange Pioneers (reprint of 3600 names, full index)	\$27.00
LaGrange Township Cemeteries	\$10.00
LYONS - Hudson/Lyons (Old Quaker) / Wija Farm Cemeteries (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$12.00
St. Joseph & St. Kilian Catholic Cemeteries (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$12.00
RICHMOND - Richmond & East Richmond Cemeteries	\$10.00
SHARON - Oakwood	\$15.00
SPRING PRAIRIE - Hickory Grove	\$25.00
German Settlement / Mount Hope / Diener Cemeteries (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$12.00
SUGAR CREEK - Millard Cemetery	\$15.00
Hazel Ridge Cemetery	\$20.00
Mount Pleasant Cemetery (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$15.00
Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery (DVD tombstone pics included)	\$15.00
TROY - Little Prairie	\$15.00
WALWORTH - Walworth Center (Walworth Village listings)	\$20.00
Brick Church Revised 2007	\$20.00
Cobblestone, WI/Bigfoot, IL (two different cemeteries in one book)	\$20.00
WHITEWATER - St. Patrick's Calvary	\$15.00
Hillside Cemetery	\$25.00
Unknown Burials	\$18.00
Index to the Annals of Whitewater	\$12.00
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Shipping and handling as follows: \$6.50 per book

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WCGS, PO Box 159, Delavan, WI 53115.

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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. 1st thru Dec. 31st. 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.

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MEMBERS: Want email meeting minutes or not?? Contact Marilyn Traver, msearchin@gmail.com

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