



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 –19 Meetings/Activities

Dec 4th— 5:30 pm! ,Christmas Dinner Party– Ham, Beef, Chicken provided, Pot Luck– Take Away Bingo.

Dec 6th - 1:30 pm, Board Meeting, , Delavan Community Center

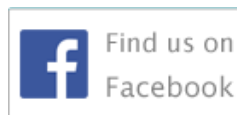
JANUARY 2019– NO MEETING

Feb 8th— Tentative– Show and Share at Lake Geneva Museum-more details to come

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*A heartfelt welcome
to new member Sandra Barber
from Richmond Texas!*





From the President's Desk



Chris Brookes & Martha Hay- WCGS Co-Presidents

Co-comments from Chris:

As the end of my second term as co-president approaches, I'm reflecting on all WCGS has accomplished in the last four years. Our current membership of 112 continues to grow. Our financials are solid. We have a great partnership with Matheson Memorial Library, and our own WCGS library is actively staffed and welcoming.

The Board has planned programs that brought outside speakers to us, and we have brought genealogy speakers to other communities. We hosted Jon Domencich (Irish), John Wasserstrass (German), Karen Weston (Native American), and two DNA experts (Mary Eberle and David Stumpf). Michael Rehberg talked about researching your house, and I was happy to bring you stories of some of the Remarkable Women of Geneva Lake. Introduction to Genealogy programs were scheduled in Delavan (2), Williams Bay, and Elkhorn (2). We also offered information on planning for the future: wills and estate planning (Ted Johnson), obituaries (Judy & Judith), and funerals (Andy Haase).

WCGS members also enjoy annual dinners (Foleys, 841 Brewhouse, and Covenant Harbor), Ice Cream Socials, and Genealogy Jeopardy. Even cleaning and organizing the library closet was an enjoyable task as we talked, laughed, and the dust flew.

Thanks especially to my two co-presidents, Mike (2015-16) and Martha (2017-18). I couldn't have done it without you. To the new friends I've made on the Board and among the membership, thanks for your support (and pie!). Keep up the good work.

Hope to see you at the December 4 (5:30 p.m.) Christmas Party. Remember to bring a side dish to share, and a wrapped gift (about \$10) for Take Away Bingo!



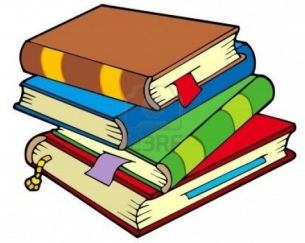
Martha's Co-comments

December will be my last meeting as Co-president with Chris Brookes. It was great fun and I enjoyed the meetings. I think the laughter we have brought into the meetings has been great fun and I hope with all my heart that we continue enjoying. I want to encourage all the members to make themselves heard as to future programs they may want to see. And, I want to encourage all the members to bring others into the group.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Christmas Party!



WCGS Library Page



Library Report:

Matheson Memorial Library's local and Wisconsin history reference area is located outside the entrance to our WCGS Library. Be sure to check there for information we don't have in the WCGS Library.

Yearbooks:

Elkhorn Elk yearbooks for 1927, 1939, 1943 and 1951-present

If you, or someone in your family, attended Elkhorn High School, you may find interesting pictures. I found several of my kids!

Obituaries:

File boxes containing obituaries clipped from the Elkhorn Independent pasted on 3x5 cards and filed alphabetically

Some titles worth looking at:

<u><i>History of Walworth County Departments</i> volume II</u>	<u>R977.589 His v.2</u>
<u><i>Historical Resources in Milwaukee Area Archives</i></u>	<u>R977.594 His</u>
<u><i>Flashbacks and Musings</i> by Sam Paddock</u>	<u>R977.589 Pad</u>
<u><i>Walworth County Fair</i> by Taylor Pipes</u>	<u>R977.589 Pip</u>
<u><i>The Concert Bands of Elkhorn 1840s-1982</i></u>	<u>R977.589A Elk</u>
<u><i>Lake Geneva in Vintage Postcards</i> by Carolyn Hope Smetzer</u>	<u>R977.589A Lak</u>
<u><i>Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department</i></u>	<u>R977.589A Lau</u>
<u><i>Early Annals of Whitewater 1837-1867</i> by Prosper Cravath</u>	<u>R977.589 Whi</u>
<u><i>History of Waukesha County Wisconsin</i></u>	<u>R977.593 His</u>
<u><i>The Milwaukee Story: The Making of an American City</i></u>	<u>R977.595 Mil</u>
<u><i>A History of W.S.U. Whitewater 1868-1968</i></u>	<u>R378.775 Whi</u>
<u><i>Kenosha Retrospective</i></u>	<u>R977.598 Ken</u>
<u><i>Soil Survey of Walworth County</i></u>	<u>R557.7589 Soi</u>
<u><i>Wisconsin History in Poetry</i> Henry C. Spear Editor</u>	<u>R811.09775 Wis</u>
<u><i>History of the Wisconsin Society Children of the American Revolution 1895-1995</i></u>	<u>R929.3 His</u>
<u><i>A Few Good Men of Wisconsin Biographical Sketches 1878</i></u>	<u>R977.50081 Few</u>
<u><i>The Romance of Wisconsin Place Names</i></u>	<u>R977.5 Gar</u>
<u><i>A History of Madison, Dane County and Surroundings</i></u>	<u>R977.583 Mad</u>

Submitted by Judy Rockwell

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The Bacon Girls

The Bacon Girls

In the Foreword to her book *Wives and Daughters*, Kathy Lee Emerson says, “Englishwomen were liberated long before their sisters in Europe. In the sixteenth century they were enterprising, educated, contributing members of society...At birth their fate was in the hands of their fathers and after marriage everything they had belonged to their husbands. Yet in large numbers sixteenth century women managed to work around their disadvantages and achieve personal success.”

This book was recommended to me when I joined the cast of the Bristol Renaissance Faire and was asked to play one of the five Cooke sisters. “Read about each of them and decide who you want to portray.” I chose Anne. Anne Cooke, Lady Bacon, was the second daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke of Gidea Hall, Essex, and Ann Fitzwilliam. She was educated by her father along with her sisters Mildred, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Margaret. All of the girls married well: Anne married Sir Nicholas Bacon, Keeper of the Great Seal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Mildred became First Baroness Burghley when she married William Cecil. Elizabeth, Lady Hoby accompanied her husband Sir Thomas Hoby to France while he served as the English Ambassador. Lady Katherine Killigrew survived the plague and had four daughters, but died in childbirth with a stillborn son. Margaret married Ralph Rowlett, a rich merchant’s heir; she died a few weeks after the ceremony.

Anne was a translator, writer, educator, attendant to Queen Mary Tudor and Queen Elizabeth, and religious Purist. Her home at Gorhambury was a meeting place for radical preachers of the “Puritan underground.” Her fanaticism led to insanity and she died at the unbelievable age, for that time, of 82.

Sons Francis and Anthony Bacon were taught by their mother until they went to Cambridge in 1573. Anthony joined Sir Francis Walsingham’s spy network, and Francis studied law at Grey’s Inn hoping to follow in his father’s footsteps as Lord Keeper. Through his writings, we know of him as a great philosopher of the time. He is credited with developing the “Scientific Method.”

Fast forward several years to the time I was asked to play the part of Ann Eliza Bacon Porter at Old World Wisconsin. Her story from childhood out East to her marriage and move to Cooksville, Wisconsin, was documented in a Lamplight Tour based on her diary. In researching her life, I was able to trace her lineage back to the brother of Sir Nicholas Bacon, and common ancestor Robert Bacon of Drinkstone, Suffolk.

Both Bacon women had fascinating lives, and I have enjoyed researching and portraying them. Genealogy helped me connect them through time.





AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS

by Shirley Sisk

Williams Bay – Mr. Joseph Keats our hotel keeper, is sick with the quinsy.-----C.M. Williams and wife made a trip to Springfield last week.-----C. M. Williams has got the cellar to his new store about finished.-----It is reported here that Miss Lillie Pemberton has purchased the store building from the Barker Lumber Co.-----O. Dodge has commenced to erect his new building, the cellar being completed, and the carpenters are at work on the frame.-----The long looked-for telescope builders have come at last. They came Saturday night by wagons from Chicago, loaded with picks, shovels, wheel-barrows, etc., and are at present working on the telescope grounds. On Sunday large crowds of people turned out to see a lot of tools spread out on the ground. (The Enterprise, Delavan, Wisconsin, Thursday, April 25, 1895)

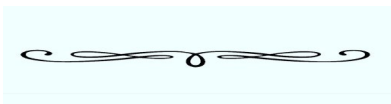
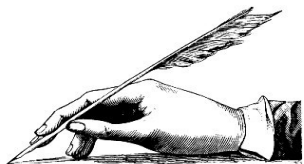
Walworth – Mrs. Eula Ransom, of South Haven, Mich., is spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. F. Sutherland.-----The funeral services of “grandma” Cornue occurred last Sunday at the S.D. B. church.-----Mrs. Edwards and children, of Oak Park, Ill., are at A. D. Crumb’s.-----A.D. Crumb and wife spent last Wednesday in Chicago.-----Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Bunnell and Mrs. E. Grant visited Saturday at Henry Holston’s. (The Enterprise, Delavan, April 25, 1895.)

Whitewater – Mrs. Anna Hulse died at her home in this city Saturday, April 13th, of apoplexy, aged 77 years.-----The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Alexander, Neal Dow, died April 14th, aged 9 months.-----Little Margaret Gutchie had the misfortune to break her leg one evening last week.-----Miss Olive E. Burnham, of Heart Prairie, and Frederick Cooley, of

Chicago, were married at the bride’s home April 17th, by Rev. F. W. Millar.-----Rev. F. W. Millar informs us that he purposes tendering his resignation as pastor of the Universalist church this evening to the trustees. (The Enterprise, Delavan, April 25, 1895)

Troy – Wm. Curran took his departure Monday evening for Chadwick, Illinois, on a business trip.-----Mrs. Geo. Lunsden, of Milwaukee, came out from Milwaukee, last Friday, to spend Saturday and Sunday with her son, P. J. Lunsden and family.-----Everybody enjoyed the Hop at Amusement Hall, last Friday evening, given by Judge Rohda.-----Mr. and Mrs. VanLiere ate Xmas turkey with Mrs. VanLiere’s mother and sister, at Burlington, making the trip by auto.-----Geo. Shields and family, Allie Atkinson and family, Mike Lawles and family held Xmas festivities at the home of W. T. Atkinson and family on Monday evening as they had a Xmas tree.-----Mr. and Mrs. Art Healy ate Xmas dinner at Maplegrove Park with the home folks.-----E. J. Crane, of Adams, in company with his brother Bela, of Minneapolis, spent Friday at the Atkins house.-----John Andopher, wife and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. Summers and family on the quarterline.-----Wm. Johnson and wife spent Xmas on Hadley Hill with his mother and sister.----- Wm. Bogie, wife and daughters in company with Arthur Bogie and family of LaGrange spent Saturday, Sunday and Xmas in the Cream City with friends. (The Delavan Republican, Delavan, Wisconsin, Thursday, December 28, 1911)

Member Stories to Share



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 let's share!

UPDATE: Please submit any story to me that you would like to share, you might think nobody cares but we do! I am lacking in stories from you! Even if you have submitted before, **please** do it again, thank you.

From Mike and Martha Hay:

This article is a reprint from the 1871 newspaper about Mike Hay's 2nd great-grandfather. Also, family lore says that William Kehoe emigrated from Ireland in 1848 with his wife and 2 sons and arrived in New York alone. (It would appear his family died in the crossing.) Prior to his death in 1871, he had donated land on the south side of his farm for the construction of a Catholic Church and cemetery in Eaton Township, Brown County, WI. The cemetery had not been completed at the time of his death and he was ultimately buried in Cooperstown WI in the adjacent county.

Green Bay Advocate-18 May 1971

Sudden Death – We have briefly before noticed the death of William Kehoe of the town of Eaton, in this county. The circumstances were as follows: Mr. Kehoe had been in attendance here on the jury at the April term of Circuit court and on Saturday, through compliment, got leave of absence from the Judge and went home. The following Tuesday, April 18th, he came into town with his team and went to the Bay City House for some apple trees. He got his trees and started for home next morning and the team and wagon reached home without him or the trees. The next morning he was found lying by the roadside, about four miles from home speechless, with the spine broken in the neck. He was taken home speechless, with the spine broken in the neck. He was taken home and died at 4 p.m. the same day April 20, .Mr. K is said to have been the wealthiest farmer in this county and was highly esteemed.

There seemed to be a mystery connected with hi death and accordingly the court of inquiry was summoned, presided over by C. E. Matiln, Esq., and the inquest resulted in a verdict that the death was accidental.

Member Activities:

October 26th was designated as a clean up day for the WCGS Library in Elkhorn. I was told there was a lot of focus on getting the work done, and it took a shorter time than they had anticipated. I know from experience when you have a few determined women to accomplish a task, it gets done even if there is lots of gabbing involved, which of course is half the fun of doing tasks together! Closets and drawers were organized, extra room was found for storage, and as a result some Display Copy Cemetery Books are being offered for sale at half price, see the listing below. If you have questions please contact Martha Hay at wcgspres@gmail.com.

The Publications listed below are copies marked "Display Copy" which we used to take to the County Fair, cemetery walks, and the History Fairs. Since we cannot put these copies on the shelf and we cannot sell to the public we are offering them at 1/2 price to members only. There is no member discount on these copies. This is a first come, first serve.

Publication	Special Sale Price
1857 Co. Atlas township maps and index	\$8.00
1873 Co. Atlas soft cover reprint	\$10.00
1882 Walworth County Index to History Book	\$15.00
1912 Walworth County Index to History Book	\$14.50
Walworth Co. Pre-1907 Death Index	\$11.00
Walworth Co. Probate Records Index 1848-1939	\$17.50
Declaration & Naturalization Papers Vol I	\$9.00
Declaration & Naturalization Papers Vol II & III	\$7.50
LaGrange Pioneers	\$13.50
Lake Geneva Area Obituary Index	\$12.50
Walworth Co. Directory of Prairie Farmers & Breeders	\$15.00
Cobblestone (Walworth twp) & Big Foot Cemetery	\$10.00
Darien - Darien twp	\$11.00
Hazel Ridge Cemetery - Sugar Creek twp	\$10.00
Hillside Cemetery - Bloomfield twp	\$11.50
Hillside Cemetery - Whitewater twp	\$12.50
Little Prairie - Troy twp	\$7.50
Oak Ridge Cemetery - East Troy	\$9.00
Richmond & East Richmond - Richmond twp	\$5.00
North Sharon & others - Sharon twp WI & Leroy twp. Boone Co. IL	\$11.00
Union & North Geneva - Geneva & Lyons twps	\$10.00
Unknown Burials (primarily NW corner of Walworth County including some of Jefferson & Waukesha Counties)	\$9.00
WW1 Service Records of Delavan Area	\$10.00



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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October and November 2018 Meeting Presentations

Remarkable Women of Lake Geneva—October 2, 2018, by Chris Brookes

Our current co-president Chris Brookes excels in her portrayals of historical figures, so it came as no surprise that she kept our attention throughout the entire presentation. She prefaced the presentation by noting that when learning about the history of Geneva Lake we are only hearing about the men that made their fortunes, built the beautiful houses etc, but what were the women of Geneva Lake doing? As it turns out they were not just sipping iced tea on their lovely verandas, but were making local and national history with their efforts in philanthropy and business pursuits. It was a very informative evening, thank you Chris!

BLACK POINT ESTATE & GARDENS
PRESENTS:

Remarkable Women of Geneva Lake



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.
WALWORTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTRE, 826 E. GENEVA ST., DELAVAN, WI

Courtesy of Black Point Estate

PROGRAM: We often hear about the men on the lake and how they made their fortunes. But what were the women doing? As it turns out, they were not just sipping ice tea on their verandas. Meet some of the remarkable women who helped to shape the history, not only of this area, but of this country.

Presented by
Chris Brookes

Pre-Planning Your Funeral-Nov 6, by Andy Haase of Haase-Lockwood Funeral Homes

Andy gave a short presentation of the wisdom of pre-planning your funeral with your funeral home of choice, discussed current trends and options, and then opened the floor for questions and there were plenty! In a room full of people interested in genealogy he could not have been surprised at the questions we came up with and he was very gracious and patient with all questions posed to him. Very well done Andy, thank you for taking the time to come and speak with us.



This N' That

How many genealogists can you get in a newly cleaned closet? It looks like at least 6! See this pic from the cleaning day at the library, thank you ladies! I see Karen, Judy, Martha probably trying to hide, Diana, Marilyn and Chris.



Other Society News to Report

Sponsor: German Interest Group – Wisconsin

Event date: Monday, December 3, 7:00 PM

Location: St. Mark Lutheran, 2921 Mount Zion, Janesville

The program will be “German Christmas Customs” by Sarah Bleicher.

Please bring Christmas treats to share.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY WCGS

Walworth Co. Probate Record Index - 1848-1939	\$35.00	
CD in pdf and searchable	\$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. Killian 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	

Shipping and handling as follows: \$6.50 per book
 To order these publications, circle the selection(s), make check payable to WCGS and mail to:
 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. 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.
\$5.00 additional per year to receive the newsletter through the mail.

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