VISION STATEMENT: The Polk County Genealogical Society vision is to empower those interested in developing concise, accurate, and comprehensive family histories.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Polk County Genealogical Society mission is to assist in the exchange and dissemination of information for genealogical investigations.

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ATTENTION
The 2007 PCGS yearly membership dues are payable at our monthly meetings or may be mailed to the treasurer. Thank you.

PCGS is presently making plans for a research day at the
Minnesota Genealogical Society Library
5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422
(763) 595-3947

Saturday 4 August 2007
Meet at the home of
Richard Kretzschmar - at 8:00 a.m.
205 -9th Avenue - Osceola, Wisconsin
715.294.3447
kretweed@cornernet.com

to carpool or caravan to the MGS library.
Please notify any PCGS Board member of your interest in attending this event enabling ride share to be arranged.

Library Fee: There is a $5.00 fee for non-member use of the library. The $5.00 fee can be applied to membership in the MN. Gen. Society, any branches, or the Czechoslovak Gen. Soc. Int'l.
**2007 schedule con’t.**

* Monday 24 September 2007
  Gretchen Hellie - Norwegian Research Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
  Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
  Refreshments

*Monday 22 October 2007
  Wally Milbrath
  “Wisconsin, the Civil War, and Genealogy” Program meeting at 7:00 p.m.
  Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
  Refreshments

*Monday 26 November 2007
  Barb Oestreich
  “Writing your Family History.”
  Barb tells me
  “this program is a lesson on how-to have Christmas gifts without charge cards or crowds. If you are stuck on what to get your kids (or extended family members) come and learn how to give them a prize. We will do some simple writing of things that can be transformed into a meaningful gift.
  Bring your memories along with pen and ink “
  Included will be an update on Leon, his three wives, and how that information was discovered.
  Program Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
  Osceola Public Library - Osceola, Wisconsin
  Refreshments

*Monday 10 December 2007
  Noon Holiday Potluck
  at the home of
  Richard and Norma Kretzschmar
  205-9th Avenue
  Osceola, Wisconsin

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**SALT LAKE CITY INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY**

For a week every January, 200-300 people meet for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. The dates for the 2008 session are: 8-12 January. The nine tracts for this session are:

1-American Records & Resources
2-Western U.S. Research
3-Welsh Research
4-Scandinavian Research
5-Advanced Research Techniques
6-Multimedia Publishing Archives, Libraries, Societies Serving Genealogists
7-France and Her Former Colonies
8-Producing a Quality Family Narrative
9-Genealogical Problem Solving

**U.S. NATURALIZATION RECORDS**

Before the year 1906, there was no national policy or regulatory procedure regarding the process of naturalization. **Naturalization, was not and still is not, a mandatory procedure.**

Before 1906, the entire naturalization process was conducted on a county, district or federal court level within each specific state. Therefore, records before the 1906 date can be archived in a smorgasbord of court houses and archive centers throughout each state.

After 1906, the INS (now the USCIS) records became more comprehensive and specific rules and procedures for naturalization were implemented. The post 1906 records contain more detail than the earlier records, and include a declaration of intent (first papers), and **may** contain a certificate of arrival and an oath of allegiance. Forward from about 1930 a photograph **may** be included.

Prior to 22 September 1922, women automatically became United States citizens if they married a U.S. citizen or if their foreign born husband applied and was given naturalization. After this date wives of immigrants no longer could derive their citizenship from their husbands. Under the new law women became eligible to naturalize on almost the same term as men.

For a variety of reasons, many immigrants filed only for the first papers, and some immigrants just never pursued even the first papers process and therefore, records simply **do not exist.**

**OAKDALE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

**FREE** classes coming up:
14 July 2007 - **Tom Rice**
Finding an Immigrants Place of Origin
25 August 2007 - **Larry Jensen**
German Genealogy Research
8 September 2007 - **Open House**
all at: 2140 Hadley Ave N - Oakdale, MN
For additional information: **Nancy Roell**
<roellish@aol.com>
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

GOOGLE the SSDI for the person you are researching, find the letter column, and out comes this little form.

Social Security Administration
OEO FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Green Street
POB # 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022

Please send me a photocopy of the actual application for a Social Security card (Form ss-5-Social Security Number Record Third Party Request for Photocopy) filed by the person listed below.

I obtained this information from the Social Security Death Master file at RootsWeb.com Inc. that obtained it from the Social Security Death Master file, originally compiled by the Social Security Administration.

My understanding is that the fee is $27.00, when the Social Security number is provided or $29.00 if the Social Security number is unknown or incorrect. Enclosed is a check or money order for $______________, made payable to the Social Security Administration.

Thank you for your assistance.

MY ANCESTOR’S NAME
Social Security Number: xxx-xx-xxxx
Birth: xx-xx-xxxx
Death: xx-xx-xxxx

Sincerely,
Address
Daytime Phone Number

Thanks Barb Oestreich
PCGS member

Microsoft Wisconsin Settlement
<www.microsoftwisuit.com.FAQ.htm>

Library of Congress/Ask a Librarian/email
<www.loc.gov/rr/asklib/ask-genealogy.html>

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email: <searchservice#dar.org>
(for both Search & Photocopy services)
Telephone: Search Service:  
(202) 879-3245  
Photocopy Services:  
(202) 628-1776 Ext.398  
Videophone Relay: Search Service  
1(866) 327-8877  
(202) 879-3245 (ask for Dennis)  
The Search Service does NOT accept requests via e-mail or over the telephone.

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27 October 2007  
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
Fall Seminar  
Find Your Roots on the Family Farm  
Stoney Creek Inn  
Wausau, Wisconsin  

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Society Leaders Workshop-North  
Saturday 22 September 2007  
Comfort Inn - Tomahawk, Wisconsin  
715-453-8900  
9 AM-3:15 PM

Wisconsin State Genealogy Society (WSGS) will underwrite a portion of the workshop costs for members of affiliated societies. Members from societies not affiliated with WSGS are also welcome to attend. The cost, which includes lunch, is $10.00 each for the first three members from an affiliated society; $15.00 each for additional members from the same affiliate; and $20.00 per person for nonaffiliated society members.  
Please contact for info: Jennifer Ehle at <stevee@inwave.com>

Thanks Dorothy Adams  
PCGS Member

"POLK COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL  
1906-1917  
Course of Study"

First Quarter:  
Arithmetic  
Grammar and Composition  
Reading and Orthospy  
Psychology and Pedagogy  
Penmanship and Spelling

Second Quarter:  
Arithmetic  
Grammar and Composition  
Manuel and Observation  
Penmanship and Spelling

Third Quarter:  
United States History  
Geography  
Physiology  
Manual and Observation  
Drawing and Library

Fourth Quarter:  
United States History  
Geography  
Agriculture  
School Management and Law  
Manual Training and Library

Those who are capable of satisfactory work in Spelling and Penmanship will be excused from all but the work in methods in these branches. Work in Algebra and Physical Geography sufficient to cover the requirements for a second grade certificate will be offered to those whose other work will permit,”

Polk County Educational Representatives  
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