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**Polk County Genealogical Society
POB # 101
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810**

VISION STATEMENT:

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

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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The new History/Genealogy Records Room at the Polk County Historical Society Museum, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin is a room in which all persons interested in family history can be proud.

Computers and printers, county histories, maps, school records from all around the county, individual family histories, church membership records, and much more to aid in finding that elusive relative. The museum is still open weekends for the rest of September, 2008 - stop by and check out the new records room!

Tentative Schedule 2008-2009

ATTENTION:

**NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR
2008-2009**
SENIOR CENTER ST. CROIX FALLS
140 North Washington/Main Street
Highway '87' /east side of road.

FALL SCHEDULE:

Monday 22 September 2008 - 7 pm
Muriel Pfeifer
"What can be learned from obits"

Monday 27 October 2008 - 7 P.M.
Tim Ericson -Retired Archivist with
University of Wisconsin system

24 November 2008 - 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich
Barb meets **Leon's** near/dear!
"Oh! the stories to tell"
Probate Records

Monday 8 December 2008 NOON
at **Judy Wester's** Holiday Potluck.
please call: 715-646-1447.

January 2009 7 P.M.

OPEN FORUM

FEBRUARY 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

March 2009 7 P.M.

Pending

April 2009 7 P.M.

Paul Clark - DIGITIZING RECORDS

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Polk County Genealogy Society

Jan-Dec \$15.00

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Name, Address, State/Zip
to

Russ Adams

2410 River Road

St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

2008 Local History and Historic Preservation Conference

BUILDING ON THE BASICS

26-27 September 2008

Madison, Wisconsin

POLK COUNTY MARRIAGES 1855-1867

Groom / Bride Date Vol/P

NICOLAISEN, Nils Frederick / Ane Margaret JENSEN

18 Nov. 1871 2/238

NEWMANN, Edward / Veronica LITFIN

24 Nov. 1868 2/193

NELSON, Martin / Anna NELSON

17 FEB. 1872 2/246

NELSON, John / Ellen M. JOHNSON

11 Apr 1868 2/134

MURPHY, Nick/ Catherine W. MILLER

25 Dec 1856 1/11

MORRISEY, John / Lucy A. NELSON

22 JUN. 1859 1/35

MORGAN, Charles / Elizabeth JANUARY

15 Jan 1864 1/57

MOREHOUSE, John / Elizabeth AHL

9 Jul 1863 1/60A

Copied from Polk County Vital Records
by **Muriel Morgan Pfeifer**
PCGS member

Fun facts to know and tell

St. Paul Pioneer Press

26 August 2008

Writes **The Redbird**: "While doing research on my family, I came across a couple of very interesting items. My family immigrated from Bohemia, which is [now] the Czech Republic. 3 cousins and I made the trip into the Czech Republic in 1995 to find the family homes, [and] we found six of them.

1st item we found interesting: If a boy from family and farm 'A' married a girl from family and farm 'B' and they went to live with the family on farm 'B', the boy would then take the name of the family of farm 'B'. This raises some problems when doing genealogy research [as] the name is present, but the blood line is not. "

2nd problem: "research in cemeteries. The cemeteries are located around the church. There is always a wall or fence around the cemeteries. As we roamed the cemeteries looking for family names, we noticed tombstones leaning against the wall. We learned the cemetery plot is included with the farmhouse. If a family sells the farm, the new owners also get the cemetery plot. Therefore, the new owners put the previous owner's tombstone against the cemetery wall and install their own tombstone in the plot. The only way one can know an ancestor is buried there is by the [written] records."

Polk County Genealogy Society member, **Kathy Clark** will teach Genealogy 101 at the Luck High School, 23 September 2008 from 6-8 PM. Please call **Amy A.** at the Luck Community Education number for registration information.

Request:
Looking for City Directory:
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St. Paul, Minnesota 1898-99.
Anyone with information please contact:
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St. Croix Valley Gen Society
<nhawk@spacestar.net

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Grange Movement

Karen Baumgartner
Price County Genealogical Society
April-August 2008

The Grange movement was successful in regulating the railroads and grain warehouses. The birth of the Cooperative Extension Service (from land grant colleges), Rural Free Delivery and the Farm Credit System were largely due to Grange lobbying. The organization was unusual in that it allowed women and teens as equal member. In addition, every position of elected leadership is open to all members, and several can only be held by women.

<www.nationalgrange.org>
<info@nationalgrange.org>

For family history data, email the National Grange to discover if they hold Polk County records and what the major objectives of the Patrons of Husbandry (Grange) were over the 141 year history of the organization.

INTERESTING TIMELINES - Games/toys

Gen News
Douglas County Genealogy Club
August 2008

1888- Tiddlywinks
1901- Lionel Trains
1903- Crayola Crayons & Teddy Bears
1906- Rook
1913- Erector Set
1914- Tinker Toys
1916- Lincoln Logs
1917- Radio Flyer Wagon
1928- Chinese Checkers
1934- Sorry
1935- Monopoly

