

THE POLK COUNTY POST

*Polk County Genealogical Society (PCGS)
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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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QUESTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The present board of directors is having a difficult time finding members who are willing to take over and serve in leadership positions for the 2010 year. The directors have all served well and faithfully for several years and, due to a variety of circumstances, wish to share the responsibility with another member(s). Programs and a meeting place are both scheduled and locked in for the remainder of 2009. Election of officers is at the October meeting.

Several ideas are presented for your consideration:

-Disband completely and give our little bit of grant money, checking account funds and savings account funds away (approximately \$1000.00) What organization(s) would you choose?

-Continue with monthly meetings but discontinue officer positions, discontinue dues, roll back our status as a Society and once again call ourselves

Polk County Genealogy Group. PCGS would become a "sharing and caring" genealogy group as opposed to a structured society. Each meeting would be a group of people sharing a problem/a success or with questions. A speaker or program only if someone of our Group would be willing to be responsible for the same. Continue with the monthly newsletter to inform interested parties of events. Share our money.

-Continue with meeting only on an irregular bases, no officer positions, no dues, Continue with monthly newsletters to inform interested parties of events. Give our money away.

-Become a genealogy group that functions only as a Group with a newsletter - no meetings, no dues, no officers, give our money away.

Suggestions that have come forward since the last newsletter

-Reduce our dues to \$5.00 a year; discontinue officers; "hate to see PCGS disband completely, perhaps hold meetings ONLY in NON-SNOW months"; roll back our status as a Society to Polk County Genealogy Group.

Newsletter? Funds?

-Hold the Polk County Genealogy meetings the same evening/same location as the Polk County Historical Society ONLY the genealogy meeting would be 1 hour to 1-1/2 an hour earlier which would enable PCGS to conduct our business and join the historical society for a joint program at 7:00 pm. Newsletter? Funds?

-Join the historical society for the program (7 PM) and then hold a genealogy meeting AFTER the historical societies program (8-8:30 PM)

Newsletter? Funds?

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS?

Settled Schedule 2009

Don't Forget to Join in "Genie Mondays"

June/July/August

Every

Monday at the Polk County Historical Society Museum's Research Library

1 PM to 4 PM

BUILDING an INVENTORY of the RESEARCH ROOM LIBRARY COLLECTION

Support will be available to explain and direct our work. Of course, should any guests stop by looking for help with family history research questions, PCGS members will be on hand to assist.

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SEPT AND OCT. MEETING LOCATION

once again we will meet at the

O S C E O L A

P U B L I C L I B R A R Y

starting on

Monday 28 September 2009 7 P.M.

program:

Anita Buck, Author of
STEAMBOATS ON THE ST. CROIX CARRYING IMMIGRANTS/CARGO UP THE ST. CROIX RIVER BETWEEN 1850-1920

and also at Osceola

Monday 26 October 2009 7 P.M.

Barb Oestreich -

A New Genealogy Adventure

***** NEW *****

NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION

A M E R Y S E N I O R C E N T E R

Monday 23 November 2009 7 P.M.
MAP AVAILABILITY AT THE MUSEUM RESEARCH ROOM, Balsam Lake, WI
by PCGS member **Judy Wester**

Monday 14 December 2009

Noon Holiday Potluck
at the

Home of PCGS member
Jay / Joyce Bergstrand

Please call for directions
(715).268.9523

PCGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: **Kathy Clark**

Vice President: **Jay Bergstrand**

Treasurer: **Russ Adams**

Secretary: **Dorothy Adams**

Editor:

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Polk County Genealogy Society Dues

Jan-Dec \$15.00

Please make your check or money order payable to PCGS and mail, along with your:

Name, Address, State/Zip
to

Russ Adams

2410 River Road

St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
2009 Fall Seminar
2-3 October 2009
Neenah, Wisconsin
Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel &
Conference Center.
<wsgs@tds.net>
or
WSGS
POB # 5108
Madison, WI 53705-0106

**Local History and Historic Preservation
Annual Conference**
9-10 October 2009
Wausau, Wisconsin
24 Sessions
8 Hands-on-workshops
3 Friday evening events
2 Keynotes addresses

**Request from the Polk County Historical
Society**

A request was made at the July Polk County Historical Society meeting asking if members of the Polk County Genealogy Society would be willing to staff the research library at the museum in Balsam Lake one day a week in the calendar year 2010.

PCGS makes donation

A motion was voted on and passed to donate \$350.00 from the treasury of Polk County Genealogy Society to the Polk County Historical Society for expenses with purchasing power-point equipment.

From PCGS member **Judy Wester**

Genline is proud to announce that we have been awarded for the fifth consecutive year a place in *Family Tree Magazine's* annual

101 Best Genealogy Web Sites.

**New records added continuously

*SwedGen 2009

*Norwegian/Danish Passenger Ship Indexes

*99.95 % of existing Church Records 1600-1897 that include:

birth

marriage

death

household census

movements within Sweden

emigration from Sweden

*1898-1937 added beginning in the summer of 2008."

Thanks **Judy**

POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN
MARRIAGES 1855-1867
Last Name First Name
Date Vol/Pg

CLARK, Andrew J./Emily SALSBURY
9 Apr 1862 1/51

CLARK, George / Eunice GODFREY
16 AUG 1866 1/74

COLE, Henry / Rachel Permelia SMITH
3 Aug 1871 2/227

COLLINS, Shubace / Mary Ann TALBOYS
7 Jun 1857 1/13

CUENAT, Peter / Elisabeth ROSSE
5 May 1861 1/39

Thanks to PCGS member
Muriel Pfeifer

POLK COUNTY TAX RECORDS

The following original tax receipts can be found at the Polk County Historical Society museum in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Some of the records are for taxes paid on personal property (moveable property) and some are for real estate (land) taxes. I have not listed the amount of the tax nor have I listed the justification for the tax. (These records are well over a hundred years old and very difficult to read. I apologize for any misspelling/Editor)

TOWNSHIP of ALDEN 1872

Taxpayers:

N. M. Babcock

John Babcock

Ives Bjosge

Even A. Sather

Nels Ollerson

E. Erickson

Peter Reinhard Erickson

Paul Martinson

Hans Peterson

Hans Nilsen

Peter Nelsen

Matthias Torgerson

Lewis Johnson

P. A. Hanson

P. H. Johnson

Nels Christopherson

Peter Nelson

Peter John Swensen

Andrew E. Masle

P. Stewart

John Peterson

Emmet Christopherson

Matthias Hendrickson

M. Albertson

John Anderson

C. Swansen

Ole Johnson Lee

Andrew Christianson

Christ Aderson

Ole Swansen

Thore Nelson

John P. Hanson

Philip Hittel

William Folson

George Thomson

Ole Moe

Ole Johnson

P. J. Norgrand

Lewis Larson Borgen

Paul Hagan

P. H. Wilson

John Morehouse

Samuel Thomas

Anthony Levi

Henry McGuire

B. H. Commer

Hans Olsen Borgen

Andrew Ellingsen

John August Larson

Simon Martinson

Nels Olson
J. L. Bridgerman
Matthias Rolofson
H. L. Williams
J. B. Disotel
Martin Nelson
John Olsen
E. Ross
T. L. Wakefield
W. F. Greaves
Joseph Nassaw
Andrew Anderson
Francis Basterash
George A. Gove
Charles Nassaw, Senior
Fred Olson
Lawrence Mendrum
Even Mendrum
Ole Morries
Hans Anderson
Mrs. R. Larson
Peter Christopherson
A. Cornella
J. C. Parslow
H. Woodman
William Carte
Nels A. Asp
S. E. Huyck
John Wiltbesk
Armund Lien

Ole Asp
H. Streeter
Armund Brothen
E. Paulson
Carl Frits
Ole Bye
C. H. Sawyer
Dista Chasbanan
Ole Erin Bjorge
Phillip Pascal

RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

Ten ways to locate your ancestor's birthplace by **Janice Nickerson** in *Family Chronicle* March/April 2003

1. Obituaries and Death Notices
(usually published within 3 weeks of death)
2. Probate Records
(heirs here and in the old country/address)
3. Gravestones
(may list village of origin in old country)
4. Marriage Announcements
(may list birthplace of bride/groom)
5. Local news items
(ship arrivals and land sales)
6. Community Histories
(may be written in only glowing terms)
7. Immigration/Naturalization
(good source/may be difficult to find)
8. Passenger Lists
(prior residence and fellow passengers)
9. Assisted Immigration
(emigrants "assisted" in coming to USA)
10. Child Imigrant Schemes
(orphans or abandoned children)

