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From the Chair:

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost upon us and we only have one meeting left for the year. It's been an interesting year, and I look forward to the next.

We have a terrific organization, but it takes all of us to make it so. All of us need to be involved and pitch in. We can't leave things up to just a few. Please set a little time aside to help out in one of our many projects or if you are able, as an officer. We're still in need of a secretary. Other than our monthly meeting time, other participation time is minimal, an hour or two a month, more if you wish. This is YOUR organization too! An organization is only as good as its parts.

Summer seems to be a busy time for all of us. Hopefully you'll all be able to join us Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Birch Pavilion in Carson Park for our picnic. More information will be coming.

I hope to find time this summer to catch up on my genealogy record keeping and as much research as I can. If, during your research, you come upon a website you really like or find helpful, please let me know. Compiling a list of favorite websites may help others in their research, especially if the website goes beyond the common ones such as ancestry or familysearch.org. Keep checking our website (www.grsec.org) too as it may contain information to help in your searches. One site I just learned about is www.stevemorse.org, who has developed search tools beyond the normal. Dick Eastman's blog also gives ideas and direction for searching, <http://blog.eogn.com>.

So, thanks for a great year. Have a super, productive summer. We'll see you at the picnic and in the fall for another great year. **Pat Lindholm**, 715-836-7375, dustyden@att.net

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We wish to thank Carol Steinmetz for her service as web coordinator. We welcome new web coordinator Eau Claire native and 2012 UWEC undergrad **Michaela Walters**. She is L.E. Phillips Library Assistant in Reference Services and working on her Masters in Library Sciences. Being GRSEC webmaster will be part of her academic pursuits. She can be contacted at Waltersm169@gmail.com and 715- 828-1711

Coming Events:

May 10: Monthly meeting - Celeste Tumm will speak about “Publishing Your Family History.”

May 06: The Historic Preservation meeting will take place at the Chippewa Valley Museum at 7:00 P.M. the first Tuesday in May.

May 16: Syttende Mai-Peace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, \$15. ager2@charter.net

August 05: (a Tuesday) Annual GRS picnic at Birch Pavilion in Carson Park at 5:30.

Sept. 13: Bob Fraser: Passenger Ship Lists as an aid in finding out how and when your ancestors got here. Expect illustrations; one from 1775 and one from 1807.

Linda McClelland comments on Senior American's Day: “We had a wonderful turnout at our booth and especially between classes we were swamped! Many people expressed an interest in joining our group. I got one filled in form. Also sold one bride and groom's index. The winners of our contest were:”

1: 25 bookmarks - **Phyllis Grohn** 2: 1 year membership - **Tammie Printz**
3: Red sourcebook - **Ronald Fry**

Internet Websites: for BASIC Genealogy Research

These websites are only a sample of what is actually out there on the net, and it changes daily.

Updated May 2013 by Deb Jarvar

Cyndi's List – contains over **327,000** genealogy related websites. This should be your starting point in basic genealogy research.

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

Latter Day Saints (Mormon or LDS) website – search by name to find out if anyone else has already done research on your family. Check often, they load data daily.

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

Ancestry - requires membership for any more than a very basic search, however, many public libraries subscribe to Ancestry.com and it is free on library computers to library cardholders. It contains a wealth of information from census and immigration records to completed family trees.

<http://ancestry.com>

RootsWeb - is a free genealogy website supported by Ancestry. This would be a good place to post a message on your research efforts. It also has family trees under WorldConnect, similar to Ancestry and more.

<http://rootsweb.com/>

Ellis Island – search here for immigrants entering the United States through New York, you must register but it is free. Ellis Island opened in 1892. (Check Castle Garden prior to 1892.)

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

Castle Garden – in New York, this was the United States entry location for many immigrants from 1830 to 1892. Contains a searchable database.

<http://castlegarden.org/>

Passenger Lists on the Internet

One of several, The Ships List: Passengers, Ships, Shipwrecks.

<http://www.theshipslist.com/>

The Wisconsin Historical Society – a searchable database, click on Genealogy then on Vital Records for pre-1907 birth, death and marriage information, plus other databases.

<http://wisconsinhistory.org/>

Public Libraries – Many libraries subscribe to Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest (US census information from 1790-1930). Some also offer newspaper searches worldwide through ACCESS.

Eau Claire Public Library website is:

<http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/>

US Genweb Project – provides extensive free genealogical information for every state and county in the United States. Some counties are maintained better than others.

<http://usgenweb.com/>

ISTG – Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild, a searchable database.

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Google Translate – a wonderful service that allows translation of many different languages.

<http://translate.google.com/>

Find A Grave – 99 million gravesites online and growing daily, some contain photos of the tombstone. You can also request a photo of a gravestone.
<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Hint: Try using quotation marks before and after a name in Google.com to limit the search to ONLY what you typed, ex: “Hans Fretheim”. **Always VERIFY what you glean from the Internet.** It's only accurate as the person entering the information. Happy searching.

Do you have a favorite genealogy website you would like to share with others? One that has been especially productive? Send it to jalf4840@charter.net

Let's give Karin a hand

Wanting some quiet or alone time over the summer? How about helping with indexing a cemetery in Eau Claire County! There are several in need of updating. It is very easy to do; just walk a cemetery and verify the information on the grave marker against a print out, making any necessary changes and additions, then turn in the papers to Karin. Please contact Karin for more information.
karinpettis@aol.com, 715-225-9901 - please leave a message.

NEIGHBOR'S NOTES

“The Pipost” published by the St. Croix Valley Genealogical Society in March 2014 stated that nearly 2000 headstones at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Hudson had been added to www.FindAGrave.com including photographs and memorials.

“The Echoes” published by Blue Hills Genealogical Society – Barron County for January and February 2014 stated that the Rice Lake Library has the Chronotype available in digitized format on the genealogy page at www.ricelakelibrary.org The Chronotype was known variously as “The Rice Lake Chronotype”, “Barron County Chronotype”, “The Chronotype”, “Rice Lake Chronotype” and “The Barron County Chronotype”. Issues that may be viewed online were printed between 1874 and 1920.

Ancestry.com has an article “4 Things To Do Before You Donate Your Genealogy” that can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/o2f9pd4> The author points out that, even if your will describes how you want your genealogical records distributed, in the process of breaking up the house when a loved one goes into a nursing home, family members have been known to toss items they didn't think were “important.”

AARP members can get an Ancestry.com subscription for 30% off at <http://tinyurl.com/k5oxknx>

Meet A Member: Diane Youngell

GRSEC member Diane Youngell, a Milwaukee native who now calls Eau Claire her home, has been delving into her family history since 1998. She was watching the Donny and Marie (Osmond) show and learned how to research in that way. “I thought it would be kind of interesting to learn,” she says, so she started going to the genealogy society in

Milwaukee and took classes for a couple of weeks.

She had a fair amount of history from her mother's side of the family but wanted more about the family on the side of her father, Francis Youngell. She had hardly gotten started when she found a red herring had been inadvertently dragged across the trail she was following. Her father never talked much about his father, Edward Youngell, but he did say Edward, an immigrant to Florence County, Wisconsin spoke Swedish. Diane assumed from that she had a Swedish heritage. She might have floundered around in Swedish history but caught a break when the Florence County, Wisconsin library sent her obituaries of her aunts and uncles.



“Some of them were two columns long,” she says, “so I got all the history where they were from. All the older children who came for the funeral and where they were from.”



It turned out the Youngells had emigrated from Vaasa, a city on the gulf between Finland and Sweden in western Finland. She had the good fortune to be contacted by a cousin in Green Bay she had not known about. He was searching the Youngell family, too and found her in the Milwaukee phone book. From him she got more information including photos from the Florence cemetery and World War I photos of two great uncles. Having recorded that history she turned to her mother's side of the family.

Youngell's mother Ellen, age 89, has been and continues to be a rich source of information about her families, the Jaegers, (her maiden name) Thiessenhusens and Ottos (her grandmother.) “Mom has lots of photographs,” she says. “The Ottos worked on the family tree way back. That side of the family kept a lot of the records. So, I thought as long as my mom is around I should do that part. I left the Youngell side and went to my mom's, the German side, and the other Germans now.” She has had help from fellow GRS member Ken Kiesow, especially about the Jaegers who were from Lasbach, Pomerania in the Kres-Regenwald region. The Thiessenhusen branch had been done back to the 1600s. Now, she says, she is at a road block and needs help with further research.

Youngell, who relies on a wheelchair for mobility, had a promising career going when she had to have brain surgery and lost the ability to walk. She also lost some cognitive acuity, so, as she says, “Things go a little slower.” Her study area would not make a visitor think so, though. She has all the modern computer equipment and the ability to use it with her background as a transcriptionist to help.

Not being able to get around has made it difficult to establish a network of research partners so she has a wish to have friends who will interact in genealogical study. She receives e-mail at mobydi2@hotmail.com.

**Additional donations to our library that should have been mentioned last month.
They are appreciated and enhance our collection.**

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Newsletters we receive at the GRS-EC

| Newsletter | Organization |
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| “Gems of Genealogy” | Bay Area Genealogical Society (Green Bay) |
| “The Echoes” | Blue Hills Genealogical Society (Barron County) |
| “Lore” | Buffalo County Historical Society, Alma |
| “The Newsletter” | Chippewa County Wisconsin Genealogical Society |
| “Out On A Limb” | Doge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society, Inc. |
| “Quest” | Dunn County Genealogical Society Newsletter |
| Newsletter | Escondido Genealogical Society Newsletter (California) |
| “La Crosse Area Genealogical Society Quarterly” | La Crosse Area Genealogical Society |
| “The Newsletter” | La Crosse Area Genealogical Society Quarterly |
| “Pine, Maple & Family Trees” | Langlade County Genealogical Society |
| “Pinery Pedigree” | Marathon County Genealogical Society |
| Newsletter | Monroe, Juneau, Jackson County's Genealogical Workshop, Inc. |
| “Family Tree Talk” | Muskegon County, Michigan Genealogical Society |
| Newsletter | Pierce County Historical Association |
| “Sawdust City Roots” (2 Volumes) | Genealogical Research Society of Eau Claire |
| “The Pipost” | St. Croix Valley Genealogical Society |
| “Pedigree Pointers” | Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society |
| “Trønderlag Nyheter Brev” | Newsletter for descendants of Trønderlag region of Norway |
| “Branching Out” | Twin Ports Genealogical Society (Duluth and Superior) |
| Newsletter | Waukesha County Genealogical Society |
| Winnebagoland Roots | Winnebagoland Genealogical Society (Oshkosh) |
| “Roots in Washburn County” | Washburn County Genealogical Society |

Book added to library:

Atl.WI.Bu.02

Atlas and Farmers' Directory of Buffalo County Wisconsin – 1914

• Information found in genealogical newsletters received by GRSEC:

- *Monroe Juneau Jackson County's WI Genealogy Workshop Inc. Newsletter*
- Check out Monroe County Local History Room's online databases at www.monroecountyhistory.org
- 1859-1960 Newspaper Index, Circuit and County Courthouse Records Index, County Cemetery Index, County Naturalization Records Index, County Plat Book Index (1877, 1897, 1915 and 1948), County Census Index, County Civil War Index, County Biographical Index, Vital Records Indexes, 1862 Persons Liable for Military Duty Index, County School Census Index (1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955), County Local History Room Archives Index and Historic Photo Index of over 10,000 images.

- Buffalo Co., Wis. *Lore*
- Blue Hills Genealogical Society of Barron County, *The Echoes*
- *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*
- Buffalo County Historical Society has added photographs collected by the Buffalo County Sesquicentennial Committee that include photos of schools, cheese factories, cemeteries and more. Additional sources will be added. www.bchsonline.com
- The Society has cemetery abstracts, plat books, genealogy DVDs, photos and maps for sale. Ordering instructions and detailed list can be found in GRSEC Library notebook holding copies of *The Echoes*
- By spring of 2014 8,000 sheets of Sanborn maps showing more than 300 cities and towns between 1870 and 1923 will be available online. They are being placed on line in alphabetical order; Ableman through Marinette are online now. Milwaukee will be placed online last because of its size.
- <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/cdm/search/collection/maps/searchterm/sanborn/field/all/conn/and/cosuppress/>
- or you can use this shortened version:
- <http://tinyurl.com/m9mdfo3>

From the editor: I am indebted to all who contributed content to this issue. Thank you. I also appreciate your patience as I had to convert to Windows 8 when XP went obsolete. Quite a few times I had to request information several times as I lost it in transition. Now, as we take our summer break I will still be collecting items for the September issue. I am at jalf4840@charter.net

Jim