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From the (rocking) Chair.....

As they say in the races, "and they're off." Seems that we, as a group, are as well. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and effort. We depend on participation to keep our group an excellent one. Thanks to those who volunteer...but we need a few more! We are still in need of a hospitality chair, which would only take a few extra minutes of your time. Welcome on board Chuck Lorentz as program chair!!!!

Some have been talking and see a need for getting back to the basics and how to's. One of my suggestions toward this is to set up your own list of web sites that are beneficial to you and visit them occasionally. All sites change and acquire new material, so revisit them. Here are a few of my favorites.

**Familytreemagazine.com** This has many areas to explore. I have downloaded and use many of their "free forms." Their magazine has been including some too. The latest had a form for gathering information on death certificates. I have scanned it into my computer and will gladly share.

**MNHS.org** is the Minnesota historical society site. If you have MN ancestors, you should give this site a look. Most of their vital records are on microfilm as well as newspapers. Looking at the indexes here saves

time if you are going to their library to get copies. Copy fees here are about \$.35 if you do it yourself.

**Wisconsinhistory.org** is the Wisconsin's historical society site. Using this site to prepare for a trip to Madison is well worth the time in the comfort of your own home.

**Familysearch.org** is a free site in competition with Ancestry.com. Familysearch.org is owned by the LDS church.

These sites along with those on our library site can be of great assist in our quest of knowing our ancestors. Do you have a favorite site that would be worth sharing?

Taking advantage of the open labs held at the library have also been beneficial for me. We always learn from one another and it's a great starting point. What better place to "pick one's brain!"

Pat

Coming events:

**November 09:** Sara Theilen will present about genealogy software.

**November 14:** Genealogy open lab at the public library, 10:15 am – 12:30 pm. No registration required.

**December 14:** Kathy, Deb, Tom, Karen and Greg will hold a panel discussion. This will be our annual Christmas Sampler. Bring a sample of your Christmas baking.

**January 11:** Greg Kocken of UWEC special collections will discuss archive resources.

For the Wisconsin Historical Society schedule of events go to

[www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)

## Book Report

The GRS has a new book in the library, courtesy of Kathy Herfel and the L. E. Phillips Library. It is "Memories of a Country Doctor's Wife ... and More" by Celia Blom, edited by her son G. Peter Blom. The book is catalogued as FH.B011.

Celia Boumeester graduated from nurses training at Luther Hospital in 1920. Julius Blom graduated from the University Of Oslo Medical School in Norway and came to Midelfart Clinic in 1917. Celia and Julius married in 1921.

Celia tells about home life and operating a doctor's office during that era. She talks about the lack of plumbing, how important a telephone and a knowledgeable operator were to their practice. She tells about using a Model T, horse and buggy or sleigh, skis or snowshoes, depending on road conditions, to visit patients.

About half of the book is Celia's enjoyable story about life in the Menomonie/Woodville / Eau Claire area during the 1920's and later. The remainder of the book is letters from family and friends expressing their memories of Celia and Julius.

Chuck Lorentz is the new program chair. Thank you, Chuck, for accepting this task and for already filling all the programs for the year!

Welcome new members Patrick and Røe Mattson and Diana Peterson!

Pat is a longtime resident of Eau Claire. He is researching Mattson's in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He is also working on several other names in Wisconsin, including Ortmann, Kettner, Lahr, Wangen and Bassel.

Diana is researching the surnames Peterson and Brice in Wisconsin. Also, she is working on two surnames in Pennsylvania, Sigler and Schoch.

### Useful websites

Our Chair lists several useful websites for research. Following are some more submitted by our members who have found them useful.

Movaco, Michael Leclerc's genealogy news research tips includes records of Railroad Retirement Board.

The Hennepin County Library in Minneapolis has digitized the Minneapolis City Directories from 1859 to 1917, using a grant from the former Professional Librarians Union of Minneapolis (PLUM) and the Minnesota Legacy Amendment program. City directories allow users to find former city residents, their occupations and local businesses. The city directories are available at: <http://box2.nmtvault.com/Hennepin2/>

Learn more about "Jewish Civil records of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Southern Germany" and these name adoption lists (and more) via a great article by Ralph Bloch, <http://jgbs.org/Documents/CivilRegisters.pdf> Name Adoption and Other Lists [www.a-h-b.de/AHB/links\\_e.htm](http://www.a-h-b.de/AHB/links_e.htm)

**Share your favorite genealogy website with other readers of this newsletter. Send them to [jalf4840@charter.net](mailto:jalf4840@charter.net)**

Meet a member: Glen Patzwald

When Genealogy Research Society of Eau Claire member Glen Patzwald got interested in history in recent years, family genealogy was only one of his pursuits. He had hardly gotten started on the formal research of his paternal family when he got side tracked on, of all things, stage coaches. In the last couple of years he has managed to meld the two interests, climbing the Patzwald (pronounce that Potzwald) tree and finding stage coach routes in three counties.



He started in researching his family tree including the names Patzwald, on his side of the family and Heuer (say Hoyer) and Welke on his wife's. A copy of "Sights and Sounds of the Valley, A History of Fall Creek" came into his possession. Published by the State Bank of Fall Creek, it included details of stage coaches and his grandfather. Since then he has been actively pursuing both subjects.

Patzwald has traced his family name back five generations to the city of Posen

in the Prussian province of Germany. The area is now part of eastern Poland and was ethnically cleansed of Germans after World War 2 so any further research will probably be in Western Germany. He is hoping to visit there next summer with his son. Drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict he was stationed in Germany and one of his biggest regrets is that he did not think about looking up people with his family name. It is an omission he hopes to correct when he gets there.

Patzwald happily describes himself as a people person. After high school he went to college for a year thinking he would have a career as a coach but decided that was not his calling. Instead he returned to Chippewa Falls and took a job as sales clerk at J.C. Penney's, working his way through every department in the store. He later worked for a gas pipe line company and a liquor distributor. Now retired (he was born in 1928) he has settled in Eau Claire.

He credits a lot of his success in research to the GRS-EC and the public library in Eau Claire. Kathy Herfel, library liaison to the GRS gets high marks from him for her help and encouragement. He also credits fellow member Wayne Duesterbeck who has shared material from his personal collection.

Asked what advice he would give to someone starting out on family research he has no hesitation. "First of all I would say, join a group. Secondly go to the court house, third the cemetery. What you have to do is get the birth date and death date to get any information. Start from scratch. It's going to involve leg work." Churches are also a resource of his and first hand interviews. He has used Ancestry.com also.

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Following is part 2 of 3 of the GRS-EC library inventory. Place this with part 1 of the last issue. Part 3 in the Dec-Jan issue will complete the list so you will have it all in your records at home. Thank you, Roger for this excellent and useful resource.

Call Number	Title
Frgn.Aus.01	Bridging the Generations: 4th Australasian Congress on Genealogy, 1986
Frgn.Aust.01	Handy Guide to Austrian Genealogical Records
Frgn.Can.01	Saint Jules Parish Register, 1901-1996, Comte de Bonaventure, Quebec, Canada.
Frgn.Cze.01	Czech-English, English-Czech Dictionary
Frgn.Den.03	Danish Genealogical Word List
Frgn.Eng.01	Royalty For Commoners
Frgn.Eng.02	The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers
Frgn.Eng.03 pt.1	Passengers on the "LION" from England to Boston, 1632 Part 1
Frgn.Eng.03 pt.2	Passengers on the "LION" from England to Boston, 1632 Part 2
Frgn.Eng.04	Pedigrees of some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendents
Frgn.Eng.05	Beginning Your Family History in Great Britain
Frgn.Eng.06 MISSING	Kings and Queens of England
Frgn.Eng.07	Research Outline: England
Frgn.Eng.08	A-Z of British Genealogical Research
Frgn.Eur.01	Families Directly Descended from All the Royal Families in Europe 495-1932 and Mayflower Descendents

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Frgn.Fra.01	Larousse's French- English, English- French Dictionary
Frgn.Ger.01	1833 thru 1906 Palatine Emigrants from Edenkoben to North America
Frgn.Ger.02 MISSING	In Search of Your German Roots
Frgn.Ger.03	German-English, English-German Dictionary
Frgn.Ger.04 v.1	Atlantic Bridge to Germany, v.1
Frgn.Ger.04 v.2	Atlantic Bridge to Germany, v.2
Frgn.Ger.04 v.3	Atlantic Bridge to Germany, v.3
Frgn.Ger.04 v.5	Atlantic Bridge to Germany, v.5
Frgn.Ger.05	Tracing Your German Roots, 1986
Frgn.Ger.06	German Researcher: Getting the Most Out of an LDS Branch Gen. Library
Frgn.Ger.07	If I Can You Can: Decipher Germanic Records
Frgn.Ger.08	The German Research Companion
Frgn.Ger.09	The German Researcher
Frgn.Ger.10	Pomerania Atlantic Bridge to Germany
Frgn.Ire.01	Visitation of Ireland
Frgn.Ire.03	Tracing Your Irish Ancestors
Frgn.Ire.04	Irish Genealogical Society Surname Interest List, 2001 ed.
Frgn.Ire.05.no16	Familia Ulster Genealogical Review No.16 2000
Frgn.Ire.05.no17	Familia Ulster Genealogical Review No.17 2001
Frgn.Ire.06.v1	Ireland to North America emigrants from West Cork Vol.1 Irish History & Emigration Series
Frgn.Ire.07	Bradshaw's General Directory of Newry, Armagh 1820
Frgn.Ire.08	Irish Family History Society - Directory of Parish Registers Indexed in Ireland 3rd Edition
Frgn.Ire.09	Directory of Irish Family History Research No.25 2002
Frgn.Ire.10	Ordinance Survey Memories of Ireland Index of People and Places
Frgn.Nor.01	Genealogical Maps & Guide to Norwegian Parish Registers
Frgn.Nor.02	Beginner's Guide to Norwegian Genealogical Research
Frgn.Nor.03	1490 Norway Family Farm Surname 1990
Frgn.Nor.04	School Dictionary Norwegian-English
Frgn.Nor.05	America–America, A Norwegian-American Family Correspondence
Frgn.Nor.06	History of the Norwegian People in America
Frgn.Nor.07	A Chronicler Of Immigrant Life Svein Nilsson's Articles in Billed-Magazin, 1868-1870
Frgn.Pru.01 v.III	Prussia The Atlantic Bridge to Germany Volume III
Frgn.Scan.01	Scandinavian Records: Extraction
Frgn.Scot.01	Scotland: a Genealogical Research Guide
Frgn.Scot.02	The Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames
Frgn.Scot.03	The Highland Clans
Frgn.Scot.04	Scottish Clans & Tartans
Frgn.Swe.01	Swedish American Genealogist; Vol. XI, No. 1, Mar 1991
Mag.WHS.001.Spr2006	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Spring 2006
Mag.WHS.002.Spr2007	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Spring 2007

Call Number	Title
Mag.WHS.003.Sum2007	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Summer 2007
Mag.WHS.004.Spr2008	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Spring 2008
Mag.WHS.005.Sum2008	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Summer 2008
Mag.WHS.006.Aut2008	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Autumn 2008
Mag.WHS.007.Win2008-2009	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Winter 2008-2009
Mag.WHS.008.Spr2009	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Spring 2009
Mag.WHS.009.Sum2009	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Summer 2009
Mag.WHS.010.Aut2009	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Autumn 2009
Mag.WHS.011.Sum2010	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Summer 2010
Mag.WHS.012.Aut2010	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Autumn 2010
Mag.WHS.013.Win2010	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Winter 2010
Mag.WHS.014.Spr2011	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Spring 2011
Mag.WHS.014.Sum2011	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Summer 2011
Mag.WHS.014.Aut2011	WISCONSIN magazine of history - Wisconsin Historical Society Autumn 2011
Man.Ale.01	Alexander and Related Families
Man.Bai.01	Bailey, Harmison, and Eagan Family Research (Eau Claire)
Man.Bee.01	Beecher Family Research Papers (CT)
Man.Kra.01	Research Files of Ken Krause
Man.Puf.01	Puffer Family Research Papers (MA)
Man.Tra.01	Tracy Valley [King's Valley-South Valley] Cemetery Correspondence
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.001	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.27 No.1
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.002	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.2
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.003	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.3
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.004	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.1
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.005	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.4
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.006	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.5
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.007	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.30 No.6
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.008	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.31 No.2
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.009	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.31 No.3
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.010	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.31 No.4
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.011	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.31 No.5
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.012	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.32 No.1
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.013	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.32 No.2
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.014	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.32 No.3
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.015	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.32 No.4
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.016	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.32 No.5
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.017	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.33 No.1
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.018	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.33 No.2
NWSLTR.WHS.Columns.019	Newsletter Wisconsin State Historical Society Columns Vol.34 No.1
Per.WI.01 v.1, n.1	Wisconsin Families, June 1940
Per.WI.01 v.1, n.2	Wisconsin Families, September 1940

Call Number	Title
Per.WI.01 v.1, n.3	Wisconsin Families, December 1940
Per.WI.01 v.1, n.4	Wisconsin Families, March 1941
Per.WI.01 v.2	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Adams to Columbia Counties
Per.WI.01 v.3	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Crawford to Douglas Counties
Per.WI.01 v.4	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Dunn to Green Counties
Per.WI.01 v.5	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Green Lake to Kewaunee Counties
Per.WI.01 v.6	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – La Crosse to Marquette Counties
Per.WI.01 v.7	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Milwaukee to Portage Counties
Per.WI.01 v.8	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Price to Sawyer Counties
Per.WI.01 v.9	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Shawano to Walworth Counties
Per.WI.01 v.10	Excerpts from Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter – Washburn to Wood Counties
Per.WI.02	WSGS Newsletter Index, v.1-28, 31,32
Per.WI.03 v.55	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter; v. 55, no. 1-4
Per.WI.03 v.56	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter; v. 56, no. 1, 2, 4
Per.WI.03 v.57	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter; v. 57, no. 1
Per.WI.03 v.58	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter; v. 58, no. 2, 3
Ref.01.Eve	The Handybook For Genealogists United States of American Eighth Edition
Ref.02.Cro	Unpuzzling Your Past
Ref.03.Car	The Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists
Ref.04.Pad	Symbols in Stone, c1982
Ref.05.Hat	Locating Your Roots - Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records
Ref.06.Ros	Courthouse Indexes Illustrated
Ref.07.Ros	Nicknames Past & Present
Ref.08.Bus	The Complete Idiot's Guide to British Royalty
Ref.09.MHS	A Guide to Family Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society
Ref.10.Mel	Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research 4th Edition
Ref.11.Ste	Genealogical Evidence A guide to the Standard of Proof relating to Pedigrees, Ancestry, Heirship and Family History
Ref.12.FCM	More Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems
Ref.13.Ros	Courthouse Research for Family Historians Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures
Ref.14.Den	Finding Your French - Canadian Ancestors 2nd Edition
Ref.15.Dou	Research at the Library and Archives Canada
Ref.16.Bet	Researching American Immigration Records... Book HA06
Ref.17.Bet	Researching American Land Records...Book HA04
Ref.18.Bet	Researching American Religious Records...Book HA01
Ref.19.Bar	Researching American Wills and Administration Records...Book HA08

There is no editorial due to space constraints except to say Happy Thanksgiving. As we gather for the holidays let us all give thanks for our heritage and the people, public and private, who have kept the records and handed them down to us. Jim