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Message from our President-

Hello Everyone:

This certainly been an unusual summer. I hope everyone is staying home and staying safe. As of now, it does not look like we will be holding GRSEC meetings for some time. We will also not be doing our cemetery walk until next year. The museum will not let us meet there because they do not have a large enough room to allow us to do social distancing. We could meet in the park, I suppose, but that is difficult to hear for a crowd. So, I guess we will stay home and do genealogy on our own until we hear more from the museum.

Stay well,

Linda

Cemetery Chair Announcement

Thank you so very much to all of the volunteers over the past several years that have assisted me in indexing some of the cemeteries here in Eau Claire county. If you happen to still have an indexing that you are working on would you please make arrangements with me to turn in the changes for the cemetery that your were working on so that I can update the changes in the database. I have enjoyed working on this project over the years, my husband has been asking me for a couple of years now to stop; now is the time for me to give this up. I told the board that I would get the cemeteries that have been started with the indexing updated in the database but am not starting another one. So... if you are interested in taking over this project please let me know.

Thanks again

Karin

Dues Announcement and Address Changes

At this time, there has been no official announcement regarding dues for the 2020-2021 year.

If you have a question regarding your dues or need to make an address change, please contact Tom Davey directly. Either via telephone 715-835-2655 or by email Tom Davey. Thank you.

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This newsletter is published in September, November, January, March and May. Deadline for entries is the 25th of the month prior to publication. (e.g., entries for November’s issue would be October 25.)

The GRSEC meets the second Saturday of each month, September through May, at 10 AM. Come early at 9 AM with your questions or just to visit. We meet at the Chippewa Valley Museum, located in beautiful Carson park, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The GRSEC does not meet during the summer months (June through August). The membership year runs May 1st through April 30th. Membership is \$15.00 per year, beginning May 1st. Check your mailing label on the newsletter for your expiration date. It is on the right hand corner. **If you receive your newsletter electronically, please check with Tom Davey, our Treasurer/Membership chair.**

Our email address and website address appear at the top of every page in the header area. Membership forms are on the back page of every issue.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

WEBINAR, SEPTEMBER 26- African American Genealogy, presented by Tony Burroughs. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. \$40. For more information: <https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org/african-american-genealogy>

WSGS FALL SEMINAR, OCTOBER 17- WSGS is happy to announce that we have worked out an agreement with Elizabeth Williams Gomoll for our Fall Seminar. "Hopscotching from Origins to DNA" that will be held virtually on October 17th. It will now be recorded!!!

So if you are unable to attend, and still want to hear all the great information that Elizabeth is going to present, you can sign up and be able to listen for 30 days after the conference!

Just go to www.wsgs.org and you will see the registration information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at wsgs@wsgs.org.

WEBINAR, NOVEMBER 7- German Genealogy, presented by Legacy Tree genealogist Jim Beidler. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. \$40. For more information: <https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org/german-genealogy-webinar>

WEBINAR, NOVEMBER 14- Genealogy with Thomas MacEntee. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. \$40. For more information: <https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy-with-thomas-macentee-webinar-11142020-copy>

Saying Good-bye

Most of you probably saw obituaries for Bob Fraser and Larry Wold in the 12 April 2020 Eau Claire Leader Telegram. Here is a small tribute to each of them.

Bob was an active member of the GRSEC, was a past



president and vice president as well as a presenter. As the obit said Bob was very proud to be Scottish and he loved history. Newsletter editor Anita recalls: "...Bob's talk on his Scots family. His smile was contagious and you could see the happiness in his eyes to share his story." Bob left the Eau Claire area in 2016 to be closer to his family in

Minnesota. He was sad to leave, but was a practical person who realized it was best for him. The Board took him out to eat before he moved and presented him with a book on Eau Claire. Past GRS chair Pat Lindholm has only good things to say about Bob! She took his classes on English History for 2 semesters at UW-EC and found him to be a good and fair instructor.



Larry was also an active member also serving as president and vice president. He was always a fun, energetic person to be around. Some members attended his first wife Evelyn's funeral in 2009; Larry found happiness a second time when he married Ronna in 2014.

Rest in peace, gentlemen.

Submitted by Kathy Herfel

Omaha Street Cemetery Contacts, as of July 2020

Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's Catholic Cemeteries: Sharon at Sacred Heart Church office - 715-832-0925

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery: Donna Meier - dmeier54701@gmail.com and Bonnie - bonnie@stjohns-ec.org

Lutheran Church Cemetery: Gail - 715-832-2421 or LeRoy Johnson - 715-835-7526

B'nai B'rith Cemetery: Mort Sipress - sipressm@uwec.edu

Submitted by Kathy Herfel

Addendum: Kathy was confused when I [Anita] wrote that there were two Lutheran Cemeteries on Omaha Street. Lutheran Church cemetery encompasses two additions. Find A Grave uses the title of "Northside Lutheran Cemetery for both first and second addition cemeteries. "Norwegian Cemetery" is located at 1820 Omaha Street and "Scandinavian Cemetery" is located at 1712 Omaha Street.

Lutheran Church Cemetery was established by the Norwegian Lutheran Churches in Eau Claire. First Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran were the two primary churches, followed by Grace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Hope Lutheran. You do not need to be a member of one of these churches to be buried in the cemetery. This is a huge cemetery and there is no central burial listing, other than Find A Grave. St. John's Lutheran Cemetery has their own sexton and that person is able to locate the grave of a family member, if they were a member of St. John's. The St. John's Lutheran Church website has a wonderful "Cemetery" page under the "About Us" section, check it out here: <https://www.stjohns-ec.org/about/cemetery>

There is a Lutheran Church Cemetery board that has volunteer members from the above churches, that tries to oversee the cemetery. It appears that Spirit Lutheran is coordinating the board at present because the contact numbers that Kathy has provided us are from Spirit Lutheran. If you want to help with clean up or other volunteer services, please contact Gail Small or LeRoy Johnson and the above number.

As a child I would walk with my mother's oldest sister to water the plants in the cemetery. Down McDonough Street to the railroad tracks, then along the tracks to the cemetery. My mother's parents were members of Our Savior's and that is most likely the story I was told. Our Savior's Lutheran and First Lutheran Church being the two cemeteries. I am sorry for any confusion I may have caused for anyone. I remember those walks vividly. My brother and I would

try to "walk the rails" on the way up to the cemetery and then catch grasshoppers on the way back.

Civil War Veterans At Brunswick Cemetery, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

Article by *Mary E. Carlson, "Cemetery Mary"*

JOHN EMERY STANTON

1843-1920

John was born in New York in 1843. He died at Meridean, Dunn County, WI in 1920. He is buried in Lot 133 of the Brunswick Cemetery. He has a large monument as well as a Civil War monument flat on the ground in front of the large monument. (I wonder if the flat stone was upright at one time). John's parents are listed in an Ancestry Family Tree as Sarah W. French and Erastus Stanton.

Find A Grave (transcribed as written):

Died at the home of his daughter Elva Stanton Talford of Meridean. John Emery Stanton was born in the town of Perry, Wyoming county, N.Y., came to Wi. about 1852 with his parents and settled on a farm in the south eastern part of the state, Eureka Omro area, where he lived until Feb. of 1865 when he enlisted in Co. A 50th Reg. Wi. Inf. After his discharge he came to the Eau Claire area engaging in lumbering and then farming. While serving with the military he was injured when a wagon rolled down a hill crushing him beneath, Indian Territory of the Dakotas. Someone managed to pull him out, but he suffered with debilitating disability the rest of his life.

The 1870 census lists John living in West Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In 1872 he married Ellen Martha Garnett. She was born in 1850 and died the same year as John, 1920. That was during the Flu Epidemic. I have not searched for her obituary.

In the 1880 Federal Census, John was living in Lafayette, Chippewa County, WI. His spouse, Ellen M. was 29, and three children, Ira 5; Earl 3; and Charles 1 are listed in his household. His occupation is listed as "farmer".

The 1900 Census has John E. Stanton, age 56, living in Drammen, Eau Claire County, WI. John and

Ellen were married in 1872. The children listed are Elva 15 and Annie 7. His occupation in farmer. The 1905 Wisconsin Census has John and Ellen living in Drammen.

After his death in 1920, it appears that his wife Ellen applied to the US government for pension. It lists that on July 3, 1879, he was an "invalid". Sourced from the U.S. Civil War Pension Index, on Ancestry.com. I was unable to find any information on the success or failure of this application including on Fold3 Military Records. Ellen died on November 7, 1920. John died January 7, 1920.

On review of a few of the Brunswick Cemetery Board minutes, there exists a line from June 8, 1971: "What to do with the STANTON lots. A motion to sell "all those lots and give the Stanton Family first chance to purchase". In the Cemetery Deeds, I am unable to find John Stanton, other than on December 26, 1975, a Deral Stanton listed as nephew, signed the Interment Order for Anna Josephine Fuller.

ELLSWORTH B. GARNET/GARNETT

1840-1882

From an Ancestry.com Family Tree by Melody Kuby Glenn, she spells his last name with one "R" Garnet. The obituary from May 4, 1882 in the Eau Claire Weekly Free Press is transcribed:

GARNET In the town of Brunswick, Eau Claire County, April 21st, of paralysis. Ellsworth H. Garnet, aged 42 years. The deceased came to this place from Lewiston, Maine, about one year ago, thinking to improve his health by the change. But during the winter he became much worse and suffered greatly. He was very patient, and his life and death were alike peaceful and happy. He was not a member of any church, but exhibited in the common walks of life the true spirit of Christianity. His faithful wife whose unwearied attention anticipated all his wishes. He left far from her kindred but not far we hope from friends. The deceased had been a member of the Odd Fellows, fraternity, and the brethren of Eau Claire lodges true to the exalted teachings of their order came promptly forward with hearts full of sympathy and hands full of material and, for which in behalf of the bereaved wife I say "God bless them every one." They also

accompanied the religious service at the grave by their own ceremonial for burying the dead.

The Find A Grave Memorial states a son was born “not long after his father Ellsworth died. The mother and this child remained in the Eau Claire, WI area for a few years and then returned to the East Coast”. The Find A Grave memorial also states the dates engraved on the reverse of his Civil War marker were added by unknown at a later date and are not correct. He is buried in Lot 134 Brunswick Cemetery.

His Civil War Pension File lists three entries: Oct. 31, 1863 Invalid; May 14, 1887 Widow in Wisconsin; and Oct. 10, 1890 back in Maine minor.

Ellsworth is listed in the 1850 US Federal Census in Marion, Washington County, Maine. His parents were Amos and Ann Garnet. He was the 2nd child of six total. He was born in 1841. The Wisconsin Homestead and Cash Entry Patents, Pre-1908 dates his application in Eau Claire County on April 10, 1874. That is inconsistent with the stated arrival in his obituary. Possibly he purchased the land prior to his returning here before death.

The 1880 Federal Census lists him as Head of Household in Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine, USA. He is working in a sawmill and no other people are listed in the household. He is also listed in the Wisconsin, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1820-1890 in Enumeration District 128 Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

The family tree states he married Ella M. Weymouth in 1879 in Maine. The Headstone Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, found on Ancestry, spells his surname Garnett.

WILLIAM F. VAN HOUTEN 1832-1926

William is buried in the Original Section Lot 7 of the Brunswick, Eau Claire County, Cemetery. He was a Private in CO H 30th Wisconsin Infantry in the Civil War. There is a military style marker with both his name and his wife’s name and dates of birth and death.

According to a Family Tree discovered on Ancestry.com, he was born on September 18, 1832 in New Jersey. The 1850 US Federal Census, William is listed as surname “Houghton” living in “Indian Lands”, Mar-

quette, Wisconsin USA with a birth year of about 1834. His parents are John and Elizabeth as stated in the family tree.

The 1860 US Federal Census has William Van “Houghton” living with his parents John and Elizabeth, in Aurora, Waushara County, Wisconsin. He is the eldest son of a family of nine children. He married Mary Viola Stanton in 1861.

In the 1870 Census, William and his wife Mary live in Weston, Clark County, Wisconsin. He is a farm laborer. They have two children Willie 7, and Edgar 4.

In 1880, they are living in Brunswick, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin. They have 7 children living with them. His occupation is farmer. In 1900, they have only one child at home... Olive, born in 1881. The 1905 Wisconsin State Census lists them still in Brunswick and with another child who is 16, so born in 1889. In 1910, they live in Brunswick and two children are living with them. Olive is now 29. The other child is Sylvia Foss age 8. He continues to farm at the age of 75. The 1920 census reveals his occupation as Farmer. He is widowed and he has a Grandson Rubert Van Houten and a Grand Daughter Sylvia Foss living in the same household.

The US Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 on Ancestry.com notes his service record: Enlisted in Company H, Wisconsin 30th Infantry Regiment on August 21, 1862. He mustered out on March 16, 1864. Transferred to on March 16, 1864.....(this isn’t clear. Did he transfer to another unit)? Mustered out on September 6 1865.

William died on December 11, 1926 at the age of 94. The Burial Permit in the Brunswick Cemetery records state that the cause of death was “Bronchitis and Pneumonia” at Luther Hospital. Lenmark and Sons is listed as the undertaker. His obituary has not been found, but the L.E. Phillip’s Public Library Obituary Index states that it is in the Eau Claire Leader December 14, 1926.

ANDREW REED POWERS

1828-1899

From an Ancestry.com Family Tree, Andrew Reed (A. R.) Powers was born January 4, 1828 in

Edmunds, Maine. In 1850, he lived in Penobscot, Maine. In 1851, he married his first wife Mary Jane Howard. After giving birth to seven children, she died in 1864 in Maine. It is unknown if Andrew had entered the Civil War before or after her death. He was 37 years old when he entered the military.

In 1866 in Medway, Maine, he married Julia Hovey Garnett. They had six children. In the 1870 Federal Census, they were living in Eau Claire County, Brunswick. His occupation was farmer. They lived in Brunswick in 1880, but then apparently moved to Eau Claire in about 1882 when a daughter was born. The 1890 Veterans Schedules have him living in the City of Eau Claire. Julia died in 1893 in Eau Claire.

On Ancestry.com, his application for a Military Headstone states his rank as Private in the 11th Maine Infantry, Company K. It is interesting to note that this application in March 1901 lists the cemetery to ship the stone to as: Portersville, Brunswick, Wisconsin. The Find A Grave Memorial states that "he was wounded by a bullet in his knee that remained there the rest of his life causing disability. He received a military pension" (not researched).

His obituary found on Newspapers.com is transcribed (as written):

Andrew R. Powers. Well known town of Brunswick farmer passes away at an advanced age. Andrew R. Powers for over 30 years a resident of Eau Claire County passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Burce in the town of Brunswick yesterday morning. The deceased was a veteran of the civil war, having served with the Union forces. The funeral will take place from the Burce residence in Brunswick on Monday at 2 o'clock. The remains will be buried in Brunswick Cemetery.

Andrew died on September 9, 1899 at the age of 71. He has a Civil War headstone with a Grand Army of the Republic Flag Holder. He is buried in the Original Section Lot 131 next to his wife Julia. Julia has a flat headstone.

News from the Wisconsin State Genealogy Society

WSGS is all about helping others educate themselves on how to do their genealogy. With that in mind,

here are a few things that are coming up for you to ponder over and find the right educational opportunity for you!

WSGS Fall Seminar and Pre-Conference ~ information was sent out just a few days ago for these 2 virtual events. Just head over to www.wsgs.org for more information!

The Wisconsin Historical Society fall webinars were just announced. Please go to <https://wisconsinhistory.org/Records/EventSearch?&facets=Program%3a%22Genealogy%22>. Use the code WSGS for registering to get a 10% discount!

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society belongs to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and they will be holding their national conference virtual also. Please go to the following links for more information.

Conference Registration <https://fgs.org/conferences/registration/>

FGS Live! Program <https://fgs.org/conferences/fgs-live/>

Bonus Sponsored and Society Leadership Sessions <https://fgs.org/conferences/sponsored-sessions/>

Conference Program <https://fgs.org/conference/2020-conference/?viewBy=speaker>

If you use the code , you will receive a \$2 discount and WSGS will receive a donation of \$10. You just have to register by August 27th!

These extra funds will help us with our mission of educating others on this great hobby that we all love!

If you have questions about the WHS webinars or the FGS conference, please feel free to contact someone at the pages that we have listed.

We hope you will take advantage of one or more of these great opportunities for learning!

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Monroe Juneau Jackson County News

The Monroe Juneau Jackson County's WI Genealogy Workshop Inc. Newsletter dated June 2020 stated that the total number of searchable entries for their indexes is 905,723. The indexes are free to use at <http://www.monroecountyhistory.org>

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society provided this genealogy tip. To learn more about this organization, including how to join, visit: www.wsgs.org.

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**Genealogy Quick Tips courtesy of the
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society**
www.wsgs.org

How accurate is your family history?

As genealogists, we tend to accumulate lots of documents. Identifying the purpose of each document as well as how it contributes to the accuracy of our family history is key. And even though many of these items may be interesting and/or provide context, they don't necessarily meet the requirements needed for officially documenting our family histories (Genealogical Proof Standards).

If you are tracking military ancestors, WSGS has a tool that can help you to focus your efforts. The six-page WSGS Military Certificate Application takes the "guess work" out of what you need to complete your submission. As you progress through the paperwork, you'll note that each entry must be documented and indexed to the application – a great way to keep you on track.

Approval by WSGS of your Military Certificate Application signifies that your evidence passed muster.

The WSGS Military Certificate Application can be found at:

https://wsgs.org/upload/files/Military_Certificate_Application_revised_8142019.pdf

Instructions for completing the certificate are available at:

https://wsgs.org/upload/files/WSGS_Military_Certificate_application_instructions_Sept_2016.pdf

Application tips can be downloaded at:

https://wsgs.org/upload/files/Tips_For_Submitting_Military_Certificate_Applications_Rev_Dec_2019.pdf

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