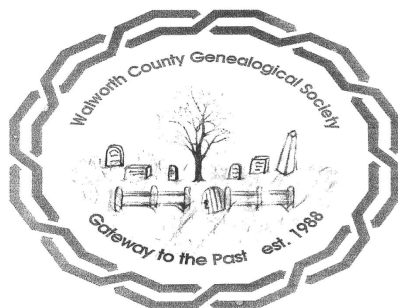


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Guest Speakers for 2012

January 2012 NO MEETING

February 7, 2012, 1 PM: Show and Share some object or story concerning your family or genealogy

March 6, 2012, 1 PM: "Non-federal Civil War Sources for Family History Research" by Craig Pfannkuche

April 3, 2012, 1 PM: Ted Johnson of Godfrey, Leibsle, Blackburn & Howarth on "Estate Probate - What you should know when losing a loved one"

May 1, 2012, 6:30 PM: Marshall Wren - "The 1940 US Census - Newly released and How To Use It"

Don't forget to bring an item for the Food Pantry!

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PRESIDENT POWER

Yea, it's another new year and the year 2012 already has its intrigue. For those of you that believe December 21, 2012 is the end of the world, you best get busy. You have much to do and it will be here sooner than you think. Meanwhile, I, myself, am looking forward to **"It's back"** and **"Finally it's here"**.

"It's back" you're thinking what's back? Well, Friday, February 3rd is the return of "Who Do You Think You Are?". Can you believe it's their 3rd season? And this year's line up of 12 celebrities are across the board; Jerome Bettis, Paula Dean, Edie Falco, Helen Hunt, Rashida Jones, Rob Lowe, Reba McEntire, Martin Sheen, Jason Sudeikis, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, and Rita Wilson. As a genealogist you have to watch the show with an open mind and realize it's just a hour show and yes these people have money to fund their adventure. In the end it's just as much fun to see what they uncover about their ancestors as we do with ours.

"Finally it's here" Well that could only be the 1940 US Census. Come April the 1940 census records will be released to the Family History Center and Ancestry. Since this is a brand new census there is no personal name index at this time. If you want to search you will have to do it by location and then scroll pages of said locations for names. Now don't get too discouraged. The folks at Family History Center are asking for organizations to help with the indexing. They would like for those of us that live in said locations index them for their database. They feel locals are more familiar with the names in the area if you actually live there and may be able to read the handwriting better. I've already told Marshall, of Elkhorn Family History Center, that WCGS will take on locations within Walworth County. He will get the information to me on what will need to take place for us to work on this project. At this time I would like anyone who would be interested in helping index to send me a message with your contact information and what location you would like to do. Then hopefully by mid April we can get started on indexing. As a bonus Marshall has offered to be our Speaker Guest for May to explain how to use this new census until a name index is completed.

Just a reminder that the next three meetings Feb - Mar - Apr will be at 1pm and then in May the meetings switch back to 6:30 pm.

KETCHUMS KORNER



Our library is open every Tuesday, weather permitting, for genealogy research and other help you may need to pursue your adventure in ancestors. Below is the list of staff for each Tuesday and their prime area of expertise. If you need help in a specific area you can schedule your library visit for the day that staff member is on duty.

- 1st: Mike and Martha Hay- computer usage and programs
- 2nd: Deb Ketchum- membership access to American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society) and Ancestry.com
- 3rd: Mike & Martha Hay morning & Priscilla Wren afternoon- (Priscilla) Family History Center and international research.
- 4th: Ila McErlean- Family Tree Maker
- 5th: Nancy Lehman- military and DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) lineage

Below is a page submitted by Kay Sargent for Mexican ancestor research.

Internet Research Sites for Mexican & Mexican American Genealogy

The book *Finding Your Mexican Ancestors: a Beginner's Guide*
by George and Peggy Ryskamp, Ancestry Publishing, 2007

www.ancestry.com

Free surname definitions. Find census, birth, marriage, death records, U.S. Immigration records and U.S. Census records for a fee. Find border crossing records from Mexico into the U.S. from 1903-1957.

www.antiquusmorbis.com A glossary of archaic medical terms, diseases, and causes of death with modern definitions. Spanish medical terms with English translations.

http://biblio2.colmex.mx/bibdig/dicc_cubas/base3.htm (underscore between dicc and cubas) *Diccionario Geográfico, Histórico y Biográfico de Los Estados Unidos Mexicanos.*

Spanish language dictionary of geographical, historical and biographical entries of Mexico.

www.davidrumsey.com Historical collection of 18th and 19th century maps of North America and South America.

www.familysearch.org Access the Family History Library Catalog, Ancestral File, International Genealogical Index and microfilm records, books, etc. for Mexican vital records and documents. Includes the 1930 Mexican census.

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<http://geonames.usgs.gov> U. S. Board on Geographic Names created in 1890. Established to maintain uniform geographic name usage. Includes name, country names, latitude and longitude and feature type: populated place, stream, ranch, etc.

www.genealogia-es.com Spain GenWeb project. In Spanish.

<http://hispanicgenealogy.blogspot.com> Lynn Turner, bilingual graduate from Brigham Young University with a degree in Family History and Genealogy. He specializes in Latin America and Spain. Lynn Turner hosts a blog in which he answers questions in both languages.

www.inegi.gob.mx/inegi/default.aspx?s=geo National Mexican web site for geography, maps, statistics, "ranchos" locations etc. In Spanish.

www.nuestrosranchos.com Genealogy research group for genealogists searching for lineages in the states of Jalisco, Zacatecas and Aguascalientes.

www.rootsweb.com Genealogy web page for Mexico.

<http://shhar.net> and www.somosprimos.com Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, Orange County, California. Web site contains a wealth of resources and links to Hispanic web sites. Sign-up for their free online monthly newsletter.

GENERAL ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

www.loc.gov United States National Archives includes a wealth of Hispanic materials.

www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/geneal/index_gc.html U. S. Library of Congress Hispanic Reading Room An index of 15,000 surnames from *Index to Garcia-Carrafra's Enciclopedia Heráldica y Genealógica Hispano-Americana*. The volumes include an account of the history of each family surname. May include the family coat of arms. Volumes are available at the UW-Madison Memorial Library. Microfilm available through the Family History Library.

www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration/border-mexico.html

United States Federal Government Genealogy Border Crossing Archives: immigration records and border crossing records for Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas crossings, many government forms and card manifests such as Alien Laborer's Identification Cards, Application for Resident Alien's Border Crossing Identification, Land Border Departure Records and many more. Available on microfilm through the Family History Library or Regional National Archives branches in the U. S.

<http://archives.nmsu.edu> New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, Rio Grande Historical Collection. An extensive collection of materials from New Mexico, Chihuahua and Durango, including the microfilms of and index to the Archivo Historico del Arzobispado de Durango.

www.bne.es Spain's National Library located in Madrid. In Spanish.

www.sephardim.com A research tool for Sephardic-Jewish genealogy from the Iberian Peninsula of Spain and Portugal. Sephardic surnames, Inquisition history of 1492, heraldry, Internet links, etc. provided here. Many Hispanics today practice Jewish customs without knowing the source.

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/Mexico> University of Texas web site with links to Mexican archives.

SOCIETIES

www.hispanicgenealogy.com: Hispanic Genealogical Society of New York.

www.hispanicgs.com: The Hispanic Genealogical Society, Houston Texas.

www.hispanicgen.org/index.html: Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy

www.losbexareños.org: Los Bexareños Genealogical Society, San Antonio, Texas.

www.nmgs.org: New Mexico Genealogical Society

<http://www.ethgs.org>: East Texas Hispanic Genealogy Society

www.milwaukeekeenealogy.org The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society was founded in 1935. Links to Hispanic web sites. Collection of genealogy listening cassettes on Mexico and Spain presented by George Ryskamp.

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AROUND THE COUNTY TIDBITS by Shirley Sisk

The first item is a continuation from the last issue, with notes from May, June and July of 1898. It was a newspaper clipping found in my grandma's diary. Happenings in and about Delavan.

May 1 - Postmaster passage was succeeded by Mrs. Adele Barnes.

May 5 - Death of Mrs. G. W. Leech.

May 11 - Death of Samuel Utter.

May 31 - Rev. S. P. Wilder was installed as pastor of the Congregational church.

June 6 - News received of the death, at Hampton, Iowa, of Mrs. Nellie Harrison. Death of Mrs. J. M. Parker.

June 7 - Death of C. H. Britton.

June 13 - Twenty-fourth annual commencement Delavan High School--a class of seven graduated.

June 14 - Annual banquet of Delavan high school alumni association.

June 29 - Departure of Delavan's volunteers to Spanish war.

July 12 - Baptist church partially destroyed by fire.

July 22 - Death of Frank J. Boesie.

July 24 - Death of Miss Laura Allen.

July 25 - Opening of Delavan Lake assembly by Supt. Jennings--meeting addressed by T. D. Talmage.

The next tidbits were all found in the Thursday, November 29, 1900 edition of The Delavan Enterprise. Spellings are as they were printed in the paper.

Walworth Happenings

Chas. Tobiasson, one of Walworth's good carpenters, left Monday for a long trip across the ocean to Guttenburgh, Sweeden, to visit his parents and sister, whom he has not seen for nine years. He expects to return in the spring.

Aden Kaye had the misfortune to get his hand into one of those savage corn huskers last Thursday, and will have to have it amputated.

Born, to Mrs. Walter McNally, a ten pound baby girl, Nov. 22, 1900.

The frame of the passenger depot was raised last week and the large water tank is nearly completed.

Geo. Burns is quite sick at this writing.

Williams Bay

L. W. Thomas is operating his steam saw in this vicinity.

Harry Ribble expects to vacate Dr. Lockhart's house next week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolff, passed away last Thursday after a brief existence, of but one week.

We are glad to report Mrs. Otis Dodge is rapidly improving, and hope that she will soon regain her usual good health.

East Delavan

Mrs. J. H. Conklin is on the sick list.

Chas. Howe is laid up with a sore throat.

Erwin Dodge went home to Mauston Monday.

Darien News

Mrs. Howard Loomer and baby of Millard, are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brigham.

Mrs. Mullford and children went to Sharon to spend Thanksgiving with her sister, Lizzie Fogle, and uncle, Ames Mullford.

Emmett Bunnell, Ed Clough and Dave Dykeman leave today for the state of Washington. We wish them a pleasant journey.

Friday morning Frank Randall felt lonesome without a farm so he drove over to his neighbor Mr. Trinfield's, bargained for his farm, and they drove to town and had the deed made out at once. Frank believes in quick sales.

Geo. Randall and wife bought his father's farm one mile south of town. The farm consist of 90 acres and he paid \$91 per acre. Mr. Randall had just completed a large new barn and had improved the place in many ways. The papers were drawn up last Thursday.

Ad under the news: DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best liver pills ever made. Easy to take and never gripe. M. D. Morris

Christmas Party—2011



*Walworth County Settlers
East Troy (continued)*

William Burgit was born in Richford, Tioga, New York on December 6, 1818. He was the oldest son of Jacob Burgit. He built a grist-mill in 1844, near the village of East Troy and sold it in 1848 to George M. Cousins, Peter A. Cramer, and Gideon Garrett. William married Maria Jane Burleigh, the daughter of James Burleigh and Dorcas V. Carr on January 14, 1862.

Louisa Augier (who in 1842 became Mrs. Charles Taylor), daughter of Robert and Abigail Augier, began as a public school teacher in 1839. For some years, the school was held in the chapel building of the Methodist Society. A schoolhouse was finally built in 1846.

Elkhorn

John Starr Rockwell was a clerk in the Wisconsin government's newly established land office in Milwaukee when he learned that he and his brother, LeGrand along with Horace Coleman could establish a partnership for the settlement of a county seat. Though as yet unnamed and unorganized in 1836, Walworth county was already more than a possibility as to its position, form, and dimensions. Horace Coleman dropped out of the partnership and Daniel E. Bradley and Milo E. Bradley and Albert Ogden joined the partnership with LeGrand Rockwell.

LeGrand Rockwell was the brother of John Starr Rockwell. The Wisconsin 1855 census shows him living in Elkhorn, Walworth county, Wisconsin with his wife and three children.

Daniel E. Bradley brought his large family to the new county seat and his youngest son, Henry, was born there.

Milo E. Bradley and his wife had seven children born in Elkhorn. The Wisconsin 1842 census shows Milo living in Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin. The 1850 census shows Milo and his family living in Lafayette, Walworth, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin 1855 census shows Milo living in Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin.

Albert Ogden was one of the four partners and made his home on the Delavan side of Elkhorn. The Wisconsin 1855 census shows Albert living in Elkhorn and the 1860 federal census shows Albert living in Elkhorn with his wife, Emma.

Hollis Latham built his house in the Geneva quarter of the pre-empted quarter-sections of the original partnership. The Wisconsin 1855 census shows Hollis living in Elkhorn, Walworth, Wisconsin and the 1860 federal census shows that he remained there with his wife and two children.

Sheldon Walling and his wife, Anna Peets, came to the area in 1838 to section 7 of Geneva. Later he became sheriff and moved into Elkhorn. His sons, Fred and George, went into the retail business. The 1850 census shows the family in Sugar Creek, Walworth, Wisconsin. The 1860 and 1870 federal censuses show the family living in Elkhorn.

James O. Eaton opened one of the earliest general stores in the village.

John Matheson came from Scotland in 1840. The Wisconsin 1855 census shows him in Elkhorn, Walworth, Wisconsin. The 1860 federal census shows him living in Elkhorn with his wife and four children. Mr. Matheson opened a shop and store in Elkhorn.

William Lyman Stowe was a cabinet maker and house joiner. He was born in Ohio. The 1860 federal census shows him living in Elkhorn with his wife and four children.

Levi Jackson, Mary S. Brewster, and Lydia Carr were teachers in Elkhorn in 1841.

Emaline McCracken was a teacher in Elkhorn in 1842.

James Henry Camp moved to Elkhorn and opened the first exclusively drug store in 1857. He later sold the drug store to his brother-in-law, C.H. Britton. Joseph H. Webster began writing the music of his famous song, "Sweet Bye and Bye", in Camp & Britton's drug store.

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M & M's Tips

Martha recently ran across a book entitled *Revised history of Harlem (City of New York)* written by James Riker. She thought it sounded interesting as her Dyckman relatives settled in Harlem and James Riker is probably related to her Lent relatives. Mr Riker dedicated the book to “*My early and excellent friend, Edgar Ketchum, whose hearty interest in this work has contributed to render a toil a pleasure and to bring it to a happy issue, this volume is cordially inscribed.*” Just goes to show how names pop up where you least expect them.

This particular book begins with a great deal of information from the old country. The author is attempting to connect the link between the exile (the new country) and to the former home in the “fatherland”. He points out that tradition is rarely of service to this connection. Family stories often have ancestors purchasing the whole of Harlem or having the choice of the whole island, yet further investigation discovers that the people of whom these statements were made were not even among the earliest settlers.

The founders of Harlem were not exclusively or mainly Hollanders (and not English). The community was made up of an even proportion of Hollanders and French Huguenots. Their reasons for emigrating were liberty and the reformed religion. They were highly industrious and scorned any dependence upon the charitable while they could practice an honest trade or handicraft.

Many of the French Huguenots escaped their native France and Belgium and fled to Holland and England and America where they could practice their religion in relative freedom. However, for those who fled to Holland, the freedom did not last long. The people of Holland forgot their formal trials under the Spanish War and national pride prompted them to draw lines of social distinction between themselves and the foreign population. The Huguenots were now being eyed with contempt, treated as inferiors, and often refused employment.

Thus the Huguenots worked to organize a “West India Company” to open up a trade with America. The first expedition in March of 1623, under Cornelis Jacobsen May, arrived in the bay of New York after a two month’s voyage. The colonists were bound to a term of service and some were sent to Albany, some to the Delaware, some to Hartford, some to Staten Island, some to Long Island—where the name of the Wallabout bay still denotes the place of their settlement— and retained others on the island of Manhattan. May was the first Director-General of New Netherland.

On October 1st, 1636, the yacht Rensselaerswick, of which Jan Tiebkins was skipper, set sail for New Amsterdam. The company consisted of Dr. La Montagne, his wife and three children, Jesse, Jean, and Rachel; Henry De Forest and his bride, Gertrude (of the Dutch family of Bornstra); Isaac De Forest; Tobias Teunissen, by trade a woolwasher and William Fredericks Bont, a lad of sixteen years, perhaps an orphan, for his education had been neglected. The ship carried the colonists (except for the Montagne family, who for some reason deferred their going) to Fort Orange, in the service of the Patroon, Kilian Van Rensselaer, of Amsterdam.

In 1639, Captain Jochiem Pietersen Kuyter, who had formerly commanded in the East Indies for the King of Denmark, came out with his friend, Jonas Bronck, both from Holstein. Also from Holstein were Nicholas De Meyer and Jan Pietersen Slot who arrived a few years later. From the county of Bentheim—a part of Westphalia bordering on Overijssel, came Adolph Meyer, Jan Dyckman, and Arent Harmans Bussing. Other Westphalians were Hendrick Karstens, from Oldenburg; Jan Terbosch, from Tellust; and Jan Meynderts, from Jever (the father-in-law of Barent Waldron). Kier Wolters and Dirck Benson came out via Amsterdam. From Workum, on the coast of Freisland, came Captain Jan Gerritsen De Vries. From Amsterdam came resident families of Waldron, Sneden, Verveelen, and Hendrick Jansen Vander Vin.

Joseph and Resolved Waldron, sons of Resolved Waldron of Amsterdam, were book printers. Though the family was English, the name of repute in England from the time of the Conqueror, Resolved Waldron’s sons had been born and raised at Amsterdam and had married Dutch wives.

From Picardy (France) to Leyden (Holland) to New Netherlands came Daniel De Tournour (married to Jacqueline Parisis) with his wife and infant son Daniel. Accompanying him was Jean le Roy with his wife, Louise De Lancaster whose name implies an English birth.

Other people who emigrated were Jan Hendricks Van Brevoort and his father, Jan Teunissen (the head of the Van Tillburg family), David Ackerman, Dirck Storm, Jan Terbosch, and Robert Le Maire.

The courage of these early pioneers is amazing. One can’t help but wonder if they truly believed that they would finally find true freedom for their religion and fairness in their ability to make a living or if all they had was hope.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE BY WCGS

Walworth Co. Probate Record Index - 1848-1930	\$35.00
CD in pdf and searchable	\$25.00 plus \$1.00 s/h
1857 Walworth Co. Atlas - township maps and index	\$16.00
1873 Walworth Co. Atlas - maps & Index (soft cover reprint)	\$20.00
Walworth Co. - Directory of Prairie Farmers & Breeders (soft cover reprint)	\$30.00
1882 Walworth County Index to History Book	\$30.00
1912 Walworth County Index to History Book	\$29.00
Area Research Center UW-Whitewater Resource Guide	\$12.00
Declaration & Naturalization Papers Vol I \$18.00 Vol 2 & 3 (combined)	\$15.00
Button-Kronwall Family Scrapbook (Linn & Bloomfield, & Hebron, IL Township)	\$25.00
Walworth County Pre-1907 Death Index	\$22.00
BLOOMFIELD - Hillside Cemetery- Genoa City	\$23.00
DARIEN - Darien Cemetery	\$22.00
DELANAV - Delavan Area Cemeteries (Spring Grove, Old Settlers, St. Andrews, Arboretum and some church burials)	\$ 3.50
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 To order these publications, circle the selection(s), make check payable to WCGS and mail to:
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other times by appt - call 262-215-0118 or 262-728-6182

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