
PLAIN HISTORY GENEALOGY GROUP

Covering Plain, Sauk Co, Wisconsin and Beyond

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Meeting & Events Schedule

**Plain History Genealogy Group
Sat Nov 13th, 2004 9:30 am, Plain, WI
Kraemer Library and Community Center**

We will discuss how to do research at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison. This is one of the top five genealogical and historical research libraries in the United States. If you are researching your ancestors, you can spend a lifetime looking at what they have. We will also be continuing our "book reports" on the research notes used by Hildegard Thering to write her History of Plain book. Everybody interested in local history or family research is invited to attend.

Future Meetings:

***NOTE: because of
scheduling issues, our
January 2005 meeting
will be held on
January 15 2005.***

Internet and Goodies

Langa List

A good place to find out neat things about computers is the newsletter "The Langa List." This email newsletter gives you useful information on how to use your computer more productively and safely. True it is a little on the "geek" side, but I find something useful in each issue. There is a free version and an inexpensive version that has more information. I get the LangaList Plus! Edition.

www.langa.com

Hackers Fake Login Screens

Hackers and people trying to steal your identity over the Internet can be very sneaky. One of their methods is show you a fake logon screen that looks real. A name for this form of hacking is Spoofing. However, they are hoping you will enter your real logon codes onto the fake web site. One way to check a site before you enter your personal information is to enter bogus usernames and passwords. If it is a "real" site, it will not accept this bogus information. If it is a hacker site, it will accept this bogus information. Hackers are sneaky and if you want to use the Internet safely, you have to be sneaky too. (I read this on the Langa List.)

Johnson & Johnson Band-aids

One of the reasons people do family research is to preserve memories. One of my favorite childhood memories is the old metal band-aid box. These made great containers for buttons and "childhood treasures". This website lets you turn back the clock and look at all the variety of forms band-aids have taken since they were introduced in 1920.

www.savetz.com/bandaid/

2nd Cousins and Cousins Removed

This is always a good one for a bar bet. The child of your first cousin is not your 2nd cousin, but a first cousin once removed. You and your 2nd cousin share great-grandparents.

Philip Naff gave a quick tip in Ancestry.com's newsletter on how to determine your relationship to a cousin.

- 1) Find a common grandparent
- 2) Count the "G's"
- 3) The lesser number of "G's" is the cousin
- 4) The difference is the "number of times removed"

For example if my great-grandparent is somebody's great-great grandparent, I count 2 "G's" and the "somebody" counts 3 "G's". Using the smaller number of 2, makes us 2nd cousins.

The difference between the "G's" is 1 (3-2). This makes us 2nd cousins once removed.

Genealogy of Christian Churches

Religion had a great impact on many of our ancestors' lives. This website gives a nice history of Christian Churches since Jesus' birth in 4 B.C.

<http://catholicapologetics.org/ap021200.htm>

Beeton's Household Book

Before there was Martha Stewart, Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management 1909 Britain was a bible of sorts of how to manage a household. This website has the first 3 chapters. It can be a real hoot to see "the proper way" to run a house in the "old days".

<http://www.fandom.net/~daeron/Beeton/>

Finding Criminals in Your Family

Speaking of Martha Stewart, maybe some of your family has spent time in a federal prison since 1982. You can use the following website to check for information on them. Or you can search for Martha's current prison address so you can send her a recipe or decorating tip.

www.bop.gov

JPG File Dangers

It used to be that you could only catch a computer virus if you went to a "bad" Internet site or you clicked on a "questionable" email attachment. Microsoft has announced that your computer can be attacked by just loading a website with JPG photos. This is just another reason to perform a "Windows update" weekly.

I DO NOT RECOMMEND setting your update option to be automatic. The automatic setting loads everything, including the new SERVICE PACK 2 from Microsoft, which is not recommended to load "yet".

Yellow Plastic Make Clearer Copies

"If you are making a copy and the original seems too light to read, simply place a sheet of yellow Milar down on the glass, then put your original over that and continue the copying process. (Milar can be purchased in most office-supply stores.) No other color but yellow will do the trick. This has proven invaluable through the years in copying receipts and other information that were almost too hard to read."

"P.A." Almquist gave this quick tip in Ancestry.com's newsletter.

I have read that this can be helpful when you are working with microfilm readers also.

Road Runner Lite Internet Connection

Once you have experienced a high-speed Internet connection, you will never want to go back to dial-up again. However there is the sticker shock of paying \$44.95 a month. (I have the premium cable package and only pay \$40 for my Internet Connection.)

Time Warner Road Runner offers a Road Runner Lite Internet Connection for \$26.95 a month. It is about 5 times slower than Road Runner Pro for download speed. However, Road Runner Lite is still about 7-8 times faster than regular dial-up. Just another option to explore.

<http://www.rr.com/rdrun/>

Sears Archives

Back before there was Wal-Mart, eBay, Amazon.com and FedEx, lots of people ordered merchandise through the Sears Catalog. This website gives you all sort of history about the catalog. At one time, you could even order a house to be delivered.

The Sears catalog played an important part in my ancestors' lives. It was their access to the products of the "modern" world. It was their access to culture. It was used for reading material (and other uses) in the "little building" outside.

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

Hildegarde Thering's Research Notes

Hildegarde Thering is the author of "A History of Plain, Wisconsin". She wrote this book in 1982 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Luke's Parish. This is the most extensive published work on the Plain area. (It is available for purchase at the Kraemer Library and Community Center in Plain, WI.)

Ms. Thering's research included looking at records at the Sauk County Court House, microforms at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library (newspapers), federal records and interviews. The Kraemer Library and Community Center has over 1000 pages of Ms. Thering's handwritten notes. There are lots of things in the notes that never made it into her book.

For the upcoming meetings, we will discuss what is contained in these notes. Several people have volunteered to review these notes and report to the group.

This new section will cover the information in these notes. For this issue of the newsletter, we will give you an overview of some of the things we will be writing about in future issues.

Ms. Thering made extension notes from the Weekly Home News of births, marriages and deaths. She also took notes on the depression and Chicago's World fair in the 1930's. She wrote about the building of the town's water tower. Burglaries and robberies were covered. Village of Plain town meetings were noted.

Tragedies like the accident that took the lives of 7 members of the Richard Meister family in 1960 were described.

There were also cute stories about individual ancestors. For example, there was a note about my Hutter ancestors getting involved in a fight. Per the note the Hutters got the better end of the tussle.

Nifty Research Stuff

Many nifty research collections have mountains of information on your family and local history. The trick is to know who has what. This new, regular section will highlight some of these collections.

J. Nachreiner Funeral Book

This book contains information by the funeral director about burials of people in the Plain, WI area from Feb 9, 1903 through Apr 5, 1933. You can find cause of death, relatives, and a detailed breakdown of the cost of funeral. This website gives you an index to these records.

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Inventory of Fern Hill School Records

This website gives you an index to the records of the school covering 1884 through 1933.

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Permission to Leave Waldmuenchen

Many of the early settlers of the Plain, WI area came from around Waldmuenchen, Bavaria, Germany. In order to leave Germany, emigrants had to obtain a "permission to leave" document from the "county government". These permission forms are packed with details about our ancestors. You can get microfilm copies of these documents from the LDS (Mormon) Church. This website gives you a sorted index to these documents covering 1824 to 1910. Most of these documents are from around the middle of the 1800's.

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WHS Library Research Guide (PHGG)

This is a 60+-page booklet that describes how to do research at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison, WI. It highlights rules, tricks and tips that will help you research. This guide is an ongoing project and will be corrected, revised and added to in the future.

Family Histories @ Kraemer Library

- 1)Theresa Reuschlein Thering Borget wife of Joseph Thering & Adolph Borget
- 2)Genealogy of John Baptist & Barbara Schwartz Liegel, Sr
- 3)Families of Walsh, Buckley, Quirk
- 4)Family History Gelhaus - Hugobach, Howle
- 5)Magli Family History 1850-1987
- 6)Lemuel & Matilda Cooper Family History
- 7)The Family of Thomas J. Morgans 1814-1893
- 8) Genealogy of the Bettinger Family 1626-1989
- 9)Frank John Blau and Rose Mary Ruhland
- 10)Lehner Family History

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/phgg>

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