
PLAIN HISTORY GENEALOGY GROUP

Covering Plain, Sauk Co, Wisconsin and Beyond

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Meeting & Events Schedule

Plain History Genealogy Group
Sat July 16th, 2005 9:30 am, Plain, WI
Kraemer Library and Community Center
NOTE: DATE OF MEETING

An Approach to Research

We will discuss ways for new (and experienced) genealogists to quickly and easily research their family. We will discuss the basics of doing family and local history research. We will spend most of the time looking at online, Internet resources that should be your starting points. Anybody with an interest in genealogy or local history is invited.

German Workshop J. Humphrey **Saturday July 9th, 2005.**

UW-Whitewater Greenhill Center of the Arts

- This is the annual genealogical workshop put on by the German Interest Group from Janesville, WI. I never miss this event. You can always learn something new.

<http://tinyurl.com/57kol>

Internet and Goodies

PHGG On Line Searchable Index

<http://tinyurl.com/at9w8>

I have a lot of digital images of lots of different things in the Plain Wisconsin area. You can search an index to what I have at the above web site. It's not perfect, there's lots of errors that but it can be helpful. It can be tricky to use the index, but here are some tips.

step 1. In the lower right hand corner of the screen there is a drop-down list of the various data files you can choose from. The first step is to choose the file that you want to work with.

phggALPHA - a listing of "groupings" of images (238 items)
phggBLM - a listing of federal lands records (905 items)
phggCemetery - tombstone information (6279 items)
phggEvent - individual items (18,806 items)
phggLibrary - items at Kraemer Library (62 items)

step 2. Click on SEARCH in the lower right hand corner of the screen to search for various items. There is a drop-down list for each field. I recommend that you use the CONTAINS option. If you play around with the search screen, you should be able to figure out what's going on.

TRICK: If you see a JPG file in the FILEID field, that means that there is a digital image that you can request to have e-mailed to you.

TRICK: In the cemetery file you can search by family surname. In the cemetery file you can search by specific cemetery.

TRICK: In the event file there are two fields, NAME1 and NAME2 that contain identical information. This is necessary because a person's name could be in any number formats. You might use NAME1 to search for the first name and use NAME 2 for the surname. Or you could use NAME1 for the maiden name and use NAME2 for the married name.

TRICK: Once you have selected some records, you can use the EXPORT TO CSV to download the information to your PC.

Please send any comments or suggestions on how to improve this file or to submit your own data index that you'd like to see included in this area.

Cemeteries around Plain WI

<http://garylhaas.web.aplus.net/phgmain/cemetery701cemetery.pdf>

<http://garylhaas.web.aplus.net/phgmain/cemetery702name.pdf>

I finally finished taking photos of some of the cemeteries in the Plain Wisconsin area. This project is still in draft form. Which means there are numerous errors and omissions. However, rather than wait until I get it perfect, I am putting detail lists out on the web site.

I've taken photos of the following cemeteries.

- * Lady of the Fields
- * Whitemound
- * Pleasant Hill (Protestant Cemetery in Plain)
- * St Luke's Old
- * St Luke's New

The details are in two different formats:

- * last name order
- * Cemetery order

If you see a JPG file in the report, that means I have a digital image of the tombstone.

I used the "Cemetery Inscriptions of Sauk County, Wisconsin, volume 6" by Myrtle Cushing as my main reference. This means that most of my information about the tombstones is from before 1980.

These reports are not perfect, but they are better than a pull in the eye with a sharp stick.

Photos of Ast Visitors

<http://garylhaas.web.aplus.net/ast2005/>

I posted the pictures of the Ast choir group from Germany that visited Plain in May 2005 to the above website. If you click on the thumbnail you will get the "full-sized" photo. Right-clicking on the "full-sized" photo will let you download it.

WI Farm Information 1923-1980's

<http://arcat.library.wisc.edu/>

GUIDED SEARCH using terms "annual enumeration statistics"

If you had relatives that lived on farms in Wisconsin between 1923 and 1980 you should look at this source of information. On an annual basis local governments collected information about farms. This information can be found on microfilm in the Archive Room of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison, Wisconsin.

Each year, the farmer had to answer questions about the types of crops, animals, types of equipment used on the farm, acres and other information about the farm. This other information can be extremely interesting. Different questions were asked in different years.

For example in 1926, farmers were asked if they had furnace heat, running water, or a bathroom.

The 1946 report shows the name of the cheese company that the farmer sold their milk to.

My most favorite year is 1947. They asked detailed questions about the farmhouse and the barn.

- * What was the age of the house?
- * Number of rooms in the house?
- * Was there electricity in the house?
- * Was there a telephone in the house?
- * What was the age of the barn?
- * How many cows milked in the barn?
- * Was there electricity in the barn?
- * Was a running water in the barn?
- * How many silos were on the farm?

Almost every year they asked the question how many people lived on the farm. In some years, the number people living on the farm is broken down

by age ranges. That makes these records kind of mini-census records. They can be used to find out where somebody was living at a specific time.

I have not look at every year, so there could be some other interesting questions in these annual reports. I have copies of these reports for the townships of Bear Creek and Franklin in Sauk County Wisconsin.

Be sure to check the online CONTAINER LIST on ARCAT to see which rolls of microfilm you need.

Hildegarde Thering's Research Notes

1878 Counterfeiters in Plain

htad0034.jpg

"In 1878, they arrested two counterfeiters at Logtown. An old German named Henry Wills and his son-in-law named Herman Christian believing the doctrine of the contraction of the currency, concocted a little scheme of their own to increase the circulating medium without the approval of Congress, and in such a manner that all the profits would accrue to the originators. So the unchristian Christian, who is a blacksmith by trade succeeded in making several pieces of bogus money and proceeded to celebrate by an old-fashioned spree, but his bogus money did not deceive the saloonkeeper."

1917 Postal Embezzlement

htae0058.jpg

In December 1917, Art Turner, the rural carrier of Route number 1, was taken into custody by federal officers being charged for having defrauded patrons of \$250. He accepted money for money orders, and instead of sending out these orders he would pocket the cash.

Arthur Turner was convicted of embezzlement and was sentenced to serve a year and a day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and to refund \$306.

Nifty Research Stuff

Images at the WHS Library

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison, Wisconsin has over 3 million images in its holdings. Unfortunately a large number of these images are not listed in online catalogs.

The purpose of this article is to give you some idea of the type of images available and where to look for them. This should give you a better feel for what is available and plan your visit.

A starting point is to look at ArCat , which is the online catalogs for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives Room. Who knows, you might get lucky and the images that you're looking for have been cataloged.

<http://arcat.library.wisc.edu/>
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/advancedSearch.asp>

The archive has images covering a wide range of topics. Here is a summary of some of the more popular subjects that images fall into.

Agriculture	Native Americans
Transportation	Domestic Life
Personalities	War
Education	Political Activity
Ethnic Groups	Recreation
Wisconsin and Other Work	Locales

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/permission/>

The site describes how to get permission to use the images if you need to. The following was taken from the web site.

Permission is not necessary for personal use of an image. Use of the image in any public manner (publication, website, public display) requires written permission from the Archives

You need to look for images in a number of places at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library. The following gives you a brief description of the six main areas to look at.

a) Subject Collection

In the Archive room of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library, on the fourth floor, on top of the image filing cabinets, are 38 binders of photocopies of images group by subject. If you find an image that you'd like to see the original of, you can ask one of the reference librarians in the Archive room.

Here is what you can find in the binders.

1. Agriculture and Farming
2. Wisconsin Towns and Cities *Early Views* (to 1900)
3. Racine Wisconsin *Early Views*
4. Racine Wisconsin *Early Views Police, Fire, Post Office, etc*
5. Madison Wisconsin *Views of lakes and neighborhoods*
6. Madison Wisconsin *Views of Capitol Square and environs*
7. Madison Wisconsin *Views of Isthmus & State Street*
8. Wis State Capitol Buildings 1st, 2nd, 3rd (1848-1913)
9. Wis State Capitol Building 4th (1906-)
10. University of Wisconsin *Campus, Staff, Classrooms*
11. University of Wisconsin *Student portraits, activities*
12. Early American Frontier Forts
13. The Civil War *Portraits, military camps, military training*
14. The Civil War *Buildings, sites, battles, naval history, prisons*
15. The Civil War *Pre-war and wartime documents*
16. The Civil War *Post-war documents, veteran's orgs/mtgs*
17. The Civil War *"Old Abe", Wisconsin's Civil War eagle*
18. *Lumbering Camps*
19. *Lumbering Cutting, Forests*
20. *Lumbering Log driving, rafting, marks, jams, tow, booms*
21. *Lumbering Loading & hauling with oxen, tractor, rail, truck*
22. *Lumbering Loading and hauling with horses*
23. *Lumbering Sawmills*
24. *Aeronautical History*
25. *La Follette Family Robert M. LaFollette, Sr and family*
26. *La Follette Family Rt M. LaFollette, Jr, Philip, Mary, Fola*
27. *River Steamboats Select Photographs and wrecks*
28. *River Steamboats Packets, small river steamboats*
29. *River Steamboats Rafters, rows, misc steamers, docks/ levees*
30. *River Steamboats Captains and personnel, excursion, etc*
31. *Railroads Railroad wrecks*
32. *Railroads Wisconsin Central locomotives*
33. *Railroads Railroads Wisconsin Central miscellaneous*
34. *Railroads Other railroads in Wisconsin*
35. *Railroads Soo Line locomotives*
36. *Railroads Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul*
37. *Railroads Other railroads not Wisconsin*
38. *Railroads Other early images (Carl R. Gray J. Collection)*

b) Place Collection

One part of the image filing cabinets in the Archive room contain images of towns. These images are sorted alphabetically by the name of the town. These images are mounted on cardboard, so you shouldn't have to put on the protective, white, Mickey Mouse gloves. The best way to use this collection is to just browse what is in the filing cabinets.

c) Name Collection

There is a group of photos in the Archive room that cover families and individuals. In order to use this collection, you need to ask the reference librarians in the Archive for help.

Most of this collection is not indexed. You never know, you might find photos of your family or their homes in this collection.

d) Special Collections

Photographers, newspapers and studios have donated their image collections to the Wisconsin Historical Society Library. The collection should appear in the online catalog ArCat. However, individual images probably have not been indexed.

e) Wisconsin Historical Images - Online Photos Collections

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/>

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/news/>

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library makes a lot of its images available online through their web site. There is also a monthly newsletter that highlights new images in collections added online.

The following descriptions of featured online collections were taken from the Wisconsin Historical Society Library's web page.

Bennett Collection

Between 1865 and 1908, H.H. Bennett captured the rugged landscape of the Wisconsin Dells. Bennett also created stunning images of Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Chicago, including images of panorama paintings such as the Gettysburg Cyclorama and the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Howard Hughes

A collection of stills from "Hell's Angels" and "Sky Devils," movies made by Howard Hughes in the 1930's. Included are behind-the-scenes images of Hughes, Jean Harlow, and Wisconsin-born Spencer Tracey.

Sky High: An Online Exhibit Marking the Centennial of Aviation

Explore humankind's urge to fly in this online exhibit. Divided into eight "galleries," this collection highlights the Wright Flyers in Wisconsin, John G. Kaminski, military aviation, innovative speed and distance aviation, airplanes and airlines, airports, aerial enthusiasts, and the great space race.

Politics and Elections: A Record in Documents and Pictures

Protests, politicians, and average citizens exercising their right to vote — this collection documents notable moments in Wisconsin's political history and in the history of political parties and ideological movements.

Up in Smoke: The Story of the Capitol Fire of 1904

On February 26-27, 1904, fire destroyed the third Wisconsin State Capitol. Tour images of the capitol and learn the turbulent history of capitol buildings in Wisconsin.

f) Classified Collections

Another group of photos found in the filing cabinets in the Archive room of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library are the CLASSIFIED group.

These are individual photos kept in folders. IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PHOTOS, YOU NEED TO WEAR THE WHITE COTTON, PROTECTIVE, MICKEY MOUSE GLOVES.

This is a list of the categories gotten from a book in Archives Room and is only meant to give you an idea of the various types of photos that are available. You will need to look at the book in the Archives Room to get the NUMBER of the "folder" and to see whether there is an oversize photo.

Land - The background of civilization

Land, Wisconsin
Landscapes - Non-Wisconsin
Mountains - Non-Wisconsin & Foreign
Rock Formations - Wisconsin
Rock Formations - Non-Wisconsin
Rock Formations - Shoreline
Rock Formations - Camp Douglas, Wisconsin
Rock Formations - Devils Lake, Wisconsin
Rock Formations - Lake Superior Shores
Rock Formations - Wisconsin River Dells
Caves
Other Geological Features
Archeological Sites - Wisconsin (includes Aztalan & other Indian Mounds)
Archeological Sites - Non-Wisconsin
Historic Sites, Monuments - Wisconsin
Historic Sites, Monuments - Non-Wisconsin
Deserts
Farms
Farms - Wisconsin
Farm Buildings
Farm Buildings - Wisconsin Fences
Fields, Cultivated Land
Land Treatment
Stump Land
Forests
Trees
Deforestation
Forest Fires
Forest Conservation
Parks - State (Wisconsin)
Plants, Flowers
Wildlife
Wildlife - Game
Wildlife - Fowl
Wildlife - Beavers
Wildlife - Conservation
Wildlife - Conservation, Fish & Fish Hatcheries
Weather
Sky
Snow and Ice - Wisconsin
Snow and Ice - Non-Wisconsin
Ice
Windstorms, Tornadoes
Floods
Volcanoes
Rivers
Rivers - Northern Wisconsin
Rivers - Southern Wisconsin
Mississippi River

St. Croix River
Wisconsin River
Waterfalls
Niagara Falls
Waterfalls - Wisconsin
Dams - Wisconsin
Dams - Non-Wisconsin
Bridges - Wisconsin
Bridges - Non-Wisconsin & unidentified
Covered Bridges
Draw Bridges
Railroad Bridges
Canals
Lakes
Lakes - Madison and Dane County
Highways
Roads
Tunnels
Railroads - Tracks and Lines
Seashore, Open Sea
Lighthouses

Cities and Towns as background

Cities - Non-Wisconsin
Wisconsin Cities
Milwaukee
Traffic Conditions
Harbors
Parks - City
Parks - Zoological
Cemeteries
Suburbs and Real Estate Developments
Towns, Non-Wisconsin
Towns - Wisconsin
Main Streets - Non-Wisconsin Housing
Age, Wear and Decay, Aesthetic

People - without emphasis on their activity (except children)

Crowds
Activities (Not Specifically Defined)
Men (Individuals)
The Aged
Nationality Groups & Immigrants (unidentified)
Arab & African Peoples
African-Americans
Hispanic & South American Peoples
Eskimo Peoples
European Peoples (Italians, Dutch, Hungarian, Austrian Greek, British, Finnish, etc.)
German Peoples
Amish
Asiatic Peoples (Includes India)
Hmong Peoples
Slavic Peoples (Russian, Bulgarian, Slovene, Czech, Polish, etc.)
Scandinavian Peoples
Swiss Peoples
Women (Individuals)
Beauty Queens and Bathing Beauties
Clothing and Costume
Hats and Hair Styles
Body Decoration & Body Adornments
Group Portraits
Caricature and Experiment in Human Representation
Group Portraits - In Studio
Group Portraits - Not In Studio
Group Portraits - Out-Of-Doors
Group Portraits - Church Groups
Group Portraits - School Groups
Group Portraits - Clubs
Family
Couples
Children
Mothers and Grandmothers with Children
Fathers and Grandfathers with Children
Non-related Adults with Children
Young Children (Individuals)

Older Children (Individuals)
Disadvantaged Children
Children with Animals
Schools
Foreign Schools
School Building
Going to and Leaving School
School Groups in Classrooms
Groups, Groups with Teacher
Kindergartens, Pre-Schools, Day Care
One-Room Schools
High Schools
School Gardens
Educational Activities
Youth Organizations
Scouts
4-H Clubs
At Play - Outdoors
At Play - Indoors
Toys, Children's Game Equipment

Homes and living conditions

European Homes of Immigrants
Houses, Homes
Farmhouses
Plantation Houses, Country Estates
Substandard Housing
Rooms and Details
Kitchens
Dining Rooms
Bedrooms
Rooms With Fireplaces
Furniture
Household Objects, Utensils, Details
Homelife
Farmlife
Pets
Tents, Camps As Living Quarters
Log Structures, Cabins, Sod Houses
Trailers, Mobile Homes
Houseboats
Housework
Food, Cooking
Household Crafts
Porches, Yards
Gardens
Household Help

Transportation

Land Transportation
Horse-Drawn Vehicles
Wagons
Carriages, Coaches, Other Elegant Horse-Drawn Vehicles
Stagecoaches
Livery Stables
Vehicles Pulled by Animals Other Than Horses
Dogteams
Bicycles
Bicycle Racing
Motorcycles
Automobiles
Automobiles - Identification Pictures (to 1919)
Automobiles - In Action (to 1919)
Automobiles - Parking Facilities
Gasoline Service Stations
Road Difficulties, Repairs, Stuck
Automobile Accidents, Wrecks
Trucks
Buses
Street Cars, Street Railways
Subways, Elevated Railways
Inclined Railways, Geared Tracks, Cablecars
Conveyors, Forklifts
Railroads
Railroads - Wrecks
Railroads - Stations

Railroads - Car Interiors, Passengers
Railroads - Yards, Freight Handling, Shops. Roundhouses
Railroads - Locomotives
Railroads - Tunnels, Bridges, Tracks. Crossings
Railroads - Roadbed Maintenance
Ships, Shipping
Canoes, Canoeing
Water Transportation, Small Crafts
Aids to Navigation
Sailing Vessels - Great Lakes
Steamships - Great Lakes (19th Century and Earlier)
Steamships - Great Lakes (About 1900-1930)
Steamships - Great Lakes (After 1930)
Steamboats
Steamboats - Sternwheeler
Steamboats - Sidewheel
Steamboats - Cargo
Steamboats - Excursion
Loading, Unloading Ferryboats
Tugboats
Disaster at Sea (Any Large Body of Water)
Aircraft
Balloons and Zeppelins
Airports and Facilities
Travel
Emigration. Immigration

Work - the economic basis of survival

Agriculture
Agriculture - Non-Wisconsin
Land Clearing
Berries
Cranberries
Vegetables
Orchards
Grain Crops
Corn
Hay
Cotton
Hops
Tobacco
Tea and Coffee
Dairy
Poultry Farming
Cattle
Sheep
Hogs
Horses
Fur Farming
Beekeeping
Agricultural Machinery
Tractors
Ground Preparations - Planting
Harvesting
Threshing
Agricultural Education
Agricultural Research, Experimental Stations
Farm Work
Migrant Workers
Agricultural Expositions and Displays
Agricultural Contests
Forest Products
Plant Nurseries, Greenhouses
Lumbering
Lumber - Camps
Lumber - Cutting
Lumber - Skidding, Hauling with Horses and Oxen
Lumber - Hauling by Truck or Tractor
Lumber - Hauling by Rail
Lumber - Log Driving and Floating Logs
Lumber - Rafts, Tows, Booms
Lumber - Sawmills
Lumber and Pulpwood Piles
Firewood. Woodlot
Maple Syrup
Turpentine, Rosin. Naval Stores

Fur Trade
 Commercial Fishing
 Oysters, Clams
 Whaling
 Mining
 Mining - Coal
 Mining - Lignite, Peat
 Mining - Gold
 Mining - Lead and Zinc
 Mining - Salt
 Oil
 Quarrying
 Laboratories and Technical Research
 Inventions
 Economics
 Business
 Lotteries
 Banking
 Insurance
 Advertising
 Real Estate
 Land Sales, Emigrant Promotion
 Business Machines, Office Equipment
 Typewriters
 Legal Profession
 Engineering
 Surveying
 Highway and Road Construction
 Railroad Construction
 Dredging, Other Civil Engineering Concerning Waterways
 Irrigation
 Architecture
 Construction
 Small House Construction
 Building Trades
 House Wrecking, Building Demolition
 Moving

Processing and manufacturing

Processing and manufacturing
 Processing-Foodstuffs and Beverages
 Food Products
 Dairy Products
 Milk, Cream
 Cheese
 Grist Mills, Flour Mills, Food Mills
 Brewing
 Leather
 Textiles
 Clothing
 Wood Products
 Charcoal
 Paper and Pulp Mills
 Containers
 Printing
 Petrochemical Refineries
 Stone, Stone Products
 Cement, Lime, Related Products
 Ceramics, Clay Products, Tile, Pottery
 Brick making
 Glassware
 Metals
 Machine Shops
 Machinery
 Agricultural Machinery
 Jewelry, Gems
 Carriages and Wagon
 Automotive Products
 Shipbuilding

Selling and distribution

Warehousing, Storage
 Grain Elevators
 Selling
 Stores
 Shopping Centers and Shopping Malls

Drug Stores
 General Stores Food Stores
 Clothing Stores

Services

Automobile Sales
 Delivery
 Milk Distribution
 Auctions
 Markets
 Street Vendors
 Services
 Mechanical Services
 Food Services
 Personal Services
 Utilities and Communications
 Water Power
 Electric Power
 Fuel Supply
 Gas Supply
 Water Supply
 Ice Harvesting and Supply
 Communications, Various,
 Postal Services
 Mail Express
 Telephone
 Municipal Services
 Fire Fighting
 Fires
 Street Cleaning and Maintenance
 Snow Removal
 Undertakers, Embalmers
 Janitors, Caretakers, Cleaning, Repairs
 Ambulance Services

Organized Society - for Security Justice. Regulation & Assistance

Labor Unions
 Strikes
 Strikes - Kohler Strike
 Strikes - Milk Strike
 Employment, Unemployment
 Child Labor
 Government
 Meetings, Legislators, Officials at Work
 Causes, Reforms, Movements, Demonstrations - Political
 Causes, Reforms, Movements. Demonstrations - Other
 Women's Suffrage
 Politics
 Political Posters, Handbills
 Elections, Campaigns
 Politics - Foreign
 Patriotism
 Patriotic Memorabilia
 Flags
 Courts
 Police
 Prisons
 Special Functions and Methods of Government International Affairs
 Naturalization
 Organization
 Fund Raising for Welfare and Similar Purposes
 Veterans' Organization
 Civil War Veterans' Organizations, GAR
 YWCA and YMCA
 Fraternal Orders
 Fraternal Orders - Shriners
 Fraternal Orders - KKK
 Racial Relations
 WPA (Works Projects Administration)
 Information Services
 Welfare
 Care of the Aged
 Vocational Training
 Red Cross
 Emergency Aid in Disasters
 Earthquakes

Explosions
Lifesaving (Distress at Sea)
Protection of Animals, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

War and military affairs

War and military affairs
Forts, Fortifications, Battlefields
Battlefields
Armed Forces (Portraits, Groups)
Recruiting, Drafting
Recruitment and Training Camps
Camp Douglas, Wisconsin
Military Uniforms
Firearms
Artillery, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Ordnance
Tanks
Naval History
Naval Vessels
Air Force, Military Aircraft
Military Aircraft
Space Missiles
Military Transportation
The Front
Combat Action
Hospital, Medical Services
Dead
Prisoners of War
Decorations, Awards, Medals
Parades, Triumphal Entries
Soldiers' Return to Civilian Life
Veterans' Care
Military Cemeteries
Military Memorials
Civil Defense
War Posters
Civilian Participation in Wartime Activities (not WWI or WWII)
Civilian Participation in Wartime Activities - WWI
Civilian Participation in Wartime Activities - WWII

Medicine

Medicine
Handicapped
Pediatrics
Rehabilitation or Employment of Handicapped
Nurses
Hospitals
Dentists
Nutrition
Patent Medicines, Quackery
Magic, Superstition
Safety
Life and Death, Philosophy

Religion

Religion
Churches, Other Religious Buildings - Non-Wisconsin
Churches, Other Religious Buildings - Wisconsin
Relics, Sacred Objects, Monuments, Memorabilia
Religious Services
Lay Activities, Clerical Activities Outside the Church
Clergy, Assistants (as Individuals)
Roman Catholic Orders
Salvation Army
Religious Education, Sunday School
Ceremonies, Processions

Intellectual and creative activity

Science
Space Exploration and Research
Geological Research
Archeological Artifacts
Meteorology Weather Bureaus
Education
Universities Colleges
University of Wisconsin
UW Graduation Ceremonies

UW Student Life and Organizations
UW Sports
UW Classes and Laboratories
UW Class Reunions, Pictures
UW Student Housing
UW Campus
Vocational & Technical Training
Exhibitions
Museums
Horticultural Displays
Libraries
Documents. Certificates
Historical Records and Representations
Historical Customs, Memorabilia
Medals
Seals
Photography
Newspapers
Publishing
Folklore
Literature, Books
Art. Painting. Sculpture
Art Shows, Artists and Works
Folk Art, Primitive Art, Native Art
Decorative Arts, Handicrafts
Classical Art and Architecture

Social and Personal Activity

Hobbies
Social Life
Sentiment
Embarrassments, Frustrations, Practical Jokes, Misbehavior
Formal Gatherings
Formal Gatherings, Banquets
Marriage Ceremonies, Weddings, Related Events
Funerals and Related Events
Special "Days"
Fourth of July
Christmas
Meetings
Chautauqua
Cultural Meetings, Lectures, Speakers
Informal Gatherings
Social Dancing, Folk Dancing

Recreation

Hotels, Motels, Inns
Restaurants
Lunch
Bars, Saloons, Taverns
Country Clubs
Picnics
Vacation Resorts - Wisconsin
Vacation Resorts - Non-Wisconsin & Unidentified
Camping-Out
Summer Camps for Youth
Tourist Attractions
Amusement Parks
Expositions
Fairs
Wisconsin State Fair
Horse Shows
Dog Shows
Pageants
Parades
Marching and Drilling Societies
Local Historical Celebrations
Rodeos
Circuses
The Performing Arts
The Stage (Amateur and Professional Productions)
Dance
Travelling Medicine Shows
Marionettes, Puppets
Motion Pictures
Theater Buildings

Music
Singing
Musical Performances
Bands
Musical Instruction
Radio Television
Fun
Relaxation
Outdoor Life
Horses, Riding
Rowing, boating
Sailing
Motor Boating
Swimming, Bathing Beaches
Winter Sports
Ice Boating
Skiing
Ice Skating and Ice Hockey
Hunting, Miscellaneous
Shooting Sports, People With Guns
"The Hunt" (Fox Hunting on Horseback)
Hunting Camps & Cabins
Sport Fishing
Ice Fishing
Bird Hunting
Deer Hunting
Game (Other than Deer) Hunting
Sports
Tennis
Basketball
Bowling & Curling Football
Log Rolling & Lumberjack Contests
Horse Racing
Automobile Racing
Track and Field
Golf
Baseball
Boxing, Wrestling
Games
Gambling
Animal Fighting (Cockfighting, Bullfighting)

Dissipation and Crime

Drinking, Alcoholism
Prohibition, Temperance
Drug Addiction, Narcotics
Crime
Riots, Civil Disturbances
Slavery, Abolition of Slayers

Other Subjects

Birdhouses
Bells
Dolls
Heraldry, Insignia
Maps
Windmills

NATIVE AMERICANS

WOODLAND, WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA

Wisconsin, Minnesota and Woodland
Chippewa - Pre World War I 2
Chippewa - Post World War I
Chippewa - Portraits
Chippewa Crafts
Chippewa Housing
Chippewa Lac Courte d'Oreilles
Chippewa Lac du Flambeau
Chippewa Madeline Island
Chippewa Odana*
Menominee General
Menominee Portraits
Menominee Spirit Rock
Potawatomi General
Potawatomi Portraits

Fox and Sauk General
Fox and Sauk Portraits
Winnebago General
Winnebago Portraits
Stockbridge, Oneida, and Brotherton
Eastern Sioux

North and East

Northeast
Modocs General
Removed (Ottawa General)
Iroquois - General
Iroquois - Mohawk
Iroquois - Seneca
Algonquian
Delaware

Southeast

Southeast
Cherokee
Choctaw
Creek
Seminole

Southwest

Southwest and Southwest Archeological
Pueblo General
Acoma
Laguna
Taos
Tesuque
Zuni
Hopi
Papago, Pimas General
Apache General
Apache Portraits
Navajo General
Navajo Crafts

Plains

Plains General
Plains Housing
Sioux General
Sioux Portraits
Mandan
Blackfoot and Blood
Cheyenne
Flathead
Comanche
Crow, Kiowa and Osage
Plains Portraits

Inter-mountain / Plateau

Utes and Paiutes

NORTHWEST US CANADA ALASKA

Northwest U.S., Canada, Alaska
Northwest U.S. Canada and Alaska
Shawnee Portraits (not Northwestern tribe)

Aztec

Indians - General

Pre-historic sites, artifacts, tools
Aztalan and Man Mound
Games and Ceremonial Activities
Domestic Crafts and Agricultural Methods
Canoe Building and Preparation
Pan-Indian Movement
Social Image of the Indians

Loretto School Reunion - May 2005

Every other year, the alumni of the Loretto one-room schoolhouse get together. The most recent meeting was Saturday, May 24, 2005. I usually go with my dad Laverne Haas to see if there are any interesting genealogical or historical facts to learn. Here are my notes on this meeting.

Mark Weitzel was the master ceremonies for a very interesting program that covered all sorts of things about the school and its students. About five minutes into the program, it dawned on me that I should be recording the program. I ran out to my car to get my digital recorder. I missed the first five to 10 minutes, but I recorded over 50 minutes of the program.

(The numbers in brackets represent the time of the recording related to the topic.)

[0:25] Mark Weitzel read from the school board minutes. One item, he noted, was that the board said that there should be no "foreign" scholars. Agnes Dederich now 93 years old and went to the Country Grove School was asked if foreign meant people from a different school district.

[1:20] The minutes also prohibited kids from hanging around automobiles unless the automobile was their parent's or guardian's.

[1:35] The minutes also directed the teacher to prohibit students from wandering off on fishing parties or playing truant.

[1:60] Mary Florence, Mark Weitzel's aunt, attended the Loretto school in 1924. She is a spring chicken of 87 years old and was the earliest Loretto school attendee at the reunion.

[3:40] Annie Walsh Greenheck was thanked by the Dwyers for being such a great help in running this year's alumni program.

Mark Weitzel prompted the crowd for stories about old school memories.

[4:10] Somebody remembered the Farrel School being closed down and the students coming to the Loretto school. Things were not rosy. There were frequent fights. One day there was a fight outside below the fence and the teacher came running. The teacher was in pretty good shape. She ran towards the fence and grabbed a stick along the way. She put one hand on the fence post, and jumped over the barb wire fence. She put a quick end to the fight.

[5:25] Somebody asked the group if they remembered having to take goiter pills. There was a collective groan from the group.

I did some research on goiter pills on the Internet. A goiter is an enlargement of the thyroid gland, visible as a swelling at the front of the neck that is often associated with iodine deficiency. I read that the pills came in a chocolate-coated version. How bad could they be?

[6:00] Somebody remembered a story about the school superintendent, Miss Cavanaugh. They remembered her claim that she read the dictionary from cover to cover.

[7:22] Somebody remembered a pamphlet, that Ms. Munz gave out one Christmas describing how she got the school's Christmas tree. According to the pamphlet she cut down the tree by shooting from the top of the pine tree with a 22 caliber rifle. She said that she took 54 shots.

[7:40] Kathleen Lins talked about her book on the history of the Loretto School. She had a rough draft of it available for the alumni to look at. There were great photos of the students and teachers, many with the names attached.

There are also numerous articles written by teachers and students. My favorite was one written by Miss Munz. I especially enjoyed the part about my uncle, Big Kenny and his accordion. Sounded like somebody was forming a polka band. (He was called Big Kenny because there were two Kenny Haases at the school, and Big Kenny was older.)

[11:00] Mark Weitzel talked about the visiting nurse's report. They check students for: teeth, tonsils, nasal breathing, eyes, hearing, speech, skin, prevention, thyroid, posture, height, weight.

Somebody remembered that the school was closed the same year that the church burned down.

[12:40] Somebody's homework was returned to them after all these years. The homework included drawings of the human anatomy, members of the school board and the Rock. The homework was Barbara Walsh Cady's.

People talked about the ROCK. This rock is down in the valley and contains the names and initials of students. One day I have to go down to take a look at this rock.

[15:10] Somebody asked if anybody remembered the rules to some of the games that they played at school. A comment was made that most of the rules were made up.

One game that was remembered was that after a fresh snow a big circle was made. Supposedly this is the game Fox Goose.

[17:10] Somebody remembered the game Red Rover and how she was tripped. She remembers ripping her dress and being very embarrassed.

I did some research on the Internet on games. A great site on the Internet for rules of all kind of games is.

<http://www.gameskidsplay.net>

The rules for Red Rover:

1. In this game, the kids form two opposing lines and attempt to "break through" the opposing team's line.
2. At first, two teams are chosen of equal size, and they form two lines, facing each other and holding hands.

3. One side starts by picking a person on the opposing team and saying "Red Rover, Red Rover, send <Jason> right over"
4. Jason then lets go of his teammates and begins a headlong rush for the other line. His goal is to break through the line by overpowering the kid's hold on each other.
5. If Jason breaks through, he chooses one person for the opposing team to join his team, and they both go back and join in their line.
6. If he fails to break through, Jason becomes part of the other team.
7. Each team alternates calling people over until one team has all the people and is declared the winner.
8. Note that since all the players are on the winning team at the end, there really are no losers in this game.

The Rules for Annie, Annie Over:

- You divide up into two groups
- Each group goes to a different side of a building, the outhouse for example
- Somebody yells Annie, Annie Over and throws the ball over the building's roof
- Whoever catches the ball runs around the other side of the building and tries to hit a player from the opposing team
- If somebody gets hit by the ball, they are out of the game

Here are the rules for an interesting game that you can play in the car.

The Cow Game by Susie Stranz

This is a car game called "The Cow Game". We are a family of four, so 2 of us take the right side of the road and 2 the left. You keep a count of all the cows you pass throughout the day. But every time you pass a cemetery on your side of the road, you lose all your points. The winner at the end of the day's drive gets a treat! (It used to be a nickel, but times have changed.)

The rules for Fox and Geese:

Nailing down the rules for Fox and Geese was more difficult since there seem to be several variations. All the variations seem to have the following in common:

- It is played after a snowfall
- The snow is tramped down into a big wheel with spokes and a hub.

Variation #1 - One player is the Fox and everybody else are the Geese. The Fox tries to catch a Goose. The caught Goose becomes the next Fox. Players must stay on the path. If a Goose leaves the path, that Goose becomes the next Fox. The only safe place for a Goose is in the hub, which only holds one Goose.

Variation #2 - A Fox is picked. The Fox tries to catch one of the Geese as they run around the path in-groups of three or four. The Geese run around with their hands on each other's shoulders. The "tagged" Goose becomes the next Fox.

I have never played this game, but it seems to me that the track on the snow would become more slippery the longer the game is played.

[17:60] Mark Weitzel discussed the Financial Reports of the school. They showed detailed revenues and expenses of the school, teacher's wages, taxes, school bonds and the sale of a stove to S. Cooper.

[20:30] A letter from the Old Franklin Historical Society was read about the efforts of the society to gather and preserve the history of Franklin and Bear Creek Townships.

[23:19] Miss Munz recalled how difficult it was to find a Santa for the Christmas program. Most of the kids in the audience would look around to see who was leaving, figuring that they might be the Santa. The second-year Ms. Munz found a Santa that the kids never figured out. It was her mother. Miss Munz was worried about her mother fainting, because back in those days the Santa rubber mask covered the entire head.

[24:20] There was an interesting note in the 1933 board minutes that the Treasurer Dederich would resign unless John Welsh gave land rights to the school.

The Board Minutes also discussed the need to get some sort of fly protection.

[27:40] Somebody remembered a story about a relative who mowed lawn at the parish house. One day, the priest gave the child a five-dollar gold piece for several weeks mowing. The child was advised to put it in the Plain State Bank. Unfortunately, the Plain Bank failed and the child lost all his money.

[29:00] Mark Weitzel noted that the cost of the hall for the 2005 reunion jumped to \$140 due to insurance costs. A plastic bucket was passed around to collect money. Over \$200 was collected. No, the basket was not re-passed around for people to take the extra money out.

[29:00] The book "Our Lady of the Fields" was offered for \$10. I'd never seen this book before and was excited by what it had in it. This book was published in 1997 by Tom Fargen and Rose Blau. A number of copies were sold at the reunion. I was told that there are more copies available-for-sale. Some of the items in the book:

- the story of Loretto by John Quinn
- land ownership transfers
- numerous versions of the story of our Lady of the Fields
- 1958 Home News article about the shrine.
- the story about the farmer statue in the shrine.
- a transcription of Father Duren's history and records of St. Patrick's Church, written in 1890
- various family photos, Mears, Farrell, Drea, Dwyer, Rice, McCarville, Berrigan, Phelan, Fargen, Scallon, McCluskey, Gavin, Quinn,
- lots of news articles about the shrine
- 1946 St Patrick's list of parishioners and their contribution to the church
- selected obituaries
- cemetery inscriptions of tombstones.

[29:40] Several of the people noted that they were in the top three or four of their graduating class. Which is not a big trick when there are only three or four students in the entire grade. One person, commented that they were the top person in their grade, and the only person in their grade, for all their years at the school.

[30:00] Somebody told a story that involved the hickory tree between the school woodshed. He talked about working on the tree with an ax. I couldn't clearly hear what he said. But it sounded like they looked into the windows from the tree. It got a pretty big laugh. I would appreciate it if somebody could clarify what was said.

[30:30] Laverne Haas recalled mowing he and Bill Prouty mowing the Lady of the Fields shrine cemetery with brand-new mowers around the 4th of July 1936.. He recalled having to go over the grass, three or four times to get it cut. He said that he and Bill xxxxx .50 cents each. As a bonus, Laverne got poison ivy, because he mowed the grass barefooted.

[31:50] Somebody remembered drinking out of a pail of water with the same dipper and not getting any sort of diseases.

[33:10] Somebody remembered taking turns getting water from the Dwyer Farm. Because the water was so rusty, they would dump out two to three pails of water before they got good water. Dwyer's response to this was "What in the hell are you doing throwing the water away". Dumping the water made a lot of mud around the pump. The kids fetching the water got grief on the other end, from Ruby Bauer when the water was too rusty. The kids would then have to sneak back to Dwyer's to get clean water.

[33:30] Somebody remembered Dwyer offering them a puppy. As a kid, he remembered that their dad said to never take a female puppy. Dwyer guided the kid to take a female puppy, which only caused the person's father to shake his head when he brought the puppy home.

[34:40] Somebody remember going to mass every day, with Father Fladd before school started.

[35:30] Somebody remembered the digging of the basement of the new church.

Somebody remembered the limited sports equipment and toys they received. Usually all they got was a softball and a bat to start the year.

[36:54] Somebody remembered the game of cops and robbers that they would play in the wintertime. It seems as though the robbers were taken to the woodshed and dealt some punishment. Laverne Haas pumped his arm remembering the punishment that was dealt out.

[37:00] Somebody remembered that the school didn't have colors until 1936. The crowd laughed thinking that this was the old joke that the world was black-and-white before Kodak color film. However, I think he was seriously talking about colored crayons.

[37:10] Somebody remembered giving Bill Prouty the nickname "Little Dabber Dabber". Apparently this was not a favored name by Prouty. Several years later Prouty at a funeral was called "Littler Dabber Dabber" and he quickly walked away.

[38:20] Somebody recalled the Johnson family that was the only non-Catholic family that attended the school. Some of the students had the good idea to convert the Johnson's to Catholicism. They took the Johnson kids to the woodshed and tried teaching them the "Hail Mary" and other prayers. This went on for a couple days until the teacher found out. Now they figure that half the Johnson kids are Catholic.

[39:17] Eugene Schmid recalled the placing of a firecracker in the incense burner at church. According to his memory, the culprits were Ferdie Nachreiner and Laverne Haas.

[40:00] Somebody remembered a time when Junior Volk sat in somebody's pumpkin pie.

[40:20] Somebody recalled the box socials and the Christmas programs, held at the church.

[40:55] Numerous people recall going to Vick's store for lunch.

[41:05] One person remembered charging five cents Snicker candy bars. She ran up a bill of two dollars before her dad found out.

[41:25] One person remembers going to Vick's and buying crackers and beans for \$.50.

[41:35] Miss Munz recalls a couple of dogs eating the lunch of nine students. That day they had to go to Vick's for lunch.

[41:59] Somebody told a story of how they "charged" lunch and beers at Drea's. They promised to pay the next day after mass. When they stopped in after mass on Sunday to get a paper, the denied owing the money. Somebody with a new motorcycle got the brunt of the wrath of the person at Drea's.

[42:00]The plants at the tables at the 2005 reunion were donated by XXXXX. People's names were drawn out of a hat. The drawing was a little suspicious. Eugene Schmid drew one person's name. And this same person turned around and drew Eugene Schmid's name.

I looked at some of the pages in the school records that Mark Weitzel had. Here are some things I noted on a couple of pages.

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March 20 1934 Visit by county nurse indicated some things that parents should have doctors look at. Here are the notes for my relatives.

Lorraine Haas - nerves & teeth
LaVerne Haas - glands & teeth

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LaVerne Haas is listed in the teacher's book, but is not listed as being part of any grade. Was this kind of a kindergarten? The teacher commented that he " knows quite a few words". I hope they were not nasty words. Lorraine Haas received an excellent and was promoted from grade 1 to grade 2.

After the program Ken Haas, his wife Gerry, and Miss Munz took a walk down to the school.

It reminded me of the Beaver and Miss Landers and Opie and Miss Crump. If you don't understand these references you haven't watched enough classic TV.

Looking for the "Rock"

The Egyptians have the pyramids, the Chinese have the Great Wall, and the Loretto school has the rock. Since its founding, students of the Loretto school have carved their name into a sandstone rock, next to one of their favorite play areas. I have heard stories of the students running through the woods behind the school through a meadow down to a pond and a spring, where all sorts of activities to place.

I thought it would be a good idea to visit this over 100-year-old source of history. How difficult could be to take a walk through the woods, and look at a stone? Fortunately my Uncle Dick went with me. Our plan was to retrace the path by going to the woods.

Unfortunately after 50 years the woods have changed quite a bit. Overgrowth and changed visible landmarks made the trip tough. We stumbled, fell, and basically walked around with very little sense of direction. After about an hour, we came into the open in a swamp area. Nothing was looking familiar. To make it more fun, the grass was an even 3 feet tall, hiding the creek and other holes.

Seeing how we had forgot to bring beverages along, we were on the thirsty side. We decided to head back to the car. I felt fortunate that we were able to find our way back to the car through the woods without having to be rescued by a search team.

I knew that my uncles were at one of the best places to research the history of Loretto, Drea's Bar. We explained to my Uncle Ralph the misfortune we had with our search. He suggested that it easier way, would be to drive

down the road to the Liegel farm. He thought that we could drive through their field, and almost right on top of the rock. We gathered up some beverages at Drea's Bar and continued our search.

We stopped at Liegels to ask permission to go through their field, but nobody was home. We entered the field and drove along the path on the top of the hill until we came to the woods. The area was very overgrown, but we thought there was a trail of the woods. We walked a few feet into the grass and clearly saw a rough roadway leading downhill. We started walking down the roadway, hoping that this path would lead us to the "open area" at the rock was supposed to be in.

Talk about your dumb luck. At the end of the road, Dick looked off to the right in the woods, and there it was. While maybe 50 years ago the area was clear. But today, there's trees and brush growing around the rock hiding it from view. If you find the roadway through the woods, and look just to the right side of the road, before leaving the woods, you should be able to find the rock.

I took several pictures of the rock. However, the afternoon sun made it difficult to get a good picture. There was also a lot of moss on the rock. What is the next step?

There is a lot of history on this piece a sandstone rock. With some careful cleaning, we should be able to clean up the rock, so that we can take pictures and record the initials. **OUR KEY GOAL WILL BE TO NOT DAMAGE THE ROCK.** After our meeting on July 16, I plan on making another visit to the rock with my tombstone cleaning tools. I will do some test cleaning and gardening around the rock. We will let you know how this project goes.

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