
PLAIN HISTORY GENEALOGY GROUP

Covering Plain, Sauk Co, Wisconsin and Beyond

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Saturday, May 19, 2007

**Bi-annual Loreto School Reunion
St Patrick's Church 11:00 am**

I usually attend this reunion with my Dad. This might be a good opportunity to get some oral histories and visit the ROCK with former students.

Meeting & Events Schedule

Saturday, March 12, 2007

9:30 am, Plain, WI

Kraemer Library and Community Center

We will discuss how to convert tape recordings and records into a computer format. You will learn how to edit and enhance these recordings. Several movies of Plain from the 1930's and 1960's will also be shown. Everybody is welcome

*There are still copies available of the
Research Guide to the Wisconsin
Historical Society.
These will be available at meetings.*

Saturday July 14, 2007

German Interest Group – Whitewater WI

Larry Jensen will be the speaker. Of all the presentations I have seen on German genealogy, he is the best speaker in my opinion. His presentations are packed with information. Make sure you mark your calendar for this event.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/>

*Don't Forget about the
Microsoft Settlement – It is
free money*

<http://www.microsoftwisuit.com/FAQ.htm>

Internet and Goodies

German - English Dictionaries - Old Ones

http://groups.google.com/group/soc.genealogy.german/browse_thread/thread/d757e1b348cb13da/774afb11a34b1f6d#774afb11a34b1f6d

In doing genealogical research, an older dictionary is often better than a newer dictionary. This is because the meaning of words change over time. Older dictionaries can give you a better translation for a word.

The above link is to dictionaries on GOOGLE BOOKS from 1810 1843 1899.

Tumbo Manuscripts

<http://thelibrary.org/lochist/turnbo/toc.html>

The Silas Turnbo manuscripts are a collection of approximately eight hundred short tales, stories and vignettes that reflect life along the White River Valley in northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri during the latter half of the 19th century.

Library of Congress - Ask a Librarian - email

<http://www.loc.gov/r/askalib/ask-genealogy.html>

The Library of Congress is a tremendous resource. They have a neat feature that allows you to "Ask a Librarian" a question using email. You should get an answer within 5 business days.

The Library of Congress has several "Librarians" to quiz depending on the topic. The above web address deals with genealogical questions.

A Standard History of Sauk County, WI - Ellsworth 1918

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/WI/WI-idx?id=WI.ColeStandardv1>

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/WI/WI-idx?id=WI.ColeStandardv2>

A standard history of Sauk County, WI Vol I & II
Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1918
These books have a tremendous amount of information about the history Sauk County Wisconsin.

Terra Server Map of Plain, WI

<http://terraserver-usa.com/image.aspx?T=1&S=12&Z=15&X=924&Y=5994&W=2>

Several web sites offer satellite views. TerraServer by Microsoft offers one of the better views of Plain, WI. The detail of houses and streets is clearer.

German Bohemian Heritage Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gbhs/index.html>

Many of my German ancestors lived at the German Bohemia border. This society is dedicated to this area.

Their quarterly newsletter is available online free for 2005 and earlier.

German Myths Debunked

<http://german.about.com/library/weekly/aa021024a.htm>

The site looks at some of the urban myths about German related items.

It covers Christmas pickles and Mel Brooks "Young Frankenstein".

LDS Pedigree Resource File - Charts

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/frameset_news.asp?PAGE=Press/2007-3-12_PRF_Pedigree_View.asp

The LDS church Pedigree Resource File can be searched online. It is a tremendous source of information about ancestors.

There was a recent enhancement to the online search site. You can now do the information in a pedigree or a family group sheet.

However you can still not access Notes and sources. You need the actual disks to see this key information

Catalogs of books on Bavaria

<http://www.bavariagen.com/books.html>

The site is a neat collection of Internet web site links to online catalogs of libraries and other holdings of books. Books can be a tremendous source of information about our ancestors

Predictions made in 1900

http://www.yorktownhistory.org/homepages/1900_predictions.htm

I often think about what the future will be like. It's interesting to examine the predictions made in 1900. Considering the level of technology in 1900, some of these predictions are prophetic. However some of these predictions show the inability to think outside of the box.

For example, airplanes and other flying machines were not predicted.

St Luke's Catholic Church Plain, WI

<http://stlukecatholicchurchplain.catholicweb.com/>

This is the official website for St Luke's Catholic Church in Plain, WI

Name Thesaurus - Alternative Surname Spellings

<http://www.namethesaurus.com/Thesaurus/search.aspx>

This site lets you enter a surname and it gives you lots of alternative spellings for the name.

Bury St Joseph to Sell Your House

<http://www.straightdope.com/mailbag/mstjoe.html>

A couple weekends ago at Mass, the priest talked about the tradition burying a statue of St. Joseph to sell your house.

1. Get a statue of St. Joseph and bury it upside down. If you bury it in the front yard, bury it facing away from the house. If you bury it in the back yard, bury it facing the house.
2. Ask him to help you sell your home.
3. After the house sells, dig St. Joseph up and put him in a place of honor at your new home.

Tips for Alternate Spelling of names

http://genealogy.about.com/od/name_changes/tp/spellings.htm?nl=1

One of the biggest problems facing genealogists is looking for an ancestor whose name has been creatively spelled in an index.

This web site gives you some ideas on the various ways that names can be spelled.

Plain WI official website

<http://www.plainwi.govoffice2.com/>

This is the local government's information web site. It is a great introduction to complain. It even includes the minutes of various committees.

Microsoft's Online Digitized Books

<http://books.live.com>

This is Microsoft's answer to Google books. There is a tremendous amount of historical books that are digitized that can be searched and downloaded to your PC for free.

Creating Keepsakes

With the 150th anniversary of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Plain, Wisconsin coming in October 2007, I wanted to create a keepsake to commemorate the event.

I started looking on the Internet and found Lapel-pin productions.

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

The main thing that interested me was that they said that they could convert a photo to a pin.

On a Tuesday night at 7:00 pm I sent them an email with a 3 megapixel picture of St. Luke's Church. It was not a very good picture. It was dark and it had a slanted perspective. I was just looking for basic information. I stated that the body of the church should be sand-color, the front doors black and the domes green. Thinking that the image would be square-shaped, I asked to have St. Luke's on the left-side, Plain, WI on the right-side and 1857-2007 on the bottom. They replied by 9:00 pm that same night with an email that said that they were sending picture to their art department.

By 10:00 am Wednesday, they had a mockup of the image and they emailed it to me. I was amazed at the mockup. The detail was incredible and they used their artistic talents to clean up the photo. They also used a round-format which turned out great. This type of project can take forever and a day tweaking colors and artsy stuff. I was satisfied on the first try.

Placing the order required a phone call to the company. Their website does not have a "shopping-cart" form where you put in your order and a price quote is given. They do not nickel and dime you on every item. Artwork, mold setup and shipping are "free". You need to make a phone call just to confirm that you understand what the options are.

My choices were:

Soft-enamel, 1 1/2", Key chain, Display box.

I asked about an epoxy covering to protect the keychain. I decided against epoxy because it would yellow in a few years and hide the brightness of the image.

I placed my order Monday March 26 2007 12:00 noon CDT. I received the finished key chains Monday April 2 2007 9:24 am CDT. I was amazed the key chains were manufactured and shipped via UPS directly from China in less than 7 days.

UPS gives a history of the shipping.

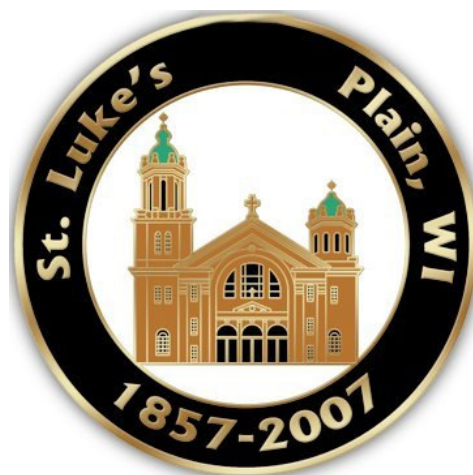
Location	Date	Local Time	Description
KUNSHAN, CN	03/27/07	1:15 A.M	BILLING INFO RECD
KUNSHAN, CN	03/31/07	1:19 P.M	PICKUP SCAN
KUNSHAN, CN	03/31/07	3:18 P.M	ORIGIN SCAN
LOUISVILLE, KY	03/31/07	11:02 A.M	RECEIVED
LOUISVILLE, KY	04/01/07	12:38 P.M	IMPORT SCAN
LOUISVILLE, KY	04/01/07	4:55 P.M	DEPARTURE SCAN
OAK CREEK, WI	04/01/07	10:26 P.M	ARRIVAL SCAN
OAK CREEK, WI	04/02/07	9:24 A.M	DELIVERY

The shipping from China to the USA did a little "time traveling". It arrived before it was sent due to time changes.

What are my thoughts of the process? Lapel-Pin Productions' role in this process is to do the artwork and help the customer setup his order for the production company in China. Basically they are providing a service. In my view they did a great job. Their website was great. The communications between us had a feeling of "they had done this before and knew what they were doing". They sent several emails before the order. There never was any "hard sell". They were very friendly and helpful. They wanted to maintain contact and make sure all of my questions were answered.

Looking at the detail of the keychain, I only noticed 2 details of the actual church building not on the keychain. Can you identify the missing details?

Oh by the way, the key chains came out fantastic.



Tell Me A Story

This is a new project whose objective is to gather, preserve and share stories about persons, places, things and events in an individual's lives. We are asking for pictures and tape recordings. 50 years from now it will be great to be able to look at photos of people and listen to their voices.

This project is an exchange program. We give you a CD of information, photos, documents, or movies. You give us a 5 to 10 minute story of something memorable from your life.

One of the nice things that we have for exchange is the commemorative keychain for St. Luke's 150th anniversary. We only have a limited supply of these keychains. These will be available on an invitation only basis to start with.

Who will be invited? Members of St. Luke's Parish and people with very good stories will be considered first.

I have set aside keychains for my family. No sense in getting them mad at me. My family includes: brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles. Also first cousins and their spouses who attended St. Luke's School or were members of the Parish.

For those interested in buying a keychain, they will be sold for \$50 each. Obviously we think we will get more stories than sales.

The Schmidhuber Code

0000 Goal

The goal of these periodic articles is to identify and explore places our ancestors lived in.

Sometimes it is too easy to think that our ancestors only lived in the Waldmuenchen, Bavaria, Germany and the Plain, Sauk County, Wisconsin areas. Our ancestors have lived in lots of other places.

Why the name? This is a take off on Dan Brown's "*The Da Vinci Code*". This controversial book explored the dairy that Jesus and Mary Magdalene had a child. This is an interesting book of fiction that put together a lot of details to try to prove its point. My goal is to put together a lot of details about our ancestors to identify previously unknown facts.

(Some put comments about "*The Da Vinci Code*". It is an interesting story that has some unique interpretations. Specifically that Da Vinci's picture Last Supper includes Mary Magdalene. Sorry to disappoint you conspiracy buffs, but that is John the apostle not Mary Magdalene. As anybody who grew up before Vatican II knows, the Catholic Church had lots of detailed rules and guidelines. The Catholic Church had guidelines regarding how to draw John the apostle. These guidelines had John drawn with "gentler" features. He is typically drawn without a beard. I don't want to go anywhere near the interpretations of descriptions of John the apostle in the Bible as the "one He Loved".)

Schmidhuber is the name of the father of my great-grandfather Bauer. This was a hidden fact to my family before I started researching my family.

0001 Schraufnagels - LeRoy, Dodge Co, WI

In the last newsletter which explored the connections between Plain and LeRoy, we discussed Leonard Schraufnagel's book on a history of St. Andrew's Catholic Church's 150th anniversary. This is a tremendously interesting book to anybody with Bavarian Catholic ancestors. It seems that you can't swing a cat in LeRoy Wisconsin without hitting a Schraufnagel. And it seems that every one of them was a writer and a historian.

0002 Roll out the Barrels

"Roll out the Barrels: Brewers of eastern Dodge County, Wisconsin 1850-1961" by Michael D. Benter. This book has 31 page is dedicated to the breweries in Farmersville and LeRoy. There is a lot of non-beer related information about Bavarians. It also mentions numerous family names like Schmid. Oh by the way, Michael D. Benter's mother was a Schraufnagel.

0003 Rose Hartl, Sister Sophia

I got this information in an e-mail from Leonard Schraufnagel *"A daughter of your parish Rose Hartl, Sister Sophia, Racine Dominican was my first and second grade teacher back in 1929-1930 at St. Andrew's. Sr. Sophia was at St. Andrew's from 1926-1930. She was a no-nonsense teacher, however this didn't rattle my cage as we respected all the nuns, even those who smiled."*

0004 Ruhland, Blau, Lehner

I got this information in an e-mail from Dean & Bea Blau.

We have a snapshot from Clara Blau that shows Joe Lehner, Edmund Ruhland, Tony & George Blau sitting on a fence. Clara said the photo was taken at LeRoy, Wisconsin. Clara also talked about her good friend Irma Haller from LeRoy.

0005 Haller, Ruhland

I got this information in an e-mail from Dean & Bea Blau.

We saw in Hildegard Thering's book, A History of Plain, page 10, that Joseph Haller, age 16 and his sister Theresa Haller, age 19, immigrated to Wisconsin in 1909 and lived with their uncle George Haller at LeRoy for a few years before they came to Plain. As far as we know, Joe Haller's sister Theresa married Joseph "Sawer Joe" Ruhland from Plain.

0006 Haller, Ruhland Census

I got this information in an e-mail from Dean & Bea Blau.

In looking at the 1930 census from LeRoy, we noticed there was a Ruhland living near the Hallers.

0007 Gruber, Ruhland Buffalo, New York

I got this from e-mails from Celeste Hays.

Many of our German ancestors made a stop in Buffalo New York before coming to Wisconsin. Celeste has found numerous interesting records in the records of St. Ann's, St. Mary's, St. Mary of Sorrows and St. Boniface Catholic Churches in Buffalo, New York. Celeste sent me images of the marriage documents of: Michael Gruber and Franziska Ruhland, and John Ruhland and Anna Maria Herpich.

0007 Buffalo, New York

I got this from e-mails from Celeste Hays.

Anyway, I have been doing some genealogy research for Georg Ederer lately, and checking some church and cemetery records for him in the Buffalo, NY area. While I was going through the microfilms, I came across a baptism you might be interested in if you don't already have this information. This baptism is for Anna Maria Gruber - child of Michael Gruber and Francisca Ruhland. She was born 18 Jun 1873, and was baptized 22 Jun 1873. The witnesses to her baptism were: Johann and Anna Maria (Herpich) Ruhland. She was baptized at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY - microfilm # 1292736.

0008 Catholic Churches, Buffalo, New York

The LDS (Mormon) Church has microfilmed many of the records of Catholic Churches in Buffalo, New York. They have records for the following churches including the years covered.

<http://www.familysearch.org>

1858-1911 St. Ann

1843-1900 St. Mary

1874-1921 St. Mary of Sorrows

1849-1899 St. Boniface

1853-1963 St. Brigid

1829-1910 St. Louis

1841-1857 St. Patrick

1841-1900 St. Joseph

1849-1952 Immaculate Conception

1850-1921 St. Joseph

1850-1924 Our Lady of Lourdes

1850-1982 St. Francis Xavier

1851-1899 St. Michael

1852-1920 Holy Angels

1859-1917 St. Patrick

1864-1917 St. Vincent DePaul

1873-1917 St. Stanislaus

1875-1908 St. Stephen

1875-1923 Sacred Heart

1875-1953 St. Nicholas

1877-1927 Annunciation

1883-1982 St. Agnes

1884-1982 St. John the Baptist

1887-1916 St. Adelbert Basilica

1888-1911 Assumption

1888-1926 St. Columba

1888-1982 Holy Name of Jesus

1889-1922 Blessed Sacrament

1891-1910 St. Anthony

1891-1967 St. Casimir

1892-1982 St. John Cantius

1893-1982 Transfiguration

1898-1989 Visitation

1899-1921 St. Mary Magdalene

1906-1924 St. Lucy

1912-1918 St. Francis de Sales

1923-1989 All Saints

1789-1892 Northbush

Here are some links to explore Catholic Churches in Buffalo, New York.

NOTE: OUR ANCESTORS MIGHT NOT HAVE WORSHIPPED IN THE CURRENT CHURCH BUILDING. THEY MIGHT HAVE WORSHIPPED IN A CHURCH BUILT EARLIER.

<http://www.buffalodiocese.org/>

<http://saintannschurchandshrine.com/>

<http://buffalolore.buffalonet.org/StMaryR/stmary.htm>

<http://freenet.buffalo.edu/bah/a/emslie/491/tc.html>

<http://freenet.buffalo.edu/bah/a/gen/938/facade/index.html>

Wis Historical Society & LDS

In the May-June 2007 issue of the COLUMNS newsletter from the Wisconsin Historical Society had an interesting article that it is NOW possible for researchers at the Madison Wisconsin Historical Society Library to order microfilm from the "Genealogical Society of Utah" for use at the Madison Library.

It doesn't state it directly, but I believe this refers to the LDS Family History Library. The article says the "Genealogical Society of Utah" has been filming records from over 100 countries for almost 70 years.

It says to contact Lori Bessler at (608) 264-6536 Lori.Bessler@wisconsinhistory.org for more information.

This is a tremendous boon to genealogical researchers in the area.

At a regular LDS Family History Center, for a small price you can have the films placed on permanent holding status. If this is possible, a coordinated effort should be made to get key films related to the Plain area and our ancestors put on permanent holding status at the Wisconsin Historical Society.