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Next meeting Wednesday, January 8th 2025
7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House
1600 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, WI 52151

MEETING OPPORTUNITY TABLE:

- ✓ Exciting year of upcoming items at the opportunity table
- ✓ Starting at the meeting in January 😊 2025

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SHOW & TELL 2024

- **Sandie's Story**

Sam Colon

 - ♥ Research on some key missing names to be able to add **six more generations** with the help of France and key communication from Google Translate. LANG
- **My Grandfather's Story**

Carl Micech

 - ♥ Grandma and Grandfather from his Mother's side. Slovakia origins. Beautiful pictures such as Mother in 3rd grade school,



PLEASE COME ENJOY THE NEXT MEETING!



Bring a buddy to the January meeting!

Mother with Grandfather.
Slovak tree information filled
with three trips to there,
including a final tie that was
soon lost. MASLO

- ***A Civil War Diary***

Randy Ray

- ♥ Virginian woman, Lucy Rebecca Buck, kept this diary for four years. Buck family and many other settlers of that area. 1861-1864 she recorded her daily life as the civil war was fought in their yard. Randy able to get a signed first edition. Traveled to the area to see "Bel Air" property and surrounding areas that Lucy describes.

- ***Willich Baptismal Gown***

Debbie Bluett

- ♥ 2 beautiful handmade baptismal gowns. First one in 1910 by Agnes for daughter Loraine. Then all the children and many of the grandchildren were baptized in the same gown. Over 30 people! Time to get a replica made. 1976 - The fantastic tradition continues as now over 20 baptisms in the newest gown. Two more slated in 2025.

- ***Single PDF for searchability***

Bob Heck

- ♥ Family Newsletter: started 1993 and publishes every three months for 31 yrs = 126 issues so far. 8 pages per and goes to 60 family members for free. All issues on his family website. PDF is searchable. **PDF24** There is a toolbox with many options to help organize, compress, edit, convert and more. Free. Merge files then search. Can also do much in Adobe Acrobat. Example: Bob's Grandmothers name shows 36 exact, then shows other close spellings and how many instances. Look for a topic: Photomagic-shows 9 times. He can go back easily over the 31 years and see what was discussed about the topic. Search word, name, topic.

- ***Glimpse at some Macons***

Tom Macon

- ♥ Nathaniel Macon-in Congress over 35 years. All 4 Great-Grandfathers were in the Civil War. Gideon Macon 1648-1702 earliest landing in Virginia. Book with his descendants published in 1956. Connected to George Washington himself! Also 41 other Presidents. Two Great-Grandfathers were civil war drummers. Awesome!

MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2025



Remember \$12 covers for the year of 2025

Send in your membership or bring it to the meeting. Any duplicates submitted will be considered a donation – thank you!

We would certainly love to see more of your faces here at the meetings. We have great topics each month and it is a super time to ask questions. Fantastic opportunity to be in a room of experts all at different places in their genealogical journey.

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

Looking at the month ahead for December, it is likely to bring about a wintery mix of emotions with some to-do lists like no other time of the year. Traditions seem to find hold in this time and in our hearts. Some old – some new. What are your family traditions? Please share.

In the spirit of holiday family heritage related celebrations, I thought I'd mention a few from around the globe.

Food is the universal language.

Bibingka

A rice cake baked in banana leaves and topped with butter, cheese, and coconut that's a popular Christmas dessert in the Philippines.

Latkes

A crispy potato latke is a traditional Hanukkah food eaten in Israel.

Tamales

A corn-wrapped treat that's a special part of the Christmas season in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

Mince pie

A sweet English holiday pie that's said to date back to the 1300s.

Eggnog

A creamy, smooth drink made with milk, cream, egg whites, egg yolks, and sugar that's popular in the United States and Canada.

Hot chocolate

A rich and cozy drink that's a traditional part of the holiday season.

Doro wat

A popular spicy chicken dish in Ethiopia that's also a centerpiece for holidays like Hanukkah.


Borscht soup

A beet soup also known as red borscht that's a traditional part of the Christmas Eve feast in Poland.

Figgy pudding

A sweet or savory medieval Christmas cake that often contains honey, fruits, and nuts.

Stollen

My favorite as my Grandma used to make all the German holiday cookies and stollens for everyone she knew. 

Reminder that our January meeting will be the next meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND PEACE TO ALL



The Family Search Center

9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners

The Family Search Center Library has updated their hours. See below:

Tuesday hours: 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Wednesday hours: 8:30AM – 12 Noon

Thursday hours: 8:30AM – 3:30PM and
6:30PM – 9:00PM

Saturday hours: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Enter at the main doors facing West Grange Avenue and follow the signs to the library.

On Thursday evenings, Bob Heck and Randy Ray are the volunteers on duty who will assist you in your research.

For some extra special help from May through September, Cheryl Heck is there to help you. Cheryl is LDS Mormon and is the expert in the Family Search website and LDS issues.

There are numerous portal systems available for free use at the center.

Come enjoy this resource!

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Bob Miller	Debbie Bluett
Jane Orne	John Canapa
Louise Stack	Linda Murphy
Sam Colon	Steve Gulgowski
Randy Ray	Bob Tatalovich
Bob Heck	

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.

All MPAFUG members are welcome to attend.

Questions about MPAFUG?

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy. Membership is \$12 per calendar year for an individual or family.

For 2025 NEW memberships:

Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to MPAFUG to:

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Please include with your check, your Name, Mailing Address, email Address and Phone Number.

OUR WEB PAGE: <http://mpafug.org>

We invite you to visit our web page and even print a copy of this and the previous month's newsletter. We also have a surname section where you can see who else is working on your family line. Members of MPAFUG have access to a members-only web page which contains past newsletters and handouts from our meetings.

If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic, please contact Bob Heck at: bobheckmpafug@gmail.com.