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How to Organize Your Photos (Randy Ray)
Old World Wisconsin (Ken Artlip)

April 13, 2022
7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House
16000 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, WI 52151

MEETING BITS AND BYTES

Our March meeting was held a week later than usual on the 16th rather than the 9th due to glitch on the New Berlin Ale House's part. What a turnout we had for this meeting! – almost 50 members came to learn about the upcoming release of the 1950 census. There were no new members or guests. Bob Heck did ask if anyone had showed up the previous Wednesday when there was a casino night event where our meeting should have been. One member did admit that he had, but wasn't able to get in.

Before turning the floor over to Bob Tatalovich, Bob Heck showed us the latest version of his great-grandfather Henry Heck done on MyHeritage. Henry was in his Civil War uniform; his photo was colorized and his head and eyes would move which you have probably seen Bob H demonstrate before. Bob H had learned that enhancement about a year ago and said at that time he didn't think it would be long before you could add a voice. Well, it happened, Henry Heck got a voice. Henry told the audience about his family history in Alendorf, Germany, his family's move from Wisconsin to Minnesota and the Civil War. It was an amazing demonstration and I'll bet some of you are working on that right now for one of your ancestors.

Bob Tatalovich had the entire evening for his presentation on the 1950 census. He first asked how many would be showing up on that census with the majority of those present raising their hands. Bob T had certainly done a lot of research and prepared us well for looking for our families in this census. He explained why there are 72 years in between the release of each census and what we can expect to see. He covered all the possibilities like

where to look for students away at school and military as well as how to look for you or your family's enumeration district. Bob T also provided other resources for you to check. Good luck in your search!

Randy Ray was not giving a presentation but did have a display showing what he had learned about his ancestors on a recent cemetery trip to the Shenandoah Valley. He had documented 42 ancestors buried on the Quantico Marine base and had a Google book of photos from his journey.

WHAT'S ON THE APRIL SCHEDULE

Got a lot of photos and aren't sure about the best way to handle them? Randy Ray's topic on *How to Organize Your Photos* promises to help. We might even learn how to make a book with those pictures as Randy has done.

Ken Artlip will also be giving a pictorial tour of Old World Wisconsin. Ken was on staff there for 10 seasons as a paid employee so, even if you have been there before, Ken says he thinks he can tell you things you haven't heard. According to Ken, "Wisconsin is the most diverse state in the union and the stories are endless."

STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

Your MPAFUG steering committee held a zoom meeting on March 23, 2022. The following members attended:

Debbie Bluett, Sam Colon, Bob Heck, Bob Miller, Louise Stack and Bob Tatalovich

Bob Heck started the meeting with a discussion of the sound quality for the previous week's meeting as a new way of amplifying had been initiated. Per Sam and Debbie who are seated at the back of the room, the sound was fabulous. In regard to the quality of the recordings, Bob T thought that his voice did not come across clear enough and that his face was dark. Bob M thought the amplification was not good. Bob H said that he would set the

amplifier higher and that he needs to rotate the computer so that the screen is not showing.

Next was a discussion on movie projectors. Sam had received a donation of a high-end Swiss projector but the light bulb was burned out. He was bringing up the possibility of using it as a loaner for members. Due to the cost of the bulb and its short life span, the idea was tabled. Bob H said that he has 4 projectors so again, we discussed whether or not to get into a lending program. We moved on to discuss the Mukwonago Library which has the capability of lending a huge variety of equipment including tents, picnic tables and even a Roku. They also have an AV lab where you can digitize VHS tapes, with their help of course.

Debbie Bluett gave a treasurer's report and MPAFUG is in good financial shape. We did discuss the possibility of resuming dues for 2023 with the amount remaining at \$12.

Bob H mentioned that MyHeritage has a large office in Ukraine so it could be devastating if European records are lost due to the current wartime situation.

As usual, our primary discussion is about Upcoming Programs, always a work in progress.

A QUOTE TO PONDER:

*"Behold the work of the Old
Let your heritage not be lost,
But bequeath it as a Memory,
Treasure and Blessing....
Gather the lost and hidden
And preserve it for thy Children."
Christian Metz 1846*

REMINDERS

The MPAFUG meetings are back on the 2nd Wednesday of the month schedule so the April meeting is on April 13th.

The Family History Center is open Thursdays and Saturdays.

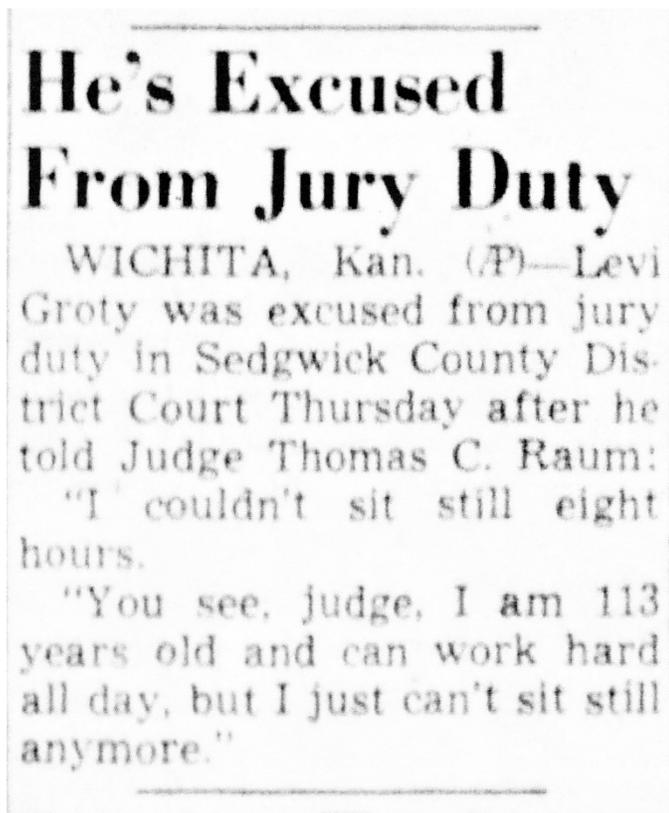
Thursday hours: 8:30AM – 3:30PM and
6:30PM – 9:00PM

Saturday hours: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

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

There are numerous Portal systems available for free use at the center, some of which you may not have tried from home because they come with a cost but could be of use for your research. Ancestry, Fold3, Newspapers.com among others that charge, are available free at the center. If you need help with your research, this is the place to go.

HISTORICAL CHUCKLE



Submitted by MPAFUG member Jo Kinzinger. From the Akron Beacon Journal (Akron, Ohio) on Friday June 8, 1962. Jo found it on Newspapers.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Ken Artlip Story

Ken started his genealogy research in 1964 when he became interested in the Civil War, especially because he wanted to find his GG grandfather's "lost soldier grave." (Ken gave an interesting talk about this in the Member Show & Tell last September, even bringing along his GG grandfather's original headstone.)

Since 1964 Ken has kept at his research, mostly working on his side, but he has also done some research on his wife Lois's side. He does share his work with cousins as well. Ken has been a member of MPAFUG since March of 2015.

Ken has done an amazing amount of research so has had some surprises and hit brick walls along the way. He has researched in Wisconsin and gone on road trips to Illinois and New York. Besides the sites in the US he has visited, Ken has also been researching ancestors in East Prussia, Brunswick (Braunschweig) Germany, the Netherlands and Rhode Island. He has found his 9th great-grandfather Caleb Carr born in 1616 who was the Governor of Rhode Island as well as traced his Ostrander family in New Amsterdam, New York from 1661 to present. Ken considers his best find to be locating and documenting his GG grandfather's grave in 2017 after it having been lost to history for 150 years.

The founder of the Artlip family was Christian Ortlip. He was a German conscript from Brunswick, Germany fighting in New York with General Burgoyne's army in 1777. Christian was most likely part of the Brunswick Grenadiers, one of two unique German armies with Burgoyne at the battles of Bennington, NY, August 14-16, 1777 and Freeman's Farm, Saratoga, NY September 19-October 17, 1777. General Burgoyne couldn't communicate well with the German generals, one of whom didn't even speak English. "General Horatio Gates and General Benedict Arnold's Regular American Army troops out fought General Burgoyne and defeated him at every turn."

An interesting tidbit Ken discovered was that Benedict Arnold was wounded in the leg at

Saratoga and there is a monument commemorating that there. (It is called the Boot Monument.)

“Many of the German conscripts admired the American army and thought America would be a really great place to live. They also really liked New York’s Dutch girls so simply walked away. They deserted and made the Dutch girls happy.”

Ken learned that Christian Ortlip definitely deserted and was captured by Colonial Rangers under Captain John Ryley.

“He was forced to appear before the ‘Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in the State of New York’ on June 29th, 1778 where it was ordered *that he be permitted to go at large in this Country and that a pass be made out for him.*”

Christian Ortlip went on to marry a Dutch lady, Ken’s 5th great grandmother whose name was Eva Ostrander, in 1787. “Ortlip became Artlip after the 1790 census where the ‘O’ looked like an ‘A.’ Nobody cared so Artlip just stuck.”

Another tidbit Ken learned was that Christian’s future father-in-law, his 6th great grandfather, was a New York Loyalist who was actually KIA at the Battle of Bennington. The two did not know each other although they fought in the same battles.

Christian and Eva had 9 children and lived all their lives in Springwater, Livingston County, New York.

“Their grandson Edward moved our branch of the family west to Rock County, WI in 1848 and a few years later to Dekalb County, Illinois where the land was much richer.”

Edward Artlip’s son, John Valentine Artlip, Ken’s GG grandfather, served in 2 different Illinois units during the Civil War. (This is the ancestor who Ken spoke of at the Member Show & Tell.) John joined Company G, 58th Illinois Volunteer Infantry in November 1861.

“In spring 1862 the 58th saw action as part of General Grant’s Army of the Tennessee. On April 6 and 7, the 58th was in line of battle at Shiloh Church, Pittsburgh Landing, TN in an historic position that would become known as the ‘Hornet’s

Nest.’ John was wounded in both legs by the bursting of an artillery shell on April 7th. As a result, he was ‘unfit for service,’ given a disability discharge and sent home in July.”

“In December 1863 John joined Company M, 12th Illinois Cavalry and was promoted to Sergeant.”

The Illinois 12th was sent south to Louisiana in April 1864 where they were engaged in a two-month deployment which became known as the “Red River Campaign.” John, as well as many other troopers, became ill with consumption. This again made John totally unfit for duty so he was given a disability discharge in September 1864 and he returned home to Roscoe, IL. John’s TB progressed and he was unable to work before his death in 1867. This made the family destitute. John was laid to rest by the State of Illinois in a pauper’s grave in the Roscoe Town Cemetery.

“For many years, the family story told that John was buried in Roscoe, but at some point, the cemetery had constructed a road over his grave and he was lost forever. In 1964 I wrote the State of Illinois a letter asking if they knew the location of John’s grave. They responded: Grave #2, Lot #131, Roscoe Town Cemetery.”

John Artlip’s grave was unmarked but Ken and his wife visited the cemetery often hoping to find the grave although they were told that it could be anywhere in the pauper’s section. They were also told that any records had been destroyed by fire. Ken’s hope was to find John’s grave and procure a government marker for him. In 2016, Ken wrote a letter to the Veterans Service Officer for Winnebago County asking for help with the cemetery. That got things moving forward and in May of 2016 after meeting with the chairperson of the Roscoe Cemetery Board who provided a diagram, Ken and Lois were able to go directly to John’s grave. To their surprise they found that John had a small stone with the letters B.S.P. which stood for buried state pauper.

Ken had previously learned that John’s wife, Mary, who had lived in Beloit with her son had gotten a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) headstone which was in the Civil War Soldiers area of

Oakwood Cemetery. With the appropriate documentation Ken was successful in having John's GAR headstone moved to the Roscoe Cemetery. If you did see Ken's Show & Tell presentation, you already know that he carries that B.S.P. marker in the trunk of his car.

What is there left for Ken to find? He is hoping to find his 5th great grandfather's Hessian Army Regiment's name and number while fighting in New York in 1777. Ken did mention that his family never uses the word Hessian although it is the historical term applied to the German units.

What a great story Ken! You have done an incredible amount of research and have a fascinating family. Thanks for sharing!

If you would like to submit your story, please email Louise Stack at: kilostack@att.net for the member spotlight questions.

There are 12 basic questions to answer about your genealogy story, but beyond that you are free to tell your story any way you wish. All the stories are unique and interesting, but also give other members research hints and hope that they too will find their ancestors.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 11, 2022

Free Resources at the Family History Center Library (John Canapa)
How to Use Newspapers.com (Randy Ray)

June 8, 2022

FamilySearch Unindexed Files Using Search Images Function (Bob Heck)
MyHeritage & DNA Transfer (Sam Colon)

July 13, 2022

Facebook Groups (Bob Heck)
YouTube Videos for Genealogy Research (Bob Tatalovich)

August 10, 2022

UW Milwaukee Golda Meir Library Digital Map Collection (Randy Ray)
Family Reunions (Bob Miller)

September 14, 2022

Simple Computer Hacks for Genealogy (Randy Ray)
Member Survey (Open Forum; bring your ideas for future programs)

October 12, 2022

November 9, 2022

The following are the dates for the remainder of 2022; however, we are still planning topics for the meetings. As always, volunteers are welcome to give presentations on any genealogical topic.

October 12, 2022

November 9, 2022

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

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Steering committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The meetings have historically been held at the Family History Center located at 9600 W. Grange Ave, Hales Corners, WI; however, due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meetings are currently being held via Zoom. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan the general agendas for future meetings. All MPAFUG members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy. Membership is usually \$12 per calendar year for an individual or family. Dues are \$6 for the balance of a year if you join after June 30th. The year 2020 changed things for us all so in July the steering committee made a decision to give free membership to all current member for 2021 and 2022. New members would still be asked to pay dues. Please send a check made payable to MPAFUG to:

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