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Next meeting: 3RD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2026

6:40 PM – NEW BERLIN LIBRARY*
15105 West Library Lane
New Berlin ~ WI 53151

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE!!!!!!!





SCHEDULE NEWS

2026	ROOM
11.21.26	HERITAGE
DECEMBER	NO MEETING

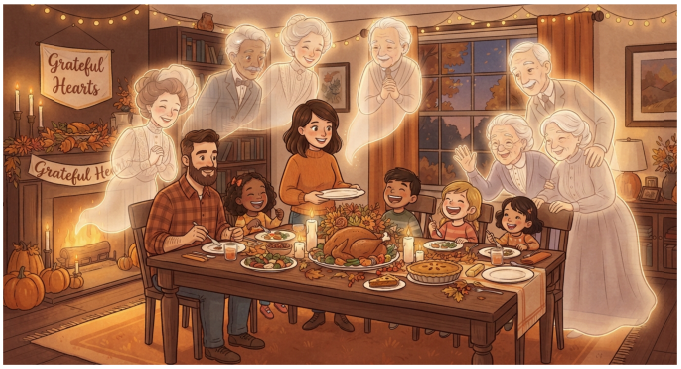
Great news for 2027 – ALL MPAFUG meetings will be:

- back to the second Wednesday of each month.
- Held in the community room
- Will be at 6:40 start time



2027	
01.13.27	07.14.27
02.10.27	08.11.27
03.10.27	09.08.27
04.14.27	10.13.27
05.12.27	11.10.27
06.09.27	

Being Thankful For Our History and Ancestors This Month



NOVEMBER PRESENTATIONS

ROOTSTECH - Past and Future

By Bob Miller

- Explore the evolution and next frontier of the world's largest family history conference.
- Join Bob Miller for a look at how this premier event has shaped the family history community and where it is headed next.

In this presentation, Miller will touch upon:

- The Evolution: How RootsTech grew into a global phenomenon.
- The Tools: A reflection on the changing tech landscape in family history.
- The Next Frontier: A look ahead at emerging trends and what the future may hold for everyday genealogists.

Perfect for all skill levels, this session offers a broad perspective on the digital journey of modern genealogy. Looking forward to it!

Unlocking Your Ancestors Using FamilySearch State Plans

By Bob Heck

- **Join Bob Heck for an insightful look into another section of FamilySearch.**
- **In this presentation, Heck will introduce researchers to the unique regional strategies and structural frameworks built into FamilySearch's state-level guides.**
- **Attendees will learn how to:**
  - **Navigate State Frameworks: Understand how FamilySearch organizes records and research strategies on a state-by-state level.**
  - **Locate Hidden Records: Uncover specialized regional collections and localized databases that are often overlooked.**
  - **Overcome Research Brick Walls: Apply targeted state plans to break through tough genealogical roadblocks. This session is designed to give genealogists of all levels a clearer roadmap for navigating domestic records and maximizing the free tools available on FamilySearch. Can't wait!**

OCTOBER PRESENTATION RECAP



What a great night our Show & Tell was again this year! Thank you to all presenters. Here's a recap.

Photos Out Of The Blue & AI Photos

By Bob Heck

- Bob took on a scavenger hunt of sorts to show some of the techniques he uses with AI to help identify things in pictures people bring in asking for help with.
- Utilized AI to add some creative licensing when looking to change some details, such as adding a couple to a family photo when they were not part of the original gathering. Amazing what can be done. Very sweet result.
- He walked us through how he used AI to remove things such as trees and shrubbery blocking the view of a house and then he was able to compare the look of the family home over time to see the developments.
- Very enlightening and it certainly kept with the various AI techniques we have learned this year. Thanks Bob and great job!

AI & Grandma Murphy

By Linda Murphy

- I enjoyed sharing the way AI helped me to fill in some missing information about my Grandma Murphy. Started with crafting questions to discover what she did after leaving the family farm. She worked and lived with a prominent Doctor and his family.
- She eventually became a hydro therapist. AI connected her work for the Doctor with where she worked later. Named the place,

showed me what her work would have looked like.
- As helpful as AI is, you still need to keep check & balance as it can make mistakes.
- Some limitations due to possible living people can impact your progress.
- Overall – AI is becoming a vital tool to enhance and confirm your research.
- Thanks for letting me share what I learned.

My Great Grandmother's Journey
By Randy Ray

- Randy took us on a journey that his young Great Grandmother took with her chaperoning family members.
- Very sweet young lady at the time, her journey to America was accompanied by cousins and brothers watching out for this courageous pioneering adventurer as she navigates to meet up with her family.
- AI is a tool that Randy uses daily and he shared how it pulled in details to populate more details in this brave journey.
- Translations also through AI are getting increasingly more accurate, covering many different dialects and geographic colloquialisms.
- Thanks Randy, for sharing her awesome journey – nice job!

AI & Pictures – Enhancements
By Bob Heck

- Bob has done some beautiful enhancements for members and shared what AI did to various types.
- Silver flashing was affecting a stunning wedding photo. Bob asked AI to fill in some muddied areas where the silver was flowing over the picture in some areas. It removed the distracting silver area and corrected other shading.
- He took another wedding photo and had AI cleaned up damaged areas, ripped and creased corners, and filled in missing background making it consistent with the spirit of the time and setting.
- Showed us what improvements could be made, colored in B&W, Sepia tones, total colorization. Lots of options.
- Another great example of how we can improve visuals and fill in blanks. Great job Bob – another eye-opening insight!

Civil War Story ***By Susan Curtis***

- Susan shared a very moving story from her 2nd Great Grandmother that was featured in local paper The Ledger in Canton IL, for Memorial Day in 1913.
- Harrowing days as her 2ndGGmother lost and won over and over. Family, husband, baby, house, land and all in the middle of thousands of soldiers taking over everything that was important to her.
- Mrs Lucinda Williams gave everything. They took everything from her without permission yet her giving heart remained compassionate. She lost her husband and was left with two very young children. She baked biscuits for the soldiers using her flour, milk, and supplies. She cared for the wounded soldiers, dressed their wounds selflessly. Fought to keep her children, sister and herself safe and keep the house but she did not have any say in most of the outcomes.
- She had compassion for both sides. They took her dead husband's and baby's clothes, her money, her food, preserves. Everything.
- She and her sister were able to squirrel away $100 for safekeeping in the toe of a shoe hidden in an old hollow stump.
- Once the war ended, she had nothing left and she left where she was and ended up in Canton IL. Remarried, had more children and lived to the age of 82 in 1922.
- What a courageous, exciting and well told story of her survival. Susan did a great job and we thank you for sharing this – first time presenter – well done!

Gemini Translates Exit Document
By Bob Heck presented Bob Tatalovich's info)

- Bob Tatalovich could not be there so Bob Heck showed us the presentation.
- There was a beautiful document in his family that needed translation from early-

time-German-script. Handwriting was so pretty.

- Reminded us that care needs to be taken when asking AI your question in order to get the best detailed answers in the manner you need for your research. Frame it as a "professional genealogist asking to see this".
- This turned out to be a Prussian Emigration Certificate! How wonderful.
- Gemini not only took the steps to translate the writing into it's native German but then into English from that.
- The English translation gave all kinds of details that were all in that one doc. Impressive.
- Thank you both Bob's for putting this together and presenting. Great job! This continues our journey of how amazing AI can be for furthering your research.



Our thanks go out to Merilyn Romani who has stepped into helping with our Treasury needs beside Debbie Bluett in working with our membership fulfillment and more. THANK YOU!

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

Tracing the Lineage: A Championship Genealogy of the Milwaukee Brewers

The Milwaukee Brewers are 2026 World Series champions. On October 28, 2026, the franchise captured its very first title in its 58-year history, igniting a statewide celebration across Wisconsin. For family historians and genealogists looking at the cultural fabric of Wisconsin ancestry, sports franchises carry their own rich lineages. Tracing the "family tree" of the modern world champions reveals a story of migration, nomenclature, and deep-seated community roots.

The Birth of the Franchise: The Seattle Pilots (1969)

Every lineage has its origin point. In baseball genealogy, the Brewers' modern corporate ancestor is actually born outside of Wisconsin.
• 1969: The franchise is established as the Seattle Pilots, an expansion team in the American League.
• The Struggle: Saddled with financial troubles and an inadequate stadium, the Pilots play just one single season in the Pacific Northwest.
• 1970: Bud Selig, a Milwaukee businessman, purchases the bankrupt team out of court just six days before Opening Day.
The relocation happened so quickly that the team's equipment trucks sat in Provo, Utah, awaiting instructions on whether to drive to Seattle or Milwaukee. Because there was no time to order new uniforms, the team simply ripped off the Pilots' nautical logos, stitched "Brewers" onto the fabric, and kept the original royal blue and gold color palette.

The Namesake: The Minor League Roots (1902–1952)

While the corporate franchise moved from Seattle, the identity of the Brewers is deeply native to Milwaukee's heritage. Bud Selig deliberately chose the name "Brewers" to honor a much older baseball ancestor: the beloved minor league Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association.

• This historic team played at Borchert Field from 1902 to 1952.
• The name itself celebrates Milwaukee's historic 19th-century German immigrant brewing legacy.

Realignment and Breakthrough

Just as family lines diverge and merge, the Brewers' modern era brought structural changes:
• 1998: After decades in the American League, the club shifts to the National League Central Division.
• 1982: The legendary "Harvey's Wallbangers" squad reaches the World Series but falls short in Game 7.
• 2026: Under manager Pat Murphy, the modern "Brew Crew" secures 103 regular-season wins and completes its historical evolution by finally lifting the Commissioner's Trophy.

Go Blue!! Go Crew!! Ueck always said it best … Get up, get up, get outta here, GONE!

PRIOR MEETING ATTENDANCE



WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER – BRING A FRIEND!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy.

$12 – the cost per calendar year membership that covers individual and family

RENEW NOW FOR 2027 SO YOU DON'T MISS ANY MEMBER-ONLY BENEFITS 😉

Please send a check for $12.00 made payable to MPAFUG or bring to the next meeting:
Include: name, address, email & phone number.
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RESOURCES

The Family Search Center

9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners
The Family Search Center Library hours:

Tuesday:	8:30AM – 3:30PM
Wednesday:	8:30AM – 12 Noon
Thursday:	8:30AM – 3:30PM and 6:30PM – 9:00PM
Saturday:	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.

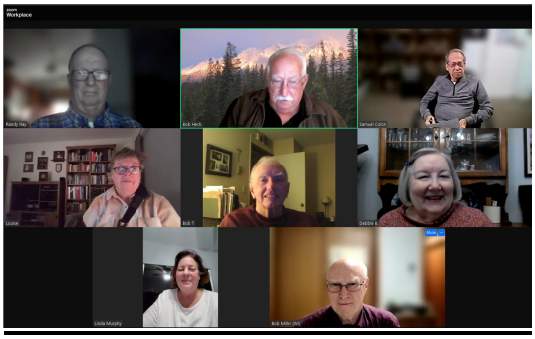
Come enjoy this resource!

MPAFUG KEY INFORMATION

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Heck	**Debbie Bluett**	**Randy Ray**
Bob Miller	**Linda Murphy**	**Sam Colon**
Bob Tatalovich	**Merilyn Romani**	**Steve Gulgowski**

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the Wednesday following the presentation meetings. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.



If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic

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