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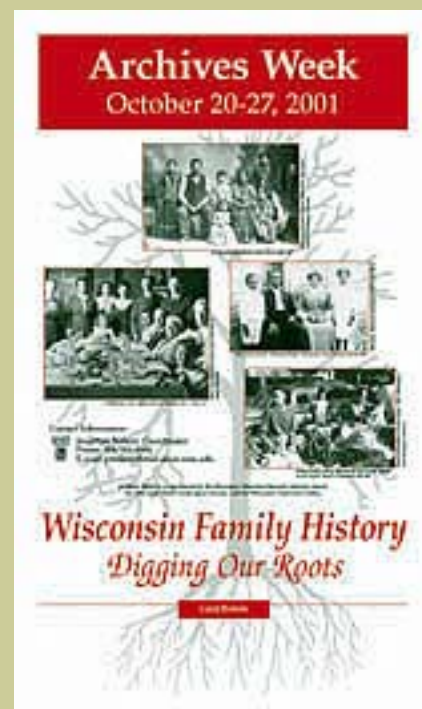
“Wisconsin Family History: Digging Our Roots,” the theme of Archives Week 2001, will give many institutions an opportunity to use historical records to highlight the importance of family history in Wisconsin. If you are already active in family history this is a great opportunity for you to share your knowledge with others through history groups in your community. If you have always wanted to research your family history, but never knew how, this will be a great opportunity to learn!

Join in the Archives Week activities and celebrate the value of Wisconsin’s historical records! Be creative, think of what you can do to reach out to your community. Check out our Archives Week 2001 list of [activity suggestions](#) to get started.

Be sure to visit our [Family History Links](#) pages for some great Internet resources to help you research your own family history!

Let us know about your Archives Week 2001 activities, and we’ll put them on our statewide [events schedule](#).

We will again be circulating an Archives Week poster. We will also be distributing an [action guide](#) with information on how to organize and publicize a local event. Contact us if you would like to receive either of these free



The **Archives Week 2001** poster features photographs of four representative Wisconsin families.

A limited number of posters will be available to the public at the front desk of the Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State St., Madison, Wisconsin.

[View a slide show](#) featuring the images from the Archives Week 2001 Poster.

publications, or if you have any questions about Wisconsin Archives Week.

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Archives Week is a great opportunity to stage an event for the local community and to invite local media coverage. Such events can include interpretive displays, lectures or workshops. Check out our Archives Week 2001 list of [activity suggestions](#) for event ideas.

The [Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board](#), in association with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, has developed a guide that provides tools for planning such an event and tips for coordinating planning and publicity. The guide is available in **Adobe Acrobat** format.



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Add your Archives Week events to our schedule! You can email your event information using the email link below, or you can print out our event form and mail it to the contact address at the bottom of the page.



[Archives Week 2001 Event Form](#)

In Time and Memorial--Remembering Our Loved Ones

October-November, 2001

DePere, Wisconsin

There will be a display of part of a 4000-piece collection of funeral, ordination, prayer, and holy cards that are used for genealogical research.

The display is sponsored by the DePere Historical Society and will be held at the White Pillars Museum, 403 N. Broadway, DePere, Wisconsin. For additional information contact Laurel Towns at (920) 336-3877.

Getting Started in Genealogy

October 15, 2001

Cudahy, Wisconsin

A very basic "how to" workshop for people who are interested in exploring their family history.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Cudahy Library and will be held at the Cudahy Public Library, 4665 S. Packard Avenue, Cudahy, Wisconsin at 7 PM. For additional information contact Sandra Czasko at (414) 769-2244 or at sandra.czasko@mcfls.org.

Not From Around Here: Citizenship Papers and Your Family's History

October 16, 2001

Madison, Wisconsin

Virginia Fritsch, Local Government Archivist at the Wisconsin Historical Society, will do a presentation on citizenship documents as part of the *History Sandwiched In* program.

The event will be held at the WHS Museum, 30 North Carroll Street, Madison, Wisconsin on October 16 from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Contact Beth Kowalski at the Museum at 608-264-6567 for more information.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Fall 2001 Seminar

October 19-20, 2001

Madison, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a two-day event at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. A genealogy workshop will be held on October 19, 2001. On October 20 there will be a day-long seminar with guest speakers from the National Archives and Records Administration and the Wisconsin Historical Society speaking on the topic: "Archives...What's There? How Can I Use It?"

Registration information and more details can be found at the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>

Genealogical Resources of the Wisconsin Historical Society

October 20, 2001

Menomonie, Wisconsin

There will be a slide presentation about the records held at the UW-Stout Area Research Center given by ARC archivist Kevin Thorie.

The presentation is sponsored by the Dunn County Genealogical Society and will be held at the Dunn County Historical Society, Russell J. Rassbach Museum, 1820 Wakanda, Menomonie, Wisconsin at 10 AM. For additional information contact Joan Keller at (715) 235-0770 or kellerfam@discover-net.net.

Digging Our Roots at the UW-Archives

October 20-27, 2001

Madison, Wisconsin

An upcoming exhibit will be part of Archives Week, a statewide celebration of the importance of historical documents. The exhibit explains primary and secondary source material available for genealogy and family history research at the UW-Archives. Typical information about students and faculty will be highlighted, and also featured will be material about UW alumna Eudora Welty and former faculty member Aldo Leopold.

Admission to the exhibit is free and open during normal operating hours of the Archives, Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The Archives is located in Room B134, Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison, Wisconsin. For further information contact the Archives at uwarchiv@library.wisc.edu.

Family History: Digging Wisconsin's Roots

October 22, 2001

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Jim Hansen, Reference Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library, will be giving a public talk on genealogy at the La Crosse Public Library Auditorium. The talk is co-sponsored by the La Crosse Area Research Center and the La Crosse Public Library.

The event will be held at 7 PM in the La Crosse Public Library Auditorium, 800 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Contact Paul Beck at (608) 785-8511 or Anita Doering at (608) 789-7136 for more information.

Using Clothing Styles to Date

Photographs of Women, 1860s-1920s

October 25, 2001

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Laurann Gilbertson, Textile Curator at the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa, will be presenting a program on dating photographs using women's clothing styles. Gilbertson will illustrate, through slides, the prevailing women's fashions for each decade from the 1860s to the 1920s. A handout will be provided to assist participants when working on family history collections at home. Audience members are encouraged to bring 1 to 2 family photographs of

women from the period covered to test their new skills.

The event will be held at the UW-Eau Claire, McIntyre Library, Room 2023A at 7 PM on Thursday, October 25, 2001. The program is open to the general public and light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by Special Collections at the McIntyre Library. Support for this program has been provided by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Professional Development Program. For further information contact Heather Muir, Area Research Center Archivist, at muirha@uwec.edu.

It's Not All on the Internet: Using Archives to Trace Your Family's History

October 25, 2001

Superior, Wisconsin

Professional genealogist Joanne Sher will give a presentation for persons who are getting started in family history research and those who have done some research using the Internet. Her focus will be on how to use public records and where to find them.

The event will be held at the Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Ave., Superior, Wisconsin at 7 PM on Thursday, October 25, 2001. This program is sponsored by the Area Research Center at the Superior Public Library and is free and open to the public. For more information contact Julie Zachau at 715-394-8860 or e-mail her at zachauj@superior.nwls.lib.wi.us

Using Local Government Records to Trace Your Family's History: Relative Successes

October 23-24, 2001

Ashland, Wisconsin

Virginia Fritsch of the Wisconsin Historical Society will discuss different types of local government records including citizenship papers, court records and tax rolls, and the information they contain about your family history. Bev Johnson of the Northern Great Lakes Research Center will talk about the records that are available at the Northern Research Center. She will also illustrate how useful these records can be by relating success stories in which researchers have discovered information that has helped them better understand the lives and times of their ancestors.

The event is open to the public and will be held on October 23, 2001 at 7 PM and again on October 24, 2001 at 1 PM. The program will take place at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center auditorium, corner of US Hwy 2 and Co. Hwy G, just west of Ashland, Wisconsin. Contact Bev Johnson at 715-685-2648 for more information.

Field Trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society

October 26, 2001

Green Bay and Madison

The Green Bay Area Research Center will be organizing a field trip to the State Historical Society in Madison to allow Green Bay area residents to do family history research in the archives.

Begin at the Beginning: Research Strategies for the Student Genealogist

October 29, 2001

Whitewater, Wisconsin

This genealogical workshop for beginners will be facilitated by Whitewater Area Research Center curator Karen Weston who will demonstrate various methods and tools available to the family history researcher. She will also answer questions and assist participants in starting or continuing their own genealogical research. Both traditional and online resources will be discussed. The event will be held at the Bibliographic Instruction Lab, Andersen Library, 800 West Main Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin on Friday, October 26, 2001. For more information contact Karen Weston by phone at 262-472-5520 or by email at archives@mail.uww.edu.

Becoming an American: Using Naturalization Records in Your Family History Research

November 1, 2001

Platteville, Wisconsin

Virginia Fritsch, Public Records Archivist at the Wisconsin Historical Society will explain how naturalization records can be used in family history research. James Hibbard, Platteville Area Research Center archivist, will focus his talk on the naturalization records that are available to researchers in the Southwest Wisconsin Room at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

The event will be held at the Southwest Wisconsin Room of the Karmann Library at UW-Platteville on Thursday, November 1, 2001 at 6 PM. For further information contact James Hibbard at 608-342-1719.

Celebrate La Follette High School Archives & History Museum

November 1, 2001

Madison, Wisconsin

On Thursday, November 1, 2001, students, faculty, staff, parents, and interested members of the community are invited to a celebration of the La Follette High School Archives and History Museum. Students who began the project in their ninth grade year are now senior and are still working on establishing this living tribute to the history of their high school. Oral histories from students and staff, dating back to the first year of the high school, as well as artifacts from the history of the school continue to be collected.

We do not yet have a permanent home for this project, and so part of our celebration in the coming week will be to publicize our plans and seek funding to make the Archives a center for research by all persons interested in learning about high school life during the late 20th century to the present. Contact Victoria Straughn at vzstraug@facstaff.wisc.edu for additional information.

Beginning Genealogy

November 6 & 8, 2001

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Christine Stolz of the Archives Staff of La Crosse Public Library will offer two sessions on Beginning Genealogy. The events will be held in the auditorium of the La Crosse Public Library, 800 Main St., La Crosse, Wisconsin at 7 PM on November 6, 2001 and again at 10 AM on November 8, 2001. For more information contact Christine Stolz at 608-789-7136 or by email at archives@lacrosse.lib.wi.us.

Naturalization and Citizenship Program

Date: TBA

Madison, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Historical Society will be mounting a campaign to complete the collection and microfilming of all citizenship and naturalization records in Wisconsin.

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Activity Suggestions

Whether you create, keep, or use historical records, Archives Week is a good time to share your work and your historical resources with others. The Archives Week 2001 theme, "Wisconsin Family History: Digging Our Roots," provides a great opportunity for a wide variety of activities and reasons to connect with others in your community.

Host a lecture, prepare an exhibit, create a project with school children, or work with others in your area to sponsor an event. Here's a list of activity suggestions to get you started.

- Organize a 'how-to' workshop for persons who are just getting started in genealogy in cooperation with a genealogical group in your community.
- Ask a knowledgeable local photographer to do a workshop on how to preserve family photographs.
- Tape record or videotape oral history interviews with older members of the community. Invite one of the interviewees to give a talk on family life when they were young.
- Organize an 'Antiques Roadshow'-type event with local antique dealers featuring family heirlooms from your community.
- Identify local persons who might be interested in speaking during Archives Week on the founding families of your community.
- Work with a local teacher to conduct a class project to write the family history of each child in the class. Bob Greene's book *To Our Children's Children* can be a wonderful resource for this activity.
- Ask a knowledgeable local person to do an Internet workshop. This could focus on how to use the Internet to aid family history research, how to create a virtual family scrapbook on a family web site or other similar topic.
- Ask your local newspaper to reproduce historic family photographs from your collection during Archives Week.

We would love to hear about your Archives Week activity suggestions. Please

send your ideas to the address or email link below, and we will try to add as many activity suggestions as possible to this web page.

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Family History Links

We have provided a group of Internet resources to help you pursue your own family history research. An attempt has been made to select the best resources available. A short summary of the information found at each website is also included. In addition, many of these sites feature links to resources beyond what is listed here.

We have made no attempt to list the vast number of specific ethnic and regional resources that are available, but [Cyndi's List](#) is an excellent place to start looking for these more specific resources.

Note: If you plan to bookmark this page for reference, the following links will only be available on this site through November 1, 2001.

- [Getting Started](#)
If you are an family history beginner, these sites will give you a good start.
- [General Genealogy Sites](#)
General reference sites for the beginner or experienced genealogist.
- [Wisconsin Genealogy Links](#)
Sites that focus on resources specific to Wisconsin.
- [Family History Databases](#)
These resources will generally allow you to search a database for a particular person.
- [Naturalization Records](#)
Information about naturalization records, where they can be found and what information they can provide
- [Oral History](#)
A good way to gather family history information is through oral histories of older family members. These sites will tell you how.
- [Family History Organizations](#)
Organizations that may provide assistance to family history researchers.

- [Family History Publications](#)

Online publications of interest to the genealogist.

- [Other Resources](#)

Historical maps and foreign language translation resources available on the Internet.

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Ho-Chuk-Indian family, Black River Falls, WI

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Charles Van Schaick Collection



The family of Dr. Joseph Smith of Wausau, WI, c. 1913-14

Wisconsin Historical Society photo WHS 565 19
Smith Collection



The Givens family of Pleasant Ridge Community, Green County, WI in 1910.

Wisconsin Historical Society photo WHS (A3) 28122



Honeg family selling vegetables at the Farmers Market on the Capitol Square in Madison, WI 1937

Wisconsin Historical Society photo WHS 104249001
Jacob Stockinger Collection

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