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President's Message – Thank You, Thank You

"Volunteers don't just do the work ~ they make it work." -Carol Pettit

So, we begin another 'business year' at the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin. Officers elected in January take office on March 1st. In one manner we are like the United States Senate, although we are on a different timetable. Elections of our officers occur annually, two-year terms for half of the positions end in even numbered years, and for the other half in odd numbered years. In that way, like the Senate, we should always have someone in office with *savoir-faire*.

Kris Mooney, our outgoing vice-president, had a year of experience on the Board when I took office in 2010. She was a great help for me finding my way and for that I am grateful. I know she will continue to serve our organization well, as a volunteer at the Irish Emigration Library and Irish Fest, moderating Round Table sessions, and writing superbly for this *Quarterly*.

Her successor is Tim May. He'll be the only new officer this year. We will make sure his on-boarding experience is smooth and fun. "We" includes Dawn Crowley, Treasurer, and Jack Domencich, Director-at-Large, each beginning their second terms.

More thanks are in order.

Sister Sylvia Anne recently and effectively has taken on the Membership Chairperson role from Patrick Tyrrell. I thank her for responding to my call at a general meeting and to Patrick for many years of excellent work.

Lastly I extend my deep felt appreciation to Sue Dolinar, for coming back to fill the Corresponding Secretary vacancy. She too is dedicated and does an excellent job.

Gary Shea

NEWS FROM THE WEB

by Mary Kay Kuhfittig

THE WHITE HOUSE WAS DESIGNED BY AN IRISHMAN

James Hoban (1758-1831) grew up on an estate belonging to the Earl of Desart in Cuffesgrange, near Callan in Co. Kilkenny. He was a wheelwright and carpenter on the estate. Later he entered the Dublin Society's Drawing School, where he excelled and eventually became apprentice to an architect.

Hoban emigrated to America after the Revolutionary War at the age of 19. He, along with 8 others, entered a contest to design the "American Presidential Palace." George Washington directed that it should have "the sumptuous of a palace, the convenience of a house, the agreeableness of a county seat." Hoban's design was inspired by Leinster House, located next to the National Library in Dublin. He was paid \$500 for his winning design. Washington made some changes to the design, providing a two-storey house instead of three, and requiring the building to be faced with stone.

It took seven years to construct the White House, with labor supplied mostly by African slaves and European immigrants. George Washington never got the opportunity to live there, the first occupants being John and Abigail Adams, who spent their first night on November 1, 1800.

After the building was burned by the British in 1914, Hoban supervised its repair and reconstruction, ordering that it be painted white instead of the former light gray, in order to cover exterior burn markings. It was from this time that it was called the White House.

Hoban also became involved in designing Catholic institutions in Washington, such as Georgetown University, where his son served as a Jesuit.

ONLINE IRISH GENEALOGY LECTURE NOTES

Last year the National Library of Ireland held a series of 20-minute lectures on Irish genealogy by genealogists, librarians, writers, academics, and a medical geneticist. Now you may see the overheads and lecture notes from nineteen of these experts, including topics such as Valuation Office records, Scots-Irish emigration of the 17th-19th centuries, the Registry of Deeds, vital records, newspapers, etc. They may be found at www.eneclann.ie/20x20

FREE GENEALOGICAL HELP

A new site, <generousgenealogists.com> , brings together volunteers to provide genealogy help free of charge, except for expenses. It is an updated and expanded version of Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness [RAOGK] which has ceased operations. The site also offers forums, coaching and instructional videos.

HISTORIC POSTCARDS

The Linen Hall Library in Belfast has placed over 6,000 historic photographs, political prints and portraits online. The images cover all parts of Ireland, and prints may be purchased. See <www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/postcards>.

FAMILYSEARCH EXPANDING ITS FILMING

There are now 200 teams of record preservation missionaries of the Mormon Church of Latter Day Saints. They travel to 45 countries, taking digital photographs of historical records. The Church has announced a plan to increase its record-reproducing efforts by 60 per cent.

At present about 400 million digital images a year are produced, but 250 to 300 million of those are coming from conversion of the microfilms in their vault. The Church hopes that retired couples will volunteer to gather previously unfilmed records. Last year missionaries gathered about 80 million images, and it is hoped that 100 million may be acquired this year.

It's a good idea to recheck familysearch.org often, since new records are constantly coming online.

GENEALOGY BOOK LINKS

Many biographical, historical and genealogical books have been digitized and are available free of charge online. Now, a retired librarian, Mollie Lynch, has created a resource for finding them. <<http://genealogybooklinks.com>> contains more than 30,000 links from more than 35 sources, with new books added daily. The focus for now is on American books.

The site has a search box in which you can enter a surname, locality, or other specific term, or you may simply scroll through the list of available books. When you find a book that looks promising, simply click on the link. You may find a source from BYU ebooks, OpenLibrary.org, Internet Archive, Google Books, as well as many university libraries.

FREEMAN'S JOURNAL ONLINE

Freeman's Journal is a Dublin newspaper published between 1763 to 1924. It included births, marriages and deaths for all of Ireland, as well as for people with an Irish connection living in other parts of the British Empire and North America. An index for the *Freeman's Journal* notices from 1817 to 1823 is featured at the site <http://www.irishindex.ca/> You may search with a name to see if there any records, but there is a fee of \$1 (Canadian) to see the full record.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S WATCH

Abraham Lincoln sent his gold pocket watch for repair in 1861 to Jonathan Dillon, an Irishman from Co. Waterford. Last year, the Smithsonian opened the watch and discovered that Dillon had engraved this message on the underside of the watch movement:

"Jonathan Dillon April 13- 1861 Fort Sumpter was attacked by the rebels on the above date. J Dillon.

April 13-1861 Washington thank God we have a government. Jonth Dillon."

In a *New York Times* article of April, 1906, Dillon, then 84, revealed that he had the watch in his hand when the owner of the shop rushed upstairs to tell him the war had begun.

In 1958 Lincoln's great-grandson donated the watch to the Smithsonian. Dillons' great-great grandson, Douglas Stiles, a lawyer from Illinois, remembered a great-uncle talking about the engraving in the 1970s, and the story had also been passed down by an Irish cousin. Stiles dug up the old *New York Times* article, and captured the attention of the Smithsonian curators. A master watchmaker was found, who, using a magnifying glass, good light and tiny instruments, opened the watch in an event open to the public.

The watch is in perfect condition, but unable to be wound after so many years. It will be reassembled and displayed at the Smithsonian with a photo and transcription of the engraving.

WEXFORD CHURCH OF IRELAND RECORDS ONLINE

The Anglican Record Project, sponsored by Representative Church Body Library, began with Church of Ireland Records records for Delgany (Glendalough), Co. Wicklow, 1666-1900. Now they have added the following for Newtownbarry (Bunclody) Union, Co. Wexford

Newtownbarry----St. Mary's Church

Baptisms 1799-1903

Marriages 1799-1903

Burials 1799-1903

Barragh – St Paul's Church

Baptisms 1799-1805 and 1831-1879

Marriages 1799-1805 and 1830-1903

Burials 1799-1805 and 1838-1878

Clonegal – St Fiac's Church

Baptisms 1792-1903

Marriages 1792-1906

Burials 1792-1903

Kilrush – St Brigid's Church

Baptisms 1878-1903

Marriages 1845-1903

Burials 1878-1903

See the records at <<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/151>>

BIOGRAPHIES ONLINE

The county histories published from 1860 to 1910 are valuable resources for genealogists. A new site, <www.MyGenealogyHound.com> has begun extracting biographies from these volumes. So far they have biographies from Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee, with more to be added soon. There are also vintage county maps from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. The site is free.

OIL FOUND OFF KERRY COAST

An Irish company called Petrel Resources has announced the discovery of about one billion barrels of oil 200km from the Kerry shore and under 1 km of rock. With new

drilling techniques available, the company is looking for a partner to drill for and transport the oil.

PIRATES IN KERRY AND CORK

South Munster coastline, with its sheltered coves, offered a perfect haven for pirate ships in the 17th century. Early in the 1600s James I of England had banned pirate activity, causing a large transition from Cornwall and Devon to the gentle and welcoming bays of south Kerry and Cork. About 1000 pirates settled there between 1603 and 1640.

The pirates found rest in an out-of-the way place, and the local economy thrived with their support of pub trade and brothels.

Signs of pirate presence may still be seen. Twelve shipwrecks, some stone steps constructed to hold guiding lanterns, and broken pieces of Tuscan oil lamps have all been found.

BRITISH COLUMBIA VITAL RECORDS ONLINE

The Royal British Columbia Museum/Archives has scanned and indexed birth, marriage and death records and placed them online. Births are from 1854 to 1903, marriages 1872 to 1936, and deaths 1872-1991. Access is free. The site is found at <http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch>

A MEDIEVAL FAMILY IN CO. FERMANAGH

Since last June archeologists have been digging at the site of a crannog in Co. Fermanagh. A crannog is an artificial island constructed in a lake. Because planning for new road construction had allowed water to be drained from the site, it can not be preserved; instead, excavations have been ongoing and expected to continue until December 30, 2012.

Archeologists date occupation of the crannog from AD 900 to AD 1600. They believe that the crannog, with four or five houses, was probably the residence of an extended noble family and servants. They have been delighted with the findings, claiming that they are of international significance.

The houses were cramped, with a family living, cooking and sleeping in one small space. The walls were insulated with heather and other plants. Surrounded by water there must have been problems with dampness. There were probably all kinds of bugs.

The site has revealed a large amount of artifacts including pottery, ornaments of iron, bronze and bone, leather shoes, combs, knives, etc. Because the site was under water for so long, many wooden items were preserved, such as the timber foundations of houses, log boats, oars, chess-like gaming pieces, and a wooden bowl incised with a cross. Items recovered indicate that the people were extremely skilled at wood and metal working.

CHICAGO CITY DIRECTORIES ONLINE

The Newberry Library has a website called <ChicagoAncestors.org>. From here you can access <<http://www.chicagoancestors.org/#tab-tools>>. This will lead you to Chicago city directories as well as much other valuable Chicago genealogical information.

FREE CENSUS IMAGES

Archive.org has digitized the original census pages from 1790 to 1930. They are not indexed, but you can download an entire roll and scroll through from page to page.

NAME INDEX TO THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Ireland's Registry of Deeds in Dublin holds records of wills, marriage settlements, land transactions and other deeds from 1709. Although deeds before 1800 are mostly for Protestant holders, sometimes Catholic occupiers are mentioned. An effort to index all the names that appear in the memorial books is in progress. Volunteers have posted 108,003 index records from 13, 151 memorials. About 1200 are marriage settlements.

The site is at <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~registryofdeeds/index.html>>

AN 1830s IRISH RECORD SOURCE

The Return of Persons to whom Licenses have been granted to keep Arms by Magistrates at Quarter Session in Ireland, 1832, lists names and residences of gun owners in all counties in Ireland, as well as names and residences of the magistrates granting the license. It's a typed record, organized by counties. Find it at <<http://eppi.dippan.ac.uk/documents/11093>> There are about 6,000 names listed.

YOU CAN FIND A POT OF GOLD IN IRELAND

Recently workmen found a cache of 81 gold pieces dating from the 1630a to the early 1700s at the site of a burned-out Cooney's pub in Carick-on-Suir, County Tipperary. Pieces included guineas and half guineas with 35 Charles II coins, 25 James II coins, 19 William III, and 2 William III and Mary. Guineas were coins of the value of 21 shillings or 1 pound and 1 shilling. Irish law directs that the find is the property of the state, and they will likely be displayed at the National Museum in Dublin.

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wch/>

A NEW DIGITAL IRISH GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE

The In-Depth Genealogist has begun publishing a digital magazine, *Going-In-Depth*. The first issue is available at <www.theindepthgenealogist.com> It will be a free monthly publication featuring regular columns, guest articles and free resources. The inaugural edition has articles on the Irish petty session court records, ways to research female ancestors, and obtaining deed records, and much more.

DUFFY'S CUT MURDER VICTIM BROUGHT HOME TO REST

John Ruddy, the eighteen year-old victim, whose body was identified among the 57 Irish laborers at Duffy's Cut, has been brought back to his homeland, buried at Ardara, County Donegal on March 2, 2013. Duffy's Cut was the site of a railroad project to level a hill. Five weeks after the 57 men arrived, cholera broke out, and it's thought that the men were murdered in order to avert the disease. The Watson brothers, who organized the investigation, were officially named as John Ruddy's legal guardians in order to carry out the Donegal burial. Their next step is to find descendants of poor John Ruddy.

IRISH QUOTE

....early medieval Ireland sounds like a somewhat crazed Wisconsin, in which every dairy farm is an armed camp at perpetual war with its neighbors, and every farmer claims himself a king.

David Willis McCullough, in *Wars of the Irish Kings: A Thousand Years of Struggle, from the Age of Myth through the Reign of Queen Elizabeth*

A Visit to The Court House

by Jon R. Domencich

The County Court House is the main interface point between your family members and the government, just as the church is for their religion. In various departments of county government one can find records on births, marriages, deaths, land ownership, wills and probate. Most of these records will be found in the Register of deeds the rest in the Register in Probate. I hope the following article will help with your research.

Things to bring to the court house. Have identification. Bring plenty of paper and pencils (no pens). Bring cash, if you need a record pulled, as there is often a charge. Few of these offices will take checks or cards. Make sure you have a list of the people you are searching for. This should include any data you have: dates, places, etc. Don't bring cell-phones, cameras, scanning devices etc. Be pleasant to the staff. They're important if you need help. It's also just good manners. Most of these departments require you to make appointments. Make sure to call ahead and find out each department's particular wants and needs.

Let's start with Birth Records. There are two basic ways to access records. If the county has started digitizing records it may be possible to access these records by a dedicated computer in the office. Using a computer you can search by name, date, or location etc. The old fashioned way to search for a record entails using index books. Typically one must find the Index Book for the approximate time (i.e. 1850 to 1880) and the first letter of the last name. In Milwaukee County, the next vowel gets you to the part of the Index (For example, Strong, the first letter is S then look for the O). Then you must search through the pages of listings to find the person whose data you are looking for. If you find the person the name will be followed by a record volume (alpha numeric) and page number. For records after about 1930, one usually has to ask for the record to be pulled by a clerk. Those preceding 1930, can be accessed in the files. You find the volume in the rack, look up the page and eureka.

Marriages have two sets of index books typically. One set for the bride and another set for the groom. Both sets will lead you to the same record. The county records are essential as the State of Wisconsin Marriage Records are incomplete. On these records one hopes to find parents of the bride and groom along with witnesses.

Deaths are indexed just like births. One must know the approximate date and find the book with the first letter of the last name. Then you search the pages until you find the person. Following the name will be the volume and page number. Search the racks

being careful not to confuse birth and death records as the record books often look the same. When you find the volume and page the record should be there. The same rules apply as with birth records. Records pre 1930, you find on your own. After about 1930, you need a clerk to pull at some charge. Remember to bring cash. A pull might cost you between Five and Twenty dollars depending on record and county. Ask first!!

Next at the Register of Deeds are the land records. Land records are searched in three ways. First is the legal land description as seen in Plate 3. Second is by Tax ID. number. Third one can search by street address. The first way is the hardest to do but I believe gives the best results. Tax IDs. are not that easy to find and so I seldom use them. Street addresses are used in cities as legal descriptions are very involved.

When looking for land records one must learn how to use plot maps. Plate 1 is a table of land description language and terms. Included on Plate 2 is an 1876 plot map of Franklin Wisconsin. A land purchase agreement from 1843 is Plate 3. Notice the notary public on plate 3 is Increase A Lapham.

Plot maps are not issued on a scheduled basis. They are issued as needed by the governing body (state, county or municipal). You must look for the closest plot map in age to the land of the person you are investigating. The earliest plot map for Franklin was 1876. Michael Sheahan settled the land in 1834 and purchased the land in 1843 with his brother Patrick.

If you look at the Franklin Plot Map you will see at the top line that the map covers Town 5 North, Range 21 East. The description on the purchase agreement says North West Quarter of Section Seventeen. All the sections are numbered in the center of the section. Find section seventeen. Look in the northwest quarter and you will see The Sheahan farm labeled Scheehan. (Clearly the map maker was German). Franklin was a mixed Irish and German community.

When looking for land documents, you may want to ask the clerk for help. You must find the index book for that part of the township, range and section you are interested in. The pages in the index are usually by quarter section. Upon finding the property there will be a series of letter-number pairs. The first letter-number is the volume. The second is the page number. There may be many entries in many rows as each time a property changes hands there will be a new document and a new index entry. Therefore you can follow the history of a property often through many generations.

Early documents like Plate 3 are hand written later documents are fill in the blanks type. The latest records are full legalese. Read the documents carefully as there can be much hidden information about the people and the land. I always have these documents copied, it's inexpensive and you can read them when you have time.

Now onto the Register in Probate. Probate has to do with Wills and settlements after death. Many Wills are contested and many people die intestate. Most documents I have seen in Probate are on micro-film. These files can be many pages over quite a few years. One of my family members contested a death settlement from 1854 to 1869. Probate Records contain much useful information: family members, other relationships and property. Business, stock and other holdings, and partnerships can be also found in probate records.

Probate departments all index by name. Some indexes are on computer. Some, like Milwaukee County, are on index cards. Upon getting the index of the person you are looking for, it will have the number of the roll of micro-film the file is on. You then have the clerk get the roll for you. I won't go into using a micro-film reader as every office has a different kind. Find the file containing the documents you want. Print the documents as they only they charge a small fee per page. It's easier to read the documents later and figure out what is taking place. Is the will contested? Was there no will? Or any of a number of reasons the death went through Probate.

Plate 4 shows an early Probate Application to contest a previous settlement. This file goes on page after page from 1854 to a settlement in 1869.

I hope this article helps you in your research. Here is some information on local county departments

Milwaukee County Register of Deeds

901 N. 9th Street, Room 103 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

414-278-4003

Waukesha County Register of Deeds

515 W. Moreland Blvd, Room 110 - Waukesha, Wisconsin

262-548-7583

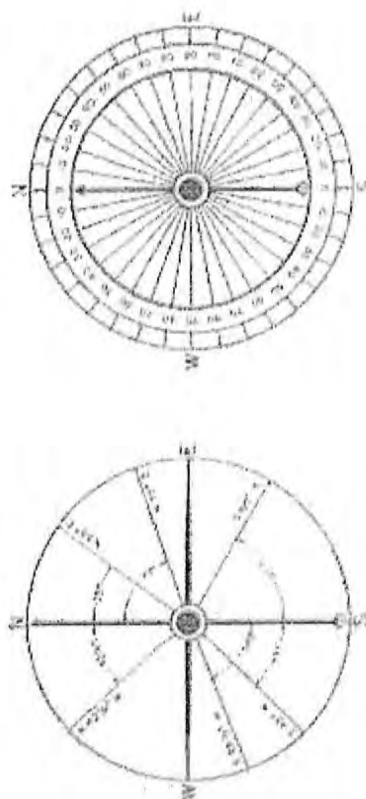
Racine County Register of Deeds

730 Wisconsin Ave. 1st Floor - Racine, Wisconsin

262-636-3208

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

LAND DESCRIPTION DIAGRAM



Program showing descent of tract
into Township.

36	31	22	25	24	22	36	31
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6
42	7	6	5	10	11	12	7
12	10	17	16	15	14	13	10
24	19	20	17	21	23	24	19
28	30	28	28	27	26	25	20
36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31
1	4	5	4	3	2	1	0

Sectional map of Township showing adjoining Sections



Table of Land Measurements

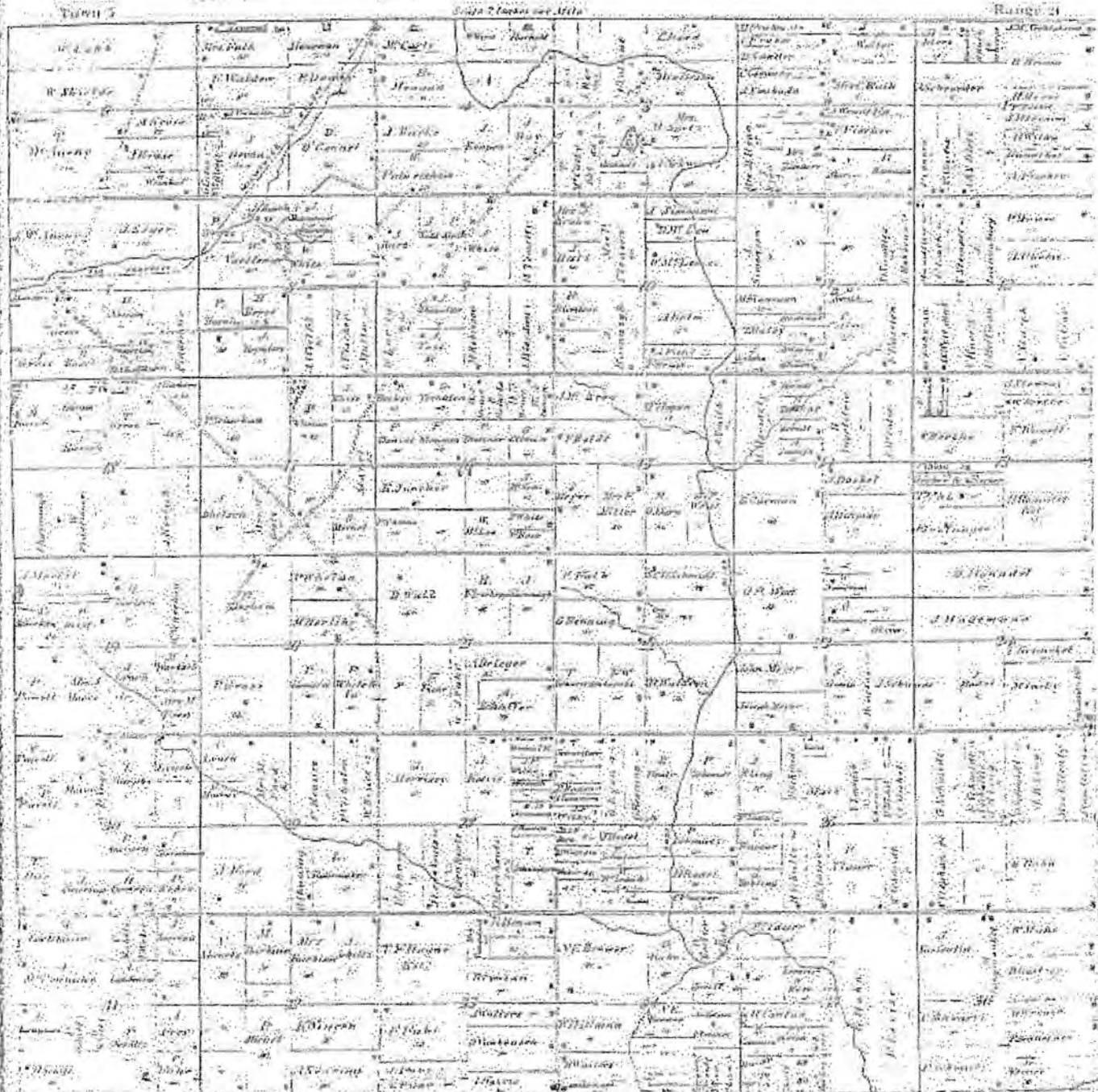
1 inch =	.0833 ft.	1 sq. in. =	1 sq. foot
2.92 inches =	1 link	9 sq. feet =	1 sq. yard
12 inches =	1 foot	30½ sq. yds. =	1 sq. rod
33 inches =	33 inches	16 sq. rods =	1 sq. chain
1 yd. =	1 yd.	1 sq. rod =	27½ sq. ft.
3 feet =	1 yard	1 sq. ch. =	4356 sq. ft.
25 links =	16 ½ feet	10 sq. chs. =	1 acre
25 links =	1 rod	168 sq. rods =	1 acre
100 links =	1 chain	4840 sq. yds. =	1 acre
16½ feet =	1 rod	43560 sq. ft. =	1 acre
5½ yards =	1 rod	640 acres =	1 sq. mile
4 rods =	100 links	1 sq. mile =	1 section
46 feet =	1 chain	36 sq. miles =	1 Twp.
80 chains =	1 angle	6 miles sq. =	1 Twp.
320 rods =	1 mile	1 sq. mi. =	2.59 sq. chain
8000 links =	1 mile		
5280 feet =	1 mile		
7680 yards =	1 mile		

An Acre is:

43,500 sq. feet.
167 feet x 264 feet.
198 feet x 220 feet.
660 feet x 66 feet.
160 square rods.
208' 8" concrete.

For any rectangular tract, the product of the length and width of which totals 43,560 sq. ft.

MAP OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



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Franklin, Wisconsin 53132
1976

1876

KNOW ALL MEN, That *Loan Dewey and Sally his wife* party of the first part, in consideration of *seven hundred and fifty dollars* to them paid by *Michael Sheehan and Patrick Sheehan* party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby bargain, sell, and convey to the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever, the following, *Beal Lots, viz: the north-west quarter of section seventeen in township five north and range twenty-one east, in the county of Milwaukee and Territory of Wisconsin, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less* —




Together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns forever. **It is covenanted** that at the time of the executing and delivery of these presents, the said party of the first part is well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of a good, wise, perfect, absolute,

authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form as aforesaid; and that the same are free and clear of all incumbrances of what kind and nature soever; and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons, lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, will forever **WARRANT AND DEFEND.**

In witness whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto set their hands and seals this *twentieth* day of *September* in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of
J. A. Lapham
A. Linnep

Loan Dewey
Sally Dewey

TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN,
Milwaukee County,

Be it remembered, that on this *second* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me, the subscriber a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came *Loan Dewey and Sally his wife* —

the grantors in the above conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal officially on the day and year last aforesaid.

Frederick A. Lapham
Notary Public

Malheur County Court. In Probate.

The Petition of Patrick Sheahan of the town of Franklin, in the County of Malheur, Oregon, respectfully represents that Michael Sheahan, late of said town and County, deceased ^{on the} on the 2^d day of October 1848, at his residence in said town died intestate, as your petitioner believes, no last will and testament being found, or being known to exist, that said deceased left a widow and five children, ~~at the time of his death~~ him surviving; that said widow and one of said children are now dead - That said deceased left goods, chattels and personal Estate within the County to the value of about Five Hundred Dollars, and also fifty acres of land in said County - worth about Five Hundred Dollars.

That your petitioner is one of the sons of said deceased, and applies for letters of administration upon the estate of said deceased, and asks for the appointment of appraisers pursuant to the statute.

Patrick Sheahan

Given & subscribed this
14th day of May 1854
before me

W. J. Sheahan
County Judge

Review of the February IGSW Program

On February 4th local lawyer, Dennis McBride gave a presentation to the IGSW called "Paddy Works on The Railway: The Irish Role in Building America". He began by describing the genealogy of one of the branches of the family, the Gallagher's of Ulster and their struggle to build a life in America through such jobs as coal mining in Pennsylvania, farming in Iowa and carpentry in Nebraska. From there he told how hard working Irish immigrants built the Erie Canal, designed the White House, laid out the streets of San Francisco, built much of the transcendental railroad and designed and built the Los Angeles water system. Doing so he smashed the myth of the lazy Irishman.

McBride who is President of the Wauwatosa Common Council and Coordinator of the Hedge School of Milwaukee Irish Fest took his presentation from the 12th chapter of his upcoming book, titled *A Spirit Moved Our Feet What You Should Know About Irish America*. He has promised to return and tell more stories of Ireland and the Irish America.

NOTICE TO ALL IGSW MEMBERS

Have you paid your dues for this new year? Our fiscal year is March 1, 2013 to the last day of February, 2014.

In order to avoid missing the benefits of membership, renew now. Dues are still the same \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for a family membership.

This is also the time to check and update information for the three lists that are published in June. Make sure your e-mail is correct if one is available. Any additions or changes can be sent to:

Membership Chairperson	Sister Sylvia Ann 3937 W. Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53209
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Mailing Chairman	Robert Towne 5461 S. 25 th Street Milwaukee, WI 53221
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IRISH GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY

Members of IGSW have been receiving the Quarterly four times a year in March, June, September and December since the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin was established in 1992. Once a year, along with the June Quarterly, three lists are sent to members. These lists have proven to be very valuable for net working with other members of IGSW for ancestors as well as descendants.

The following interesting information is from the Membership List of 05/22/12. The next list will follow in June at the close of the fiscal year (March 2012 – March 2013).

Milwaukee Metro Area	120 Members
Wisconsin	106 Members
Out of State	64 Members

Members can be found in the following twenty states

Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington.

An exchange program is carried on with the following Genealogical Societies. They receive a copy of our Quarterly and a copy of their publication, if one is published, is sent to us

Waukesha Co. Genealogical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Twin Ports Genealogical Society, Heritage Quest Research Library, LaCrosse Area Society, Grant County Genealogical Society, Stevens Point Genealogical Society, Chippewa County Genealogical Society, Manitowoc County Genealogical Society, Monroe, Juneau, Jackson Genealogical Society, French-Canadian/Acadian Genealogical Society of Wisconsin, Marathon County Genealogical Society, Heart O'Wisconsin Genealogical Society, The Irish Ancestral Research Association, Fond Du Lac County Genealogical Society, British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois.

These regional publications are often rich in information that can help the researcher. Some may have local birth, marriage and death records, local histories, school and cemetery records to name a few. We have current and back issue on file at the Irish Emigration Library that should be checked for you may be surprised what you'll find.

The IGSW Quarterly can be found in the libraries of the following places

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Allen County Library of Fort Wayne Indiana, Milwaukee Public Library Serials Section, Historical Society of Wisconsin, Family History Library (LDS), City of Milwaukee Public Library, Irish American Post, Consulate of Ireland Chicago Illinois, Washington County Historical Society, Family History Center, Library of Congress, National Library of Ireland, New York Public Library Milstein Div. of US History, Clayton Library Periodicals, Rock County Genealogical Society, Mid Continent Library, Midwest Genealogy Center and Nebraskans of Irish and Scotch-Irish. We are most grateful to those who have graciously contributed to the Quarterly with articles for genealogists, so helpful in many ways. JM



Upcoming Programs

Monday, April 1, 2013 – 7p.m.

ICHC – 2133 W Wisconsin Ave

"A Night of the Round Tables"

Come meet with us as we discuss our successes and failures and work together
to help solve some of the genealogist's conundrums.

Watch for more information to follow.

Monday, May 6, 2013 – 7p.m.

Shorewood Public Library – 3920 N Murray Ave – Shorewood

"Tinkers No More: The Irish Travelers, Past and Present"

Josepha C Lanthers, is a UWM Professor and co-director of the Center for Celtic Studies.

Her most recent book is "The Tinkers in Irish Literature".

Monday, June 3, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

A Field Trip – "Tory Hill and the Bloody Third Ward"

Carl Baehr will explore with us the Irish history and the geography of Tory Hill

The period he will cover is Milwaukee from its founding to 1900.

Carl will discuss the Leahey Riot, the Lady Elgin Disaster, Darby Carney and the lynching of

Marshall Clark, the Newhall House Fire and the Third Ward Fire.

Meet at 5th Street and St Paul Ave. promptly at 6:30p.m.

WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

The presentation will last about 90 minutes.

Watch igswonline.com for further information as to time and place.

IGSW Programs are free and open to the public.

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Saturday, April 20, 2013

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9:15am _____ Advanced Search Tips for
Ancestry

_____ Finding Those Who Served

10:45am _____ Getting the Most Out of
Census Records, Tips, Tricks

_____ Fold3, Resources on Nat'l
Archives, Military records

1:15pm _____ Coming to America, Find
Ancestry Arrival Records

_____ Social Networking for
Genealogists, Facebook, etc

2:45pm _____ Dead Men Do Tell Tales

_____ Milwaukee Public Library,
Zeidler Humanities

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Saturday April 20, 2013 TIMES:

8:15– 9:00am – Registration, browse*

9:00– 9:15am – Welcome

9:15– 11:45am – Workshop sessions

12:00– 1:00pm – Lunch and browse*

1:15– 4:00pm – Workshop sessions

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WORKSHOP SEMINAR

LORETTO (Lou) SZUCS and JULIANA SZUCS SMITH

9:15am - Search Tips for getting the most from Ancestry.com. Expert tips for finding amazing collections, no matter what your level of experience.

10:45am - Tips & Tricks for Getting the Most Out of Census Records. From 1790 to 1940, from special to state censuses, find the stories and details in these records that will take your research forward.

1:15pm - Coming to America. Learn the many ways you can find records that lead to your immigrant ancestors' origins and stories.

2:45pm - Dead Men Do Tell Tales. Beyond the commonly used certificates issued by local government, there is a vast array of materials that have insights into personalities of those who have gone before us.

Caron Primas Brennan

10:45am - Fold3, former name, Footnote.com. This digitized source has many documents from the National Archives, Library of Congress and the Military. It is often considered the premier website on military history.

1:15pm - Social Networking for Genealogists. Learn "How To" tips on using Facebook, blogs and family trees are part of this new social media world.

Russell P. Horton

9:15am - Finding Those Who Served. The Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, has genealogical and individualized records of veterans plus manuscript collections from the Civil War to current day Iraq and Afghanistan

Milwaukee Public Library Presentation

2:45pm - Zeidler Humanities Research room, Milwaukee downtown location. Staff Librarian Jennifer Heidel will provide the details on the library.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

LORETTO (LOU) SZUCS

Ancestry.com Vice-President of Community Relations, "Lou" has 40 years of experience as researcher, author, archivist and speaker in the field of family history. She has served and continues to serve on a number of genealogical society boards.

JULIANA SZUCS SMITH

Juliana has been with Ancestry.com for more than 14 years. She has written articles for online and print genealogical publications and wrote the "Computers and Technology" chapter of *The Source*. Juliana holds a certificate from Boston University's Online Genealogical Program, and is working towards certification from the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

CARON PRIMAS BRENNAN

Caron is the past Vice-President and current newsletter editor for CAGGNI (Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois). She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and a professional member of the Association of Professional Genealogist.

RUSSELL P. HORTON

Russell is currently a state Archivist for the Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs and he is employed at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, WI. Since 2001, he has worked as a graduate student doing cataloging, processing manuscripts and taking his current position in 2008.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Zeidler Humanities Room is an excellent research source, closely associated with genealogy and its outstanding benefits, find out more. Staff Librarian Jennifer Heidel will provide the details on the library.

An Irish Blessing

May there always be work
for your hands to do . . .

May your purse always hold
a coin or two . . .

May the sun always shine
on your windowpane

May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain . . .

May the hand of a friend
always be near you

May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you
and until we meet again,

May God hold you
in the palm of his hand.

A Happy Saint Patrick's Day
To You and Your Loved Ones

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