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Jan Polep, 1st V. P. Programs

LAST MEETING RECAP

Warrants, Patents and Deeds – Oh My!

Presented by Daniel Hubbard

Contributed by Nancy Gaynor

U. S. Church Records: Find Family- Jacquie Schnattner



Church records contain surprises, not just baptisms, marriages and deaths. They provide clues to much more, including town of origin and immigration information, how active families

were in their church, and their financial situation. Churches predate government, and often have information on under-represented people: women, minorities, immigrants, and young children. Learn how to identify your ancestor's place of worship, access surviving records and solve problems such as maiden names and overseas birthplaces.

Jacquie has volunteered at the local Family History Center for 15 years, and teaches genealogy at local high schools, and area libraries. She is active in several genealogy societies and is a retired school secretary which now allows her more time for research. Go to

<https://tinyurl.com/mcigsfeb21> to register.

WARRANTS & PATENTS & DEEDS, OH MY! Dr. Daniel Hubbard, presented 14 January 2021

According to our speaker, Dr Hubbard, there is a wealth of information to be gleaned from U.S. land records. They CAN include family members, including a wife's name; neighbors; previous landowners; land location and boundaries; the residences of the buyer and seller and often their occupations. Make sure to observe the names of the witnesses to the sale; they may very well be part of the FAN (Friends, Associates and Neighbors) network.

When searching land transactions, make sure to extend your timeline beyond expected dates for your ancestor. It was not uncommon for people to hold onto deeds for several reasons including the distance and difficulty getting to the courthouse. Sometimes deeds weren't filed until there was a sudden need to file it with the county – the sale of the property perhaps one of the main reasons. Watch for multiple deeds registered at the same time.

As with much in genealogy, it is important to know the history of the location of your

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ancestors. Was the land originally in the hands of the Dutch, French or English? Was it part of the original 13 colonies, or was it settled AFTER the Revolution? Again, learn about the history of your state and land ownership. One simple place to locate this information is on FamilySearch.org's wiki.

It is important to not only understand the history of your locale but to get a handle on the terminology of land ownership. Recommended books on learning more includes: [Locating Your Roots Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records](#) by Hatcher; [Land & Property Research in the United States](#) by Hone and Rose's [Military Bounty Land](#).

The handout AND recording of this complicated topic will be in the Member's Section of our website shortly.

UPCOMING MCIGS MEETINGS

March 11, 2021 – *Family History Research in Illinois & Wisconsin* – Maureen Brady

April 8, 2021 – *Allied with the Allies* – Debra Dudek

May 13, 2021 – *Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret* – Pam Vestal

June 10, 2021 – 40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names – Katherine R Willson

July 10, 2021- MCIGS' Annual Summer Conference

New Netherland Institute Claudia Gaston Conroy

I recently found that I have many Dutch ancestors who immigrated to America in the 1600's. Through a webinar offered by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society I learned of a resource for researching Dutch in America.

The New Netherland Institute has a website at <https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/> The website is filled with a variety of information, but I found it a bit challenging to negotiate. I suggest playing around with the site to see what might interest you. I decided I wanted to learn more about the ships on which my ancestors traveled. To get to the ship site I added the word "ships" in the search box, but to make it easier for you, the URL is <https://airtable.com/shrMDIcIOR4lhG2hh/tblfhHgeMPJruE85m/viwH7j8GVs3SKpDyU>

Cornelis Hendrickse van Nes, my 8th great grandfather, was born in 1599 in Vianen, Utrecht, Netherlands. He married Maijgen Hendrix in Utrecht. They left from Amsterdam with their 6 children, on 17 May 1641 on den Eyckenboom, arriving in New Amsterdam on 30 July 1641. From the New Netherland Institute website, I learned the following:

- This was the first of 3 voyages the Eyckenboom made to New Amsterdam, the others in 1659 and 1662. I wonder what the ship did between those dates.
- Eyckenboom means Oak Tree.

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- The skipper on my ancestors' voyage was Gelain Cornelisz. I'd like to research what happened to him.
- The ship weighed 200 tons, and was listed as a fluyt, a dedicated cargo vessel. I can only imagine the accommodations my ancestors experienced.
- The Eyckenboom was owned by the West India Company.
- The ship carried 20 passengers on my ancestors' journey, along with 24 cows and other goods bound for Rensselaerswyck.

Of course, none of this newly learned information is crucial to my research, but it gave me a fuller picture of the voyage. I look forward to researching the ships some of my other Dutch ancestors used to cross the Atlantic.

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McHenry Illinois Methodist Church Epworth League

Contributed by Ann L Wells

The Epworth League was formed for young Methodist adults from the age of 18 to 35 in May 1889. At least five prior young peoples' organizations joined the new Epworth League. The name came from the village of Epworth, Lincolnshire, England, the home of John and Charles Wesley. Members were known as Epworthians. The League existed until about 1939 when it became the Methodist Youth Fellowship and today it is known as the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The following names are from what today is known as the United Methodist Church located in McHenry, Illinois.

A pledge was taken when joining:

We, severally, will seek for ourselves and will do what we can to help others attain the highest New Testament standard of experience and life.

We will abstain from all those forms of worldly amusement forbidden by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We will attend, so far as possible, the religious meetings of the Chapter and Church, and take some active part there.

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Meeting held 24 January 1906:

A cabinet meeting was held after prayer meeting and the following committees were chosen:

Department of Spiritual Work:

Mabelle Sayler
Emery Wheeler
Edna Sayler

Department of World Evangelism

Frank Ensign
Mrs Beal
Mrs Frank Hutson

Department of Mercy & Help

Lulu Simpson
Eva Wheeler

Department of Literacy and Social Work

James Sayler
Lillian Wheeler
Mabelle Sayler

Secretary & Treasurer: Wm Ensign

Asst Secretary & Treasurer: Winnie Wheeler

Wm Ensign, Secretary

Meeting of 29 May 1906

A business meeting was held at the parsonage.

Motion was made and seconded that the term of present officers to be extended to May 1907. Carried.

Motion made and carried that the treasurer pay the five cents per member and the League dues to central office.

Emery Wheeler elected to 1st Vice President

Mr Beal offers one dollar for Station Plan.

Motion made and carried that the League pay one half of the fare of our delegate to the district convention to be held at Fairdale [IL] on June 1, 2 & 3.

Franklin Ensign elected delegate to the convention.

Decided that delegate is instructed to report that League will give five dollars for the Station Plan- ten dollars if we can.

Adjourned

D W Ensign,
Secretary

