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

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*May 11, 2022  
7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House  
16000 West Cleveland Avenue  
New Berlin, WI 52151*

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## MEETING BITS AND BYTES

Hello spring storms! The weather was a bit iffy for our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the New Berlin Ale House with heavy rain and wind. Interestingly, the volleyball teams were still playing outside the Ale House but there were only 29 members of our group who ventured out in the elements. There were no new members or guests in attendance. The good news was that the rain ended before the end of our meeting.

To begin the meeting Bob Heck asked how many members had found themselves on the 1950 census which had been released on April 1<sup>st</sup>. At least half of the hands went up. Bob also made an announcement that the 3 items on the opportunity table were valued at approx. \$200 and because of the lower attendance, steering committee members were invited to purchase tickets. (Normally, steering committee members are not allowed to participate.)

Ken Artlip was the guest speaker for this meeting with his presentation on Old World Wisconsin. Ken brought along some great pictures and lots of information. Bob Heck later said that, even though he has been to Old World Wisconsin many times, he learned much more from Ken's presentation.

Ken told us that 3 days after he retired from his "real" job in 2002, he became a regular full-time employee at Old World Wisconsin. He did retire from there in 2015 but before leaving he had created the power point presentation that he shared with us.

In his introduction, Ken gave a little history of Old World Wisconsin.

“It was opened in 1976 and is the largest living history museum in America. It is located on 576 acres of DNR land in the Kettle Moraine near Eagle in Waukesha County.

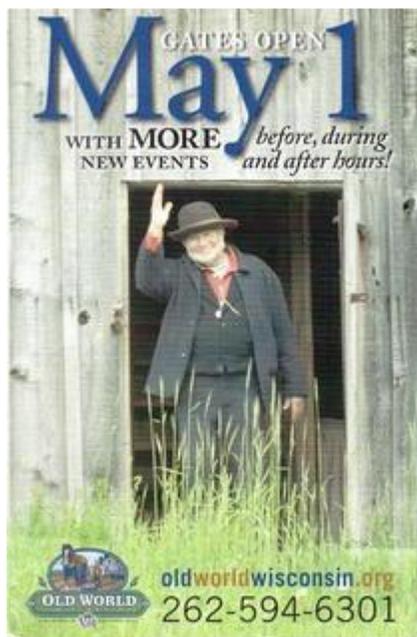
Each state was encouraged to present a 1976 bicentennial gift to the nation and Old World Wisconsin became ours. Since it was imagined in the 1960’s it has been a very expensive project for the State Historical Society.”

According to Ken, many ethnic groups were drawn to Wisconsin for various reasons, especially Yankees from New York and people from Germany.

“There are so many stories to tell and many different things to study and learn.”

Old World Wisconsin today is comprised of the original 1876 Crossroads Village from 1976 and 6 major areas including German, Polish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish and African American homesteads.

If you have never paid a visit to Old World Wisconsin, after seeing it through Ken’s eyes and hearing his stories, it may entice you to take a walk through the history yourself.



Ken Artlip in his working days at Old World Wisconsin.

## WHAT’S ON THE MAY SCHEDULE

Randy Ray will be showing us **How to Use Newspapers.com** this month. Whether you have tried this route before and not been successful or perhaps have never tried newspaper research, Randy will give you tips on how to find those ancestors of yours in the newspapers of their time. Following Randy, Bob Heck will take us to **FamilySearch: Unindexed Files Using Search Images**. Bob says that there are amazing things you can find using this, including pictures in foreign countries. He has given us a short version of this in the past using his ancestral home in the Czech Republic. You’ll want to learn how to use this to fill out your family story.

## STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

Your MPAFUG steering committee held a zoom meeting on April 20, 2022. The following members attended:

Sam Colon, Bob Heck, Bob Miller, Randy Ray, Louise Stack and Bob Tatalovich

Bob Heck began the meeting with news of a member, also a former steering committee member, who was in Froedtert Hospital. Earl Capps had fallen off a ladder at his home, had broken several ribs and hit his head and was in ICU.

Sam Colon gave an update on the opportunity table from the April meeting. As previously stated, the value of the items was \$200. Ticket sales were good but we made just \$17 short of the total value. Attendance was down from the previous month perhaps due to the weather.

Bob Heck stated that he was not happy with the sound quality on the recording of the April meeting. He had to do a little finagling and get a little help from his son Bill, but did get it cleaned up enough before sending it out to the membership. He determined that because they were using the mic on the computer it picked up sound from everywhere which interfered with the actual sound of the presentation. So, the solution was to order a highly directional microphone.

We again discussed the membership dues for 2023. The members present all agreed that dues should be reinstated for the coming year after having been free for the last 2 years. The dues will remain at \$12. Notices should start being sent out to membership starting in September.

Lastly, upcoming programs took up a large portion of the meeting.

### **A QUOTE TO PONDER:**

*“Every time an old person dies it is as if a library burns down.”*

**Unknown**

### **REMINDERS**

Please keep Earl Capps in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, a time to remember those that have died while in military service. If you have ancestors who have been killed in action, this would be the time to honor them and ensure that there is an American flag on their gravesite.

**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.

### **BEWARE...**

You may have already seen or heard that scams and phishing expeditions on the rise, are more sophisticated and coming faster than ever. We’ve heard it all before, but it doesn’t hurt to be reminded.

According to Tri City National Bank, the FBI issued the following Public Service Announcement:

#### **“Quick Tips”**

“Be wary of unsolicited requests to verify account information. Cybercriminals can use email addresses and phone numbers which may then appear to come from a legitimate financial institution. If a call or text is received regarding possible fraud or unauthorized transfers, do not respond directly.

If an unsolicited request to verify account information is received, contact the financial institution’s fraud department through verified

telephone numbers and email addresses on official bank websites or documentation, not through those provided in texts or emails.

Enable Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) for all financial accounts, and do not provide MFA codes or passwords to anyone over the phone.

Understand financial institutions will not ask customers to transfer funds between accounts in order to prevent fraud.

Be skeptical of callers that provide personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers and past addresses, as proof of their legitimacy. The proliferation of large-scale data breaches over the last decade has supplied criminals with enormous amounts of personal data, which may be used repeatedly in a variety of scams and frauds.”

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **The John Canapa Story**

Some of you may have already met John as he is the director of the Family History Center in Hales Corners. Being a member of the LDS church is what got John interested in doing his own genealogy research. He has been on his genealogical journey for about 10 years, and has been a member of MPAFUG for about 4 years.

John has been researching both his and his wife’s ancestors. His wife is from Idaho with ancestors from Western Europe. John’s family is originally from Wisconsin with ancestors from Poland and Italy.

Even though John has not gone on any road trips for his research, he has some great family stories. For one, his great-great uncle was a Catholic Monsignor on Milwaukee’s east side. When his mother died, he had her monument made out of bronze which really upset the family because they were stone cutters who made monuments. In fact, John’s Italian ancestors worked in marble quarries in Carrara, Italy which is the same place Michelangelo got the marble for his statue of David. Learning

that was John’s best find. His Wenta side of the family still has a place on south 13<sup>th</sup> street, Wenta’s Monuments, that sells stone headstones.

John has had a few surprises including learning the location of family throughout the US, Poland, Italy, France, northern Africa, Corsica and South America. Of course, John has also ran into brick walls in both Italy and Poland which is where most of his research is concentrated. He has gone as far as 6 generations back. He is hoping to get more information on locations in Poland.

Thanks for sharing, John!

If you would like to submit your story, please email Louise Stack at: [kilostack@att.net](mailto:kilostack@att.net) and put Member Spotlight in the subject line.

There are the 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.

The Member Spotlight questions have recently been updated:

1. Who or what got you interested in genealogy?
2. How long have you been doing your genealogy research? How long have you been a member of MPAFUG?
3. How big is your family tree?
4. How many ancestors are you researching? Are you working with or sharing with another relative?
5. Do you have any special photographs or memorabilia?
6. Have you gone on any road trips for your research? Where? Did you find what you were looking for?
7. Have you had any surprises?
8. What is your best find?
9. Have you hit any brick walls?
10. What countries have you been researching?
11. How far back have you gone?
12. What are you hoping to find?

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### June 8, 2022

Free Resources at the Family History Center  
(John Canapa)  
MyHeritage & DNA Transfer and Voice  
Animation (Sam Colon)

### July 13, 2022

How to Organize Your Photos (Randy Ray)  
YouTube Videos for Genealogy Research  
(Bob Tatalovich)

### August 10, 2022

UW Milwaukee Golda Meir Library Digital Map  
Collection (Randy Ray)  
Stephen P. Morse Website (Bob Miller)

### September 14, 2022

Simple Computer Hacks for Genealogy:  
How to Keep Your Computer Clean of Junk Files.  
Google Tricks, Google Translate Tricks, Zoom  
Tricks, Computer Tricks and Hacks (Randy Ray)  
Member Survey (Open Forum; bring your ideas  
for future programs)

### October 12, 2022

Facebook Groups for Family History (Bob Heck)

### 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 (1)

### 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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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### OUR WEB PAGE: <http://mpafug.org>

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