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BROWN FAMILY COTTAGE

I was invited to tour the original Webster E. Brown Family Cottage on Moen's Lake this summer. This cottage was built in 1903 and family members have been enjoying it ever since. As I drove out there, I recalled reading an item in the newspaper that stated the St. Augustine Women's Guild held a meeting at the cottage and all came by automobile in **1909**. The road in those days must have been quite interesting. It is amazing to think they have kept the cottage up all these years. The siblings that I met with had some wonderful memories of being at the cottage as children and have brought their children and now their grandchildren to experience the Northwoods and cabin in its almost original state.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 – 2 P.M. RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY (MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!)

Meetings of the Northwoods Genealogical Society are "typically" held on the second Monday of the month (except July) in the downstairs meeting room of the Rhinelander District Library. Membership dues are \$10.00 individual, \$11.00 family.

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WEBSITE: sites.google.com/site/northwoodsgenso/

NEXT MEETING: Watch for email with time and location

Upcoming Events:

WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Fall

Seminar: Oct 8-9 @ Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, includes virtual options (wsgs.org)
STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, MADISON, WI
OPEN M-TH, 9 AM-4 PM

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY - SALT LAKE CITY, UT
OPEN M-F, 9 AM-5 PM

RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY - OPEN M-F
9 AM-6 PM

THIS MONTH: WE ARE MEETING IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY. MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

REPLACEMENT SECRETARY NEEDED: Our Secretary, Martha, has started a new endeavor in her life, moving away from our fair city. We wish her well. That being said, we will need an interim Secretary. If anyone is interested in filling in for a few months, please come forward.

"A REAL LIVE BABY will be given away next week at the Bijou Theater". This was the headline in Rhinelander's *The New North* newspaper dated April 20, 1911. According to the article, the baby will come from an orphan's home and that tickets would be passed out to patrons each evening next week. The article states, "Should the person drawing the winning number not care for the baby, he will go to the next number and so on until he finds a taker."

ROOTS TECH: *ROOTS TECH CONNECT 2022* is scheduled for March 3-5, 2022, as a full virtual family history event. Free registration for the event will open in September. Visit RootsTech.org to register, receive a newsletter, and stay informed.

SEARCHING TIPS: As genealogists, we are constantly using search engines. Be sure to stop and check out the search tips for the site you are using. **IT WILL SAVE YOU TIME IN THE LONG RUN.** Some common search options are using a " ? " for one letter and/or an " * " for multiple letters. Typically, these must be used with 3 letters. Some websites use other symbols such as the minus sign or the plus sign. Be sure and read the search tips. It will greatly reduce the results.

DECIPHERING HANDWRITING CLUES: 1) Take advantage of any transcriptions but always look at the original. 2) Zoom in and also zoom out. 3) Read it out loud. Does it make sense? 4) Write or type it out. 5) Put it through an editing program. 6) Put it in historical context. 7) Use common sense - what type of document is it and what facts should be there? 8) Figure out a word or name by working from the end backwards. 9) Familiarize yourself with words in foreign languages. Such as the words for Baptism, marriage, burial, child, mother, father, parents, bride, groom, etc. 10) Practice by volunteering. 11) Look at several examples - such as several pages forward or backward in a church record book.

NEW POW/MIA RECORDS ADDED ON FOLD3. This is a collection of about 82,000 American military and civilian personnel still missing in action from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Note:** Many times near Veterans Day, Fold3 will host a free access weekend. **THE REST OF THE STORY** from the "Live Baby" article above. The May 4th article reveals that the winning ticket holder was Maurice Perinier, a young, single man living with his parents, who was very nervous as they "tenderly placed in Maurice's arms, a tiny lamb". Hmm, I am wondering if this was the initial plan.