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*** HOW THE "TOWN OF LYNNE" GOT ITS NAME ***

Lynne, a township located in the southwest corner of Oneida County, was named in 1902 after the daughter of William and Mabel Carr, who were the County Clerk and Deputy City Clerk, at the suggestion of a prominent farmer of that region. It was so newsworthy that six-year-old Lynne Carr's picture appeared in a Milwaukee newspaper. The Town of Lynne is bordered by Price County on the west, Lincoln County on the south, Town of Little Rice (which was created later) on the east and Town of Minocqua on the north. Over 80% of the Town is county or state land, with over 80 miles of Town road.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

Rhineland District Library

Downstairs Meeting Room

1:00 P. M.

Meetings of the Northwoods Genealogical Society are typically held on the second Wednesday of the month (except July and December) at 1 p. m. 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/northwoodsgensoc/

NEXT MEETING: Sep. 10, 2025 – Polish Webinar

Upcoming Events:

MAKING THE MOST OF SCHOOL RECORDS, Monday, August 25th at 7 p. m. presented by Plainfield Area Public Library, free, virtual. See: plainfieldpubliclibrary.librarymarket.com/index.php/event/genealogy-tbd-76895

GENEALOGY JUMPSTART: FAMILYSEARCH OVERVIEW, Tuesday, August 26 at 1:00 p. m., free, virtual and in-person presented by Appleton Public Library. For details see: appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1260109

WSGS FALL CONFERENCE: At The Inn on Maritime Bay, Manitowish, WI: OCTOBER 10-11, 2025 hosted by the

PROGRAM: Planning and organizing for the September meeting of a paid webinar given by Steve Szabatos on "Polish Immigration, When, Where, How".

FIVE STEPS TO RESEARCHING YOUR OWN ADOPTION.

1) Obtain copies of every bit of information from the state where the adoption was made. If it has been more than a couple of years, request all info again, as some laws have changed. 2) Review every scrap of info and even pictures, postcards, family stories, etc. 3) Take an autosomal DNA test at every testing company you can. 4) Share your information on registries that cover the area where you were adopted. Check for any member looking for matches to you. 5) Join online support groups, such as DNA Adoption, DNA Detectives, Facebook groups, etc. (Family Tree Mag.)

RESEARCHING PIONEER ANCESTOR TIPS. 1) Adopt a versatile approach. No one method will work every time. 2) Learn all you can about your ancestor and their community. 3) Expect your ancestor to be normal. 4) Reconstruct your ancestor's family within that community. 5) Link younger settlers with older ones. 6) Think big as well as small. 7) Search surrounding areas. 8) Check all records since every record has potential. 9) Compare, contrast and correlate records from the old to the new. 10) Identify conditions that may have motivated your ancestor to leave. 11) Study history. 12) Notice who stayed behind. 13) Don't give up. (Family Tree Magazine)

WOMEN'S HISTORIC BEACH WEAR. Bathing dresses or gowns were common during the mid-19th century into 1910's. Bathing tights & bloomers were worn under dresses. Bathing stockings with garters were also an option. Bathing girdles or corsets became popular to keep one's shape and support the bust. Wool bathing suits were common. Bathing caps became popular to keep the hair dry. Bathing (or beach) capes shielded women from sun and cold breezes. Beach pajamas were a fashion trend in 1920-1930's, usually a two-piece outfit with wide-leg pants and a jacket. Intended for lounging on the shore, and were loose & comfortable. (Fish Wrap @ Newspapers.com)

BRITISH CUSTOMS AND JULY FOLKLORE. St. Swithin's Day:

The July 15th legend has it that the weather on this day, rain or sun, will last 40 days. **Swan Upping** took place on the River Thames each year. This 12th century custom is of great environmental importance. The census of the swans on the river allowed those involved to check their health and establish the ownership of the babies. Unmarked swans belonged to the monarch. Those owned by private persons were marked.

Dunmow Flitch: Each July, during a Leap Year, married couples flocked to Great Dunmow in Essex to win a side of bacon known as a **flitch**. All they have to do is convince a jury of 'six maidens and six bachelors' that they have not wished themselves unmarried in the past year and a day. This is now a UK national event in various areas and times of the year.