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THOMAS J. PATTINSON

Thomas was the proprietor of the Pattison Laundry Co. in Rhinelander. He was born in Michigan to British parents, was educated in the public schools of Manistique, and the Cleary Business College in Ypsilanti. He learned the laundry trade through his father's business, first locating in Iron Mountain, Mich. He came to Rhinelander in 1914 and purchased the Oneid Laundry. He handled all kinds of laundry within a 60-mile radius, establishing agencies in various towns along railroad routes, handling business via mail and express – especially the many summer resorts and their visitors. His business was at 11-13 W. King St., while residing at 28 N. Pelham. He was a member of both the national and Wisconsin laundry associations, Rotary Club, Masonic Order, and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

ZOOM MEETING

1:00 P. M.

Meetings of the Northwoods Genealogical Society are "typically" held on the second Wednesday 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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NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2022

Libraries:

STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, MADISON, WISCONSIN –
SEE WEBSITE FOR HOURS.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY – SALT LAKE CITY, UT
SEE WEBSITE FOR HOURS.

RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY – OPEN M-F: 9 AM-6
PM & Sat. 9 AM-1 PM. VISITS LIMITED TO 1 HR

Events:

ROOTS TECH: March 3-5, 2022. See: www.rootstech.org

GENE-A-RAMA: WSGS Spring Seminar – March 25 & 26th,
at Manitowoc, Wisconsin

THIS MONTH: ZOOM meeting. We will not be having an organized program but please be prepared to share any new finds or discuss any brick walls, etc. Watch for the email with the Zoom meeting information.

WHAT ATTRACTED OUR ANCESTORS TO THE NEW WORLD?

Historically, it was religious freedom for many groups, such as Puritans, Pilgrims, Quakers, etc. But, have you ever considered the living conditions? Starvation was common. Without refrigeration and food preservation, the root crops were the most readily available foods in winter. Imagine eating turnip soup three times a day. Or cabbage soup. The Irish likely had a steady diet of potato soup. And then there is borscht (beet soup). Meat and fish were expensive, if available at all. Cities had no sewers or fresh water. Most did not bathe regularly, wash their hair, or brush their teeth. Water was heavily polluted, therefore, most drank tea, beer, ale, or wine. Few forests existed, so there was little lumber, wood, or even woodland animals for food. About 95% were peasants who owned nothing. Combine that with the embellished facts of The New World which told of very desirable living conditions, moderate climate, land ownership, and abundant food. (Eastman Online Newsletter)

ACCESS TO IOWA OPEN ADOPTION RECORDS: As of January 1, 2022, Iowa law allows an adult adoptee born before January 1, 1971, to apply for a non-certified copy of the original birth record, prior to adoption. If the adoptee is deceased, an entitled family member may also apply for the record. (Eastman Online Newsletter)

FAMILY SEARCH COMPLETES HUGE MICROFILM

DIGITIZATION: In 2021, FamilySearch completed the digitization of 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. They now offer over 14.3 billion searchable names and images. They began gathering records in 1893 and started microfilming in 1938. (Eastman Online Newsletter)

WYOMING – DIGITIZED HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS: The Wyoming State Library and the University of Wyoming combined forces to digitize their newspaper holdings dating from 1849-1922. New content is still being added. Go to www.wyomingnewspapers.org (Eastman Online Newsletter)

RELEASE OF 1950 CENSUS ON APRIL 1, 2022: The National Archives has digitized these records and is using technology to make them more accessible than ever. In the coming months, they will be testing their site and preparing for the launch. For more information, see NARA's "1950 Census blog posts on History Hub". Other well-known genealogy sites will begin the transcription process as soon as the census is released. U. S. Census records are kept private for 72 years. However, Census records up to 2010, can be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting Form BC-600.

SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HEAR! "Philadelphia Woman Gives Birth in Front Seat of Tesla on Autopilot". (Reported by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, December, 2021)