

# NORTHWOODS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## \*\*\* MARTIN LYNCH (1820 - 1896) \*\*\*

An Irishman, Martin Lynch, was the first white settler in the Rhinelander area. He immigrated at the age of 19. He was a fur trader all of his life, trading between Wausau and Ontonagon, MI. He and his Chippewa wife, Ramona, settled two miles south of the Wisconsin and Pelican River junction in 1845. They raised over 10 children, many of their descendants still live in Oneida and Vilas Counties. He lived a quiet, subsistence life and was never designated as an early pioneer, although he was a good friend to John Curran, who holds that title, but settled 14 years later.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY 1:00 P. M.

Meetings of the Northwoods Genealogical Society are 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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**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 14, 2023

#### Upcoming Events:

**WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** May 13<sup>th</sup>: Military Records & Genealogy; June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Organizing, Analyzing & Writing Your Family History, October 28<sup>th</sup>: French Canadian Genealogy. Website: [wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org)

**WSGS FALL SEMINAR:** October 13 & 14, Sheraton, Madison, Lori Bessler, Main Speaker. Website: [wsgs.org](http://wsgs.org)

**WSGS GENE-A-RAMA:** April 12 & 13, 2024, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh. Website: [wsgs.org](http://wsgs.org)

**ROCK CO. GEN. SOC.:** Live, in-person & Zoom program on GERMANS IN AMERICA, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:30 p. m., free & open to the public: [www.rcgswi.org](http://www.rcgswi.org)

**THIS MONTH:** Our program this month will be given by a new member, Dave, regarding his research on Civil War graves. Prepare for next month's program when members will be asked to give an overview of how they organize their research.

**APRIL 27TH:** April 27<sup>th</sup> was "Koningsdag" or "King's Day" in the Netherlands. If you have Dutch ancestry, you should have worn a bit of orange to honor the King.

**NEWSPAPER SEARCHES:** [Elephind.com](http://Elephind.com) is a great free resource to search old newspapers for our ancestors. Other digital newspaper sites are: [Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com) (\$); [ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov](http://ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov); California Digital Newspapers at [cdnc.ucr.edu](http://cdnc.ucr.edu); [GenealogyBank.com](http://GenealogyBank.com) (\$); [SmallTownNewspapers.com](http://SmallTownNewspapers.com); Illinois Digital Newspapers at: [idnc.library.illinois.edu](http://idnc.library.illinois.edu); or nationwide search for digitized newspapers: [guides.lib.purdue.edu/digitalUSnewspapers](http://guides.lib.purdue.edu/digitalUSnewspapers). Also check local libraries as it is possible they have an index or even access to images through their website. To narrow search results, use Advanced Search options when available. Some are paid subscriptions (\$) and others you may need to register. *GenWeb* for Oneida County has an index of the local obituaries that appeared in the Rhinelander newspapers from 1882 to 2006. This was a project that our Society accomplished.

**NEW YORK RESEARCH:** The New York State Archives has compiled a list of resources, available at: <https://www.archives.nysed.gov>. New York has been known to be one of the most difficult states to research.

**IDENTIFY OLD FAMILY PHOTOS.** This seems to be a common problem among genealogists. Try using Google Photo & Facial Recognition. It uses high-tech photo recognition techniques to identify people in old photos. Read more at: <https://www.hawk-hill.com/old-photos-facial-recognition/>. In addition, FamilySearch has "Compare-a-Face" under the Activities tab. (Source: Eastman's Online Newsletter)

**WRITING ON PHOTOS.** Any writing on photos should be on the back of the photo using a soft lead pencil. Place the photo face down on a clean, dry surface and use light pressure. Consider naming the people, as well as birth and death dates, where and when the photo was taken, and where you found the original image and who has custody of it. For photos printed on coated papers, use a soft-tip marker and be sure to let it dry before stacking or storing.

**WHEN YOU FIND CLUES IN ANOTHER PERSON'S FAMILY TREE.** It is so common now to get a hint that someone else has the same ancestors in their tree as those in your tree. Never accept all those clues as fact. So many do not document their findings. If this happens to me, I start a whole new search on the unknown tree to either prove or disprove the ancestors. So often, I find they have the wrong branch or just accepted so many erroneous facts, that nothing fits. One woman insisted she had identified the father of my ancestor. After further review, my ancestor's father was 9 years old when his son was born.