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*** THEODORE V. OLSEN (1932 -1993) ***

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023
Rhinelander 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: September 13th

Upcoming Events:

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: October 28th:
French Canadian Genealogy. Website:
wisconsinhistory.org

WSGS FALL SEMINAR: October 13 & 14, Sheraton,
Madison, Lori Bessler, Main Speaker. Website:
wsgs.org

WSGS GENE-A-RAMA: April 12 & 13, 2024, Best
Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh. Website:
wsgs.org

**RAILS AND RECORDS: EXPLORING THE MILWAUKEE
ROAD ARCHIVES:** August 5, 2023 at 10 a. m., Monroe
Public Library, Monroe, WI. Visitors welcome. Free.

"T. V. Olsen" was born, attended school, and resided his entire life in Rhinelander. He received a degree from the University at Stevens Point. He was an American western fiction author of 44 published novels. Two of those were made into films: "The Stalking Moon" and "Soldier Blue". He was involved with three anthologies. In addition, he wrote three non-fiction books in his Rhinelander Country series titled: *Roots of the North*, *Birth of a City*, and *Our First Hundred Years*. He was a recipient of the "Golden Spur Award" in the Paperback Original category for *Golden Chance*. He was specifically known for his exhaustive research so he could accurately portray western scenes and use fact-based information.

THIS MONTH: **Program:** Storing information electronically. Our members are asked to share their ideas and examples of how they organize their information electronically.

THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORD CENTER FIRE OF 1973. The loss of records of the U. S. Army (1912 to 1960) and the Air Force (1947 to 1964) is disappointing. Not all records, but up to 80% of the records were destroyed. However, other sources can be searched to recreate a timeline, such as: Pension and Claim Files; Military Discharges at the county courthouse; Statement of Service Cards; Army Morning Reports; Army Transport Service Passenger lists; WWII Army Enlistment Records; WWII Hospital Admission Files; Unit Histories; WWII Diaries; and Army Missing Air Crew Reports. Navy Muster Rolls recorded movements of troops on transport ships, including other armed forces. Fortunately, the records of the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard were not affected.

ANGEL ISLAND IMMIGRATION STATION. Angel Island, known as the "Ellis Island of the West" is in San Francisco Bay and was the first stop for many western immigrants between 1910-1940. It processed nearly a million immigrants from 80 countries, many of Asian descent. Chinese immigrants were detained for long periods due to having no documentation and their past unscrupulous practices. The Japanese also faced hostility and discrimination but their government provided them with documents, so the immigration process moved more quickly. The facility burned to the ground in 1940 and was not reestablished.

WHY DO GENEALOGY RECORD SOURCES DISAPPEAR? Genealogy websites provide large numbers of records from many different sources. Often those databases are owned by a library, historical society, church, school, archive, or other municipality. Those organizations own the rights to them and control them. Likely, the genealogy website offers access to the database for a set period of time pursuant to an agreement which then expires and the records are no longer available. Therefore, when an important record is found, it should be downloaded to your computer.

CAUTION: If you link the record to your family tree on a website, the record likely will not be visible once the database expires.

RELEASE OF THE 1931 CANADIAN CENSUS. The 1931 Canadian census was released on June 1, 2023. It contains information for more than 10 million living in Canada at the time. Just the images were released and the various hand-writing programs have been translating the images into indexes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT "CASSIAN" WAS FIRST NAMED "CASSANOVA"?

Cassanova was determined to be too hard to spell and pronounce when the railroad named it so they changed it to Cassian. Is that any easier to spell or pronounce?