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It's called

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the Winter Solstice....

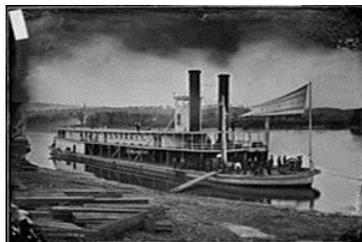
December 21, 1947

“Hey mama, how come you're lighting the kero- sene lamp so early?” “Well, cause this is the short- est day of the year and it will get dark early today.” “Ok Mama, how come?” Mom went on to tell a little bit about something called the Winter Solstice, that the words meant sun stop, and because of that today would be the shortest day of the whole year. After she told us we asked her what time it was now. She said about 4:30 and to go look out the windows and see that it was already getting dark. We got up from our coloring books and crayons and looked out and you know what? Sure enough it did look darker than usual outside. Inside the house though was all bright from the kerosene lamp on the kitchen table and toasty warm too so very soon we went back to our coloring but after a bit Mom was asked a question that we all listened to for the answer. “MOM?”, “yes”, “when is the longest day of the year?” She said “It will be in the month of June and I'll be sure and tell you on that day”....& she did.

Your editor wonders? How did we in Maple Grove learn about the Inauguration of the 45 Presidents of the United States?

From when George Washington was inaugurated as the 1st U.S. President on April 30, 1789 at Federal Hall in N.Y. City to when Thomas Jefferson gave his Inauguration address at the U.S. Capitol March 4 1801, Maple Grove residents consisted of Indians, French Explorers , fur traders or interlopers who walked here on foot , or by canoe after the year 1640. News probably traveled by messenger and word of mouth. Lewis and Clarke were sent out by Jefferson in 1804 after the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, of which Maple Grove was included. On March 1, 1809, Minnesota, including Maple Grove, became a part of the U.S. Territory of Illinois: Minnesota was now on the radar of the U.S. Government and Fort Snelling became a military Fort in 1819, where the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers meet. The Maple Grove Web site states : “At one time, it was only inhabited by Winnebago Indians who were moved from Wisconsin to Maple Grove by the Federal Government because “no one lived there.” Letters, messengers, newspapers from East Coast and water transportation would have been the way the news traveled to Maple Grove.

On March 4, 1853 , when Franklin Pierce was speech from memory, Louis Gervais and Pierre and claimed Bottineau Prairie. W.E. Evans, Champlin also settled in Maple Grove, all prior augural news thru Fort Snelling , where steam- when the ice was out.



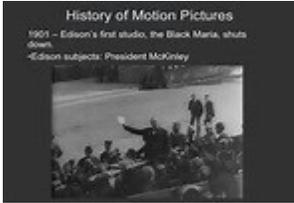
inaugurated President, delivering his Bottineau arrived in Maple Grove Harvey Abel, Patrick Defer and O. R. to 1855. They possibly heard the in- boats came since 1823, but only

The Minneapolis Daily Tribune 3-5-1869 carried a headline about General Grant's inauguration:

"Telegraphic News" "WASHINGTON NEWS" Detailed Account of The Ceremonies General Grant's Address ". A Brief Firm, Vigorous and Business-like Document" By the 1860's telegraph was available in Minnesota.

March 4, 1897 when William McKinley was inaugurated as the 25th President of the United States it was recorded on motion picture by Edison. Maple Grove residents could find out by newspaper, letters, telegraph, and word of mouth and maybe by train.

By 1871, the Northern Pacific pushed westward from Minnesota into present-day North Dakota .



Following the assassination of President Wm. McKinley ,on September 14, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt, became the 26th President of the United States, and at age 42, he was the youngest United States President in history. He installed telephone lines in the White House and started the using live communication media.

Calvin Coolidge's inaugural address as 30th U.S. President on March 4, 1925 was broadcast over the radio. Maple Grove residents now could gather around the radio and hear the news.

Herbert Hoover's inauguration on March 4, 1929 was the first recorded for a newsreel: a "short documentary film used between 1910s to 1960s, released in a public presentation place for entertainment for millions of movie-goers until television "supplanted its role in the 1950s." wikipedia In the 1930s and 1940s, folks from Maple Grove, could now get to Minneapolis by car or train to see the movies.

On April 12, 1945, less than three months as Vice President in Franklin Roosevelt's 4th term, Harry S. Truman was sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States, following the unexpected death of Roosevelt. On January 20, 1949, when Harry S Truman was inaugurated for a second term, his inaugural address and Maple Grove had a population of



black and white TV recorded 1778 possible viewers.

Many in Maple Grove saw John F. Kennedy Inauguration as the 35th President of the United States, January 20, 1961 on TV, even colored TV, as the podium caught on fire during Cardinal Cushing's invocation.

Bill Clinton was inaugurated as the 42nd President of the U.S. on January 20th 1993. His second 2nd inauguration January 20, 1997 was "streamed live" over the internet. Maple Grove had 40,000 residents and many parents of school kids in Maple Grove acquired computers within his two terms to help their children with school projects, and would have little knowledge yet about "live streaming over internet."

The inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, set a record attendance for any event held in Washington, D.C., (to that date) , based on the combined attendance television via viewership, and Internet traffic, it was one the most-observed events by the global audience. Many



of the Maple Grove residents wanted to view a historic event, the 1st African American President. Wikipedia

On January 20, 2017 Donald J Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the US. and Maple Grove's 60,000 residents could choose to view the inauguration via. . .



Digital newspapers - Twitter- Facebook - Instagram - Youtube- Email - HD TV- Mobile Phones- Satellite – Drone- Airplane ????

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN RECEIVING A DONATION

1. We receive a call or contact that someone wants to donate an item.
2. Make contact with the donor and talk about the item. Ask about pictures.
3. Receive and print out pictures from email or arrange a time to see the items.
4. Call other members to gauge the feelings about if it is appropriate to accept the item or present the item to the membership at a meeting to see how people feel about it.
5. If we do not want to accept it, contact the donor.
6. If we do want to accept it, contact the donor and arrange for receiving the donation. This occasionally involves borrowing vehicles, equipment, strong bodies, etc.
7. Fill out Certificate of Gift form listing the item donated, brief description and brief history of the item and/or family and ties to Maple Grove. Have the donor sign this form and return a copy to them. Keep track of the completion of each step.
8. File the Certificate of Gift form in the book of original Certificates of Gift.
9. Assign a number to each item donated. There is a formula for determining the number in our bylaws regarding accessions. The first part of the number is the year donated, the second part of the number is (1) for first donation of the year, (2) for the second donation of the year and so on. The (3) part of the number is for each item that person donated at that time. For example, if someone donated two cups in January and we had not received any other donations so far, one cup would be numbered 2017.1.1 and the other cup would be numbered 2017.1.2.
10. Note each number and item description on a list of accessions.
11. Note each number and item description on an index card for the card file of accessions.
12. Enter the number and item into the computer. The software used is called Past Perfect. It has the capacity to store a lot of information, but right now we are entering basic information like an extensive description, dimensions, material, color, use, approximate date of origin, donor and location of item in the museum or storage areas.
13. The name of the object and classification is determined using the predetermined database in Past Perfect.
14. Attach a tag to the item with its number and very brief name like milk can, cream can, kerosene heater, etc. and a date range if known.
15. Place the item in its location.
16. Do more research on the item.



Mary Moyle January 2017

**MAPLE GROVE HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**
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MEMBERSHIP FORM (Renewable each January)

Annual Membership: (tax deductible)
 \$15 Individual/Senior
 \$30 Family
 \$100 Supporting Member

- I am interested in helping with:**
- Writing articles
 - Historic site maintenance
 - Displays
 - Educational Programs
 - Publicity
 - Cataloging artifacts
 - Calling

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STORAGE SHELVES AT MUSEUM

AncestryDNA, Part 1

By Steve Briggs, MGHPs member

Your forage into history may have begun, or maybe tangent, with your interest in family genealogy. I would certainly say that is how things started for me. You may recall obtaining those large paper, fill-in-the-blank, charts of a family tree. With pencil (too dangerous to use pen) you insert your name, then your parents, then some siblings, and just keep on going. Eventually these forms became computerized. You may also recall visiting a county court house or other public institution to locate/purchase family-related records. But now so many of these can be found online in the comfort of your own home. Ancestry® may be your go-to-place for genealogy, family trees & family history records.

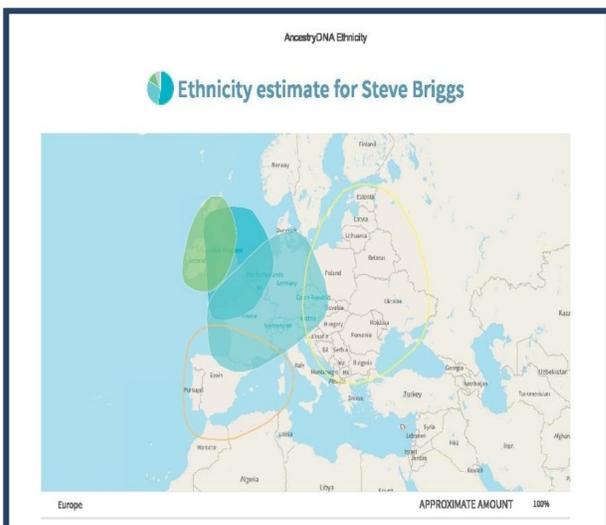
But times have changed again. Now we have the ability to learn of our ethnicity and connect with distant relatives via a new means - DNA analysis. I recently went down that path. In this Part 1 article let me provide some background information to AncestryDNA and some specifics on my personal findings.

Last year my daughter gave me a father's day gift of AncestryDNA. In effect, you purchase a DNA kit. The recent price is \$99. Although they went on sale for \$69 late last fall in time for Christmas gift giving. Ancestry® mails the kit, a small box, to your home. You read their paperwork, but the important thing is to provide a saliva sample in a small glass bottle. You mail the sample back to Ancestry® in a box provided. Then they do their magic.

The AncestryDNA service offers two primary pieces of information to customers to aid genealogical discovery. The first, known as "identity-by-descent (IBD) analysis," identifies other AncestryDNA customers that share genetic segments to you which are suggestive of common ancestry. Linking you to a person with common ancestry can allow you to exchange information regarding your family trees.

The second piece of information is called "genetic ethnicity or genetic ancestry." Here, they provide you with an estimate of the ancient historical origins of your DNA. While this information is less relevant for genealogical research relating to the last five to ten generations, it may reveal intriguing clues about the distant history of one's ancestors. Customers have expressed significant interest in receiving the results of this analysis.

Several weeks after sending in my sample, I received my results online. For me, and maybe for you, I was most interested in seeing an estimate of my "genetic ethnicity." Was I mostly German like I always surmised? How does my English surname Briggs add to my genetic ancestry? How do my several lines of great and 2nd-great-grandparents from Scotland fit into the picture? My entire ethnic background, 100%, is estimated to be European. Here is the ethnicity map I received:



More specifically,

| REGION | APPROXIMATE AMOUNT |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Europe | 100% |
| Great Britain | 53% |
| Europe West | 29% |
| Ireland | 11% |
| Europe East | 6% |
| Iberian Peninsula | 1% |

Great Britain
Primarily located in: England, Scotland, Wales

AncestryDNA, Part 1 con't:

© also provided me a list of 346 DNA customers that are possibly related to me at 4th cousin or closer. The top two individuals on the list (predicted to be the most closely related) I know personally. I recognize the name of a 2nd cousin, though I haven't actually met that person. It will take some digging to learn about the other 343 people.

In MGHPS's next newsletter, I plan Part 2 of this topic. I'll share some additional insights into my personal results and some technical DNA talk for those scientifically inclined. Plus, my daughter has had her DNA tested and I will share her ethnicity estimates. Any questions? Feel free to ask at sbk4733@aol.com.

ALMOST AN EYE

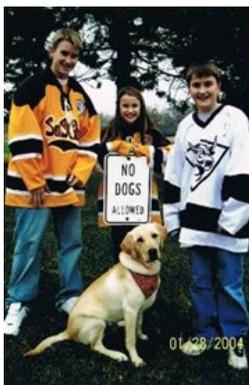
Billy, Howard, Dianne, Dick - front yard Maple Grove/Osseo house



1949 -All of us kids, Sharon, Billy, Howard, Dianne & Dickey were playing on the floor in the big living room. If you listened you could hear a lot of laughing and a fair amount of noise too. That afternoon Mom had been showing us kids how to build things with tinker toys. Do you know what tinker toys were? Yes? No? Well, ok, tinker toys were lots of many sized thin rounded sticks. Some were very short (2 inches) some were quite long (12 inches). There were also round wooden pieces (2 inches wide) those round pieces had funny stick people and oh just lots of miraculous things. Not too long into our building time, Mom looked at the clock. It was time to start supper. She got up and went into the kitchen but turned around and said "go ahead make stuff & you can show me what you made when you get it done" We all shook our heads OK. A real building frenzy began. One of us would finish something and hold it up for Momma to see.

"Look Momma look". Mom would look up from the stove and say how nice that was. Now little Dickey was furiously building away too. He might have been the littlest one but he sure was gonna show momma that he could build too. He pushed some of those old tinker toy sticks into one of those round circle things. He thought it looked really good. He held it up for momma to see but everyone else was holding their things up too.

Well Dickey got an idea. He jumped up and decided to run over & show momma what he made. Up he got. Look momma look. Suddenly the sound of a small body falling was heard. A scream literally pierced the air. There was Momma holding Dickey with blood running down his face. Mom had grabbed up little Dickey & ran over to where the pail of fresh water was in the kitchen. She dunked a cloth into it and held it up to his forehead. Finally, the bleeding stopped & she checked his face. There not an inch from either of his eyes and right in the middle of his forehead just barely above his nose, was a nasty puncture wound made by one of those tinker toy sticks. Thankfully Dickey was OK though that scar remained for years and may still be there now. ...Sharon



Have you seen Interesting signs in Maple Grove?



- New at the Government Center:
- TRASH OR TREASURES
- MAPLE GROVE BUSINESS GIVE
- AWAYS
- FOUND IN YOUR JUNK DRAWER.
- PICTURED
- LOUISE HANF AND MARY MOYLE

His Last Parade



Osseo Lions Roar Parade 9-10-16

Don and his 2 older brothers, Robert and Richard grew up on a dairy/corn farm . The house was built in 1863 at 99th and Revere Lane. In the M.G. Magazine 11-16 interview Don said:

“It’s amazing visiting the old-timers and see what has happened. Maple Grove used to be just what you called a suburb of Osseo; that was a big city at the time.” “It used to be a gravel road out in front of the houses and when a car went down, we either knew who they were or they were lost. Now we have all these people in the backyard. ““I live on the same ground I was born and raised on. My parents were on this ground before me. *I farmed 300 acres out my back door.* “



Farm aerial view



Nicholas with Potatoes for market



Butchering on The farm

Richard and Don Doing farm chores

Don with rake



Donald Kisch

Donald Michael Kisch, age 80, of Maple Grove a lifelong resident of Maple Grove, was born 12-15-1936 to:



Nicholas and Ethel Kisch

He died December 19, 2016, four days after his 80th birthday.

Funeral service was held January 4, 2017 at Osseo United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Kurt (Ann), Kevin, Kari; grandchildren, Kamilla, Konrad, Kenrick.

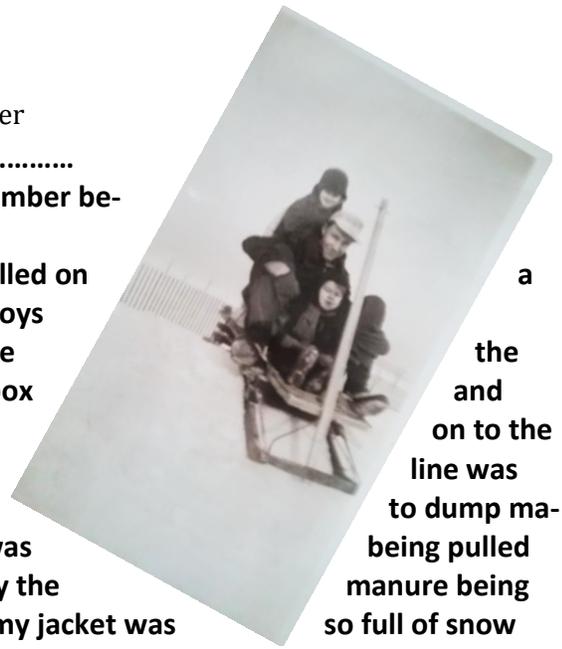
Kisch con't

Cross County Skiing

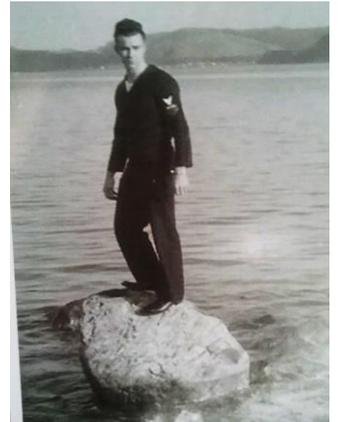
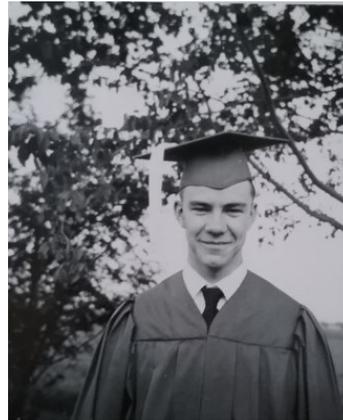
By Jerry Scherber



Winter was fun with the Kisch boys.....
Growing up in the Osseo area I remember being invited to the Kisch Farm to ski.. This was not downhill but getting pulled on tow rope behind the pickup. Farm boys drove at young ages. Someone drove pick up, someone rode in the open box then there was me skiing , hanging



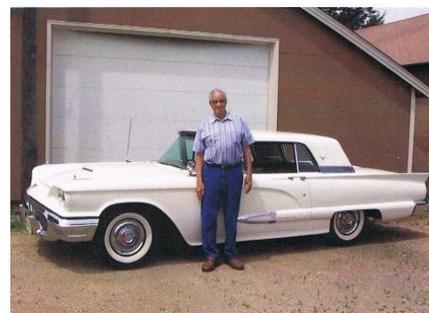
rope being pulled on skis in the ditch line. Unknown to me the ditch crossed by Mr. Kisch, when he took the team of horses into the field manure. This caused a break in this otherwise very smooth ditch line. I was one memorable time in the ditch when I encountered the ruts made by the relocated....I flew and crashed. When I finally stopped being dragged my jacket was someone said, they would have to cut the buttons off my coat so they could release me – somewhere inside all that snow. AND if you “played” with the Kisch boys there was always an extra plate at the meal table where you ate with them as well.



Don attended District 33 School pictured above. After graduation from Osseo High School in 1954, he enlisted in the Aerial Division of the U.S Navy repairing and repainting planes. He returned home to help his parents on the farm. He built his house on property split off the family farm in 1969 with help of friends.



He met Patricia Pavloff at a local Osseo Barber Shop. Again in his 11-16 interview with MG Magazine he said. “Pat (my wife) and I have been married 55 years. The night we got married, her dad came up to me and said, ‘I have a couple things to tell you’. He said to me, ‘First, we do not believe in divorce in our family. Second, we do not want her back either.’ So that’s why I’ve kept her all these years.”



Kisch con't: In the early 1970's I can remember going to the Kisch farm in Maple Grove helping with the fall harvest. We would shovel the corn out of the corn cribs and run it through the corn snicker and the corn would go in the grain truck and the husks and cobs would go in another farm truck for disposal in the back 40 acres. I was always told to stay clear of the huge belt on the John Deere. Afterwards if it was a windy day their was a lot of husks to clean up afterwards. As a city boy this was a memorable experience. It was quite a process to go through just to send the bushels to be sold to market. Don Kisch has always been a closest and dear friend to my Dad Roger and our McHugh family. Dale McHugh Norby Evans Tribute

Don sang in OUMC choir for 50 years . . . In Don's dry, humorous way, he tried to persuade us three women to sing in bikinis. We assured him that wouldn't happen - EVER. Perhaps he thought bikinis would be better than picturing the congregation naked - like for a speech?
 We could always count on Don to be ready for choir well ahead of time. At one point, he had an overabundance of Tootsie Rolls (Lion's Roar leftovers) and left them on our choir chairs. He said the early ones would get the candy, so don't be late! I guess he (has joined) . . so many others in the heavenly choir. "So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye" ...til the heavenly reunion! Karla (Hedlund) Weinand Norby Evans Tributes



Don mowed the yard with his John Deere Tractor

"After the farm was sold, I went into the oil business back in the 60's" MG Mag 11-16



Minnesota Petroleum Association
and Texaco Wholesale Council.

Don participated in the Historical Society and donated, tools, machinery, and antiques from the family farm.

**The 1919
Skelly Oil Truck
was in Osseo Parade
Centennial in 1975 and
has been in the parade
ever since.**

And as a charter member of the
and a 50-year member of Maple
he's been in many a parade.

"I've got kind of a car collection, five Model T cars and gas trucks.
We run all that in the parades." MG Magazine 11-16



Rotary Club
Grove Lions,