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GENEALOGY FAIR

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. MEETING TIME / PLACE

Second Monday of the month
(No meeting in July or August)
6:00 pm Social
6:30 PM Meeting/Program
At Gateway Technical College
3520 30th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Our meeting will take place in the Madrigrano Auditorium at Gateway Technical College.

The Auditorium building is to the north and back of the Main GTC Building

Check our Website Calendar for the most up to date location at www.kengensoc.com

PROGRAMS

Monday, October 13, 2014
Ginger Frere "Cobbler, Tailor Trunkmaker, How my Ancestors Made a Living."

AMERICAN QUIZ:

Name two or more of the current U.S. Territories. (Answer on page 6.)

On Saturday September 27, 2014, we participated in a Genealogy Fair being hosted by the Burlington Genealogical Society. Cohosts of the event were our society and The Walworth County Genealogical Society. Also participating were Wisconsin State Genealogy Society, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Civil War reenactment member, Genealogy Society of McHenry, IL and the Polish Genealogical Society of America.

Speakers included Rochelle Pennington, Russell Horton, and Steve Szabados. Topics of the speakers included "A Walk Down Memory Lane", "Accessing Military Records: Civil War WWII at the WI Veterans Museum", and others.

There was a variety of exhibits of society members' Genealogy Projects. There was a Silent Auction of a variety of donated items including Books, Artwork, Photo Albums, Scrapbooking and other genealogical items. KCGS members donated two Genealogy Starter Kits for the silent auction and photo books and other items for the door prizes. The main free raffle was for memberships for each of the hosting societies, Wisconsin State Genealogy Society, one year membership for Fold3.com, Archives.com and two full year Ancestry.com with World explorer and others.

We sold a small emergency genealogy kit. We displayed our marriage and obituary books and a book on our tombstone project. We also offered one-on-one genealogical research. It took a bit to get going due to the blocker on the school's wifi but once turned off we were able to help several people.

There wasn't a very good turnout but it was enjoyable. One gentleman told this writer that he has come to the last three years' fairs and he stated that this was the slowest he had ever seen it. Hopefully, next year's event will be better attended.

Genealogy Fair

FAMILY TREE MAKER

Presented by Tom Mroz



At our September 8th meeting we were treated to an education on the features of the Family Tree Maker. Our speaker, Tom Mroz spoke of the history and the various versions of Family Tree Maker. He also discussed the licensing and pricing and then discussed the newer features that first came out in the 2012 or 2014 versions. Tom spoke about the new and/or improved features such as of the Tree Sync, Data Merge, Family View, and Simplified Exports. There is also Family Tree Maker in Mac 3 that's comparable to the pc version 2014

He demonstrated on the big screen the various workspaces available. First is the Plan-workspace; This area shows the main information about this particular tree, that is home person, the number of people in the tree and when it was last worked on. There is an area to show if your tree is in sync with your Ancestry.com tree, who you shared your tree with, and what tasks need be done, etc.

Next is the People-workspace; there are two sections here, Family View and Person View. In the Family View you are shown a list of individuals and a pedigree view and the family group. On the right side you can pick an individual to work on that person's facts. On the People View, you can see all the facts on one person. The sources for his/her facts, and media collection for that person. You can add and delete facts here.

Publish-workspace; There is a variety of charts you can customize to what you want them to look like including background and font and you can decide on what facts appears on the different forms. It is possible to do personal reports, relationship reports, place or media or sources reports.

There is one report found in the 'other' category in the publishing workspace called the Smart Story. What the Family Tree Maker Smart Story does is take your chosen individual and using the facts and other information you have inputted to create a story about that person.

You can even work up your tree to be a book. Either you can print up the pages yourself and take them somewhere to be bound or it can be uploaded to Ancestry.com or another website to have it bound.

The Family Tree Maker may be more than what you want to spend but it will be very handy and helpful in organizing and storing you family's tree. Tom recommended several website forums, these can be found on page 5 of this edition of the Southport Echo.

GREENRIDGE CEMETERY WALK

The annual History Walk at Green Ridge Cemetery 6604 Seventh Avenue was held October 4-5, 2014 Saturday and Sunday. The public was invited to walk through the cemetery where they would meet characters from Kenosha's past – re-enactors dressed in period clothing and told the stories in first person. Tours were done every 15 minutes. This event was well attended.



ONE ON ONE GENEALOGY CONSULTATION AT KPL-SOUTHWEST

We have started the fall one-on-one genealogy consultations held at the Kenosha Public Library ~ Southwest branch 7979 38th Avenue. The first of three was held on September 17, 2014. The weather was great and we all had a good time. We had 4 consultants and 1 trainee present to assist about 15 clients that came to research their family trees. We started early at 5:45 pm due to the fact that we had several people already in line.

Some we had success with finding information on their ancestry; others not so much. One young man was curious about a family story that says that they are descended of two presidents, Andrew Jackson and Zachary Taylor both southerners just as the young man's family. He didn't have enough information, just his parents and three grandparents. It was explained to him about how to get more information from his elders. He also asked about DNA. He was shown a couple web sites that offered DNA testing and genealogical results and how to do it. But he was also told that unless there is a DNA sample of those two presidents to compare to he may not find out. But also if close and confirmed relatives of Jackson and Taylor may have done a DNA test then he may be able to find a match.

The next one will be on October 22, 2014. Please come and join us. The last one for the fall will be held November 19, 2014.



FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH LOUIS B. GATES JR.

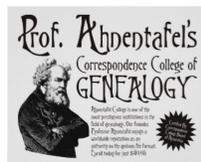
If you haven't caught this show you may enjoy it. It appears on local PBS stations. Mr. Gates takes three individual celebrities usually from a similar theme. This last week they looked into the Ancestry of a newsperson, a director and a stage performer. The connection was the Civil War.

Performer Anne Deavere Smith had been descended from southern slaves and northern free black. Her 2xgreat grandfather was a veterinarian and was hired by his community to organize the cleanup of a battlefield that would become Gettysburg Cemetery. He had also been a conductor on the Underground Railroad before the war.

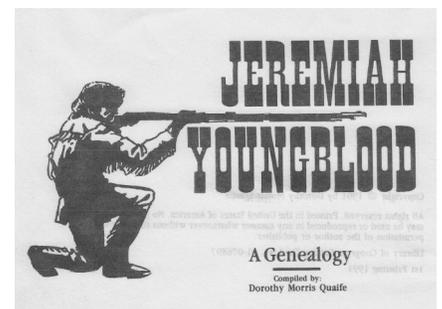
Ken Burns (director of the Civil War anthology on PBS) found that he had family fighting on both sides of the Civil War. This did not bother him but what did bother him was when he found out that a 4xgreat granddad was in the Revolutionary war, had slaves, and fought for the British. Ken wanted to verify the family rumor that his family were descendants of poet Robert Burns. A DNA test showed he was not directly related to Robert Burns but was excited to find out that his fifth cousin four times removed was Abraham Lincoln.

And newsman Anderson Cooper found that the Coopers were poor southern family that sign up as confederates but were not slave owners. And that the first Vanderbilt coming to this country was dirt poor Dane. It was this Vanderbilt's grandson that made the billions that the family had/has. If you didn't know Anderson Cooper is the son of Gloria Vanderbilt.

This is the show's second season but you can see full episodes on the web or this season's episodes at on-demand if you have cable. Hope you get to see it. I will say I enjoyed it.



LOST PHOTOS



Alvin Melka contacted the KCGS regarding some unidentified photos he has of the Kopish family. He may have misspelled the last name. Three spinster Kopish sisters resided in the family home that is located in Wilmont. If anyone would like these photographs, please contact Alvin Melka @262-8625-6280.

Sunshine's Corner by Claudia SPREADING SUNSHINE

TO MEMBERS: Joyce March is still recovering and would like to hear from members. Cards can be sent to:

Joyce March c/o St. Francis Terrace, Room 112-1 3200.
20th street, Milwaukee, WI 53214-4442.



Gary Sorenson for his recent surgery



Carol Gilmore (our former president) loss of her husband

Surname being Searched~~Contact via website at www.kengensoc.com/ for further information.

Name	Researcher No.
Bradshaw	69
Carter	8
Frykman	57
Heiser	74
Holbrook	10
Huff	42
Jossart	13
Lillibridge	9
Lind	64
Rampelli	39
Shipley	80
Stettner	12

Websites recommendations:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/Learn> - Tutorial and Webinars

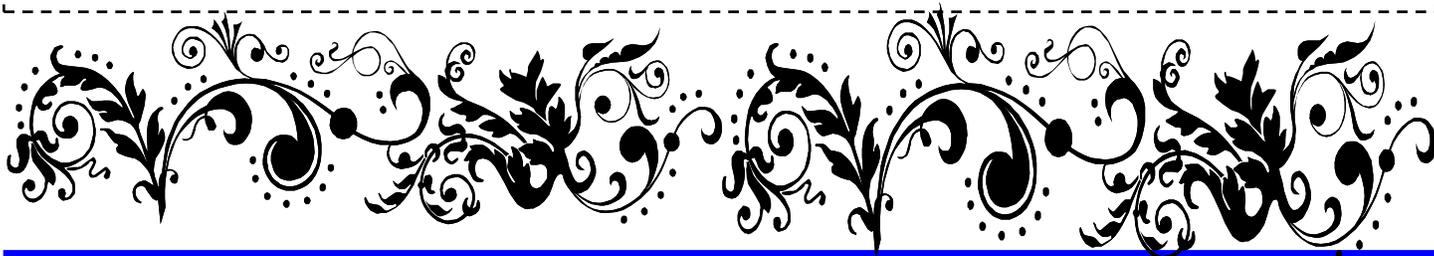
<http://genforum.genealogy.com/using> - Family Tree Maker forum

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/printing> - Family Tree Maker printing forum

<http://ftmuser.blogspot.com/> - Family Tree Maker user forum

<http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.software.familytreemaker/mb/ashx?dc=50> - Ancestry.com message board

<http://goo.gl/nuJop> - Ancestry.com message board



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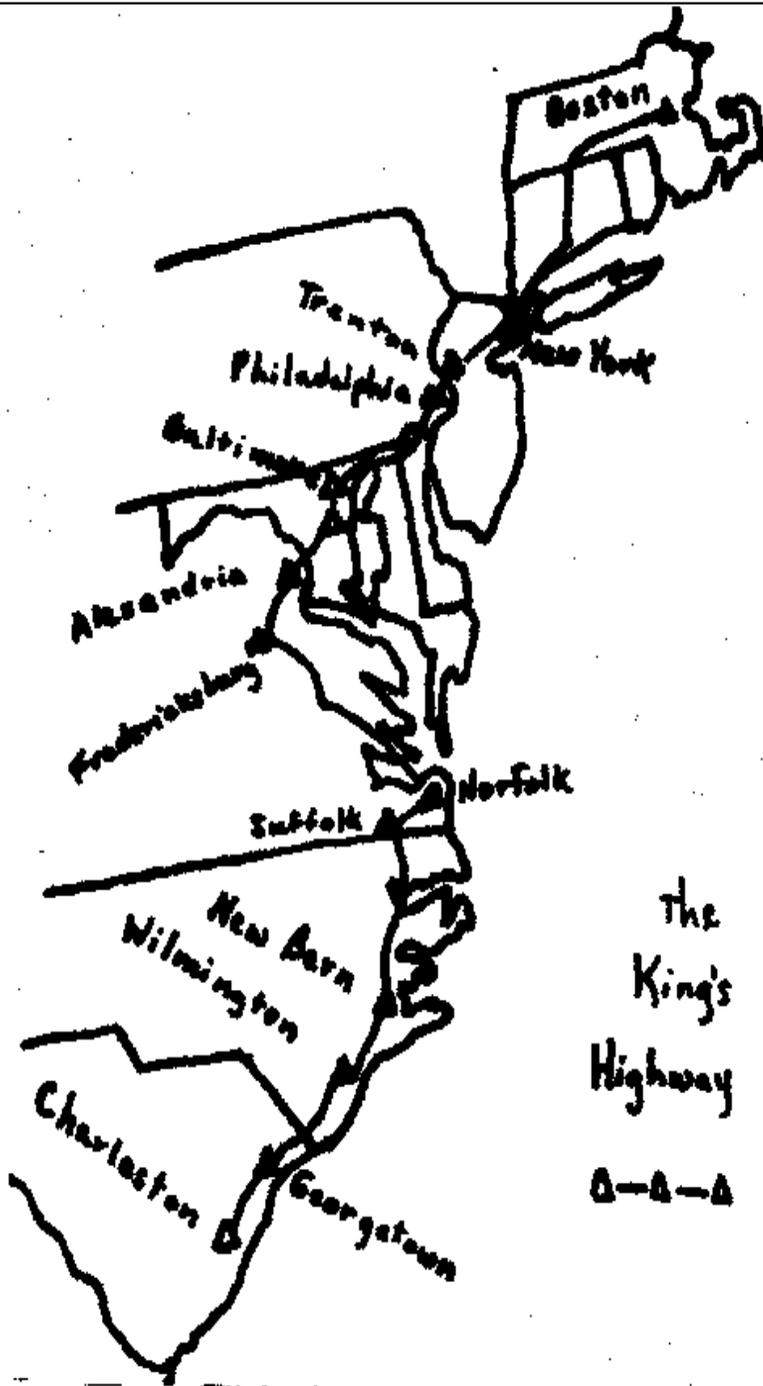
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Route of the King's Highway

Boston, MA
 New Haven, CT
 Fairfield, CT
 Greenwich, CT
 Rye, NY
 Kingsbridge, NY
 New York City
 Newark, NJ
 Elizabeth, NJ
 Rahway, NJ
 Perth Amboy, NJ
 New Brunswick, NJ
 Princeton, NJ
 Trenton, NJ
 Bordentown, NJ
 Burlington, NJ
 Philadelphia, PA
 Chester, PA
 Wilmington, DE
 New Castle, DE
 Baltimore, MD
 Annapolis, MD
 Alexandria, VA
 Fredericksburg, VA
 Bowling Green, VA
 King William, VA
 New Kent, VA
 Williamsburg, VA
 Yorktown, VA
 Hampton, VA
 Norfolk, VA
 Suffolk, VA
 Edenton, NC
 New Bern, NC
 Wilmington, NC



Early migration pattern known as The King's Highway

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/king.html>

(A one-two page downloadable and printable fact page(s) on this migration route available at the above website)

AMERICAN QUIZ ANSWER: Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands