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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 Madrigano 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, November 10, 2014

Jane Orne "Family Search"

AMERICAN QUIZ:

There were 13 original colonies, how many can you name? (answer on page 6)

ONE-ON-ONE GENEALOGY CONSULTATIONS

October's consultation at Kenosha Public Library—Southwest did not do well. We had 7 consultants plus a trainee there. Unfortunately the library forgot to publish the event, The result we only had about 3 people that came in when they saw our sign at the door. Hopefully, the Library will remember to post the next event.

The last session of the fall will be on Wednesday November 19, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at

Kenosha Public Library—Southwest

7979 38th Avenue

Kenosha, WI

Come and join us. It is great fun and can be educational depending at the sites you go to.

HELP!

REPORTER NEEDED

The KCGS Newsletter desperately needs a reporter for at least 3 months. I will be gone from January to March next year and will need someone to write up on the speaker for each month. Could also have someone writing up a report on our various projects. Please let me know by December meeting. You don't need a computer or do any other work on the newsletter unless you want to. You just have to send the article to me via email. If you don't have an email address, then get the article to Judy Uelmen, or to whom ever the officers decide, so that person will email it to me.

Thanks, Paula

HELP!

COBBLER, TAILOR, TRUNKMAKER; How my Ancestors Made a Living

Presented by Ginger Frere



Ginger Frere came and spoke at our October meeting about how searching for an ancestor's occupation can bring more depth to the knowledge of what life may have been for that ancestor and his/her family.

Ginger referred to it as "Putting meat on the bones of your ancestor."

She demonstrated how she did this on a few of her own ancestors. The first case study Ginger demonstrated her point was an ancestor that was listed as a shoemaker. At first Ginger thought of him as a cobbler who made shoes by hand. Although she kept finding him listed in censuses, city directories, etc., as a shoemaker, but could not find any shop or license for him. She also noted he seemed to be living in a different city or town in different censuses. As she found the various clues in city directories, censuses, newspapers, advertisements, etc., she did find her ancestor's path.

As her search through all these various materials she found that her ancestor was not a cobbler but a worker in a shoemaking factory. It was the city directories and advertisements that made Ginger aware of the shoe factory and then checking the factory's records to confirm that her great grandfather was employed there. He would move sometimes with the factory and sometimes to a new factory. He moved taking his family with him. Finally, his family and he made their way to Chicago where they stayed for the remainder of his life.

Her second ancestor was listed as a tailor in Chicago. Unlike her other ancestor this proved very accurate. He arrived from Europe in New York City, moved to Chicago, bought a home and started his business as a tailor in his home. For the next few decades, he remain in his home, raising his family and continuing with his business. Again Ginger was able to confirm all this with the use of city directories, census, business license and advertisements.

Ginger recommended the use of reference material such as city directories, censuses and other items that can help to find out what occupation our ancestors may have done with their lives. Ginger also pointed out not to forget about books, journals and pamphlets about trades, local histories, court records, trade journals and many others.

Many of our ancestors are listed as farmers but don't you want to find where their farms are? What kind of stock and crops did they have? What size of farm was it? Were they wealthy or poor farmers? With the older the farm and its location you might wonder if there were slaves owned. Or did they have to do additional work to keep the farm, or perhaps the children or wife had to take extra work, such as; sewing, laundry, gardening, or odd jobs to support the family?

When your ancestor listed for occupation other than farmer, doesn't it make you even more curious? Whether your ancestor is listed as a farmer, shop keeper, farrier or some other occupation, get out there and start hunting and good luck.

(check page 5 for Ginger's recommended websites)

UW-Parkside Archives

by Paula Frye

On October 31, 2014, this writer was able to do an interview with Anna M. Stadick, the archivist of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The Division of Library-Archives collects and maintains books, objects and documents about the history of Wisconsin, the United States, and Canada. The Parkside Archive is part of the state of Wisconsin's unique Archival system. Most states have only one or two Archives, whereas Wisconsin has thirteen individual Archives. These Archives are located at each of the four year universities in Wisconsin and each maintains information particular to the county or counties it is associated with. The Archive at Parkside maintains local information on Kenosha and Racine Counties.

The Wisconsin Archives is owned by the State of Wisconsin University system and the Wisconsin Historical Society. It is this unique feature of dual ownership that allows interchange between the various Wisconsin State Archives. This means if you find something you want to see, copy or just read and it is at the LaCrosse Archives, you may put in a request to have it moved temporarily to another Archive like Parkside's Archive. Please note the exception of oversized items and fragile items can not be transferred. In other states this movement of items outside of the Archive where they are based in is not allowed. The Society's Archives also serve as the official repository for state and local government records. Archivist and student staff are willing to help anyone who comes in as long as the Archive isn't crowded. They will also do e-mail look ups for \$3.00 a search and will give you up to 30 copies. Of course you can't do just a blank request. Check the digital index online at Archives.uwp.edu.

The Society's Library and Archives, which together serve as the Library of American history for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, contain nearly four million items, making the society's collection the largest in the world dedicated exclusively to North American history. The Wisconsin Historical Society's extensive newspaper collection is the second largest in the United States after the Library of Congress.

UW-Parkside~Archive hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Tuesday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

For some of the Archives resources and a list of rules for the Archive is on page 4



Anna M Stadick is the Archivist and Record Keeper at University of Wisconsin-Parkside for the last 6 years. She is a graduate student of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Anna has a bachelor degree in Arts and History, a Masters Degree in History, and a Concentration of Archival Administration.

She enjoys her job and is pleased to assist researchers who come in. When asked what was her favorite of all the items, after thinking a moment

Anna stated that there were glass prints from the late 1800s.. That the pictures are wonderful and that they had one printed up and was on the glass wall of her office. An amazing shot of a masted schooner as seen above in the picture taken of Anna. Thanks Anna for your time.

Genealogy & Local History Resources:

Plat maps for Kenosha & Racine counties	Wisconsin genealogy index
Birth, Marriage & Death Records	Citizenship Records
Land Records	Census Records
Federal Surveys	City Directories
Local Court Records	Area School Records
Church & Cemetery	Manuscript Collections
Biographical Resources	Citation Guide
Ministers' credentials	Much More

There are rules for using the Archives Research Room:

- ⇒ Registration every calendar year with updates if needed during the year
- ⇒ Researchers must sign and fill out a daily registration and collection usage on each visit.
- ⇒ A \$3.00 fee is required for each type of request and
- ⇒ includes up to twenty pages of copy.
- ⇒ Only Pencils are used in Research Room. Computers,
- ⇒ scanners and digital cameras may also be used with staff
- ⇒ permission.
- ⇒ Food and beverages are not allowed in the Research
- ⇒ Room.
- ⇒ Only staff may go into the Archives stacks. The stacks are
- ⇒ closed to researchers
- ⇒ Each researcher may only have one container of archival
- ⇒ material at the work station.
- ⇒ All materials must be handled carefully. If unsure how to
- ⇒ handle it ask staff for assistance.
- ⇒ At the discretion of the Archival staff, gloves will be
- ⇒ provided and may be required when handling materials.
- ⇒ Photocopying is self-service but permission from staff should be received first.
- ⇒ The use of certain materials is restricted by statute or by donors
- ⇒ The researchers are fully responsible for obeying the rules and for complying to the laws of libel, privacy and copyright which maybe involved with his/her use of materials.
- ⇒ Researchers may be required to stop at the Arc reference desk before leaving. All notes, photocopies, books, and other papers must be presented to the staff for inspection upon request. Penalties for archive then include a fine of up to \$10,000 and prison term from nine months to ten years depending on the value of the materials taken.

Sunshine's Corner by Claudia
SPREADING SUNSHINE TO MEM-
BERS: Joyce March is still re-
 covering and would like to hear
 from members. Cards can be
 sent to:

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Researcher No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Researcher No</u>
Allard	16	Moore	71
Bedore	54	Nielsen	21
Boch	70	Otto	17
Bowers	47	Petersen	72
Kueny	50	Steenberg	20
Mitsch	51	Stluka	17

Websites recommendations:

- <http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/about/> ~ Archive Grid
- <http://historyofwork.iisg.nl/index.php> ~ History of Work Information System
- http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/41129379v5_TOC.pdf ~ General Report on Occupations (1930 censuses)
- <http://guides.lib.washington.edu/history-labor> ~ Labor History – University of Washington
- <http://invention.smithsonian.org/resources/> ~ Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation
- <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Occupations.html> ~ United Kingdom and Ireland Occupations
- <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.shtml> ~ U.S. Federal Census Enumerator Instructions from 1850 to 1950
- <http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/index/html> ~ Women Working (1820-1930)
- http://www.vitalsearch-ca.com/gen/wi/vitals/wide59_b.htm ~ Wisconsin State Death Virtual-fiche Database, 1959-1979
- <http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/vital/adoptbroch.htm> ~ Illinois Adoption Registry
- <http://www.racineco.com/registerofdeeds/vitalrecordsfeeschedule.aspx> ~ Racine County Certificates from Racine County Register of Deeds
- <http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/rod/vitalrecords.html> ~ Kenosha County Register of Deeds Office
- <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases.html> ~ The Illinois Statewide Records Databases
- <http://Archives.uwp.edu> ~ Parkside Archives

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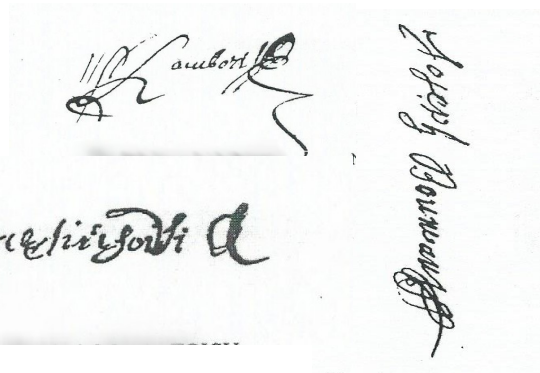
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An Old Style Abbreviations - Proper Names

Ab ^m Abra. Ab ^m	Abraham	Mich ^l	Michael
Asa	Asa	Matth ^s	Matthias
Alex ^r	Alexander	Nath ⁿ	Nathaniel
And ^w And ^o	Andrew	Nich ^l Nich ^l N ^l N ^l	Nicholas
Ben ^m Ben ^{ja}	Benjamin	Sam ^l	Samuel
Ch ^r	Charles	Rich ^d Rich ^d	Richard
Chris ⁿ	Christian	Sim ⁿ Sim ⁿ	Simon
Ch ^r Ch ^r St ^p her	Christopher	Step ^m	Stephen
Cor ⁿ	Cornelius	Sol ^o Sol ^o	Solomon
Dan ^l	Daniel	Rob ^t	Robert
Edn ^o Ed ^o	Edward	Tho ^s Tho ^s Tho ^s	Thomas
Eph ^m Ept ^o	Ephriam	Tim	Timothy
Ez ^z	Ezekial	Wm ^m Wm ^m Wm ^m Wm ^m	William
Geo. Geo.	George	Zach ^o	Zachariah
Fr ^a : Fran ^o	Francis	Sen ^r	Senior
Hen ^o : Hen ^o	Henry	Jun ^r	Junior
Gab ^l Gab ^l	Gabriel		
Jer ^h	Jeremiah		
Jer ^o Jer ^o	Jerome		
Jos ^o Jos ^o	Joseph		
Ja ^s : Jas ^o	James		
John ^o	John		
Jon ^o	Jonathan		
Matth ^o	Matthew		

For checking those names that are abbreviated against recognition.

<http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/x-prop.html>



AMERICAN QUIZ ANSWER: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia