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## **MEETING TIME / PLACE**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> First Monday ONLY**

General Meeting Times

Second Monday of the month

(No meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Meeting/Program

Gateway Technical College

3520 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Molenaar Hall

## **PROGRAMS**

**Monday May 3, 2010**

Our own Members  
Stories and Brick  
walls (and preparing  
for election of  
president and  
secretary)

**Monday June 14, 2010**

Craig Pfannkuche  
"Diggin' Grandma's  
Privy."

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

By Joyce March

At last it is spring and the weather allows us to take more genealogy trips. There were 17 of us who went to the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison and there were many reports of great success, as well as pleasure with the appearance of the Society building after the recent remodeling and refurnishing project. My personal success was finding a book on my family that was recently added to the shelf in the published genealogy section. I have been looking for many years for the appearance of something like this, and like magic, it did. My message to you is, keep looking! There were four carloads of us with Irish roots that went to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Museum in Milwaukee. At our May meeting of "Show and Tell" some of great finds will be shared.

It is wonderful to see so many new people at our meetings. It is also a great pleasure to have a home base at Gateway Technical College. There are two more meetings before our July summer break so I hope you invite your friends and relatives to share this time.

Remember, the May meeting is the first Monday instead of the second and that one of our favorite speakers, Craig Pfannkuche, will be telling us about "Diggin' Grandma's Privy."

## **PATRONYMS**

Most people's names tell their ancestry for one or more generations--nearly 90% of the people have names of this sort. Typically, only the father's name is indicated (about three-quarters of the time); more rarely the names of the father and grandfather are given (about one-fifth of the time). Very rarely, the great-grandfather's name is also given. It is extremely rare, although not unheard of, for a mother's name to be used.

## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITIES-PAST

#### Our Guest Speakers:

##### **MARCH**

Lori Bessler, Librarian at Madison, WI was our guest speaker who gave a wonderful talk on all the renovations and rearrangements of the collections at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison. She brought her two girls who behaved very well, considering how late we kept Lori with all of our many and varied questions.

##### **APRIL**

Craig Pfannkuche gave his informative but entertaining lecture on Using Maps to Find Your Family. We learned the meaning of Sections, Town, Range, etc. He told us that there are many different kinds of maps and not just the road maps we use to travel by. Such as *The Gazetteer*: lists defunct towns, *Ethnic Maps*: social studies done, *Historical Maps*, *G.L.O. Maps*: General Land Office *Sanborn Fire & Insurance Maps*, *Sidwell Maps*: gives a legal description of land, *Topographical Maps*: gives elevations, why grandpa built his house there. Maps are the placement of information just waiting for us to look at them and decipher our history.

### ACTIVITIES-COMING

**DON'T FORGET:** **May's** meeting will be the **FIRST** Monday of the month. We will be sharing our best find of the year. Be prepared to share it with fellow members. Just remember to keep it short (under 5 minutes) to give everyone else a chance to tell their story. Put your thinking caps on and start remembering.

**June** will have Craig Pfannkuche back again giving his presentation on "Diggin' Grandma's Privy" For those of you who have heard this before it will be a chance to remember those wonderful hints he always gives and those who haven't heard it a chance to learn something new.

### BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES OFFERED

Beginning Genealogy classes are being held by appointment at Joyce's home, 3022 25th Street, on the 3rd and 4th Monday evenings any time between 6:00 pm. and 9:00 pm. Please phone 551-0102 if you plan to come or for more information. If you need help on a specific item, let Joyce know.





☞ **Get well wishes were sent to:**  
Gerry Lachman who was hospitalized and is now at home recovering.

### RECOMMENDED WEB SITES

**Civil War Veteran Relatives**

<http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss>

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster>

**Ireland**

<http://askaboutireland.ie>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/surname>

[www.cemeteries.org](http://www.cemeteries.org) (Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries)

[www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords) (Vital Records)

<http://www.gravelocator.cem.va.gov> (U.S. Veterans)

*Old newspapers* (hint you have to know one word in the title of the newspaper: i.e. "globe")

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

SPOTLIGHT



### **NOW AVAILABLE AT Kenosha Public Library**

Two periodical subscriptions, previously kept in within the Genealogy Reference section of the Southwest Library, will now be displayed in the general periodical section and are available for checkout. They are ***Family Tree Magazine*** and ***American Spirit***. The latter, published by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is colorfully illustrated and contains accessible articles about U.S. history and tracing one's ancestry.

***Family Tree Magazine***, the leading *magazine* for researching genealogy helps one discover, preserve, and celebrate *family* history. Useful for beginning and advanced genealogists, each issue is packed with down-to-earth, practical tips for family history researchers. The May 2010 issue of *FTM*, in its Web Guide section, introduces readers to

***HeritageQuest Online*** and provides valuable searching tips. *HQO* has been, and continues to be, accessible to library card holders through the KPL Web site. Late last year, it also became available to Wisconsin residents through the *BadgerLink* site. The editors of *FTM* have also covered ***Ancestry*** within the last several years. ***Ancestry Library Edition*** is available to Kenosha Public Library and Community Library patrons within library facilities.

All circulating periodicals can be checked out except the latest issues. Periodicals can also be reserved from home by library card holders who have a password assigned to their accounts. Passwords can be obtained by calling or visiting Circulation Services (564-6101). An assigned password can be changed by the user.

This comes to us from **Patricia Bajabir** Reference Services Librarian Kenosha Public Library

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Truncation and Wildcard Characters

There are possible spelling variations or errors (whether recorded by the original record-takers or the indexers of original documents), consider using the **Soundex System**. This is a filter designed to display results for all names having somewhat similar pronunciation.

#### \*

The asterisk is a wildcard that matches zero or more characters. For example, a search on '**sam\***' will bring back results that include '**sam**', '**samantha**', '**samuel**', etc. You can also search alternate spellings with the asterisk (\*), which represents 0 to 5 unknown characters. The query **Johann\*** will search for **Johann** and **Johannes**. A query for **Smel\*er** will search for **Smeltzer** and **Smelzer**, among others. Note: you cannot use an asterisk as the first, second, or third character of a search term.

#### ?

The question mark acts as a single-character wildcard. For example, a search on 'eli?abeth' will bring back results that include 'elisabeth' or 'elizabeth'. Note: You *cannot* use a question mark as the first character of a search term.

#### “ ”

In order to match an exact phrase, the phrase should be encased in quotation marks. For example “men and inventions.” This will find matches with the exact phrase in them. Note: *Person's names can also be used as keywords*. For example, “Martin Luther King, Jr.” used as a keyword will retrieve results about King as well as images of landmarks and locations named for him or connected to him historically.

## OFFICERS

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# MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

## How to print pictures from Ancestry

- Click on THE ITEM you want to print.  
(It will take you to that person's media page)
- Don't use Ancestry's Icon for printing
- Click on FILE on your own toolbar
- Go to PRINT PREVIEW
- Cancel out HEADERS & FOOTERS and determine if you want a Landscape or Portrait Direction
- ENLARGE to 150% or whatever works with the picture being printed.
- If it shows that there are one or more pages, use the page that the item shows up on (i.e. hit the radial button for CURRENT PAGE)
- Press PRINT.



### **OUR MADISON TRIP**

By Suzanne Dibble



Lori Bressler met us in the reading room to acquaint us with the research areas on the 2nd floor. The main Reading room has been beautifully renovated. The staff was extremely helpful but you may have to wait your turn if it's busy. The north third of the Reading room has computers to do research on and readers for film and fiche. It's very easy to print out your information. In the middle is the Help Desk and waiting area, The south third of the room has plentiful of tables, chairs and lamps to read/research and spread out your papers. The outer wall is filled with numerous books for lots of research opportunities.



### **IRISH CULTURAL & HERITAGE CENTER TRIP**

By Judy Uelmen



April 14<sup>th</sup> was the trip to the Irish Cultural & Heritage Center in Milwaukee. It is located at 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee WI. Kris Mooney, our volunteer, was extremely knowledgeable and helpful. She spent time with each person. If you have any Irish roots, this is the place to go. They are open only on Wednesday's from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. there are 2 professional genealogists who are there to help you navigate these records in order to find your Irish ancestors.