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President's Comments

By Tom Neilson

Hi everybody, I am now back from a great vacation, rode over 35 miles on the back of a mule in 4 days, what lovely animals. I saw the greatest mountains and valleys in AZ. I saw mule deer, elk, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep, bobcat, coyote, fox, vultures, eagles, and even tarantulas, it was fabulous.

Now back to genealogy, the greatest pastime of today, you are right where the most interest is, and we have the experts' right here on our board, yours truly is exempt. But we need all of you to tell us, if you need help. I predict that this is going to be the greatest year ever, I envision that all you need to do is tell 3 people, who will in turn tell 3 more people about our great club and then it is a done DEAL. Hope you had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tommy Nielsen

MEETING TIME / PLACE

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 30th Avenue
Madrigano Auditorium

NEXT PROGRAM

Monday Jan 9, 2012
will be held in the
Bio-Science Building,
Room 120 at Gateway

GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

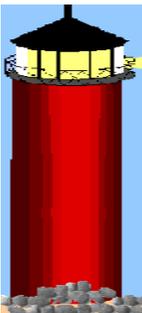
Were They Really Alone?

Your female ancestor marries for the first time in her late teens or early twenties. The marriage takes place apparently several states away from where she was born? Have you looked very carefully in the area where she married for relatives of hers? Keep in mind her relatives might not be listed under her maiden name if her natural father died and her mother married again.

DUES

A change in our by-laws was approved at the June meeting, aligning the dues year with our fiscal year which starts September 1st. Annual dues remain at \$10.00 but come due in September. If not paid by October 31st then a late charge of \$2.00 will be assessed. Dues for new members joining later in the year will be pro-rated.





SPOTLIGHT

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

EVENTS CALENDAR

For 2012

Looking for new chairperson to take over the planning of trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Tom Nielsen.



Feature Report

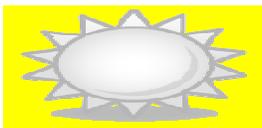
by Trisha McMaster

For those of you who are looking for their deceased relatives in Central Illinois and Indiana Michael Coan has created a new web site for the preservation of said headstones. Most pictures are individual shots of headstones but there are some wide-angle shots to give you a better perspective of the cemetery

<http://www.vermilioncounty.info>.



Sunshine's Corner



by Claudia Schiller

Spreading sunshine to members:

☞ Joyce March who is still recovering. Cards can be sent to:
Joyce March c/o St Francis Terrace
Room 112-1
3200 S. 20th Street
Milwaukee WI 53215-4442

Welcome to our new members:

Bonnie Bolster, Bonnie Howen, and Dawn Jurgens,

For anyone who does not have access to the internet, get on our phone tree list to be contacted about important information or if a card needs to be sent: Please call Claudia Schiller at 262-654-4552



MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Bonnie Bolster

A tiny bit about yourself:

I am retired from All Saints Hospital. I worked there for 37 years as a Coordinator in research Products

How long have you been a member of KCGS?

New this fall

What first got you interested in genealogy?

Taking care of my grandmother's stuff and my dad

What is the most interesting or unusual fact you have found so far in you research?

I am related to Samuel Adams my 8G Grandfather & My grandfather worked for the Land Depot Records

What is your favorite web site besides Ancestry.com?

FamilySearch.org

Which committees for KCGS have you volunteered to serve on for far?

Haven't decided which one yet

HELP WANTED

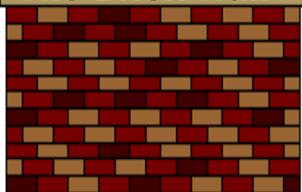
ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON: Takes care of the planning for trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Tom Nielsen.

REPORTER FOR A MONTH: Looking for someone to help cover speakers at meeting when I am out sick and can't make the meetings. You will do a short write-up on the lecture for the night. Also write other articles if you want. If interested contact me at p13mcmaster@yahoo.com

CLUB HISTORIAN: Someone to keep track of all the history for the club.

CLUB LIBRARIAN: Someone who will catalog and keep track of our collection.

The Brick Wall



They
Keep
Tumbling
Down

If you think your ancestors were in the witness relocation program just after they arrived. Think again. Not every immigrant used their ethnic name. Un-learn how your surname is spelled and try multiple variations by changing the letters around, dropping or even adding some. BehindtheName.com is a fantastic resource for finding related names along with various ethnic backgrounds related for that name.





East of the Rockies Sites:

- Cincinnati Virtual Library www.virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org
- Cook County Genealogy www.cookcountygenealogy.com
- Georgia Digital Library www.dlg.galileo.usg.edu
- IowaGen Web www.iagenweb.org
- Massachusetts Archives www.sec.state.ma.us/arc

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS



On June 25, 2011 the Social Security Administration Implemented a new method of assigning numbers. This new method is called “randomization”. It will help to protect the integrity of the SSN. This new method will also extend the longevity of the nine-digit number nationwide. With the rise in identity theft, fraud and misuse of SSN’s randomization will help protect an individual’s SSN by making it harder to reconstruct someone’s SSN using public information. This will also eliminate the need to lengthen the SSN.

Current SSN holders will still keep their number. It only applies to new persons receiving their SSN for the first time. Previously assigned numbers will not have to be used as there will now be enough to avoid this.

There are three ways this affects the SSN assignment process.

- 1.) The geographical significance of the first three numbers of a SSN, also known as the area numbers, will no longer be allocated to individuals in specific states. In other words SSNs will be assigned randomly and not by state.
- 2.) The significance of the highest group number (the fourth and fifth numbers) was eliminated and as a result the High Group List was frozen. They can still be used to validate SSNs issued prior to June 25, 2011
- 3.) Area numbers previously that were not assigned can now be assigned. 000, 666, 900-999 are still excluded.

Five ways you can request a new SSN

- 1.) Members to the same family who are having problems because of sequential numbers that were assigned.
- 2.) There are more than one person using the same number
- 3.) Religious or cultural objections to the digits assigned to an individual
- 4.) Identity theft victim who can be at a disadvantage by using their original number
- 5.) For situations of abuse, harassment, or life endangerment from domestic violence occurs.

If you have any questions on this you can email ssn.randomization@ssa.gov

Look in next month's issue for the states and their prefix numbers list