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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
Madrigrano Auditorium

NEXT PROGRAM

Monday June 11, 2012
will be in the BioScience
Rm. 120 at Gateway
We will have elections
for President & Secretary

Spreading sunshine to members:

- ☞ Chester Frey a get well card for his wife
- ☞ 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

Sunshine's Corner



by Claudia Schiller

Welcome to all our new members:

Glenda BERGERSON, Ann DAY, Michael DEININGER,
Rich and Paula GALLO, Sue HUDRICK, Gerry
LACHMAN, Brenda LAMBERTMILLER, Kristy
LAWRENCE, Georga NELSON, Gladys SHAW, Mary
STEINER, Juanita STOLFO, Christine WHITE, Karen
DAHL Kay WIKEL and Tom STEVENSON

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

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.

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.



MINING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES Presented by Ginger Frere

By Trisha McMaster

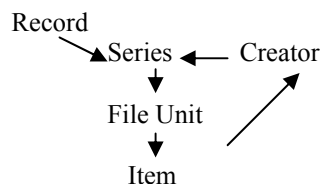
Ginger Frere presented a wealth of information to us last night on the National Archives and Records Administration. www.archives.gov. She works for Newberry Library in Chicago, IL. Ginger said that Newberry just loves us genealogists and they are more than eager to help us find all of our information. If in doubt just email them with your questions and the Archivists will be more than willing to help, yes they do answer all those emails. For those of you who could not be there here is a short summary of some of what you missed.

Beginnings of NARA:

- 1800 – Fire in the office of the Treasury Dept
- 1877 – Fire destroyed top floor of the Patent Office
- 1911 – Fire in New York State Capital Building
- 1912 – President Taft raised need for the preservation of records
- 1921 – Commercial Department Fire (1890 Censuses were destroyed)
- 1926 – \$1,000.00 was appropriated for NARA
- 1934 – FDR was the first patron of the NARA
- 1993 – Second building was built at College Park, MD

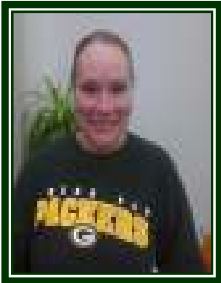


Ginger told us that NARA houses only Federal records not State records. They are stored and protected from sunlight, fire, water, and heat damage. They are organized first by the Department that created them, then by the type of material, then by the creator of the document. This means if your ancestor had dealings with the Federal government but dealt with two different departments, even for the same thing, those records would be stored in different places, even if it was dealing with the same problem.



Washington DC holds most of the older records where as College Park holds most of the more current records. There are also 14 regional branches. Chicago Newberry Library which is located at 7358 South Pulaski Rd Chicago IL is considered to be the Great Lakes Region one. NARA is partnering with “The Generations Network” (Ancestry.com), “3 Fold”, EMC Corp, Google, University of TX, and others to digitize all these records. They have a 5 year agreement, at which time then all those records become public and free of charge. But until then you have to pay your subscription price to these companies so they can recoup the price of doing the work.

Some of the information NARA holds are Passport Applications, Naturalizations, Military and Land Records, Income Tax Records, Post Office Records, Bankruptcy Records, Index of US Marshals (Dept of Justice), Maps, List of Deaths, State Department Records for Over Seas. If you are looking for a naturalization record for a relative who lived in IL MI or IN the Newberry Library houses these records. If you are looking on-line at the microfilm go to the shop-on-line and click on the PDF to get more of the details about the film. Ginger did say to check the index card first for these naturalization records. Also try both ways when doing a name search i.e. Smith, John and John Smith. In addition they use social media like Facebook, U-Tube, Twitter, etc. Plus they have their own Blog. Ginger reminded us to always site you source though. There is a wealth of information at your fingertips there, just go and check it out to see if you can find those elusive, dearly departed relatives, you know the ones hiding behind that brick wall you have been trying to knock down for years now. You may even get lucky.



MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Pat Fellner

A tiny bit about yourself:

I am retired from The Southern Wisconsin Center in Union Grove. I was a supervisor. I am known as a "rock hound" I like geology I also love "Zumba"

How long have you been a member of KCGS?

As long as Sharon Worm

What first got you interested in genealogy?

I wanted to find out about my Indian Heritage so maybe I could get a scholarship for college

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

I am related to Willie Nelson 4th cousins

What is your favorite web site besides

Ancestry.com? Find-A-Grave

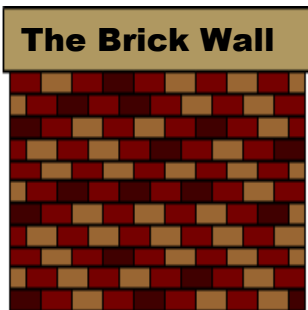
Which committees for KCGS have you volunteered to serve on for far? None yet

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED

Please go onto our website and send a message to the club of the surname and researcher # and they will contact you.

NAME	NUMBER
Tunny	74
Dougherty	74
Zierke	75
Lenzke	75
Stone	66
Nolte	57
Bakkeburg	25
Mitschke	30
Bull	60

Other ways to find relatives



They
Keep
Tumbling
Down

When reading Obits-Look for locations of other family members, married names of female relatives, church names, cemeteries, any other locations your relative may have lived over the years. Try to get every tidbit you can from the obit.

If you can't find your relative in a census but found them in a previous one or the next census, check the neighbors and look for them in the census your relative is missing from. You may find that the indexer just misspelled your relative's name.





African Sites:

- AfriGeneas www.afriogeneas.com
- AfriQuest www.afriquest.com
- Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy 1719 -1820 www.ibiblio.org/laslave
- Digital Library on American Slavery www.library.uncg.edu/slavery
- Documenting the American South www.docsouth.unc.edu
- LowCountry Africana www.lowcountryafricana.net
- USF Africana Heritage Project www.africanaheritage.com



GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

Coparceners

The word "coparcener" generally speaking, means joint heirs. Siblings, whose father dies without a will, may be referred to as "coparceners" of his real estate, meaning that they own it jointly. They each have a share, just not a specific part of the real estate. To have their part clearly marked typically requires court action, or at least complete agreement among the heirs.

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Some recent circulating books of potential interest in the Kenosha Katalog From Patty Bajabir

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Digitizing your family history : easy methods for preserving your heirloom documents, photos, home movies and more in a digital format /Rhonda R. McClure.
McClure, Rhonda R. c2004.

More dating old photographs, 1840-1929 / introduction by Maureen Taylor. c2004.

Preserving your family photographs : how to organize, present, and restore your precious family images /Maureen A. Taylor. Taylor, Maureen Alice. c2001.

Dating old photographs, 1840-1929. 2000.

SCRAPBOOKING YOUR HISTORY:

Scrapbooking your family history / Laura Best. Best, Laura. c2005.

Family tree page ideas for scrapbookers : 130 ways to create a scrapbook legacy. c2004.

Crafting your own heritage album / Bev Kirschner Braun. Braun, Bev, c2000.

GENERAL:

Mastering online genealogy / W. Daniel Quillen. Quillen, W. Daniel. 2011.

The everything guide to online genealogy : use the web to trace your roots, share your history, and create a family tree /Kimberly Powell. Powell, Kimberly. c2011.

Secrets of tracing your ancestors / W. Daniel Quillen. Quillen, W. Daniel. c2011.

Unpuzzling your past : the best-selling basic guide to genealogy / Emily Anne Croom ; [editor, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack]. Croom, Emily Anne, 2010.

The troubleshooter's guide to do-it-yourself genealogy / Advanced Techniques for Overcoming Obstacles, Removing Roadblocks & Unlocking Your Family History!W. Daniel Quillen.
Quillen, W. Daniel. c2010.

The family tree sourcebook : your essential directory of American county and town records / [from the editors of Family Tree Magazine]. c2010.

Finding anyone anywhere anywhen / by Noel Montgomery Elliot.
Elliot, Noel Montgomery. c2005.

The Family Tree guide to finding your Ellis Island ancestors / by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.
Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo, c2005.

Family history 101 : a beginner's guide to finding your ancestors /Marcia D. Yannizze Melnyk.
Melnyk, Marcia Yannizze, c2005.

(Third of a three part series)

JOYS OF THOSE GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

By Paula Frye

I have attended two conferences in the last couple weeks. I attended the *Wisconsin Genealogical Society* Annual two day Gene-a-Rama in Green Bay and the *National Genealogical Society* Annual four day conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. I've attended so many lectures that it's hard to keep them separated. Thank goodness for syllabuses. Will try to past on what I have learned to you all.

First, FamilySearch.org has an educational area and is pretty much free except for occasional databases that are owned by another genealogy site. There is a multitude of *webinars* available.

When you first enter the familysearch.org site there is a line at top next to the organizations logo that says Learn, click it. The next page has some information and a button in purple that states 'get started now'. You can click it and come to another page with video. It will take you step by step in starting Genealogy. Or before clicking that, go below the purple area are connections to "Research wiki", for free courses online, and to family search

At the bottom of the page you will see the work learn again. Below there is listed for 'what's new', 'getting started', 'free courses', 'browse site', and 'indexing'. Explore these. There you will find records from all over the world. If you wish to help with the indexing of the 1940 census or any of the various indexing projects that the family search org does, click the 'indexing'.

If you haven't been to family search.org before, get in there. They have so much information available from all over the world and as I said it is almost all free. You may be asked to join the site but there is no fee and is mainly done to help you keep track of your research for you. This joining is only for family search genealogy not for the LDS religious congregation.

There are many lists of web sites that you can you mostly free. I will copy and bring these lists to June's meeting. I will also bring a list of genealogy conferences that perhaps you would like to attend.

Also, I have many sources for research for migration patterns to and thru Ohio, research materials for Pennsylvania, German immigration, Genealogy conferences, organized research trips, etc. Let me know what information you are interested in and I will share what information I have. I must say most of what I have is related to the north east and Midwest plus I have done research in Great Britain, Ireland and Germany. Just ask and I will try to find the info I have or see if I could help you find what you are looking for.

