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MEETING TIME / PLACE

General Meeting Times
Second Monday of the month
(No meetings in
July, August, or December)
6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting/Program

Gateway Technical College
3520 30th Avenue
Madrigrano Auditorium

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Share with me a thought of our uncertain future. Our ancestors also had a very uncertain future. They had their simple good/great times; enjoyment of family, bountiful harvests, discovery of new and exciting things, venturing into new lands to name a few. At other times they had devastatingly bad times such as: harsh winters, failed crops, and accidents with no modern medical help such is available to us today. Family was everything to them. With helping hands, security of sorts, and guidance through sickness and wars, only the strong and persistent survived. We are their future and our job is to carry on in the same gentle loving way as our ancestors.

Programs

Monday May 9, 2011

Maureen Brady from the Big-Wil, will be our speaker. She will be talking on Family Search.

Monday June 13, 2011

Election of officers and voting on proposed change to the by-laws.



A Genealogy Tip of the Day

By Michael John Neill

Does That Document Allow You to Estimate Age?

Remember that in order to do certain things, get married, write a will, buy property, vote, etc. a person had to be a certain age. Is an estimate of your ancestor's age, hiding in a document because you didn't make the connection?



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By Michael John Neill

How Old Should They Have Been?

We all know that census records can contain incorrect ages. When searching online databases, besides having the years of birth for people I am looking for, I have their approximate age in 1850, 1860, etc. This helps me eyeball if I might have the correct people or not. Having only the years of birth in front of me is helpful, but having the approximate at the time of the census saves me a little bit of time and reduces errors because I "subtracted" wrong in my head.



EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2011

APRIL: Nothing as Kathy will be out of town

MAY: May 17th Tuesday
Hales Corners Family History Library

JUNE: not yet planned

AUGUST: 3rd Annual Picnic at Alford Park Aug. 14th

(If anyone has a suggestion for future trips, please contact Kathy Woods at kwoods16@wi.rr.com)

PAST MEETINGS

MARCH:

Gary Shea from the Irish Cultural Center in Milwaukee WI came and gave a very informative talk about the Irish. He said that before you look in Ireland for your relatives, it is very helpful to know the County of Origin, Parish and Town Land. Censuses are held confidant for 100 years. The first census was in 1821. 1821-1851 don't exist 1861-1891 destroyed by the governor. 1901 & 1911 are searchable. Penal Laws 1688-1828 allowed the Protestants to take away land from the Catholics. Potato Famine was from 1845-1860. Griffiths Valuation was taken from 1840-1860

Recommended Books:

"Great Book of Irish Genealogies", "The Famine Immigrants, Emigrant Savings Bank",

"Tracing your Irish Ancestors" by John Grenham

"A Genealogist guide to discovering you Irish Ancestry: How to find and record your Irish Heritage" by Dwight A. Radford & Kyle Betit



APRIL:

Our very own Jeff Huff gave a presentation on how to backup your computer. It is important to do a backup periodically so all of your information is not lost. A copy is not a backup. A backup is when you can remove your information from the hard drive and then restore it to the hard drive if your hard drive crashes or becomes infected. The different types of backup medium are: Tape backup, External Hard Drive, CD-R or CD-RW.

Free Back up Software Suggestions

Macrium Reflect

Paragon

SyncBack

Acronis True Image Home (not free but great product to have around for the PC Player)

Easeus ToDo Backup Home

FUTURE MEETINGS

MAY:

Maureen Brady from BIG-WIL (British Interest Group-Wisconsin & Illinois) will give a presentation on Family Search

JUNE:

Election of Officers and voting of proposed change to the by-laws.

AUGUST:

Our third annual picnic will be held on August 14, 2011 at Alford Park 12 noon. Bring your favorite dish to pass. The Club will supply: plates, napkins,

Sunshine's Corner

by Claudia Schiller



Welcome to the Club:

(These are the new members who have joined since January)

CLEAVER, Melinda	HOUTZ, Elizabeth	MODORY, Theresa
ESPARZA, Debbi	JAEGER, Paul	OLUFS, Karen
FRAZEE, Joyce	KISSEE, Paulette	SMITH, Elizabeth
FROEMMING, Nellie	KLEIN, Frank & Marnie	WALDRON, Lorna, J
HACKETT, Jim	KRUSE, Judi	

Get Well Wishes & Thank You Cards were sent to:

- ☞ Judy Nielsen as she is in the hospital because of back pain
- ☞ Vince Schuler to thank him for the donation of books
(Not a member but his wife died and he donated some 10 boxes of genealogy related books. They will be available at the next few meetings.)



A Genealogy Tip of the Day

By Michael John Neill

Is There Yet Another Marriage?

My ancestor's second wife disappeared after his death in the 1880s. Apparently dropped off the face of the earth. Turns out, she married after my ancestor died, thus changing her last name. If a woman "disappears," remember that she could be right where she always was, just living with a new husband and a new last name.

MEMBER PROFILE



NAMES: Frank & Marnie Klein

A little bit about yourselves: Both of us are retired. We now have the time to do lots of genealogy research. We have visited many cemeteries and have found lots good of information.

How long have you been members of KCGS? 10 years off and on

What first got you interested in genealogy?

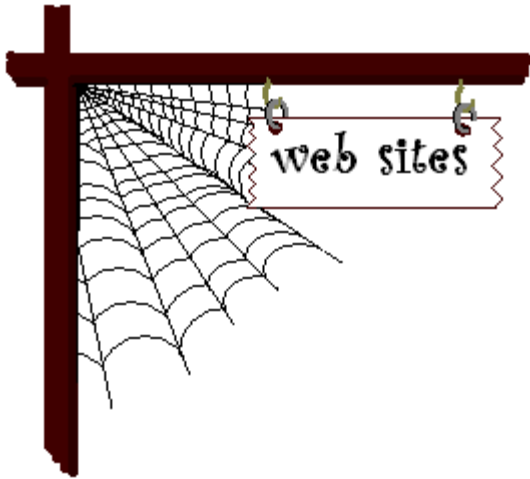
The desire to know more about our ancestors

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

Frank is related to Edward Fuller of the Mayflower

What is your favorite web site besides Ancestry.com?

None



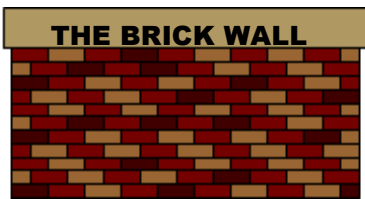
General Genealogy Sites

www.glorerecords.blm.gov Land Office Records 1820 – 1908

<http://infowanted.bc.edu/> Boston College web site with information from the Boston Pilot newspapers dated 1831-1921. This information is from the Missing Irish Friends column.

<http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/MilitaryM.htm> An Awesome Military site

<http://www.archive.org/details/pedigreeregister02sociuoft> (in place of 02 you can put 01 or 03 depending on which volume you wish to view. I viewed it in PDF format. Then I was able to jump to the Index first to see which pages I wanted to view. Next I put the page number at the top and it jumped to that page for viewing. Then I was able to print just that page rather than the whole book of 408 pages. I also printed the title page to know where the information was obtained.



Taking them down one by one



www.mocavo.com The hottest new web site to come along in years. It's like Google without all the extra background clutter. It only links to free genealogy site

information. Put your person in quotes (doesn't matter if it is first name, last name or last name, first name) then put in the year, place, any important info. I tried it, and it brought up the full text of a book for me to check through. If you want you can also click on the button on the left "see other formats" and view it in "PDF" I found this easier to read. Try putting in that elusive relative from your brick wall. They may just have finally consented to being found. You can also use wild cards here.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(Have you got a genealogy question, ask and we will try to answer)
By Trisha McMaster

QUESTION: What are all those funny letters I keep seeing when I verify who I am for some people's e-mails or on web sites?

ANSWER:

The funny looking words are actually real words that come from old books, newspapers, etc. Back before there was uniform type (like the kind created with computers) Type was set by hand and then by old typewriters, which didn't have uniformity to them. What you are actually doing by typing those funny looking letters is confirming for a computer a digitalized version that can be read by a computer. You see computers can't read letters that are sometimes on uneven lines or written cockeyed. By confirming this for a computer you are actually helping to digitalize all those old books, newspapers, etc. not to mention confirming who you are to the person who originally sent you that e-mail or telling the web site you are a person not a company. Keep up the good work; soon we will have all those old media to where we can read them on our computers from home for free.

QUESTION: What is the difference between **ABSTRACT** and **EXTRACT**?

ANSWER:

An Abstract is a synopsis of a document. It can be in complete sentences or in bullet form. It contains all the significant details such as names, places and dates but leaves out the other stuff.

If you find a book which gives a summary of a will and the full details of the will are not provided, but it gives the major points - name of deceased, date of death, names of those mentioned in the will, date of signing and/or probate and names of witnesses. This is called an Abstract.

An Extract is an accurate copy of a document. Original spelling and grammar are kept.

If you consult a book which includes a quoted paragraph from a lengthy will. This is an Extract.

QUESTION: What is **TRANSCRIPT**?

ANSWER:

A Transcript is an *exact copy* of a document. The entire document is written out just as it was found. No corrections or changes are made to the original. All errors are kept as is, upper and lower case letters, punctuation, even misspellings are not corrected. This is it an exact copy of the original document which has been typed out or hand written by a third party.

QUESTION: What is **IMAGE COPY**?

ANSWER: By Trisha McMaster

An image copy is a photocopy, a camera image, scan or a microfilm of an original document. Be careful to note whether the Image Copy is of an original document, transcript or extract. A church record or census records are image copies.

Keep in mind that the best course of investigative research is to consult an original. But if you can't find the original, subsequently the next best thing is a Transcript. You must remember that a transcript is only as accurate as the person who did the transcribing! They may have incorporated errors, which is why it is always best to endeavor to locate the original document. If you can't locate the original an abstract is the next best thing. It will give the important details, but keep in mind it may have errors or omissions. Always notate which type of record was used to obtain your information.