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MEETING TIME / PLACE

Second Monday of the month
(no meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)
6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting/Program
At Mo's Café
Corner of 56th Street & 6th Avenue
Downtown Kenosha WI

PROGRAMS

Monday April 13, 2009

Meeting will be held at the
Civil War Museum

Monday May 11, 2009

Scrapbooking Your History

Presented by:

Judy Uelman & Sharon Worm

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Joyce March

Everyone is talking about the economy these days, so we all need an escape from it and what better than genealogy. March and April found me ill for three weeks, so things got a little behind, to say the least. We will make up for the slowdown in the months to come and this called my attention to the importance of committees and board members.

Classes on Monday night at my home will resume April 20th. This has been a great success. Because we all are at different levels, you are welcome to arrive anytime after 5:00 PM and continue until about 9:00. Last class night we were treated to a special DVD of Donna Burgesses World Champion Sweet Adeline choir performing in Hawaii.

Let me welcome new members to the Kenosha County Genealogy Society. It is such a pleasure to see new faces and hear new family stories. To our new friends, please note that there is a suggestion box at the sign-in table and you are welcome to begin using it the day you pay your dues and become "one of the family." We aim to please, just know sometimes it takes a little time to get all of the arrangements made. And, be sure to put the surnames you are searching in our new Surname Book. Also, to all members, we would like to have you to join a committee and become active so we can continue with activities and socials.

CIVIL WAR FACTOID NO. 5

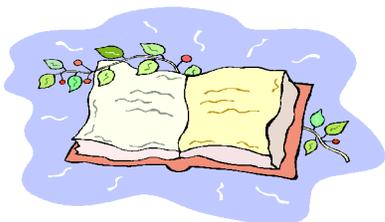
Founded in Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866 by Benjamin F. Stephenson, and emerging as the most powerful among the various organizations would be the **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)**, which by 1890 would number 409,489 veterans of the "War of the Rebellion."



REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES-PAST

⊞ "February's program, The Voleny French Diary," was presented by Mary Dixon, the current owner of the French home on Library Square. The diary contained daily entries about the French family and daily life in Kenosha during the period before and during the Civil War."



On March 12th a Kenosha County Genealogy Society group went on a field trip to the "Cook Memorial Public Library in Libertyville, IL. "Everyone had success finding information accessible at the Libertyville library in book form or their members only library website.



ACTIVITIES-COMING

▶ Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will hold its 16th Biennial Workshop on Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at American Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, WI.

Pre-registration is requested. Cost which includes a box lunch is: \$35.00 for members or \$40.00 for non-members

Speakers are:

Debbe A. Hagner,AG(R), Internet Genealogy, Using Religious Records, Citations and Maps; Trudy Knauss Paradis, German Script; Mike Karsen, Preserving Your Legacy and Picking Your Relatives.

For further info and/or brochure, call: 414-461-3660 or e-mail: nbruss@wi.rr.com.

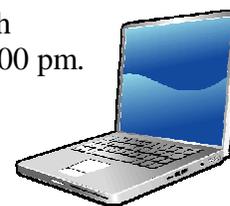
▶ CIVIL WAR MUSEUM IN KENOSHA.

Please let Joyce know if you plan to attend. We will meet at the museum at 6:30 PM instead of Mo's. The cost is \$5.00 if you are NOT a Friend of the Museum. If you are, you go to the desk and give them your name as they do not send out membership cards. There is a lecture by the museum staff and a tour of the entire museum, including a special tour of the Fiery Trial gallery. (yes, it is trial and not trail).

Please try to come as they are doing this as a special favor and it would be wonderful to have a huge turnout. The Burlington Genealogy Society is also invited.

EVENT CALANDER

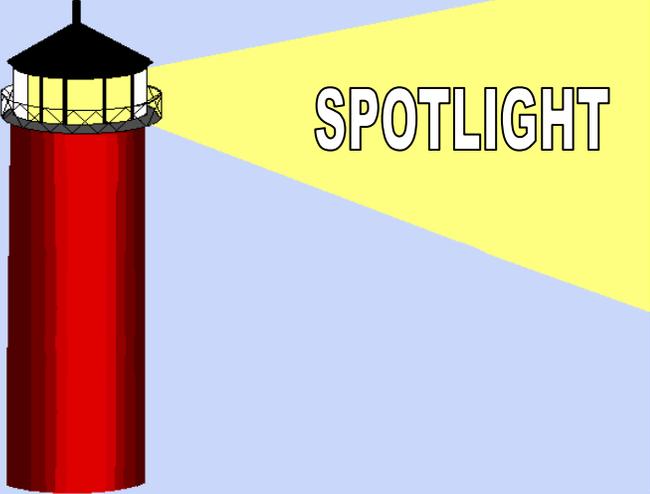
Beginning Genealogy/Computer classes are being held at Joyce's home, 3022 25th Street, on the 2nd and 3rd Monday evenings any time after 6:00 pm. and before 9:00 pm. Please phone 652-1353 if you plan to come or for more information. If you need help on a specific item, let us know.





Get well wishes were sent to:
Joyce March –
Please get well soon, we all miss you.

WEB SITES



SPOTLIGHT

Hi Members this is a great Civil War website for those of you that had relatives that served in an Illinois Unit.

<http://civilwar.ilgenweb.net/>

Good luck searching

Chuck

From Judy Reynolds

This Rootsweb Surname List is a source for finding researchers searching your surname.

<http://rsl.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>



These names have probably been changed, but it is funny.

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor, Remus Reid

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times, caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed Congressman Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle. Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

'Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'
NOW THAT is how it's done folks! That's real SPIN!!!!

God's Problem Now

When the graveside service had no more than terminated, there was a tremendous burst of thunder accompanied by a distant **lightning bolt** and more rumbling thunder. The little **old man** looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

NO GARDEN SHOULD BE WITHOUT TURNIPS:



- 1. Turnip for meetings**
(Don't be late)
- 2. Turnip for service**
(Always looking for volunteers)
- 3. Turnip to help one another**
(Come to Joyce's on 3/4th Monday's)



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DATA TO REFLECT UPON

RACINE

Means “Root” in French. It was an important maritime link on the Underground Railroad. It was often the last stop before Canada for a slave seeking safety.

Joshua Glover was captured there but escaped in 1854 and got to his destination in Canada.

G.A.R.

The G.A.R. Founded in 1866 became the largest association of Civil War Union Veterans. There are 3 books containing death records 7 more than the 90,000 members of G.A.R.

All three books include research of some Wisconsin Civil War Veterans. For information visit:

www.suvcw.org/research

Presidential Firsts

Our 10th President John Taylor (1841 – 1845) was the first president to be elevated to the presidency due to the chief executive’s death. He served as vice-president (1849 – 1850) under John Taylor.

Zachery Taylor our 12th President was the first career soldier to become president. He died of Asian cholera.

Our 15th President, James Buchanan (1857 – 1861) had no First Lady.

Our 17th President, Andrew Jackson (1865 – 1869) had no Vice-President.