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MEETING TIME / PLACE

- **2nd Monday of the month**
Gateway Technical College
3520-30th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140
6:00pm Social
6:30pm Meeting/Program
- Our meeting will take place in the Madrigano Auditorium . The Auditorium building is to the North and back of the Main GTC Building
- Check our Website Calendar for the most up-to-date location at www.kengensoc.com
- **PROGRAM**
November 9, 2015
Speaker: Family Search by Maureen Brady

American Quiz

Profits from what farming crop helped fund the American Revolution?

(Answer on page 5)

WALWORTH COUNTY GENEALOGY FAMILY FAIR

Annual Genealogical Regional Family History Fair, Saturday, October 17, 2015

The Walworth County Genealogical Society (WCGS) has made two additions to the annual Genealogical Regional Family History Fair from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 700 N. Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva.



Author Emily Demuth Ishida, along with her sister Hilda Demuth-Lutze, will be on hand for sales and signing of their book, "Hattie's War," a Civil War era historical fiction novel for young readers.

Keynote speakers this year will be:

Rochelle Pennington—An award-winning newspaper columnist and bestselling author of ten books. She will speak about her books and hints for writing your own stories.



Russell Horton, Reference & Outreach Archivist at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison. He helps researchers ranging from genealogists to professional historians learn

about the stories and sacrifices of Wisconsin veterans.

There will be two breakout sessions, with a choice of two programs at each. The speakers will be announced:

- Writing Skills
- Basic research for Genealogy.
- DAR Wisconsin Society Daughters of the American Revolution organization.
- Family History Center with what's available at the LDS Churches and how to use the Family Search program.

Also, the Cheese Box will provide concessions for the fair, with refreshments and lunches for purchase at the food booth.

WCGS will be joined by Burlington Genealogical Society and **Kenosha County Genealogy Society** at the fair.

U.S NATURALIZATION RECORDS

PRESENTED BY PAT MUNDSTOCK

At the October meeting, Professional Genealogist, Pat Mundstock, gave us a very informative presentation in the use of Naturalization Records.

Pat described steps and hints for finding records, including what one needs to know before searching a naturalization record.



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Celebrating Families across Generations

DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY.

DISCOVER YOUR STORY

RootsTech 2016 ~~ February 3-6, 2016
Salt Lake City, UT

An exciting conference for beginning and
seasoned Genealogists

RootsTech is the largest family history conference in the world! The upcoming sixth annual global conference "Celebrates Families Across Generations" and has seen tremendous growth and momentum across the globe. This annual event has become the largest of its kind in the world, attracting tens of thousands of participants. RootsTech is the perfect place to discover and share your family's stories and connections, regardless of knowledge or experience level.

Be Inspired: World Class Speakers

Each day at RootsTech, the conference begins with an inspiring general session with world-famous speakers. In past years, keynote speakers have included former first lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Hager, entertainer Donny Osmond, blogger and author Ree Drummond, and more.

Have Fun: Enjoy Exciting Entertainment

RootsTech provides an opportunity to relax and enjoy some time to let your brain unwind. We have big plans for the entertainment this year and are excited to make that announcement shortly. For now, anticipate a high-energy and fun act on Thursday at the annual Opening Night Social, February 4 at 6:00 pm. Additionally, there will be a closing event on Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm with entertainment you won't want to miss!

Learn Something: Over 200 Engaging Classes

How can Pinterest and Facebook help with family history? How can you use your smartphone or tablet to preserve and share family memories? How can DNA help you discover your family? More than 200 different classes with experts from all over the world will teach the latest tricks and techniques on how to track down ancestors and preserve your family stories.

Try It Out: Hands-on Exploration

The RootsTech Expo Hall is packed with interactive experiences to put all that learning into practice. The biggest companies in family history, including Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, and findmypast will be on hand to walk guests through exactly how to find, preserve, and share their family histories. Attendees can record stories, scan photos, and receive personal advice and training in using the latest tools.

Check out this conference for yourself at:

<https://rootstech2016.smarteventcloud.com/portal/newreg.ww>



Sunshine's Corner by Claudia

SPREADING SUNSHINE TO MEMBERS:

Claudia reported there were no cards sent out this month. Fortunately, everyone is happy and healthy. Let's hope we all remain so for November

OBITUARY PROJECT

Obituaries and death notices are some of the most sought-after documents for genealogists. In addition to gathering evidence about when and where a person died (which can be difficult to find in the era before statewide vital record-keeping), you might discover other details not available elsewhere: the deceased's occupation and interests, names of the person's family members, and the places where he or she lived (sometimes including the hard-to-find birth place of an immigrant). Obituaries also can give you a glimpse into the cultural nuances of the era.

Don't forget to bring your funeral cards to meetings. KCGS is now cataloging newspaper obituaries and funeral cards. **Volunteers are needed** to scan and organize information for this project. Do you have some time to help with this project? If so, contact Judy Uelmen

American Quiz ~ Tobacco

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