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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 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Madrigrano Auditorium

## NEXT PROGRAM

**Monday Oct 8, 2012**  
will be in the BioScience  
Rm. 120 at Gateway  
Jeff Huff will be our  
speaker on "How to do a  
Web Page"



**Come learn how to start  
building your family tree**

**Kenosha Public Library  
Southwest Branch  
October 3, 2012**

Kenosha County Genealogists will help you start your family tree with individual assistance. Bring your own laptop if possible, but not required. Please check your connection to their Wi-Fi at the Southwest Branch library a week or two before and you can also make sure your card and password are current at that time. A tour of KPL's genealogy reference section will be included.

**CONGRADULATIONS** goes out to Claudia Schiller who will fill in for Judy Uelmen as Vice-President for the balance of her term. Claudia has been a member for many years and is willing to step up and help whenever needed. Best Wishes & Good Luck

## DUES

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.



# *“Beginning Genealogy”*

Presented by Trisha McMaster

By Paula Frye

September's opening presentation was how to “Begin Genealogy” was given by KCGS newsletter editor Trisha McMaster. The presentation started with the expense of the hobby and how to collect and maintain records.

Trisha also discussed the basic program of Personal Ancestral File (P.A.F.) which included handouts for downloading PAF and “Tips for PAF preferences”. She also discussed other family tree programs of ‘Family Tree Maker’, ‘Legacy’, ‘Roots Magic’, ‘Ancestral Quest’ and ‘Ancestry Tree’. She talked about how to maintain consistency with the way you preserve your records. Always capitalize last name and how to do dates either ‘day, month, year’ or ‘month, day, year’ and always spell out the month, and what to do with Unknown surnames.

Trisha explained that when you begin, always start with yourself. Included not just birth, death, and marriage but also occupation, where worked, residences, schools, etc. Furthermore she stated you should include family stories that are remembered. Then move backward.

She explained how to do interviews. Ask for names, places, dates and family stories. Recording the session helps to make sure you have the correct information. Also remember, that memory is not perfect and the information may be faulty but may also lead to good “hints” toward finding more records.

Preservation of your collection of records is essential and maintaining sources is primal. Write down the source of every piece of information when you get the information including where you got the information, date, and location. If from an interview write down who, when, where. Maintain a binder, a card file or keep in your electronic database a record of where your information came from. Every item must have at least one source, this is paramount. More sources for items are preferred to show accuracy of the item.

And always backup your files and copy originals. Place originals in a secure location and work with the ‘original copies’ or use an index copy. An index copy is a list where the original information is stored.

Various web sites that can be accessed at home or at the library were included in the discussion. In addition, taking field trips to libraries, court houses, cemeteries, the Salt Lake City Repository, etc. It helps to have what you are going to look for written down to help memory.

Trisha discussed the many forms available. Some forms that were created by Trisha and Judy Uelmen and therefore are not copyrighted made up part of the handout. The handout contained an ancestral chart, an individual worksheet, and a family group worksheet, vital records sheet showing the dates each state started to maintain records. Also included was an information sheet on how the Soundex coding system works.

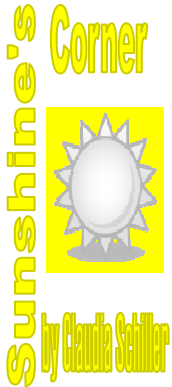
Trisha ended with the importance of maintaining records, sources, backing up your work, and being consistent. She reminded everyone about the “Learn how to start building your Family Tree” at Kenosha Public Library, Southwest Branch on Monday, Sept 24, 2012 and Wed Oct 3, 2012.

### Spreading sunshine to members:

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

### Welcome to all our new members:

- Marie Bronsky
- James Hackett
- Sandy Hughes
- Frank & Marine Klein
- Michael Menheer
- Kathy Nuernberg
- Leon Potter
- Sherri Stipek
- Carol Usa
- William & Linda Wickersheim



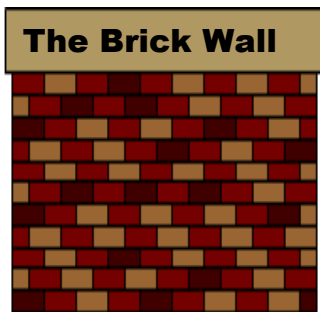
For anyone who does not have access to the internet get on our phone tree list to be contacted about important information or if a card needs to be sent: Please call Claudia Schiller at 262-654-4552

### 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
<b>Beall</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Bramdel</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Downey</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Fessenden</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Jerome</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Mundy</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Parsell</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Ross</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Tallman</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Weller</b>	<b>44</b>

### BOOKS



They  
Keep  
Tumbling  
Down

Try looking for books written on your ancestors. There are a lot out there. I have been on Heritage Quest under Books and found numerous books written on my husband's Revolutionary War ancestor. I also found a book that had a pullout showing his great-grandfather's town that he settled and the land him and his son's own.

I finally broke down and requested my very own copy for my files for my birthday and my husband bought it through [www.alibirs.com](http://www.alibirs.com). They have a large selection of old and gently used books, quite reasonably priced. You can also search the site just by the name of your relative to see if they have any books on them.



## Field Trip to Bosman Monuments June 2012

Several members of KCGS went to Bosman's Monuments, where we met Gary Van Koningsveld. There were a variety of stones on display for us to see in their lobby. These are for families to discuss the different options available; such as the type of stone, size, surface, lettering style and any personal options. They will check with the cemetery for restrictions.

The stones come from a quarry, who guarantees them. Bosmans guarantees the lettering. Gary demonstrated the hoist that places the stone in the automatic high pressure blast booth. We saw the Carbarundum, very small BBs, used to make the surface frosted; silicone is no longer used because it damaged the lungs. The design selected by the family is drafted on paper, and then placed on a protective rubber mat that has been adhered to the stone. Then the design is finished by an automatic sand blaster. He uses a small hand-held unit for portraits and scenery (wearing coveralls, ear muffs, goggles, gloves and a mask). At the cemetery, after a footing of gravel and a pre-formed cement slab have settled, the monument is put in place.

Bruce Bosman, the owner, stopped by as Gary was showing us the Fenske stone. It had been stolen many years ago, found in a driveway, the family was notified. Bosmans is helping to restore it.

To clean a monument of moss, he suggested using a soft brush. If dirty, use JOY® dish detergent, watered down 50/50. Never use any oil based product.

Gary demonstrated the 'blue paper' called: Carboff. He placed the paper on the surface of a stone and rubbed with a scrubby to archive a picture. It was amazing to see the details that appear.

### YEARS OF CHANGE FOR MARKERS:

1910 granite was first used

1930's lettering was done with steel chisels

1960's the front of a rock was smoothed out with pneumatic chisels

1970's steel shot was clean and deep. An existing marker can have a memorial added.

1980's the stone was sawed not chiseled.

by Claudia Schiller



## THE BUCKET LIST

By Claudia Schiller for Cemetery Project workers

### ID

Cell Phone & Charged Battery  
Camera, Card & Extra Battery  
Drinking Water & Snack  
Hat or Scarf  
Whistle  
Fresh Wipes or Sanitizer  
Carpenters Apron  
Notebook & Pencils  
Kneepad

### Gloves

Trowel &/or Cultivator  
Rags  
Water Sprayer  
Pink Erasers  
Rubber Bands  
Masking Tape  
Chalk  
Scissors  
Ruler

### Cloths Pins

Car Mat (used a weight if windy)  
1-2 qt Water Jug for cleaning  
Lg. & Sm. Plastic Bags  
5 Gallon Bucket with a "bucket boss"  
Brushes Big (deep it dry)  
Medium (for getting it wet)  
Small (cleans grooves)



## KCGS Cemetery Project Progress Tombstone Inscriptions and Photos

By: Judy Uelmen

We have had a good response from the community since our project was featured in the Kenosha News on Sept. 02, 2012. Mary McCarter donated her pictures of Paris Lutheran Cemetery along with its history. Another person let us copy their file of pictures but we didn't get his name. If you recognize this, please let me know who you are. I had a few people contact me who wanted to help. Diane Giles from the Kenosha News has pulled her church group together and they will do a section at Green Ridge in October. So please continue to spread the word about our project.

Each person that works on photography will be listed on our website and also tagged on each of their pictures. They deserve to have credit for their hard work. Other workers will also be listed among of our volunteers.

Most of our members are older so it is hard for them to get out into the cemeteries and bend over the tombstone to take a photograph. It is also hard for them to walk on the uneven surfaces in the cemetery. Perhaps this could be a service project for the different clubs here in Kenosha County. If there are any photography clubs and schools that need community service, we sure could use your help.

If you can't go out into the cemeteries we also need help preparing the photos for our website. We also need help transcribing the inscription onto our excel spreadsheet. You need Microsoft Word Version 2010. We would also like to hear from different computer people about alternatives to our website they think would work for our project. We need to have the creative juices flowing.

This is a community project. The following people and businesses have helped us: The Kenosha Public Library SW (Patty Bajabir), Green Ridge Cemetery (Peter Johnson & Tamara), Bosman Monuments (Gary & Bruce) and our small group of Volunteers (Judy Uelmen, Claudia Schiller, Paula Frye (completed 3 sections at Sunset Ridge on her own!!!), Sharon Madsen, Brenda Lambert-Miller, Jim Hackett, Gidget Asonwha, Betty Howen, and Chuck Styles.

We would also appreciate any donations to the KCGS to purchase specialized rubbing paper to help us with this project. KCGS is a nonprofit organization and that is why we need volunteers to help us. We can be contact at [kengensoc.com](http://kengensoc.com) and leave a message. We were very excited that our project was featured in the local newspaper.



**web sites**  
**Celtic Sites:**

**Irish Reasearch**

- <http://www.ancestryireland.com>
- <http://www.genealogy.ie/>
- <http://www.from-ireland.com>
- [www.ulsterheritage.com](http://www.ulsterheritage.com)
- <http://www.irishhistorylinks.net/>
- [www.lynx2ulster.com](http://www.lynx2ulster.com)

**Scottish Research**

- <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
- <http://www.electricscotland.com/>



**GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY**

by: Michael John Neill

**Omission Means Nothing**

Remember that your ancestor might not have named all his children in his or her will. They might have had a falling out with some children or had already given them their inheritance earlier. Unless the will says "my only children are" and then names them, don't conclude a will lists the testator's entire family.

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