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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
Madrigano Auditorium

NEXT PROGRAM

Monday Sept. 10, 2012
will be in the Madrigano Auditorium
at Gateway Our speaker will be
Trisha McMaster on
Beginning Genealogy

As a follow up on

Sept. 24th & Oct 3rd

We will hold a workshop at
Southwest Library. Bring your own
laptop plus your library card and get
help with your research

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Judy Uelmen

Welcome back after our summer hiatus and the record setting heat. It was so hot that . . . (just fill in the blank). Autumn has returned with cooler weather and it is time to start our KCGS meetings again.

We have several speakers lined up for this season. We would also like to have a group of members from our own club come up with some show and tell topics and organizational tips. Let me know your ideas and methods that would help other genealogists in our club. Also, let us know if you want to take any field trips this season.

We want to increase our membership and share our research of genealogy with others, so bring a relative or a friend to our meetings. Don't forget to introduce them to other members of our group and make them feel welcome. We have a lot of experienced genealogists in our group that can give tips and answer their questions.

Genealogy is a huge fast growing hobby around the world. You can travel in your ancestor's footsteps and walk in their shoes. You can also do research at home in your PJ's via a computer.

Don't forget to write down your family's short stories. That's how to start building your family book.

Elections were held in June for new officers. Judy Uelmen was voted our new president and Mary Ann Cole was voted as our new Secretary. A spot is now vacant for Vice-President. A new one will be appointed over the summer to complete the remainder of the two year term. Elections will be held in June 2012 for Vice President and Treasurer.

DUES

Annual dues remain at \$10.00 and 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.



Register of Deeds presented by Louise Principe

By Trisha McMaster

According to Louise the most important thing to remember is that vital records are not open records. They are monitored. Kenosha has some prior to 1907. All records are now pulled, digitized and then destroyed.

What's happening in the Office:

- They are going to put indexes on-line and are starting with birth, then death, then lastly marriage. They received too much flack not to do this.
- Funeral homes will now be entering the cause of death also.
- BILL LRB-27-18 presented be Senator Urbach which will restrict our efforts to obtain most records.
 - If judge is requested to seal or make the records confidential, only a judge can order them opened again, not even yourself even though the information might be about you.
- Social Security numbers are on many old forms including trusts and land deeds. These can no longer be given out without first blacking out the numbers.
- \$20.00 to purchase a vital record whether it is certified or not.
- The short form of information is now housed at the state level but the full version will still be kept at the place of origin.

Location of the Register of Deeds is 1010 56th Street Kenosha WI a form must be filled out to get a copy of any vital records. Come with a list of years you wish to look at besides the names, as you can no longer just flip through the books. All application forms are now on line.

The Kenosha County Register of Deeds Office has birth, death, marriage, domestic partnerships and real estate records for events that occurred in Kenosha County only.

All requests for copies received at the Kenosha County Register of Deeds office are processed as they are received and mailed to the requestor upon completion of the request.

The Kenosha County Register of Deeds office now offers you three options for processing records applications. You can order online, send an order in by mail, or visit the Register of Deeds office.



1. How can I contact the Register of Deeds office by phone?

Vital Statistics (requests for birth, death, and marriage certificates):
(262) 653-2444

Real Estate (personal property records):
Kenosha (262) 653-2441
Bristol (262) 857-1845

2. What are your office hours?

[Kenosha County Administration Building](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (except holidays)

[Kenosha County Center](#)

Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (except holidays)

3. How can I obtain a copy of my birth, death, or marriage certificate?

You can obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate from the **Office of Register of Deeds, 1010 - 56th Street Kenosha WI 53140**. The cost of a certified copy is \$20.00 for the first copy and \$3.00 for each additional copy. If you are unable to come to the office you can download the [Application for a Birth, Death, or Marriage](#). Complete this form and mail to our office with a money order for the correct amount along with a self addressed envelope and we will complete your request as soon as we receive it. Cost of a death certificate and marriage is \$20.00 for first copy and \$3.00 for each additional copy.

<http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/rod/faq.html>



My APOLOGIES TO BETTY HOWEN

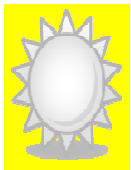
She is not Batty nor is she Bonnie but yes we do have a Betty in our club. My apologies to her for misspelling her name on more than one occasion. I do a lot of copy and paste and that is how I believe she became Bonnie, but where I got the Batty from is probably just a typing error. Again, I am sorry for the misspelling of your name. If anyone else comes across any more errors please contact me at p13mcmaster@yahoo.com and I will be more than happy to correct them.

Trisha

Spreading sunshine to members:

☞ 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:

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
BOWERS	47
C/KARLSCHAUSEN	47
HUTCHINSON	51
LAUFER	13
MALLOY	51
PAULSEN	13
NELSON	47
SCHACT	13
SINCLAIR	47
TOBIN	51



KCGS Cemetery Project Progress

By: Judy Uelmen

This is a great time of the year to get out into our county's cemeteries to help with The Kenosha County Cemetery Project. The older tombstones continue to deteriorate and we want to capture them on film before you can't read them any longer and they break. There are many benefits to our volunteers. You can get some exercise and fresh air. Bring up your Vitamin D levels if they are low. Partner up with a friend and enjoy the great outdoors and each other's company. We've seen all kinds of animals in the cemeteries, from birds to deer. However, we need more volunteers to really get this project rolling. We especially need teams to photograph the tombstones. Ask your friend and relatives to help you for an hour or two on your time schedule and pace. We have some sections done at various cemeteries. You don't have to be a member to help us. As a matter of fact, we had a volunteer non-member (Giget) and a former KCGS member (Jim) working as a team and they are great. Call and let me know what cemetery you would like to work in. If you already have tombstone pictures from any of our county cemeteries, please step forward and share them with us. Our project has even been featured in the local newspaper.

Paula's Page

By Paula Frey

Scanners

There are several portable scanners available. One often sees on TV or in advertisements, these do not accommodate a genealogist as they do not open and only do single sheet scanning. So I will focus on the ones workable for genealogy.

There are two different styles of portable scanners that work well in research. One is the slender sliding scanner, the Magic Wand by VuPoint, or the CopyCat by Ion Audio. I have only worked with the Magic Wand. The other I researched online. They are approximately 11" x 1" x 1" in size. Then there are the slightly larger scanner called a Flip-Pal by Couragent Inc approximately 9" x 5" x 1" which is place over an image and scanned then moved for another scan.

All three will work with Mac or PC. Most wand scanners need 2 AA batteries and the Flip-Pal needs 4 AAs. All have SD cards, some needing a mini card. Their resolution is 600 x 600d pi and either in color or black & white. The wand scanners also have USB cords so you can download directly to your computer and the Flip-Pal has a SK to USB adapter.

To use the wand scanner, the document or book must be laid flat and held in place while moving or sliding down or across the image. Any movement of the page can corrupt the image. I always take two or three scans of each image to make sure of a good copy. The SD card that comes with can hold about 2000 images. The Magic Wand comes with an 8GB mini SD card. Larger size amount SD cards can be purchase at many stores. The price of a wand scanner is usually between \$99 to \$129, depending on make and store.

The Flip-Pal can do scans in two ways. First it is like a flat-bed scanner in that you lay the image face down on the scanner under the cover for images of up to 4x6 inches by. The other way is for larger images; first you remove the lid, flip the scanner and then lie it face down on the image. In this flip form you are able to scan a large image by doing a section at a time. The Flip-Pal has two windows opposite each other so when doing the large images you can line them up for reassembly with the included software. The Flip-Pal scanner basic comes with the scanner, a 2GB SD card, stitching and color restoration software, and a quick start guide for \$150. There are extras if you want, including a suite program that includes *Photoshop elements 10.0*, *Logo Design Studio Pro* and *Corel Paint it!* These cost an extra \$60. Other items such as carrying case and rechargeable batteries are available at web site <http://flip-pal.3dcartstores.com/>.

At that web site they also have an item called a "Sketch Kit". It is an 8 x 5 inch clear acrylic sheet with 3 markers for \$14. You may be able to get this type of clear acrylic sheet at art supply, photo, or glass store for less than that. These sheets can be written with names of people or other images then place the sheet over the image and scan. It can be erased by damp cloth and used again. Do Not Use Dry-Erase as it may stain.



www.stevemorse.org One Step Web Page gives you tools to find ancestors' enumeration districts in the 1940 census

<http://www.genlias.nl/en/page0.jsp> Find your Dutch ancestors fast

<http://www.arkivverket.no/eng/Digitalarkivet> the National Archives of Norway collection of parish and land records



GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

Multiple Records of Same Event

Always keep in mind that there may be multiple records that may provide information on the date of an event. The date of your ancestor's death may be in a county book of death records, an obituary, a church register, a tombstone, the family bible, his pension record, etc. There may be a note that he is deceased in a deed, a tax roll, or a probate journal. Not all of these records are equally reliable. Just remember that an event may be recorded in more than one place. And don't neglect to check records just because "I already have that." One never knows what additional information a similar source may provide.

HELP WANTED

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON: Takes care of the planning for trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Judy Uelmen.

O F F I C E R S

Elected Officers

President.....Judy Uelmen
Vice President.... To be appointed
Treasurer..... Don Kueny
Secretary.....Mary Ann Cole

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Webmaster..... Jeff Huff

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