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MEETING TIME / PLACE

Second Monday of the month (No meeting in July or August)
 6:00 pm Social
 6:30 PM Meeting/Program
 At Gateway Technical College
 3520 30th Avenue
 Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140
 Our meeting will take place in the Madrigrano Auditorium at Gateway Technical College. 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

PROGRAMS

Craig Pfannkuche
 "Cemeteries"

American Quiz

Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States
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Tombstones Project Is Gearing Up

By Judy Uelmen

The Kenosha County Genealogy Society started the tombstone project in 2008 to leave a digital footprint behind to help family historians find their ancestor's headstone before they crumble or deteriorate and become illegible. Now that the weather is warmer, we will continue to take photos of tombstones in historic Green Ridge Cemetery and Sunset Ridge Cemetery as a group effort.

There are many benefits for 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 keep this project rolling.

The Tombstone photography team will go out to Green Ridge Cemetery every other Friday at 9:00 a.m. starting June 12th. We will go out to Sunset Ridge every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. starting Saturday, June 20th. Sign-up sheets for the summer will be available at our June 8th meeting. I will also send out reminders to those who signed up and also ask the Kenosha News to put requests for volunteers in the paper before each photo session.

We ask that all new volunteers attend one group photo session to be trained. After the volunteer is trained they can continue to come out with our planned group photo sessions, or go with a partner out to the cemetery of their choice and become their own team, at their own pace. The new team will need to coordinate with me so we don't duplicate cemeteries or sections on cemeteries.

Each photographer should bring a digital camera. I will bring my laptop computer to the cemeteries so we can download your pictures each time we meet or you can leave your camera memory stick with me and exchange it the next time we meet or make arrangements to pick it up. You should also consider bringing the following items:

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Digital camera with extra batteries and memory stick

Spray bottle of water

Nylon scrub brush with a handle, no metal

Small chair to sit on if needed

Tooth brush

Cell phone for emergencies

A bottle drinking water to stay hydrated

A hat & sunblock & bug spray if needed

Grass clippers

Something to hold back the plantings that block the view of the tombstone

White Construction Chalk – Found at Menards (I will bring some extra)

On a piece of paper write the cemetery name, section, your name & partner & date – Take a picture of the paper. This will always be your 1st picture each session along with a picture of the cemetery sign.

We also need volunteers to come out and help the photographers to brush off and clean up the tombstones, as needed, before each picture it taken. This is a very necessary step. So many times photographers take tombstone pictures that you can't read. This defeats the whole purpose of preserving them. We usually work with partners within the team, where one cleans the tombstone and the other takes the photo and then you can alternate jobs if you want. If you want a partner and don't have one, let me know and we'll try to find someone for you.

We have completed taking pictures at Oakwood Cemetery, Vale Cemetery, and Kenosha County Paupers Cemetery. We are about 70% done with Green Ridge Cemetery and about 40% done with Sunset Ridge Cemetery

Back in the 1970's the Kenosha County Genealogy Society also did a cemetery project. They spent many hours in our county cemeteries and writing up books that were distributed to our local library and other genealogy libraries.

At this time we have updated this project by including digital pictures and updates of information. This is the property of the Kenosha County Genealogy Society and is under our own copyright. Our hard work is not to be duplicated and recompiled by anyone unless they have written permission of the society Board of Directors.

We can't do this project alone. We will show you how we take photos and our methods to get a great picture. So meet us outside the front gate at Green Ridge Cemetery on 7th Avenue and bring a friend or relative



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SCOTTISH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

**Presented By Maureen Brady
KCGS Meeting 11 May 2015**



Maureen Brady has once again given us a fantastic presentation for researching Scottish ancestors.

Maureen has over 30 years of experience in researching her own Scottish ancestry here and abroad. She informs us how to research, where and what you should know before planning overseas travel.

You should learn the history and geography of the country. Maureen showed an outline of Scotland pointing out the major land forms and geographical divisions from the mountainous highlands to agricultural farmlands and industries over where 80% of the people live. The crucial goal is to identify the county where your ancestors lived. Boundaries have changed over the years, so check back into the correct time-period. Next identify the parish, it is very important. Parish size was based on how many members were able to walk to church in one day without mountains and rivers to pass. Church had to be accessible to the people. Maureen gave 2 sources that will be very helpful with lots of maps showing major cities, small villages and crossroads. 98% of the people were tenants. Land and farm clusters were listed under the estate names. Castle and church were under towns. Parishes and towns were important in Scotland. Estates were handed down from father to son to son.

Clergy were not always available or agreed with so common-law- marriages were done by clasping hands together in front of witnesses and promising themselves to each other it was called hand clasp. These were legal but not recorded. Women kept their maiden name when married.

Scotland believed in education, boys and girls were provided basic free education by the ministers, going back to the 17th century. The boys had to read and write and also speak and write Latin. Maureen discussed the historical context. Settlement patterns: Dalriada, located in the furthest western area of the upper section, around 600AD is where the first formation of the Scots began. The Northeast area of the upper section is believed to be discovered by Norsemen and Vikings, but there are no written records. In the lower part of the Northeast section is where the Picts were located. The Romans called them Picts because of the tattoos all over their bodies, Picture People. This area was not suited to agriculture so the families became fishermen. The southern areas of the lower section was suited to agriculture, so this large area became farmlands and industrial areas. There are few rivers in either sections. In between the two major sections are the mountains, referred to as the highlands. (continued on page 3)

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Religious patterns: Reformation, about 1560's Covenanters who turned down the Church of England in the 1660's. Disruption in 1843 where 60% of the people left the church.

Jacobite Period: In 1746 was the battle of Culloden, Duke of Cumberland orders that no prisoners to be taken. All to be slain on the battlefield. it was to be the destruction of Clan Power. Weapons were to be collected, no wearing of the kilt, harps were destroyed. Total barring of Scottish Culture. This would last the next 50 years. From 1785 thru 1820, the highland clearances were done to further destroy and rid the highlands of Scottish families homes/crofts were burned down with little warning to pack what little belongings they might have.

Social Context Language spoken in some places were English but of Shakespearean times. Names and naming patterns are that the children were named after parents and grandparents especially the first four children. Middle names were not common until the twentieth century. Children with middle names were usually named after a specific person, who was not always a relation. Spelling can change throughout life, along with the pronunciation. You won't find death records prior to 1840's. Death was not a sacrament, so was not recorded.

During Victorian Times, 1840's, the Census and Civil Records were compared, it was found that 60% of the women had illegitimate babies. And maternal grandmothers had many grandchildren, none which were listed under a father's name. There was no stigma to this, many times the couple would eventually marry. The man would own up, pay a fine, and they would marry. If he refused, he would be held in front of church, in sack cloth and ashes till he agreed.

Some Important dates'

C1500 the Reformation – Martin Luther posting of his believe error in church doctrine

1690's hearth and poll tax lists; the first census was taken, it consists of one day where a person slept that night, not where they lived.

1783-1794 Stamp act; which required tax be paid on church register entries (births/Marriages) so there is a 10 year gap of missing records

1785-1820 highland clearances; Destruction and ridding of Scottish Families.

1841 First census listing of individual names.

1843 Free church of Scotland established – the disruption

1855 civil registration begins

Scotland was the first country to allow church of LDS recording of civil and church records going back to the 16th century.

Recommended books

The surnames of Scotland: their origin, meaning & history. Author: Black, George New York: The New York Public Library, 1946 (reprinted-Baltimore Genealogy Publishing Co. 1996) Check in libraries in Madison, WI and Illinois.

Written by Suzanne K. Dibble

(Check Recommended Websites for Maureen's recommendation)

**Sunshine's Corner by Claudia
SPREADING SUNSHINE TO MEMBERS:**

Joyce March is still recovering and would like to hear from members. Cards can be sent to:

Joyce March c/o St. Francis Terrace,
Room 112-1 3200. 20th street, Milwaukee, WI 53214-4442.

Cards were also sent to Brenda Lambert Miller and Paula Frye to get well soon.

Websites recommendations from Maureen Brady:

Surname being Searched~~Contact via website at www.kengensoc.com/ for further information.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Researcher No.</u>
Adam	10
Carlson	64
Chaltry	70
Dorow	1 2
Ingalls	1 5
Kaudy	3 9
Makosky	42
Schmidt	13
Souder	47

Recommended Websites from Maureen Brady:

www.edina.ac.uk.stat-acc-scot Historical information and maps of the town, cities, parishes, dating back to the 1790's

www.familysearch.org Sign in this free site- for more original to be printed out

www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/ ordnance survey, Britain's national mapping agency

www.genuki.org.uk for genealogy of uk and Ireland

www.nls/maps/index.html National Library of Scotland

www.cyndislist.com./scotland.htm gateway to internet Scottish family history research.

www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct Links to family histories in Scotland and the rest of the British isle

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk Official website of the General Register Office of Scotland (not free but reasonably)

Deceasedonline.com- burial records of British Isles and sexton records

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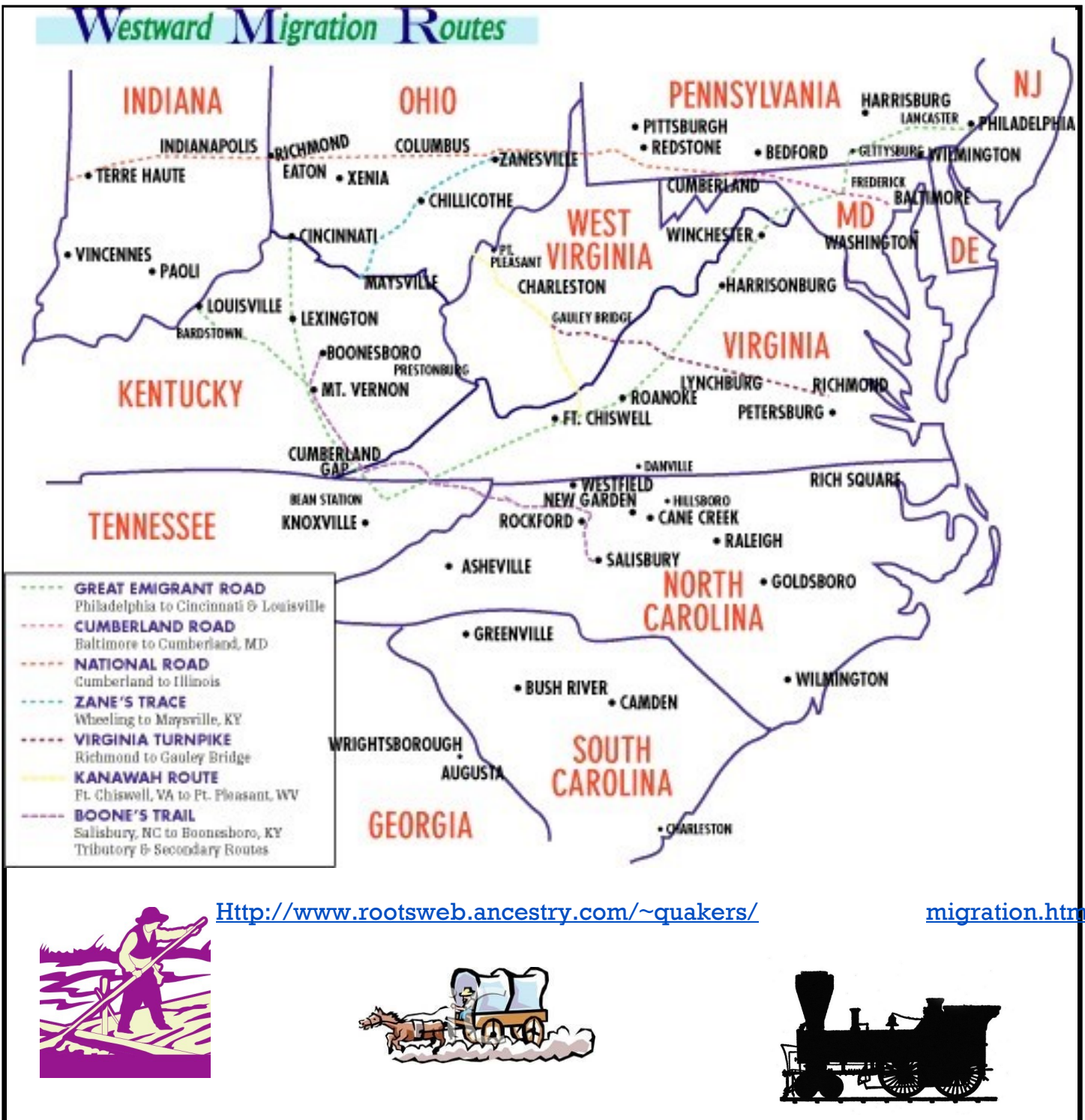
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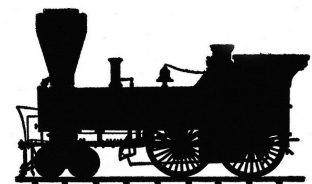
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Westward Migration Routes



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Missouri River and the Mississippi Riv- er