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## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP AT KENOSHA PUBLIC

### LIBRARY—SOUTHWEST

By Paula Frye

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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  
Bio-Science Bldg, Room 120  
Check our Website Calendar  
for the most up to date location  
at [www.kengensoc.com](http://www.kengensoc.com)

#### **PROGRAM:**

No speaker for this month.  
We will have a holiday buffet  
and Robbers Bingo. Bring a  
dish to pass and a gift of \$10  
more or less for the Bingo  
game.

Our last event at the Kenosha Public Library—Southwest for this year was a lovely success. Jean Hoffman gave a presentation of 'Beginning Genealogy' to a manageable group of beginning genealogists.

Jean explained it's best to start their research with themselves and to write down all that they know. Then go to the parents and then grandparents and so on.

She also reminded them to write down their sources. Jean explained how the soundex works and how to fill out various forms and research for births, deaths and marriages.

Afterwards the beginning genealogists were invited to join the 5 KCGS volunteers to do some research which we had some success.

We will be having one-on-one sessions scheduled in January and February. Volunteer sign-up will be at the January 13, 2014 meeting. Come join and help us.

#### **Genealogy Tip**

#### **GOOGLE BOOKS FOR GENEALOGIST**—<http://books.google.com>

If you haven't checked out Google Books, you may want to try it out. This site is an online repository of books and periodicals that have been scanned and indexed in a way that makes them researchable via the internet. When you enter keywords into the regular Google search engine, these documents may appear in the search results. But if you do a similar search directly at the Google Books site, especially if you are doing genealogy research can yield more targeted and fruitful results.

## 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  
3200s. 2nd street, Milwaukee, WI 53214-4442

## Clippers Needed

We are almost up to date with the newspaper clippings. But we will be needing Clippers to help with the monthly load. The clippings will be for the daily newspaper. Needed will be the current obituaries, births, marriage licenses, engagements, weddings, anni-

versaries, divorces, group generations, and 100th birthday celebrations. Contact Chairperson Claudia Schiller for details.

## 12,000 Obituaries

Thanks to those who did the clippings and to the Green-ridge Cemetery who gave us all of their clippings. We now have over 12,000 obituaries that we will need to put in books. Group to help assemble the books needed. It should be work you can do while watching a soap opera or waiting for the towels to dry. Notify Judy Uelmen if you are interested in assisting with this project.

## Surname being

Searched~~Contact via website at [www.kengensoc.com/](http://www.kengensoc.com/) for further information.

Name	Researcher No.
Bresee	41
Cisler	58
Heintskill	30
Klotz	23
Mace/Maze	29
Majewska	21
McCourt/McCowrt	55
Remington	48
Sherman	24
Verway	61



## THE FAMILY PET

By Paula Frye

Don't forget that your pet is part of your family tree. Most of us have had that one or two main family pets we remember with special affection. In our home it was always a dog though there were a few cats.

The one that is most remembered in our home was a mixed toy Manchester terrier and miniature poodle. It was a cousin's pet that was having the litter. Dad insisted on a male because he didn't want puppies around. And he said we were going to call him 'Brutus' which made us laugh because we knew it was going to be a small dog.

When the day came for the puppy to come home, Mom and Dad went to our cousin's home to pick the pup out. Mom told us later that Dad got down on the floor with the dogs. As he check out the male pups that would point out, he kept going back to the runt. She was half the size of the rest of the litter and she was a SHE.

We were sitting, watching TV went our parents got home. We all looked unhappy as there was no dog in their hands. "Where's our puppy?" we all called out. Mom and Dad laughed and Dad reached into his coat pocket and pulled out a tiny piece of fur, mostly black and with a brown muzzle. We would name her Cleopatra and called her Cleo. For over 16 years Cleo was our little queen, and we have many great memories of her.

Can't you think of a story about one of your favorite pets that you can add to your tree?

## LIFEWITING~OR~HOW TO WRITE YOUR FAMILY STORIES



Presented By Judy Rockwell

By Paula Frye

For those of you who missed the presentation at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, I'd find one of the members that had attended and ask if they will let you look at the pamphlet that was handed out. The presentation was great fun thanks to Judy Rockwell of the Burlington Genealogical Society.

Judy talked to us about how important our family stories are to our family history. She also pointed out that we need to include our own stories and memories. We do this with writing about our memories. The normal answer is 'but I don't know what to write about'. Judy tells us to pick up an object that's been in the family and write about where it came from, who brought it into the family, and why was it kept. How about the action in an old picture, about a special place or special event. Or how about something not so special? What were Sundays like? How were birthdays celebrated? How did the family handle watching or going to a baseball game or a football game, etc.?

What about the home you grow up in? You can draw an annotated floor plan of the house or of a vacation home. Note which rooms are for what use. What you remember about the rooms related to the family. My family's kitchen table was where we spent so much time talking, playing cards or board games much more than just meals. Or draw an annotated bird's eye view of the area outside of the family home. The buildings, trees, Dad's favorite spot or where a pet or livestock could be found. Nothing is too small to note. Just jot it down with an arrow pointed to the area or put it on a post-it and stick it on the location drawing.

After Judy talked about what to use to create your own story, she had us spend 15 minutes writing our stories. Afterwards, we were invited to read our stories to the group. We heard how one member loved baseball and going with her mom to the games, how another member enjoyed a group picture of her daughter's family as it was getting hard to get all of the family together for photos. A turn of the century family get-together photo told various stories from the group. Another was an annotated bird's eye view of the 10 acres of land where she grew up.

And you don't know what others will think or add to your story. As one member told the story of her aunt, her aunt's cat and an exploding house. First, everyone survived including the cat who hid out for a couple weeks before announcing she was still there. But after the telling a couple of members brought up their memories of the incident. This became a quick discussion which continued after the meeting.

This writer also did a bird's eye view of the home I grew up in. I was amazed by all I remembered as I drew the picture. The building built by my family, the woods damaged by a tornado, the row of trees dad put up as a windbreaker and so much more. If you try this exercise, you will be amazed about how much you'll remember. A day later while having dinner with my sister, I told her about the exercise and next thing we were remembering about all sorts of things about growing up.

This exercise is a great way for those interviews with your family. Remember to record it. Big thanks to Judy Rockwell for showing us this wonderful and fun memory technique.

## **WORKING FOR THAT DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) CERTIFICATION PART 1**



By Paula R. Frye

While researching what the DAR organization was about, I found a page to search for any possible ancestor that someone else had submitted an application for inclusion to the society. The names from the application are posted if the ancestor is confirmed as a Revolutionary Soldier or Patriot. This doesn't mean that the person submitting the application was confirmed as a descendent. The society shows usually three generations from the Patriot/Soldier and forward. The rest is hidden except for the individual who submitted the application.

First, go to the website <http://www.dar.org> and you'll see a bunch of words in the center section. Click on 'Genealogy'. The next page is a similar picture with a list on the left. Go down that list to click on the choice 'Online Research' which produces a drop down list. Click on 'Ancestor Research Overview'. There is good information for your research there. To search for your ancestor go to the top bar and click on 'Ancestor' and you will see a fill-in form. Fill with the information you know and click.

I entered several of my ancestor's surnames. The most promising one I came across was Major John Cessna a 1<sup>st</sup> generation American Huguenot. His grandfather was Count Jean De Chesna, a Normandy Huguenot who was chased out of France due to his beliefs. He first went to England then with William the Orange (King of England) to invade Ireland. (That is why the Protestants in Ireland are called Orange Irish). The count married an Irish girl and moved to Pennsylvania with their children again for religious freedom.

What was shown when I put in his name was his main information and below a list of the names of his children where their descendants had applied for inclusion. Usually there will be several listings for each child as it is one for each application. Children are not listed if their descendants never sent in an application. Pick the descendant that connects to your family line. Go to top line of page and click on 'Descendants'. Enter the information in the form that appears. This information will be of the descendant that you believe is your connection to the Revolutionary ancestor.

When you click on it another window opens with another list of that descendant's children again several listings for each as one per each application. Next to the left of each is a family tree symbol, click on it and you'll see the list of that application's descendants. Check all of the list before deciding on which one as it may be different descendants. Ones that appear close to your family, take note of the application number before going on to the next one.

It can be the main ancestor and his son then grandson then could be different grandchild each with their own application. Look through them all to get the one that's the most direct for your line. The one I went with had my revolutionary ancestor, his son Jonathan, grandson Stephen, and his great-grandson Emmanuel. That was the best one for me as my

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## TIPS ON HOW TO FIND YOUR CANADIAN ANCESTOR

By Paula Frye

As with your regular chart, always start with yourself. This helps for visualizing your family line. As you make up your tree remember to ask yourself at each stage, birth, marriage, death dates and places for all. Remember to include each person's sibling's names and the same info of above as it can help in tracking the family.

Watch the given names and the "dit" names.

There may be a pattern with the given names in oldest, second oldest, etc. You make note the pattern repeating itself in several generations. Paternal Grandfather's name to oldest grandson, Maternal Grandfather's name to the second oldest grandson, and so on. Sometimes there are no patterns but it's always good to see if there could possibly be there. It may exist only for a few generations.

"Dit" names with the French-Canadians can be very confusing. Dit names also occur in France. You can find in one area probably a dozen Pierre Lambert. Partly due to the patterns of naming their children as mentioned in 2 a. So if a gentleman named Pierre has five sons, when those sons have children there could be five more Pierre's to deal with. The Dit name can be of their home town, a mother's surname, wife's maiden name, occupation etc. They are used to separate the various like named group. Sometimes the individuals wound-up using the Dit name as their surname or may jump between the actual surname and the dit name. Pierre Lambert dit Bein may be listed as fully with the dit name or as Pierre Lambert or Pierre Bein. That is also why as earlier said that it is important to keep track of siblings' information.

Remember to research all the families' written and oral history. We know that these are not always accurate but some part of it may be correct or connected with another part of the family. My uncle told me that four brothers were shipwreck off the coast of Virginia and two went to Pennsylvania and two went to Tennessee and one of the brothers in Pennsylvania married an Amish girl. In reality they sailed together to Pennsylvania. One brother went to the Carolinas and another went to Virginia then Tennessee while it is believed that the other two brothers stayed in Pennsylvania. The Amish girl is unknown but the family sailed to Pennsylvania in pursuit of religious freedom as they were Anabaptist which is what the Amish came from. So my uncle was partially correct.

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison has a very large selection of books on Canadian records. They also have pamphlets and books to help you with your research. '

One large group of records are in books by 'Drouin', 'Jette', or 'Tanquay'. Miller's manual is a great resource and helps when working with the other books mentioned. These books are also online.



-grandmother Sarah was the daughter of Stephen and sister of Emmanuel. Since there was none for her this is the best connection I could find and I purchased a copy.

To purchase the copy there is a green bar toward the top saying 'Purchase Associated Record Copy'. Click it and it will be put into your cart. Each application costs \$10.00 to download. Once downloaded you can print it.

I'll write more on the DAR as I get it. Good searching.



**RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:**

[HTTP://WWW.DAR.ORG](http://www.dar.org) – The Daughters of the American Revolution website and research area

[HTTP://WWW.SAR.ORG](http://www.sar.org) – The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution website and research area

[HTTP://DKSTAUB.TRIPOD.COM/WIKIS.HTM](http://dkstaub.tripod.com/wikis.htm) - Page for how to use Wikis for Genealogy

[HTTP://WWW.JGEN.WS/JLIKI.HTML](http://www.jgen.ws/jlki.html) - Pages on how to create your own genealogy wiki page

[HTTP://WWW.WIKI.COM/](http://www.wiki.com/) - Search page for Wikis

[HTTP://WWW.CYNDISLIST.COM/SURNAMES/](http://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/) - Page on Cyndi's List for finding surname pages

[HTTP://WWW.WIKI.COM/](http://www.wiki.com/) - Search page for Wikis

[HTTP://WWW.CYNDISLIST.COM/SURNAMES/](http://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/) - Page on Cyndi's List for finding surname pages

[HTTP://WWW.NATIONALDISASTERPHOTORESCUE.NET/](http://www.nationaldisasterphotorescue.net/) - A project to return thousands of photos blown away during a disaster to their owners. Born out of the aftermath of the May 2011 Joplin, MO tornado, National Disaster Photo Rescue exists to help rescue, save and return photos, documents and other personal memorabilia to owners.



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