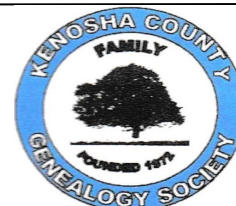


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## MEETING TIME / PLACE

- **2nd Monday of the month**  
**Gateway Technical College**  
**3320-30th Avenue**  
**Kenosha, WI 53140**  
6:00pm Social  
6:30pm Program  
(NO meetings July & August)
- 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](http://www.kengensoc.com)

## Upcoming Events

- **January 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**  
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, The Pointe Outreach Center, 5650 NW Hwy., Crystal Lake. **TOPIC:** *Family Search: The Ultimate Free Online Genealogical Resource*. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.
- **January 14, 10:30-12:30 p.m.**  
CAGGNI, Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL.



## Between the Lines:

## Documenting Found Letters and Living History from World War II

Presented by Kenneth Groenke and Jennifer Groenke Kasbohm

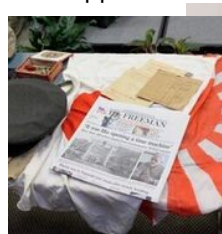
December 12th, another one of those cold Wisconsin nights, we had the pleasure of meeting Ken Groenke, his daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Mike for an historical walk as seen through the eyes of a 90-year-old Marine veteran who served in the Central Pacific during WWII.



Our table was filled with wonderful desserts donated by our members. The tables were decorated for the Christmas season with 30 members and 10 guests anticipating insights into history.

We weren't disappoint-

ed with all the memorabilia displayed. A box of letters sent to Mom and Dad, newspapers, a Japanese flag, Ken's uniforms, plus The Trunk which in-



and a sword spired the docu-Lines".

After listening to some of Ken's enlistment experiences, training and deployment to operations in the Pacific, we settled in to watch the documentary "Between the Lines". If you were unable to attend this presentation, it can be viewed in its entirety at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0z8DZaOEkcE>.



More pictures from the event can be found at our website: [www.kengensoc.com](http://www.kengensoc.com).

A special thank you to LeRoy Goines for capturing the evening in photos.

**TOPIC:** *A Genealogist Physician's View of DNA* by David A. Stumpf, MD, PhD. For more information, visit <http://www.caggni.org>

- **January 14, 1:00 p.m.**  
1776 Walters Ave., Northbrook IL.  
**TOPIC:** *Writing Family History* by Daniel Hubbard. For more information, visit <https://nsgsil.wildapricot.org/>
- **January 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St, Wheaton, IL. **TOPIC:** *Find My Past* with Debra Dudek. For more information, visit <http://www.dcgis.org>

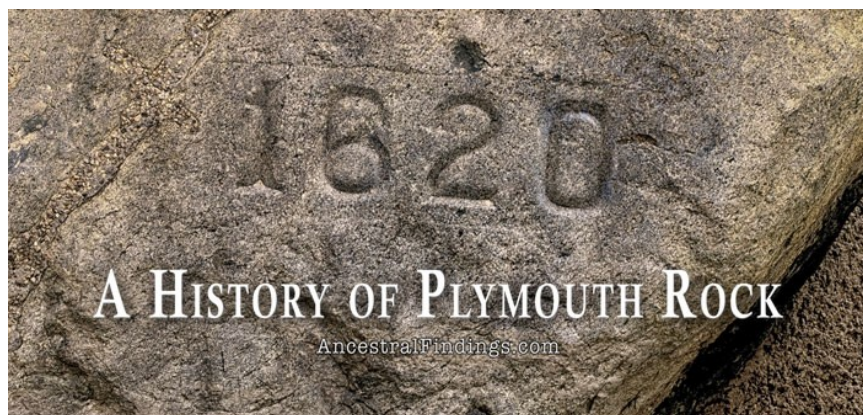
- **January 21, 10:30-12:30 p.m.**  
CAGGNI, Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL. **TOPIC:** *Newspaper Necessities* by Tina Beaird. For more information, visit <http://www.caggni.org>

**A Genealogy Quiz**

The answers are on page 5. Good Luck & Enjoy!

- 1) How many square perches are in an acre?
  - a) 40
  - b) 80
  - c) 125
  - d) 160
- 2) What does GEDCOM stand for?
  - a) Genealogical Explanation of Distinctive Chromosomal Markers
  - b) Genealogical Descendant Configuration Methodology
  - c) Genealogical Data Communication
  - d) Genealogically Extracted Data Common to Other Mediums
- 3) When was "The Great Chicago Fire"?
  - a) 1871
  - b) 1892
  - c) 1906
  - d) 1918
- 4) What does a "cordwainer" do for a living?
  - a) make rope
  - b) assists a midwife
  - c) building construction
  - d) makes shoes
- 5) If you have a photograph of your ancestor that has the words "Kodak Velox Paper" stamped on the back, it was developed:
  - a) after the mid 1930s
  - b) before the late 1960s
  - c) after the early 1950s
  - d) in the late 1940s
- 6) In genealogy research, what does "P. O. E." stand for?
  - a) Person Offering Eulogy
  - b) Partially Obstructed Evidence
  - c) Port of Entry
  - d) Parents of Edgar
- 7) If all of these records provide a date of birth, which one is the most reliable or most likely to provide an accurate date of birth?
  - a) a date of birth for the deceased on his death certificate where the informant was one of his children.
  - b) a birth certificate for your ancestor
  - c) a marriage record with dates of birth provided by the couple
  - d) a 1900 census record
- 8) If a probate states that the deceased died "intestate" and "without issue", it means...
  - a) he left a will and had children
  - b) he didn't leave a will and had no children
  - c) he left a will but had no heirs
  - d) the will is contested by heirs
- 9) If a death certificate stated that your ancestor died of "consumption", what did he die of in today's terms?
  - a) tuberculosis
  - b) meningitis
  - c) typhoid
  - d) botulism
- 10) In 1900, the life expectancy for whites/Caucasians was \_\_\_\_ years longer than for blacks/African Americans.
  - a) 3
  - b) 5
  - c) 8
  - d) 10
- 11) Who's epitaph reads, *"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter."*
  - a) Dorothy Parker
  - b) Winston Churchill
  - c) H. G. Wells
  - d) Alfred Einstein
- 12) What famous American was the defense attorney for the British Soldiers involved in "The Boston Massacre"?
  - a) James Madison
  - b) Thomas Jefferson
  - c) Thomas Paine
  - d) John Adams
- 13) How many 5-greats grandparents do you have?
  - a) 64
  - b) 81
  - c) 128
  - d) 252
- 14) This wood polymer is responsible for causing paper to yellow and deteriorate over time.
  - a) lignin
  - b) polyethylenimine
  - c) glycogen
  - d) melamine
- 15) In 1870, the percentage of those 14 years of age and older (of all races) who could not read or write was:
 

a) 12%	c) 28%
b) 20%	d) 32%



Everyone who has been through an American public school knows the story of Plymouth Rock, the legendary first piece of dry land the Pilgrims stepped on after their long and arduous Mayflower journey across the Atlantic. As the place where our first English immigrants encountered and stood on the area that would become part of New England, the rock is a famous artifact on its own. You can even see it today in Plymouth, as it is a major tourist attraction for the town. But, the Mayflower landed in 1620. After 396

years, how can we be sure that the rock on display in Plymouth is the actual one upon which the Pilgrims first stood?

Here's what you need to know about the history of Plymouth Rock.

If you've ever seen Plymouth Rock, you know it's much smaller than you imagined before you visited it. Most first time visitors have a "That's it?" reaction to first viewing the rock. While the rock has had pieces chipped off of it over the centuries by souvenir seekers, and was broken in half and cemented back together at one point, it was never a large rock in the first place. If you are expecting something large and dramatic at Plymouth, be prepared to be underwhelmed. There are far more intriguing and beautiful historic sites in town; still, a visit to Plymouth means a look at the famous rock will naturally be a "must do" on your list of activities.

It's easy to imagine the supposed birthstone of America to be a giant, when, in fact, it is barely even a small boulder. It is really just a large rock. But, when you take its history into consideration, it is amazing the rock is there for visitors to view today at all.

First of all, none of the Mayflower passengers made any written reference to stepping on a particular rock upon landing on American shores. In fact, the Pilgrims' first landing place in the New World wasn't Plymouth at all, but the tip of Cape Cod, where they stayed anchored in the harbor while doing a few land expeditions for a month before sailing to Plymouth.

It was over a century later, in 1741, that a boulder weighing ten tons located in Plymouth Harbor was announced as the location where the first Pilgrim feet stood in America. The person who made this announcement was Thomas Faunce, who was 94 years old at the time. Faunce's father came to Plymouth three years after the Mayflower, in 1623. Faunce claimed his father told him some of the original Mayflower passengers showed him the boulder and promised it was the exact spot where they landed. A wharf was going to be built over the boulder, and Faunce, who had grown up hearing the story of the boulder from his father, wanted to take a last look at it. Friends and neighbors carried him by chair the three miles from his house to the boulder, and he cried when he saw it.

It isn't known whether this is accurate oral history, something Faunce made up, something his aging mind convinced him was true, or a re-telling of a tall tale made up by his father or one of the actual original Pilgrims. Because the identification of the boulder was supposedly made by original Pilgrims, it leans toward truth, but the fact is that no one knows for sure if Plymouth Rock is really the original location of the first Pilgrim steps in the New World.

Those who heard Faunce's tale certainly believed it, and Plymouth Rock became a popular and revered local monument. By the time of the American Revolution thirty years later, it became mythologized by the most enthusiastic patriots in town. The townspeople tried to move the boulder from the harbor to a "liberty pole" they built in front of the town's meetinghouse. In trying to move it, they broke it in half; the bottom half was left in the harbor along the shoreline in its original location, while the top portion was moved into town.

On the 58th anniversary of American independence on July 4, 1834, the rock was moved again, a few blocks away to the front of the Pilgrim Hall Museum. Just like the first time it was moved, it broke, falling off the cart it



*Plymouth Rock (continued from Page 3)*

was being transported on and breaking in half. Souvenir seekers almost immediately set upon the half in the street with hammers and chisels to get a piece of early American history.

In the 1860's, the portion of the rock that was left in the harbor was given attention, with a canopy being built to cover it. The rock had to be chiseled to a smaller size to fit the new monument, however. Several years later, it was revealed that a 400 pound piece of the shoreline rock that was carved off to fit the canopy monument was being used as a doorstep on a historic house in town. A piece of it was donated to the Pilgrim Hall Museum in the 1980's, and visitors are encouraged to touch it.

In 1880, the top half of the rock that had sat in town for over a century was returned to its bottom half in the harbor and cemented back together. The date of the Pilgrims' arrival, 1620, was carved into the stone, which replaced numbers that had previously been painted on it.

In 1920, which was the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims, the current location of Plymouth Rock was established, with a Romanesque temple over it in town. Because of all the moves, breaks, whittling, and chipping from souvenir seekers, the rock that graces this monument is only about a third, or possibly half, of the size of the original, and only a third of that is visible, with the rest being under the sand at the bottom of the monument. That is why the rock you see today looks so small. Yet, it remains one of New England's most popular attractions, with over a million visitors each year to this enduring piece of Americana.

**STORIES OF INTEREST**

**North Platte Canteen: Where the Heartland Opened Its Heart in WWII** — The canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, was a lunch counter at the Union Pacific Railroad station where volunteers—almost all women—provided food, cigarettes, and magazines to soldiers.

*"Russ Fay was fresh out of a Wisconsin high school. On his darkest days as an infantryman during World War II, Russ Fay found comfort in the memory of a pheasant sandwich."*

Read more at:

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/12/07/503157986/north-platte-canteen-where-the-heartland-opened-its-heart-in-wwii>

**Photos of Historical England "Challenge Downton Abbey Myth"** — Philip Davies, an architectural historian and author of a new book of 19th- and early 20th-century English photographs, notes that contemporary images show the reality of rotting houses and poverty as well as grand old buildings. Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2016/nov/27/photographs-of-historic-england-challenge-downton-abbey-myth>

**This Painting Was Looted by the Nazis, Then Seized from My Living Room** — A Los Angeles resident tells how a portrait he had purchased from a major New York auction house ten years ago turned out to have been stolen from the National Museum in Warsaw.

Read more at:

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-gilmore-polish-looted-art-20161204-story.html>

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**PICKLES** By Brian Crane

**FREE WEBINAR****Tips and Tricks to Organizing Your Genealogy****By:** Shannon Combs-Bennett**When:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017**Time:** 7:00pm Central Time**Free Registration at:** <http://familytreewebinars.com/>

Most researchers admit that organizing and keeping up with their "stuff" is one of the most challenging aspects of research. Learn several techniques to keep you organized and on top of your files so you know exactly where everything is.

***Sunshine Corner by Claudia***

Get Well Wishes  
to  
Dawn Jurgens

**Surname Project**

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Be sure to check out the surname list on our website at [www.kengensoc.com](http://www.kengensoc.com).

Bartholomew	Hamie	O'Keefe
Cabe	Jones	Perrine
Doonan	Keefe	Rizzo
Erickson	LaPoint	Schmidt
Fitz Randolph	McCray	Tiedman
Goetluck	Nertzenberg	Wettengel

**Genealogy Quiz Answers:**

1) D, 2) C, 3) A, 4) D, 5) C, 6) C, 7) B, 8) B, 9) A, 10) D, 11) B, 12) D, 13) C, 14) A, 15) B

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## KENOSHA COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

*where we gather together to trace our lineage*

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of American history at an early age, visiting the many Revolutionary and Civil War sites in the area. Her love of both history and the theater was encouraged by an older brother. During her high school years she appeared in various productions and designed and constructed costumes. She was offered a scholarship to the Goodman School of Theater in Chicago.

Jessica's theatrical aspirations were put on hold while she raised a family of four daughters. She earned a degree in psychology from the UW and worked several years as a research and teaching assistant.

After several years in the healthcare field Jessica decided to return to her two great loves, history and the theater.

The result was the birth of "First Impressions". After almost two years of research, script writing, costume construction, and endless rehearsals, Mary Todd Lincoln was ready for her public. Audiences loved Mary, but wanted more. In 2005, Eleanor Roosevelt made her debut. In the fall of 2008, Abigail Adams joined the troupe. She is a lady from the 18th century to tell the story of the birth of this great nation. In the summer of 2009, Jessica introduced her first fictitious character, Sari (Ma) Semple, the Appalachian storyteller. Who will be the next? .



**Jessica Michna**

**Genealogical Speaker will present**

### **Mary Todd Lincoln—"Preserve the Union"**

Mary recalls her early years and education in Lexington, Kentucky. *She tells of her move to Springfield, Illinois where she would meet and marry the young prairie lawyer. Mary introduces the audience to life in Washington, regaling her listeners with stories about her boys, including her biggest boy Mr. Lincoln. In this time of national strife, the Lincolns would suffer personal tragedies, concluding on that day in April of 1865.*

The Kenosha County Genealogy Society is happy to grow our membership. We would love to have you as one of our members. If you are interested in researching your heritage, please join us:



**Monday, January 9, 2017**



**6:00 pm Registration and Conversation**



**6:30 pm Program — OPEN to the Public**



**Kenosha Gateway Technical College, 3320—30th Avenue, Madrigano Auditorium**