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Genealogy 1/1 Workshops at the Kenosha Public

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# We had a good night at the library on January 22, 2014. It was a very cold night so not too many people but we helped those who weathered the icy breeze. We will be

again at:

having two more events in February. Both days are

Wednesdays, one on the 5th and the other on the 26th Kenosha Public Library — Southwest 7979 38th Avenue

The sessions are from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We'll probably have the same volunteers as usual on February 5th but will need extra help on February 26th as two of the requlars will be on vacation.

Kenosha, WI 53142

So come on and volunteer. It's fun helping others, so don't be shy and come and join us.

# Genealogy Consultants From KCGS with Librarian

#### **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 This month's meeting will be at the Bioscieince Building which is about a block north of the main Administration building Room 129 is at the end of the hallway. Check our Website Calandar for the most up to date location at www.kengensoc.com

Next Metting will be February 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM

#### PROGRAM

This nonth's speaker will be Patty Bajabir Research Librarian. She will be speaking of the library and archives holdings and use.

# Sunshine's Corner by Claudia

SPREADING SUN-SHINE 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 3200s.
2nd street, Milwaukee, WI 53214-4442

## Surname being Searched

Contact at website www.kengensoc.com/for further information.

Name	Researcher	No.
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Bacon 80 Bateman 52 Hammerberg 42 Hollister 9 Kresch 3 McNicholas 93 Prader 27 Schommer 53

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# **Clippers Needed**

Newspaper clippers are needed to assist in clipping newspaper obituaries, births, marriage licenses, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, divorces, group generations, and 100th birthday celebrations. Contact Chairperson Claudia Schiller for details.



#### SURNAMES FOUND AT THE GUILD OF ONE-NAME STUDIES

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#### Legacy Genealogy Webinars for March:

<u>Genealogy and Technology - State of the Union</u> given by Barbara Renick -- Sat, March 1. 2014 at 4:30 PM

<u>Using Google Earth for Genealogy</u> Given By Lisa Louisa Cooke -- Wed, March 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM

Sources and Citation made Simple, Standard and powerful Given By Geoff Rasmussen –Fri, March 7, 2014 at 1:00 PM

Some Lesser Known Irish Resources Given By Judith Eccles Wight-Wed, March 12, 2014 at 1:00 PM

50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites Given By Kory Meyerink - Wed, March 19, 2014 at 1:00 PM

#### **KENOSHA COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

By JoEllyn M. Storz

JoEllyn Storz, the Kenosha County Register of Deeds gave us an informative talk at the January 14, 2014 meeting about her department. JoEllyn stated that Birth, Death and Marriage records along with Land records can be found in this department. Located at 1010 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI 53140, take the elevator or ramp down to the lower floor where the office is located. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed on holidays and weekends. On the lower floor directly in front is the desk where one goes to search for Birth, Death and Marriages records. There is a form to fill out and you must show identification and give names and relationships for those you are searching.

Only pencil and paper are allowed but we were pleased that JoEllyn as head of the department decided to allow computers or tablets as long as they have no camera feature on the machine. This was an on-the-spot decision which thrilled us all. All the Birth records are indexed on their computer and many of the originals can be found in the small research room along with

Death and Marriage records. The room is small with 2 tables and the one computer is on one. No appointment is needed but the room only fits 2-3 people. All information from the documents can be written down but a copy whether or not it is certified is \$20.00 with each individual copy of the same document is \$3.00 each. But a copy of a different document would be another \$20.00.

Vital records were required in this state beginning in 1907. Before this time they would be sporadic record kept. Records prior to 1850 would be found in Racine County records as Kenosha was part of Racine prior to this time.

Land records office is left and down the hall. Records can be found by property description, address or by owner. If you only have a Route and Box number such as Route 1 Box 434A, it can be much harder if you have no other information. There are plat maps 8 in by 11 in for \$3.00. A full size plat map of the county can be purchase at a much higher rate.

There is an online site for searching land records called "Land Shark". Cost \$5.00 to use the system, \$1.00 for each search and \$2.00 for each copy. When you do find a record you want, make sure to copy it down as results are for that day. The next or any other day you will have to start over again. In the Land Records area only have tall tables and no chairs. So make sure you have good shoes on.

(Check recommended websites on page 6)

#### ARE THERE ANY GOONS OUT THERE?

This is from a webinar on Legacytree.com given by Kristy Gray on January 8, 2014.

What is a GOONS? GOONS is an anagram for Guild of One-Name Studies. This organization was started in September1979 in England. Among its duties is to generate a Register of Surnames which were being comprehensively studied. Within a few months of its beginning, approximately 200 members had enrolled in the Guild. Currently the Guild has over 8.400 surnames and their variations that can be searched at their website.

At their website, you can search for any surname you wish. On the home page you'll see a search box where you can put in the surname you are looking for. If the surname is being researched it will take you to the information for the person in charge of that research and how to contact that person. If it is not being researched, it will say you can register the surname. This will appear above the search box. You can click to register but don't do it unless you are planning on being responsible for the study of that surname

To qualify for registration, one needs to have a significant body of data relating to the given surname and its variants. It was suggested that entries be extracted from current telephone directories, civil registration indexes of births, marriages and deaths, and national probate indexes. Typically, the researchers will also study the etymology of the surname, and its geographical distribution. Sometimes, especially if the surname is also a place name, they will try to identify the place or places of origin of the surname, employing the normal methods of genealogy. On that result page, there it an alphabetized search set. Just click on what would be the first letter of the surname and you will be taken to the list of names being research beginning with that letter. When checking that list take note that the list is alphabetized but the list runs left to right not top to bottom. The member makes a collection by maintaining one's own list for where the recordings of their registered name can be found and for each individual with that surname. Each surname that is listed is for that surname without regard of family.

While one-name studies have mainly been popular in Britain, thanks to that country's unified and open vital records, the Guild has always officially insisted that every study it recognizes should be worldwide in scope, and has sought to cater for non-British studies in its basic methodological advice.

The Guild is talking about starting a new Guild for having one person taking research of a place. By that, Kristy stated it could be a state or providence, a city or town, or even a neighborhood or a street. Don't know when they would start as it is in just the talk stage. (Check Recommended Websites on page 6 and Surnames from GOONS on page 2)



# 10 Reasons why your ancestor was in Canada

# by Kathryn Lake Hogan, UE, PLCGS\*



This is from a webinar I attended at Legacytree.com. Mrs. Hogan pointed to ten reasons for why one of our ancestors would be found in Canadian records. These reasons were: Immigration, Migration, Land, Marriage, Birth, Death, Jobs, Visiting/shopping/vacation, Impoverished/better life/refugee and war.

To immigrate or migrate may have been cheaper than going through the United States. Also if a Citizen of the Crown (Great Britain Empire) it was easier to enter. There were limited restrictions for Caucasian. From 1840 to 1870 blacks running for freedom due to the Fugitive Slave Act and the Civil War were allowed in. But in the early 1900's a law was established in Canada that prohibited blacks from entering. The law was never inforced and quickly repealed. There was also the Chinese Exclusion Act in the early 1900. During the two world wars, Canada greatly limited Germans or Eastern Europeans from entering. After the States' Civil War there were entry of Confederate refugees. Others went to Canada for religious freedom or other prosticution.

There was free land for those who were loyalist and had fought or assisted Great Britain or Canada during the early years. Later land for the western providences (Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and later for the Northwest Territories) was \$10.00 for 160 acres but had to be 20 miles away from the railroad. To be within 20 miles of the railroad, the land cost \$2.50 per acre. Land records can be confusing. Records of the receipt from the crown can be found online at Library and Archives Canada but sales between individuals is more likely be found provincially or locally.

Births would usually occur while the family spent a few years in Canada. Although, born in the United States for some reason some individuals move to Canada and die there. These both sound reasonable enough but marriages could be another story. In the early  $20^{th}$  century it was fashionable for those in border towns or states to cross the border to get married. This goes both ways, Canadians going to the States to get married. Mrs. Hogan states it still happens but not as much, and she is one who married across the border. Birth, Deaths, and Marriages are not found at the Library and Archives Canada. These are held proventually.

Employment opportunities in the early 1900's became available including factories and automobile and skilled work just like in the United States. Then there is visiting, shopping and vacations in the border crossing records. Your ancestor may only enter Canada once for only a day, there will be a record of that visit. USA began maintaining border crossings records in

In the battles of the American Revolution and the War of 1812 there were soldiers that would switch sides. So there should be records of this in both the States and Canada. In the world wars, Great Britain which included Canada entered the wars a few years before the USA. American men who wanted to fight would join the British forces and many trained in Canada. In World War 1 these American men were required to give allegiance to the King thereby giving itizenship. In World War 11, through an agreement between the British and Americans this was not required. And when America joined the war, these soldiers were allowed to leave British service and join the American forces. For research all online at Library and Archives Canada, Ancestry and FamilySearch.

(Check Recommended Websites and Canadian Facts)

## Websites recommendations:

www.looking4ancestors.com - Kathryn Lake Hogan's website

http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html -- Library and Archives Canada—click on dicover collection on left to learn site. Canada does not have catagories the same as United States.

<u>www.bac/lac.gc.ca</u> -- this is the new wesite for Library and Archives Canada. This is a bilingual website – English/French

<u>www.new.google.com/newspaper</u> --need to know town/city/some location <u>Www.kenoshacounty.org</u> — County website, click on Departments on the top of page.

https://landshark.co.kenosha.wi.us/ — Register of Deeds website search for "Land Shark"

<u>http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php</u> — Web site to find Webinars

http://www.one-name.org/ — Website for the Guild of One-Name Studies <a href="http://legacyfamilytree.com/">http://legacyfamilytree.com/</a> — webinar and legacy products

#### **Canadian Facts:**

1763-beginning of 7 year war when Canada went from French to British.

Canada's name changes:

From 1780 was v until 1841 then v until 1867 then V to present

Upper Canada to Western Canada to Ontario Lower Canada to Eastern Canada to Ouebec

Maritime providences in eastern coast including New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edwards Island.
Originally called the Acadia. Part of Canada since before 1710. Not until 1949 was Newfoundland and Labordar become part of Canada.

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