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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

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

Monday June 9, 2014

"It's not too late to plan that family reunion" presented by Judy Uelmen



Tombstone Photo Sessions at Local Cemeteries Starring our Ancestor's Tombstones

On June 11th, at 7 pm, Judy Uelmen will present a program at Kenosha Public Library Southwest to explain our Tombstone Project to the public to generate interest and entice volunteers to help us. They will learn how they can help members of the Kenosha County Genealogy Society preserve valuable historical information in local cemeteries. The Tombstone Project needs volunteer amateur photographers, over several months, to photograph tombstones and record information for posting online.

Claudia Schiller and Suzanne Dibble will demonstrate their bucket of tools. Paula Frye will demonstrate how to do a tombstone rubbing. Jim Hackett and Sharon Madsen talk about their experiences they have had being on their own photo teams and volunteering. Jim has created spreadsheets and uploaded them on the internet. Volunteers can help as often as they are able and once trained they can do it with a partner on their own schedule. The club will have scheduled photo events throughout the remainder of the year. Volunteers need a digital camera and memory stick.

These are excellent end of life records that we want to preserve. Learn the ins and outs of this project and then dig in.

Obit Clippers

We are collecting Funeral Cards to be included with our KCGS Obit Project. When most people go to a funeral service they usually have the funeral cards placed near the Sign In book. Please pick up a extra one and donate it to KCGS.

Go through your own personal genealogy stuff and [make a color copy](#) of funeral cards that have Kenosha County ties so we can include them in our project. Also, many of our citizens move away, but have an obit in our paper, or are buried here, so we include them also. We are interested in the side of the card that has deceased person's name and information. Cards are usually about the size of a business card up to a 1/4 sheet of paper. Space on each page is limited, so we are not able to take anything larger.

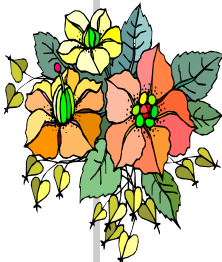
If anyone has access to the Labor Paper we would like to include the obits in our project. Please talk to Judy Uelmen to make arrangements.

Surname being Searched~~

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

Name Researcher No.

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Downey | 101 |
| Grigg | 2 |
| Hubbell | 54 |
| Lannoye | 61 |
| Moecillo | 39 |
| Norlander | 41 |
| Pasanate | 1 |
| Staszewski | 35 |
| Stolpa | 36 |
| Willard | 52 |



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 South. 20th street,
Milwaukee, WI 53214-4442



A card was sent to Jim Hackett wishing him a quick re-
covery from his recent surgery



Bucket List Cemetery Workers

By Claudia Dibble-Schiller

1. Always carry an ID, cell phone and a whistle for emergencies. Never go alone.
2. Contact Judy U. for what cemetery we are working on or if a cemetery is available for photographing. If partner needed ask Judy.
3. Have a camera, thumb drive/SD card, and charged batteries. Start with taking a picture of the cemetery sign and map of cemetery and section you are photographing.
4. Bring drinking water and snacks, a hat or scarf, sun screen. Walking stick or hiking stick, portable seat, good walking shoes, gloves, a kneeling pad or kneel pads, a small spritzer bottle of water for highlighting engraving. If stone is dirty use joy dish detergent and water 50/50 solution and cloth rags to clean.
5. A 2 to 5 gallon bucket or large craft bag with pockets.
6. Apron with pockets, carpenter's apron, notebook and pen/pencil to write down what area/section you are working on, a couple plastic bags for trash. A trowel, cultivator or a serrated knife to clear soil or grass.
7. Pink eraser for cleaning the lichen/moss from stone, white chalk to enhance inscriptions. Flashlight to shine sideways on the stone to bring out the engraving.
8. Brushes-large, keep dry for cleaning the stone, medium, so you can get it wet; small, to clean out grooves (this can be a stiffer dental or toothbrush).
9. Rubbing paper/linen and colored wax or artist's chalk or carboff blue paper (26 inch by 5 feet = \$2.00; 26 inch by 10 feet = \$4.00), masking tape, clothes pins and a ruler.
10. Umbrella, car screen/mat or cardboard to block the sun or stabilize the shade from a tree or hold back flowers.
11. Sanitizer wipes or bottle for clean-up when done.

Inside the bronze doors of the Simmons Library is a small marble vestibule to both sides is the memorial for those 2,451 individuals who participated in World War I



THE MEN OF KENOSHA COUNTY WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE CORP. THEY DIED IN WORLD WAR

The United States entered the First World War on April 6, 1917

Troop E of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry regiment was first sent to Camp McCoy but there was not enough horses for proper tactics and maneuvers. The soldiers also complained about the hordes of vicious mosquitoes. They then learned that the cavalry was obsolete and useless in modern warfare. Troop E was then sent to Camp MacArthur near Waco, Texas where the troop was reorganized as part of the 32nd Red Arrow Division becoming Battery E of the 120th field Artillery regiment. They would fire over 130,000 75 mm artillery shells at the German Army before the war's end. They returned home on May 14, 1918.

Company M of the 4th Wisconsin infantry regiment also went to Camp McCoy and then onto Camp MacArthur in Texas and was reassigned to the 32nd Red Arrow Division. It was found that there was a surplus of infantrymen, so 75 of the Kenosha soldiers of Company M were reorganized into Truck Company, No. 2, 107th Supply Train, 32nd Division. They too were returned home as of May 14, 1918.

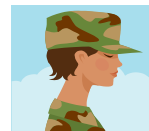
31 men were killed in action, another 45 died of non-combat deaths. Included in this list is a Kenosha soldier who was promoted to General in 1923, General Charles J. Symmonds and also 2nd Lt. James W. Martin who was the only Afro-American soldier from Kenosha. Not all the names are on the memorial, 4 WWI soldiers who deserted their posts during the war, were left off.

For more information ask for the pamphlet at any one of the Kenosha Public Libraries. Better yet go to the Simmons Library in Simmons Library Park to see the memorial yourself.





MILITARY GENEALOGY



By Tina Beaird

This past meeting, we were given a talk on Military genealogy ranging from the Revolutionary War to World War 2 to the present. Our Speaker Tina Beaird is the Genealogy/Local History Librarian at the Plainfield Public Library. She graduated from Dominican University with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science with a specialization in Archives/Preservation. She uses her training often as a Commissioner for the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission and board member of the Oswego Heritage Association. She is currently a Genealogist for the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Tina has been researching her own family tree for over twenty years and has offered profession assistance to researchers for more than ten years.

Tina started her talk with the types of Military Records such as; Enlistment records/Separation papers, Muster Rolls, Service Records, Pension records, Military service Organizations, County Histories, Soldier & Regiment Lists, and War Histories. Tina suggests that you start your search locally. If you know what region, county, township, or town your ancestor lived in or enlisted in that is the place to start. The nearer the better. Tina explained that whereas nationally or by state there may be basic information, Name, Rank, Regiment, Company, and Job. But in the county, or township, more information may be found such as family relations and friends. Sometimes letters from friends or authority figures may have been needed or be offered and may have been maintained. Check with the local Historical or Genealogy Society, or local Librarian. Ask which state archives is in the area. Also asked about local colleges, archives or reciprocals that may be accessible. Ask if their is an individual who specializes in the time period you are interested in. When visiting these libraries, ask for any unknown pictures. You may recognize a face or two or perhaps a family resemblance. You may also recognize a house or location from pictures that you have seen before in other family pictures or may have visited when younger.

There are pension files for each war and remember that if the soldier died there still maybe pension files for the widow, child or parent. There could also be county bonuses for the soldier and his family. And know that in Illinois all military service records are sealed to anyone other than the soldier who filed the paperwork. So, when looking there, you would have to accept what can be found elsewhere other than a state office. A member of the immediate family can make a request, that is the first generation relative, parent, spouse, or child, but it is very difficult, Any other relationship would not qualify. This is for any soldier's record from any war. Oklahoma has a similar restriction on death records.

Newspapers are a great source. Many local papers would list casualties of war. During various wars some local papers published letters and accounts of battles. The Revolutionary War was the first war to have reports in the field and sending back reports. This information can be found in local papers and state papers. For the Civil War, Harper's weekly was a national publication relating the details of the war sometimes with profiles of units or soldiers. Harper's weekly can be found online for free today at a website called 'Sons of the South'.

There are lesser known or remembered wars, the War of 1812, Black Hawk War, the Mexican War, and Spanish American War. There are also military records available for soldiers who served between wars. Just remember to start as locally as you can. If you need to start at the state level or nationally, then do it and follow the line down to the local. Good luck with your search.



Tina Beaird's Recommended Websites:

REVOLUTIONARY WAR 1776-1783

http://nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/public/state_finding_aids/military_dept.pdf Nebraska State Archives
<http://www.dar.org/library/> Daughters of the American Revolution's library
www.familysearch.org Familysearch website
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/grndhtml/armhtml/armhome.html> Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies 1750-1789
<http://sos.ky.gov/land/military/revwar> Kentucky Revolutionary War Warrants database
<http://valleyforgemusterroll.org> Valley Forge muster roll project
<http://www.cyndislist.com/us/american-revolutionary/records> the wonderful Cyndi's List

WAR OF 1812

<http://www.fold3.com> War of 1812
http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/ another DAR website
<http://worldvitalrecords.com> World's vital records website, Major index to pension records for the War of 1812
<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812/index.html> National Archives website on War of 1812
<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/1812/index.htm>
www.archives.org An Internet Archive – Tina suggest checking this site out.

BLACK HAWK'S WAR/MEXICAN WAR 1832-1848

<http://lincolnlb.niu.edu/blackhawk/index.html> Black Hawk's war
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/blkhawk.html> Illinois Black Hawk war rosters
<http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~coppe/blackhawk.html> Black Hawk war history and links
<http://sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/mexwar.html> Illinois Mexican War rosters
<http://www.dnwy.org/mwvets/rosters2.htm> Descendants of Mexican War Veterans
www.familysearch.org United States Mexican War Index and Service Records 1846-1848

CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

<http://www.ird.nps.gov/cwss> Civil War soldiers and Sailors system
<http://go.fold3.com/civilwar> Fold 3 Civil War website.
<http://www.archives.gov/legislative/guide/house/charter-06--war-claims.html> Nat'l Archives Records of the claims committee (1789-1989)
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/CivilWar> Missouri State Archives Missouri Digital Heritage Civil War Collection
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/civil-war-genealogy-toolkit> Article from Family Tree Maker Magazine
<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search> Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
<http://dcr.emd.vt.edu/vital/access/manager/index> Virginia Tech University Civil War Newspaper Collection
<http://www.sonofthesouth.net> Sons of the South (Harper's Weekly)
http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/research/res_topics_mi_GAR_guide.shtml Grand Army of the Republic

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898-1902

<http://www.spanamwar.com/genealog.htm> Spanish American War Veterans
<http://ssawv.org/index.htm> Sons of the Spanish American War
<http://genforum.genealogy.com/spanishamericanwar> Forum for discussion of Spanish American War
<http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/events/spanam/eve-pge.htm> Spanish American War Naval History

WORLD WAR I 1917-1919


<http://www.fold3.com> Naturalization index of World War I soldiers
<http://polarbears.si.umich.edu> Polar Bear Expedition (U.S. Troops in Russia) World War I
<http://www.ww1photos.com> World War I photos (Great Britain)
http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html War Diaries of World War I (Canada National Archives)
<http://www.abmc.gov/search/wwi.php> American Battle Monuments Commission
<http://www.europeana.collections-1914-1918.eu/> Europeana collections

WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

<http://www.fold3.com> WWII; WWII JAG Case Files Pacific (Army & Navy); Pearl Harbor Muster rolls; Missing Air Crew reports
www.ancestry.com U.S. Army Roll of Honor (1939-1945); U.S. World War II Registration cards; World War II Prisoners of War (1941-1946); World War II United News Reels (1939-1945); World War II Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guards casualties (1941-1945)

KOREAN WAR 1950 TO THE PRESENT

www.ancestrylibraryedition.com Stars and Strips News Pacific edition (1945-1963); Korean War casualties (1950-1957); World War II and Korean Conflict veterans interred overseas; Korean War Prisoners of War (1950-1954); Vietnam War U.S. Military casualties (1956-1998); U.S. Navy Cruise Books index (1918-2009); Vietnam War casualties returned alive (1962-1979)
<http://www.fold3.com> Vietnam Veterans Memorial Virtual Wall; Vietnam service awards
<http://www.worldvitalrecords.com> Army Casualties (1953-2009); Vietnam Casualties (1956-1998); Air Force register (1952-1959)
<http://www.militarytimes.com/valor> Honor the Fallen Casualties of the Iraq war



The one-on-one Genealogy Consultation series held at Kenosha Public Library—Southwest has ended for the season. Our last session was on May 21, 2014. We had about 9 individuals who came and we were able to help them find information on their families history or give recommendations on where to look.

We are taking the summer off but will continue in the fall. Dates set are Sept 17, 2014, Oct 22, 2014, Nov 19, 2014.

So enjoy the summer and see you in September.

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