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President's Message for March 2014

To me Article III of our By-Laws is the bedrock of our organization. The section is called "Objectives" and six are listed:

1) To stimulate genealogical communication, education, interest, and exchange of information, especially as it relates to Irish genealogy, to/with individuals, libraries and organizations.

2) To provide instruction and/or assistance through publications, educational programs, workshops, seminars, and/or trips for genealogical research for members and for the general public.

3) To foster careful documentation and promote scholarly genealogical research, writing, and publication.

4) To foster and encourage interest and research in Irish heritage and culture.

5) To encourage the collection, preservation and maintenance of genealogical and historical materials.

6) To champion ethical standards and practices in the field of genealogy.

Through the efforts of so many remarkable people, giving of their time, talent and energy, we meet these objectives well and will continue do so.

For the past four years I have served as president, working with the Board always with these objectives in mind.

On a personal level, I have enjoyed the friendships, the leadership experience and building self-confidence.

I wish the very best to our incoming president, Kris Mooney, and for our society.

Gary Shea

NEWS FROM THE WEB
by Mary Kay Kuhfittig

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY DATABASES

Residents of Milwaukee County can access a number of online databases either in person at a Milwaukee County library, or remotely by use of their library card. Access requires entering the library card number plus a password, which can be obtained from any librarian.

Go to mpl.org, then click "Research Resources" on the left. From here click on "All Library Databases" on the left. Scrolling down the list reveals some significant sites, such as:

Archives Unbound-County and Regional Histories & Atlases: Wisconsin
This collection runs from 1857-1909. The atlas maps often include the name of the person occupying the land, and county histories may contain a biographical sketch of your ancestor.

A to Z with Link Source
This accesses the full-text online version of any magazine and newspaper to which the library subscribes.

Badger Link Databases
This program includes newspapers, magazines and journals with full articles you can read on your screen.

Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970
These are large scale detailed maps of more than 250 Wisconsin towns and cities.

Heritage Quest
This genealogical treasure features over 26,000 family and place histories, the complete set of U.S. census from 1790 to 1940, the *Periodical Source Index* (PERSI), Revolutionary War Era Pension Records, and more.

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel from 1990 to the Present
This provides full-text coverage. Death Notices since June 16, 1995 are included.

Newspaper Archive
This invaluable source covers over 5,900 newspapers, ranging from the 1700s to the present, including U.S titles as well as those of other countries. Ireland is included, but only with Dublin papers. More than 700 Wisconsin newspapers also appear. Milwaukee is represented by about 40 titles.

Wisconsin Newspapers Digital Research Site

235 daily and weekly Wisconsin newspapers, other than the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* are presented here. They begin with April 2005, and are posted after a two month embargo period. Each edition is fully searchable.

You will note that there are many, many more options given.

SAINT COMAN

Roscommon town, capital of County Roscommon owes its name to a monastery established by St. Coman in the sixth to ninth century. It lay in a wood, or "Ros" in Irish. It became a noted seat of learning, closely associated with Clonmacnoise of Co. Offaly, once Europe's major center of learning.

Now local historians have discovered a new archeological link to St. Coman in Roscommon Town. A boulder and cross-slab of a high cross appear to date from the founding of his monastery.

FREE LOOKUP FOR PHILADELPHIA NATURALIZATIONS

A free lookup for Philadelphis naturalizations from 1789-1880 is available at <www.ancestralfindings.com/cd25.8htm>

This database has been compiled from William Philby's book which was originally indexed in 11 volumes by the Works Progress Administration. More that 113,000 immigrants are listed by name, alternate name, country of former allegiance, place and date of filing of a declaration of intent or oath of allegiance taken.

AN 1809 LIST OF SCHOOLCHILDREN

IN TARBERT, CO. KERRY

The National Library of Ireland in Ms.17,935 contains a May 1809 list of 39 children attending an English school founded at Tarbert, Kerry by the Governors of Erasmus Smith's Schools. It may be seen at <www.flyleaf.ie/blog/?p+191>

A LIST OF WEXFORD ESTATE WORKERS

AND SUPPLIERS IN 1856

Ms.19,004 of the National Library of Ireland is a list of men noted in the farm accounts of the Wingfield Estate in the Civil Parish of Kilpipe, near Gorey for 1856-7. These include day-laborers, suppliers and a few customers. It is found at<http://www.flyleaf.ie/blog/?p+191 >

CO.WEXFORD POOR LIST 1813-20

The National Library of Ireland reference M 5063 has a list of payments to the poor in the parish register of Killinick, Co. Wexford. This is a Church of Ireland register, but recipients likely included Catholics, as was the practice at the time. The poor list is for the years 1813,1817 and 1820. Included are neighboring parishes of Mayglass, St. Iberius and Kilmacree. Payments were from 10s or 1s 8d. to each person. See

<http://www.flylear.ie/blog?p+191>

FAMINE RELIEF FROM THE CHOCTAW NATION

When word spread to the U.S. of Ireland's Great Famine, certain groups were moved to give assistance to the starving Irish. Among them was a group which itself had endured much suffering, the Choctaws. They were forced off their land in 1831 by President Andrew Jackson, and ordered to walk westward on a 500 mile trek to Oklahoma, which became known as "The Trail of Tears."

At the height of the Famine, in 1847, the Choctaws donated $170 to Irish relief, a sum which today would be tens of thousands of dollars.

In 1990 some Choctaw leaders took part in an annual Famine walk in Doolough, Co. Mayo, and in 1992 some Irish activists joined a commemorative 500 mile walk from Oklahoma to Mississippi. Both groups continue to help famine sufferers in Africa and the Third World.

A plaque at Dublin's Mansion House is dedicated to the Choctaw. It reads:

> Their humanity calls us to remember the millions of human beings throughout our world today who die of hunger and hunger-related illness in a world of plenty.

MISSOURI TO PUT OLD MARRIAGE RECORDS ONLINE

The Missouri State Archives is working on developing an online database of more than 3 million Missouri marriage records from the territorial period through 1969. They are working with FamilySearch.org, and the website will be free.

EVIDENCE OF IRISH INTEREST IN GENEALOGY

The Dail Eirann, the lower house of the Irish Parliament, convened a committee in December, 2014 on the topic of "Developing A Plan to Capture the Full Value of Our Genealogical Heritage." Twenty-one members are holding hearings with prominent Irish genealogists as witnesses.

SOUTH KERRY RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF ITS NIGHT SKY

A global movement to study how light pollution affects human and animal welfare, and to promote awareness of the night sky has chosen a 700 sq km area in southwest Kerry to be named an international "dark sky reserve." The area sits between mountains and sea and includes Kells, Foilmore, Caherciveen, Portmagee, Valentia Island, Dromid, the Glen, Ballingskelligs, Waterville, Derrynane and Caherdaniel. Only six other spots in the world have received a similar award.

FINDING EARLY ONTARIO LAND RECORDS

Canadian name changes can be confusing. Before 1791 Ontario was known as the western part of Quebec. After 1791 the colony of Quebec was divided into the provinces of Upper Canada (now Ontario) and Lower Canada (now Quebec). Upper Canada or Ontario was all the land lying west of the Ottowa River. In 1842 Upper and Lower Canada united to form the province of Canada. Upper Canada was given the name of Province of Ontario in 1867.

Following are some online resources for early Ontario land records.

1.Upper Canada Land Petitions Index and images are online at Library and Archive Canada [LAC] at the following url:
<www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html

This index covers petitions sent to the Governor for grants or leases of land from 1783 to 1865.

2.The Second Heir and Devisee Commission Case Files Database was established to take claims for land brought by those claiming to be heirs of the original owner. It is an index to 5184 case files from 1804 to 1895. The index is as follows:

<www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/db/deviseedb.aspx>

3.The Computerized Land Records Index or Ontario Land Record Index has land grants of Crown lands, sales of Canada Company land, and Peter Robinson settler's grants. Any first time owner of land in Ontario should be included in these lists as follows:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canon/research-topic-land.html>

4.Return of All Patents for Land 1836 covers 1478 patent holders, giving name, acreage, township, district and lot number, and personal remarks. It is missing names beginning with H, K, L, M, P, Q, S, T. It is found at:

<http://jubilation.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/papers/land.html>

5.Canadian County Atlas Digital Project at McGill University is a database for all Canadian counties giving property owner information from names appearing in county atlases. The atlases mostly cover the years from the 1860s through the 1880s. Find them at:

<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/links.htm>

Further Ontario records of all kinds are listed at the Olive Tree Genealogy website at:

<www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ont/land.shtml>

YELLOW FEVER AMONG IRISH IMMIGRANTS

Studies have shown that in the 19th century the Irish in the U.S. were the people most susceptible to yellow fever. Yellow fever is a tropical disease transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. Symptoms include fever, coma, seizures, vomiting, and organ failure.

A study of a Savannah, Georgia oubreak reveals that out of 650 victims, 293 were Irish immigrants. New Orleans was another city where the Irish were exceptionally susceptible.

Before landing in the U.S. Irish immigrants had never been exposed to the disease. The mosquito responsible was more active in the daytime, and drawn to sweaty flesh. The Irish mainly found outdoor work as laborers,digging canals and drainage ditches, or laying track for railroads. They often stripped to the waist during hot southern summers. They tended to live in neighborhoods close to low swampy grounds. New Orleans had a neighborhood known as the Irish Channel, where Immigrants settled along the riverfront.

Children and African-Americans had a much lower rate of death from the disease. In childhood symptoms were much less severe, and the child would usually recover, having immunity from then on. The adult Irish laborers, having no immunity, were more severly impacted and had much higher rates of mortality. Constant shiploads of new non-immune Irish arrivals insured continuation of the epidemic.

For some residents the disease was regarded as a benefit, in that it prevented the cities from being overrun by "foreigners."

ORDNANCE SURVEY LETTERS FOR WICKLOW ONLINE

During 1838 and 1839 three men were sent out in connection with the first detailed mapping of Ireland. They were instructed to record the origin and meaning of Irish place names, and describe any historical and archealogical monuments. Letters sent back to the home office describe their travels and investigations, and often record placenames, traditions and customs that died out later. Sometimes names of people encountered are given. The introduction, with the main index, and the main text may be downloaded. Look for:

<www.christiaancorlett.com/#/os-letters-wicklow/4574917300>
or simply enter "County Wicklow Ordnance Survey Letters" in google.

IRISH QUOTE

If this humor be the safety of our race, then it is due largely to the infusion into the American people of the Irish brain.

William Howard Taft

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Our Speakers

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Grace Dumelle has been a professional researcher since 1995 and a staffer since 2001 at the Newberry Library. Guiding beginners to discoveries about their families is something she greatly enjoys. Her experience on both sides of the reference desk -- as a staffer and as a researcher -- influenced the very practical, hands-on approach of her book, *Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Research in the City and Cook County*. It received state, regional and national awards for instructional nonfiction, and is now in its second printing from Lake Claremont Press in Chicago.

George Findlen, CG is an academic administrator who became a genealogist in retirement. He researches and publishes articles on Acadian and French-Canadian families in Eastern Canada, the Canadian Maritimes, and New England. In addition, he gives talks and leads groups through skill-development exercises for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives.

Vickie Schnitzler, our current president has served in numerous capacities for WSGS. She is active in her genealogical research as well as for others and projects for WSGS. Her background in teaching, research and love for genealogy and local history show through her involvement in WSGS, QR Codes & FindAGrave.

Kay Scholz was born in Neillsville, Wisconsin. She lives in Clark County with her husband in a small self-built log cabin in the woods. She enjoys surrounding herself with nature in all seasons. Her interests include genealogy, antiques, archeology, painting, quilting, and writing. Kay holds a special interest in preserving family and local history. "The Wisconsin Krueger Family Tragedy" is her first published book.

Edith Wagner is founder, publisher and editor of *Reunions magazine* and reunionsmag.com. She is author of *Reunions Workbook* and *The Family Reunion Sourcebook* (1999, McGraw Hill, Los Angeles CA). Many of her columns about family reunions can be found at www.genealogy.com, and *Leisure Group Travel*. She is a regular speaker about the business of reunions for convention and visitors bureaus and about reunion planning for workshops and conventions. She also visits and writes about reunion destinations.

Registration

Registration fees are lower if your form is postmarked by **March 6th**. Registrations received after that date or paid on-site will be $10.00 higher. WSGS members may register at reduced rates if their dues are current at the time of registration. Please note that membership in an Affiliate Society does not qualify as WSGS membership. You can become a member and pay the WSGS Rate at the time you send in your registration.

Please make checks payable to "WSGS"
Mail form and check to:
WSGS GENE-A-RAMA, PO BOX 5106
MADISON, WI 53705-0106

All attendees will receive an email confirmation from the office. Please be sure that wsgs@wsgs.org is a safe sender. If you have questions please email the office at wsgs@wsgs.org.

Friday, 4 April 2014

8:00 am	Registration/Vendors Open
10:00 am	WSGS Annual Membership Meeting
10:30 am	**Immigrant Cluster Communities: Past, Present and Future**-*Lisa Alzo*
11:30 am	Lunch/Vendors Open
1:00 pm	**You Gotta Look at ALL Da Records and Den Some**-*George Findlen*
2:00 pm	Break/Vendors Open
2:30 pm	**Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors** – *Lisa Alzo*
3:30 pm	Break/Vendors Open
4:00 pm	**125+ Years of Genealogy Gems** – *Grace Dumelle*
5:15 pm	**Cash Bar**
6:00 pm	**Digging Up the Dirt: Finding the Good, the Bad, and the Unexpected in Our Family Histories**—*Lisa Alzo*

Saturday, 5 April 2014

8:00 am	Registration/Vendors Open
9:00 am	**Relatively Speaking: Regale Your Family Reunion with your Exciting Discoveries**– *Edith Wagner*
	WSGS Certificate Programs-*Vickie Schnitzler*
10:00 am	Break/Vendors Open
10:30 am	**365 Ways to Discover Your Family History**– *Lisa Alzo*
11:30 am	Lunch/Vendors Open
1:00 pm	**The Wisconsin Krueger Family Tragedy: 16 Years of Letters from Prison** – *Kay Scholtz*
2:00 pm	Break/Vendors Open
2:30 pm	**Packrat or Genealogist? Effective Methods for Organizing Your Family History Research** – *Lisa Alzo*

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2014 GENE-A-RAMA

REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit one form for EACH registrant
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Full 2-day Registration			
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WSGS Rate	$55.00	$65.00	$ _____
Friday or Saturday Only (Circle Friday or Saturday)			
Regular Rate	$65.00	$75.00	$ _____
WSGS Rate	$40.00	$50.00	$ _____
Friday Lunch			
Chicken Sandwich	$12.00	N/A	$ _____
Chef Salad	$12.00	N/A	$ _____
Friday Banquet			
	$22.00	N/A	$ _____
Saturday Lunch			
Grilled Salad	$18.00	N/A	$ _____
Turkey Club Wrap	$18.00	N/A	$ _____
Print Syllabus	$10.00	$10.00	
WSGS Membership			
Individual	$30.00		$ _____
Family	$32.00		$ _____
Youth (Under 25)	$10.00		$ _____
Print Newsletter	$12.00		$ _____
Donation to WSGS			$ _____
TOTAL			$ _____

No refunds will be given after March 6, 2014.

Meals

All meals are pre-paid ticketed events and cannot be purchased on-site.

All meals include coffee, tea or milk.

Friday Lunch allows you a choice of a Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomato and Onion on your choice of Assorted Breads or Croissant, potato chips, pickle spear for $12.00 **OR** Chef Salad with Mixed Greens topped with Ham, Turkey, Swiss & Cheddar Cheeses, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Black Olives & Hard Boiled Eggs, and Roll & Butter for $12.00.

Friday night banquet will be a Buffet consisting of Roast Top Sirloin of Beef and Roast Chicken served with Potatoes, Mixed Salad Greens with Choice of Dressings, Fresh Vegetable Tray with Dip, Fresh Fruit Tray, Assorted Seasonal Salads, Seasonal Vegetable, Roll & Butter for $22.00.

Saturday lunch will consist of Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad with boneless Breast of Chicken served on Romaine Lettuce, tossed with Croutons, Shredded Parmesan Cheese & Caesar Dressing, and Roll & Butter for $12.00 **OR** Turkey Club Wrap with Turkey Breast, Bacon, Mixed Greens, Swiss Cheese, Ranch Dressing Wrapped in a Herb Tortilla, Potato Chips, Pickle Spear for $12.00.

Hotel Accommodations

Call the hotel at **920-682-6000** or go to their website at www.holidayinn.com/manitowocwi to make reservations by **March 6th**. Please be sure to use the code **SGS**.

Room rates are **$96.00** plus taxes for Single/Double.

Genealogy TechTrek

25-26 April 2014

Hennepin Technical College
9000 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

featuring

Thomas MacEntee

Thomas specializes in using technology and social media to improve genealogy research and connect with the family history community.

Friday April 25: evening reception and lecture by Thomas MacEntee
You Use WHAT for Genealogy? Wonderful Uses for Unusual Tools

Saturday April 26: full day of educational sessions!
Three plenary sessions from Thomas MacEntee:
Building a Research Toolbox
Managing Your Genealogy Data
Google for Genealogists

20 breakout sessions presented by Midwest genealogy educators on social media, images, genealogy programs, genealogy websites, getting printed materials via the Internet, websites for Czechoslovak and Pommern research, and geography/mapping.

Silent Auction, door prizes, vendors!

Registration opens in early March at www.mngs.org.

About the co-sponsors:
The **Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International**, a resource for Czech, Slovak, Moravian, Bohemian, Rusyn, and German-Bohemian genealogy, has 2,750 members, with 360 in the upper Midwest.
www.cgsi.org

The **Minnesota Genealogical Society**, with 740 members, is Minnesota's largest family history research and education organization. Whether you have Minnesota connections or not, we invite you to join us in celebrating our 45th year.
www.mngs.org
The **Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota**, with 100 members, collects, preserves and publishes genealogical and historical information to further research of Pommern ancestors.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnprgm/PRG.html

Genealogical DNA Testing
March 3, 2014

My great-grandfather, Patrick, was born in Ireland around 1868. I know that his father, also named Patrick, lived there because he died just before Patrick Jr. was born. The paper trail does not go much further back in time. What more can be learned about his family line? While searching online I learned that DNA testing, which is of benefit in many fields, is now being applied as an aid to genealogical research. This began roughly around the year 2000 and its use for genealogical purposes is growing rapidly.

There are a number of benefits of genealogical DNA testing: 1) explore surname evolution and origins 2) verify family trees 3) confirm or disprove relationships 4) bridge gaps in the paper records 5) help with brickwalls as a result of illegitimacy and adoption 6) provide a geographical focus for research 7) connect with your genetic cousins 8) provide insight into your deep ancestry.[1] In addition, DNA testing helps determine ethnic origins on the paternal line, maternal line and both lines of the family. Paper trail genealogy goes back in time. DNA testing goes way back in time and works forward providing some perspective to the paper trail.

The male carries the Y Chromosome and passes this down from father to son. Y-DNA tests show the direct paternal line (father's father's father's, etc.) The female has the X Chromosome (females have 2 X and males have 1 X). mtDNA tests show the maternal line (mother's mother's mother's, etc.) All humans have 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes and a pair of the sex chromosomes (XY, XX). atDNA test (autosomal) results show what is received from both sides of the family. Measurements are made in cM (centiMorgans). These results are also compared with global populations.

Y-DNA tests reveal markers that are compared with other male testers. Companies offer tests at different levels but the higher number of markers tested show greater shared genetic relationship (i.e., 67 Markers, 111 Markers). Genetic distance is measured between compared test results with "0" showing "exact match." Mutations are also considered and do not necessarily mean lack of genetic relationship.

Genealogical DNA testing shows what "haplogroup" one belongs too. A haplogroup is defined as "a genetic population group of people who share a common ancestor on the patrilinear or matrilinear line."[2] Everyone belongs to a haplogroup and this information may also provide clues to early migrations and/or geographic regions. There is a Y-DNA phylogenetic tree. The haplogroup R1b is the major paternal lineage of Western Europe and the haplogroup under which Ireland is part. This haplogroup becomes more specific by its sub-clades. R1b1a2 is a major branch of R1b and includes the two major sub-clades, R1b-U106 ("Germanic") and R1b-312 ("Italo-Celtic") . R1b-312 includes the Celtic R-L21, which further divides into at least 4 other types of Irish sub-clades. The mtDNA phylogenetic tree also shows Irish populations in the haplogroup H and some in U5.[3]

Some major genealogical DNA testing providers include Family Tree DNA (familytreedna.com), 23andMe (23andme.com) and Ancestry (ancestry.com)

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1 Family Tree DNA

2 ISOGG.org

3 A study found that 10% of the Irish [female] population were in Haplogroup U5. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genetic_history_of_the_British_Isles#Irish_population

The Family Tree DNA site is very helpful with questions and explanations. Family Tree DNA has a total of 7,872 geographic and surname projects. I did an online search of "Ireland" and "ftdna" and found 8 separate Irish-related DNA projects.
23andMe is both a health and genealogy site and if you test there you have the option not to share your results for medical information purposes. Ancestry is the most recent company to be involved in genealogical DNA testing and tests only in the United States.

The DNA testing process is fairly simply, including swabbing one's cheeks, and mailing back the kit in the mail. The company provides the testing kits. Results are posted on the company website. Waiting for results takes anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks or more.

Following my paternal line my paper trail ancestry leads to Ireland. DNA testing reveals that my paternal ancestry is partly Irish and includes ancestry from multiple regions. Genetic matches go further and show that genetic matches with those of Irish ancestry are found throughout the island. Genealogical DNA testing is an effective and rewarding supplement to paper trail genealogy in finding origins and family connections.

Timothy D. May
IGSW

The above informative presentation was given at the March 3rd meeting of IGSW by the newly elected Vice President Tim May.

May your thoughts be as
glad as the shamrocks,
May your heart be as light as
a song.
May each day bring you bright
happy hours,
That stay with you all the
year long.

Wishing you God's Blessings
and a Happy
Saint Patrick's Day!

Upcoming Programs

Monday, April 7, 2014 – 7pm

ICHC – 2133 W Wisconsin Ave – Milwaukee

Barb Henzelman, a past president and a past speaker at the IGSW,

will talk about "Yesterday & Today in Ireland".

Her presentation will cover past, present and future topics relating to Ireland.

Monday, May 5, 2014 – 7pm

Shorewood Public Library – 3920 N Murray Ave – Shorewood

This evening Jack Domencich will present "Riots and Rebellions".

Since pre-historic times, Irishmen have been in revolt.

Jack will try to put this conflict into some perspective.

Monday, June 2, 2014 – 7pm

TBA – a possible field trip to the Irish Fest Music Museum.

Get your comfortable shoes ready!

More information to follow as plans are formalized.

Watch *igswonline.com* for further information as to time and place.

IGSW Programs are free and open to the public.

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