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Our blog:

- kerrvillegenealogy.blogspot.com

Check these for future events:

- kerrvillegenealogy.wordpress.com
- www.facebook.com/KerrvilleGenealogicalSociety/

Next Issue:

April 2021

Deadline for submissions:

March 25, 2021

Send to: leslie.vandrask@live.com

Address changes:

If you need to make a change to your e-mail or postal address, let us know by sending an e-mail to kgs@hctc.net or by phone.

President's Message

2020 has been a year fraught with civil turmoil and COVID-19. Some of our members have dealt with illnesses and family tragedies made more difficult by restrictions due to COVID. In a year when we could not have member meetings or open the research library, I am overwhelmed and exceedingly grateful for your responses to renew, vote, and donate to the society. We are especially thankful to the donor of the \$4,000 who suggested the 2 for 1 match challenge. Our very generous members not only met the challenge but exceeded it. We also offer a huge thank you to the anonymous friend who gave a \$10,000 grant to the Kerrville Genealogical Society. Now we look forward to a better year in 2021 and beyond. Thank you all for your support of the Society.

Thank you to the Executive Board for carrying on the business of the Society during the 2020 term. We appreciate the work of outgoing Jeannie Berger (membership) and Susan Johnson (treasurer). Welcome to the 2021 board Kathy Turley (treasurer) and Kathleen Holloway (membership); and thank you to board members Lynn Gazaway, Harriet Chesi, Leslie Van Drasek, Karen Robertson, and Sharon Smith who agreed to serve with me for another term. Members Jane Steadman, Linda Bowman, Harriet Chesi, and Jeannie Berger have continued to donate time in 2020 to assist with research requests. Pat Weber continues her volunteer work on FindAGrave and Donna Scofield has continued adding to our collection of Kerr County obituaries.

Thank you to everyone who chose KGS as their designated charity while shopping at Amazon. KGS has been receiving small quarterly deposits. Every little bit helps support the society. Please remember to shop at Smile.Amazon.com and choose Kerrville Genealogical Society to receive donation dollars from Amazon at no cost to you.

Sadly, due to the increase in COVID cases in Kerr County I am certain we will not have a January general meeting. I do hope we can resume normal activities very soon. Please watch your emails for updates from KGS. Your board is eager to plan meetings and activities for 2021. Let us know if you have an idea for a program or member activity. Contact us at kgs@hctc.net or leave a voice mail at 830-315-1836.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope to see you soon,

Sharon Ashby



Upcoming Meetings

Due to CDC recommendations amid COVID-19 concerns, KGS Research Center and Library will be closed until further notice. At this time, there are no venues allowing meetings of more than 10 attendees. We apologize for the inconvenience. Stand by for a notification by e-mail when KGS resumes general meetings and the Research Center reopens to the public.

Membership



We would like to extend a hearty "welcome" to new KGS members:

Jerry Morin
Brenda Norris
Randy Riggs

On the Shelves at the KGS Research Center & Library

by Harriet M. Chesi, Collections



During this time of closure, your KGS board has been thinking of ways to support your research. We want to remind you about our Lending Library, 2 bookcases filled with books available for members to check out, take home and do research. If this is something you would like to do,

contact me at harrietc2010@hotmail.com and we can make arrangements for a time to allow you access. We will also try to make the center available for members, one-on-one, to come in for a few hours to do their research. Let us know. Masks are required by UGRA.

A Civil War Nugget

By Sharon Ashby

Did you know it is estimated 8,000 hostilities occurred during the years of the Civil War? The Union and the Confederates each had their own name for each battle. The Union forces generally named battles for a geographical feature near the battle site such as a river. The Confederate forces most often named battles for a nearby town or familiar architectural structure. The battle called Pittsburg Landing by the Union forces was also known as Shiloh by the Confederates named thus for a nearby church. In most cases battles are now known by the name given to it by the victor. But some well-known battles may be called by either name.

Did you know that 19 dual named battles are listed on Wikipedia? (See *chart below*.) You are probably

already familiar with the first battle of the Civil War being interchangeably called Battle of Bull Run or Battle of Manassas. For years after the War a battle was generally referred to in conversation and in print by the Union name in the Northern states and likewise called the Confederate name by Southerners no matter which side won. The National Park Service often named the southern Civil War battlefield parks the name given to it by the Confederates regardless of the victor.

That many generations back in our family histories most of us have at least one ancestor who served in the Civil War. Here are 2 websites that may help you flesh out your ancestor's service. An excellent website for regimental histories from each state is www.civilwararchive.com. This site includes both

Union and Confederate regiments of artillery, cavalry, and infantry units. For a list of 384 documented battles and links to pertinent info

about each go to https://military.wikia.org/wiki/List_of_American_Civil_War_battles.

Date	Southern Name	Northern Name
July 21, 1861	First Manassas	First Bull Run
August 10, 1861	Oak Hills	Wilson's Creek
October 21, 1861	Leesburg	Ball's Bluff
January 19, 1862	Mill Springs	Logan's Cross Roads
March 7-8, 1862	Elkhorn Tavern	Pea Ridge
April 6-7, 1862	Shiloh	Pittsburg Landing
May 31-June 1, 1862	Seven Pines	Fair Oaks
June 26, 1862	Mechanicsville	Battle of Beaver Dam Creek
June 27, 1862	Gaines's Mill	Chickahominy River
August 29-30, 1862	Second Manassas	Second Bull Run
September 1, 1862	Ox Hill	Chantilly
September 14, 1862	Boonsboro	South Mountain
September 14, 1862	Burkittsville	Crampton's Gap
September 17, 1862	Sharpsburg	Antietam
October 8, 1862	Perryville	Chaplin Hills
December 31, 1862-January 2, 1863	Murfreesboro	Stones River
February 29, 1864	Olustee	Ocean Pond
April 8, 1864	Mansfield	Sabine Cross Roads
September 19, 1864	Winchester	Opequon

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_the_American_Civil_War

Looking for Help with Research?

Three members of KGS have personal access to genealogy websites and are offering to help members with research by e-mail. Just contact one of them with your research questions.

Harriet Chesi at harrietc2010@hotmail.com

Linda Bowman at brndnume@hotmail.com

Jane Steadman at janes@ktc.com



Michael Bowlin

Obituary courtesy of Grimes Funeral Chapels



Born on July 17, 1951 to Bill and Elma Bowlin in Kerrville, Texas, Michael Roger Bowlin "flew away" to his room in "the Father's house" on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Michael had a very interesting life. He loved art, history, music and movies. After graduating from Tivy High School, he had worked at the Arcadia Theater where his love for movies and movie stars grew. He often wrote articles in the local papers about "Whatever Happened To" .. this movie star or that

He was a volunteer for KGS and helped many people with their questions and find their genealogy.

Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?

We want to give our members a HUGE thank you for sticking with us and SUPPORTING us during this very unusual and difficult year. Your contributions and donations are significant in keeping our Research Center open as well as meeting our continuing expenses. We couldn't do this without you, our members.



KERRVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Membership Year: January 1 - December 31, 2021

Membership is open to all individuals 18 years and older, libraries, and societies and is pro-rated based on date of application.

Primary Member Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zipcode:** _____

Phone (home): _____ **Phone (cell):** _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zipcode:** _____

Phone (home): _____ **Phone (cell):** _____

Email Address: _____

I consider myself: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

I would be willing to: ☐ Contribute to newsletter ☐ Serve on a committee
☐ Other _____

Type of membership: ☐ Student \$10.00 New members and former members (if more than a full year) may join at a pro-rated fee:
☐ Individual \$25.00
☐ Family \$30.00 January 1 - June 30 full-price membership
☐ Patron \$75.00 July 1 - December 31 half-price Individual and Family memberships
☐ Benefactor \$500.00
☐ Donation \$_____ If you can, please consider a higher level of support.

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