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CURRENT POSITIONS

Owner, *Kitzmilller Genealogical Services* (est. 1988), *Incorporated* (2004)

Professional Genealogist and Heraldist

Genealogy Instructor and Lecturer

Geological Consultant

CREDENTIALS

CGRS	2001	Certified Genealogical Record Searcher - England -
FSG		Elected Fellow of the Society of Genealogists (England) in 1993
FRSAI		Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
FSA [Scot]		Fellow of Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
AG		Accredited Genealogist - England and Scotland
Heraldist		Heraldry Society of Canada [1 st & 2 nd level certificates] Heraldry Society of London (England) [1 st & 2 nd level certificates]
Statistics Classes		<u>Utah State University</u> - Graduate Level statistics courses: 501 Probability Statistics and 660 Multivariate Analysis
Petroleum Geologist School		<u>Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma</u> - (1980-1981) courses taken were: exploration and production, petroleum geochemistry, geophysics, and seismic exploration techniques

Master of Science Brigham Young University [Stratigraphy & Sedimentation]

Classes taken: Invertebrate Paleontology, Sedimentary Petrology of Carbonate Rocks, Introduction to Exploration Geophysics, Geology of North America, Sedimentary Petrology of Clastic Rocks, Graduate Reading & Conference, Paleoecology, and Thesis Preparation.
Teaching Assistant for beginning geology class and geological drafting.

Bachelor of Science Western Michigan University [Major Geology, Minor German]

Member of Honors College - 1971-1973
Classes taken in major: Physical Geology, Mineralogy, Earth History, Optical Mineralogy, Oceanography, Glacial Geology, Geomorphology, Petrology & Petrography, Structural Geology, Stratigraphy & Sedimentation, Invertebrate Paleontology, Field Camp (University of Indiana, Bloomington)

Teaching Credential California Community College System, Earth Sciences - 1985

Programming University of California - Sacramento, classes in BASIC, 1985

Languages Western Michigan University: German (5 years as minor); Franklin High School: Latin (2 years), German (4 years); Family History Department: Russian, Hungarian; self-taught to read French, Polish

Listed in *Who's Who In Genealogy and Heraldry*, edited by P. William Filby and Mary Keyser Meyer, 1990

EXPERIENCE

Owner & President, Kitzmiller Genealogical Services (1988 to present)

Provided genealogical services such as research, data computerization, digital photo scans, database cleanup, heraldic research and design of world level coats of arms, creating genealogical seminars, lecturing at various International, National, and local genealogy societies [*see lecture list and biography*], and various genealogical publications. Designed web site and consulted with other genealogical service providers.

Research & Business Director, Price & Associates, Incorporated

Directed and managed the quality and flow of research projects to 15-20 contract professional researchers. Review research reports and train record searchers, design and construct process flows, and plan research trips. Plan direction of company and technology needs.

Genealogy Instructor, Salt Lake Community College.

Taught “Introduction to Genealogy”

Senior User System Specialist, Family History Department, LDS Church

Coordinated Record Linkage for largest and most important Family History department database to remove and prevent duplication of records (Ordinance File); designed new CD ROM production process with British consulting group; in charge of new International Genealogical Index current production; consultant with Internet genealogical group (using my design for new website).

Chairman, Lines of Business Committee, Family History Department, LDS Church

Chair of committee to coordinate building of data warehouse and integration of all department genealogical systems.

Product Manager, *FamilySearch®II*, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignment] Produced the vision of this new direction in genealogy, oversaw the team that studied the ways to present data to patrons, pushed new design and ideas. Much of this is now being used in the *FamilySearch..org* website.

Product Manager, *Ancestral File®*, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments] Worked with technical peer (Project Manager) to redesign interface, processes, and data structure of the *Ancestral File* using Object-Orientated programming techniques. Developed concept of ***Hand-print matching***.

Operations Manager, *Ancestral File*®, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments, although today (2001) these are separate responsibilities]. Main responsibility was to manage file growth, and improve operations. Managed staff of 6 professional, 10 technician, and 20 volunteer level people. Planned and implemented product release on CD-ROM's (1996, 1998, 2000 releases).

Operations Manager, Medieval Families Group, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments]. Managed 4 employees and 400 volunteers who were extracting data for inclusion into this database. Discovered much of this was unauthorized, so was given the order to dismantle this group.

Product Manager, Medieval Families Group, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments] Looked at ways of redesigning their non-integrated data system with the rest of the department. Investigated ways to standardize data and to implement Record Linkage technology in this system. Managed a team of employees and programmers for this effort, and released two major filming projects of data.

Product Manager, *Pedigree Resource File*®, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments] Developed idea of this unique database as a companion to *Ancestral File*. Later this was produced as a CD-ROM product.

Product Manager, Authority Systems, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments] Looked at the application of authority systems to the department's efforts to minimize duplication. Designed new authority systems based upon Object-Orientated analysis with the authorities team.

Operations Manager, Authority Systems, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignments] Managed 6 high level User Specialists and coordinated with a Project Manager and programmer staff for the construction of new Names tables, Locality tables, and Date tables. Lectured at Canadian Government conference twice on these systems.

Supervisor, Authority Systems Group, Family History Department, LDS Church

Supervised Authority Systems Group (6 User Specialists) in the development of the Record Linkage System (RLS), Names Authority Resource File (NARF), Locality Resource System (LRS) that was used for the *IGI* and *TempleReady*. Designed new systems for events and data classification.

Department Representative, Family History Department, LDS Church

Department representative to the Locality Core Cross Functional initiative for the Corporation of the Church.

Systems User Specialist, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignment] Worked on design for 1881 British Census Project; Designed and applied probabilistic nominal record-linkage technology to genealogical databases such as the *International Genealogical Index* and *Ancestral File*; helped enhance Medieval Families Files. Created concept for *TempleReady* and designed database engine.

Product Consultant, Medieval Families Unit, Family History Department, LDS Church

[Concurrent with above assignment] Content and technical advisor on medieval genealogy and heraldry.

Senior Correspondence Specialist, Family History Library, LDS Church

Correspondence Specialist for Austro-Hungarian Empire, Germany, Eastern Europe, New York, Pennsylvania, Heraldry/Nobility/Royalty, Ireland, Scotland, British Military

Correspondence Specialist, Family History Library, LDS Church

Covered the areas of Germany and England; technical writing assignments as given

State Genealogist, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

Looked over application papers for the Utah Society

Advisory Board/Council Member

Native American Peoples Historical Foundation (appointed to Advisory Board) - computer genealogy advisor and records acquisition.

O.T.I.O., a Lakota Sioux family history society (appointed to Advisory Council), for computer genealogy and extraction of records.

Native Records Preservation - helped develop this advisory group to preserve Native American culture and records.

Professional Genealogist - 20 years professional research experience

International Lecturer

Lectured around the world on Heraldry, Military Research, and Genealogy for Great Britain, Europe, and the United States (lectured at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City; Federation of Genealogical Societies and National Genealogical Society Conferences, and in California, Texas, British Columbia, New Zealand, Alberta, Ontario).

Genealogy Instructor - for LDS Church classes and various genealogy societies

Volunteer European Reference Consultant, Family History Library, LDS Church

Volunteer British Reference Consultant, Family History Library, LDS Church

Stake Extraction Director, Church of JESUS CHRIST of Latter-day Saints

Aurora, Colorado - extraction of genealogical records for the Genealogical Society of Utah. Part time volunteer post.

Assistant Branch Librarian, Church of JESUS CHRIST of Latter-day Saints

Denver Family History Center - part time volunteer post

Research Consultant

Part-time consultant for the following genealogy companies: Burke's Peerage, London, England; Universal Genealogy, Salt Lake City, Utah; United Ancestries, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Research Director - part-time for Richard W. Price and Associates, Salt Lake City, Utah

Guest Editor and Book Reviewer for *The Genealogical Journal*, Utah Genealogical Association

Organization Development

Co-Founder of **NATIVE RECORDS PRESERVATION**, preserve Native American records and culture; worked with many tribal groups in U.S. and Canada

President/Founder of **MANUSCRIPT PUBLISHING FOUNDATION**, a promoter of quality genealogical manuscripts and publications. (See publications)

President/Founder of **KITZMILLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION**, a one-name society interested in this rare Austrian surname. Provide descendants access to current research information.

Chairman/Co-Founder of **BRITISH HERITAGE FORUM** [Lecture group], presented genealogical seminars in Canada.

Co-founder of **PHOTO-GEN COPYISTS**, a professional copying service for genealogists.

Geological Career Development

Independent Geological Consultant

(1987-present), performed detailed surface and subsurface economic mineral study for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, subsurface water and geophysical hazards studies for clients

Development & Exploration Geologist, Texas Oil & Gas Corporation, Sacramento, California

(1985-1987) Exploration Geologist in California Onshore Exploration group, responsible for developing a proposal and selling idea to management for a 5 well drilling program for gas exploration in the Sacramento basin. Also responsible for a test well in the Santa Maria basin.

Exploration Geologist, Phillips Petroleum Company, Denver, Colorado

1982- 1985 Exploration Geologist in California Offshore Exploration Group. Responsible for developing in a team environment offshore leases worth \$2 billion. Personally responsible for developing a proposal for a 10 well drilling program (each budgeted at \$50-100 million). Sold proposal to senior Vice Presidents of Phillips, and started drilling. Found oil in all 10 wells, major new fields found of the coast of California. Supervised auxiliary personnel on board offshore drilling vessels and was #2 person in authority on rig.

1981-1982 Exploration Geologist in California Onshore Exploration Group - responsible for developing exploration program in the Santa Maria basin

Development Geologist, Phillips Petroleum Company, Denver, Colorado

1980 -1981 Development Geologist in Heavy Oil Group, studying tar sands and oil shales in Colorado & Utah for potential development

Field Geologist, Utah Geological & Mineralogical Survey, Salt Lake City, Utah

1977, 1980 Mapped the Joes Valley Geological Quadrangle

Teacher's Assistant, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

1977 Taught Introduction to Geology Lab course
1980 Taught Geological Drafting

Geology Technician, Core Laboratories, Inc., Midland, Texas

Lead geological technician for *Core Labs, Inc* in Midland, Texas - analyzed core samples from oil and gas wells in the Midland basin for major oil companies 1976

Geological assistant, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Assistant for Dr. Thomas Straw, mapped moraines in Kalamazoo County, Michigan 1973.

PUBLICATIONS

“Introduction to Medieval Genealogy” in *Family Chronicles*, Ottawa, Canada. Sep/Oct 2003

“Medieval Genealogy” in *Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records*. Ancestry, Inc. 1998 (20 pp) with Glade Nelson {he did bibliographic study}.

Record Linkage as a Genealogical Tool in *Genealogica & Heraldica*, University of Ottawa Press, 1996 (23rd Annual meeting of the Academy of International Genealogy and Heraldry)

A Brief Introduction to Medieval Genealogy, John M. Kitzmiller, II. Salt Lake City: 1996.

Spring City, Utah Geologic Appraisal for Subsurface Water Depths 1994.

"British Military Ancestry, Part I" **in** *Utah Genealogical Journal*, Volume 20, Number 4, 1992.
"British Military Ancestry, Part II" **in** *Utah Genealogical Journal*, Volume 21, Number 1, 1993.
"British Military Ancestry, Part III" **in** *Utah Genealogical Journal*, Volume 21, Number 2, 1993.

Appraisal Report of Mineral Tract {Surface & Subsurface} for US Army Corps of Engineers, San Juan County, Utah, December 1992 (5 volumes), by John M. Kitzmiller, II and Michael R. Kitzmiller (Land value appraiser).

Scottish County Record Series - Volume 1: Shetland, 1990.
Scottish County Record Series - Volume 2: Orkney, 1990.
Scottish County Record Series - Volume 3: Caithness, 1989.
Scottish County Record Series - Volume 4: Sutherland, 1989.

"Scottish Probates" **in** *GRINZ Yearbook*, 1989, New Zealand.
"Scottish Resources at the LDS Family History Centres" **in** *GRINZ Yearbook*, 1989, New Zealand.

In Search of "The Forlorn Hope": A Comprehensive Guide to the Location of British Regiments (1640-WWI), 3 Volumes [1800 pp] 1988.

From the Danube to the Susquehanna: 350 Years of the Kitzmiller Family, Volume I [520 pp] 1985. Volume II [500 pp] 1987.

Geology of the Joes Valley Reservoir Quadrangle, Sanpete and Emery Counties, Utah, Utah Geological and Mineralogical Survey, Special Studies, July 1982.

Geology of the Joes Valley Reservoir Quadrangle, Sanpete and Emery Counties, Utah in Brigham Young University Thesis Studies, April 1981.

"Excellent exposures of Late Mesozoic and Early Tertiary rocks occur widely in the Joes Valley Reservoir Quadrangle. These rocks accumulated in a transition zone between the Sevier uplift to the west, and the Cretaceous Mancos Sea to the east. A system of en Echelon north-south fault zones, perhaps related to folding of the Wasatch Monocline and salt doming, interrupt the gentle west and southwest dips of strata in the quadrangle. Some of these spectacularly exposed horsts and grabens have movement as late as post-glaciation. Need for a geologic map of the quadrangle, combined with structural and stratigraphic data to help evaluate mining feasibility of coal within the Blackhawk Formation prompted this investigation.

Die Kitzmüller Vorvätern, a quarterly newsletter. (1980-1986)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Knights Templar database

In Search of "The Forlorn Hope": A Comprehensive Guide to the Location of British Auxiliary and Provincial Corps.

Indexing War Office 97 records, the "Soldier's Documents" {50 films completed}

Indexing Officers Serving in North America to 1785.

An Annotated Bibliography of Heraldic & Nobility Sources for the Austro-Hungarian Empire

Heraldic & Nobility Sources at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City

Scottish County Record Series with William R. Ward (33 volumes, 2 finished, 5 more in progress)

MEMBERSHIPS (Past & Present)

Society of Genealogists (England)

Association of Professional Genealogists

Utah Genealogical Association

National Society of Genealogists

Society for Army Historical Research (England)

Military History Society of Ireland

Victorian Military {History} Society

South African Military History Society

New South Wales Military Historical Society

Heraldry Society of Canada

Heraldry Society of Scotland

Heraldry Society of London

Heraldry Society of Ireland

Heraldry Society of Utah

East Yorkshire Family History Society

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

Geological Society of America