Are We Related? Here's How You Can Find Out and Much More! (Click on any photos for a bird-eye view for these documents)

Who says life gets worse in old age? Yes, we all will surely have more health issues and it is wise to pay attention to your diet and exercise. Of course there are more aches and pains associated with age. But pleasant surprises can also surprisingly occur. For example, most recently I was honored for my career in music education for over 40 years and as a senior editor of three national music education journals for nearly 20 years. The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) recently honored me at their national conference in Anaheim, California, January 24-27, 2024 by doing an oral history video recording. See the video clip of a 45 minute interview from the first question which is 4:46 minutes at <a href="https://www.namm.org/library/oral-history/john-kuzmich-ir">https://www.namm.org/library/oral-history/john-kuzmich-ir</a>. Eventually, all of the interview questions will be published. Other career achievements noted include having published 800+ articles in 14 national prestigious music educator magazines including "down beat," "Jazz Educators Journal," "Music Educators Journal" and others. The opportunity to travel to 35 countries on a teacher's salary and teach on four continents including Oceania, Australia and New Zealand was an incredible accomplishment. My wife and I actually taught for one academic year in China that was equally as interesting especially since it is now not reasonable at all to travel to some of these countries (Ukraine, Russia and China for example) as it was more commonly done before a decade ago.

Yes, as an editor of an international jazz education magazine for the International Association of Jazz Educators, my students and I rubbed shoulder with some great jazz artists (Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and many others), but more importantly I learned from great jazz luminaries in the pioneering and developing stages of jazz education such as from the "A, B, C's of Jazz Education" with Jamey Aebersold, David Baker and Jerry Coker among many others. The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) is a not-for-profit global trade association dedicated to the music products industry. Originally founded in 1901, NAMM is headquartered in Carlsbad, California, and represents 15,000 global member companies and individual professionals.

Regardless of my career highlight. **the most important thing I have ever accomplished in this life** is in doing family history in Poland, Ukraine, Slovenia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic where I have discovered my ancestral roots. Now my four children and eleven grandchildren have in-depth information, stories and photos about their humble ancestral roots that will become be an active tradition of interest and knowledge for generations to come in our extended family. For example, my daughter's family is traveling to Poland this summer to view our family roots in person with our Polish genealogist as their guide and translator. To accurately view these family root homesteads. churches, cemeteries and landscapes, click <a href="here">here</a> at

https://kuzmich.com/KUZMICH%20360VP SLO POL UKR/Kuzmich Genealogy Europe Ancestors.html where you will be able view a virtual tour of my roots in Poland, Ukraine and Slovenia with 38 different 360 degree virtual panorama photos. The instructions to maximize your virtual tour are summarized below.



Below are "how to" websites to learn if **You Are Related** to me from my GEDCCOM file available to study, research and print if you are related to me with others world-wide. Most recently, a Polish relative from Melbourne, Australia

contacted me from one of these websites who is an active genealogist! And what a blessing that is because she has more ancestors who served in the French Indian Wars, Revolutionary War and well represented to the Korean War, even some with the Heart Award from several U.S. wars.



Above all, I encourage you to register for the RootsTech 2024 conference which is the world's largest genealogical conference in the entire world. From their opening page at <a href="www.rootstech.org">www.rootstech.org</a>, click on "Find Your Relatives" and chances are you will find some living relatives world-wide with the option to message them directly to March 31st and view compare their pedigree lineage with yours if you have FamilySearch tree posted. At their 2023 conference, more than 3 million participants in person and online. Over 128,000 hours of livestream video and 70,000 hours of ondemand content watched. Over 4,000 young adults attended in person. And virtual attendance on your computer, tablet, and/or smartphone allows you to stream RootsTech 2024 conference presentations to 2026. Here's yesterday's registration info that is changing rapidly as we approach RootsTech 2024 now at 140,000+ people from 179 countries world-wide.

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