King County Court Cases Index Query

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Research Query:

Surname:_____

First/Middle name: _____

Date range or other information, such as spouse name (optional):

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I understand SGS will charge a $5 non-refundable fee per individual searched, regardless of result (or lack thereof). If I choose to proceed, SGS will charge $15 for the case number(s) for each name.

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King County Court Cases Index, 1881-1980

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The King County Court Cases Index, 1881-1980 (KC3I)
Complied by the Seattle Genealogical Society

❖ What is the KC3I?

As its name suggests, the KC3I is an index of case records from the King County Court (or, in some cases, the U.S. District Court) in Seattle, Washington from before 1881 to 1980.

It contains over 1.7 million entries encompassing *virtually every case* in the following categories:

- ♦ Divorces and marriage dissolutions
- ♦ Wills and other probate actions
- ♦ Changes of name
- ♦ Guardianships
- ♦ Community property agreements
- ♦ Bankruptcies
- ♦ Commitments

The Seattle Genealogical Society compiled this information from a card file donated in 2000 by the Chicago Title Company. This card file, comprising of over 100 boxes of index cards, contained information about all King County court cases that could potentially affect property rights, and therefore the title to property. The genealogical value of this collection is significant.

SGS volunteers transcribed the information from these hundreds of thousands of cards into one comprehensive index. Nearly 80,000 hours of volunteer time over 10 years went into the creation of the KC3I.

Anyone with ancestors or research interests in King County between 1850 and 1980 should be aware of this unique index.

❖ Why is the KC3I useful?

A search of the KC3I can provide the following:
- ♦ Information on whether an individual was a party to one or more cases during this time period
- ♦ A list of case details that *may* include, for example:
  - ▪ Spouse name or maiden name
  - ▪ Marriage and/or divorce date
  - ▪ Death date
- ♦ The date and case number of each case

A case number is required to order complete case records from the King County Court Clerk's office. Although the charge to photocopy the records is minimal (50¢ per page), the Court charges a non-refundable $30 fee to look up a case number.

❖ How can I search the KC3I?

KC3I lookups are FREE for SGS Members!

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Alternately, a query form can be dropped off or mailed to the Seattle Genealogical Society Library.

Fees for Non-members and Professional Researchers:
- ♦ $5 (non-refundable) to search for one individual Indexed case details for all matches will be provided
- ♦ $15 to provide the case numbers once a successful search is completed