

KENNY'S STUFF ARCHIVE

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Welcome to this special archive of family and personal items of interest. It is a way to share pictures, histories, memories, and other specialty items. I am seventy years old, and I am focused on putting this information out there for family use, while I have the time and energy to do it.

If you are curious about my logo, check out my website kennysstuff.com. Yes, it has two 's's. Just below the logo there is a black button you can press to learn more. About eleven years ago I created a couple of special maps that could be printed as posters. It was part of a CD-ROM disk for our Meeker Get-Together. Finally Kenny's Stuff really got off the ground with a USB thumb drive I created for family, covering photos and info from Edith's house (volume **Q01** below).

The web site of course cannot have a lot of large files, but there will be plenty of files you can view or download. In the future I may look into some kind of cloud or online storage, that can have a public username / password that will allow anyone to download files, but not modify or delete them.

The archive will consist of a series of volumes (DVD disks, computer disks, USB drives, or SD cards). Each volume will have a code like **D01**. The D refers to an archive section, and the number is the volume # in that section. Below are the archive sections so far.

D DVD playable discs

These volumes are ALL playable DVD's, intended for a regular DVD player, unlike ALL the other sections, which are simple data disks (CD-ROM or DVD-ROM), read by a computer. If you know what you are doing you can insert a playable DVD into your computer, and play the video, if you have the right software.

F Computer Files - General

This section will probably be the largest archive section. Volumes contain computer files. These will include pdf type word processing documents, jpg pictures, mp3 audio files, mp4 video files, and most probably other file types. I will do my best to structure the system of folders, such that you can easily find a file or item you want to access.

S Software

This section will have three types of computer software. First - important commercial software I have downloaded or purchased, Second - executable program files, designed, written and compiled myself. Finally there may be complete source code for projects I have written in Visual Basic, or Xojo (a new language based on Mac's RealBasic).

Computer programming has been an important part of my life since 1977, when I found a Commodore PET at a library. It is such a satisfying activity and hobby. If I have a special talent for it, then it is my duty to preserve some of my best projects (with a great deal of documentation) to give an aspiring programmer a leg up. They can see how I approached problems, and how I used programming to experiment with a huge variety of concepts (mostly STEM topics). I have over a thousand of these Basic projects I have written over the years, and may decide to share some of them with family.

M Miscellaneous files

I'm not sure yet what these volumes may contain, but I have reserved the letter 'M' for them.

Q Special collections

This section came about from our process of going through Edith's house after her passing in Aug 2020. I realized I had a unique collection of information, some of it very personal and confidential, so I created section 'Q' especially for this, and possibly other unique volumes in the future.

Every volume will have the file **ReadMe.pdf** in the root directory. It is a guide to the contents of the volume, describing the system of folders, and so forth. It (and other pdf files) can be viewed with Adobe Acrobat Reader (some may have DC as part of the name). PDF is a remarkable document standard that everyone agrees is necessary for users to have a uniform way of viewing public documents.

I think these five sections will suffice for now, but there are more letters if needed in the future. Most of these volumes will be computer disks. I will provide two options or styles. The full priced (\$10) version will be a disk with professional quality printed artwork (no messy stickers!), in a jewel case with artwork cards printed by me. The cheaper option (\$5) will be a disk I made on my computer, and will have a hand written label (with a sharpie or other marker). It will have a list of general contents inserted.

As stated, I may also make the volumes available on USB drive or SD memory card. I'm not sure how the playable DVD files will work, but we'll see. Also in the future when I can figure out how to get all this up on the web, a future version of this summary will give you instructions.

I love my professionally created disks, with my own artwork. I realize the optical disk format is slowly going out of style, but there is a permanence to those disks in their jewel cases.

I found a great company near Dayton Ohio that creates my disks. The fees are not too excessive, and they do a very fine job on them.

While the disks have their own label, any USB's or memory cards will come in a very small envelope, with my logo and volume name on the outside. The drive or card itself will have a very small sticker on it with a simple code like '**KSA F01**'. KSA refers to Kenny's Stuff Archive.

Volumes Created So Far

Q01 Edith Fisher's Home Scans

This special collection contains many and varied documents connected with documenting the photos, records, and memorabilia in Edith's home. It contains scans of all the photos she had displayed on her walls, and in certain places; scans of funeral notes and obituaries; scans of a wide array of newspaper clippings, memory items, records, on and on. It also contains some photos of the house and property during our work of cleaning out the house.

Sep 2020 I made a series of USB drive copies for close family.

Jul 2021 DVD-ROM, with minor additions.

D01 Music Video

This is a playable DVD with an hour of family music from our second Meeker Get-Together in 2008. It features The Lewis Brothers (Russ, Rich, and Jeff) along with Kent & Mike Meeker, Sue Kirk, and Bill Lewis.

Aug 2021 DVD-ROM

F01 Sawmill Info / Kenny's Album

This volume contains photos, videos, and a history of our family's involvement in the sawmill and construction vocations. Kenny's Album is my first try at creating a digital photo album (there will be more). It is a digital copy of my old family pictures taken mostly by me from 1966 to 1980. It also contains all the scans in their original resolution (around 1000 X 1000 pixels). You can zoom and pan to your heart's content. It includes five sawmill videos from 1992 to 2005, with over 66 minutes of footage. This is the real treasure of the volume, along with my digital photo album.

Aug 2022 DVD-ROM

Planned Future Volumes

I have many plans for the future. I have tons and tons of photos (not all scanned yet), a few videos, and some documents. There is a lot of work before I can publish any extensive photo albums, or similar disks. I want to create digital albums for the Fisher and Meeker families, and possibly more. I also may create **D02**, a playable DVD of those five sawmill videos. Sometime in the future I want to go through my vast collection of Basic projects, polish some of them, and include the best in a volume.

My media file numbering system

In order to maintain order and consistency, all of my media files (jpg, mp3, mp4, and so forth) will have a five digit number (up to 100 thousand files). Below is listed the elements of this system.

00000 - 09999	My personal photos since 2004, and special items
10000 - 10599	My personal family photo album (1966 - 1980)
10600 - 10999	Sawmill / Misc
11000 - 12999	Edith's collection of pictures
13000 - 15999	Items shared with me from family
16000 -	Future use

In Closing

In the near future I plan to create an order form, and add it to my web site. You can download and print it out, and mail in your order. Add 15% on orders under \$50 dollars for shipping costs. Any USB / SD Card versions will only cost \$5 dollars.

I do have lots of pictures to scan yet. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to add some of your pictures in future volumes. If you have a scanner, scan them at least 300 or 600 dpi if possible, and attach them to an email. If you snail mail something to me, I promise to take great care to protect it, and return it to you. Pictures of interest may include professional group pics, school pics, pictures of house or property, and anything that reflects your own family's unique identity and personality.

One final personal note. I cannot tell you why I am doing this, but as I get older, and our families grow way out of bounds, I am very conscious that most people do not look at family memories, genealogy, history, and stories like I do. For whatever reason, God gave me something I call an abstract perspective. This gives me great assistance in my computer programming, mapping, math, science, other interests, and especially an acute awareness of the importance of passing on our stories to the young ones coming up. I feel that the biggest reason I am fortunate enough to be on this earth, and have this life; is to help make that happen. Those young ones NEED to be able to find out who they are, where they come from, and what makes their ancestors so unique.

I am very proud of this effort to preserve our stories. It has been years in the planning, and I hope you enjoy the archive.

Kenny Fisher Aug 2022