Volunteering With ISGS

Hello! I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much you are appreciated by the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS). Thank you for your membership and welcome to our newest members.

As you know, ISGS is an all-volunteer organization. **Nothing would get done if it weren't for our great volunteers.** Please consider sharing your skill(s) with ISGS. We have volunteer opportunities for all levels of interests and skills. There are short term and long term opportunities. Some work is done on-site while other work can be done from home. ISGS members come from all over the United States and beyond.

A list of volunteer opportunities can be found on the ISGS website under [About Us/Volunteer Opportunities](#) and also on page 4 of this newsletter. **We have an urgent need for a 2020 Conference Committee Chair.** If you have an interest in event planning and would like to work with the committee to plan the 2020 conference (scheduled for late October 2020) or an interest in any of the other activities listed, please let me know by emailing me at [ISGS2ndVP@ilgensoc.org](mailto:ISGS2ndVP@ilgensoc.org). I'm happy to answer questions and give more details. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

If you are already volunteering with us, consider this a warm 'Thank you' for sharing your time and talents! Your hard work is much appreciated by the ISGS board and membership. Thank you!

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Newsletter Articles
Please send articles for the newsletter to isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org. Pictures are welcome (JPEGs preferred). Just include your caption with names, places, details. Deadlines: 12 days before the month of publication.

Join ISGS or Renew Your Membership
To join, go to the ISGS website: ilgensoc.org
Online renewals are open 45 days prior to your current membership expiration date. To renew, you will need to login to the ISGS website and click on the "Your Profile" link in the Members Only dropdown menu. Individual/Associate/Subscription: $40, Joint (two people at same address): $45.

Address Changes
If you have a change of either mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the ISGS office know. Returned Quarterlys cost the Society money! Help keep mailing costs down by updating your address.

If your information has changed, please forward the new information to the ISGS office at isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968. You can also update your information on the website www.ilgensoc.org. Click on the Members Section on the left sidebar. Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members section on the left. Click the Contact Info tab and verify your email address.

ISGS is proud to announce a new webinar series. The Good to Know series of presentations is focused on assisting researchers using archives, libraries and other research facilities in Illinois.

These short presentations will be posted under the Members Only tab. There is no need to register to view the presentation, just login and view! They are intended to be viewed at your own speed. Stop the video when needed to view the photos or information presented. There is no audio on these presentations, other than a brief introduction and closing, by Anita Boyd, the well known voice of ISGS webinars.

New Member Benefits!

Upcoming Conferences

25 April 2020 – 8 am – 4 pm, RICIGS and SCIGS, 47th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, Moline, IL, https://ricigs.org
Thank You to outgoing ISGS President

Laura Kovarik!

As a small token of appreciation for her service, Barbara McKean presented Laura Kovarik with a certificate showing the inscription honoring her time as ISGS President. The Brick Paver will be installed in front of the train station, across from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The “Pavers For Lincoln’s Legacy” program is one of the fundraisers that benefits the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Thank you Laura!

Calling All Indexers!

Up next...The Register of Licensed Midwives, 1877-1930

ISGS is looking for people willing to help index the Midwives Registers. This is a joint project with the Illinois State Archives

Indexers will get a CD in the mail. The CD will have the images, a spreadsheet template and instructions. You will download the Excel spreadsheet onto your computer. You will enter information from the designated images into the spreadsheet. Once you have completed your image set, you will email the spreadsheet back to the State Archives. The Archives staff will review the spreadsheets and resolve any discrepancies. The CD will be returned to ISGS.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Louise Svehla, at isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org
Volunteer Opportunities

Join in the fun!

Thank you Volunteers! We couldn’t do it without you!

With the generous help of volunteers, ISGS has been a successful organization. The ISGS board wishes to thank each and every one of you who have contributed your time and effort to our organization.

The positions listed below present some interesting and exciting opportunities for the future! Please consider helping ISGS achieve its mission to preserve and disseminate Illinois historical and genealogical materials and to educate and aid those researching their ancestry.

For further details on any of the positions listed below, contact Louise Svehla: isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

2020 Conference Chair
Head the Conference Committee for the 2020 conference to be held in Peoria. Responsible for securing a location and speakers; creating and managing the budget; arranging publicity; registration; and creating materials for the event.

Indexers
Work from home on the Master Index Project or get on the list to help with the next State Archive project.

Legal Assistance
The Society is seeking someone to assist with questions about copyright and publishing.

Committee Openings
The following committee chair positions are still open:

- Website
- Advertising
- Audit

Where Will ISGS be in 2020?

Would you like ISGS to have booth at your upcoming conference or workshop? If you have an event and would like to explore the idea of having ISGS attend, please contact:

Candace Marx at isgsmarketing@ilgensoc.org

Your event could be listed here!

ISGS Quarterly

The ISGS Quarterly is seeking Illinois stories. From the earliest residence to more recent arrivals, consider sharing your family’s Illinois story in the Quarterly.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is sent to all members and is held in libraries throughout Illinois and the United States. It is an ISGS member benefit. The Quarterly is published four times a year.

We are looking for original, unpublished submissions for future issues. If you are interested in contributing to the Quarterly, the Author Guidelines are available on the ISGS website (https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=65).

Please direct all inquiries to Richard Anderson, the Quarterly editor at isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org.
Celtic Connections Conference 2020 comes to Chicago

The Celtic Connections Conference 2020 will be held at the beautiful 4-star Westin Chicago North Shore Hotel in Wheeling, IL on July 31-August 1. The biennial conference, co-sponsored by the Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI) and The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA), has previously been held in Boston (2014 and 2018) and Minneapolis (2016).

The July 31-August 1 Celtic Connections Conference is packed with exciting speakers/presentations plus opportunities to interact with other genealogy enthusiasts during lunches and the Friday evening banquet. Celtic Connections Conference (CCC) planners always draw presenters from among the best international and U.S. genealogists and DNA experts. In 2020, thirty presentations of specific interest to Irish, Scottish and Welsh researchers will attract Celtic family historians. Among the presenters are international experts John Grenham, Fiona Fitzsimons, Chris Paton and Beryl Evans.

More information about presenters and topics can be found at http://celtic-connections.org/. You can also sign up for email updates as conference announcements are made.

Pre-Conference Activities on Thursday, July 30, 2020
To make the experience even better, we’ve made plans to add a day of pre-conference activities on July 30. All pre-conference “extras” require payment of separate fees and can be purchased independent of regular conference registration. Choose from:

Round-trip coach transportation from the Westin Chicago North Shore to the Newberry Library. The bus will leave the Westin at 9 am and depart from the Newberry at 3:30 pm that afternoon.

If interested in research, you can attend a free Newberry Library orientation/tour beginning at 10am (limit of 25 participants). If not interested in research you can take the coach to the library, then opt to visit downtown Chicago attractions before rejoining the coach at 3:30 pm.

Two basic-level DNA classes will be offered in the Westin conference space on Thursday, July 30: 1) Introduction to DNA (11 am – 12:30 pm) and 2) Solving Research Problems with DNA (2 pm – 3:30 pm). You can sign up for one or both classes.

Note: preconference events have participation limits due to space. Also, the DNA sessions require a minimum participation per session.

“Welcome” dessert reception (July 30, 6:30-8 pm), a time to meet and greet speakers and mingle with other conference attendees. Enjoy an early dinner and then join us for dessert and coffee and conversation.

Registration for the conference IS NOW OPEN. ISGS is part of the Celtic Connections "Cairde" (Friends), which means that current ISGS members will pay the discounted "Member" price on conference registration! See the conference brochure for more information! Conference hotel reservations are open now. The special rate of $129 per night is available from Wednesday, July 29, through Sunday, August 2. Reservations must be made through the Celtic Connections website—or specify “Celtic Connections Conference” when reserving by phone. All indicators point to an outstanding CCC 2020 experience: excellent speakers, centrally-located and well-priced. Come and enjoy a conference planned specifically for Irish, Scottish and Welsh family historians.
Genealogy Events

February


8 February 2020 – Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Carterville, IL - The Life and Times of Abram Hunsaker – First Settler of Union County, Steven Haldeman, www.ilgssi.org


11 February 2020 – Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society, Pekin, IL - Jonathan Haines (1808-1868) and his invention, the Illinois Harvester, Jared Olar, www.tcghs.org


March


7 March 2020 – Chicago Genealogical Society, Chicago, IL - Spit and You Shall Find, Karen Stanbary, MA, LCSW, CG., www.chicagogenealogy.org
Genealogy Events continued


18 March 2020 – British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL), Richmond, IL - English Settlement near Racine, Michael Rehlberg, www.BIGWILL.org


April

2 Apr 2020 – Town & Country Public Library, Elburn, IL - Introducing the GPS, Laura Street Chaplin, www.elburn.lib.il.us


4 April 2020 – Chicago Genealogical Society, Chicago, IL - Finding Hidden Clues in Old Family Photos, Craig Pfannkuche, www.chicagogenealogy.org


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For the ISGS website, send listings to:

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Thank you to all of our Associate and Subscription Members!

Are you taking advantage of ALL your ISGS member benefits?
Changes to Ordering!

ISGS Death Certificate Lookup Service

No change of the price! The current price for one certificate is $6.00 for ISGS members; $10.00 for non-members (you can order as many as you would like). Compare that to the $17.00 rate at sites such as Genealogy Online for Cook County.

Currently, only 1916-1947 certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates database at cyberdriveillinois.com can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

Requesting a Death Certificate

- Go to the Illinois State Archives Death Certificate Index.
- Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want.
- **We have changed how to order a death certificate!** Members, you **MUST** log-in to receive the discounted price of $6.00 per certificate. Non-members may order certificates for $10.00 per certificate. If you would like to join ISGS to get the discount, please visit our Join/Renew page first. Memberships take approximately 24-48 hours to process. Once you receive your "welcome letter" with your log-in information, you may place a Death Certificate order.

Two Ways to Order

- **By Mail with a check:** place your order and print the invoice. Download the Death Certificate Order form and complete it using the Cyberdrive Illinois information. Mail the form and the invoice along with your check to ISGS.
- **Online:** place your order and pay with a credit card through PayPal. Then send an email to isgsdcorders@ilgensoc.org. Include the following in the body of your email:
  
  Your full name, mailing address and phone number and a copy/paste of the information for each death certificate you are ordering from the Cyberdrive website. Include the header and information for each name such as:

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If you have any questions, visit https://ilgensoc.org/

For more information, email isgsdcorders@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968
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If you are interested in advertising in the Quarterly or the newsletter, please contact the Advertising Committee at isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org

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