Hello, everyone. I have taken over the job of newsletter editor from Bob Tenuta who has done a wonderful job with both the Newsletter and the Quarterly. I have some pretty big shoes to fill so be patient with me while I get my feet wet. Just a little bit about me. I am married to a wonderful man who both teaches the saxophone and plays professionally in the Chicago Saxophone Quartet. I have 4 step-children and 3 step-grandchildren. Professionally I am an RN. I have been researching my family history for about 20 years and hope to eventually do it full-time. I am currently working my way towards becoming credentialed. I belong to several genealogy societies and have been on various committees. I look forward to working with the members of the ISGS.

Inside this edition of the ISGS Newsletter!

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The newsletter is also available online at:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/newsletterpage.html

Deadline date for article contributions to the ISGS July newsletter is June 15, 2008
Dear Friends,

40 Years of Discovery – Portals to the Future is the theme of our 40th Anniversary Conference on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The conference will be held at the Fox Valley University and Business Center on the campus of Elgin Community College in Elgin, IL. You may register online at our web site http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/ using PayPal or print out the form and send it in to our office in Springfield. How about this for a goal? Grab a friend and come along to this very special celebration of our 40 years!

Publications are a very important part of your membership, especially to distant members. We are very pleased to announce our ISGS Newsletter will now be presented to you by Kim Kasprzyk of the Lake County Genealogical Society. Kim will bring us timely information about activities here and elsewhere that are so valuable to each of us. If your society has an event you wish to publicize, then Kim is your contact at kimzyk@comcast.net.

We could use more help in our team effort to keep all activities and projects moving along. Please plan to email me (ISGSConference@comcast.net) with a note stating your willingness to help. I will then write back to you with some positions for you to consider. We do appreciate those who have volunteered to help. Having said that, we are also announcing the following persons who have decided to be on the ISGS team in a variety of capacities.

Sherry Austin (Waverly) - ISGS Secretary
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Oriene Springstroh (Aurora) - Quarterly Committee
Kim Kasprzyk (Wildwood) - Newsletter Editor

A huge THANK YOU to them all.

Finally, you can always send ideas and suggestions for the society and your email/mail will be answered.

Have a wonderful spring/summer and best wishes for successful researching.

Regards,
Carole McCarty
Acting President

New Titles at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

- Janice Marie Nelson O'Hare. Ancestors of Marie Clare Davis (1881-1907). Npp: Janice Marie Nelson O'Hare, 2005.
Local Society Spotlight . . .

F.C.H.&G.S.

Tom Gaard is interested in contacting persons who may have had an ancestor in one of the Illinois Regiments. He is working on a project to honor the Illinois troops at Allatoona Pass in Georgia. There is to be a dedication of the monument on October 5, 2008. Ray Wozniak, an Illinois native who now lives in Georgia, is in charge of the Illinois monument. Anyone interested in attending the dedication or contributing to the effort is encouraged to contact Ray at (404) 656-7452 or, Tom Gaard at (515) 226-1961, 13125 Pinecrest Lane, Clive, Iowa, 50325, <gaardt@aol.com>.

Woodford County Historical Society

The Woodford County Historical Society is reprinting the 1910 History of Woodford County by Roy L. Moore. This is a valuable book for any historical or genealogical collection. Roy L. Moore, at the time Superintendent of Schools for the County, excellently details the development of the county from Indian times to 1910. You may have a copy of the book in your collection. The original, however, was not indexed. For this reprinted edition, the Historical Society has created a 25 page index that includes not only surnames, but also towns, businesses, occupations, churches, schools, waterways, etc. The prepublication price is $30.00. After July 30, 2008 the price goes up to $35.00. For more information contact: Karen Fyke at (309) 467-4525 or email kdfyke@mchsi.com.

Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s Birth

Plans are underway for the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth in February 2009. To keep track of events, the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has set up an enhanced website at <www.lincoln200.net>. At this site, groups planning commemorative events can include their observances on the calendar.

Tinley Moraine Genealogist Conference

ISGS was privileged to be part of the successful and well-attended 2008 Tinley Moraine Genealogist (TMG) Conference, “Tracing Your Roots with DNA.” TMG, under the leadership of their President, Beverly Adamski, gave the genealogical community opportunity to learn and share information. The speakers were outstanding and included Jeffrey Bassett, Jeanne Lazalere Bloom, and Craig Pfannkuche. TMG membership does research in over 20 countries (primarily England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Italy, Canada and the Scandinavian countries). They research in 28 states, with the primary research areas Illinois, the Midwest, New England, Mid-Atlantic and the South. If you would like more information, please email tinleymoraine@yahoo.com or call (708) 460-8473.

New ISGS Members....

John Colwell, Ludlow, IL
Rebecca Poertner, Eldon, MO
Juli Claussen, Murphysboro, IL
Anna Rossley, Chicago, IL
Steven A. Whitton, Jacksonville, IL
Annabelle Bradshaw, Huntley, IL
Richard & Teresa Lach, Chicago, IL
Afro American Genealogical & Historical Society, Chicago, IL

Glen Harvell, Southlake, TX
Peggy Close, Bondville, IL
Myra Epping, Springfield, IL
Margaret Himners, Huntley, IL
James Jordan Clay, Jr., Fort Collins, CO
Julie Clark, Oreana, IL
Denise Morgan, Bolton, CT
Lowell M. Volkel Elected to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame

The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) is honored that the National Genealogical Society (NGS) elected Lowell M. Volkel, the founder of the ISGS and its first President, to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame. The National Genealogy Hall of Fame Committee, a group of distinguished genealogists from throughout the nation, elects one person (deceased) to the Hall of Fame annually.

Dr. Gary K. Hargis, ISGS President 2006-2007, submitted the nomination to NGS, on behalf of the ISGS. Joan A. Griffis, ISGS President 1992-1993, compiled the information to complete our application for the National Genealogy Hall of Fame. Joan knew Lowell and the important contributions Lowell made to the genealogical community.

Excerpts from the nominating statement describe Lowell Volkel, although his contributions far exceed what is written. Lowell Volkel was instrumental in establishing and promoting an interest in genealogy in the State of Illinois. He was a founder of the Illinois State Genealogical Society (founded 26 Oct 1968) and its first President, 1968-1970; he served again as President, 1984-1985. In 1970 he became an Archivist in the Illinois State Archives and was the Head of the Reference Unit there from 1974 until his death in 1992. He compiled, edited, and indexed more than 3 dozen volumes of historical sources, including census indexes to the 1800 Maryland, Connecticut and Rhode Island schedules, census indexes to the 1810 & 1820 Kentucky census schedules, indexes to the 1850 Mortality Schedules of Indiana and Illinois, 1812 Bounty Land, Shawneetown Land Office, and Johnson County, IL records, and Admissions to the Illinois Soldiers & Sailors Home in Quincy, IL. He co-authored, with Marjorie Smith, How to Research a Family with Illinois Roots and completed an addendum for the 1989 edition of Illinois Place Names. He was special guest editor for two issues of the Illinois State Library published Illinois Libraries devoted to "Genealogical Collections in Illinois."

Lowell Volkel was the creator of the Illinois Marriage Records Project as a joint effort of the Illinois State Archives and the ISGS. Every Illinois marriage is entered or in the process of being entered into a computer database with free access for anyone with an interest. In honor of his accomplishments in the field of genealogy and records preservation, the ISGS established the Volkel Memorial Awards. The Volkel Medal of Honor is awarded in even-numbered years to a living person who has made significant contributions in the field of Illinois genealogy. The Volkel Hall of Fame is given in odd-numbered years to honor a deceased person who has made significant contributions in the field of genealogy.

2008/2009 Officer Nominations

The nominations committee of ISGS seeks suggestions from the membership as a whole for 2008/2009 officers of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Please contact:

Cheri Hunter - cheritreehunter@comcast.net
Susie Pope - susieann.pope@comcast.net
Mary Ellen Huetsch - jhuetsch@aol.com
Jayne Cates - biljac59@aol.com

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In Memory of Lester Wickline & Libby Grimm
8:00-8:45 A.M. Registration and Networking **Visit our vendor and society exhibits!!**

8:45 A.M. Welcome and Illinois State Genealogical Society Awards

9:30 A.M.
**The Web, the world & You**

D. Joshua Taylor 1B

“Tired of using the same Internet sites over and over without any success? Frustrated because you are unable to find exactly what you want? Learn how evaluate websites and use free tools on the Internet to enrich your experience while surfing the web.”

**Automated Search Tools**

Beau Sharbrough 1C

This lecture describes programs that give you research tips and help you with online searches. Are they the next great thing? This demonstration shows how you can get the most from GeneAncestry, Ancestry, and Google.

**Restoring Documents with a Computer**

Eric Basir 1D

Learn the ins and outs of scanning and restoring documents for your research. Watch Eric demonstrate efficient techniques for restoring various types of documents: films, software, and other related issues are covered. Learn how to properly scan and enhance: Cemetery, Pink text pages, Newspaper documents, Microfilm positives.

11:00 A.M.
**The Digital Revolution in Genealogy Research: The FamilySearch Vision — Part 1**

Susan Anderson 2B

FamilySearch has the largest collection of genealogical records in the world. This session will cover the following programs and products from FamilySearch: Records Access, Family History Library at BYU’s Library, FamilySearch Indexing and Record Search.

**City Smarts: Finding Your Ancestors in the Big Maze**

Lou Szucs 2C

Through every city has a unique history, there are certain characteristics common to all. There are some surprising benefits to urban research. This presentation is designed to guide you through the maze.

**Online Resources for Colonial America**

D. Joshua Taylor 2D

Discover web sites, online databases, university projects, online archives, and other resources for researching your Colonial American ancestors online. Learn how to use Early American Imprints, JSTOR, and other resources.

12:00 P.M.
**LUNCH**

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1:30 P.M.
**A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Project**

Lou Szucs 4B

Learn good research techniques, creating timelines to analyzing and sharing your findings, there's something new to help us with our research almost every day. This presentation brings you up-to-date on all the exciting family history research developments.

**Tech Talk 101: Technology Terms for Genealogists**

D. Joshua Taylor 4C

Genealogists are confronted with abbreviations and “tech terms” everyday as we work to integrate technology into genealogical processes. Learn some exact and precise definitions of these terms, and how they generally apply to genealogists and their research.

**The Digital Revolution In Genealogy Research: The FamilySearch Vision — Part 2**

Susan Anderson 4D

Learn about two new web sites available from FamilySearch.org: New FamilySearch (a lineage-linked repository and search engine for genealogical records) and FamilySearch Wiki (a collaborative enhanced database of genealogy research information).

3:00 P.M.
**Technology Every Genealogist Should Own**

D. Joshua Taylor 5B

Genealogists do not necessarily need to be on the “edge” of technology, however, they should be aware of new technologies that can further their research efforts. Come see the list of technology every genealogist should own.

**DAK and Technology**

Kathy Carey 5C

There will be a presentation on what is available on the DAK website and the information you can access online from the DAK Library including use of the Patina Look-Up Service and the type of information you can obtain about the ancestor.

**Footnote**

Beau Sharbrough 5D

Footnote has a focus on military records, immigration records, newspapers, and other records largely digitized from collections within the National Archives in Washington D.C. By spring of 2006, the site held 29 million pages. Mr. Sharbrough sets the content policies for this site.

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**COMPUTER LAB SESSIONS**

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. It's All Online! Or Is It?

Lori Bessler 1A & 2A

(Note: This class is repeated again for session 2A)

There are so many wonderful resources online for the genealogist, it quickly becomes overwhelming! How do you tell which sites are good? How do you organize your online research so you don’t end up spinning your wheels? This session will provide basic instructions to make your online research more successful and productive. It identifies types of web sites, how to document your online research and how to find the great sites.

**LUNCH**

1:00 P.M. Digital Collections and Online Catalogs

Lori Bessler 4A

This intermediate level session covers online resources and strategies for locating the expanding list of digital collections available online. It will provide instruction on finding these collections as well as how to find those collections not online but vital to genealogical research.

3:00 P.M. Ctrl/Alt/Simplify: Word Tips for Genealogists

Debra Miezala 5A

Harness the power of Microsoft Word as a genealogical tool. Learn basic tips and shortcuts. Graduate to creating tables, footnotes and indexes.
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D. Joshua Taylor is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher, is the Research Services Coordinator at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts. He currently writes the "Essential Technology for Genealogists" column in Digital Genealogist.

Beau Sharbrough is currently a product manager for MyFamily.com. He is the founder of the FGS web site, the GENTLEGH web site, and the Lexicon Working Group. Beau writes regularly on technical topics in family history, with an occasional overdose of humor, and maintains the RootsWeb.com web site.

Lori Bessler has worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives since 1998. She is a Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator. She has lectured throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest on genealogical topics for over 15 years and has been researching family history for over 20 years.

Loretto D. "Lou" Szacs is a genealogist and author of several books including The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy and is currently executive editor and vice president of Community readings for Ancestral News.

Susan Anderson serves as Area Family History Adviser for the FamilySearch Program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving parts of six states. She spends much of her free time traveling and teaching others about FamilySearch programs. She has been a genealogy teacher and lecturer for many years.

Debra Miesala is a Certified Genealogist and has been involved in genealogical research for over 20 years. She is presently President of the Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society. Other memberships include the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society.

Eric Basir is the owner of Photo Giselle, a photo retouching studio in Evanston, IL. He serves the genealogical community as a teacher and author of "Ask the Retoucher," a column for genealogical publications. He recently published his first book "Digital Photo Restoration Book 1."

Kathy Carey has been Illinois State Registrar and State Organizing Secretary and has been Volunteer Genealogist Certificate from the National Daughters of the American Revolution Society. She has given numerous workshops on Genealogy and how to fill out the DAR Application.

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[26th] Henry County Genealogical Society
Barbara Clark will present a program on "Family Genealogy through Scrapbooks." Others will have scrapbooks on display. ~1:30 PM.
<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ihcgs/index.html>

[5/30-5/31] Newberry Library
"Railroad Ancestors" featuring Paula Stuart-Warren
<www.newberry.org/genealogy/>

June 2008

[1st] Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
"How do I get Started Researching my Family" by Judy Frazin.
<www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/meetings.htm>

[3rd] Elgin Genealogical Society
"Masons" by Ellen McDonald

[7th] Chicago Genealogical Society
CGS will host speaker Larry Olson
"Smart Practices for Sources and Citations." 1:30 PM Newberry Library.
<www.chicagogenealogy.org/>

[12th] Fox Valley Genealogical Society
"Publishing Software Applications for Genealogists"
<www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm>

July 2008

[14th] Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois
GSSI will host the Spring Workshop at the C.E. Brehm Library, Mt. Vernon, IL. ~ For further information, consult the society website at:
<www.rootsweb.com/~ilgssi>.

[19th] Elgin Genealogical Society
"Elgin's Black History" by Ernie Broadnax

Susan Anderson will present "What's Happening in Salt Lake: new Developments in Family Search" 10:30am.
<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcaggni/meetings/2008/>

September 2008

Michael Karsen will show us how we can publish our genealogy research in a book that varies from a simple 30 pages to ones that contain detailed biographies and places our families in historical context. 10:30am.
<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcaggni/meetings/2008/>

[26th] Kane County Genealogical Society
KCGS will host speaker Mike Karsen
"Sex, Murder & Genealogy" at the Geneva History Center, Geneva, IL. ~ 7:30 PM.
<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilkcgs/>

[26th] Indian Prairie Public Library
"Search Engines & Biggi's List" by Jerry Choinski
<www.indianprairie.lib.il.us>

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