Our Condolences to the family of

**Joseph George Wylder**

12/9/1937—7/21/2008

George served as ISGS President in 2000 and 2001. He also was a Society Parliamentarian. George will be missed by his family, friends and ISGS.

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**APG Achievement Award**

Sandra Hargreaves Luebking was chosen as the second recipient of the APG Achievement Award. This award is given to a person who exhibits exceptional professional achievement through individual character and ethical behavior.

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**New ISGS Members**

Kelli Gidcumb - Springfield, IL  
Brandon Gray - Chicago, IL  
Robert Bartholomew - Jefferson City, MO  
Jean Andrews - Aiken, SC  
Deirdre O'Rourke - Gustine, CA  
Marcia Flanagan - Hebron, IL  
Philip McGovern - Chicago, IL  
Mary Jo Vepley - Gurnee, IL  
Kenneth Woods - Melrose Park, IL  
Ainsley Wonderling - Lake Villa, IL  
Jan Krumm - Kenosha, WI  
Mary Lynn Alms - Maple Park, IL  
Julie Tarr - Normal, IL  
Marguerite Harrington - South Elgin, IL  
Sandra J. Rowe - Oak Park, IL  
Teresa Brozenec - Port Charlotte, FL  
Walter Marzinke - Buffalo Grove, IL  
Linda Wysocki - Coal City, IL  
Randy Hays - Camarilla, CA  
Elaine Lamb - Washington, UT  
Russell Cline - Bryon, IL

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President’s Message — from Carole A. McCarty

"One must always maintain one's connection to the past and yet ceaselessly pull away from it.
To remain in touch with the past requires a love of memory.
To remain in touch with the past requires a constant imaginative effort."
-Gaston Bachelard (1884-1962), French philosopher

As I sit here watching it pour and pour and pour and listen to the sump pump going on and off continuously, wondering if it will ever shut off, I am trying to recall the events of the Federation of Genealogical Society’s Conference in Philadelphia last week.

As I began the four-day conference filled with over 100 sessions, I was happy to be in the City of Brotherly Love for the first time. There was a different kind of brotherly love going around that convention center than was anticipated by the founding fathers so long ago. There was the spirit of genealogical brotherhood. It’s catching, don’t you think? Don’t you enjoy chatting with fellow researchers, sharing a meal together, comparing notes and stories? It doesn’t have to be on a national level, or even a state level. What I hope you will attempt to do is make contact with others who share the same love of genealogy that you have by joining a local or state society and participating with all the gusto you can muster.

Sitting at the computer, day after day, looking for that new database that will solve all your genealogical puzzles is all well and good. There is a limit to how friendly your computer can be. Please consider the experience of attending a society meeting or our ISGS state conference in October, hearing the latest research news from one excited and satisfied attendee after another or finding that person who is also researching one of your surnames. So, come. You wouldn’t be doing genealogy unless you loved it, right?

Another suggestion I have for you to spin some brotherly love is to share your family history by encouraging the youth you encounter with some of the web sites below. There are some terrific ideas for wrapping your arms around a youth project in your area and get those children involved. How old were you when you started? Do you wish now you had started many years sooner, asked more questions, gotten more answers? Check these out and see where it takes you and a young person you know.

For anyone who works with small children or wants to help children and grandchildren understand their hobby (or profession), activities of a genealogical nature are a must. The following sites help with ideas for activities for children, and can help them discover about their past and help out Mom and Dad, or Grandpa and Grandma, too:

- Forms and Documents for Kids: [http://www.kidsturncentral.com/topics/hobbies/genforms.htm](http://www.kidsturncentral.com/topics/hobbies/genforms.htm)

Have fun with your family and give kids a chance to help in finding their ancestors. If you have questions at all, please email me at ISGSConference@comcast.net.

Warm regards,
Carole McCarty
Acting President
Anniversary Conference Chair
Illinois State Genealogical Society
Proposed Slate – ISGS Officers for 2008-2009

President – Carole Mc Carty
Carole will bring an organizational expertise to the job. She is a member of Kane County Genealogical Society, Cook County Genealogical Society, Berkshire Family History Association and McHenry Co. Historical Society. She is a trustee of the recently formed Goodrich Family Association. She chaired the 2005 and 2006 conferences and is now chairing the 2008 Anniversary Conference. With the resignation of the president of ISGS in the past year, she stepped up and filled that job.

1st Vice President – Janice Fritsch
Janice is a member of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society and the La Salle County Genealogy Guild. An interest in genealogy has resulted in numerous trips and has added much to her personal research. She is currently enrolled in the National Institute of Genealogical Studies in Toronto. Janice has most recently served as the Finance & Budget Chair for ISGS.

2nd Vice President – Michelle Claypool
Michelle has served as treasurer of ISGS and is the past 2nd Vice President. She is active in many community groups, volunteering her services in the field of accounting. Michelle brings much knowledge to the ISGS board.

Treasurer – Shirley Aleguas
Shirley is a member of the Cass & Greene County Societies, plus several others. She has served as secretary of ISGS and for the past several years has served as treasurer. Shirley has a great understanding of the needs of ISGS and contributes her expertise to several committees.

Recording Secretary – Sherry Austin
Sherry has served as President of Waverly Historical and Genealogical Society for eight years. Her interest in genealogy and family history began at the age of 12 years. She most enjoys helping others with their research. Sherry has served ISGS as interim secretary this past year and will be a great addition to the ISGS Board.

2011 Directors

Karl Moore
Karl served as newsletter editor for ISGS for over 14 years. After starting 1976 as a State Archives employee in Record Management, he then was a Field Representative for IRAD from 1978-1984. Since 1985 he has been the Supervisor of IRAD Systems (Illinois Regional Archives Depositories). With an extensive knowledge of Illinois records available for research, Karl brings a wealth of information to the ISGS board.

Jean Jung
Jean lives in Chicago but grew up in southern Illinois. She is employed by Marriott International and will bring a youthful presence to the board, plus knowledge of a part of Illinois that has not been represented in the past. Jean is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and is a member of Monroe County Genealogical Society.

Cheri Hunter
Cheri is a life member of Decatur Genealogical Society and currently serves as their librarian, special projects chairman and building superintendent. She has been interested in genealogy and the preservation of records since 1974. Cheri’s main interests are the compiling of records and helping others in their research.

Nominating Committee
Cheri Hunter, Chairman
Jayne Cates
Mary Huetsch
Susan Pope

Acknowledging our generous contributors to ISGS and ISGS Projects! Thank you!

ALPL Book Project
Shirley Aleguas In Memory of Joseph George Wylder
A. Joyce Brown In Memory of George Wylder
Penny Ponsonby In Memory of George Wylder

Angel Project Donors
Shirley Aleguas In Memory of Joseph George Wylder
Patricia Ely
SHOP & SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP

GROUP: Illinois State Genealogical Society
YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: 10/20/2008, 10/21/2008, 10/22/2008

SIGNATURE

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Proposed By-Law Changes

The Governing Board recommends the By-Law membership status be changed to remove Individual life membership. The following motion will be made at the Annual meeting held October 18, 2008: It is moved that the ISGS membership classes be changed to five types of membership, excluding class or type, Individual Life.

Current By-Law:
Article III - Membership and Dues
Section 1 - There shall be six classes or types of membership:
A. Charter: Those persons who participate in the founding and organizing of the Society and who were members prior to June 1, 1969.
B. Individual, Library or Society.
C. Joint: Two (2) persons living at the same address who shall be entitled to only one copy of each issue of the Quarterly and Newsletter.
D. Contributing
E. Individual Life
F. Honorary: Honorary membership may be given in recognition of outstanding service to the Society or for making a significant contribution to genealogy within the State of Illinois.

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Cook County Clerk’s Office
August 8, 2008

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce that our Vital Records division will be moving to a new, modernized location as of September 2. Our new headquarters is in the lower level of the Daley Center, underneath the Picasso statue in Daley Plaza. This new space, constructed on time and under budget, offers a more secure environment and is better suited to serving the public. Plus, the new 7,000-square-foot configuration is more economical as it allows us to serve more customers with fewer staff and in a smaller area. Our staff will continue to provide marriage, birth and death certificates and genealogical information, maintain our domestic partnership registry, work with funeral directors and process notary and business registrations. Of course, for many services, you don’t need to travel downtown. We fill thousands of requests through the mail and at our website www.cookctyclerk.com.

Sincerely,
David Orr
Cook County Clerk
Directions to Elgin Community College
4 Miles south of I-90
For more information go to "Driving Directions" then select "Elgin Campus"

From Interstate I-90 head south on Randall Road to South Street. Head east (left) to Remmen Drive turn right on Remmen Drive. Follow Remmen Drive to the Elgin Community College's Fox Valley University and Business Center.

Headed north on Randall Road turn east (right) on Bowers Road to McLean Blvd. north (left) to Spartan Drive west (left) to the Elgin Community College's Fox Valley University and Business Center

Conference Hotels
- Complimentary shuttle available to conference
- Comfort Suites (800) 424-6423
- Country Inn and Suites (800) 456-4000

New This Year!
- ISGS Help Desk
  - 15 minute appointments available throughout the day. Visit the registration desk for times.
- Anniversary Quilt Raffle
  - Visit www.rootweb.com/~isgs to view the quilt.
  - Quilt will be awarded at the conference. Winner need not be present to win.

D. Joshua Taylor
- 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 presently a product manager for MyFamily.com. He is the founder of the FGS website, the GENTLECH website, and the Lessons Working Group. Beau writes regularly on technical topics in family history, with an occasional overview of humor, and maintains the RootsWeb.com website.

Lori Bessler
- Has worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives since 1988. 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" Szucs
- 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 the Maryland to the History Channel.

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 Mieszala
- Is a Certified Genealogist and has been involved in genealogical research for over 20 years. She is currently President of the Lake County (Ill.) Genealogical Society. Other memberships include the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society.

Eric Bass
- Is the owner of Photo Griffin, a photo retouching studio in Evanston, Ill. 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." "

Kathy Carey
- Has been Illinois State Registrar and State Organizing Secretary and has her 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.

Become a Member
- Save!

Become a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society now and save $10.00 off your conference registration fee. By becoming a member, you will receive discounts on ISGS conferences, events and tours, 4 quarterly publications, 6 bi-monthly online newsletters, free guides in the ISGS Quarterly as well as discounts on ISGS publications. Visit www.rootweb.com/~isgs for more information about all the wonderful things our organization has to offer. Join today!

Registration Form
Mailed and Postmarked by Friday, September 20th
- $35.00 for ISGS Members
- $45.00 for Non-Members
- $50.00 Postmarked after September 26th or at the door
  - $25.00 Annual Membership to ISGS

Late registrations welcome, but we cannot guarantee lunch or printed syllabus after this date or for walk-ins.
Please, no refunds after September 26th

Please Indicate Conference Break-Out Session Choices
- Seating in the Computer Lab is limited to the first 50 lab participants registered
- 9:30 - 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D
- 11:00 - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D
- 1:30 - 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D
- 3:00 - 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone
E-mail Address (preferred)

Register online using PayPal
Or make checks payable to:
ISGS
P.O. Box 10195
Springfield, IL 62791-0195
E-mail: isgsconference@comcast.net
www.rootweb.com/~isgs
Genealogy

September 2008

[27th]
Fox Valley Genealogical Society will present a day-long conference of four lectures by Megan Smolenyak, nationally-known speaker. The conference will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, IL. Further information and on-line registration is available at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilfvgs/

October 2008

[5th]
Genealogical Forum of Elmhurst, Illinois

[11th]
South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society


[11th]
Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois
“Ancestors on the Move” is the theme for the Fall Conference at the Ray Hancock Conference Center at John A. Logan College. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilgssi/

[11th]
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
The Fall Seminar’s featured speaker will be Craig R. Scott, CG. www.wsgs.org/

[15th]
DuPage Co. Genealogical Society

[16th]

Calendar

Elgin Genealogical Society

[21st]
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

[30th-31st]

Posting Genealogy Events
Please send notices of events well in advance to ISGS Newsletter Editor: <isgsnewsletter@yahoo.com>. Include date(s), location, contact person, and the address or website to be used for additional information.
**ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers 2007-2008**

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**FGS Membership**

ISGS members may subscribe to FORUM, the quarterly magazine of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) for a discounted price of $15 per year. The discount is available to ISGS members because ISGS is an institutional member of FGS. Each issue contains more than 40 pages of articles about sources, repositories, and research strategies, plus reviews of new books and CDs. More information is available at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org).

Memberships run from January 1 through December 31.

**Dues:**

- Individual Member: New & Renewal $25.00
- Joint Member or Canadian: New & Renewal $30.00
- International: (outside U.S. & Canada) $50.00
- Charter Member: (joined prior to June 1, 1969) $24.00
- Contributing Member: $50.00
- Individual Life Member: $3,000.00
- Illinois Local Affiliates: New & Renewal $25.00

*Please include a long SASE with correspondence requiring a reply.*

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**Our 40th Year!**