Ancestry World Archives Project

The Illinois State Genealogical Society has partnered with the Ancestry World Archives Project to preserve historical records. Ancestry.com, the world’s largest online family history resource, created the World Archives Project to empower individuals everywhere to index, or transcribe, historical data and publish a permanent archive of the data online. Through this partnership, ISGS will index important community records which Ancestry.com will add to its site, making the records searchable and more easily accessible for others pursuing their family history research.

Ancestry.com has requested the help of ISGS for the indexing of naturalization information it has digitized for Cook County as well as surrounding areas in northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin, northwest Indiana and a portion of Iowa. These records cover all courts.

ISGS is looking for member volunteers who would consider participating in this project. Ancestry would arrange for the download of the record batches. The task would be to key-in about a dozen pieces of information from type-written data into a file. The best part is that this work can be done in the comfort of your home and at any hour of the day or night.

Why does ISGS support this project? Wherever the index appears, the forms will include the logo and contact information for the society providing the assistance, raising the awareness of the society. What do you gain from your participation? You will become an expert on the source material you are indexing, make a meaningful contribution to genealogical research and raise the awareness of ISGS—and that means the potential for more family contacts.

Volunteers can go directly to the website (www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject) to sign up. In the middle of the page is a list of the projects. Please choose Illinois Naturalizations (our project). Clicking on it will take you to the next screen which has a place for registration. You will be asked for your name and e-mail. Continue to follow the prompts, and your response to “how did you find out about the project” should be ISGS. When you complete the registration, the special “tool” that facilitates the process will be downloaded. When that is completed, you are ready to begin at any time.

All indexes created through the World Archives Project will remain accessible for free on Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com will also donate a digital copy of the index and images of the original records back to ISGS for all projects it sponsors.

Our organization is excited to play an active role in this unique effort. Through the World Archives Project, we have a chance to preserve records important to our community’s history and help make them more easily accessible for others researching their roots.

Your effort to help ISGS with this important project is most appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you to Rosalie Lindberg for her contribution to this announcement.
President’s Message — from Carole A. McCarty

Hello Fellow Genealogists,

There is something to be said for keeping the same email address for years and years. Most of us have bowed to the various internet providers when new services came to town, or new plans were offered. My sister, Kay, however, has remained steadfast in her loyalty to AOL and has had the same email address – her first and only for at least seventeen years. Much as I have tried to coax her to update and drop AOL and all its idiosyncrasies, she didn’t. Every time AOL dropped her while she was online, she still held on. What a testimony to her patience!

Now for the story. She had posted a query back at least twelve years or so with a local county genealogical society. As it happened, she rarely- if ever - heard from anybody about our elusive ancestor, William John Meehan. No connection was ever made with the few who wrote to her hoping for a BINGO! Last week, out of the blue, she received an email from Jason, a much younger fellow. It seemed Jason’s email was full of excitement and hope since he too was researching the same WJM. He indicated he had information perhaps taking us across the water to mother Ireland. Wow! What a day that was!

Would you believe Jason’s mother and 2 aunts live in the same town as my sister has for fifteen years and they had never known about each other? It only took 2 days for my sister and our newly found second cousins to meet over lunch and share family stories. We’ve had conference calls and exchanged photos. There is a family sharing site called Geni.com. Now we are painstakingly adding ancestors to this new family tree Jason set up in Geni.com. There is a strict privacy policy in place so that only invited family can view our information.

As it turns out, I poured though my Meehan notebooks seeking to add validity to the location where Jason thought he had found our guy with parents and siblings. Although I needed to point him in another direction, the enthusiasm is still there and growing in the excitement of finding new cousins and researchers.

If you have read Dick Eastman’s online newsletter lately, he wrote very convincing advice for his readers about getting a new email address with one of the host email providers that will not likely be bought or moved such as has happened to such local servers like insightbb.com, my fairpoint.net and many others. He recommends free email providers such as Yahoo, gmail or hotmail.

Now I’m not so sure…

Many regards,
Carole McCarty
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

Prairie Pioneer Certificates

There have been over 3,000 certificates issued to descendants of Illinois pioneers. Three categories of certificates are issued to descendants of pioneers who resided in Illinois (1) prior to statehood, (2) 1819-1850, and (3) 1851-1880. Documentation showing a date in Illinois is required. After eligibility has been determined there is a small fee for each certificate. Applications are available at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/projects/prairie-pioneer.html

A Conference for the Nation’s Genealogists

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Arkansas Genealogical Society Conference takes place this 2-5 September 2009. The speakers, lecture topics, and exhibitors represent many U.S. states and Canada. Choose from almost 200 lectures, workshops, special events, and meals offered during this four day event. Some events actually begin on Tuesday, 1 September. The Exhibit Hall will be filled with booths of software, technology, databases, books, maps, services, and memberships. For the full and varied program and registration details check the Conference website at www.FGSConference.org or the frequently updated Conference Blog at www.FGSConferenceBlog.org.
**DOES YOUR BIBLE HAVE A PROBLEM?**

Family Bibles, and many other books, are family treasures that have been valued by several generations of a family. Sometimes, no matter how carefully the handling of them has been, little problems arise and threaten to get worse. If treated in time, you may be able to add years to your book’s life and to your enjoyment of it.

**Tears on pages,** or even the dust jacket, can be repaired but NEVER USE CELLOPHANE TAPE for the task. You will need to obtain document repair tape. One brand is Gaylord but there are others. It is a tissue tape, which you will peel from the backing, and then apply. The box will come with more detailed instructions. It is important to wash your hands and dry them thoroughly before working. The oil on fingers will keep the tape from setting. Make a plan because the tape will give you only one chance to get it right.

**Cleaning book surfaces** is another common repair needed. You can purchase a product for the task but few of them work as well as you might hope. Professionals find that large soft erasers are most likely to do the task. They must be used carefully and gently, of course. Another home cleaner is an inexpensive loaf of fresh white bread. Our grandparents were known to use bread to clean the wallpaper in their homes. You may even have enough left to reward yourself with a good sandwich.

—Kristy Lawrie Gravlin

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**Meet Maureen Brady
2009 ISGS Conference Chairman**

Maureen Brady, a former school librarian and computer educator, has twenty-five years experience with family history research and is now a professional genealogist. She has traced her own Scottish roots back to the end of the 17th century, and has also pursued the Chicago area, the trans-Allegheny U.S. area, and also Irish and Swedish research. She is the co-director of the Crystal Lake (IL) Family History Center and family history trainer for the Buffalo Grove, Illinois Stake of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

Maureen has made numerous presentations to Illinois and Wisconsin genealogical societies, libraries, conferences, and workshops, as well as presenting at the 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States. Her topics include Chicago and Cook County research, Scottish research, Internet sources, and using the Family History Center. She is a life member of the Aberdeen and North East Scotland Family History Society, the Chicago Genealogical Society, the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the Clan Donnachaidh Society. Maureen also serves as a Director of the British Interest group of Wisconsin & Illinois (BIGWILL) and is also a member of the Illinois St. Andrew Society’s Scottish Genealogical Group, the National Genealogical Society, and the Lake County (Illinois) Genealogical Society.

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**ISGS Honors & Awards Committee**

"GOOD DEEDS SHOULD BE REWARDED"

Help us find deserving people! ISGS Honors & Awards committee will be using certain criteria for selecting individuals or societies. Winners of the awards will be honored at the 2009 Fall Conference October 17th, 2009. Nomination forms are available from the ISGS Office and on the ISGS home page. Deadline for all submissions is July 1, 2009. To read about the criteria and print award applications: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/honorsexplan.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/honorsexplan.html)
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Illinois State Genealogical Society
Spring Tours and Workshop
Saturday, April 18, 2009
Springfield, Illinois

Two tours of the Illinois State Archives:
Learn what is available weekdays: Civil War Muster Rolls,
Revolutionary Pension Applications, WWI Draft Cards,
Original Land Records, IL Census and much more!
9:00 A.M. ______ 11 A.M. ______

Two tour times will be offered at the
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Find out what extensive resources are
available for your genealogical research.
9:30 A.M. ______ 1:00 P.M. ______

Workshop: General Land Office Records and Federal Township Plats
by Karl Moore, IRAD Supervisor & ISGS Director
The workshop will cover the Public Lands Survey System, the genealogical value of General
Land Office records, how to locate and print out the land tract an ancestor purchased from the
federal government. Participants will learn several ways to use the Archives' online "Public
Domain Land Sales Database" and the "Federal Township Plats of Illinois" scanned images.
1:00 P.M. ______

How to find & copy a death certificate from microfilm
9:00 A.M. ______ 11:00 A.M. ______ 1 P.M. ______

**Please select first and second choice for each session you wish to attend**
Pre Registration is Strongly encouraged by April 10th.
Checks should be made out and mailed to:
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FORMER ARCHIVES DIRECTOR JOHN DALY PASSES AWAY

Former Illinois State Archives Director John Daly passed away Saturday, March 7, 2009, at his home in Rochester, Illinois. Daly, the fourth director of the Illinois State Archives and the second longest serving director, was 74.

John Daly was a long time friend of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Under his guidance, the state legislature passed legislation (5 ILCS 160/7) that codified the special relationship between the State Archives and the State Genealogical Society. The law allows the State Archives to house the business offices of the ISGS and to provide storage for ISGS records. This is done free of charge.

The Illinois Genealogical Society Hall of Fame display is located in the Norton State Archives Building, thanks to Dr. Daly.

“Sometimes records depositories, especially governmental records depositories, treat family historians as kind of a nuisance but John Daly always recognized the value of what genealogists do,” said David Joens, the current director of the Illinois State Archives. “He early on forged a relationship with the Illinois State Genealogical Society that not only recognized the important role the ISGS has in promoting family history in Illinois but has proven to be mutually beneficial to both sides. It is a close relationship that continues to this day.”

Daly was born on September 15, 1934 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree from LaSalle College, an M.A. degree in English Literature from the University of Illinois, an M.A. degree in history from Temple University and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania.

From 1963 to 1974 he served as an archivist at the Philadelphia City Archives. In 1974, Illinois Secretary of State Michael Howlett hired Daly to become director of the Illinois State Archives following a national search conducted by leading archivists and academics in Illinois. Mr. Daly retired from the Archives after 30 years of service in July 2004.

While at the Archives, Daly created many of the vital tools that are essential for genealogists in Illinois. He created and later updated the first Descriptive Inventory of the holdings at the state archives. He developed the Illinois Regional Depository System for the long-term care of local records of importance and established a records management system for the City of Chicago and Cook County. He also took the lead in making state records available and accessible on the Internet.

The Archives and John Daly earned several awards during his tenure as director, including the Waldo Gifford Leland Certificate of Commendation (1979), the Society of American Archivists Distinguished Service Award (1982), the C. F. W. Coker Award (1984) and the Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award (1987).

In 1980, the Illinois State Genealogical Society honored him with a life membership. Daly also was a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and received awards from the Association of Records Managers and Administrators and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

In 2008 the conference room in the Margaret Cross Norton Archives Building was named after Daly, making him the only non-Secretary of State to have a room named after him in that prestigious building.

John Daly is survived by his wife, George Anne.

The ISGS is going to contribute a book to the Abraham Lincoln Public Library in his name.

**Missing ISGS Quarterlies**
The Illinois State Genealogical Society Archives are missing the following Quarterlies:

- 1984
- 1989
- 1991

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[1st] or [25th]
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Bellville, IL. Call 314-539-0381 for more information.

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Madison County Genealogical Society
“Primary Sources from the Library of Congress,”
presented by Amy Wilkinson
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilmadcgs/index.html

[18th]
Quad Cities Genealogical Conference
The speaker will be Curt Witcher from the Allen County Public Library.

[25th]
The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America & Polish Genealogical Society of America
“Path to the Path—Discovering Grandma’s Secrets,” at the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in Chicago, IL.
http://www.pgsa.org/

May 2009
[2nd]
Chicago Genealogical Society
“Special All-Day Workshop with the Photo Detective,” by Maureen Taylor
http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/

[7th]
Tinley Moraine Genealogists
“Compiling Your Medical Family Tree,” by Marsha Peterson-Maas
http://www.tmgenealogists.org/

[13th–16th]
NGS 2009 Family History Conference
“The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West,” Raleigh, NC
http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/

[14th]
Madison County Genealogical Society
“Land Rich, Dirt Poor: the Use of Land Records in Genealogical Records.”
Edwardsville Public Library, Edwardsville, IL. Call 314-539-0381 for more information.

[16th]
The British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois
“Cyndi’s List and Family Search for British Isles Research” presented by Maureen Brady.
www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig

[21st–24th]
Mormon History Association
The Mormon History Association will be holding its annual meeting in Springfield, May 21-24, 2009. There are a number of sessions relating to Illinois history. Also, a number of noted historians including Lincoln scholar, Richard Carwardine and Western historian, Walter Nugent will be speaking. For more information, please visit the web site www.mhahome.org.

June 2009
[18th–20th]
Palatines to America—German Genealogy Society 2009 National Conference.
“Research With the Experts”, at the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN. Featured speaker will be Annette Burgert.
For more information and registration go to www.palamnationalconference.org/registration. Or write to Ann Rodick, 211 S. Spriggs Ct., Bloomington, IN 47403-9610

September 2009
[2nd–5th]
FGS 2009 Annual Conference
“Passages through Time”
http://www.fgs.org/2009conference/

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.

Pennsylvania Death Records
The state of Pennsylvania currently has very restricted access to their death records. Currently all death records recorded since 1906 require several pieces of information, $9.00 and to wait 5 weeks or longer for each death certificate. PaHR-Access (People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access) is asking for your help to make these records more readily available to the public. Please visit the following website for more information. http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm
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Also if your society is having a conference and there is an opportunity for ISGS to exhibit at the conference, please send the application for participation to Shirley Aleguas (saleguas@dtnspeed.net)

Remember the Illinois State Genealogical Society in your will.

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