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President’s Message — from Carole A. McCarty

Springtime Greetings,

My family can tell you I love surprises. Surprises can take many forms. The one surprise I would most enjoy would be a surprise birthday or anniversary party. Has there ever been such an event like this for me? I’m afraid not yet. I’m still hoping . . .

Genealogy surprises rank right behind those. Now what would you consider a genealogy surprise? Recently, a fellow researcher discovered that the grandparents he thought were his actually weren’t! Now that was a dismal surprise since he had been researching those surnames for many years.

Have you considered having a DNA report for the male ancestors you have researched without making that so important connection? Another surprise occurred when a gentleman decided to use this new and exciting technique to confirm his heritage findings of many years. Surprise indeed. He had been following the wrong line for years. Another terrible “surprise.”

There are many happy surprises abounding in the genealogy field. Most of you have had those occurrences in your genealogy travels, right? Those are the experiences that keep us going, keep us motivated and find us doing “the happy dance” in our respective homes!

Please don’t overlook an upcoming opportunity to learn more about the genealogical methodology that might just be the trigger you need. Here it is: The 2010 Fall Conference, You Have Family, You Have History on October 23, in Peoria is being carefully planned to enhance your research skills. Curt Witcher of Allen County Library (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) fame will be our featured speaker for the conference. Susan Kaufman (Texas) and Tim Pinnick (North Aurora) will also give multiple presentations. Jeffrey Bassett, Larry Pepper and Jane Haldeman round out the roster.

Surely you have heard by now about the newest venture for your state society’s conference in October. That is the Youth Workshop, geared for 12-15 year old boys and girls, which will occur as an addendum to the regular conference day. An extra bonus will be the brand new essay contest for youth to express their experiences with their family history. Don’t we all agree we need to encourage young people in this effort at an early age?

You will be able to view the entire conference brochure and register online, if you wish, very soon. http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/ Please help us get the word out by standing up at your local society meetings and telling everyone the news. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at ISGSConference@comcast.net.

Warm wishes,
Carole McCarty
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

“PATHWAYS TO THE HEARTLAND”
Call for Volunteers!

2011 promises to be an exciting year for ISGS! The Federation of Genealogical Societies has given us the honor of hosting their national fall event in Springfield, IL! FGS conferences offer everything you can imagine, from fantastic speakers, to a huge number of vendors, and networking opportunities galore. If you’ve never attended an FGS event, check out this year’s Knoxville, TN conference information at: http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php

ISGS absolutely needs the involvement of volunteers throughout Illinois with interesting ideas & follow-through. There are many opportunities to work on the planning and execution of this event. FGS offers a compensation package to on-site volunteers. Please let us know how we can best use your talents!

Contact us at ISGS.2011@gmail.com

David Kent Coy, 2011 Conference Co-Chair, ISGS Parliamentarian

Susie Pope, 2011 Conference Co-Chair, ISGS 2012 Director, Prairie Pioneer Chair
Illinois State Genealogical Society

Spring Tours and Workshops
Saturday, April 10, 2010
Springfield, Illinois

ARCHIVES TOUR
One informational tour of the Archives will be offered. You will see what is available on weekdays. Civil War Muster Rolls, Revolutionary War pension applications, WWI draft cards, original land records, census records, and much more!
9:00 a.m.___________

ALPL TOURS
Two tours will be offered at the ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY. Find out what extensive resources are available for your genealogical research.
9:30 a.m.___________ 11:00 a.m.__________

WORKSHOP: MILITARY RECORDS
NEW this year! Tina Beaird will show us how to trace military records from the American Revolution to WWI with an emphasis on sources pertaining to the Civil War, available at the Illinois State Archives. Learn how to search microfilm reels and original documents including Adjutant General Records, Muster Rolls, and burial records. 11:00 a.m._________

WORKSHOP: GENERAL LAND OFFICE RECORDS AND FEDERAL TOWNSHIP PLATS
Karl Moore, IRAD Supervisor, will cover the Public Lands Survey, the value of General Land Office records, how to locate and print the land tract an ancestor purchased. You will learn several ways to use records online with the Public Domain Land Sales Database and the Federal Township Plats of Illinois. 1:00 p.m._________

ILLINOIS DEATH CERTIFICATE ASSISTANCE
How to find and copy a death certificate from microfilm from the years 1916-1947
9:00 a.m.___________ 11:00 a.m.___________ 1:00 p.m.___________

***Please select first and SECOND choice (where available) for each session you wish to attend.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended by April 1st. Checks should be made out and mailed to:
Illinois State Genealogical Society, PO Box 10195, Springfield IL 62791-0195
$12 non-member per session
$10 member of ISGS per session
Total amount enclosed

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Directions, parking, and confirmation will be sent to you
Who Got the Bible?

If you are unaware of, or even unsure of, the birthplace of some of your ancestors, the Family Bible may be of assistance to you. But you must locate it first, of course.

Great-Great-Grandma may have faithfully kept a record of the births of all fifteen of her children. But when she passed away only one of those children was able to inherit the book.

The choices are many. Perhaps it went to the oldest son, as often the bulk of the estate did. Or perhaps it went to the oldest daughter as a portion of her legacy. Maybe the child most interested in the family history was chosen to keep the book.

Maybe the aunt who was the “clutchiest” got her hands upon it. Maybe the youngest aunt, the one who never married because she was home taking care of mother, was the one who got it along with the house and the well-used dishes.

Maybe it just got chucked into the trash with the other worthless things as seen by the fastest cleaner in the family. Or maybe the group got together and presented it to the local library or historical society’s museum.

So many possibilities! Do not give up until you have checked them all out.

~~Kristy Lawrie Gravlin
2010 FGS Conference Registration is Open

Registration for the 2010 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for 18-21 August 2010 in beautiful Knoxville, Tennessee, is now open. This year’s conference theme is “Rediscovering America’s First Frontier,” and is co-hosted by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Kentucky Historical Society.

The conference schedule includes 173 presentations by 73 noted speakers, including a large number of sponsored luncheons with speakers. There will be two exciting evening events: “Come Sit a Spell: Ballads, Mountain Stories, and Country Fare,” organized by the host societies; and the annual gala FGS banquet, “An Evening in Old Appalachia,” which will be held at the fascinating Museum of Appalachia.

The exciting program includes a completely redesigned “Focus on Societies” day that will present societies’ officers, as well as their members and volunteers, with all new programs and focus group sessions to help improve their operations and effectiveness.

ProQuest is sponsoring Librarians Day, a full day of free sessions for librarians and archivists that includes a tour of the outstanding McClung Historical Collection of the Knox County Public Library.

FamilySearch will present an extensive track of sessions about its resources and projects that you won’t want to miss. Ancestry.com will present a free day of classes for the public and conference attendees on Saturday, plus they will offer free document scanning sessions to attendees by appointment throughout the conference. The Genealogy Guys Podcast will also be there to record a “live” session at the conference.

The Exhibit Hall will be filled with a wide array of vendors and organizations, and a special Spotlight on Societies area will showcase local and regional genealogical and historical societies. There will be extended Exhibit Hall hours on Friday evening, followed by a gala reception, hosted by FamilySearch, to kick off the 1812 Pension Files Digitization Project.

There are more activities and research opportunities too numerous to list. However, you can learn all about the 2010 FGS Conference and register for this exciting four-day event at http://www.fgs.org/2010conference. Be sure to also visit or subscribe to the FGS Conference Blog at http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org for lots more information and travel advice.

We look forward to seeing you in Knoxville in August!

Cherel Henderson and Pat Oxley
National Conference Co-Chairs
2010 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

MEET THE BOARD MEMBER—Carole McCarty

By Lois Hanley

Carole McCarty is President of ISGS. She has also served as Director, First Vice President, Conference Chair 2005, 2006 and 2008. Carole has been a member for 6 years. She joined ISGS because she felt it was important to support the state society.

She is a member of the Kane County Genealogical Society, McHenry County Historical Society, Berkshire Family History Association, and the Chicago Genealogical Society.

Carole is researching the surnames Goodrich, Meehan, Brunke, Meiler, Conrad, Balmes, Longfield, Fox, Garrity, Duffy, Welstead, McKillip, Miller, Botsch, Schuetz, Spruth, O’Neil, Dooley, Farley, Madden and Goff. Her biggest “brick wall” is the immigrant ancestor, William John Meehan from Ireland.

Carole lives in Kane County (St. Charles to be exact) and her hobbies are traveling, bridge, Mah Jongg and stitchery.
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Kurt Kunze—Buchanan, VA

ALPL Book Fund
Michele Claypool—Champaign, IL

ISGS FALL CONFERENCE
An update on the ISGS 2010 Fall Conference seems in order. We have some magnificent speakers on the agenda including Curt Witcher from Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne IN who will be our featured speaker, Sue Kaufman from Houston TX, originally from the Peoria area, Tim Pinnick, a study in coal miners, Jeff Bassett will speak on Genetic Genealogy, Larry Pepper, with a focus on photography, and Jane Haldeman to help us map out our family history. Larry and Jane are both ISGS committee members.

The venue this year is the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria IL. A place steeped in history.

Keep an eye on the ISGS website for all the facts and fun. October is Family History Month, so celebrate your family history and come play in Peoria!
Genealogy

March 2010

[21st]
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
Chicago Jewish Orphanages and family trees will be presented by Julian Frazin and others at the Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Call 312/666-0100 or visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsi.

April 2010

[10th]
Indiana Genealogical Society
Annual Seminar at the Allen County Public Library with Dick Eastman being the featured speaker. www.indgensoc.org

[11th]
Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois
Stonefort Railroad Museum presented by Linda Blackman. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilgssi/meeting.html

[16th–17th]
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
Finding Your Ancestors in Wisconsin’s Ethnic Melting Pot at Manitowoc, WI www.wsgs.wetpaint.com

[24th]
Quad Cities Genealogical Conference
Patricia Walls Stamm will be the featured speaker at the Viking Club of Moline. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbgsrim/news/AnnualGenConference.html

May 2010

[14th–16th]
Ontario Genealogical Society
‘Essentials, Innovations & Delights’ the 2010 conference will take place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. torontofamilyhistory.org/2010

[15th]
British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois
Seminar with Paul Milner. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiilbig/

August 2010

[18th–21st]
Federation of Genealogical Societies
Rediscovering America’s First Frontier will be held in Knoxville, TN. www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php

Calendar

September 2010

[25th]
Fox Valley Genealogical Society
Ancestor Research: A Fresh Look At Classic Techniques, a day-long conference featuring four lectures by noted genealogist. D. Joshua Taylor, at Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL. www.ilfvgsg.org

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Reflect Indian Influence

Decatur: after Stephen Decatur, American naval hero.

Jo Daviess County: Joseph Hamilton Daviess, a major of the militia killed at the battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, got both his first and last names into Jo Daviess County.

DuQuoin: Lurk in Background: Other Indian names lurk under French, English, even Latin appearances. Du Quoin, for instance, is named for an Indian: John Baptiste DuQuoin, a friendly Kaskaskia chief of the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Freeport: CHICAGO (AP) One morning around 1837 in what was then the tiny village of Winneshiek, Ill., the wife of tavern keeper William Baker was making her husband’s breakfast, and her temper was hotter than the wood burning stove. For the umpteenth time, Will, a generous soul, had entertained the countryside the night before in his village tavern. As usual, most of the receipts were in good will, not in good Will’s tilt. “Winneshiek!” snapped Mrs. Baker. “What this burg ought to be known as is Free Port, not Winneshiek.”

Wilt being a scare commodity on the frontier, Mrs. Baker’s remark was repeated around the cracker barrel so often it stuck. The village was incorporated as Freeport, and the name stands to this day.

Freeport is probably the only Illinois city named by an angry housewife, but the names of the others are no less fascinating. Taken together, they paint a surprisingly complete picture of what early Illinois was like.

To be continued in a future ISGS newsletter.

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