Janice Fritsch, Jane Haldeman, Donna Pond, Nancy Blackwell, Kim Kasprzyk, Carole McCarty at the NGS Convention in Salt Lake City, UT

Please help!

We need you to nominate deserving people and organizations for Genealogical awards. From your nominations, the ISGS Honors and Awards committee will select the winners. These winners will be honored in Peoria at the 2010 Fall Conference October 23rd 2010. Additional information and printable nomination forms are available from the ISGS Office and on the ISGS home page. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/honorsexplan.html. Deadline for all submissions is July 1, 2009. So please hurry.

“Good deeds should be rewarded”
Hello all,

Yours truly and several other ISGS members enjoyed a week of intense genealogy sessions, then came home energized, yet utterly exhausted from the experience. No, I'm not complaining; I was thrilled to be present at the finest conference I've ever attended...bar none!

The National Genealogical Society 2010 Family History Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, announced record attendance of over 2,600 persons. There were almost 200 lectures and workshops with renowned speakers imparting their expertise on many extremely valuable topics. One of the newest exhibits this year was in the area called Gen Tech. All the finest providers in the world of genealogy plus technology were on hand. One could actually see documents being scanned with very sophisticated equipment. We could talk to the developers of software and learn about all the newest digitizing efforts. There were computers set up (at least 40-50 of them) for our use to access all that FamilySearch had to offer. The printers were humming away as attendees found one useful document after another. The Family History Library extended its research hours to 11:00 p.m. on certain nights. So if you had the endurance, you could attend a class at 8:00 a.m. and be at the library until 11:00!

Jay Verkler, the CEO of FamilySearch, gave the keynote speech at the opening session. He was simply wonderful! By way of a short film, we were given an inside look at the granite mountain where FamilySearch stores all those microfilmed records from all over the world in a special climate-controlled environment. On one of the evenings, we were treated to “A Celebration of Family History” featuring David McCullough, noted author, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This event was held in the fairly new Conference Center which holds 21,000 people. It was almost full this particular evening. I understand there's a 3 acre rooftop garden atop this magnificent performance/meeting venue. On Friday night our group viewed the final television presentation of “Who Do You Think You Are” with Spike Lee as the featured guest.

One of the highlights for many of us was a tour of Ancestry.com in Provo, Utah. We were bussed there and given the royal treatment as we checked out how Ancestry.com puts together all the online databases many of us enjoy. I was told they are "always hiring" if you are interested. However, I observed many of the younger generation at their computers. Their eyes work better than mine, for sure.

All in all, FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, and NGS pulled out all the stops on this conference. There truly was something for everyone! Daily there were door prizes announced and give-aways galore. I doubt there will ever be a conference quite like this one for many years to come. Salt Lake City was a great location choice for the NGS Conference. Congratulations to all those who worked tirelessly to bring this conference to the genealogical community.

According to David McCullough, “The more we know, the more we want to know. Curiosity is accelerative,” he said.

Warm wishes,
Carole McCarty
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

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2010—2011 Officer Nominations

The ISGS Nominations Committee seeks suggestions from the membership as a whole for officers of the Illinois State Genealogical Society for 2010-2011. If you are interested in a position or know of someone who may be, please contact one of the following committee members:

Michelle Claypool—michclaypool@gmail.com
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Susie Pope—susann.pope@yahoo.com
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ISGS Fall Conference Saturday, October 23, 2010

You Have Family
You Have History

Youth Workshop

New This Year!
Youth Workshop
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 12-15

Students will observe an oral interview; they will learn techniques
for interviewing and for tracking their ancestors. An essay contest
is being offered; winners will be announced at the Conference.
Co-sponsored by isgs.org.
Limited space; register early.
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Be sure to request the discounted ISGS Conference Rate!

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New This Year

Our syllabus will be available on CD this year. Email addresses are
required to send conference materials
in advance.

Curt B. Whittet: Featured Speaker! Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association. He is former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Illinois Genealogical Society.

Jeffrey Bassett: Has been working on Bassett Family genealogy for more than 30 years. To date, the Bassett project has grown to include more than 230 male Bassets living in 7 countries around the world, making it one of the largest projects of its kind. He has presented the Bassett DNA project to more than a dozen different groups in several states. Jeffrey lives in Mundelein, Illinois with his wife and four children.

Jane G. Haideman: Illinois State Genealogical Society board member and President of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society. She is co-owner of It’s Relative a genealogical research company based in Illinois. Jane is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild and lectures frequently on genealogy topics.

Susan D. Kaufman: Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research at the Houston Public Library. A genealogy librarian for 23 years, Susan currently is a Director on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and President – Elect of the Texas State Genealogical Society. She began her career as the genealogy librarian at the Peoria Public Library.

Larry Pepper: Illinois State Genealogical Society board member. Owner of PepperPhotography.com. Larry has twenty five years experience in a variety of areas of photography. He has combined his extensive knowledge of Photoshop and his love of genealogy to create exquisite family trees.


Become A Member and Save!
Becoming a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society earns you $10 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 copies of the ISGS Quarterly as well as discounts on ISGS publications. Visit www.isgs.org for more information about all the wonderful things our organization has to offer. Join today!

Registration Form
Mailed and postmarked by Thursday, September 30th
☐ $35.00 for ISGS Members
☐ $45.00 for Non-Members
☐ $55.00 postmarked after September 30th or at the door
☐ $30.00 Annual Membership to ISGS

Late registrations welcome, but we cannot guarantee
lunch after this date or for walk-ins.
Please, no refunds after September 30th

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<td>An in-depth look at military records, from our country's earliest history to the present day. Discussed are the five major types of military records; where one can find such documents; typical data found in sample records; and a detailing of what one might call other &quot;minor&quot; military records.</td>
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<td><strong>Be sure to visit our Exhibitors!!!</strong></td>
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<td>Newspapers: A Mirror of History</td>
<td>Susan D. Kaufman</td>
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<td>Newspapers are reflectors of the communities and the societies they represent. Finding that vital piece of information; a vital record, a list of immigrants, or even just the &quot;goings on&quot; of the community your family was a part, offers a greater insight and a picture of (and into) their lives.</td>
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<td>Coal Dust in Your Veins: Tips, Strategies, and Resources to Bring Your Coal Mining Ancestors to the Surface</td>
<td>Timothy N. Pinnick</td>
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<td>Key resources in print, on microfilm and online, related to the coal mining experience in America will be highlighted and valuable tips and strategies on tracking coal mining ancestors will be provided.</td>
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<td>Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research</td>
<td>Curt B. Witcher</td>
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<td>An up-close look at various types of church records, how to find such documents in the areas where one’s ancestors lived, and strategies for accessing as many church records and church-created documents as possible. Some time is devoted to recognizing record keeping practices, archives and determining the addresses of archives for various denominations.</td>
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<td>Using Criminal Records for Genealogical Research</td>
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<td>Criminal records offer an insight into the darker side of our ancestors. They also show those individuals who did not commit the crime, but are victims, witnesses, juries and more. An overview of resources created involving around criminal activity will be presented.</td>
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<td>Old Soldiers Do Die, but Often After They Move!</td>
<td>Timothy N. Pinnick</td>
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<td>A survey of the GAR (a national organization of Union Civil War Veterans) along with a look at some of the extant sources of that group presents a useful methodology which helps researchers accumulate important details on these veterans.</td>
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<td>Genetic Genealogy and the Bassett DNA Y-chromosome project</td>
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<td>Genetic Genealogy is the latest technique being used as a tool in genealogical research. He will explain how he got started in genealogy, how DNA testing works, and examples of different case studies from the Bassett DNA project showing how DNA testing has helped in the research of different Bassett lines.</td>
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<td>Funeral Records: The Final Event</td>
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<td>Funeral records generate many different records that can be utilized for research. Death certificates, obituaries, death notices, funeral cards, body transportation records, burial permits, and many more are sought after to prove evidence of a life.</td>
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<td>All That Other STUFF: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules</td>
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<td>Focuses on the many other census schedules that researchers often overlook when using federal census records; agricultural, manufacturing, mortality, slave, social and statistical censuses are explored. Using all these schedules along with the population schedules can provide a significant amount of additional information about one’s ancestor and his community.</td>
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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

Historical Society Dedicates Monumental Tree Carvings

On Sunday May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. two eight-foot tall tree sculptures were dedicated at the McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main Street in Union, Illinois. Involving over a year in planning and completion, the wood sculptures were made possible through a grant from the Donna L. Vestal Foundation of Crystal Lake.

The sculptures were carved by Marengo woodcarver Mike Bihlmaier out of two cottonwood trees that were 127 years old when taken down in 2007. About eight feet of each tree was left for carving. Bihlmaier was able to design benches in each stump along with books piled high representing local written history and one large book opened to a quote of Illinois’ most famous son Abraham Lincoln, “Fellow Citizens, we cannot escape history.”

Greenwood historians and authors Libbie Aavang and Norine Mathey were on hand to sign their recently published book “Old Homes Across Our Prairie: The Greenwood Book, Vol. II.” The book is now on sale at the museum for $35.00. For further information contact the Society at 815-923-2267 or info@mchsonline.org.
Genealogy Conference Coming to Knoxville

Many viewers of the NBC series “Who Do You Think You Are?” wish that they could learn about their own family history. The Federation of Genealogical Societies in partnership with the East Tennessee Historical Society and Kentucky Historical Society is hosting their annual conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, August 18-21, 2010. Some of the genealogists featured on the hit NBC show are making presentations at this conference. This year’s theme is “Rediscovering America’s First Frontier.”

Wednesday is called “Focus on Societies Day.” Presentations on that day are designed to help societies and their members improve their organization. The day will end with focus groups for various society leaders. The remainder of the week features presentations covering topics such as how to research in Tennessee, Kentucky, and surrounding states, how to use various types of records in one’s research, methodology and strategies, using various databases and other types of technology, researching various ethnic groups, certification and accreditation, military research, using repositories such as libraries and archives, and even researching in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Thursday’s schedule begins with a keynote session featuring J. Mark Lowe, CG, a full-time professional genealogist, author, and teacher who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South, and Kent Whitworth, the executive director for the Kentucky Historical Society who is a seventh-generation Kentuckian.

Exhibits are open Thursday through Saturday and are open to those not registered for the conference as well as those who are.

Find out more about this year’s FGS Conference and register online at http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/. The deadline for discounted early registration is June 1, 2010.
ISGS Member and conference volunteer receives an award!

Congratulations Kay!

The Goodrich Family Association newsletter received the Runner-up Award given to Family Association editors at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake City the end of April. Accepting the award for the Goodrich Family Association was its editor, Kay Waterloo, currently a resident of Greenwood, Indiana, (former resident of Illinois) who was appointed the editor in 2006.

The group’s website is www.GoodrichFamilyAssoc.org. The website features:
1. Full details about the Goodrich Family Association including variant spellings
2. A complete index to the Goodrich Family in America edited by Lafayette W. Case
3. Information about the Goodrich DNA Project
4. A link to a Membership application

Posted by: Carole McCarty to Dick Eastman's Newsletter May 10, 2010
**ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers 2010**

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Memberships run from January 1 through December 31.

**Dues:**
- Individual Member: New & Renewal $30.00
- Joint Member or Canadian: New & Renewal $35.00
- International: (outside U.S. & Canada) $55.00
- Charter Member: (joined prior to June 1, 1969) $29.00
- Contributing Member: $55.00
- Illinois Local Affiliates: New & Renewal $30.00

Please include a long SASE with correspondence requiring a reply.

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**Advertising Opportunity**

We would like to include any announcements your society has about upcoming conferences, seminars, and meeting information. Submit this information to the ISGS office either by email (isgs.secy@sbcglobal.net) or to the ISGS address listed below.

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 or the ISGS Office. (saleguas@dtnspeed.net)

**Address Changes**

If you have a change of either a mailing address or an email address or both it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resenting out issues that were not able to be forwarded to a new address.