Here are some of the Illinois attendees posing with George K. Schweitzer at the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Reception in Knoxville at the FGS Conference.

October is National History Month

Here’s some links to help you celebrate:

http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/feature/family/

http://genealogy.about.com/od/holidays/tp/family-history-month.htm

http://genealogycenter.wordpress.com/2010/08/10/family-history-month-is-coming/

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Fall Greetings to all,

It’s hard to believe summer is past and we are moving headlong into Fall. The heat and humidity which make my hair frizz are finally gone. The cooler days and nights are a relief and we can finally turn off the air conditioning!

This Fall is particularly poignant for me as it ends my term as president of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. It has been my honor and privilege to be president, but now I’m ready to move into the past president’s chair at our quarterly meetings in Springfield.

The coming year will be so exciting with plans that have been in the works this past year. Not only will our website have a new and fresh look, ISGS will be embarking on several new projects to benefit our members.

The news is already out that ISGS will be the local host for the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference. Yes, the 2011 conference will be held in Springfield at the Convention Center with the Hilton serving as the conference hotel. You will certainly want to put September 7-10, 2011 on your genealogy calendar today. I can promise you a very rewarding experience in Springfield, a city with much to offer in historical and research opportunities.

Speaking of opportunities, if you haven’t heard Curt Witcher, of Allen County Public Library fame, you will have an “opportunity” in Peoria on Saturday, October 23rd. You can hear Curt along with Tim Pinnick, Susan Kaufman and other professionals at our ISGS Fall Conference. Another opportunity will be to network with fellow family researchers. Your opportunity extends beyond sessions into the exhibit hall where we have the most and newest of what researchers are looking for in genealogy books and research aids. So please sign on to the ISGS website, click on Conferences and away you go! Or you can always email ISGSConference@comcast.net for a conference brochure to be mailed to you. Early registration deadline is September 30th! I hope to see you there.

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.” – Chinese Proverb

Warm regards,
Carole McCarty
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

ISGS Now Has a Facebook Page!

ISGS has increased its social media presence with the addition of a page on Facebook dedicated to the latest news and activities about ISGS and Illinois genealogy. Go to http://www.facebook.com/ILGenSoc to visit our site and while there, please click the “Like” button at the top of the page. By doing so, you’ll be subscribing to the updates found on our page and get the inside scoop on upcoming programs!

Check out the new Illinois State Genealogical Society Blog http://ilgensoc.blogspot.com/

Have You Spotted ISGS News in Your Local Paper?

If you see ISGS mentioned in a newspaper, genealogy, magazine, or other publication, Publicity Chair, Lois Hanley, would like to know where and when. Lois publicizes ISGS projects and activities all over the state and Midwest area, but needs our eyes and ears to help pinpoint where the news appears. If you see something, please send a scanned image to isgspublicity@gmail.com or send a photocopy of the piece with the date and place of publication to: Publicity Chair, ISGS, P. O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195.

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.
ISGS Fall Conference Saturday, October 23, 2010

You Have Family
You Have History

Curt B. Witches: 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 National 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 Bassett 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. Halderman: Illinois State Genealogical Society board member and President of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society. She is co-owner of It’s Relative! 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 Denne: 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!

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 queries in the ISGS Quarterly as well as discounts on ISGS publications. Visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ISGS 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
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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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You Have Family You Have History
Conference Program — Saturday, October 23, 2010

8:00-8:45 A.M. Registration and Networking

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

9:30 A.M. Using Military Records for Genealogical Research
Curt B. Witcher 1A
An in-depth look at military records, from our country's earliest history to the present day. Discussed will be 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 "minor" military records.

Newspaper Research: A Mirror of History
Susan D. Kaufman 1B
Newspapers are reflective of the communities and the times they represent. Finding that vital piece of information—a vital record, a list of immigrants, or even just the "opening" of the community your family was a part of, offers a greater insight and a picture of (and into) their lives.

Coal Dust in Your Veins:
Tips, Strategies, and Resources to Bring Your Coal Mining Ancestors to the Surface
Timothy N. Pinnick 1C
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.

11:00 A.M. Pain in the Access: Getting More from the Internet for Your Genealogy
Curt B. Witcher 2A
Library, archive, government, and GeoWeb sites have much to offer genealogists if they know how and where to look—and it's not as complicated or painful as it might first seem. This lecture demonstrates sites and strategies for getting more meaningful data from the web.

Basic Digital Image Restoration
Larry Pepper 2B
Discusses the application tools that can be used for image restoration. Example images will include problems such as faded or dark images, cracks, tears, holes and missing pieces. Discover basic techniques used towards creating amazing results with your own restorations.

From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping your Family's Place in the World
Jane G. Hulceman 2C
There are numerous sources that give our ancestors' legal land description. But where are they and what do they mean? Learn where to look for those records and discover how to convert section and range into Google Earth to see what that property looks like today.

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research
Curt B. Witcher 3A
An up-close look at various types of church records, both to find church documents in the areas where one's ancestors lived, and strategies for accessing 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.

Using Criminal Records for Genealogical Research
Susan D. Kaufman 3B
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, jurors and more. An overview of sources created around criminal activity will be presented.

Old Soldiers Do Die, but Often After They Move!
Timothy N. Pinnick 3C
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.

3:00 P.M. Genetic Genealogy and the Bassett DNA Y-Chromosome Project
Jeffrey Bassett 4A
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.

Funeral Records: The Final Event
Susan D. Kaufman 4B
Funerals 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.

All That Other STUFF: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules
Curt B. Witcher 4C
Focuses on the many other census schedules that researchers often overlook when using federal census records; agricultural, manufacturing, mortality, slave, social and institutional 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.
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum


View a Conference Program and Schedule:

Register online:

Questions? Contact Ian Hunt at (217) 558-8892 or ihunt@alplm.org.

The Conference on Illinois History welcomes more than 350 people each year who appreciate opportunities to share their interest in the history of Illinois. The more than 30 sessions include scholarly papers, panel discussions, and workshops. Exhibitors both days include university press publishers, new and used book dealers, and the Illinois State Archives. Teachers with a desire to bring new perspectives and teaching techniques into their classroom can take advantage of the teacher workshops offered both days, and the conference is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education for Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU's).

DATELINE: WILKES-BARRE (PA), 18 NOV 1908

The Times Leader newspaper carried a report this day about local men arrested and fined for drunkenness. There were seven, six of whom were fined $1 plus costs. The last man was fined $5.00.

What did Joseph Belin do to distress the judge so greatly that he was fined the equivalent of $118 in today's money? His mother appeared against him, complaining that Joseph had been drunk, and disorderly, and had threatened her. Then he burned the family Bible. The judge, who was also the mayor, placed Belin in the hands of Officer Ford who will compel the prisoner to work out his fine before he may try to make amends with his mother for destroying this family heirloom.

Submitted by Kristy Gravlin

The Many Languages of Genealogy

Saturday, October 16, 2010
Hendrickson Room
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Have difficulty reading the old German handwriting?

Not sure what that word is in Polish?

Drop in with your document and a translator will help

you solve those language mysteries.

If possible please bring a copy of the document and not the original.

Languages will include German, Italian, Latin, Polish,

Russian, Swedish and Ukrainian

Genealogical societies will have information tables.

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It will soon be 50 years since the book "From Oxen to Jets, A History of DeKalb County 1835-1963" was published, and the DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society has decided to do an update.

Compiled by Harriett Wilson Davy back in the early 1960s, the first edition was a hardcover book with 270 pages, covering the years from the county’s beginnings in 1835 up to 1963. The book project was funded by the DeKalb County Board then, but this time the historical society plans to seek other funding and private donations to complete a new edition. Full disclosure: I am a member of the society's board.

After two meetings of the book committee, headed by recently retired Kishwaukee College educator Terry Martin, several people have come forward to offer help in writing some of the chapters which will carry the county’s story forward 50 years. People such as Joan Hardekopf from Sandwich, Sherrie Martin from Waterman, and Ron Klein, Sue Breese, Jerry Smith and Al Golden from DeKalb have indicated a willingness to focus on their areas of interest. But more volunteer writers and researchers are needed, and Martin invites those who might be interested to contact him.

A professional editor will be required to serve as the overall project coordinator and an interview panel has been assembled to interview those prospects who have been identified so far. There is also discussion about employing a business manager. The historical society has voted on a preliminary budget to begin work once an editor is hired. I would hope that the book will be ready for sale by late 2012 so people can order one for Christmas that year.

Chapters will be similar in most cases to those in the "Oxen to Jets" edition, such as agriculture, county government, industries, medicine, law and the courts, education from elementary through college level, churches, the local news media, townships and cities, organizations, historical sites and outstanding public servants.

For those who have an interest in local history, some prior books are also in libraries that have portrayed DeKalb County and its residents over the years, but most are out of print, including "Oxen to Jets." You may be familiar with the "History of DeKalb County" by Henry Boies, published in 1868, the "Past and Present of DeKalb County," written by Lewis Gross in 1907 and the more recent publications produced by Steve Bigolin.

The $64,000 question in my mind is what to name the new book: Just "Oxen to Jets – Volume II," "Beyond Oxen to Jets," or the mundane title "DeKalb County History from 1963 to 2013." Martin hopes for some better ideas. You can offer your suggestions or other help by contacting him at 815-756-4030.

When returning to DeKalb County in 2006, I was so impressed with the historical society’s book that had just come out: "Rural School Journeys: A Legacy of Learning," which covered the history of the one-room country schools and the early years of education in DeKalb County. It will be hard to top the quality of that product, but let’s hope it can at least be matched.

Oak Brook’s Bronswood Cemetery burial index now available online

Sharon Reif, secretary of the Oak Brook (DuPage County, Illinois) Historical Society, announced in August that a searchable database for the Bronswood Cemetery burial index is now available on the society’s website at www.oakbrookhistory.com. The society will also begin gradually placing photos of gravestones, where a stone exists, with each burial record. If you have someone buried in the cemetery, follow the progress of the photo portion of this project to be sure you also find the accompanying photo. Sharon’s article about the project appeared in Vol. 42, No. 1 (Spring 2010) of the Quarterly.
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British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois
Migration to the Upper Midwest will be presented by Richard Ammann, a retired archivist at the Racine Heritage Museum. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiilbig/

**May 2011**

[11th-14th]

National Genealogical Society
2011 Family History Conference to be held in Charleston, South Carolina. www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

**September 2011**

[7th-11th]

Federation of Genealogical Societies
ISGS will host Pathway to the Heartland in Springfield, IL. www.fgs.org/index.php

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**Reflect Indian Influence—Continued**


Jacksonville: after Andrew Jackson, soldier and seventh president of the United States.

Joliet: after Louis Joliet, French–Canadian explorer of the Mississippi.

Kenilworth: even as late as 1896, a Chicago suburb was named for a novel—Sir Walter Scott’s “Kenilworth.”

Lake Michigan: Lake Michigan was named by the Miami tribe. It means great lake.

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