ISGS Notes the Passing of Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

The Illinois State Genealogical Society notes the passing of Sandra Hargreaves Luebking and offers its condolences to her family and many friends in the genealogy community.

Many members of ISGS will remember the years of Sandra’s service not only in the field of genealogy but at ISGS itself. Here is a list of her many accomplishments and offices she held during her association with us:

Sandra's service to ISGS:
- 1981-1983 Director
- 1985 1st VP
- 1986 Spring Conference Chair
- 1986-1987 Standardization of Transcriptions
- 1989-Present, FGS Representative
- 1994-2005 Intermediate Studies Coordinator for the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America
- Compiled 1850 Edgar County, Illinois Census
- ISGS Special Recognition Award - 1987

For more information on Sandra, please see the memorial tribute posted at the FGS Voice blog at http://voice.fgs.org/2011/02/in-memoriam-sandra-hargreaves-luebking.html.

The family of Sandra Luebking has announced plans for a memorial service on:

Saturday, April 2, 2011, 10:00 am
Chapel Hill Gardens West
17W201 Roosevelt Road
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
(630) 941-5860

Directions to the service can be found at http://www.chapelhillgardenswest.com/dm20/en_US/locations/26/2674/directions.page?

FGS Announces Sandra H. Luebking Memorial

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) has established the Sandra H. Luebking Memorial as a way of remembering the work and achievements of an influential leader in the genealogy community, the late Sandra Hargreaves Luebking.

Those who wish to remember Sandra and to help improve access to genealogy research records can now contribute to the Sandra H. Luebking Memorial to help make War of 1812 pension files available to researchers. As an active member of the FGS family and as Editor of FORUM from 1990 to 2010, Sandra was a huge supporter of the Preserve the Pensions project (www.fgs.org/1812/).

This project was one of her personal choices as a memorial should anyone choose to honor her after her passing. To make a contribution as a memorial to Sandra H. Luebking, visit the Preserve the Pensions donation page (www.fgs.org/1812/donation.php). The names of donors will appear in FGS FORUM and a notice will be sent to Sandra's family.
Greetings,

Spring is here and it is once again time for the ISGS Spring Tour on April 2. This is an opportunity to have a personalized tour of a few of the best sites to research in Springfield. When I took the tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, I was surprised to learn that the largest portion of the collection is in the basement, which is not open to the public. It is simple to get anything in the collection if you know how. Which is one of the many things you will learn while on the tour. The Archive tour has two elements. One is learning how to search for and find death certificates issued between 1916 and 1947. The second element is an introduction and presentation of the Illinois government documents accessible to the public. Researching at the Archives is always exciting when you hold an original document. The newest addition to the tour, The Lincoln Library, is new to me also and I look forward to having a new place to explore.

By now all ISGS members should have received their ISGS Website member’s only section login. If you have not received your login, send an email to <isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.com> and webmaster Thomas will send you your information. Items pertinent to Illinois are being added to the member only section as they are completed. You will want to check the website regularly to see what is new.

With the passing of past ISGS Board member Sandra Luebking came the reflections of what a person does within their lifetime, the people who remember those events, and the variety of people affected by that person. As genealogists these are the types of facts we hope to find for our relatives, their interests and passions that gave meaning to their lives. Sandra devoted many years to ISGS focusing on genealogical education. Her many contributions are recognized and greatly appreciated.

Wishing you the best,

Janice A Fritsch PLCGS

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**FGS Society Strategy Series Now Available To The Public**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) has made a vast collection of its Society Strategy Series papers free to the public at the FGS website <http://www.fgs.org/societystrategy/>.

The Society Strategy Series is a collection of papers filled with suggestions and instructions for the management of genealogical societies, historical societies, and family associations. These papers have been expertly written by respected authors in the genealogy community to help you and your society grow and prosper. Topics covered in the Society Strategy Series papers include:

- Series I: Strategies for Societies
- Series II: Strategies for Presidents
- Series III: Strategies for Vice-Presidents
- Series IV: Strategies for Treasurers
- Series V: Strategies for Secretaries
- Series VI: Strategies for Program Chairpersons
- Series VII: Strategies for Librarians
- Series VIII: Strategies for Editors

Most genealogists and genealogy society members will recognize the authors of the Society Strategy Series papers which include Jana Sloan Broglin, Karen Clifford, Betty Robertson Kaufman, Roberta “Bobbi” King, Gary Mokotoff, David Rencher, Curt Witcher, and the late Sandra H. Luebking and Marsha Hoffman Rising.

Newer Society Strategy Series topics are placed in the Members Only area of the FGS website for a period of one (1) year as a member benefit for FGS member societies. Additional new papers are being written and are planned for the coming year.

******* Submit a query to the ISGS Quarterly—members are free, nonmembers are $5.00 *******
NEW! Members Only Section

Active members of ISGS can now access various databases and indices created by ISGS members and volunteers including:

**Civic and Fraternal Organization Lists**: Indexes extracted from various sources such as annual reports, conference programs and more. Organizations include the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois. Data includes names, membership dates, death dates, locations, addresses and more!

**Professional Membership Lists**: Indexes extracted from various sources such as annual reports, bulletins, conference programs and more. Organizations include Illinois State Dental Society, Illinois Bar Association and others. Data includes names, membership dates, death dates, marriage information, locations, addresses and more!

**School Alumni and Employee Lists**: Indexes extracted from various sources including reports, graduation programs, yearbooks and more. Many indexes also include school employees such as teachers, professors, accounting staff, janitorial staff and more. Data includes names, attendance dates, employment dates, death dates, locations, addresses and more!

The ISGS website also contains a number of free databases with data on Illinois ancestors who fought in the Civil War, as well as World Wars I and II. In addition, the Certified Prairie Pioneers database lists over 3,000 early Illinois ancestors who helped settle the Prairie State.

If you have not received your ISGS Member Login Instructions, please contact the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.

Submit Your Surnames

The ISGS website now has a Surname Research database (<http://ilgensoc.org/surname.php>) which allows any visitor to view surname information and contact researchers. As a member of ISGS, you can also submit your surname information so other researchers can contact you. For complete instructions, please see Surname Research Help (<http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/ISGS_Surname_Research_Instructions.pdf>).

New African-American Genealogy Databases

In honor of Black History Month this past February, ISGS member volunteers were busy scanning and transcribing a selection of African-American genealogy articles which were first published in the ISGS Quarterly during the late 1970s. Located under Free Databases and titled African-American Genealogy (<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=99>), items so far include these articles:

- Black Women’s Descendants Sought (ISGS Quarterly, Vol. 9, No. 1, Spring 1977)
- Introduction to Black Genealogy (ISGS Quarterly, Vol. 10, No. 1, Spring 1978)
- Register of Slaves (Indentures) and Emancipation of Slaves (ISGS Quarterly, Vol. 10, No. 1, Spring 1978)

Published during the exciting post-Roots era when the genealogical community experienced a re-awakening and a renewed interest in African-American genealogy, these articles provide valuable data for all researchers. More of these types of articles and databases will appear as they are transcribed. Please check back frequently for new items!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

If you have suggestions, questions or comments on the ISGS Website, you can use the Website Suggestion Form at (<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=87>) or email the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.

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**Help the Society Develop a Tag Line**

The ISGS Governing Board is currently developing a Long Range Plan for the Society. As part of that plan we want to develop a tag line to help people identify with the Society name. A tag line is the phrase that helps people link your name to your brand message. Tag lines translate your positioning statement into a marketing statement meant to serve as a customer magnet.

Tag lines come in essentially two types, descriptive and expressive. “Improving Life, One Breath at a Time” for the American Lung Association is descriptive. “Just do it” for Nike is expressive. The rule of thumb is: if your name does not communicate what your business does, or if your business is new, use a descriptive tagline to bridge the gap. Tag lines can help describe what you do (beyond your name), and cement your organization’s name or mission in the minds of your prospects and members.

We want to announce a contest for the development of the Society’s tag line. Please think of a potential tag line and submit it to the Long Range Planning Committee at black.531@charter.net  The person whose tag line is selected for the Society will be recognized in a future newsletter and at the annual meeting.

You can find out more about tag lines and see some examples for other companies and organizations at the following site.  

Take a few minutes to think of a catchy tag line and submit it for consideration.  

*Thanks for your help!*
SPRING TOURS IN SPRINGFIELD IL
Saturday April 2, 2011

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES  With finding aids to help with your research, learn where to hunt for your Illinois ancestors in the many Military Records, Land Purchase Records, County Histories, Marriage Indexes and Death Records. You will also want to explore the “Hall of Names!”

9:30 a.m.__________

ILLINOIS DEATH CERTIFICATE ASSISTANCE AT THE ARCHIVES
Learn how to find copies of death records from microfilm for years 1916 – 1947
9:30 a.m.__________ 11:00 a.m.__________ 1:00 p.m.__________

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
112 N. Sixth St. (Once called the Il. State Historical Library)
Learn about the extensive resources available for genealogical research. The Reference Room will be open for research
9:30 a.m.__________ 11:00 a.m.__________

New This Year: LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF SPRINGFIELD
326 S. Seventh St. Learn about the genealogy materials housed in the Sangamon Valley Collection at the Lincoln Library in Springfield, IL. The collection includes an obituary index to death announcements in The State Journal-Register newspaper and its predecessors from 1861 to present, city directories, family histories, yearbooks, published materials, all part of the extensive history of Sangamon County. Research assistance will follow tour.

10:30 a.m.__________ 1:00 p.m.__________

Please choose your first and second time choice where applicable. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Deadline is March 26. Please mail check payable to Illinois State Genealogical Society at PO Box 10195, Springfield IL 62791-0195.

_______$10 per session for Members
_______$12 per session for Non-Members
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OR REGISTER ONLINE USING PAYPAL AT http://www.ilgensoc.org
CONFIRMATION, PARKING AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU
Lunch is NOT provided.
History Without Boundaries

2011 is the sesquicentennial of the start of the Civil War. Do you know what role your community played in the war?

History Without Boarders (a regional history group) is sponsoring a Civil War History and architecture bus tour on Saturday, May 14th from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Early-bird registration is $25.00 per ticket if purchased by March 31st. After that the cost is $35.00 so don’t delay.

The tour steps off at 9:00 A.M. from the Little White School Museum at 72 Polk St., Oswego, IL and will visit sites in Aurora, Montgomery, Oswego, and Plainfield. Seating is limited. Lunch is provided.

For more information or to register contact Tina Beaird at (630) 554—3883 or historywithoutboundaries@gmail.com. Visit History Without Boundaries on Facebook.

Can You Suggest an Indexing Project?

Several people have submitted suggestions and have been volunteering for ISGS’s new Indexing Initiative towards the creation of indices and databases for our website’s Members Section. Administered by board members Thomas MacEntee and Anabelle Bradshaw, this major effort aims to provide members with excellent and wide-ranging Illinois research resources. For more information and to access the Indexing Proposal Form <www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=111> on the ISGS website.

Thank you to our new indexers!

Veronica Henry Illinois
Sheryl Jones Michigan
Eileen Lennon California
Luanne Triolo Illinois

An Old Fashioned Prairie Social

During the FGS 2011 Conference, ISGS is hosting An Old Fashioned Prairie Social on September 7, from 6-8 PM at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. Come and immerse yourself in the past and present of Illinois. President and Mrs. Lincoln will greet you and visit with you during the evening as you enjoy period music and indulge in delicious desserts and popcorn. Noted Abraham Lincoln presenter Fritz Klein will be our honored guest accompanied by Mary Todd Lincoln as presented by Pam Brown.

Fast forward into the 21st century and take a tour of Illinois society displays. Match wits in a genealogy quiz game, competing as an individual or a society group. Perhaps President Lincoln will even answer a question or two. Before the evening ends, be sure to spin the prize wheel to win something fantastic.

Tickets for this event are $8. Although you do not need to be registered for the conference to attend the Social, you will need to purchase a ticket by completing the FGS 2011 conference registration form and selecting W-137: An Old Fashioned Prairie Social, Wed. Sept. 7.

We look forward to seeing you there!
**ISGS Memorial Fund**
Shirley Howenstine—Glenview, IL
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for Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

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**Notice to all local genealogical societies:**

Nominations for ISGS Honors & Awards are due by July 1, 2011 this year. Our annual meeting will be on September 7 in conjunction with the FGS 2011 Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor that special someone who does so much for your society and/or the genealogical community; so get those nominations in early.

Award forms can be found at www.ilgensoc.org in the Forms/ ISGS Forms/ Mail completed form to: ISGS Office, Honors & Awards Committee, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195 or submit on-line.

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**New ISGS Members**

Lake County Public Library—Merrillville, IN
Seattle Public Library—Seattle, WA
Janice Burkett—Burlington, IA
Lyle McLaren—Springfield, VA
Karen & Gordy Struve—Colville, WA
Donna Peterson—Cibolo, TX
Ronald Winner—Springfield, IL
Dianne Fion—Cameron Park, CA
Karen Glass—Oak Park, IL
Gladys Brandstotettn—Palisade, CO
Mary Timmons—Huachuca City, AZ
Florence Clendenen—Hilliard, OH
Catherine Passas—New Lenox, IL
Helen Palmer—Plainfield, IL
Janell Nickols—Williamsburg, VA
Delbert Ritchhart—San Diego, CA
Leeta Obermoeller—Palm Springs, CA
Glenn Moreton—Adelphi, MD
Janice Marshall—Wilmington, IL
Peter Davis—Prescott, AZ
William Galovich—British Columbia
Julie Wilson—Appomattox, VA

Chrstyal Pehm—Peoria, IL
Nancy Loe—San Luis Obispo, CA
Gregory Preston—Laveen, AZ
Mike Borchers—APO, AE
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Roger & Patricia Taylor—Rock Falls, IL
Judith Anderson—Springfield, IL
Patricia P. Dubis—McFarland, WI
Mary Beth P. Flannery—McFarland, WI
Sandra Johnson—Vashon, WA
Kimberly Kisel—Darien, IL
Janet Murphy—Shelbyville, IL
Sharon Schirding—Petersburg, IL
Janet Geronime—Lake Junaluska, NC
Pamela L. Embley—Williamsburg, VA
Luana Darby—West Jordan, UT
Jen Bawden—Hermitage, TN
Donnie Altenberger—Mocksville, NC
Jenny Werner—Woodridge, IL
Victoria Hilb—Glendale, AZ
Kathy Stonequist—Elmhurst, IL
Jacqueline LaRue Lyell—Marion, IL
Jean Krueger—Mt. Prospect, IL

Barbara Dahman—Winchester, IL
Kenneth Cillo—Kyles Ford, TN
Charles Geigner—Bloomington, IL
Lorna Roth—Valley Park, MO
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Paul McElroy—Tuscola, IL
Barb Rodda—LaSalle, IL
Gwendolyn Menz—Edwardsville, IL
Elizabeth Collins—Homewood, IL
Caron Stillmunkes—Yorkville, IL
Joyce King—Denver, CO
Sandwich District Library—Sandwich, IL
Leona Gustafson—Hilliard, OH
Phillip & Sandra Vahl—LaSalle, IL
Laura Keaton Morrison—Lynchburg, VA
Linda Schwartz—Cary, IL
Carol Fricke—Newark, DE
Lara Alfaro—Hobart, IN
Dorothea Berthold—West Plains, IL
Barbara Brusseau—Chillicothe, IL
Susan Sullivan—Des Plaines, IL
PZ Horton—Germantown, TN
Steven Wright—Chicago, IL
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April 2011

[14th-16th]
Illinois State Historical Society
Sacred Oaths, Shallow Graves: Illinois in the Civil War, Part I at the Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
www.historyillinois.org

[30th]
Milwaukee County Genealogical Society
Presents the 17th Biennial Workshop.
www.milwaukeegenealogy.org/

[30th]
Parkland Community College
Michele McNabb will be presenting Danish Genealogy at the Urbana Free Library.
www.danishmuseum.org/workshops-and-talks.cfm

May 2011

[9th]
Decatur Genealogical Society
Make the Computer Work For You—A hands-on genealogy discussion and workshop at the DGS Library, Decatur, IL.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ildecgs/index.htm

[11th-14th]
National Genealogical Society
2011 Family History Conference to be held in Charleston, South Carolina.
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

June 2011

[3rd, 4th & 5th]
Quebec Family History Society
Roots 2011 - The International Conference on Family History is being held at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.
www.qfhs.ca

August 2011

[6th]
Kentucky Genealogical Society
Clearing Your Genealogical Hurdles by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

September 2011

[7th-11th]
Federation of Genealogical Societies
ISGS will host Pathway to the Heartland in Springfield, IL.
www.fgs.org/index.php

[24th]
Fox Valley Genealogical Society
Presenting an all day conference “Building a Better Pedigree” featuring Christine Rose at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville.
www.ilfvgs.org

Calendar

[29th-30th]
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Thirteenth Annual conference on Illinois History at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield, IL.
www.illinoishistory.gov/conference.htm

October 2011

[15th]
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
2011 Fall Seminar at Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha, WI.

Genealogy Society of Southern IL
Advanced Sources and Strategies for Tracking Pre-1850 Ancestor by Mark J. Lowe, CG.

Posting Genealogy Events
Please send notices of events well in advance to ISGS Newsletter Editor: <isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org>.
Include date(s), location, contact person, and the address or website to be used for additional information.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies

Pathways to the Heartland
A Conference for the Nation’s Genealogists
with local host The Illinois State Genealogical Society
September 7-10, 2011
Springfield, Illinois
ISGS Executive Committee  Elected Officers  2011

President:  Janice Fritsch  
1st Vice-President:  Larry Pepper  
2nd Vice-President:  Susie Pope  
Treasurer:  Michele Claypool  
Recording Secretary:  Julie Cahill Tarr

2011 Directors: Cheri Hunter, Jean Jung, Karl R. Moore
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2013 Directors: Ann Wells, Annabelle Bradshaw, Dan Dixon

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 resending out issues that were not able to be forwarded to a new address.

ISGS, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195
Executive Office: Illinois State Archives Building, 2nd Floor
Business Office Telephone: 217/789-1968
Website: <http://ilgensoc.org/index.php>
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**Newsletter Article Contributions due the 30th of the month prior to publishing.**
**Advertising options available**

You still have time to renew your dues to the Illinois State Genealogical Society without missing an issue of the ISGS Quarterly
Renew online at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=8 or mail your 2011 renewal to
ISGS Membership Renewal
PO Box 10195
Springfield, IL 62791-0195

Individual/Society/Library: $30.
Joint (2 people at same address): $35.
Charter (before 1969): $29
Contributing: $55

New ISGS Office Hours
Effective the week of March 14th the ISGS Office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am until 1pm.