Genealogy on the Radio? You Heard That Right!

You might not have heard, but did you know that you can find not one but two new radio shows about genealogy – and that you can listen to them using your computer or your smart phone?

The first show is called GeneaBloggers Radio [http://www.blogtalkradio.com/geneabloggers/] and has been on the air for over 15 weeks now. The show is broadcast each Friday evening starting at 9:00 pm CST and features a variety of information about genealogy and family history. Each episode of GeneaBloggers Radio is devoted to a theme and includes some of the biggest names in genealogy – Megan Smolenyak, J. Mark Rowe and others – as guest stars. In addition, listeners can call in and comment on the issues being discussed and even win door prizes! The host for GeneaBloggers Radio is our very own ISGS Webmaster Thomas MacEntee who also produces each episode. You can visit the GeneaBloggers Radio website to also listen to past episodes of the show!

The second show is FGS Radio – My Society [http://www.blogtalkradio.com/mysociety] and is produced by the Federation of Genealogical Societies [http://www.fgs.org]. Broadcast each Saturday at 1:00 pm CST, My Society focuses on genealogy society issues such as increasing membership, putting together a genealogy conference, and how to introduce more technology into your society. Again our own Thomas MacEntee serves as producer and periodic host but don’t be surprised to hear other FGS board members and even The Genealogy Guys hosting an episode.

For instructions on how to use the Blog Talk Radio website where both of these great shows are located, please visit [http://voice.fgs.org/2011/05/how-to-listen-to-fgs-radio.html].
President’s Message — from Janice A. Fritsch

Greetings,

For quite some time the ISGS Board and Committees have taken the time to look at ways to update and improve the Society. Among the changes we have already set into motion are:

- **Involving more Society members in Society activities.** All types of people are desired to volunteer for a variety of tasks; those who want to serve on the Board, those who would like to work with others on a committee, those who prefer to work from their homes, and those who can help at the FGS Conference. The 2nd Vice President is coordinating the volunteers with the various tasks to ensure the perfect match. Specifically needed are an 1) Advertising Committee Chair and 2) someone living in the Springfield area to assist the ISGS Archivist.

- **An evaluation of the current committees.** Through the process of an in-depth review of services offered through the committees, additions and deletions were made that keep ISGS current with the needs of the Society and the trends of today.

- **A revised set of Bylaws.** The membership will receive a copy for previewing. The Bylaws will be presented at the Annual meeting (September 8 during the FGS Conference) for approval. More information will follow.

- **The ISGS Blog.** [http://ilgensoc.blogspot.com/](http://ilgensoc.blogspot.com/)


- **The new website that debuted in February.** Updated regularly the homepage is a great source of current genealogical news. The website gives members the opportunity to add names and make connections through the Surname Research Section. If you have not logged-on take the time to see what you are missing.

Suggestions as to how the Society can improve are always welcome.

Due to a family relocation Joy Neighbors is no longer able to serve as the Chair of the Advertising Committee. Thanks to Joy for the time she was able to serve.

As ISGS President I want to publicly thank the Board and Committee members who work hard and give freely of their time. It is appreciated.

Lately I have had the urge to revisit the cemeteries of my ancestors. Memorial Day will be here soon so I plan to take the occasion to visit the veterans' places of rest and place a flag there. At my local VFW is a memorial to veterans made of bricks, engraved with the names, branch and conflict in which family members have participated. I will visit there also. As a grandmother who tries to pass on the family history, I plan to take my grandchildren with me. I look for opportunities to share our family stories through experiences like this in hopes that it will help them to remember and instill an interest.

Take time this Memorial Day to remember and honor Veterans.

Janice A. Fritsch PLCGS
President, Illinois State Genealogical /Society

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**Do We Have Your Correct Email?**

Periodically, ISGS will send “blast emails” to its members to communicate important news about our events and activities. In addition, we distribute the ISGS newsletter six times a year using email. Each time we send these emails, several are “returned” because the ISGS member has changed their email address or there is incorrect information in our database.

Help us ensure that you get all the latest ISGS emails by checking your email address on the ISGS website:


- Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members Section on the sidebar on the left

- Click the Contact Info tab and verify your email address.

If your email address is incorrect or missing, please contact the ISGS Office at isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org with the correct information.
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 black531@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.

http://www.how-to-branding.com/Creating-Taglines.html

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

Thanks for your help!

Help find the home of the Orphan Gravestone of Marie Brown

The gravestone of Marie Brown was removed by Larry Pepper from his mother’s yard on 17 Oct 2010.

A friend of Larry’s stepfather discovered Marie’s stone in a pile of concrete behind a building on a rental farm where he was living. The farm where the stone was found is near Hugo, Douglas Co., Illinois. The exact location of the farm is uncertain; here are three descriptions of the farm’s location:

East of Hugo, IL
Maybe east of Camargo, east of Arcola on Rt. 133, or east of Tuscola on Rt. 36
From Hugo, IL drive South “a piece” (3-4 miles), turn left, drive 2-3 miles, and the farm will be on the left.

The person who found the stone attempted to learn where Marie’s stone belonged but was unsuccessful. When this friend moved from the farm, he did not want to leave the stone at the farm; so he gave it to Larry’s stepfather.

There is no accurate date concerning Marie’s stone coming into the stepfather’s possession. A rough estimate is that this stone was acquired within a couple of years after August 1998.

Everyone connected with Marie’s stone wants it to be returned to its proper location. Larry’s mother, stepfather, and the person that found Marie’s stone are all unavailable for further questioning. So here is another brick wall for you to scale.

If you have any ideas or want a higher resolution image file, please contact Larry Pepper at 847-426-7377 or llpepper@sbcglobal.net.
Save Money on FGS Conference Registration

Did you know that if you volunteer at the FGS 2011 Conference in Springfield you can be reimbursed a portion of your registration fee? This is a great way to save a little money and attend a great national genealogy conference. Reimbursements are available to those who register at the early rate, and are distributed after the conference based on the following schedule:

- 8 hours = 25%
- 12 hours = 40%
- 16 hours = 65%

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the genealogical community and offers you the chance to meet new people and network with other researchers. Volunteer slots need to be filled from Tuesday, September 6th to Saturday, September 10th. There are many opportunities available in areas such as registration, hospitality, room monitoring, and technology troubleshooting. A full list of opportunities and a signup sheet are available on our website at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=106.

Please consider being a volunteer to help make this conference an enjoyable experience for everyone.

***ISGS Website Update***

Ancestor Photo Contest

Thanks to all those ISGS members who submitted their family and ancestor photos! Right now we are in the process of selecting the photos, getting descriptive information from the submitters and then in June we’ll have the photos posted in the banner of the ISGS Website http://www.ilgensoc.org. Each time you visit our website, a different photo will appear!

Coming Soon!

These are some of the items you will find at the ISGS website in the near future:

- **New Military Certificates Database.** Right now, the military certificate data is split among several databases. We’ll be posting a new searchable database listing all the data in one place.

- **More ISGS Members Only Databases.** Our indexing volunteers are busy working on various lists, indexes and databases to include on our website. This information has been compiled from several sources including professional associations, fraternal and civic organizations, school and hospital lists and more. Contact the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org if you’d like to volunteer to help or if you have data you can provide.

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.

Share a Ride to the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference in Springfield!

If you have plans to drive to Springfield in September to attend the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference, consider sharing a ride with a fellow ISGS member or conference attendee. The conference organizers have set up a ride sharing program via RideBuzz so you can list yourself as needing a ride or providing a ride from your area. Click here to find out more and click here to post a ride or go to FGS.org or Ridebuzz.org

Translations from German, Dutch, and French to English

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**Indexing Subcommittees Now Forming**

Thanks to our volunteer indexers, we’re off to a great start with databases and articles posted at the ISGS website in the members-only section (http://ilgensoc.org/mo_splash.php).

We’ve reached a point where we need volunteers for two new subcommittees of the ISGS Website committee – the **Indexing Subcommittee** and the **Obituary & Death Notice Index Committee/Subcommittee**.

- The **Indexing Subcommittee** will be responsible for locating content to be placed in the members-only section, cleaning up the data and passing it on to the ISGS Webmaster for posting to the website. Typical content would include membership lists for fraternal and professional organizations, data from schools and hospitals, and military rosters as well as census abstracts.

- The **Obituary & Death Notice Index Committee/Subcommittee** will be responsible for managing a state-wide Illinois obituary index involving Illinois genealogy and historical societies. The goal is to provide an index of obituary data and a link to the individual society or group’s website so that a researcher can order the complete obituary.

Your help is needed and you can help out in the following positions:

- Chairs or co-chairs of each subcommittee to manage and track the projects and adhere to the mission of the subcommittee and ISGS as well.

- Procurement assistants to locate data and determine if ISGS can use the data.

- Clean-up assistants to take scanned documents or other data and reformat it for use on the ISGS website.

- Proofreaders to ensure that the cleaned up data is correct as compared to the original source data.

If you’d like to volunteer your time and skills to either or both of these new groups, please fill out the **Volunteer Opportunities** form at the ISGS website here: [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=124](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=124). Make sure you specify the Indexing subcommittees or better yet, specify the type of work you’d like to do using the information above.

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**Time is ticking away!!!**

Be sure to get your nominations to the ISGS office by July 1, 2011. Those who have given outstanding service to the genealogical community deserve recognition. The following will be awarded:

- Community Service Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Youth Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Individual Writers Award
- Volkel Memorial Awards

You’ll find nomination forms and further information in the ISGS website – ilgensoc.org – in the Forms section. Recipients will receive their awards at the ISGS luncheon on September 8, 2011 in Springfield, IL.

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**We are looking for Suggestions for Nominees to the 2011-2012 ISGS Board**

The ISGS Nominating Committee seeks suggestions from the membership and interested parties as a whole for officers of the Illinois State Genealogical Society for 2011-2012. If you are interested in a position or know of someone who may be, submit name and contact information including a post mail address by July 15, 2011 to: ISGSwebmaster@ilgensoc.org.
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Thank you!

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Volunteers Wanted!
ISGS maintains a Volunteer Pool of dedicated individuals who want to be part of our active, dynamic and welcoming organization. Our volunteers work to promote Illinois genealogy by assisting with a variety of projects, conferences, and committee support. To get involved email at isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org.

Deadline date for article contributions to the ISGS July newsletter is June 30th, 2011.

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Cleta Shirley—Carterville, IL
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Tinley Moraine Genealogists
“Using Simple Genealogical Techniques to Analyze, Record and Organize” presented by Marsha Peterson-Maas.
www.tmgenealogists.org/

[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/

[9th]
Fox Valley Genealogical Society
“Researching Your Civil War Ancestor” by David C. Bailey at the Naperville Municipal Building.
www.ilfvgs.org/

[11th]
The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois
Presents “The Census and Beyond” at the Chester Public Library.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilgssi/meeting.html

[16th]
Kane County Genealogical Society
“Irish Emigration and it’s Connection with Irish Family History” presented by Gary Shea.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilkgs/

July 2011

[22nd-23rd]
Fort Wayne Ancestry Day 2011
Come learn from the experts at Ancestry.com and The Genealogy Center at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, IN.
fortwayneancestryday.eventbrite.com/

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.
wsgs.wetpaint.com/

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.

Have Your Submitted 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. To submit your surnames, use our new online submission form at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=114. Simply add your information and click SUBMIT. Within a few days, your information will appear in the database so that any visitor to the ISGS website can contact you about your surname to share information. Note: your exact contact information is never displayed or given out! The database acts as a “message relay” system and lets you decide if you want to contact the other researcher!

For complete instructions, please see Surname Research Help http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/ISGS_Surname_Research_Instructions.pdf.

******** Submit a query to the ISGS Quarterly—members are free, nonmembers are $5.00 **********
### ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers 2011

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### 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.

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

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

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Springfield, IL 62791-0195

**Individual/Society/Library:** $30.  
**Joint (2 people at same address):** $35.  
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