Marking 150th Anniversary of the Charleston Riot

By David Kent Coy

“The day that the Civil War came to Coles County, Illinois, March 28, 1864,” will be recognized by the Illinois State Genealogical Society as the Society provides volunteers to participate in the 150th Anniversary of the Charleston Riot.

Beginning Thursday, March 27 and ending on Sunday, March 30, ISGS volunteers will coordinate with the The Charleston Riot Committee, The Five Mile House Foundation, the 2014 Illinois History Symposium of the Illinois State Historical Society, Booth Library and the History Department at Eastern Illinois University, the Coles County Historical Society, and the City of Charleston.

March 28, 2014 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Charleston Riot, the day on which the Civil War came to Coles County, Illinois. On that day on the Charleston Square, 9 men were killed and 12 were wounded in a flurry of gun fire that lasted only a few minutes.

The event was a confrontation between local Copperheads, who opposed the war and Union soldiers of the 54th Illinois Regiment, who were home on leave. For more on the free events visit: www.charlestonillinoisriot.org or look into and join the Facebook page: The Charleston Riot.

The events include a presentation, entitled, “Coles County in The Civil War” on Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the Charleston Public Library. Then on Friday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony by descendants of the Riot participants on the Coles County Courthouse Square. There will be a Civil War Union Army Encampment at the Coles County Fairgrounds, a 5K Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk, food and craft vendors on the Square, tours of the courthouse, tunnel, and Square, tours of the Old City Cemetery and Mound Cemetery, Old House Tours in Charleston, Professor Farquar's Civil War Medicine and Magic Show, the 33rd Illinois Regimental Band will play, there will be a Children’s Visit with the Lincolns, etc.

On Saturday, March 29th, starting at 12:30 p.m. there will be a speaker’s series in the Courthouse with Michael Kleen, R. Eden Martin, Guy Fraker, and the Trials and Tribulations presentation from Oakland, Illinois.

On Sunday, March 30, starting at 12:00 noon, there will be another speaker’s series in the Charleston Public Library with Bob Sampson, John Scott Parkinson, Bob Sterling, and Harold Holtzer – followed at 3:00 p.m. with an actual Re-enactment of the Charleston Riot on the Square. The event will be capped off with a presentation of an original play, “A Question of Loyalty” at 5:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

To find out more about the 2014 Illinois History Symposium also being held in Charleston at Eastern Illinois University, on March 27-28, go to: www.eiu.edu/adulted/ISHS.php

Illinois State Genealogical Society members will volunteer to man computer stations with the intent of doing look-ups on Civil War soldiers, their families, and military service. The volunteers will attempt to answer the question, “was my ancestor in the Civil War?” for any interested participants, and will provide quick hints for more research.
The President’s Message . . .

I would like to welcome Margaret Truax, Publications Chair, and Linda Wallin, Honors and Awards Chair to the ISGS Board. Please take time to read Linda’s announcement about ISGS Nominations. It is a great way to honor someone who has contributed their time and effort in the field of genealogy.

Please watch the ISGS website for information about the ISGS Fall Conference to be held in O’Fallen on October 25th and 26th with J. Mark Lowe as the featured speaker.

Lorman P. H. Wehling, a longtime member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, died 09 December 2013. He was also a Charter Life Member of the Madison County Genealogical Society; Macoupin County Genealogical-Life Member; and the St. Louis Genealogical Society. He was a WWII veteran serving in Germany and was awarded the Bronze Star and was Postmaster of Cottage Hills retiring in 1981. His wife Josephine E. “Jo Anne” Wehling nee Lukeman preceded him by only a few months, dying 11 June 2013. Lorman’s full obituary can be viewed at http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thetelegraph/obituary.aspx?pid=16846057. Like all of us Lorman researched his family history. His research on the Wehling line was compiled in his book, *The Wehling ancestry from Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany to America.* (Cottage Hills, Illinois: L. P. Wehling, 1998), it is a lasting memory of one of his life’s passion. He also left a bequest to the Illinois State Genealogical Society. For that gift the board of ISGS is grateful. No decision has been made at this time on how we will use the money. Lorman’s generous gift will help ISGS fulfill its purpose.

Illinois House Bill 5625, “Access to Cemeteries Act,” amended name “Access to Landlocked Graves on Private Property Act” is going through the judicial process in Springfield. At this writing, it is scheduled for Judiciary hearings later in March. I’ve been able to visit many of my ancestors’ graves in several states. Most have been in public cemeteries either municipal or church yards. Some have been on private property that was originally owned by my ancestor. This law will be a benefit for descendants like me. For more information about the bill go to http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=5625&GAIN=12&SessionID=85&LegID=80737#actions. Be sure to click on “Full Text” in order to see the amendment.

Take care,

*Jane G. Haldeman*  
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

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Celebrate Our 125th Birthday!

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is kicking off its observation of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Illinois State Historical Library with an event on Sunday, April 6, 2014, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the library atrium.

Come meet “Jessie Palmer Weber, Library Lady,” librarian of the Illinois State Historical Library (1898-1926). Glenna Schroeder-Lein will give a presentation about her life and legacy. Gwen Podeschi will appear as Jessie in her role as librarian in a young and vibrant historical library.

Cake and punch will be served and visitors will also be able to review a selection of the library’s current holdings that have been written with the help of its research staff.

We anticipate a number of events throughout 2014, including the publication of Treasures of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, tentatively set to appear in September.

Reservations are not required, but it is requested that you obtain tickets (free of charge) from the museum’s website at https://alplmfoundation.tix.com/ScheduleCalendar.aspx?OrgNum=2648.
Welcome New ISGS Members

Cheryl Sublette - Dolton, IL
Caroline Pointer - Conroe, TX
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Nominations are Being Sought

Nominations are being taken for the ISGS Honors and Awards for 2014. These awards will be presented at the ISGS Fall Conference in O’Fallen late October. Now is the time to tell us why you feel someone should be recognized for commitment and service to genealogy.

You can nominate a volunteer, student, researcher, governmental or business leader, even an organization dedicated to recordkeeping and education. Please visit the Honors and Awards page on the ISGS website under “About ISGS” or at http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=48 to learn more and download the nomination form.

Anyone can nominate a person or organization for an award with ISGS. Just contact Linda Wallin at: isgsawards@ilgensoc.org with your nomination. Your help is valuable to help us discover worthy candidates for the awards. The deadline for nominations is July 1.

SAVE THE DATE!
October 25-26, 2014
ISGS Fall Conference in O’Fallen, IL
ISGS Monthly Webinars

2nd Tuesday of every month, 8:00 p.m. CST
Featuring some of the best known speakers in the field of genealogy!

April 8, 2014 — Using Canadian Records to Find Your Midwestern Ancestor
Presenter: Kathryn Lake Hogan, PLCGS, UE
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5139560805000800257

May 13, 2014 — Organizing (or Reorganizing!) That Family Reunion
Presenter: James M. Beidler
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4100612476706085633

June 10, 2014 — Plotting, Scheming, and Mapping Online
Presenter: Cyndi Ingle
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3486718851035076865

More descriptive explanations about each webinar are found on the ISGS website.
For the complete list of upcoming webinars, visit: http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234

And don’t forget to spread the word by printing copies of our webinar brochure to hand out at your local society meetings. The brochure can be accessed at http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2014_webinar_brochure.pdf.

The above webinars are sponsored by FamilySearch https://familysearch.org

Did you know?
• A webinar is a live lecture/presentation that you can attend via a computer with an Internet connection.
• Our live webinars are free to the public.
• You need to register in advance to attend the webinar.
• ISGS members have access to the recorded version of past webinars.
• Please direct any questions to the ISGS Education Committee at isgseducation@ilgensoc.org

Genealogy Day Conference
The Fountaindale Public Library District is hosting its annual Genealogy Day Conference Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:30 am to 4 pm. This event is free, and registration is open to the public.

The event will feature three fantastic speakers presenting the following programs:
• Tina Beaird - Pinning Down Your Past- Social Media Meets Genealogy
• Mark Hayes - Traveling While Dead - Documenting your Ancestor’s Journey to the Grave
• Marsha Peterson-Maas - How Will I Ever Organize My Piles Into Files?

Participants will enjoy Door Prizes, Society Booths, Author Book Signings, and refreshments. This is a great program for librarians, genealogists, and family historians.

If you have any questions, please contact Debra Dudek at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook: 630.685.4201.

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections
The University of Illinois has introduced the Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections, a free online archive of digitized newspapers and trade journals. The Collections are available at http://idnc.library.illinois.edu.

The Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections site contains more than 900,000 pages of digitized historic newspapers and trade journals. These items are organized in four distinct collections. Using Veridian Digital Library software, the IDNC offers a modern and user-friendly way to access unique research tools and engage with the past.

The site includes interactive features allowing users to tag articles, correct OCR text, and share on social media. We welcome help with correcting headlines and article text. Email idnc@library.illinois.edu with questions, and follow us on Twitter @IDNCNews.
With the generous help of its volunteers, ISGS is poised for continued success. The positions listed below present some interesting and exciting opportunities for you!

Please consider helping ISGS achieve its mission to preserve and disseminate Illinois historical and genealogical materials, and to educate and aid those researching their ancestry.

OPPORTUNITIES:

For information on any of the positions listed below, please contact Susie Pope: isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org.

- **Finance and Budget Chair**: This committee monitors the financial condition of ISGS, makes recommendations to the Governing board, and compiles the annual budget.

- **Advertising Chair**: This chair develops advertisers for the ISGS Quarterly, Newsletter, and fall conference syllabus.

- **Education Chair**: Develops and coordinates educational opportunities offered by ISGS.

- **Long Range Planning**: This committee considers plans for the improvement of the Society. They solicit suggestions from the membership, make regular reports to the Board, and present projects for action. conferences.

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**40th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference**

The Rock Island County Illinois and Scott County Iowa Genealogical Societies are hosting the 40th Annual QC Genealogical Conference on **Saturday, April 26, 2014**, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Viking Club of Moline, 1450 -41st Street, Moline, IL.

This year’s speaker is Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. Cost is $25 per person, which includes conference handouts, coffee, and buffet luncheon. Mail your name, address, and phone number, along with your check made payable to Quad Cities Genealogical Conference, to: QC Genealogical Conference, Attn: Dean Arney-Registrar, 2322 Oak Lane, Bettendorf, IA 52722-3826. Deadline for registration is April 21st.

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**Will/Grundy Counties Genealogical Society Announces New Publication**

Congregational Church Records from Mazon, Grundy County, Illinois 1864 through 1956. Includes: Members, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths; Index, History and Illustrations, color section on stained glass windows.

124 pages / $24.00

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**Genealogy Calendar**

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**Wednesday/Thursday April 2-3**
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - “Gene-A-Rama” (ISGS Member Society Events). Holiday Inn I-43 and Highway 151 Manitowoc, WI

“Genealogical Tools: Moving Your Research Forward” Info: [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org)

**Saturday April 5**
Chicago Genealogical Society - “Speed Dating for Genealogists” (ISGS Member Society Events) 1:30 pm - Newberry Library 60 W Walton St, Chicago, IL

Our Expert Panel: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom CG(SM), Julius Machnikowski, Craig Pfannkuche. Matt Rutherford
http://www.chicagogenealogy.org

**Tuesday April 8**
Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society - “Finding Our Jewish Roots” Speaker: Harriet Rumits (ISGS Member Society Events) 7:00 pm - Mundelein Park District 1401 N. Midlothian Mundelein, Illinois 60060

**Tuesday April 8**
Using Canadian Records to Find Your Midwestern Ancestor (ISGS Webinars) - 8:00 p.m. - Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5139560805000800257
Presenter: Kathryn Lake Hogan, PLCGS, UE

**Thursday April 10**
Fox Valley Genealogical Society - “Shaking Your Family Tree: A Review of Research Basics” (ISGS Member Society Events) 7:30 pm - Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
Presenter: Oriene Springstroh

**Saturday, April 12**

**Tuesday, April 15**
Wisconsin Historical Society - “Draper Manuscripts” (ISGS Member Society Events) 6:00 pm / Webinar
Instructor: Jim Hansen, Wisconsin Historical Society Reference Librarian
The Draper Manuscripts are a collection of interviews and original documents from Trans-Allegheny America from the 19th century. Ticket Info: $30 for non-members, 10-percent discount for Wisconsin Historical Society or Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members (use TEN4WSGS). Register online or download a registration form.
Contact E-mail: Lori.Bessler@wisconsinhistory.org 608-264-6519

**Wednesday, April 16**
DuPage County Genealogical Society - “Mining Census Records - Information to Enrich your Heritage” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm. Wheaton Public Library-Lower Level, 225 N Cross St, Wheaton, IL
Presenter: Steve Szabados. Light refreshments at 6:30 PM. Info: [http://dcgs.org](http://dcgs.org)

**Thursday, April 17**
Elgin Genealogical Society - “Making Sense of the Census” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm. Gail Borden Public Library-Community Room, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, Illinois 60120
Info: [http://www.elginroots.com](http://www.elginroots.com)

**Friday, April 25**
Lockport Area Genealogical & Historical Society (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm. Gladys Fox Museum. Program: TBD
Speaker: Fred Harris

**Saturday, April 26**
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Nordic Family Genealogy Center at the Swedish American Museum, 522 North Clark St, Chicago. $10/non-members

**Saturday, April 26**
St Louis Genealogical Society - Annual Family History Conference (ISGS Events) - 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Maryland Heights Centre, 2344 McKelvey Road, St. Louis, MO

44th Annual Family History Conference - “Genealogy in the Computer Age” Featuring David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA - Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch and Speakers from the State Historical Society of Missouri, the Missouri State Archives, the Missouri History Museum
Website: [https://www.stlgs.org](https://www.stlgs.org)

**Friday-Monday, May 2-5**
United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference (UPGS) (National Events) - Plaza Hotel, 122 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT
Polish Genealogical Society of America, is sponsoring the annual United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference (UPGS) - “Genealogy & Technology”. For more information and to register go to: [www.pgsa.org/#UPGS](http://www.pgsa.org/#UPGS)

**Saturday, May 3**
Chicago Genealogical Society - “Preserving Your Family’s Treasures” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 1:30 pm. Newberry Library 60 W Walton St, Chicago, IL
Presenter: Rena Schergen
Info: [http://www.chicagogenealogy.org](http://www.chicagogenealogy.org)

**Thursday, May 8**
Fox Valley Genealogical Society - “An Archivist’s Notebook - Who Will Look at Your Genealogical Collection” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:30 pm
Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
Presenter: Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana
ISGS Website Update

Do you have suggestions for the ISGS Website?
The website committee is eager to hear your thoughts! If you have suggestions, questions, or comments on the website, please use the Website Suggestion Form at http://www.ilgensoc.com/cpage.php?pt=87 or email the ISGS website Chair at: ISGSWebsite@ilgensoc.org.

Have You Logged In At The ISGS Website?
Did you know that almost half of our over 1,300 members have never logged in at our website? If you have not received your ISGS Member Login Instructions, please contact the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.

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Periodically, ISGS will send “blast emails” to members to communicate important news about our events and activities. We also distribute the ISGS newsletter six times a year using email. Each time we send these emails, several emails 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:

- Visit http://www.ilgensoc.org and click Members Section in the left sidebar.
- Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members Section 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.

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Tuesday, May 13
Organizing (or Reorganizing!) That Family Reunion (ISGS Webinars) 8:00 pm - Presenter: James M. Beidler
Web: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/410061247670608563

Thursday, May 15
Elgin Genealogical Society - “Organizing your Research” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm
Gail Borden Public Library-Community Room, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, Illinois 60120
Info: www.elginroots.com

Saturday, May 17
Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois CAGGNI - “GeneaQuest 2014: The Future is Now” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Elgin Community College, Building E, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL
Keynote Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
GeneaQuest 2014 is a full day of genealogy education highlighting genealogy technology of the future. GeneaQuest includes lectures, labs, demos and breakout sessions and introduces GeneaQuest’s exclusive GeneaUs Bar.

Sunday, May 18
Syttende Mai Norwegian Parade, Park Ridge IL – 1:00 pm start at Talcott & Cumberland in Park Ridge
The annual Parade is in celebration of Norway's 200th Constitution Day. Pre-parade festivities in Hodges Park beginning at 12:00 PM.
Info: http://www.nnleague.org

Wednesday, May 21
DuPage County Genealogical Society - “La Famiglia - Beginning Italian Genealogy Research” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm
Wheaton Public Library-Lower Level, 225 N Cross St, Wheaton, IL
Presenter: Jennifer Holik
Info: http://dcgs.org/

Saturday, June 7
Chicago Genealogical Society - “Discovering the Past Block-by-Block:
Using ChicagoAncestors.org “ (ISGS Member Society Events) - 1:30 pm
Newberry Library 60 W Walton St, Chicago, IL. Presenter: Ginger Frere
Info: http://www.chicagogenealogy.org

Thursday, June 12
Fox Valley Genealogical Society - “Overcoming Brick Walls - 2014” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:30 pm / Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Thursday, June 19
Elgin Genealogical Society - “Using Libraries to Continue your Research” (ISGS Member Society Events) - 7:00 pm
Gail Borden Public Library-Community Room, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL
Info: http://www.elginroots.com
Email ElginGS@aol.com

Friday, June 20
Lockport Area Genealogical & Historical Society (ISGS Member Society Events) - 6:00 pm
White Fence Farm
Program: LAGHS Annual Dinner “The 1893 Columbian Exposition” - Speaker: Paul Durica & Bill Savage
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