ISGS President Column

Summer is Heating Things Up!

As the temperatures rise, so does the excitement of the upcoming FGS National Conference “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories” in Springfield August 31 – September 3, 2016! With over 160 sessions presented by nationally known speakers, “Farms & Families Across the Decades” special event on Wednesday, August 31st, sponsored by FamilySearch and co-hosted by ISGS and the Illinois State Historical Society and the ISGS sponsored luncheon on Saturday, September 3rd with special guest The Legal Genealogist Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL – this conference is a must attend event. I’m registered, are you? www.fgsconference.org

Dawn Carey Henry
President
Illinois State Genealogical Society

Help ISGS at the FGS Conference!

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Hospitality   Bag Stuffing   Technology Troubleshooting   Registration

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Please help us show FGS and the international world of genealogists, the amazing volunteer genealogists who support Illinois genealogy!
**Farms and Families: Across the Decades**

Do You Have A Favorite Farm?

We are looking for photos of your favorite Illinois farms.

During the 2016 FGS Conference, co-host Illinois State Genealogical Society will showcase *Farms and Families: Across the Decades*. This event, Wednesday, 31 August 2016, 7:00 p.m. will celebrate farms in Illinois, especially Centennial and Sesquicentennial farms. ISGS also wants to celebrate the farms that are important to you. The farm could be one you drive by everyday, one your ancestors lived on when they first settled in Illinois, or one they farmed.

Send a photo, past or present, of a farm that matters to you. All photos received will be displayed at the Wednesday evening event.

To submit a photo, email it to **conferences@fgs.org**. Please only send photos you hold the copyrights to and put “farm” in the subject line. Include your name, the location of the farm (county or township is fine) and any additional information you may have.
10,000+ Family Farms!

That is how many family farms are enrolled in the Illinois Department of Agriculture Centennial and Sesquicentennial Farm program (according to the website). When planning the Farms & Families: Across the Decades reception for the FGS conference, the original idea was to create displays on a select few participants. But which ones? That became the question. After wrestling with how to pick which farms to showcase, the answer arrived like the proverbial bolt from the blue – do them ALL!!

Again, the wrestling match began on HOW to do them all. So the idea of writing every name was born. Where could so many names be displayed? On the tables. The final project took form. Part of the table decorations will include runners with every name and the date of original purchase of a Centennial and Sesquicentennial farm in Illinois. EVERY ONE. Any family that has taken the time to fill out the paperwork and seek designation deserves to be honored for their genealogical work.

The names and dates will be handwritten on paper runners. Yes, the goal is to get all 102 counties and all 10,000 plus names on the runners before Wednesday, August 31. Will it get done? Right now, we are have over 3,000 names on runners. Check the ISGS Facebook page for updates. And maybe you will just have to come to the reception to see if we made our goal!

Laura Kovarik

ISGS Recording Secretary and Local Conference Chair
The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces that online registration is now open for the 2016 FGS National Conference, “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories” to be held August 31 — September 3, 2016, in Springfield, IL, and locally hosted by the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Register at http://www.FGSConference.org.

Celebrating 40 years since the founding of FGS, each day of the conference is full of sessions aimed at strengthening attendees’ research skills no matter what level or area of interest they may have.

“Returning to our Illinois roots for the FGS 2016 Conference to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in the state where FGS began is a dream come true,” says D. Joshua Taylor, FGS President. “With a solid educational program and a tremendous line-up of social events, this conference is not to be missed!”

Conference Highlights

• **Conference Sessions:** With over 160 sessions, 72 expert speakers from around the world, 10 luncheons with speakers, 7 workshops, and 2 interactive seminars, learning opportunities abound in the FGS 2016 Program. With strong daily tracks covering the U.S. Midwest (regional track), the United Kingdom (British Isles and Commonwealth track), and continental European research (ethnic track), attendees of all skill levels will learn a multitude of ways to uncover more about their family history.

• **Exhibit Hall:** The large exhibit hall will feature the latest software, books, maps, databases and gadgets on the market for genealogists and family historians, as well as information about genealogical organizations. Located in the special Society Showcase area, representatives of FGS Member Societies will be on hand to demonstrate how their society can help attendees with their family history.
• **Special Events**: With built-in networking opportunities, registrants can meet like-minded genealogists and family historians at FGS special events including “Farms & Families: Across the Decades” on Wednesday evening sponsored by FamilySearch and co-hosted by the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the Illinois State Historical Society; the “Meet & Greet” sponsored by Ancestry.com on Thursday evening; and the FGS 40th Anniversary Gala on Friday evening.

• **Focus on Societies**: On Wednesday, August 31, 2016, sessions are jam-packed with ideas and tools to help societies promote themselves, develop projects, increase membership, and leverage technology. The day kicks off with a plenary session that explores the opportunities and challenges facing societies today and showcases ways to facilitate the changes needed for societies to succeed and thrive.

• **Librarians’ Day**: On Tuesday, August 30, 2016, ProQuest will sponsor a pre-conference full-day of sessions designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers.


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**About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies and family history enthusiasts strengthen and grow through online resources, *FGS FORUM* magazine, and through its annual national conference which provides four days of excellent learning opportunities for both societies and family history enthusiasts. To learn more about FGS, visit [fgs.org](http://fgs.org). To learn more about the next annual conference to be held in Springfield, IL, visit [fgsconference.org](http://fgsconference.org). Also, find FGS on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy](https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy), on Twitter [@FGSgenealogy](https://twitter.com/FGSgenealogy) and on the FGS Voice blog at [http://voice.fgs.org](http://voice.fgs.org).
Conference Countdown-2, 1! BLAST OFF!

August 31st is closer than it appears. The FGS 2016 National Conference will be held in Springfield August 31 to September 3, 2016. Registration is open. Workshops are filling up fast. And everyone is working on putting the final touches on booths, displays and special events. ISGS is the host for this national event. As the host, we are involved in a number of ways. Please consider taking time to help make this the best FGS conference yet.

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Local Host Reception

The reception event will be Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 at the Wyndham. The theme is Farms and Families: Across the Decades. **Volunteers are needed** to help create displays, set-up, host during the event and, of course, take down after the event is over.

ISGS Luncheon

ISGS is sponsoring a luncheon during the conference: *Old World to New: Memories Through Time*, with Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL as the speaker. This will also be our annual meeting and officers will be elected. **Volunteers are needed** to help with set-up and ticket-taking.

Favorite Farms Photos and Histories – STILL Needed Now!

Thank you to all that have sent in photos and information on their family farms for the reception. I would like some more photos, especially of Southern Illinois. If you have one picture-or several-send it in so we can share it!

Volunteer – Online now OPEN! Click [HERE](https://www.fgsconference.org).

Hope to see you there attending or volunteering or better yet, BOTH!

Any questions, please let me know. Contact me at isgsrecsecretary@ilgensoc.org.

Laura Kovarik, 2016 Local Host Chair, Recording Secretary
ISGS Wins Tourism Award!

The Second Annual Legends in Tourism Awards presented by the Springfield IL Convention and Visitors Bureau was held May 5 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The awards, nominated and judged by members of the local hospitality community, recognize outstanding achievements in tourism during the past year. The Illinois State Genealogical Society received a Celebrity Citizen award for hosting the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference. Accepting the award from "Abraham Lincoln" was Susie Pope, ISGS 2nd Vice President.

WELCOME
NEW ISGS BOARD MEMBERS

Past President Jayne Cates welcomes Mr. John Heider of Monticello who will chair the Cemetery Records Committee.

ISGS President Dawn Carey Henry welcomes Ms. Terry Feinberg from Freeport who will chair the Legislative Committee.

Ms. Angela Stille, Reference Librarian, will represent the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum on the ISGS Board.
### 2016 Webinar Series

Online Educational Opportunities for Genealogy

## Schedule

All webinars start at 8:00 pm Central time

- **Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process**
  - January 12, 2016, with Drew Smith

- **Reconstructing Black Community Life Through Benevolent Societies**
  - February 9, 2016, with Angela Walton-Raji

- **Researching in Archives & Libraries: Do’s and Don’ts**
  - March 8, 2016, with Melissa Barker

- **Letters, Ledgers, and Lodge Books: Finding Ancestors with Ethnic Resources**
  - April 12, 2016, with Lisa Alzo

- **Polish Immigration to America - When, Where, Why and How**
  - May 10, 2016, with Stephen Szabados

- **Using Social Media to Break Through Brick Walls**
  - June 14, 2016, with Amie Tenant

- **Special Delivery: Using US Postmaster Documents in Family History Research**
  - July 12, 2016, with Jean Hibben

- **Misbegotten Children; Tracing the Family Lines of the Illegitimate**
  - August 9, 2016, with Peggy Lauritzen, AG

- **Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records**
  - September 13, 2016, with Amy Johnson Crow

- **Midwestern Gems: Back Issues of Genealogical, Historical and Sociological Journals**
  - October 11, 2016, with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGS

- **Principles of Effective Evidence Analysis**
  - November 8, 2016, with George G. Morgan

- **Without the Hint - There is No Story**
  - December 13, 2016, with Bernice Alexander Bennett

### FAQs

**What is a webinar?** A webinar is a live lecture/presentation that you can attend via a computer with an internet connection.

**Is there a cost to attend an ISGS webinar?** No, ISGS offers the live broadcast of its webinars to the public for free.

**How do I sign up to attend a webinar?** Visit the Webinars page at [http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars](http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars) and click the “register” link for each session you want to attend. Fill out the short form to complete your registration.

**How do I attend the webinar?** After you sign up for a session, you will receive an email that provides instructions to join the live broadcast online at the scheduled date and time. A reminder email will be sent a few days prior to the scheduled webinar with the same instructions.

**What if I cannot attend the live broadcast?** We understand that the live broadcasts may not fit into your schedule. If you are an ISGS member you will have access to the recorded version of past webinars through the Members Section of the ISGS website, to watch at your convenience. Not a member? Join ISGS at [http://bit.ly/joinisgs](http://bit.ly/joinisgs).

### Learn More & Register


### Top Archived Recordings

Recordings of all past webinars are available to ISGS members through the Members Section of the ISGS website. Some of our top webinars from the past include:

- **Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives**
  - Luana Darby

- **Hunting for Henry - A Case Study**
  - Using Collaterals Teresa S. McMillin, CG

- **Land Records in Illinois**
  - Michael John Neil

- **Using Canadian Records to Find Your Midwestern Ancestor**
  - Kathryn Lake Hogan

- **Newspaper Research – More Than Obituaries**
  - Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL


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For more information about this application process, please go to our website at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=125.

Use your mouse to wave over any link, email, or website and you can click to get to that site from the newsletter. All links are live!
Have Fun!!
Share Your Local Museum in the ISGS Quarterly

The ISGS Quarterly is introducing a new column, “Finding Genealogical Treasures in Local History Museums.” In each issue, we will publish an item about an Illinois historical museum and the genealogical value of its holdings.

Local museums provide a storehouse of information that can enrich our family histories with context: our ancestors’ occupations, illustrations of daily life in the neighborhood, timelines of events—good and bad—that changed communities and their populations. Museum collections may also hold resources on local families, such as surname files, heirloom displays and business and farm record books. Community records can include maps, local histories, school yearbooks, newspaper archives and photo collections.

Our museum articles will be descriptive, with photos and information about specific holdings. Please contact the Quarterly editor (isgseditor@ilgensoc.org) for more information. Let us know what valuable finds await visitors to your local historical museum!

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A Genealogy Primer Workshop

For high school students, faculty, parents, & general public

How many wives did your great-grandfather have?

Are you sure?

- When and Why did our ancestor come to America?
- How are family interviews done?
- Where is the information found in the U.S. or overseas?
- What are the research techniques?
- How much information is available on-line?
- What national and world historical events impacted family members?

Come, learn the answers—unlock the secrets!

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Local/Regional Society News
Will Grundy Counties Genealogical Society

The Will Grundy Counties (IL) Genealogical Society (WGGS) was organized on August 11, 1982. Monthly meetings are held at the Coal City Public Library District in Coal City, Illinois at 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month, except in December.

We have had a long-standing relationship with the Coal City Library District which houses our extensive Genealogy Collection. At our April 9, 2016 meeting, we presented Director Jolene Franciskovich with a check in appreciation for all that the library does on behalf of WGGS.

Our society takes part in Irish Fest held in Manhattan, Illinois every year in March and at the Grundy County Corn Festival in Morris, Illinois, this year to take place September 28 through October 2nd.

Roger Younghusband, President, offers Genealogy 101+ classes at local libraries. His next class, Genealogy 103, will take place on October 6, 2016 at the Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District, Manhattan, Illinois.

We always have an interesting variety of programs throughout the year. Our 2016 program lineup is/was as follows:

- July 9 – DNA & Genealogy – presented by Sharon Frank
- August 13 – Irish Research – presented by Maureen Brady
- September 10 – TBA
- October 15 – What Your Old Photographs Tell – presented by Patricia Reaves (joint meeting with the Lockport Genealogical & Historical Society)
- November 12 – Potluck Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction
- December – No Meeting

Thanks to all our volunteers who work hard throughout the year adding to and maintaining the society’s collection. A few of the projects currently being processed include a loose-leaf book of funeral cards with index, plat map listings, and Braidwood’s Bohemian National Cemetery book which will soon be available for purchase via Amazon.com.

We have also been busy working on updates to our website at www.wggs.org. It will soon include a new tab for past WGGS Quarterlies! Please visit our website when they become available. You might find a treasure to help break through a brick wall! In the meantime, feel free to browse the list of items in the WGGS Library Collection you will find on the website. You may also access our collection holdings through the Coal City Library District’s website at www.ccpld.org under the Local History/Genealogy tab. If you’re in the area on the second Saturday of the month, please join us!

(Picture top right: Jolene Franciskovich, Director Coal City Public Library District; bottom left: John Persic, Feb 2016 Ancestor Appreciation Day)

Submitted by Judy Krauss Milde, Projects Committee Chair
Jackson County Historical Society

Jackson County Historical Society was organized in 1816 and is located at 1616 Edith Street, Murphysboro, IL. Jackson County, IL is known for the birthplace of General John A. Logan, Civil War General and US Senator, as well as candidate for Vice President of the United States and founder of Memorial Day. Jackson County was also in the path of the 1925 tri-state tornado, the most destructive tornado in US history. Their exhibits constantly change, but a few notables include the 1925 Tri-State Tornado, Clothing through the Years, a large camera display, and Indian artifacts. Their collections include a library with more than 3000 volumes, city directories, periodicals, CD Rom library, microfilm census and newspapers, county court records, probate records, photographs, family files and many more records. The library is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 3:00 pm and Thursday evening 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. You can reach the Jackson County Historical Society by calling 618-684-6989, email jchsil629@gmail.com or their website www.jchsil.com.

Henry County: New Illinois Rural Schools Book

Steve Morrison, President of the Henry County Genealogical Society has published a book on Henry County rural schools called Henry County, Illinois Rural Schools 1857-1869 Gone But Not Forgotten.

The book is available from the HCGS, P.O. Box 346, Kewanee, IL 61443. The cost is $30 plus $5 postage. See website at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilhcgs. 
The Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society (TCGHS) library is located in the Ehrlicher Research Center at 719 N. Eleventh Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554. The library is open Monday, Thursday, & Friday 9 am-1 pm; Tuesday 9 am-1 pm & 7-9 pm; Wednesday 9 am-4:30 pm; and Sunday 2-4:30 pm central standard time (closed on holidays and holiday weekends). The library is always staffed with one or more trained volunteer genealogists. Since we do depend on volunteers, unexpected closings can occur but are very rare. If you are coming through town and can't stop by during our normal hours, email us at tcghs@tcghs.org and we'll try to make arrangements to meet you and open the library.

Our society was formed in 1978 by a few family history enthusiasts who occasionally met to discuss their research finds and strategies. They began jokingly calling themselves the Tazewell County Genealogical Society. After a while, they thought, Why not? the society has been growing ever since! We now have almost 300 members located around the world.

From a scant number of donated books from those charter members that only took up part of a shelf at the Pekin Public Library, the society’s collection has grown to over 12,000 volumes in our own library building all because of the hard work and donations of our unpaid volunteer members. Our collection contains over 1500 indexed family histories as well as funeral home records, obituaries, city directories, yearbooks, church directories, microfilm of local newspapers, and correspondence files. We also have extensive material from other Illinois counties, other states, and countries.

We are especially proud of our German collection. Many of the early immigrants to Tazewell County came from the Ostfriesland area of Germany. Our Ortssippenbücher (OSB) book collection is currently thought to be the largest in the State of Illinois and one of the largest in the US. Ortssippenbücher (OSB) books contain important information for Ostfriesen researchers such as names, occupations, family relationships, and dates of births, marriages, and deaths for families of a specific Ostfriesen town or village in Germany. The information (usually extracted from local church records) is presented alphabetically by family group surname. OSBs are published in Germany by the Upstalsboom-Gesellschaft (Genealogical Society of Ostfriesland). The books are created by volunteers, some of whom have spent up to fourteen years writing them. The books are written in German and typically cover the time period from the mid-1600s through 1900.

Over the years, the society has transcribed and published many volumes of cemetery records, marriage records, naturalization records as well as digitizing various county records, histories and atlases. We continue to actively add to our collection.

The society meets the second Tuesday every month at 7 pm at the library. We usually have a one hour presentation followed by a business meeting. TCGHS also has an annual all-day Harvest Time for Genealogists conference in October and this year’s speaker is Claire Brisson-Banks B.S., MLIS, APG, AG. Claire was on staff at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for several years.

For additional information, visit our website www.tcghs.org, email us at tcghs@tcghs.org, or stop by our Facebook page. Please visit or contact us anytime we can help with your family history research.

Submitted by Mike Dickson, Computer Chair/Webmaster
Harvest Time for Genealogists
Saturday, October 8, 2016
9:00 am.—3:00 p.m.
Registration 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Coffee, donuts and lunch included.

Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society
719 N. Eleventh St.,
Pekin, IL 61554

Speaker: Claire Brisson-Banks B.S., MLIS, APG, A.G.

Ms. Brisson-Banks is a professional genealogist with many years of experience in family history research. She is the owner Timeless Genealogies, a provider of family history and forensic research. Claire is a native of Rhode Island, lived in Utah from 2003-2014, and now resides in Independence, Missouri. She founded the first Family History Center in Rhode Island – serving as director for over 15 years. She was on staff at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City from May 2005 to July 2013.


TOPICS:
- The Hidden Resources of FamilySearch.org
- Scotland Research Strategies
- The Quest for your English Ancestors
- England: Online Resources

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Last Name __________________________________________________________

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Home Telephone ___________________________ Email (optional) __________________

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Pekin, IL 61555-0312
Phone: (309) 477-3044
Email: tcghs@tcghs.org
The Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society is located on the NW corner of the square in Carrollton, Illinois in the historic Lee-Baker-Hodges House. The house was renovated over the past several years and now has 12 rooms containing museum exhibits relating to history and genealogy of Greene County. Some of the themes of the rooms are military items, an old bank lobby, historical toys, country kitchen, parlor, bedrooms, country school, noted legislators, and textiles/clothing. The house also contains a research library with hundreds of books and other genealogical reference material on former and present Greene County residents. The building is open on Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.

The office volunteers recently completed scanning all the genealogical files to preserve the material and make information more available to those doing research. Over 1600 surname files have been scanned along with hundreds of other miscellaneous named files. A list of the scanned files is available and copies of file information can be provided to researchers on a DVD for a minimal charge that covers expenses.

The Society also is sponsoring the development of a Greene County Family History book that will include articles on over 500 families and written mostly by family members and on County businesses and organizations. This book will be an excellent reference for those doing genealogical research and it should be completed this summer. Contact the Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society at 217-942-6013 or go the web site at http://www.greenehistoricalsociety.org/ to get further information on what is available.

Submitted by Steve Black, President Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society
The goals of the first Hancock County “Old Pioneers Society” established in 1869 are not that far from the goals of today’s group of volunteers.

October 5, 1929: Marking the site of the vanished town of Montebello; now under water since the construction of Keokuk & Hamilton hydroelectric dam and power house to the south of it. Marked with ceremony by Hancock Co. Historical Society of which John A. Gordon, in foreground was then President. Several of the lineal descendants of the earliest settlers of the village of Montebello, Hancock Co. IL, are shown in this photo. The Gordon’s, Waggoner’s, and Parson’s families were among those represented. Pointing to the marker is John A Gordon. In the background to the right are Donald Gordon and Mr. Miller. The children present include the following: Betty Jean Reed, Carol Gray, Joy Gray, Jerry Miller, Laveta Gordon, Jean Pardee, and Lillian Williams (Hancock Co. Historical Soc., Gordon collection).

Hancock County Board of Directors and Volunteers

From left to right: Frank Burkett, Lincoln impersonator, Mr. Daniels as Abe Lincoln; Susan Cheney, Barb Cochran, June Huff, Arla Wright, Janet Hall (Holtman), Don Parker, Ray Benn, Mrs. Daniels as Mary Lincoln, and Larry Coleman. As part of a state and county wide project, the Hancock County Historical Society participated in the “Looking for Lincoln” project initiated by President, Larry Coleman. Hancock County had many visits from Circuit Lawyer Abraham Lincoln. This site is that of the Saint Simon Catholic cemetery (“Lincoln Cemetery”) where relatives of Abraham Lincoln are buried. The storyboard expense was shared by HCHS & the La Harpe Historical Society.

Submitted by Jan Holtman, HCHS Publicity Chair
Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
is sponsoring “Finding Your Ancestors” -
a three-part series of classes on:

CLASS 1 – August 20
Pedigree Charts
Family Group Sheets
Genealogy Software
Online Research
Vital Records
Cite Your Sources
Ethnic Resources
Local Resources

CLASS 2 – September 17
Immigration/Naturalization
Land Records
Federal & State Census
City Directories
Military Records
Lineage Societies
Wills and Probates

CLASS 3 – October 15
Writing and Publishing Your
Family History
Creating a Timeline
Writing Your Life Story
Tools To Help You Get Started
Make An Action Plan!

All classes will be held at the Butterworth Educational Center,
701-12th Avenue, Moline, on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Cost: RICIGS members – free (You must still register!)
Nonmembers - $10 per class or $25 for all three

Questions? Call Linda Polich (309) 236-1985 or
Lorraine Hathaway (309) 787-1826

Registration deadline for the series is August 1, 2016.
Seating is limited – fill out the form below, and mail it with your check today!

Name: ________________________________________________________
Address:  ______________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________________

Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society Member? Yes___ No___

I will attend: ___All three classes ___Class 1 ___Class 2 ___Class 3

Mail this form, along with your check made payable to RICIGS, to: Rock Island County Illinois
Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 3912, Rock Island, IL 61204-3912
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher and a frequent speaker at family history events across the globe. Passionate about family history, Joshua is active in the genealogical community. He has recently been hired as the President of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and serves as the current President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech’s Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on Who Do You Think You Are? At the present time Joshua can be seen taking America through their past as a host on the popular PBS series Genealogy Roadshow.

Thomas MacEntee has 25 years of experience in the information technology field which he uses to improve genealogical research, and to interact with others in the family history community. Mr. MacEntee now shares his knowledge of technology and experience as a genealogist with others through various forms of social media and speaking engagements. Through his business High-Definition Genealogy, he provides consulting services in the genealogy industry covering such areas as market research, education, technology and more. As the creator of GeneaBloggers.com, Thomas has organized and engaged a community of over 2,800 bloggers to document their own journeys in the search for ancestors.

Jennifer Holik has more than 20 years of research and writing experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Missouri University of Science and Technology. She provides genealogical, historical, and World War II research services. Her specialties are Chicago research, Italians in Chicago, and World War II. Jennifer’s passion is writing the stories of families, particularly men and women of World War II. She has published several books and guides to date, and is the author of The In-Depth Genealogist Magazine column Stories from the Battlefield. Jennifer also writes articles for the magazines, “Your Genealogy Today” and “Internet Genealogy.”

Tony Burroughs is an internationally known genealogist, author, teacher and lecturer who taught genealogy at Chicago State University. He is the president of Black Roots. Mr. Burroughs appeared as the African American genealogy expert in the public television series, Ancestors (February 1997). In 1996, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Genealogical Society and co-authored the African-American Genealogical Sourcebook (Gale Research 1995). Mr. Burroughs has been practicing genealogy for twenty years, with extensive experience in libraries, archives, historical societies and county courthouses. He conducted the African-American Genealogy workshop at the National Archives – Great Lakes Region for nine years. He also lectures at local, state and national genealogical conferences and has given half-day and full-day workshops.

Tina Beaird is the Genealogy & Local History Librarian at the Plainfield Public Library. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science degree with a specialization in Archives/Preservation from Dominican University. Tina has won multiple research and digitization grants to preserve and digitize historic documents and photographs. Tina lectures at the national, state and local level on topics including genealogical research, photo preservation and archival preservation. Tina has offered professional assistance to researchers for over 12 years and occasionally, still finds time to conduct her own family research, which she has been pursuing for over twenty years.

McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society
2016 Summer Conference

Register Online at www.mcigs.org/conference
Or make check payable to MCIGS and mail bottom portion of page to: P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60039-0184.

Questions? Email: registration@mcigs.org

Saturday
9 July 2016

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Qualify for a 2nd door prize ticket if you’re your registration is received or postmarked by 1 May 2016
High School Project Identifies Civil War Vets Buried in Cemetery
As reported in Chicago Tribune 31 May 2016

“Operation Gravestone, as the school calls it, acquired new, durable granite tombstones for the soldiers, brought together students from Advanced Placement and special-ed classes, and even led to a rap song and a community commemoration that included the cracks of gunfire from an honor guard's rifle salute.

The school effort — started in a cemetery in this tiny town — also has become a model for at least one area veterans' group, which has sought Pontiac's direction in creating a similar program. And talks are underway to expand Operation Gravestone to New England and across the Atlantic.”

In the above picture, science teacher Paul Ritter visits Odell Cemetery in Odell, IL on 28 May, 2016 as printed in Chicago Tribune)

Civil War Grave Marker Dedication

The Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in conjunction with the Fullersburg Historic Foundation recently completed work on its Civil War veteran grave identification and rehabilitation project at the historic Fullersburg Cemetery in Hinsdale, Illinois.

As a capstone to that effort, these organizations are dedicating three new grave markers secured and installed at the Cemetery in a ceremony on **Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 1pm.**

Among those receiving new grave markers is **John A. Andre**, a Marylander whose sympathies were with the south, and who served with the 1st Maryland Infantry, 12th Virginia Cavalry and the 2nd Maryland Cavalry. **Harvey A. Cooper**, a New Yorker who served in the 85th New York Infantry and later the 4th United States Artillery also received a new headstone. Finally, Illinois native **Malchom J. Palmer** who served in the 156th Illinois Infantry had his grave marked with a new headstone. In addition to these Civil War veterans, the Cemetery provides the last resting place of the graves of many of the Village’s early pioneers, settlers and leaders.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a volunteer, non-profit, charitable, fraternal, patriotic and educational organization composed of members who can trace their lineage to soldiers, sailors, or marines who were mustered into Federal service and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War. The SUVCW is officially recognized as the GAR’s legal successor, receiving its Congressional Charter in 1954. Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 serves the western and southern Chicago suburbs. This is the group’s 15th cemetery project in the area.

For more information on the dedication ceremony or the SUVCW, contact **Steven Westlake**: (708) 846-0738; westlakesteven@yahoo.com.
Dr. David Joens presents ISGS President Dawn Carey Henry with a gift honoring Illinois’ Bicentennial in 2018. Dr. Joens is the Director of the Illinois State Archives.

The Illinois State Archives newsletter “For the Record” features a document from its holdings in anticipation of the bicentennial celebration. The Spring 2016 “For the Record” features a document concerning student demonstrations in the aftermath of the Kent State, Ohio, shootings. Find this on cyberdriveillinois.com.

Gwen Podeschi, Historical Reference Librarian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and liaison to ISGS

Congratulations on her retirement after 12 years of service! She will be missed!!
Welcome New ISGS Members

Francis Wilson, Davenport, IA  
Claudia Breland, Gig Harbor, WA  
Sean Guffey, Fort Campbell, KY  
Catherine Grover, Pawnee Rock, KS  
Michelle Meyers, Rockford, IL  
Judy Hill, Oak Harbor, WA  
Diane Nibeck-Smith, Indianapolis, IN  
Jody M. Green, Bedford, TX  
Christine Solano, Prospect Heights, IL  
Elizabeth Sutera, Justice, IL

Louise Lee, New Berlin, IL  
Raymond Kohls, Phoenix, AZ  
Kathleen Van Lieu, Spring, TX  
Elizabeth Harris, Tupelo, MS  
Deanna Guerri, Terre Haute, IN  
Gerald Schmidt, Chicago, IL  
Lisa Warner, Denton, TX  
Jennie Marshall Stoik, Whitehouse Station, NJ  
Joan Oeck, Bellevue, WA

You will find this article in the May 2016 edition of their newsletter: “Court Records and Chinese Exclusion Act Enforcement”.  
For more information go to their website at www.archives.gov/chicago/  
You can be added to their mailing list at chicago.archives@archives.gov.  
Or, Like the National Archives at Chicago on facebook.  
To receive the National Archives and Records Administration “Researcher News”, email KYR@nara.gov.

ISGS OFFICER NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are needed for the following officers and board positions: ISGS President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, three 2019 Directors.  
Anyone nominated must be an ISGS member.  
You may nominate by notifying any nominating committee members: Karl Moore, David Kent Coy, Darlene Hinkle, Tony Burroughs, or Kim Hanks. You can email your nomination to Kim at kmhanks@comcast.net. Slate of nominations will be presented at the August ISGS Governing Board Meeting and the slate will be voted at the 3 September 2016 annual member meeting.  
All nominees will be announced in the next newsletter.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Join in the FUN!

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.

ISGS Board Volunteers Needed

• ISGS Quarterly Design & Technical Editor: This position works with the Quarterly Managing Editor, and produces the layout design of the Quarterly. Skills in designing and working with graphics are required.

• Quarterly Copyeditor: This person should be familiar with genealogical writing and citing sources. Requirements include a willingness to offer opinions and meet deadlines, and a broad understanding of grammar, spelling and writing style.

• Advertising Chair: This committee chair solicits advertising for various ISGS publications and fall conference syllabus.

• For more information or to VOLUNTEER, contact Susie Pope at isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org. Say yes if she emails or calls you!!

INDEXING PROJECT

The newest ISGS project is indexing ledgers from the IL Dept. of Registration and Education 1877-1952. Volunteers need a computer with CD drive, Microsoft Excel, and Internet. If you are not already in our database of indexers, please contact Clyda.

Clyda Ogle, Indexing Coordinator at isgsindexing@ilgensoc.org

ISGS/FGS 2016 Conference

ISGS is serving as the Local Host society for this year’s FGS national conference in Springfield, IL, 30 August - 3 September. “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories” is well on its way to becoming a fantastic conference! It isn’t too early to become involved on one of our committees.

FRIENDLY FOLKS NEEDED: The FGS 2016 is looking for people to help at the Hospitality table. You don’t need to know anything about Springfield to sign up. We have that covered. You just need a willingness to help out fellow attendees.

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLESHOOTERS: A conference with over 160 sessions needs a lot of technology & we need volunteers to make sure it all works. If you are comfortable working with computers, cables & the like, please consider volunteering as a technology troubleshooter at the conference. We don’t expect you to have all the answers-more help is a phone call away.

Contact Local Host Conference Chair, Laura Kovarik: laura.kovarik.2016@gmail.com to volunteer to help with the conference.

Additionally, volunteers will be needed onsite prior to and during the conference. Contact Angela McGhee, Volunteers Chair at volunteers@fgs.org to volunteer during the conference.
ISGS Quarterly

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is read by over 1000 members and is held in many libraries throughout IL and the U.S. The Quarterly is published four times a year. The editor accepts original, unpublished submissions for inclusion in upcoming issues. If you would like to contribute, please refer to the ISGS website for submission guidelines. All inquiries go to isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org

If you are interested in advertising in the Quarterly or the newsletter, please contact the Advertising Committee at isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org

Contribution Match to ISGS

If you’re thinking about making a donation to the Illinois State Genealogical Society, please also consider checking with your employer to see if matching funds are available for employee charitable contributions. Many corporations offer this incentive to encourage their employees to contribute to not-for-profit programs; more than half of all Fortune 500 companies will match employee donations. Your contribution can have twice the impact in supporting ISGS by tapping into this source of funding that’s often overlooked.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-exempt to the extent of the relevant law.

Written by Margaret Truax

Federation of Genealogical Societies FORUM is looking for genealogy and society related articles. Go to fgs.org for more information.
Genealogy Events: for complete event information, go to ISGS website, events

9 July 2016: McHenry County IL Genealogical Society, Summer Conference, McHenry County College, mcigs.org

9 July 2016: CAGGNI, Schaumburg Township District Library, DNA with Alan & Michelle Wilson, caggni.org


14 July 2016: Peoria County Genealogical Society, Dr. Steve Lichtenstein presents “Poland: A Tour of Hate & Destruction”, www.peoriacountygenealogy.org


16 July 2016: CAGGNI, Schaumburg Township District Library, “Family Tree Maker SIG”, caggni.org


21 July 2016: SLCL class, “Finding Your Ancestors in European Church Records”, www.slcl.org

23 July 2016: St. Louis Genealogy Society, Summer Speaker Series, Beth Stahr presents “Unraveling Genealogical Puzzles”, stlgs.org

26 July 2016: St. Louis Genealogy Society Irish SIG, “Mining All of the Resources from FamilySearch” Pat Stamm, www.stlgs.org

29-31 July 2016: The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE), 2016 Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada www.sggee.org

28 July 2016: Geneva History Museum, Cindy Ditzier presents IRAD

28 July 2016: Indian Prairie Genealogical Group, Jason Kruski presents “Retrieving Records from European Countries”, https://ipgg.wordpress.com

29-30 July 2016: Dallas Genealogy Society, 2016 Summer Seminar Denis May Levenick “Preserving & Sharing Our Family Treasures”, info@dallasegenealogy.org


13 August 2016: St. Louis Genealogical Society, Ruth Ann Hager presents “Maps and What They Can Tell”, stlgs.org

13 August 2016: CAGGNI, Larry Olson presents “The Master Genealogist”, caggni.org

13 August 2016: CAGGNI, Bruce Christopher presents “Reunion for MACS”, caggni.org

15 August 2016: Zion Genealogical Society, Paul Milner presents “New Resources for British Isles Research”


25 August 2016: Kane County Genealogical Society, Ginger Frere presents “Research at the Newberry Library”, kcgsinfo@gmail.com

28 Aug-1 Sept 2016: Sheldon Family Association, 77th Annual Meeting & Reunion, Utica, NY, sheldonfamily.org

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8 September 2016: Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Jacque Schattner presents "Central Europe is Easy-Merci Napoleon!", www.ilfvgs.org

8 September 2016: McHenry County IL Genealogical Society, "Time Travel with Google Earth", www.mcigs.org


15 September 2016: Elgin Genealogical Society, Dr. Daniel Hubbard presents "Developing the Sixth Census", www.elginroots.com

15 September 2016: Downers Grove Public Library, William Popelar presents "Expand Your Research with Clues from Rural, Town and City Directories", http://downersgrovelibrary.org/

17 September 2016: Dallas Genealogical Society, 2016 Fall Seminar Curt B. Witcher "Sources & Methods for Family History Research", info@dallasgenealogy.org


22 September 2016: Indian Prairie Genealogical Group, Kathryn Barrett presents "State, Territorial & Federal census records", ipgg.wordpress.com


24 September 2016: Swedish American Genealogical Society, Gail Lukasik presents "How PBS's Genealogy Roadshow Solved Author's Family Mystery" 10 a.m. at the Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL, genealogy@samac.org or 773.728.8111.

29 September, "Getting Started" 6 October "Local & County Records", 13 October, "State & Federal Records" 20 October "Computer & Internet" 2016: Decatur Genealogical Society, decaturgensoc@att.net

1 October 2016: Chicago Genealogical Society, Craig Pfannkuche presents CGS Full Day Genealogy Bus Tour, www.chicagogenealogy.org

1 October 2016: Fox Valley Genealogical Society, David McDonald presents "Church or Court, Where Did Grandma Go?", www.ilfvgs.org

1 October 2016: Friends of the Max Kade Institute, Mark Louden presents "Deciphering Old German Script", Madison, WI, http://mkifriends.org/workshops/

1 October 2016: St. Louis Genealogical Society, Fall Speaker Series, stlgs.org

1 October 2016: Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Annual Fall Conference, www.ilfvgs.org

4 October 2016: Elgin Genealogical Society, Ray Johnson presents "Tips, Tricks and Overlooked Sources of Genealogical Information", www.elginroots.com

13 October 2016: Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Pat Desmond Biallas presents "Cemetery Sleuthing Leads to Lessons Learned", www.ilfvgs.org

21-23 October 2016: The Great Canadian Genalogy Summit (CANGEN), Marriott, Brampton, Canada, www.cangensummit.ca


22-27 Jan 2017: Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy courses, SLGI.ugagenealogy.org


22 August 2018: Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), National Conference, Fort Wayne, IN, www.fgs.org
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January 22-27, 2017
Registration opens July 9, 2016, 9:00 AM MDT
SLIG.ugagenealogy.org
ISGS Governing Board Meetings
Open to Members

Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Fountaindale Library, Bolingbrook, IL
9:15 am Exec Committee Meeting
10:15-10:45 am Exec & Gov. Social Time
10:45 am Governing Board Meeting

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
Saturday, September 3, 2016 at FGS Conference, Springfield, IL
12:00 ISGS Luncheon: “Old World to New: Memories Through Time” with Judy Russell
Register for luncheon http://fgsconference.org. Annual meeting follows the luncheon.

Everyone is welcome to attend any Governing Board meeting.

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Address Changes
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Finding the Dead: Illinois Death Certificates Lookup Service at ISGS

Among the many services available to the public, as well as members of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, is the Illinois Death Certificate lookup service. Not only can ISGS members receive copies of Illinois death certificates from 1916-1950 at a discount, anyone using ISGS can save considerable money compared to county-based services.

The current pricing for one certificate is $6.00 for ISGS members and $10.00 for non-members (you can order as many as you would like). Compare that to the current $15.00 rate at sites such as Genealogy Online for Cook County (https://www.cookcountygenealogy.com/).

Currently, only those certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates 1916-1950 database at http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/idphdeathindex.html can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

Requesting a Death Certificate: The Process

To obtain non-certified copies of death certificates from the 1916-1950 timeframe, please follow these steps:

• Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want.
• After you find the correct certificates(s), print or copy down the information exactly as displayed on your screen.
• Order Online: To order online using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or a PayPal account, use our shopping cart at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59. Your information is kept safe and secure by the PayPal payment service.
• Order by Mail: To mail your request, print out the ISGS Death Certificate Request Form (click here) and transfer the death certificate information to the form. Mail the form along with your check made payable to the Illinois State Genealogical Society to the address shown on the form. (Note: Credit card payments are only available online.)

If you have any questions, visit http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59 for more information, email isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968.

Revenues Support ISGS Operations

In the past few years we have seen a marked decrease in income from the ISGS death certificate lookup service. Proceeds directly support ISGS office operations. So remember to take advantage of this service, whether you are a member of ISGS or not!
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