Friday Dinner Speaker

Geoffrey Baer
Multiple Emmy award-winning Public Television writer, producer and program host Geoffrey Baer is known for his masterful storytelling, conversational style, and contagious enthusiasm.

Other Presenters: Tony Burroughs, FUGA; Thomas MacEntee; Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CG℠, CGL℠; Carol Chandler; Grace Dumelle; George Findlen; Janis Minor Forté; Jane G. Haldeman; and John C. Heider

Featured Speaker

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG℠, FMGS, FUGA
Professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. Her lectures, research, and consultations for individuals, societies, law firms, and Indian tribes seeking records and advice has taken her to many states, courthouses, archives, historical societies, and libraries.

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First Baptist Church of Pinckneyville Celebrated 150th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Pinckneyville, Illinois, celebrated their 150th anniversary on 02 August 2015.

Nine people gathered in the Old Temperance Hall on South Main Street in Pinckneyville and established a Baptist church on 30 July 1865. Three years later that church officially took the name of the First Baptist Church of Pinckneyville.

Before the end of the first year Sunday School was organized and church members met on Sunday afternoons for Bible study.

On 27 December 1868 the church dedicated its first building. It was affectionately referred to as the “Old Brick.” This building served the FBCP congregation for the next 37 years until it was taken down in 1905 to make room for a new church building.

The second church building was dedicated in 1905. It was in this building that the Illinois Baptist State Association was organized on 31 January 1907. This historic event has been commemorated at the FBCP on both the Golden Jubilee (1957) and the 125th Anniversary (1990) of the formation of this important organization.

On New Year’s Eve, 1939, the church was heavily damaged by fire, requiring extensive repairs and remodeling. The remodeled building served the FBCP congregation until it was removed in 1958 to make room for the building currently in use.

On 21 June 1953, ground was broken for the first phase of a three-phase building project, which included a 100 room educational building. This two-story building was very modern for its time with air conditioning, a large kitchen, and modern appliances. This was dedicated in 1955. In 1963 the Sanctuary was dedicated. The most striking feature of this steely Colonial-style building is the stainless steel spire, which is topped with a box in the shape of an open Bible, a design unique to this church.

In 1974 a handbell choir was organized and that same year a Deaf Ministry was begun. In 1991 a clothing ministry was begun for those less fortunate and in 2011 a Mission trip to Haiti was sponsored.

Much excitement abounded this summer as their Sesquicentennial was celebrated. The ministry assistant/office manager can be reached at 618.357-2255 for anyone wishing to make contact.

The above information was taken from the 150 Years Celebration Booklet written by Ramona Hatch.

Submitted by Darlene Hinkle, ISGS Church Records Chair
President: **Dawn Henry**, Naperville

**Dawn Carey Henry** is a Professional Genealogist and owner of Discover Your Roots, a genealogical research business. Dawn received her Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2014, her Bachelors degree from Iowa State University in 1991 and is currently part of ProGen 25. She has been a member of ISGS since 2012 and currently serves as the Genealogy Committee Chair where she guides individuals to Illinois resources and repositories in the counties, libraries, and societies across the state and online. Dawn is also an active member of Fox Valley Genealogical Society where she serves as the Conference Chair, as well as a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and National Genealogical Society. She enjoys attending local, state and national conferences. When Dawn is not researching she enjoys traveling, especially to France and other parts of Western Europe. Dawn also enjoys volunteering in her community including being the past vice president of the Graham Elementary PTA. Dawn lives in Naperville with her husband Walt, two teenage children and two dogs.

Vice President **Howard Manthai**, Yorkville

Howard has served on the ISGS Board of Directors since 2012 and has serviced on the auditing committee. Howard helped to publish an update to the “Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois” and was co-editor. Howard has also chaired the Publications Committee. He is also past board member and president of the Kendall County Historical Society and current Executive Director of the Yorkville, Illinois Chapel on the Green Historical Society (www.chapelonthegreen.org).
2nd Vice President Valerie Burd, Yorkville

Valerie Burd has a degree in journalism and political science from NIU. She is a former reporter and editor for suburban Chicago newspapers (Pioneer Press in Evanston and the SUN publications in Naperville), a former marketing director, and currently president of Positive Media Solutions, Inc. a marketing company that does community guides, maps, newsletters, advertising, etc. for chambers of commerce, municipalities, school districts, and businesses. Valerie was on the Yorkville City Council for 13 years, four of those as mayor. Her husband Paul and she have lived in Yorkville for almost 30 years having grown up in Chicago. Valerie has five grown children.

Valerie has served the ISGS as its public relations committee chair, then did the layout and design of the Quarterly magazine for two years, then served as a Director and as the legislative liaison.

Recording Secretary-Laura Kovarik, Naperville

Laura Kovarik has been involved in genealogy for more than 20 years. She has been a member of Fox Valley Genealogical Society, based in Naperville, IL, for about 15 years. During her tenure with FVGS, she has held multiple Board positions including President, Secretary and Director-at- Large. In addition Laura has been a member of the Society’s conference committee since 1999. She has co-chaired the annual conference twice and has prepared the conference syllabus for the last 14 years. Laura lives in Naperville with her family. Her undergraduate studies focused on historic preservation; she earned her Master’s in Urban Planning with emphasis on land use and environmental planning. Volunteer work has included board positions with homeowner associations, Home & School and school district level committees. Currently, Laura assists with math intervention programs for students in grades 6-8 at a junior high school.

Treasurer Margaret Truax, Aurora

Margaret has been involved with genealogy for many years, researching in the Midwest, New York state, Ireland, and Scotland. Margaret is a member of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society. She also volunteered with the 1940 indexing project through Family Search. Margaret joined the ISGS Board of Directors as Publications Chair in May of 2014. Margaret is also very involved in her community serving on the West Aurora Board of Education, helping to create the Foundation for the West Aurora Schools, board member for the Aurora Historical Society, board president for Family Counseling Center in Aurora, Sunrise Rotary and is currently a member of the Aurora Plan Commission and chair of the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals. If that’s not enough, Margaret has her own consulting business working with businesses and not for profit organizations on human resource and management issues.
Kristy taught young children for 32 years in Portland, Oregon, story telling being high on her curriculum list. Once retired she got more serious about writing down her family information. Kristy volunteered at the Portland Genealogy Forum, helping to lead and teach the "Illinois Interest Group" that met monthly. When Plano, her hometown in Illinois, began planning its Sesquicentennial she decided she wanted to "play" too. Kristy moved back to Illinois part-time, started reminding herself of the people who created the town and making a large (over 51,000 people) database of Plano people, their families, important-to-Plano people in neighboring towns, and, of course, her family members wherever they were. Kristy used that database to write weekly articles for the local paper...historical stories in some sense, connected to the present when appropriate, and hopefully educational for the readers.

Kristy is involved in Plano's PAST historic group, the historic farm and historic church in the county, creating a listing of current obituaries in the county about 5 miles west. Kristy has also enjoyed being active in the Illinois State Genealogical Society as a Board Member and the Family Bible Chair.

Susie Pope, Normal

Susie Pope joined the ISGS Board in 2006 as a Director, and was Chair of the Prairie Pioneers Committee for five years. She became 2nd Vice President in 2010, and created and manages the volunteers database and serves as Chair of the Office Liaison Committee. She was Local Host Co-Chair for the FGS/ISGS 2011 National Conference in Springfield. She has served on seven ISGS Fall Conference committees, and on the Society Liaison, Prairie Pioneers, and Website committees, and as interim Newsletter Editor. Susie is a Director on the McLean County (IL) Genealogical Society Board. Since 2004 she has served as Editor/Layout Designer of their journal, Gleanings from the Heart of the Cornbelt, and as Webmaster. Susie is National Co-Chair for the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 conference to be held in Springfield, IL.

Angela F. Cathey McGhee, Chicago

Angela F. Cathey McGhee is a former President of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago (AAGHSC). She currently serves as the AAGHSC Illinois Study Group coordinator. She holds an Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) individual membership since 2011 and has volunteered at several ISGS involved conferences. She intends to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for FGS/ISGS 2016 Conference, Springfield, IL. Angela participates in genealogical studies at various Institutes throughout the country and has membership in several genealogical organizations. She has indexed records for Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Angela is a Chicago native, writer, lecturer, and researcher.
2017 Director
David Kent Coy, Decatur
David Kent Coy has been interested in genealogy since he was 15 years old in 1968 – over 47 years. He joined the Illinois State Genealogical Society in Aug. 1976 and was immediately appointed as Chairman of the Microfilming of Non-Official Records Committee, and served in that position until 1980. He served on the Editorial Board of the ISGS Quarterly from 1984-1987, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee in 1984, elected Second Vice-President in 1985, and then elected and served as President in 1986 and 1987. He served as Chairman of the Forms and Printing Committee in 1988, and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the ISGS in October 1989. He is currently serving as Parliamentarian, a position he has held under the past three, as well as the current President.

2016 Directors
Jackie Lytell, Southern Illinois
Jackie was born and raised in Chicago, but has lived in Southern Illinois for the past 25 years. She spent a lot of her childhood visiting my great grandparents and other family in southern Illinois. When the opportunity presented itself, she moved there. Jackie is the current President of The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois. She has been on the board with GSSI in some fashion since 2007. One of her favorites things to do is spend time with her nieces and nephews and she enjoys traveling.

Donna Gasper (Pond) Hartwig
Donna Gasper Pond Hartwig is a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a retired registered nurse. Donna’s interest in genealogy began in the early 1980’s when one of her aunts was contacted for their family lineage. Being in ill health, her aunt wasn’t able to respond so Donna decided to step in and gather the information. Her research journey began! Donna joined the Peoria County Genealogical Society in 1989. She is Projects Chair for the society, following three years as society vice-present and eight years as society president. In 2010, Donna chaired the ISGS Fall Conference in Peoria, IL. She has provided table decorations and served as registrar for other ISGS conferences. Donna has attended national, state level and local conferences in addition to genealogy workshops. Donna is presently serving as Luncheon Chair for the FGS 2016 Conference.
New ISGS Indexing Coordinator

ISGS has a new Indexing Coordinator. Please welcome Clyda Ogle to this volunteer position. Clyda is enthusiastic about our current project – the indexing of the Register of Physicians and Accoucheurs from 1877 through 1952 and is anxious to get started with her duties as Coordinator.

So far, through the efforts of our dedicated indexers, we have completed indexing five volumes of the Physicians Registration; that is approximately 750 pages totaling over 28,000 line items. Each record is keyed by two separate individuals, meaning double that number have been indexed. Volunteer indexers are approximately halfway through volume 6 and are well into volume 7. In fact the last CD for volume 7 is in the hands of an indexer.

As there are 15 volumes in total, there is still much work to be done. Why not join this project team and become a part of this important project? Just contact Clyda for information on how to get started.

Clyda’s contact information: email cogle926@msn.com; phone 217-260-3917

Sandra Parker, Chair of Prairie Pioneer Certificates notes that ISGS has 3856 approved Pioneer applications! Will you be the next?

To learn more about this application process and to see the Index of Certified Prairie Pioneers, go to www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=20

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!!

Death Certificate Records: ISGS can help!

ISGS offers members & non-members the service of retrieving copies of death certificates from the IL State Archives for a nominal fee. The death certificates available are deaths between 1916-1947 and those that are found in the IL State Archives Death Certificate Index. To find out more of how to access this service, go to ISGS’s website (www.ilgensoc.org) and click on ISGS Services on the left bar and then Death Certificate Lookup or email isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org.
Welcome New ISGS Members

Terri Bridgewater & James Beidler, Lancaster, PA
Rebecca Poertner, Eldon, MO
Michael McCoy, Midwest City, OK
Beverly Helm, Park Forest, IL
Shannon Vendegna, Westminster, CO
Marilyn Talbot, Kerrville, TX
Gene Carruth, Phoenix, AZ
Sandra Farrell, Salina, KS
Gretchen Marks, Sumter, SC
Margaret Strueby, Cathlamet, WA
Sharon Burriss, Norfolk, VA
Rita Schneider, Lombard, IL
Gloria & Michael Spinks, Marion, IL
Kate Frazier, Elgin, IL
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Shelly Quigg, Ashland, IL

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Nancy O’Brien, Island Lake, IL
Denise Richmond, Laguna Woods, CA
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Hazel Singson, Clarksville, TN
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Joyce Morris, Claysville, PA
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Karen Stanbary, Chicago, IL

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You can renew your membership online at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=8, or mail your renewal to ISGS Membership Renewal, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195.
Individual/Associate/Subscripton: $35, Joint (two people at same address): $40

Address Changes

If you have a change of either mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resending issues that could not be forwarded to a new address. Your email is how you will receive this newsletter and other “blast emails”. Please keep your email current.

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Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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ISGS online newsletter is published in January, March, May, July, September, November. Advertising is available by contacting the advertising chairperson at isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org.

Newsletter Articles

Please send articles for the newsletter to isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org. Pictures are welcome (not in a pdf please). Just include your caption with names, places, details.
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

- **Publicity Chair:** This committee disseminates information about ISGS and its activities to stimulate interest in the Society and genealogy; coordinates the preparation of press releases, flyers and other promotional materials, and implements the ISGS Social Media Plan.

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

- **ISGS Archivist:** The Archivist coordinates activities to properly preserve and maintain the private records of the Society at the Illinois State Archives in Springfield, IL. These records do NOT involve the society’s public genealogical holdings at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

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 cogle926@msn.com

ISGS 2015 Fall Conference

Our conference team, with local host the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, is creating another great fall event! It will be held at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn, 23 and 24 October. We always appreciate the help volunteers give us in monitoring sessions, working at the registration desk, and various other areas. Please email Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org if you would like to be a part of our team.

ISGS/FGS 2016 Conference

Local/Regional Marketing person needed.

ISGS is serving as the Local Host society for next year’s FGS national conference in Springfield, IL, 30 August - 3 September. We have a special need for a local/regional marketing person to work with Thomas MacEntee, FGS’s National Marketing Chair. Contact Local Host Conference Chair, Laura Kovarik, laura.kovarik.2016@gmail.com for more information.
2nd Tuesday of every month, 8:00 PM CDT featuring some of the nation's best known speakers in the field of genealogy!

The following webinars are sponsored by FamilySearch.

8 September 2015 “Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving”, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, 8:00 PM, Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5664379703628947969

13 October 2015 “Polish Genealogy—Four Steps to Successful Research”, Presenter: Steve Szabados, 8:00 PM, Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8211336816720900865

10 November 2015 “In-laws and Outlaws: The Bylaws of Talking About the Family Skeletons”, Presenter: Janet Hovorka, 8:00 PM, Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1041320337723100418

8 December 2015 “The US Federal Census: Good, Bad and Ugly for Genealogists”, Presenter: Gary Smith, 8:00 PM, Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4542747002682234370

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Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, IL reports they have received a sizable donation of genealogical & historical materials from the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham. Should you be interested, please ask at the librarian’s desk.

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
Birth Dates From Age at Death

As both a genealogist and a member of a local cemetery association, I spend a good deal of time in cemeteries searching for tombstones and then reading and photographing them. Older tombstones frequently list the death date and the age of the deceased, but no birth date. While a tombstone is not a primary source for a birth date, it can often be the only source.

Normally, when faced with just a few of these, I do a manual calculation of the birth date. However, recently I was inventorying a small cemetery with several burials of children who were born and then died between census dates and before vital records existed in the area. These tombstones were the only evidence that these children existed.

Every tombstone had the death date and age at death but no birth date. So I started looking online for a quick birth date calculator. I googled “birth date from age at death” and was rewarded with several web sites. All of them are easy to use and most are free.

Included here is a example from one web site, Ancestor Search, showing the basic information needed (http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html). This calculator gives the option of the Gregorian or Julian calendar and also the use of either calendar months or 30 day months. While no birth date calculator is 100% accurate, these at least give a close approximation and are very helpful when faced with a large number of calculations.

Happy Researching!
written by Mary Westerhold

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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
When offered the chair for the Military Certificate Project, I had not heard of the program but accepted immediately. Having served in the Air Force through Vietnam, the Gulf War, and the Balkan conflict, I am very familiar with what it means to serve one's country. I also assisted my wife, Becky, when she served as Vietnam Bicentennial Chair for the Illinois Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. She created and published a database of Vietnam War veterans and hosted several events around the State to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of that war. As a Vietnam veteran, it was especially gratifying to finally have our service recognized.

I first began dabbling in genealogy about 15 years ago, and it is now my primary pursuit. I identified several colonial ancestors and joined the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). I'm currently a member of the Color Guard and Vice President of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter in Edwardsville. I am able to spend more time in my new pastime since retiring in 2012 after 45 years of federal service. I quickly became involved in a project to locate and record graves of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans buried in Clinton County. I identified and verified nearly 100 cemeteries of varying sizes, ranging from single graves to family plots to larger municipal and church cemeteries. I visited most of them, ferreted out some hidden cemeteries, and created or validated records for each. My goal was to ensure every county cemetery was recorded, with a general description, GPS coordinates, a map, and (where possible) a photo of the cemetery entrance. I also posted my findings on Find A Grave.

When I learned of the ISGS Military Certificate program and its growing database of Illinois veterans, I welcomed the opportunity to assist in this very meaningful and valuable undertaking. The ISGS Military Certificate program recognizes the sacrifices of Illinois veterans in six of our conflicts: Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Blackhawk War, Civil War, World War I, and World War II. The applicant must be a descendant of a veteran of one of these wars, and that veteran must have actively served during the war and lived, died, or was buried in Illinois. We are also planning to soon add the Mexican War and Spanish-American War.

Our Military Certificates page provides details on eligibility and types of certificates, the application process, and associated fees. The applicant will receive an authenticated certificate (suitable for framing) with his or her name and that of the veteran. Further, some applicants have discovered in the course of research that they have other ancestors who served in other wars, or they may have a sibling or relative who would like a certificate. We have made provisions for these cases, too. For more details, click on the ISGS Projects link on the ISGS Home Page and select Military Certificates. You can proudly display your ancestors’ patriotism while ensuring their names and accomplishments are recorded for posterity.

Charles D. Dobias, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Military Certificates Chair
Governing Board Meetings: Open to Members

24 October 2015  Annual Meeting at the ISGS Conference Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago

Everyone is welcome to attend any Governing Board meeting (10:00 AM). Please make the annual meeting a priority!

Conference on Illinois History

The annual Conference on Illinois History is scheduled for September 24-25, 2015, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in downtown Springfield and is the state’s largest meeting devoted to the history of the Prairie State. The conference includes 25 sessions that feature topics such as politics, Abraham Lincoln, labor, historic preservation, race, immigration, and the Civil War.

Thursday luncheon speaker: Fritz Klein as President Abraham Lincoln
President Lincoln will discuss the importance of museums to our children, our society, and our future. Klein’s portrayal of Lincoln brings this American icon to life. He bears a striking physical resemblance to Lincoln. His programs are thoroughly researched, historically accurate, and blend Lincoln’s humor with his great humanity. His ability to adapt to any audience and adapt his program’s content to your theme means that you are guaranteed to walk away with new insight into the man and a genuine sense that you have been with Lincoln himself.

Friday luncheon speaker: Theodore J. Karamanski, “Civil War Chicago: Eyewitness to History”
The American Civil War was a crucial event in the development of Chicago as the metropolis of the heartland. Not only did Chicagoans play an important role in the politics of the conflict, encouraging emancipation and promoting a “hard war” policy against Southern civilians, but they supported the troops materially through production of military supplies and foodstuffs as well as morally and spiritually through patriotic publications and songs.

The program can be viewed at: http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx
Questions? Contact Sabrina Manci at 217-558-9014 or sabrina.manci@illinois.gov.

Register Now! ISGS 2015 Fall Conference

The ISGS 2015 Fall Conference will be held on 23 and 24 October at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Geoffrey Baer will be the guest speaker at the Friday night banquet. The Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago is co-hosting this conference with ISGS.

Thanks to our Great Volunteers

Kudos to ISGS Indexing Project volunteers Clyda Ogle and Andrea Dietz. These wonderful volunteers have indexed over 10 CDs for over 200 pages! Indexing is a wonderful way for ISGS members to contribute their time and talents to a great cause and all in the comfort of your own home. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for those that are out of state or home bound.

Newberry Library offers Classes & Programs

The Newberry Library, Chicago’s independent research library since 1887, offers programs and events. Go to their website @ https://www.newberry.org/programs-and-events
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Saturday, October 24, 2015
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Registration 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

Cost
Registration is $30 per person which includes all lectures, lecture handouts, morning refreshments, and a luncheon. Sign up using our Registration Form. Walk in registrations will be accepted but cannot be guaranteed an immediate copy of the course handouts if demand exceeds supply.

Topics
Join us for the following lectures, all designed to aid your research:

• Breaking Through Your Brick Wall
  - What do you know?
  - What do you want to find out?
  - Tips and hints to further your research.

• Newspaper Research
  - Look through newspapers to find more information about your ancestors.
  - Gossip Columns or Local News?
  - What is available online?
  - What newspapers are available and where are they?

• Overseas Genealogical Websites
  - Ancestry
  - LDS
  - Archives Overseas

• Reading and Understanding Original Germanic and Scandinavian Birth, Marriage and Death Records
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  - What do the records look like?
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### 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 to access 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 2012, 2013, and 2014 include:

- Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives Luana Darby
- Going Nuclear: DNA Discoveries to Trace All Lines of Descent Debbie Parker Wayne
- 7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists Thomas MacEntee
- Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan J. Mark Lowe
- Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective Laura Prescott
- Digging Through Documents Word by Word Debra Mieszala
- Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Files Electronically D. Joshua Taylor


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Decatur Genealogical Society
Macon County, Illinois Celebrating 51 Years 1964-2015

DGS Fall 2015 Classes

3 Sep--Getting Started
10 Sep--Local and County Records
17 Sep--State and Federal Records
24 Sep--Computer and Internet

Classes will be held at the Decatur Genealogical Society Library from 7-9p.m. Cost is $25.00 per person. Questions: contact DGS at 429-0135 or Gail A. Leonard at 876-9602.

Decatur Genealogical Society 2015 Officers

Pic is in file
Front row: Ruth Aufrech, Quarterly Co-Editor; Charlotte May, Member at Large; Seth Gault, Treasurer; Joe Trimmer, President, Mike Reynolds, Genealogist. Back row: Kay Gaitros, 1st V-Pres-Program; Cheryl Lehman, Corr Sec., Cheri Hunter, Quarterly Co-Editor and Librarian; Cathleen Otta, 2nd V-Pres - Memb, Linda Williams, Special Projects; Sue Ridgley, Newsletter Editor; Nancy Sheppard, Recording Sec., Gail Leonard, Immed. Past Pres and Education; Virginia Franklin, Publicity.
FREE HALF-DAY

Genealogy Seminar

Saturday, September 26 - 1 PM

“Newspaper Research & Locating Emigrant Origins”

By Michael John Neill, Professional Lecturer

Reservations suggested
Call 815-879-3133

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629 South Main Street, Princeton, IL

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St. Louis Genealogy Society offers its member FREE classes


Dates, times and registration information can be found at their website: http://stlgs.org/education/classes

Ancestral Connections: Roots to the Rising 2016

Irish Genealogy Summer School, University College Cork, June 26 - July 2, 2016

This genealogy summer school offers a complete course in the latest Irish ancestral research for those searching for their Irish roots, as one would expect from a summer school held in UCC, one of the world’s leading universities. All aspects of the subject are covered by a series of presentations and ‘hands on’ workshops given by a selection of Ireland’s leading genealogical lecturers and experts. The latest sources are described and explained in presentations which will be of great interest to the seeker of Irish roots and family history, whether beginner or expert. Our programme can now be viewed at http://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-genealogy/ and booking is now open for our Early Bird Options which offer substantial discounts.

All aspects of the subject are covered by a series of presentations and 'hands on' workshops given by a selection of Ireland’s leading genealogical lecturers and experts. We offer a range of different packages to suit your genealogy research needs.

Genealogy sources, and approaches are described and explained in presentations which will be of great interest to the seeker of Irish roots and family history. It is suitable for genealogy enthusiasts.

Thankfully, it is not all work. A number of field trips are offered featuring sites and locations in Cobh, Spike Island, Fota House, Not forgetting, optional evening tours to sites of interest in Cork itself, ‘the Venice of Ireland’, and fieldtrips to the beautiful town of Youghal, Beal na Blath and the beautiful Bride Valley.

We have campus accommodation secured for the school duration at UCC and also a list of accommodation providers on request. Travel details from Dublin airport and Shannon are also available on request. Please email Course Co-ordinator Lorna Moloney with any of your queries at l.moloney@ucc.ie

We welcome international visitors and our early bird registration has now opened. Early Bird Options are subject to availability in relation to numbers. Our accommodation places are subsidised and numbers are limited.

Contact Details UCC:
Ancestral Connections Summer School Co-ordinator: Lorna Moloney at E: l.moloney@ucc.ie or 353-(0)85-8721184 or 353-21-4904702
CIVIL WAR GRAVE MARKERS TO BE DEDICATED IN
DOWNS GROVE

Downers Grove, IL --- The Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in conjunction with the Oak Hill/Oak Crest Cemeteries Foundation will dedicate three new markers on the graves of Civil War veterans buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Downers Grove. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 1pm at the Cemetery located at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Glenview Street in the Village (east of Belmont Road and north of Maple Avenue). It will last approximately 40 minutes. Parking is available at the adjacent Oak Crest Memorial Cemetery (off Elmore Avenue) or on the adjacent streets. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs for their comfort.

Forty five Civil War veterans are buried in Oak Hill and Oak Crest Memorial Cemeteries. Many of those soldiers served in units raised locally in DuPage County, including the 13th, 105th and 156th Illinois Infantries and the 8th Illinois Cavalry. Those receiving new grave markers include Jacob Escher (8th Illinois Cavalry), Judson Farrar (8th Illinois Cavalry) and Herman Pilz (52nd Ohio Infantry). In addition to these Civil War veterans, the two cemeteries provide the last resting place of veterans of the War of 1812, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War. Oak Hill and Oak Crest Memorial Cemeteries also include the graves of many of the Village’s early pioneers, settlers and leaders.
During the dedication ceremony local historian and President of the Oak Hill/Oak Crest Cemeteries Foundation Lois Sterba will discuss Downers Grove’s experience in the Civil War and the experiences of the three veterans receiving new markers. Illinois SUVCW Chaplain Jerome Kowalski will provide an inspirational message. Mr. Frank Wurster, Downers Grove Township Supervisor, and James Locke Lyon, Commander, IL SUVCW, will provide reflections on the event’s significance. Civil War re-enactors from the 8th Veteran Reserve Corps will join local Boy Scouts and members of the Downers Grove American Legion and VFW Posts in the Color Guard. A rifle salute will be followed by a period artillery salute by Mulligan’s Battery, SVR.

Since 1985 Downers Grove Township has been the caretaker of the Oak Hill and Oak Crest Cemeteries. Both graveyards had fallen into disrepair from vandalism. The Township created the Oak Hill/Oak Crest Cemeteries Foundation to spearhead the effort to restore them. The Foundation teamed with the local SUVCW to identify those Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery who either did not have markers or whose markers were no longer readable. Once identified, those veterans’ service was documented and new markers were obtained from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, the SUVCW recruited an aspiring Eagle Scout to take on the cleaning and straightening of existing Civil War veteran grave markers as his Service Project.

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 11th cemetery project in the area.

For further information on the ceremony, contact Sheridan Camp #2 at foxvalley civwar@live.com.
Sharing Memories: Photo Scanning for New History Book

The Bloomington, IL pantagraph.com newspaper posted an article on 5 July 2015 by Mary Ann Ford about a partnership between The Pantagraph, The McLean County Museum of History, IL Wesleyan University and IL State University, and Pediment Publishing to create a new book called McLean County Memories: The Early Years.

The book will feature photos taken in McLean County between the 1800s and 1939. They have asked the community to participate, limiting family photos to 10 per family. The book has been divided into categories including transportation, education, views/streets scenes, commerce, industry, community, public service, disaster, and recreation/celebrations.

Scanning sessions were offered to McLean County residents in July or were downloaded using a form at mcleanco.pictorialbook.com.

The book can be purchased ahead of time at a cost of $29.95.

Link to the article provided by Susie Pope, ISGS 2nd Vice President

FGS 2015 Webinar Series

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has announced their webinar series to support continuing education for societies and individual genealogists. Go to their website at FGS.org to find the list of webinars. The webinars are free and available to the public for 30 days. After 30 days, the webinar will be found in the members only section. “How to Keep Your Volunteers Happy, Helpful!” is still available on their website.
This exhibition, organized in conjunction with the Shapell Manuscript Foundation, brings to light the little-known relationship between Abraham Lincoln and Jewish Americans. Original documents, artifacts, photographs, and first person accounts tell the story of how Lincoln's meaningful bonds with Jewish individuals, his audacious defiance of anti-Semitic generals, and the interventions he made as president on behalf of all Jews reflected his deepest values and helped promote inclusivity in the United States.

www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov
The Daughters Honor The Sesquicentennial

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW) was founded in 1885. The headquarters was located in Washington, DC. In the early 1950s the Daughters moved to Springfield, IL. In 1969, they built their current facility, which houses a Civil War Museum and serves as their National Headquarters.

The Museum preserves countless artifacts of Civil War history, including rifles, medals, photographs, currency, drums, uniforms and letters from soldiers at the front. A gift shop offers a variety of books about the Civil War and other memorabilia.

Located next to the Museum is a 2800 square foot “American foursquare” house built in 1898, which has been converted into their Library and Research Center. The organization has a complete set of “War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies”, as well as Adjutant General Records from several states. Numerous other volumes relating to the War are also available for onsite research.

A memorial brick garden was dedicated in 2010 at the Center, with memorial bricks honoring our Founders, Members, Civil War and Veterans of all wars. Bricks are continuing to be ordered and placed in the garden.
A key website in Illinois genealogical research is cyberdriveillinois.com. The Secretary of State’s website offers many books and publications that can assist in your research. Karl Moore, IRAD supervisor suggests the publication “Origin and Evolution of Illinois Counties” is an essential one for genealogists when tracking their descendants movements across the state.

This publication offers the history of Illinois counties, how they were named, as well as maps that compare to today’s counties.

This is an article you won’t want to miss.

Find it listed at this location: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/index/ indexpub.html#records
Dates of Formation of Counties of Illinois from page 13 of “Origin and Evolution of Illinois Counties”

1790. St. Clair, April 27.
1795. Randolph, October 5.
1812. Gallatin, Johnson and Madison, September 14.
1815. White, December 9.
1816. Monroe, January 6; Jackson and Pope, January 10; Crawford, December 31.
1818. Franklin, Union and Washington, January 2.
1819. Alexander, March 4; Clark, March 22; Jefferson and Wayne, March 26.
1821. Lawrence, January 16; Greene, January 20; Sangamon, January 30; Pike, January 31; Hamilton, February 8; Montgomery, February 12; Fayette, February 14.
1823. Edgar, January 3; Marion, January 24; Fulton, January 28; Morgan, January 31.
1824. Clay, December 23; Clinton and Wabash, December 27.
1826. Vermilion, January 18; McDonough, January 25.
1827. Shelby, January 23; Perry, January 29; Tazewell, January 31; JoDaviess, February 27.
1829. Macoupin, January 17; Macon, January 19.
1831. Cook and LaSalle, January 15; Rock Island, February 9; Effingham and Jasper, February 15.
1836. Will, January 12; Kane, McHenry, Ogle, Whiteside and Winnebago, January 16.
1837. Livingston, February 27; Bureau, February 28; Cass, March 3; Boone, DeKalb & Stephenson, March 4.
1839. Marshall, January 19; Brown, February 1; DuPage, February 9; Christian, Logan and Menard, February 15; Scott, February 16; Carroll, February 22; Lee, February 27; Jersey and Williamson, February 28; DeWitt and Lake, March 1; Hardin and Stark, March 2.
1841. Henderson, Mason and Piatt, January 20; Grundy, February 17; Kendall, February 19; Richland, February 24; Woodford, February 27.
1843. Massac, February 8; Moultrie, February 16; Cumberland, March 2; Pulaski, March 3.
1847. Saline, February 25.
1859. Douglas, February 8; Ford, February 17.
8 September 2015: ISGS WEBINAR, 8:00 PM, Michael Lacopo presents “Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving”, Register https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5664379703628947969

8 September 2015: St. Louis County Library, Dan Lilienkamp presents “Finding Your Ancestors in the Church Books of Canton Bern”, 7:00 PM

10 September 2015: Peoria County Genealogy Society, Ken Zurski presents “Peoria Stories: Tales from the IL Heartland”, 6:30 PM Peoria Public Library North Branch, www.peoriacountygenealogy.org

10 September 2015: St. Louis Genealogy Society, Tom Pearson presents “Czech-American Service and Sacrifice in the Civil War”, 10:30 AM-Noon, St. Louis Public Library, free, register tpearson@slpl.org


12 September 2015: North Suburban Genealogical Society, Patricia Desmond Biallas presents “Cemetery Sleuthing”, 1:00 PM, Glenview Public Library, http://nsgsil.org

12 September 2015: Schaumburg Township District Library, Marti Swanson presents “The Storytellers 10:30 AM

12 September 2015: DuPage County Genealogical Society, Rose Lehne presents “Climb Your Family Tree”, www.wheatonlibrary.org


17-19 September 2015: The New York State Family History Conference, Liverpool, NY, NYSFHC.org

19 September 2015: Schaumburg Township District Library, Eric Basir presents “Photoshop and Document Restoration with Adobe Photoshop”, 10:30 AM


27 September 2015: Decatur Genealogical Society, Lana Hoarton presents “Scrapbooking & Honoring Your Family Heritage” 2:00, 1225 W South Side Dr in Decatur


3 October 2015: NW Suburban Genealogical Society, Kathy Kult presents “Cemetery Sleuthing”, 10:00 AM, Arlington Heights Senior Center, www.nwsgenealogy.org


10 October 2015: Genealogy Society of Southern IL, Darrel Dexter presents “Genealogy & Biography of Robert Stinson”, 1:30, Stinson Memorial Library, Anna, IL, call 618-549-0822 for more information

October 2015: ISGSWEBINAR, 8:00 PM, Steve Szabados presents “Polish Genealogy-Four Steps to Successful Research”, register https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8211336816720900865


23-24 October: Illinois State Genealogical Society 2015 Fall Conference, Oak Lawn, ilgensoc.org

24 October 2015: Nordic Family Genealogy Center, Dr Dan Hubbard presents “Writing a Family History”, www.swedishamericanmuseum.org

Genealogy Events continued...

7 November 2015: NW Suburban Genealogy Society, Lisa Louis Cooke presents WEBINAR “Time Travel with Google Earth”, 10:00 AM, Arlington Heights Senior Center; www.nwsgenealogy.org

10 November 2015: ISGS WEBINAR, 8:00 PM, Janet Hovorka presents “In-laws and Outlaws: The Bylaws of Talking About the Family Skeletons”, register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/104132033723100418


5 March 2016: NW Suburban Genealogy Society, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin presents “Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory”, 10:00 AM, Arlington Heights Senior Center; www.nwsgenealogy.org

12 March 2016: DuPage County Genealogical Society, 2016 41st Annual Conference, Naperville, IL,

2 April 2016: NW Suburban Genealogy Society, Diane Dassow presents “Get the Scoop: Interviewing to Gather Family Stories”, 10:00 AM, Arlington Heights Senior Center; www.nwsgenealogy.org

7 May 2016: NW Suburban Genealogy Society, George Findlen presents “Researching at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives”, 10:00 AM, Arlington Heights Senior Center; www.nwsgenealogy.org

16 June 2016: CAGGNI, GeneaQuest 2016 Conference, Schaumburg, IL, caggni.org


Dr. Jeff Hancks, Professor of Regional Studies & Director of University Archives at Western IL University speaking to Peoria County Genealogy Society members about the IL Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) at their July 2015 meeting in Peoria, IL.
Friday Dinner Speaker
Geoffrey Baer
Multiple Emmy award-winning Public Television writer, producer and program host Geoffrey Baer is known for his masterful storytelling, conversational style, and contagious enthusiasm.

Featured Speaker
Paula Stuart-Warren, CG℠, FMGS, FUGA
Professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. Her lectures, research, and consultations for individuals, societies, law firms, and Indian tribes seeking records and advice has taken her to many states, courthouses, archives, historical societies, and libraries.

Other Presenters: Tony Burroughs, FUGA; Thomas MacEntee; Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CG℠, CGL℠; Carol Chandler; Grace Dumelle; George Findlen; Janis Minor Forté; Jane G. Haldeman; and John C. Heider

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FRIDAY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

AFTERNOON

Noon 
REGISTRATION AND VENDOR BROWSING

1:30 1A Burroughs: Tracing Your Ancestors Through Chicago or Other Cities and Towns - Whether they lived in large cities or small towns, city dwellers can be tracked from year to year. While following this trail, genealogists can pinpoint deaths, marriages, migrations, and also discover occupations and employers. Methods, records, sources and case studies will be presented.

1B MacEntee: After You’re Gone - Future Proofing Your Genealogical Research - Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you’re gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on.

1C Heider: Saving Pieces of History - John C. Heider, professional gravestone conservator, will talk about gravestone repair and cemetery conservation in our “silent cities.”

2:30 BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING

3:00 2A Hager: Finding the First Landowner: Using Family Maps, Texas Land Survey Maps and HistoryGEO.com - These three user-friendly resources have revolutionized and simplified the search process for the first landowner in the public domain states and Texas. Was an ancestor a first landowner in those states? You won’t know until you check.

2B Forté & Haldeman: Loose Women, Policy Queen Pins and Black Ewes - Is there a black sheep in your family? Gangsters and crooks in your ancestral closet? These ‘persons of ill fame’ usually produce more paper records than do the law-abiding citizen of the community. Generally, these dark shadowed individuals are of the male persona and called ‘black sheep’. But occasionally, these shady characters are of the ‘weaker sex’ known as the ‘black ewes’.

2C Findlen: The Wisconsin Historical Society Library & Archives: What Is In It? Everything!!! - This talk describes the holdings of interest to genealogists in the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives (two repositories in one building), and the services they provide to make your contact with them a pleasant one.

4:00 VENDOR & SOCIETY SHOWCASE

6:00 RECEPTION & DINNER WITH SPEAKER - Geoffrey Baer: They Came to Chicago

SATURDAY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MORNING

8:00 REGISTRATION AND VENDOR BROWSING

8:15 ISGS ANNUAL MEETING - All members of ISGS are encouraged to attend. Non-members are also welcome although only ISGS members may vote.

9:00 WELCOME & OPENING SESSION - Stuart-Warren: Why Do I Descend From THESE Families?

9:30 BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING

9:45 3A Stuart-Warren: Genealogy Goldmine: Records of Old Settlers Organizations - This lecture acquaints researchers with the wealth of information that can be found in many of the records of pioneer settler organizations. Finding places of origin and settlement dates for our migrating ancestors is often difficult, but these records may provide help.

3B Burroughs: Don’t Get Burned: Getting Around the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 - The entire city burned in 1871, but many records survived to search for your Chicago ancestors. Learn which records survived, and methods of getting around the fire to break through your Chicago brick wall.

3C Chandler: The Orphan Train: The History & The Personal Side of the Story - Carol first heard about the orphan trains when a friend of hers was told by her mother that her grandmother came west on an orphan train. She had never heard of them and the subject piqued her interest. She has been researching this important part of our history since 2008.

10:45 BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING
During tough economic times in the 1930s and 1940s, government programs put many people to work. The Works Progress/Projects Administration created a goldmine of records that are useful for today’s genealogists. WPA record transcriptions, courthouse and manuscript inventories, indexes, city/county histories, and histories of businesses and families may exist for your ancestral locale.

You’ll learn how to use the source citation templates, evidence evaluation features, as well as how to add/remove features to create a customized research log of your own. We’ll cover how to look at a record and evaluate the evidence to determine if it proves or disproves the proof point. Finally, you’ll see how you can add new source citation templates, add new columns and more.

Researchers dream of finding a missing link to further their research. When that wonderful event actually happens, a look at the successful techniques can be beneficial. In the case of Dred and Harriet Scott, research uncovered significant new information about them and their family—beyond the Dred Scott Decision. Can these same research techniques help you?

So you have checked census, probate, church, naturalization, and other records. The obituaries, marriage, birth, and death records have also been located. Yet, you still have too many blank spaces on your family group sheets. You still don’t have enough of the story about some ancestors to really know who they were. Your next step might be using manuscripts and checking out special collections in various repositories. Learn more about these treasures.

The stacks of Chicago’s Newberry Library bulge with maps, family papers, genealogies, railroad archives and much, much more. Learn what’s available for your U.S. and European forebears and how to access it in person or from a distance. Special mention will go to ChicagoAncestors 2, the library’s updated site for finding Windy City kin by address.

Covering the period of 1767 to 1867, the DLAS is an on-line multi-topic searchable database of abstracts of court petitions and legislative actions for all southern counties, state legislatures and the District of Columbia. These court documents contain a wealth of genealogical and life-style information.

Many Midwestern and Plains states have superb state census records. Learn about the indexes, the many personal details these censuses include, locating the censuses, and alternate sources.

Most African American researchers try to leap from census records to slave research, bypassing a multitude of records in between. A broad foundation between now and the Civil War will increase the probabilities of success during the slavery period.

Frustrated with the way you originally researched your genealogy? Were you a name collector? Did you not care or not even know about citing sources? Now there’s hope and you get a “do-over” to include sound research practices and methodologies as well as new templates, tools and the latest technology to create a better body of family history research.

Conference Speakers:
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- Grilled Lemon Herb Breast of Chicken
- Vegetable Phyllo Purse
- Sliced Sirloin of Beef

**Saturday Lunch** (included in registration fee)
(Please check sandwich selection)
- Roast Beef & Provolone
- Smoked Ham & Cheddar
- Grilled Portobello

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Register online at www.ilgensoc.org or make checks payable to ISGS and mail with this form.
Questions? Email: ISGSconferences@ilgensoc.org
The Illinois State Genealogical Foundation was established in 2012 as a wholly non-profit tax-exempt corporation, organized and chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois, with charitable and educational purposes.

All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible per Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of the foundation is to

• Assist in developing and increasing educational opportunities for the genealogical and historical community of Illinois

• Provide service for students and organizations whose primary interest involves the study and education of genealogical and historical events in Illinois

• Encourage gifts of money, property, historical papers and documents, and other material having educational, artistic, scientific and/or historical value and by such other proper means as may be determined. The Foundation will receive, hold, and administer such gifts with the primary intent of serving the genealogical and historical community in Illinois.

The Illinois State Genealogical Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members.

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An annual meeting of the Foundation is held each year according to the by-laws.

The Foundation is an opportunity for individuals, businesses, and other organizations to contribute to genealogical and historical research and educational opportunities relating to people and events associated with Illinois. Projects will be selected for funding based on specific criteria to be developed by the Board with the intent of making information available to researchers and genealogists. The initial strategy is to build the assets in the Foundation and then begin providing funding/grants for various genealogical research projects in the state.

For further information about the Foundation, contact any of the Foundation Directors or Steve Black, President at 623-466-3545 or steve.black531@gmail.com,

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