Distinguished Service Awards were presented to the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society at the recent Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)/RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. These two societies have led the nation’s genealogical community in raising funds for the Preserve the Pensions War of 1812 project. FGS notes that these two state societies created matching campaigns and challenged their local chapter members to donate matching amounts.

Paula Stuart-Warren, FGS Award Committee Chair wrote that the Distinguished Service Award winners account for “thousands of pages of these precious (pension) documents being digitized and freely available for genealogists for generations to come” and “have truly dedicated their societies to do more than say they believe in preservation and access”.

After matches, these two matching fundraising efforts raised funds totaling $134,000 to support the War of 1812 Pensions Project.

This prestigious award was acknowledged at the FGS Opening Ceremonies on February 11th and later at the FGS Luncheon. ISGS Past President Jane Haldeman was quick to give credit to the many local societies in the state of Illinois who contributed to the matching ISGS Preserve the Pensions Challenge.
President’s Page

ISGS Members:

The ISGS president, Jayne Cates, asked me to introduce myself. My name is Anita Boyd and I have been Membership Chair since 2013. Before I tell you about myself, however, I’d like you to know that ISGS really does have a lot to offer our members, including (but not limited to):

• Non-certified Illinois death certificates, issued from 1916-1947, $6 for members, $10 for non-members [www.ilgensoc.org]. Go to ISGS projects, then Death certificates.
• Calendar of Events for ISGS Member Societies [www.ilgensoc.org]. Go to Calendar of Events.
• Monthly ISGS webinars. This month on March 10th: “Finding Your Femme Fatales: Exploring the Dark Side of Female Ancestors: presenter Lisa Alzo; and,
• Annual conference discounts.

On a more personal note, my genealogical research is southern-based—Mississippi and South Carolina—sorry, there’s not a single ancestor from Illinois. History was my least favorite subject in school and I would have never guessed that I would become enamored with the Civil War era.

One of my favorite finds is from the National Archives: a copy of the Compiled Service Record and a petition to the Southern Claim Commission, in the amount of $1,065.00, from James L. Boyd, of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. In the boilerplate petition, he told his attorney, Gilbert Moyer, how U.S. troops, under the command of Colonel (afterwards General) Benjamin H. Grierson, whose troops consisted of the 6th and 7th Illinois Calvary, and the 2nd Iowa, commanded by Cols. Loomis, Prince, and Hatch, “came by my plantation on the Mayhew & Starkville Road[s]” and had taken Thomas. Thomas was a large brown horse, eight years old, [and worth] $200.00. In 2010, fascinated by the Horse Soldiers, the Hollywood version, starring John Wayne and William Holden and Dee Brown’s account of Grierson’s Raid, I went to Jacksonville, Illinois, for their 15th Annual General Grierson Days, a reenactment of Grierson’s Raid and much more. Yes, I know, my great-great granddaddy was rolling over in his grave that day!

Volunteerism is nothing new to me and I have been giving back to my local community, in one capacity or another, since my college days. Prior to assuming my role with ISGS, I held similar positions with the Fox Valley Genealogical Society and, before that, The Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago, of which I am now Vice President. On Tuesday nights, I can usually be found at my local Family History Center, in Naperville.

Anita Boyd

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Most genealogists love history. Often it is our love of history that impels us into genealogy in the first place. We are curious where our family fits in to the great historical tapestry that makes up our nation and our world. Our knowledge of the American Revolution, immigration, the role of agriculture and the rise of the cities, the Civil War, the Great Depression, unionism, World War II, the post-war baby boom and so much more spurs us on to try to discover our family’s place in these epic events. Our nation’s history provides context to our family’s story and our family’s story provides a personal relationship to our nation’s history. This is why it always saddens me to read and hear about schools cutting back their history programs and today’s youngsters not knowing about history. This is where the Chicago Metro History Education Center, or CMHEC, comes in.

As James Baldwin once said, “If you know whence you came, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go.” For 38 years now, the CMHEC has worked with our schools to conduct History Fairs in Chicago and the suburbs in Cook, Kane, DuPage and Lake counties. While the state of Illinois sponsors History Fairs in 98 counties, it is CMHEC, an independent, non-profit, educational organization, that has been tasked with operating History Fairs in these four Illinois counties that represent almost 60% of the state’s population. CMHEC also conducts training sessions for hundreds of history teachers from both public and private schools.

At History Fair, local students present their own research on topics related to Chicago. Often times, the research delves into family or community history, ethnic studies or spatial relationships. The students scour libraries and archives to use primary sources for their research. They interview people who are experts on or were participants in historical events. In conducting research, they expand the walls of the classroom and learn how decisions are made in the social, cultural, economic and political realms that affect their lives. History Fair encourages junior high and high school students to learn not just about history but also how to do history. For many students, this has proven to be the initial step in a lifelong love affair with history and genealogy. In other words, History Fair leads to an increased curiosity of “whence they came.”

When History Fair began, students would write a paper and create a display board of their project. With changing technologies and student interests, History Fair now includes competitions in research paper writing, exhibits, documentaries, live performances and web site creation. Metro area students compete in these different fields in high school and junior high school regional history fairs. The best judged projects then move to a Metro-wide fair. From there, winners advance to the state-wide history fair competition in Springfield, where it also becomes possible to advance to National History Day competition in Washington D.C.

As a non-profit promoting local history, the Chicago Metro History Education Center relies on volunteers and donations to survive. More than 500 volunteers serve as judges at the March and April regional or metro-wide history fairs. The volunteers aren’t professional historians or teachers. They are just people who love and appreciate history and want to pass that love on to the next generation.

I urge genealogists from Cook, Lake, DuPage and Kane who have an interest in promoting history for the next generation to become involved with Chicago Metro History Education Center, either by serving as a history fair judge or perhaps by making a contribution to this worthy organization. For more information, please visit their website at ChicagoHistoryFair.org or call them at 312-255-3661. Their offices are located in the Newberry Library in Chicago, so you can always stop by there as well (and do a little genealogical research while you are there).

written by David Joens
Welcome New ISGS Members

Miriam D. Chisloman, Henderson, NV  
LuAnn Mayer, Algonquin, IL  
C L Allen, Des Moines, IA  
Keith Allaman, St. Louis, MO  
Sheila Smith, Matteson, IL  
Ann D. Benge, Mundelein, IL  
Margaret Hinners, Huntley, IL  
Sue Sanford-Ring, McFarland, WI  
Lynda Roddy Ozzauto, Gilberts, IL  
Lyle McLaren, Springfield, VA  
Louise Short Skinner, Cooper, TX  
Bill & Freda Clark, Washington, IL  
Dorothy & Rex Brown, Olympia Fields, IL  
Jean M. Zack, Downers Grove, IL  
William Foli, Secor, IL  
Nancy Urbanski, Orland Park, IL  
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Jennifer Stribley, Yorktown, VA  
Barbara & Daniel Christensen, Grandview, WA  
Pamela & Thomas Fattore, New Lenox, IL  
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Rosemary Sheehan, Dakota Dunes, SD  
Patricia Turner, Iron River, MI  
Cherie Shade, Easton, KS  
Theresa Bilka, Chaska, MN  
Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL  
Julie Smith, Bradley, IL  
Jeffrey Crowell, Naperville, IL  
Felicia Mathis, Chicago, IL  
Lynn & John Tenney, Inver Grove Hgts, MN  
Kathy Stonequist, Elmhurst, IL  
Marianne Handler, Highland Park, IL  
Joyce Dickinson, Cincinnati, OH  
Lisa Foster, Sidney, IL  
Linda Gralow, Naperville, IL  
Molly Wagner, Ascot, England  
Ardys Vaughn, Foster, OR  
George A Baker, Batavia, IL  
Carol Carlson, St. Louis, MO  
Steve Szabados, Palatine, IL  
Jane Rozek, Cary, IL  
Nancy Massey, Noblesville, IN  
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Karen Molohon, Marietta, GA  
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Christina Marshall, Jacksonville, IL

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ISGS Membership Renewal, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195

Individual/Associate/Subscriptions: $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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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.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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.

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 Becky.

Becky Higgins, Indexing Coordinator at bhiggins9@gmail.com

Mary Westerhold of Edwardsville, Illinois has been appointed Website Committee Chair.

ISGS/FGS 2016 Conference

Committee Chairs

Volunteers: Angela McGee
Local Publicity: Mary Westerhold
Signage: Sandy Barnett
Hospitality: Dan Dixon
Audio/visual: Rollie Littlewood
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Conference Chair: Laura Kovarik: lj175@aol.com

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ISGS Board Volunteers Needed

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

- Long Range Planning: This committee considers plans for the improvement of ISGS. The committee solicits suggestions from the members, reports to the ISGS Governing Board, and present projects for action.

- 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!!
2nd Tuesday of every month, 8:00 PM CST featuring some of the nation’s best known speakers in the field of genealogy!

10 March 2015 “Finding Your Femme Fatales: Exploring the Dark Side of Female Ancestors, Presenter Lisa A. Alzo, 8:00 PM
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/792741648604580353

14 April 2015 “Using Evernote as Your Primary Tool for Capturing Notes and Ideas”, Presenter Drew Smith, 8:00 PM
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8189883145839699201

12 May 2015 “Need Direction? Try City Directories!”, Presenter Jean Wilcox Hibben, 8:00 PM, https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6094939660972982529

Complete webinar descriptions are available on the ISGS website at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234

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
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Sandra Parker, Chair of Prairie Pioneer Certificates notes that ISGS has 3863 approved Pioneer applications!
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

Family Discovery Day—Connecting Families Across Generations
In 2014 the Springfield Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sponsored their first Family History Day. The response was wonderful, so planning is underway for this year. Put April 11, 2015 on your calendar. 10:00 AM–4:00 PM at 3601 Buckeye Drive, Springfield, Illinois. For more information, Mary Kirgan, mary.kirgan@gmail.com
Mortality Schedules and How They Are Useful

The Federal Census included many non-population schedules. In 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 one of these schedules was the Mortality Schedule. It listed those persons who died in the year prior to the census date. For example, the 1860 Mortality Schedule would include the names of those who died between 1 June 1859 and 31 May 1860. Similar to the population schedules (what we normally think of as the census), the information reported varies from census to census. The 1860 Mortality Schedule includes the name of the deceased, age, sex, color, free or slave, married or widowed, birthplace, month of death, occupation, disease or cause of death, and number of days ill.

How can this help in your research? The obvious answer is the ancestor who disappeared between Federal censuses. Even if you don’t know when or even if they died, always check the mortality schedule. You never know what you might find.

For example, I was researching the family members buried in a small rural cemetery in Madison County, IL. I have never been to the cemetery as it is located in a farmer’s field and not very accessible. However, others have visited it and recorded an inventory and taken a few photos. There are only six graves and five of them are children of Jefferson and Anna Lindley Virgin, all of them age four years or younger. According to a printed inventory, three of the children died in February 1859 within a few days of each other. I was curious as to what happened to these children and decided to dig a bit further.

Based strictly on these dates, they should not be in the 1860 Mortality Schedule as their death dates do not fall between June 1, 1859 and May 31, 1860. But I checked the schedule anyway. And they were there. All three were listed as dying in February of “putrid sore throat,” which, according to the medical references I checked, is scarlet fever.

Why were these children in the mortality schedule? Well, there are a few possibilities. It is possible that the death dates on the tombstones were transcribed incorrectly. None of the photos of the cemetery included the tombstones of these children so I could not verify the dates. It could also have been the way the census taker asked the question or simply confusion by the person answering it. I have not learned the answer yet, but it is a reminder to me to check all resources, even when they shouldn’t “fit.”

Happy Researching!

written by Mary Westerhold

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
**Announcing: McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society 2015 Summer Conference**

11 July 2015 at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Nationally known speakers include Debbie Parker Wayne, Thomas MacEntee, Greg Phelps, Jane Haldeman, Craig Pfannkuche, Ray Johnson, and Maureen Brady.

Register online [www.mcigs.org/conference](http://www.mcigs.org/conference). Early registration discount ends 1 April 2015.

Questions? email registration@mcigs.org

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**Governing Board Meetings: Open to Members**

2014-2015 ISGS Schedule for Executive Board and Governing Board meetings

- **16 May 2015** Executive Board 8:30 AM    Governing Board 10:00 AM  
  Site to be determined

- **15 August 2015** Executive Board 8:30 AM    Governing Board 10:00 AM  
  Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield, Illinois

- **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!

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**Honors and Awards**

It's not too early to begin thinking about people that have dedicated themselves to genealogy in some way. If you know of someone who should be recognized for their work in our field, fill out a form. One submission has been turned in so far. July will be here before you know it. Please fill out the forms located on the ISGS website: [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63)

Please contact Linda Wallin at [isgsawards@ilgensoc.org](mailto:isgsawards@ilgensoc.org) and submit all nomination forms to her at this email.
Try as we might, we really have little control over what will happen to our possessions, even our bodies, after we die. Yes, we can draw up legal documents, we can express our wishes to family members and more; however, there are no guarantees when it comes to these matters. The best we can do is prepare, plan and communicate now.

When it comes to your years of genealogy research and material, what plans have you made to ensure that it doesn’t die with you? Here is some advice on creating a realistic plan to get your “genealogy affairs” in order so that the next generation of researchers can benefit from your years of hard work.

The Perils of Inaction: Lost Genealogy

To gain some insight as to what could possibly happen to all your genealogy stuff, simply read the haunting story Cleaning Mother’s House by genealogist Michael John Neill. As you hear the words, just imagine one of your children or grandchildren being in the same situation and not knowing the importance of your genealogy research.

You have a responsibility to safeguard your research and to make sure it gets passed on properly. If you don’t act now, someone else will act on your behalf.

Basic Planning and Data Successorship

How can you create a plan for the future of your genealogy research without knowing what you have? The first step is to create an inventory of ALL of your items.

HARD COPY ITEMS

Use a special notebook, a document on your computer, or a spreadsheet. Just get it down in writing and also realize that you should update it periodically. Items to include:

- Genealogy research binders, folders and stacks of paper
- Genealogy books and magazines purchased over the years
- Photos, slides, negatives, videos, CD-ROMs
- Technology items such as scanners, software programs, flash drives
- Miscellaneous items such as audio recordings, gadgets, etc.

Make sure you label each item or include a note; remember that the person cleaning out your possessions may not be a genealogist.
DIGITAL ITEMS
And what about your genealogy data? You may not realize how much information you have and where it is stored. The easiest way to organize all your digital assets is to create two backups: one in the cloud and one on an external drive or CD-ROM.

- Genealogy database files
- Scanned photographs and documents
- Digital books, magazines and guides
- Digital writings such as PDFs and blog posts you’ve written
- Emails from family and other researchers as well as emails that you’ve sent
- Any other items you believe are important including social media posts

ONLINE PROFILES
Increasingly, genealogists are leveraging online websites, apps and social media for research purposes and to connect with others. While you may not have valuable information stored at these sites, at a minimum you should allow family members to disable or shut down accounts. This way your followers are informed and also it avoids having these accounts hacked or mis-used.

Create a list of website names, their URLs (addresses) and login credentials. Keep the list in a safe place; print out and keep with estate planning papers or store online with a master password to access the list; make sure your executor knows the password.

Working with Societies, Libraries, and Archives
There are many “myths” about being able to donate your genealogy to organizations:

- “You can donate any and all of your genealogy stuff to the National Archives.” False: The National Archives is the archivist of record for the United States government; it does not typically archive personal items.
- “You can donate your genealogy to the Library of Congress.” Partially true: The Library of Congress does accept published genealogies and other items of importance.

If you plan on donating anything related to your genealogy to an archive, a library or a genealogy society, here is a plan you should follow:

- Contact the organization. Always check a repository’s policies before making a donation or directing your executor to make a donation.
- Inform family members. Let your family or friends know what your plans are involving the organization.
- Include a monetary donation. It costs money to process donated materials no matter how well organized those items may be. If possible, make sure you include a financial donation to the institution. Another option is to direct your executor to sell off specific items to raise money for preservation of the collection.

Finally, realize that you can always donate items NOW rather than after your passing. By donating now you have more power to direct how the items will be used and which organizations can benefit from those items.
Technology to the Rescue

As with other industries and even hobbies, genealogy has moved into the digital realm, for better or for worse. Advantages include the ability to preserve fragile items through scanning and digitization as well as the ability to share items with other researchers. Disadvantages include the ability to easily delete items with the touch of a key or failing to update technology like moving from floppy discs to flash drives. And there is also the fear of having your digital items stolen or “hacked.”

Another idea is to utilize one or more websites that offer a virtual “lock box” for digital items including photos and documents such as Protect Their Memories. Or create your own using DropBox or Google Drive since online services can and do go out of business from time to time (remember MyFamily.com?). For a complete list see The Digital Beyond – Online Services List at http://www.thedigitalbeyond.com/online-services-list/.

Best Practices for Genealogy Future Proofing

In summary, here are some tips of future proofing your genealogy research and making sure it is preserved for others to use for generations to come:

• **Take inventory.** Determine what you have including hard copies as well as digital assets and online sites.
• **Include in estate planning.** Create a codicil to your will or make sure there are some form of instructions concerning your genealogy research.
• **Backup your data.** Backing up your genealogy data is a good habit for the living and it will keep all your info in one place for your executor.
• **Future proof your technology.** CD-ROM discs degrade over time. Negatives and movie film can fade and fall apart. Transfer items to digital ASAP.
• **Have that conversation with family.** Be very clear about where your genealogy research is located, why it is important, and what you want done with it.
• **Contact organizations.** Determine which libraries, societies and archives will accept all or part of your collection. Donate items you don’t need NOW.
• **Post items online.** Consider starting a blog, even a private one, to preserve your family stories. Do the same with a family tree on Ancestry or one of the popular genealogy sites.
• **Do stuff NOW.** Tell your own stories NOW. Write that genealogy book NOW. Interview family members NOW.

Written by Thomas MacEntee

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RESOURCES

Articles and Books

• 4 Things To Do Before You Donate Your Genealogy
  http://www.geneabloggers.com/gendonate1

• Cleaning Mother’s House

• Donating Your Personal or Family Records to a Repository
  http://www2.archivists.org/publications/brochures/donating-familyrecs

• How to Protect Your Digital Afterlife
  http://www.geneabloggers.com/digilife1

• Managing Your Digital Afterlife
  http://www.geneabloggers.com/digilife2

• Preparing for Your Digital Afterlife (infographic)
  http://www.whoishostingthis.com/blog/2013/12/19/preparing-for-digital-afterlife/#.

• What Happens to Your Social Media Profiles When You Die?
  http://mashable.com/2014/06/24/social-media-death/

Organizations Accepting Items

• Allen County Public Library
  http://www.genealogycenter.org/Donate.aspx

• FamilySearch
  http://www.geneabloggers.com/fsdonate

• Library of Congress
  http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/gifts.html

• Mid-Continent Public Library
  http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/donations

• New England Historic Genealogical Society
  http://www.americanancestors.org/donate-special-collections/

Apps and Websites

• Genealogical Codicil to Last Will and Testament
  http://www.geneabloggers.com/genwill

• Knotify.me
  https://knotify.me/

• Life at Hand
  http://www.lifeathand.com

• Protect Their Memories
  http://protecttheirmemories.com

• The Digital Beyond
  http://www.thedigitalbeyond.com/
Using Google Earth for Genealogy
January 13, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Lisa Louise Cooke

Basic Scandinavian Research
February 3, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Diana Crisman Smith

Finding Your Femme Fatales: Exploring the Dark Side of Female Ancestors
March 10, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Lisa Alzo

Using Evernote as Your Primary Tool for Capturing Notes and Ideas
April 14, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Drew Smith

Need Direction? Try City Directories!
May 12, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Jean Wilcox Hibben

Understanding Our Families, Understanding Ourselves
June 9, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Ron Arons

Dissect Obituaries for New Clues
July 14, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with George G. Morgan

School Daze – Finding and Using School Records to Trace Our Ancestors
August 11, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving
September 8, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Michael Lacopo

Polish Genealogy – Four Steps to successful research
October 13, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Steve Szabados

In-laws and Outlaws: The Bylaws of Talking About The Family Skeletons
November 10, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Janet Hovorka

The US Federal Census: Good, Bad and Ugly for Genealogists
December 8, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with Gary Smith

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 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.

Learn More & Register

For a description of each webinar, or to register, visit http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars.

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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

International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE)

The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) is reminding writers IN ALL MEDIA (magazines, newspapers, journals, websites, blogs) that the 2015 Excellence-in-Writing Competition is now open for entries through 15 June 2015.

The competition is open to both MEMBERS and NON-MEMBERS of ISFHWE; both published and non-published authors may enter (see category list below). Members of ISFHWE receive a discount on the entry fee (after logging in to the ISFHWE members’ corner; new members allow up to ten days to receive login information). The categories are columns, articles, genealogy newsletter, unpublished authors, unpublished material-published authors, poetry.

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each category will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate. Certificates may be awarded for Honorable Mentions. The awards will be announced in September 2015.

Entries must be submitted in PDF, Word, WordPerfect, or JPG format by e-mail in time to meet this deadline. Please note: Footnotes will not count toward word count. Send entries to: Competition@ISFHWE.org

Appropriate entry fee(s) - and membership dues to receive the discount - may be paid via PayPal on the ISFHWE website at ISFHWE.org

Full information on the competition is available on the ISFHWE website in the “2015 Excellence-in-Writing Competition - Information and Online Entry Form” link, which leads to: http://www.isfhwe.org/competition.php

For questions, contact the Competition Coordinator at: competition@ISFHWE.org

If Only I Could See the Family Bible…

In early homes the Bible was the place to keep important dates in the life of the family—births, marriages, and deaths plus the full names of each generation. Sometimes it was the only place they were ever recorded. If you have access to a family Bible, you can offer proof of spellings, places, dates…information that would give, or confirm, the dates and situations to fill in someone’s family history.

By going to the ISGS website at www.ilgensoc.org you will find the Bible Record Submission Form which needs to be filled out to complete the process. Fill it out with as many answers as you possibly can. If in doubt tell us anything that you know which might be helpful. We’d rather have too much than too little!

Also send a photocopied set of the family pages, and of the title and date page[s] of the bible, so that we have those.

Lastly, send a hand-printed or typed copy of all the information in the Bible. I know this sounds like extra work but it seems that there is always some name, place, or date that I am unsure about. What I think says “Haffenrichter,” when you know it says “Hoffanricktor,” can make a big difference to another researcher.

Sometimes Bibles hold tidbits of information too—a note, photo, or letter. Please feel encouraged to send copies of those too.Inscriptions in the bible, notes about a family gathering, or a copy of an obituary all bring more information and shed new light.

Mail the signed application, copies, and translations to the ISGS at Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195. They will be printed as soon as space allows.

written by Kristy Gravlin, ISGS Family Bible Records Chair
Fire Destroys Genealogical Society Records & Memorabilia

ISGS was very sad to hear of the fire in the Marissa Academy building. Belleville News Democrat reports that this building housed the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society including a library and museum: “a repository of irreplaceable historical documents, photographs, memorabilia, and antiques, many of them donated by residents of the town.” The Marissa Academy building has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in 1891. See more at the BND.com website:

http://www.bnd.com/2015/01/31/3639303_marissa-academy-building-fire.html?rh=1

11th Kelly Clan Gathering

The Kelly Clan are returning to Westport, Co Mayo, Ireland for the 11th Kelly Clan Gathering. The International Gathering supported by Westport County Council takes place 15-17 May 2015 at Castelcourt Hotel. Guests are expected from Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Guatemala and the UK.

The weekend will be action-packed, but in a relaxed atmosphere. Local tours have been arranged, speakers and a 5 course Gala Dinner.

More information can be found on the Kelly Clan website www.kellyclans.com or email clankellyinfo@gmail.com

Note: The Winfield Library in Winfield, Illinois has received a recent donation of genealogical books with Georgia history.

http://www.winfield.lib.il.us/winfield/

Many of you may already have heard that the next FGS conference will be here in Illinois in Springfield—August 31st to September 3rd, 2016. A national conference with over 2,000 expected attendees is a HUGE undertaking and for that reason, the request for speaker proposals has recently been issued.

If you are a genealogy speaker yourself, or if you know someone who is, please pass along this important information. And don’t forget that the deadline for submissions is Friday, April 10, 2015!

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces that presentation proposals are now being received for its 2016 Conference, “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories,” to be held in Springfield, Illinois, Aug 31 – Sept 3, 2016. The conference will be held in cooperation with the Illinois State Genealogical Society as local host. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum are within walking distance of the Prairie Capital Convention Center, the conference venue. The deadline for submission of presentation proposals is Friday, 10 April 2015.

“Time Travel: Centuries of Memories,” recognizes the vast array of people and resources whose paths into the United States brought them to, and through, the Midwest. Topics related to methodology and research skills are always welcomed, in addition to content-specific areas, such as:

• Military: War of 1812, American Civil War, Indian Wars, World War I, World War II, European and Napoleonic Wars.

• Migration: Europe to North America; naturalization records; passenger lists; ports of entry; to and through the Midwest; the Great Migration (northward from the sharecropping South); migration trails and routes (Mormon, Oregon, Santa Fe); refugee resettlement; modern economic migrants.

• Ethnic Origins: The Baltic Basin (including Poland, Scandinavia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Denmark, Germany); Central Europe (including Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic/Bohemia, Hungary); Romance Europe (including France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and the Papal States); the Mediterranean/Adriatic Basin (including Turkey, Greece, Serbia, Croatia, Cyprus, Armenia); Latin American research.

• Great Britain and the former British Empire (England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India); the British diaspora; records (civil and ecclesiastical); churches (Anglican, Quaker, Catholic, dissenter, non-conformist, Presbyterians); military records; city directories; trade directories; guilds; poll books; valuations and tax records.

• Occupations & Work: Farmers, carpenters, brewers/distillers, boatmen, firefighters/police, railroaders, canal builders, laborers and factory hands; women in the workforce; unions, guilds and apprenticeships; coal miners; slaughterhouse workers; doctors, midwives and pharmacists; clerks and lawyers; pressmen and printers; trade directories; smugglers, bootleggers and other illicit trades.

• Religions, Adherents and Records: Jewish, Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant traditions and records; religious colonizations and refugee movements; Pogrom and Holocaust survivors and research; the Underground Railroad; Mormon/LDS; utopian communities; peace churches, pacifists and conscientious objectors; convents, monasteries and cloistered communities.
• Regional research: Research repositories in the Midwest; research in Illinois and nearby states—Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio; archival collections; college and university research collections; migration destinations from Illinois: the Great Plains, Texas, Oklahoma, and California; migration to Illinois from feeder states of the east and south

• Genetics & DNA: the basics of DNA research; autosomal studies and advanced analysis; testing procedures; ethical considerations; adoptions; forensic and expert work; case studies.

• Skills, Abilities & General Knowledge: Beginning research techniques; evidence analysis; online resources and tools; wikis; collaboration techniques and etiquette; terminology; comparative analysis; units of measure, trade and currency; time, calendars and dates; writing a family history; publishing – print vs eBook; creating websites, blogs and vlogs; earning genealogical credentials.

• Society Management: Use of technology by and for societies; adaption to change; internal and external communication; meeting changing member needs and member engagement; education projects and events; society leadership; team building, implementing large projects.

The program committee specifically seeks new and dynamic proposals that will provide exceptional learning experiences for conference attendees. Proposals for workshops and sponsored talks are encouraged.

Multiple proposals (more than four) are welcome and encouraged, as most chosen to speak will be engaged for more than one presentation. There is no limit on the number of proposals a speaker may submit.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Speaker submissions and deadlines for the FGS 2016 Conference reflect the implementation of an online submission system. Interested parties must submit all presentation proposals using the online portal. The Call for Presentations is now open and will close on Friday, 10 April 2015. This deadline is for all proposal submissions, including sponsored presentations.

COMPENSATION
Selected speakers receive an honorarium, travel compensation, and conference registration as well as per diem and hotel nights based on the number of presentations given. (Sponsored speakers only receive conference registration and syllabus materials. See more about sponsorships below.) Non-sponsored speakers receive compensation according to the FGS Conference Speaker Policy at www.fgs.org/conferences/speakerpolicy.php.

SPONSORED PRESENTATIONS
Societies and businesses are encouraged to submit proposals for sponsored talks by the stated deadline for proposal submission. The sponsoring organization will cover its speaker's costs to present the presentation. Sponsored speakers are expected to abide by all speaker deadlines and syllabus requirements. Sponsored speakers will receive complimentary FGS conference registration and electronic syllabus materials.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Invitations will be issued in October 2015. Syllabus format guidelines will be sent to speakers at that time. The deadline for acceptance and submission of signed speaker contracts is 1 November 2015.

Camera-ready handouts are required for each presentation or workshop presentation and will be compiled in a syllabus distributed to conference participants. The deadline for submissions of syllabus materials is Wednesday, 13 April 2016.
The National Genealogical Society’s (NGS) 2015 Conference, Crossroads of America, is coming to the St. Charles Convention Center 13-16 May 2015. St. Louis Genealogical Society (www.stlgs.org) is the local host.

Pre-conference events begin on Monday, 11 May 2015 with a tour of the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). On Tuesday, 12 May, research opportunities begin with all day events including Librarians Day, German Studies and tours to Daniel Boone’s home and the Lewis and Clark boathouse, among others.

Opening day begins with J. Mark Lowe. The four days of the conference will be filled with dozens of interesting talks on a multitude of topics aimed at researchers of all skill levels. Participants can learn more about skill-building, migration, uncommon as well as more familiar records, researching in particular states, maps, ethnic research, immigration, use of technology, and more. Each day will offer small group workshops with hands on participation. Luncheons, evening activities, vendors along with the presentations make this a great event.

Registration is open. Go to http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org

written by Ilene Murray, Publications Director. Printed in St. Louis Genealogical Society’s December 2014 Newsletter
How Church Records Help Others

After finding family in Northern Ireland, my sister and I made a visit (actually this was my third visit). While there, the rector of the Grey Abbey Presbyterian Church offered to show us the marriage records and I was able to see the actual record of my great-grandparents, Robert and Margaret Marshal Boyd, who were married in 1897. What a thrill that was!

So I asked others what kind of experiences they have had with church records. From Carole Huset of Grabill, Indiana: Carole found Chicago church records when she attended the National Genealogical Society Conference in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 2013. While there she shared with a gentleman from the LDS church her brick wall on the Lithuanian family that she knew settled in Chicago. He was able to direct her to their website familysearch.org where she found the registry of All Saints Church, that closed in 1989. In this registry she located her grandparents marriage, the baptismal records of six of their seven children and death records of three of their infants.

Margaret Truax, of Aurora, Illinois, also had great results through the Family History, LDS Library records. Records for the Holy Family Church, the second oldest Catholic church built in Chicago, allowed their baptismal records from 1857-1916 to be microfilmed. It was here that she found the baptismal record of her great-great grandfather’s youngest son and those family members in the next generation. Using Excel she created a spreadsheet with relevant names and dates for future reference. She also noted that the FamilySearch catalog on their website has a list of 371 churches from which records of baptisms and marriage records are available.

Kristy Gavlin, Plano, Illinois, said that future researchers will be thoroughly confused trying to decide which church either side of her family attended. She knew that the Baptist minister would visit her grandmother and the funerals were usually held in the Baptist Church yet when her grandmother decided to be baptized at age 93, she asked for the Methodist minister. She said as the family started to marry they most often went to the church of their spouse. So if you cannot find your family member in the “right” church you might want to check the other local churches in the vicinity where they lived.

If you are lucky enough to have an ancestor that lived in Bureau County a visit to the Bureau County Genealogical Society is a must. I was fortunate to have Carol McGee show me their collection. She said that their comprehensive Swedish and German church records are the ones most used. They have a map showing the location of all of the churches active and closed since 1837. A file for each church contains newspaper articles, the church history, pictures, directories, and minister’s names. A form with each file folder lists the years, baptism records, marriage records, and death records that are available for each church. Earlier church location and where defunct records are located is also asked. The society library also has a card file by minister, denomination, and town. Inquiries may be addressed to bureaucounty@gmail.com

Joan Ecklund, of the Bureau County Society, said that often ministers handwriting is not legible and sometimes their baptismal records note when a child died.

For anyone with Will/Grundy County ancestors a new church publication is available giving the membership, baptism, marriage, and deaths of members of the Wauponsee Grove Congregational Church (1864-1896), the Mazon Congregational Church (1888-1896) and the Park Street Congregational Church (1896-1950).

written by Darlene Hinkle, ISGS Church Records Chair
REMEMBERING LINCOLN

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln and his funeral in Springfield, the Illinois State Museum (ISM) is exhibiting rarely seen objects from its permanent collection that honor the memory of our 16th president. The iconic image of Abraham Lincoln appears in various forms in the collections of the Illinois State Museum. Highlights of the exhibit include a hairwork necklace worn by the wife of Lincoln's bodyguard as she rode on the funeral train from Washington D.C. to Springfield, a life-size sculpture of the president by renowned sculptor Lorado Taft, and a mysterious painting of the president bearing a cross on his forehead.

The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition has been planning and organizing a series of events to honor Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of his funeral. The Illinois State Museum exhibit serves as a kick-off for more than 140 partners who have planned a series of presentations, symposia, performances and a luncheon. The events will culminate in a living history re-enactment of the arrival of Lincoln’s coffin in Springfield and the processional held, taking him on his final journey to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Remembering Lincoln is on display in the Illinois State Museum’s newly renovated temporary / PERMANENT Gallery on the second floor. Located at the corner of Spring and Edwards Streets, the ISM is in the Capitol Complex, just south of the State Capitol.

This special exhibit will be displayed from February 1st-May 10th, 2015.
Museum Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday - Saturday and Noon -5:00 PM Sunday
Illinois State Museum
502 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706
Second Floor

www.museum.state.il.us

Josef Pierre Nuyttens (1885-1960)
Lincoln, 1917
Dry-point etching
Transfer from the Illinois State Library
Collection of the Illinois State Museum
This comprehensive family history reference book describes hundreds of genealogical and historical resources for Nauvoo, Hancock County, and west-central Illinois. It also includes an extensive bibliography of genealogical, local history, and historical resources.
It’s not too late to start your Genealogy Do-Over. Start when you are ready and continue at your own pace.

Here’s How to Be a Part of the Genealogy Do-Over Visit the following sites to get involved and set out on your own Genealogy Do-Over journey in 2015!

- Website: http://www.genealogydo-over.com
- Facebook Group: http://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogydoover/
- Email List (weekly updates): http://www.geneabloggers.com/gendo-over-emails

Schedule of Topics – Genealogy Do-Over

Week 1 – January 2-8, 2015
Clean house
Prepare to research
Review the Golden Rules

Week 1 – 2-8 January 2015
Setting Previous Research Aside
Preparing to Research
Establishing Base Practices and Guidelines

Week 2 – 9-15 January 2015
Setting Research Goals
Conducting Self Interview
Conducting Family Interviews

Week 3 – 16-22 January 2015
Tracking Research
Conducting Research

Week 4 – 23-29 January 2015
Managing Projects and Tasks
Tracking Searches

Week 5 – 30 January-5 February 2015
Building a Research Toolbox
Citing Sources

Week 6 – 6-12 February 2015
Evaluating Evidence
Reviewing Online Education Options

Week 7 – 13-19 February 2015
Reviewing Genealogy Database Software
Digitizing Photos and Documents

Week 8 – 20-26 February 2015
Conducting Collateral Research
Reviewing Offline Education Options

Week 9 – 27 February-5 March 2015
Conducting Cluster Research
Organizing Research Materials – Documents and Photos

Week 10 – 6-12 March 2015
Reviewing DNA Testing Options
Organizing Research Materials – Digital

Week 11 – 13-19 March 2015
Reviewing Social Media Options
Building a Research Network

Week 12 – 20-26 March 2015
Sharing Research
Reviewing Research Travel Options

Week 13 – 27 March-3 April 2015
Securing Research Data
Reviewing the Journey
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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.

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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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