Plan now to join fellow genealogists for a fun-filled, inspiring time at the 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The conference will run Wednesday through Saturday, August 21-24.

Fort Wayne is home to The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. You may want to add extra days into your schedule for research at this renowned facility, the second largest genealogical research collection in North America.

Fort Wayne's Grand Wayne Center is a premier facility and a great place for an FGS conference. Centrally located in downtown Fort Wayne, the Grand Wayne Center is just an easy half-block walk from the Allen County Public Library.

This year’s FGS conference has something for everyone! Sessions will include a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts and genealogical and historical organizations. The biggest difficulty for conference-goers may be choosing which session to attend in each time slot! Many of Wednesday’s Focus on Societies sessions also apply to personal research needs.

Several special evening events have been planned, including a Welcome to the Delegates reception, a visit to the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory and a Society Showcase. The Genealogy Center in the Allen County Public Library will have extended hours during the Conference week and will be open until midnight on Aug. 23 for conference attendees.

It is recommended that you make a hotel reservation soon. The conference hotels are: Hilton Fort Wayne and Courtyard by Marriott, both near the conference center. There are additional hotels in and around Fort Wayne if those two hotels are full.

Registration for the conference opens in February. You can get a “deal” on registration by registering before July 1, 2013. Be sure to register early to take advantage of the early bird price and to get tickets to the meals and events you want to attend before they sell out!

President’s Message

Board Updates: Linda Schwartz (Cary) is the new ISGS Newsletter Editor. Judy Milde has resigned as Quarterly Editor and Patricia Biallas (Westmont) will be taking the position as Editor with the Summer issue. Wendy Malinowski (Lombard) is ISGS’ new Website Chair.

Welcome everyone. I would like to thank Susie Pope for filling in as Newsletter Editor and Judy Milde for her work on the Quarterly.

ISGS has begun another year of Webinars. Remember, as a member, if you have missed any or would like to listen to a webinar again, they have been archived in the Members section of the ISGS Website.

Thank you everyone who renewed their membership for 2013. Most of our memberships expire on Dec 31 each year. I know that at this time of year we often have to choose between a present for a family member or renewing our ISGS membership. Thank you for choosing to continue as ISGS members. We had one person give the gift of a membership to her mother for Christmas. My children have never thought to do that for me; maybe I need to drop a hint… I would also like to thank, in advance, those of you whose ISGS membership expires at a different time of year for continuing your membership.

Since it is cold outside and we aren’t as likely to go on a genealogy research trip, now is the time to go through what you have at home. Review and file those records that are still waiting for you. Go back and look at documents that you haven’t seen for several years. You might be surprised that now you know Mr. Williams is your Great Uncle when the last time you looked, you didn’t have a clue that he even fit into the family. Talk to a genealogy friend about your brick wall — just talking might make a crack.

Take care,
Jane G. Haldeman
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

Do We Have Your Correct Email?

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

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

• Visit http://www.ilgen.soc and click Members Section in the left sidebar.

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

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

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

Family Bibles

If you have a family Bible available to you, ISGS would be happy to add it to our collection. You can look for “directions” on the ISGS website or go to http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=14 to find out what you will need to do, and sign, to apply.

We ask that you print out (or type) all the information exactly as it is written in the Bible. Fill out the identification info, sign the permission slip section, and include a photocopy of the title page, and all the written family information including presentation or “personal notes” and then send it in. There is a list of folks ahead of you but we’ll fit your information in as soon as we can, depending on “space available.”

We welcome any Bible, Illinois related, or not. We prefer pre-1920 but will consider whatever material you have. Contact Kristy Gravlin at hannah@teleport.com with any questions.
ISGS Volunteers Alert!

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 Quarterly Design and Technical Editor:** The Design and Technical Editor works with the Quarterly Editor to produce a polished publication. A working knowledge of design and layout principles and the use of Adobe In-Design is desirable.

**Website Indexing Projects Coordinator:** Website Indexing is a subcommittee of the Website Committee. A coordinator is needed to manage various indexing projects. Projects are based on member submissions, ISGS holdings or other resources. Volunteers will scan images, and upload images and/or data to be indexed.

**Youth Creative Contest Coordinator:** The Education Committee would like to implement an annual youth creative contest in 2013. The contest will have three categories (writing, artwork, and photography) and three age group divisions. The Coordinator will fill in the details, and help to implement it.

**Writers:** Part of the ISGS mission is to educate its members and the public. The Education Committee needs volunteers interested in sharing their knowledge by writing educational articles and guides. We have a lot of ideas on the table, but we need your help to make them a reality.

**Honors & Awards Committee Chair:** The chair solicits nominations from individuals and societies for each of the ISGS annual awards. The nominations are discussed in committee and finalists are presented with awards in the fall.

**Church Records Committee Chair:** The Church Records project identifies Illinois church repositories by denomination and assembles files containing church history and record access information.

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

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Call for Presentations for the FGS 2014 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces a Call for Presentations for the FGS 2014 Conference, “Gone to Texas,” to be held 27-30 August 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society as local hosts. The deadline for submission of lecture proposals is Saturday, 1 June 2013.

The program committee seeks proposals for engaging, collaborative and dynamic presentations, workshops and sponsored talks. The categories of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Society Management
- Basic and introductory genealogical instruction
- Methodology and problem solving techniques
- Ethnic research (African American, Czech, German, Hispanic, Native American)
- Technology, software and social media
- Genetics, DNA and family medical history
- Transportation, migration and immigration
- “Gone to Texas” topics
- Southern and western regional topics

Speakers based more than 50 miles from the conference location are strongly encouraged to submit multiple proposals (more than four), as those speakers will be invited to present a minimum of three

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Preserve the Pensions Blog Provides Key Updates on Community Project

February 1, 2013— Austin, TX. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces the creation of the Preserve the Pensions Blog to assist in its efforts to preserve and digitize 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 Pension Records with the help of the genealogy community.

The National Archives reports that the War of 1812 pension files are among the heaviest requested materials. With that level of use, these valuable records, available in no other format, are in danger of grave deterioration.

- Free to the Public: As these valuable historical documents are digitized, they will be made available to all at no cost, and the original pension files can be retired to much less active use.
- Digitized Images Now Available: Completed images and associated indexing are posted incrementally. Genealogists, historians, teachers, patriotic societies, and history buffs all have access to the images that have been digitized right now. Images will be offered for free at Fold3 indefinitely.

Visit the Preserve the Pensions blog at http://www.preservethepensions.org/blog/ for updates, success stories of researchers using the War of 1812 Pension Files and more. FGS thanks the Preserve the Pensions partners including the National Archives, Fold3 and Ancestry.com who have generously donated time, money and resources.

ISGS Website Update

New ISGS Website Committee Chair and Committee Members:

Please welcome Wendy Malinowski of Lombard, Illinois as the new chairperson of the ISGS Website Committee as well as the following new members:

- Jane Haldeman, President
- Tony Burroughs, 1st Vice President
- Terri O’Connell, Membership Chair
- Bill Edmundson
- Barb McKeen

The committee has ambitious plans for the ISGS website! If you have suggestions, questions or comments on the website, you can use the Website Suggestion Form at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php? or email the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.

New Additions to ISGS Website

We’ve added or updated the following pages to the ISGS Website:

- ISGS Webinars – Members Section: for ISGS Members, the handouts and recordings for two more webinars (Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan by J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Beyond the Draft Cards: Additional Selective Service Records of World War I by Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL) are available in the Members Section.
- Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Church 1837-1937 Database – We’re pleased to announce a new database entitled Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Church 1837-1937 (ICEC Records 1837-1937). This record set is a genealogical index to the book History of the Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Church 1837-1937 and contains close to 12,000 records, all available free to the genealogy community. A special thanks to ISGS members Oriene Springstroh and Sheryl Grandt who spent almost a year compiling this important research database.
- Surname Research Database

The list of surnames researched by ISGS members keeps growing and is now over 950 names! Add your name by visiting http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=114.

Have You Logged In At The ISGS Website?

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

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

March 12, 2013 — Back to Your Roots: Planning a Successful Heritage Research Trip, with Lisa Alzo
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8438226523594802432

April 9, 2013 — Digging Through Documents Word by Word, with Debra Mieszala
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3231307790843086592

May 14, 2013 — Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective, with Laura Prescott
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6182542135328835840

For the complete list of upcoming webinars, visit: http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234

And don't forget to spread the word by printing copies of our webinar flyer to hand out at your local society meetings. The flyer can be accessed at http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2013_Webinar_Brochure.pdf

Please direct any questions to the ISGS Education Committee at isgseducation@ilgensoc.org

Did you know?

- A webinar is a live lecture/presentation that you can attend via a computer with an Internet connection.
- Our live webinars are free to the public.
- You need to register in advance to attend the webinar.
- ISGS members have access to the recorded version of past webinars.

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lectures at the conference. There is no limit to the number of proposals a speaker may submit.

Submission Requirements

Presentations will be one-hour long, which includes a ten-minute question/answer period. Send proposals in Microsoft Word, RTF or similar format. File names should include your last name, first initial, and proposal topic. (Example: SmithR-TechStrategies). Please submit one file per proposed topic. Each proposal document should include:

1. Speaker(s) name.
2. Speaker(s) contact information, including mailing address, phone, email and website, if applicable.
3. Prior speaking experience. Speakers who have not spoken at a national conference are encouraged to submit a video, audiotape, or CD recording of a recent presentation.
4. Speaker(s) biography.
5. Speaker(s) abbreviated brochure biography (350 characters, including spaces).
6. Lecture title and description for brochure (230 characters combined, including spaces).
7. Lecture outline/summary (1 page or less)
8. Audio-visual requirements. FGS does NOT provide projectors, computers, or internet access for speakers.
9. Intended audience level: beginner, intermediate, advanced or any level.

Send proposals, as an email attachment, with “FGS 2014 Call for Presentations” in the subject line, to 2014program@fgs.org no later than Saturday, 1 June 2013. If submitting lecture recordings by mail, please email 2014program@fgs.org for the appropriate postal address.

To view the complete Call for Presentations document, including information on the selection process and compensation, go to the FGS website:

http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=113
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Fountaindale Public Library hosts free workshops and programs for genealogists and family historians of all experience levels! Save these dates in your 2013 Calendar!

**Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.**
What’s the Buzz About BillionGraves?

**Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
African-American Genealogy Workshop
Registration opens January 2!

**Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.**
Courthouse Finds

**Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.**
It’s Not All On The Internet

**Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.**
Genealogy for Beginners

**Saturday, April 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
Genealogy Day: Naturalization, Homestead, and Railroad Records
Registration opens February 1!

**Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.**
Genealogy Trips: More Than Just Records

The Fountaindale Public Library is located at 300 W. Briarcliff Road in Bolingbrook, IL. For more information call (630) 685-4176, visit our website at www.fountaindale.org.
Mildred Rose Wickline, 91, of Lincoln, IL died at 12:15 p.m. January 11, 2013 at St. Clara’s Manor, Lincoln, IL. Mildred was born on January 10, 1922 in Putnam Co, IN near Greencastle, the daughter of Thomas C. and Martha Jane Elder Young. She married Lester L. Wickline Dec. 24, 1939. He preceded her in death on September 15, 1998.

Mildred is survived by three children: Martha Janet (Larry M.) Bruns of Taylorville, IL; Jane (SL) Thompson of Lincoln and Galen (Brenda) Wickline of Lincoln; one sister: Ruth Garrett of Mattoon; two sisters-in-law: Marjorie Davis of Mattoon; Verle Young of Kaysville, UT; grandchildren: Darla Cramer (deceased); James Wickline; Mark Thompson, Michael Thompson and Lisa Slater; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren: step-grandchildren: and four step-great-grandchildren; one step-great-great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, eight brothers and sisters.

Mildred was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln having served as Deaconess; she was the first female Elder of the church. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star of Lincoln Chapter 351; charter member and past president of the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society; former chairman of Logan County Chapter of American Red Cross and chairman of Service to Military Families Committee; she was a member of Abraham Lincoln Chapter Daughters of American Revolution; Co-executive secretary of the Illinois State Genealogical Society; and first Welcome Wagon Hostess in Lincoln and Logan County.

Services for Mildred were January 17, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Smyser Church Cemetery in Gays, IL. Additional Wickline family history is found in the History of Logan County, Illinois, Taylor Publishing, Dallas, TX, 1982, page 575.
ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers 2013

President: Jane Haldeman
1st Vice President: Tony Burroughs
2nd Vice President: Susan Scoville Pope
Treasurer: Michele Claypool
Recording Secretary: Tammy Spearie

2013 Directors: Ann Wells, Annabelle Bradshaw, Dan Dixon
2014 Directors: Karl Moore, Jennifer Holik-Urban
2015 Directors: Jayne Cates, Becky Higgins, Kristy Gravlin

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Individual/Society/Library: $30
Joint (two people at same address): $35

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.