ISGS is proud to announce that the updated version of “The Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois” is soon to be released. Originally written in 1976, the 2013 edition is about twice the size of the original, containing information about 1,248 soldiers and some 700 pages.

Board Member Jayne Cates has spent about two years painstakingly researching original entries and finding a host of new soldiers. With her researching experience with the DAR, Jayne has significantly enhanced the content of the book.

Sample text from “The Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois”:

**Soldier: EDGAR, JOHN**

Residences: He settled in Kaskaskia in 1784. During the administration of Governor Arthur St. Clair, he was elected to the Legislature which convened at Chillicothe, Ohio. He was a man of great wealth and prominence.

Service: Captain; Pennsylvania. He was in the British Navy; was a resident of Detroit at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He espoused the American cause, was seized, imprisoned in Quebec, escaping near Montreal, he found his way to the American lines. He entered the service and was made Captain in the Navy. After the war he was appointed Major General of the Illinois Militia, and in 1790 was made a Judge of the Common Pleas Court.

Information about each soldier (when available) includes: Soldier’s Name, Date of Birth, Date of Death, Burial Location, Spouse, Children, Residences, Service, Marker Description, Pension, and Sources.

This publication represents a new era for ISGS with the entry into electronic publishing. The original book was scanned and converted into a Microsoft Word file. After considerable clean-up, Publications Chair Howard Manthei worked closely with Jayne Cates in managing the project. In addition to the information listed above, a spouse and burial index was also generated through the use of programming expertise by Mr. Kyle Hershey, Jayne’s grandson. Ms. Jan Berning, an experienced editor and someone who has worked with Jayne over the years, edited the material.

The publication, now in digital format, will be easier to maintain in the future. Research will continue and future editions will be far easier to produce. The book will be available on our website, and hard copies can be ordered by a click of a menu option. Plans call for the book to be available in electronic formats as well to allow for electronic searching of information.

Jayne has gathered fascinating narratives on some of the soldiers which provide a unique picture of the heroes of the American Revolution. She will be giving a presentation on the book at our Fall Conference in Sandwich, Illinois.
President’s Message

Please welcome Sandy Barnett, Local Society Liaison Chair and Barbara McKean, Recording Secretary to the ISGS Governing Board.

If you are going to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Fort Wayne this August, be sure to stop by the ISGS booth and say, “Hi.”

The ISGS Conference is getting closer; don’t forget to make your plans to attend. We have some wonderful speakers lined up including George G. Morgan, our keynote speaker. ISGS is also holding the 3rd Annual Youth Workshop on Saturday. It is a great way to introduce your children or grandchildren to genealogy. Be sure to check the website for information on how to register for the ISGS Fall Conference or ISGS Youth Workshop.

Summer is the time for travel and going on wonderful vacations. Many of us visit our children, parents, or grandchildren. For genealogists it is also a time to visit our ancestors. This summer I visited some of my Missouri ancestors and at the same time met some “cousins”. When going on that genealogy trip to your family’s home area, don’t just go to the library, courthouses, and cemeteries; also visit the local restaurants or other gathering places and tell them the surnames that you are related to.

When I was in a local restaurant, I mentioned to the waitress that I was in town doing research on my Haldeman and McCracken families. She looked around the room and said, “Usually there are McCrackens in here eating lunch, but not today.” She gave me the name of a McCracken and told me to go two doors down and ask for him. I went two doors down and he wasn’t in, but they gave me his cell phone number. I called him and he told me to go across the street to the bank and talk to his wife.

This snowballed into meeting some of my McCracken cousins, as well as a Johnston cousin. I wasn’t planning to focus on the Johnston line this trip. I came home with family stories, photos of my Johnston 3rd great grandparents, and several people I want to keep in contact with and hope to see again in the near future. There’s so much you can learn when you travel to where your ancestors lived.

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

ISGS Fall Conference in Sandwich, Illinois – Call For Workers

The speakers have been selected, the hotel and food menu is in place, promotional materials have been designed, and we’re now ready to enter the major stages of preparing for our Fall Conference on October 25 and 26.

As usual, our conference depends on a lot of volunteers to make our gathering successful. If you have some special talents or interests why not be a part of the planning and contact Howard Manthei, Fall Conference Chair.

Below are some of the volunteer positions we need to fill:

- Public Relations Coordinator (contact area and statewide press)
- Syllabus Designer (design, compile, and produce the conference syllabus)
- Advertising (obtain advertisements from local and statewide entities)
- Banquet Tables (design creative centerpieces)
- Stufflers (a half-day envelope brochure-stuffing gathering in Yorkville, IL)
- Event Guides (spend time answering questions and guiding guests throughout the hotel)
- Room Monitors (assist presenters)

Email Howard soon at: hmanthei@comcast.net
(SUBJECT: Conference Help)
Welcome New ISGS Members

Laurie Jaussi - North Ogden, UT
Donna McNamara - Bettendorf, IA
Ben B B Jones II - Jackson, MS
Pamela McMurray - Lawrenceville, GA
Stephanie Braucht - Joy, IL
Elizabeth Beckers - Grand Rapids, MN
Elaine Hasleton – Centerville, UT
Judith Degen - Weems, VA
Melissa Robinson - Chicago, IL
Cathy Naborowski - Plymouth, MN
Debra Kress - Hendersonville, TN
Cheryl Babbe - Anchorage, AK
Kimberley MacDonald - Smithfield, RI
Linda O'Donnell - Conway, AR
Judy Bayless - Bellingham, WA
Catherine Bence - Dunstable, MA
Rose Lehne - Bartlett, IL
Helen Gbala - Itasca, IL
Rick Shields - Ottawa, IL
Donna Trout - Sand Springs, OK
Susan McConville - Trevor, WI
Rosemary Nordstrom - Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom
Kristie Benedik - Carpentersville, IL
Rachelle Joy - Seattle, WA
Phyllis Harvey - Decatur, IL
Diana Kelly - Poway, CA
Lori Allen - Charleston, IL
Linda Tolliver - Cherry Valley, CA
Carolyn Williams - Livingston, TX
Janice Jenkins - Austin, TX
Ethel Blackmore - Punta Gorda, FL
Mary Sheryl Good - Saint Cloud, MN
Reid McCallister - Athens, GA
Steve Knobloch - Rochester, IL
Sara Knobloch - Rochester, IL
Barbara Loiacono - Wheaton, IL
Michael Tipsword - Champaign, IL
Carol C. Smith - Evanston, IL

ISGS 2013 Ancestor Photo Contest Winners

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is proud to announce the winners of its recent Ancestor Photo Contest held earlier this year.

There were 13 photos selected from the many images submitted by ISGS members and they are all available for viewing at the ISGS website. We’ve created a “rotating slide show” which will display two images when you click on a sidebar menu item.

In addition, place your mouse pointer over an image to learn more about the person or persons depicted and which ISGS member submitted the photo.

You can also view all of this year’s winning photos and those from previous years by clicking Free Databases in the sidebar and selecting Ancestor Photos.

Winners: CREWS family, submitted by Laurann Bibbs; George and Frank GOULD, submitted by Marsha Hosfeld; John HANSON Family, submitted by Jane Gramlich; Katherine Kenny KILOCALAN, submitted by Mary Helen McCarthy; Andrew West LASCELLE, submitted by Gordon Struve; MADIGAN Women, submitted by Elaine Beaudoin; MEYER family, submitted by Judith Wallace Degen; Thomas MUIR and Daughters, submitted by Jane Gramlich; SCHULER Children, submitted by Selma Blackmon; SMALL Family, submitted by Sharon Mitchell; VOIGHT family, submitted by Leslie Rankin; Erin Leroy WATERMAN, submitted by Gordon Struve; Mattie Keener WHORTON, submitted by Tina Griffin Austin.

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

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

**Do We Have Your Correct Email?**
Periodically, ISGS will send “blast emails” to its members to communicate important news about our events and activities. Have you logged in at our website? If you have not received checking your email address on the ISGS website:

- Visit [http://www.ilgensoc.org](http://www.ilgensoc.org) and click Members Section in the left sidebar.
- Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members Section sidebar on the left.
- Click the Contact Info tab and verify your email address.

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

### Prairie Pioneer Certificates

If you have documentation that your ancestor resided in Illinois in the early 1800s to 1880, you can apply for a Prairie Pioneer certificate. The Prairie Pioneer project was organized for the Bicentennial, and the first pioneer was certified in 1982. This is now a very popular project with over 3,000 pioneers certified.

There are three categories of certificates issued to descendants of pioneers who resided in Illinois (1) prior to statehood, (2) 1819-1850, and (3) 1851-1880. Documentation proving the pioneer’s date of residency in Illinois, along with documentation proving the applicant’s lineage to the pioneer, must accompany the application. Full instructions and fee schedule are available on the application form.

ISGS has published hard copy abstracts of the first 2,830 pioneer application files in Prairie Pioneers of Illinois, Vols I and II. Click here for more information.

For questions concerning the Prairie Pioneers, please e-mail isgsprairiepioneer@ilgensoc.org.

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**ISGS 2013 Fall Conference Registration**

Registration is now open for the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) 2013 Fall conference to be held on October 25 and 26 at the Timber Creek Inn & Suites and Convention Center in Sandwich.

This year's conference theme – The Way They Were – brings a variety of presenters offering lectures to assist attendees in identifying the “they” in genealogical research. In addition, a focus on “were” will explore the importance of capturing family stories and ancestor anecdotes to round out a family’s history.

Headlining a group of speakers is highly popular national and international genealogical speaker and professional genealogist, George G. Morgan. Morgan is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc. and is the author of ten landmark genealogy books, including the award-winning *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy*. Morgan also co-hosts The Genealogy Guys Podcast, the longest running genealogy podcast on the Internet. He is Vice President for Membership Services for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and a member of many societies in the U.S. and U.K.

For more information about the conference and to register online, go to: [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=400](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=400)
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.

Opportunities as of July 2013:

**Project Coordinator:** The Education Committee would like to develop informational slideshows and videos (produced via computer) as a way to educate ISGS members and the public about family history research in Illinois. We are looking for a volunteer to serve on the Education Committee to help generate ideas, as well as coordinate and manage these various projects. Tasks would include determining the appropriate format for the project (e.g., presentation, slideshow, interview, etc.), deciding which technology to utilize, securing speakers and/or content, working with the presenters pre-production, scheduling, assisting with the production, and handling post-production activities. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Julie Tarr at isgseducation@ilgensoc.org

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

- **ISGS 2013 Fall Conference Volunteers:** The ISGS Fall Conference will be held October 25th & 26th at the Timber Creek Convention Center, Sandwich, IL. Volunteers will help with monitoring sessions, the Youth Workshop, and other essential tasks. Save these dates, and please let us know if you can lend a hand while enjoying a great conference!

- **ISGS Indexers:** This committee is forming. Add your name to the list of volunteers who will index items for the ISGS website! Indexers will work from home.

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

- **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, solicits suggestions from the membership, and presents projects for action.

View upcoming Genealogy Events

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Email all ads to Advertising Chair at: isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org
**ISGS Monthly Webinars**

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

Aug. 13, 2013 — Getting to Here from There: Following your Ancestor’s Migration Trail
Presenter: J. H. “Jay” Fonkert, CG
Every migration story is different, but learning about common migration routes helps us understand the migration possibilities for our individual ancestors.
Register: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8033182932596979200](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8033182932596979200)

Sept. 10, 2013 — “To the Honorable, the General Assembly” - The Treasure Trove in Legislative Petitions.
Presenter: Judy G. Russell, CG
As colonists and as citizens of the new United States, Americans were fiercely protective of their right to petition their government. Our ancestors made their voices heard in legislative petitions that are a treasure trove for genealogists.
Register: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3615763026611679744](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3615763026611679744)

Oct. 8, 2013 — Up In Smoke!! What To Do When the Courthouse Burns
Presenter: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG
War and natural disasters have taken their toll on many of our nation's county courthouses. Let’s look at some helpful sources that may still exist.
Register: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1130232329628818432](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1130232329628818432)


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Friday Sessions - Noon to 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Reception & Dinner with Speaker & Author George G. Morgan
Saturday Sessions - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Area attractions include:
♦ Farnsworth House, one of the most significant architectural works of Mies van der Rohe, (farnsworthhouse.org)
♦ Naper Settlement, (napersettlement.org)
♦ Ellis House and Equestrian Center, (ellishouse.org)
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