ISGS President Column

ISGS Out and About!

ISGS Board Members and Volunteers have been out and about supporting member Societies and promoting ISGS at various conferences around the state and in neighboring states.

When you see our booth, please stop by to share your Illinois ancestral stories, sign up for the FGS Conference or just say “Hi.”

Check out our Facebook page to see where we’ll be next. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions on how ISGS can better serve you, contact me at isgspresident@ilgensoc.org

Dawn Carey Henry
President
Illinois State Genealogical Society

ISGS Wins Tourism Award!

Illinois State Genealogical Society is honored to receive a Legend in Tourism Award from the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau.

This honor was bestowed on ISGS because it has brought 2 conferences to Springfield, Illinois.

New Director Announced
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum


He is expected to begin his position on July 11.
Farms and Families: Across the Decades

Do You Have A Favorite Farm?

We are looking for photos of your favorite Illinois farms.

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

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

To submit a photo, email it to conferences@fgs.org. Please only send photos you hold the copyrights to and put “farm” in the subject line. Include your name, the location of the farm (county or township is fine) and any additional information you may have.
ISGS 2016 Ancestor Photo Contest

When visiting the ISGS website, have you ever wondered “Who are those people in the photos at the top of the page?”

The photo above and all the photos you see in the header of the ISGS Website were winners in the last ISGS Ancestor Photo Contest. ISGS is happy to announce the 2016 ISGS Ancestor Photo Contest and asks this question: Wouldn't it be great to see our own ancestors' photos up there?

Between April 1 and May 31, 2016, ISGS is asking members to submit photos of their own ancestors for use on the ISGS website. If your photo is selected, it will be displayed on a rotating-basis in the top banner of the ISGS website along with other member-submitted photos. You can view all the previous years' winners at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=156.

Not only will you be credited with the photo submission, but you'll also be able to provide a brief biography of the person or persons in the photo. Click here to print out the photo release and application form and submit your ancestor photos today!

NOTE: You must be a member of ISGS to participate in the 2016 ISGS Ancestor Photo Contest.
The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces that online registration is now open for the 2016 FGS National Conference, “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories” to be held August 31 — September 3, 2016, in Springfield, IL, and locally hosted by the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Register by July 1, 2016, for the early-bird discount at http://www.FGSConference.org.

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

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

Conference Highlights

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

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

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

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

Platinum sponsors include leading family history companies Ancestry.com and FamilySearch. Other participating and supporting organizations include Findmypast, *Internet Genealogy*, *Your Genealogy*, Lexmark, Eneclann, Illinois State Genealogical Society, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Society, and more. Please visit the conference website for a complete listing of all sponsors and partners.


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

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies and family history enthusiasts strengthen and grow through online resources, *FGS Forum* magazine, and through its annual national conference which provides four days of excellent learning opportunities for both societies and family history enthusiasts. To learn more about FGS, visit [fgs.org](http://fgs.org). To learn more about the next annual conference to be held in Springfield, IL, visit [fgsconference.org](http://fgsconference.org). Also, find FGS on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy](https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy), on Twitter [@FGSgenealogy](http://twitter.com/FGSgenealogy) and on the FGS Voice blog at [http://voice.fgs.org](http://voice.fgs.org).
Conference Countdown – 4, 3!

We are just over 3 months away from the FGS 2016 conference. Things are really heating up, and I don’t just mean the weather! The FGS 2016 will be held in Springfield Aug 31 to Sept 3, 2016. As the host, ISGS is involved in a number of activities. The conference registration book is out. Your local society should have copies, it not let me know and I will send some. We still need volunteers for a number of activities.

Local Host Reception

The reception event will be Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 at the Wyndham. The theme is Farms and Families: Across the Decades. Volunteers are needed to help create displays, set-up, host during the event and, of course, take down after the event is over. If you like to shop, please let me know. I need shoppers to help collect some items for table decorations.

ISGS Luncheon

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

Favorite Farms Photos and Histories – STILL Needed Now!

Many wonderful pictures and stories have been sent in for the reception, but there is room for more. Southern Illinois, hello! I know there are farms down there. Same to the northern part of Illinois. The goal is to fill the room with pictures of Illinois farms, families, animals, activities and crops from all over the state. If you have one picture - or several - send it in so we can share it!

Volunteer – Online now OPEN!

A conference this size need a lot of volunteers to help be successful. Room monitors, technology troubleshooting, registration, assembling materials, etc. Check out volunteer options under the Volunteer tab at https://www.fgsconference.org/. If you are interested in helping with the ISGS reception or luncheon, those volutneers ARE NOT part of the online volunteer sign-up. Please contact me directly if you are interested in assisting with either of those events.

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

Laura Kovarik,
2016 Local Host Chair, Recording Secretary
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

PRINTED MATERIALS

The Avery Company was located in Peoria, Illinois and manufactured agricultural implements. This is one example from the collection of historical agricultural products catalogs that are in the Printed Materials Section of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library collection.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library houses more than 172,000 books and pamphlets, 3000 maps, and 1200 periodical series. Major collections like this one in addition to other collections related to cities, towns, individuals, industry, religion, and transportation. Many family genealogies and a variety of material on the Civil War, the Northwest Territory, overland journeys, and Midwestern settlement.

You can browse the online catalog, as well as find out more about the Printed Materials section by visiting the website at http://www.illinois.gov/alplm/library/collections/printedmaterials/Pages/default.aspx.

Information taken from the ALPL website on 4/30/2016.

Newsletter of the IL State Archives & The IL State Historical Records Advisory Board

“For the Record” is a quarterly newsletter found online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com under the publications/forms section and scroll down to the newsletter.

The most recent posted newsletter, Volume 30, Number 1, Winter features a list of all the 2016 accessions of the Illinois State Archives. If you are searching for family history in Knox County, LaSalle County, Marion County, Richland County, Rock Island County, and St. Clair County, you don’t want to miss checking out this list of records available to research through the Illinois State Archives.

You will also enjoy reading about the history of the Illinois state flag as part of the 200 years of Illinois history (1818-2018) celebration.

Also to note a notice of a professional development scholarship available to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers.

Check it out!! www.cyberdriveillinois.com
2016 Webinar Series
Online Educational Opportunities for Genealogy

Schedule

All webinars start at 8:00 pm Central time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAQs

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

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

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

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

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

Learn More & Register

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

2016 Webinar Sponsor

FamilySearch
http://familysearch.org

TOP ARCHIVED RECORDINGS

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

Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives
Luana Darby

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

Land Records in Illinois
Michael John Neil

Using Canadian Records to Find Your Midwestern Ancestor
Kathryn Lake Hogan

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

Save $$$$ on Illinois Death Certificate Lookups!

Did you know that the Illinois State Genealogical Society offers a discounted lookup service for Illinois death certificates from 1916 to 1950? And this discount is available to ISGS members ($6) and non-members ($10)? Some counties, such as Cook County, currently charge $15 per certificate!


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Translations from German, Dutch, and French to English

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Sandra Parker, Chair of Prairie Pioneer Certificates invites you to apply for this certificate.

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](http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=20).

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Charles Dobias, Chair of the ISGS Military Certificates wants to encourage you to apply.


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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!!
Oswego Township Cemetery Grave Marker Dedication
May 7 at 1:00 PM

The Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recently completed work on its Civil War veteran grave identification and rehabilitation project at the Oswego Township Cemetery in Oswego, IL. As a capstone to that effort, they are dedicating 22 new grave markers secured and installed at the Cemetery on Saturday, May 7 at 1pm.

Of those receiving new markers, over half served in local units raised in Kendall County, including members of the 36th Illinois Infantry (John Grimmel), 127th Illinois Infantry (Isaac S. Bartlett, John P. Bartlett, George O. Briggs, Wilson Briggs, Samuel S. Elliott, John Hinchman, Paul La Crosse) and 4th Illinois Cavalry (Samuel Buell, Joseph M. Hinchman, Edward Mann, Henry C. Smith).

Five others who served in other Illinois units also have new headstones: James Cliggitt (13th Illinois Infantry), James M. Rand (2nd Illinois Light Artillery), Hopkins B. Richards (72nd Illinois Infantry), Amos Terry (52nd Illinois Infantry) and Andrew J. Wilsey (20th Illinois Infantry). The graves of two African Americans who served in the United States Colored Troops boast new markers which will be dedicated on May 7: Thomas Jefferson (29th United States Colored Infantry) and Robert R. Smith (66th United States Colored Infantry). Finally, three veterans from other states who relocated to Oswego after the war received new headstones: John Foss (47th New York Infantry), Michael Wolf (50th Pennsylvania Infantry) and Joseph T. Young (3rd and 15th New Jersey Infantries).

For more information about the ceremony, contact Bob Rogers at robtrogers@aol.com
Submitted by David C. Bailey, Sr.
PDC, IL SUVCW
Are you a bargain hunter? Do you like to shop?

If you said “yes” to these questions, ISGS needs your help! With the FGS conference coming up, I would like to begin getting the decorations for the reception ready. What I need is a small army of shoppers willing to hit thrift stores, garage sales - maybe your own basement - in search of items needed for the table decorations. If you are interested, please contact me at isgsrecsecretary@ilgensoc.org. I will send you more information on how your shopping prowess can help make this an amazing event!

Laura Kovarik,
Local Host Chair, FGS 2016 Conference

18th Annual Conference on Illinois History
October 6 & 7, 2016
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield

Proposals for individual papers or panels on any aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, literature, and archaeology are requested for the Conference on Illinois History. The Conference especially welcomes submissions exploring the upcoming bicentennial of statehood. We encourage submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Proposals for teacher workshops. Are you a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on some aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, literature, or archaeology? Share your expertise with other teachers at the Conference on Illinois History.

The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2016. To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, send:

1. A one page summary of the topic, including a description of the major primary and secondary sources used.
2. A one-page resume of participant(s).

Send proposals to: Samuel Wheeler, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or samuel.wheeler@illinois.gov. For more information, call 217-557-8336.

Congratulations to Terry Feinberg of Freeport who has been appointed ISGS Legislative Chair and Hospitality Chair for the FGS/ISGS Conference! Thanks Terry for you service!!

2016 StLGS Family History Conference Audio CD’s for sale

The conference is over, but if you missed it and would like to purchase audio files of most of the lectures: they are available! St. Louis Genealogical Society offers these on their website at www.stlgs.org and click on the audio cd button.

The game show Jeopardy will be broadcasting from DAR Constitution Hall during the weeks of May 2nd through May 6th and May 9th through Mary 13th.
PERIOD MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE TO BE HELD AT WEST AURORA CEMETERY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation’s service. Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor that war’s dead. Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a nationwide organization of Union veterans formed in Decatur, Illinois in 1866, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John A. Logan, the GAR National Commander, declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. The ceremonies centered on the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of General Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns. Today, many have forgotten that Memorial Day is rooted in the Civil War.

On Sunday May 29 at 2pm at West Aurora Cemetery (543 Wilder Street in Aurora) you will have the opportunity to experience what those ever aging Civil War veterans experienced as they remembered and honored their comrades when the Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) conducts a period Memorial Day service based on a 1917 ritual performed by the GAR. The service will include patriotic songs and readings, the presentation of memorials, an artillery salute, dedication of new headstones on the graves of two Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery and appearances by noted Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln re-enactors Max and Donna Daniels. Street parking is available and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for their comfort.
It is only right that we in Illinois remember and celebrate the origin of Memorial Day since Illinois Civil War veterans played a significant role in its creation. The GAR was a Union Army veterans' organization founded in 1866 by Chaplain William J. Rutledge and Surgeon Benjamin F. Stephenson of the 14th Illinois Infantry Regiment. They created the organization in response to the desire of many veterans to re-experience the friendships and camaraderie they developed and shared with their comrades during the war. General John A. Logan of Jackson County, Illinois helped organize the GAR and provided much of the inspiration, leadership and guidance for the GAR, becoming its first National Commander. It was General Logan who gave impetus and meaning to the mission of the GAR in its early days of observance of the National Memorial Day.

On May 30, 1870, Logan gave an Oration "Delivered upon the occasion of the Decoration of Union Soldiers' Graves at the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va." In his oration, Logan reminded the attendees that the Grand Army of the Republic began the National Memorial Day:

Shall we neglect the graves of those who sacrificed their lives to defend the palladium of our liberty, to perpetuate our national unity, and shield our rights forever? ... This Memorial Day, on which we decorate their graves with the tokens of love and affection, is no idle ceremony with us, to pass away an hour; but it brings back to our minds in all their vividness the fearful conflicts of that terrible war in which they fell as victims. ... Let us, then, all unite in the solemn feelings of the hour, and tender with our flowers the warmest sympathies of our souls! Let us revive our patriotism and love of country by this act, and strengthen our loyalty by the example of the noble dead around us....

The West Aurora Cemetery is a most suitable site for this period Memorial Day service. It saw its first interment in 1834, three years before Aurora was officially created. A number of Aurora’s pioneers are buried in West Aurora Cemetery, including Theodore Lake (a cofounder of Aurora), Clark Wilder, Rufus Root, Abel Downer, William Plum and William Tanner, all of whom have local streets or roads named after them. Others include Myron and Benjamin Hall who served respectively as the town’s first mayor and first newspaper owner. In addition to the over 160 Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery, veterans who served in War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict are also interred there.

The Cemetery also contains a memorial erected by the members of Aurora Post # 20 of the GAR. Organized on 10 Jun 1875, Post # 20 would have over 650 members during its existence, becoming one of the larger posts in Illinois. The Post purchased a number of plots in the West Aurora Cemetery for the burial of its members. It also erected the memorial consisting of a Civil War cannon tube mounted on a stone pedestal. Over time, the cannon tube went missing. A replica cannon tube was installed as part of the memorial’s restoration by Sheridan Camp # 2.
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.

Celebrate An Historic Memorial Day

**What**-Recreation of an early 20th century Memorial Day service written by Civil War veterans (G.A.R.)

**When**-Sunday, May 29 at 2 PM

**Where**-West Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, IL (543 Wilder Street)

For further information on the ceremony, contact P. H. Sheridan Camp # 2 at foxvalley civwar@live.com.
Welcome New ISGS Members

Deborah Haskett, Lacy, WA
Gail Douglas, Valley Stream, NY
Cindy Nelson, Stirling, Alberta, Canada
Janet Gum, Beavercreek, OH
Thomas Kauwling, Laguna Woods, CA
Kathie Morgan, Santa Barbara, CA
Susan Hakala, Santee, CA
Jennifer Gould, Townsend, MA
Jennie Gunther, Raleigh, NC
Christy A. Yount, Camas, WA
Lynda Vickery, Roscoe, IL
Barbara Dill-Varga, Glen Ellyn, IL
Kimberly Moak, Chicago, IL
Thomas Veeser, Scottsdale, AZ
Alicia FitzGerald, Chicago, IL
Lauren Westrom, New York, NY
Joellyn Whitehead, Bloomington, IL
Michael Floyd, Bloomington, IL
Howard & Eileen Conrad, Springfield, IL

Maggie Gutierrez, Chicago, IL
Paula Furick, Woodinville, WA
Hilary Adair-Wojcik & Jan Adair, Concord, CA
Gail Shaffer Blankenau, Lincoln, NE
Edward G. Stewart, North Highlands, CA
Mary Leb, Lomira, WI
Richard Locke, Evanston, IL
Cheryl Smith Hess, Momence, IL
Sheri Fenley, Stockton, CA
Randy Couri, Peoria, IL
Roxanne Mosier, Colfax, IL
Amy Harbor, West Lafayette, IN
Brian McCarty, Chicago, IL
Curtis Dodds, Lake Zurich, IL
Beverly Thompson, Park Forest, IL
Rita Henry, Omaha, NE
Sharon Corum, Tuscola, IL
Marsha Clinard, Champaign, IL

ISGS OFFICER NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are needed for the following officers and board positions: ISGS President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, three 2019 Directors.

Anyone nominated must be an ISGS member.

You may nominate by notifying any nominating committee members: Karl Moore, David Kent Coy, Darlene Hinkle, Tony Burroughs, or Kim Hanks. You can email your nomination to Kim at kmhanks@comcast.net. Slate of nominations will be presented at the August ISGS Governing Board Meeting and the slate will be voted at the 3 September 2016 annual member meeting.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Join in the FUN!

With the generous help of its volunteers, ISGS is poised for continued success. The positions listed below present some interesting and exciting opportunities for you! Please consider helping ISGS achieve its mission to preserve and disseminate Illinois historical and genealogical materials, and to educate and aid those researching their ancestry.

ISGS Board Volunteers Needed

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

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

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

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

INDEXING PROJECT

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

Clyda Ogle, Indexing Coordinator at isgsindexing@ilgensoc.org

ISGS/FGS 2016 Conference

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

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

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

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

Additionally, volunteers will be needed onsite prior to and during the conference. Contact Angela McGhee, Volunteers Chair at volunteers@fgs.org to volunteer during the conference.
10 May 2016: *Polish Immigration to America-When, Where, Why and How*
Presenter: **Stephen Szabados**
Registration: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9172454023411073281](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9172454023411073281)

14 June 2016: *Using Social Media To Break Through Brick Walls*
Presenter: **Amie Tenant**
Registration: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7540625935675352321](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7540625935675352321)

12 July 2016: *Special Delivery: Using US Postmaster Documents in Family History Research*
Presenter: **Jean Hibben**
Registration: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2607347059774722305](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2607347059774722305)


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**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](mailto:isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org)

If you are interested in advertising in the Quarterly or the newsletter, please contact the Advertising Committee at [isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org](mailto:isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org)

**Contribution Match to ISGS**

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

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

Written by **Margaret Truax**

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**FORUM**

Federation of Genealogical Societies FORUM is looking for genealogy and society related articles. Go to [fgs.org](http://fgs.org) for more information.
News from Local and Regional Genealogy Societies

Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society

Our society hosts monthly meetings from September through May at which guest speakers present programs on genealogy, local history, and research techniques. Additionally, we sometimes take part in special events; for example, we co-hosted the ISGS Conference when it was held in Rockford in 2012. In April 2013, we invited a professional cemetery restorer to speak at our meeting, and the previous day we hosted an outing to a local cemetery where he explained and demonstrated some of his techniques.

One of the things we take part in every year is the annual Boone County Conservation District's Autumn Pioneer Festival. This is a two-day event held each September where guests can catch a glimpse of what life was like in our area in the 1800s -- the clothing, crafts, and foods of the time period. We set up a display every year to make festival attendees aware of our presence in the area and help kids (and adults!) get started on and interested in basic genealogy. All exhibitors must dress in mid-1800s period attire! We always have a good time.

Submitted by Wendy Guler, Publicity Chair
Elgin Genealogical Society

Over the last 30 years the Elgin Genealogical Society has worked in collaboration with the Gail Borden Public Library (GBPL) to purchase books for the library’s Genealogy Section. The program, called "50/50", began in the 1980s as a means to increase the number of genealogy books at the library. The EGS covers 50% of the cost of the book and the GBPL contributes the remaining 50%. Members are encouraged to submit book titles for purchase to the 50/50 Chairperson. Once a book has been approved for purchase, the Chairperson passes an envelope at the monthly meetings. The books will be purchased after the EGS portion of the cost has been collected. In 2015, EGS members contributed enough funds to purchase 18 books for the library.

Since February 2014, several members of the Elgin Genealogical Society have spent a total of 388.5 hours as Genealogy Volunteers at the Gail Borden Public Library. The volunteers have assisted over 200 people with their genealogy research projects. A schedule of the times the volunteers are available can be found on the Gail Borden Public Library website (www.gailborden.info), the EGS website (www.elginroots.com) or by emailing the society at elgingenealogy@gmail.com.

Submitted by Judy Van Dusen, President Elgin Genealogical Society

Left seated Judy Van Dusen, Seated Jack & Arnedia Groesser, standing Don Groesser & Carol Groesser Summers
The Genealogical Society of White County

The Genealogy Society of White County, Illinois was founded in 2002, with meetings held in the community room at Old National Bank, now First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, in downtown Carmi, Illinois. Members were solicited, and the price of membership was established at $20 per year. Membership included six issues of White County, “Roots & Branches”, which began in 2003. “Roots & Branches” contains both genealogical and historical information from White County, Illinois.

This genealogical society has published many informational books including topics such as the 1930 Census, death registers, obituaries, death notices, funeral home records and others. Authors included Linda Kay Kuykendall, Janice Melton Knotter, Barry Cleveland, Leda Martin Knight, Charles O “Bill” Williams, Charlene Cleveland Shields, and Terri Lagneau.

In 2014 the society named changed to The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois. Member costs have remained the same and members still receive six issues of White County “Roots & Branches” by mail or PDF.

In 2016 this society relocated their offices to the second floor of the White County Farm Bureau building. They meet the third Wednesday at 2:00 PM in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. They actively seek new members, and solicit news, articles and queries for publication in the White County “Roots & Branches”. Officers include Linda Kukendall, President, Cindy Kiehl, Secretary, and Nancy Hays, Treasurer.

Submitted by Tom and Cindy Kiehl

McDonough County Genealogical Society

The McDonough County Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 7 PM at the Western Illinois Museum in Macomb (except December). The 2016 Officers are pictured at the right: Sarah Gates, Vice President, Allen Nemec, President, Diane Tichenor, Secretary, and Barbara Houck, Treasurer. The Society has been busy advancing their holdings at the McDonough County Genealogical Society Library in preparation of your next visit.

Holdings that have been recently added at the center are the Macomb city directories. Now the Society is starting their expansion of city directories in the other cities of the county, looking to add Bushnell city directories, as well as searching for Blandinsville, Colchester, Adair, and Industry to name a few. They have added more plat maps for neighboring counties and histories of Fulton and Warren Counties. They have just started to index the registered deaths of pre-1916 for the county. Currently they have the names and years of deaths back to the 1870s that were reported to the county, and will add the exact dates once the database is built.

The Society has been busy adding updated Cemetery Books of McDonough County to include Gibson, Archer-Bethel, and Banks Cemetery, which all include color photos of the gravestones. Their goal is to have Forest Lawn and Oakwood Cemetery books later this year. They have also acquired digital land records from the early deed books of McDonough County and have marriages licenses and board of health records from 1900 through 1907. A HUGE Thank You to our volunteers who helped obtain this new data for our collection!

Submitted by Allen R. Nemec, MCGS President
www.mcdcgcs.com
Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
is sponsoring “Finding Your Ancestors” - 
a three-part series of classes on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: ________________________________________________________
Address:  ______________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________________________________________
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Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society Member?  Yes___  No___

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

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

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

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

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

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

McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society
2016 Summer Conference

*Register Online at [www.mcigs.org/conference](http://www.mcigs.org/conference)*

Or make check payable to MCIGS and mail bottom portion of page to: P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60039-0184.

*Questions? Email: registration@mcigs.org*

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Saturday
9 July 2016

**Vendors**
**Door Prizes**
**Genealogy Books**

Qualify for a 2nd door prize ticket if you’re your registration is received or postmarked by 1 May 2016
Genealogy Events: for complete event information, go to ISGS website, events


5, 12, 19, 26 May 2016: Decatur Genealogical Society, “Websites for Genealogy”, 7-9, decaturgensoc@att.net

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


7 May 2016: Northwest Suburban Genealogical Society, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin presents “Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory”, www.nwsgenealogy.org

7 May 2016: St. Clair County Genealogical Society, Genealogy & History Book Fair, www.stclair-ilgs.org

11 May 2016: Fountaindale Public Library, Tina Beaird presents “Will County Resources”, www.fountaindale.org

12 May 2016: Tinley Moraine Genealogists, Peg Kapustiak presents “The Four Islands in Southern Cook County,” www.tmgenealogists.org


14 May 2016: St. Louis County Library, Larry Franke presents “Searching Special Schedules of the US Census”, 10:00 AM, slcl.org

14 May 2016: North Suburban Genealogical Society, Raymond Johnson presents “Navigating the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives”, 1:00 PM, http://nsnil.org

14 May 2016: Schaumburg Township District Library, Larry Olson presents “The Master Genealogist”, 10:30 AM

14 May 2016: Schaumburg Township District Library, Marti Swanson presents “The Storytellers Special Interest Group”, 12:45 PM


21 May 2016: Wisconsin Historical Society, Steve Szabados presents “Polish American”, 9-3, wisconsinhistory.org

21 May 2016: St. Louis Genealogical Society, Carol Whitten presents “Finding Your German Ancestors”, 1:00 PM, www.stlgs.org

21 May 2016: Schaumburg Township District Library, Bob Allen presents “Find a Grave”, 10:30 AM

21 May 2016: CSAGSI May Meeting, “Lidice Memorial Service”, LaGrange, IL at 1:30

26 May 2016: Geneva History Museum, Tina Beaird presents “Grandma Nellie’s Scrapbook Identifying & Interpreting Historic Photographs”, 7:30 PM


11 June 2016: Wisconsin Historical Society, Sheila Northrop presents “Irish American”, 9-3, wisconsinhistory.org

16 June 2016: Batavia Public Library, Thomas MacEntee presents “They’re Alive? Searching for the Living”

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


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

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

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

28 July 2016: Geneva History Museum, Cindy Ditzier presents IRAD
Genealogy Events continued for complete event information, go to ISGS website, events


25 August 2016: Geneva History Museum, Ginger Frere presents “Research at the Newberry Library”

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


24 September 16: Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA), Michael Mulholland and Ola Heska presents “A Primer”, 10-4:30, Taft High School, Chicago, IL, www.pgsa.org/calendar/

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

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

ISGS Governing Board Meetings
Open to Members

Saturday, May 21, 2016 at ALPL, Springfield, IL
8:30 am Exec Committee Meeting
9:30 am Exec & Gov. Social Time
10:00 am Governing Board Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Fountaingale Library, Bolingbrook, IL
8:30 am Exec Committee Meeting
9:30 am Exec & Gov. Social Time
10:00 am Governing Board Meeting

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

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The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) is reminding writers IN ALL MEDIA (magazines, newspapers, journals, websites, blogs) that the 2016 Excellence-in-Writing Competition is now open for entries through 15 June 2016.

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:

**Category I – Columns.** This is for columns of original content, published on a regular basis, in any medium, published in 2015. Each entry must consist of 2,000 words or fewer. These are entries from the author’s regular column—not features. Note that these may be print or online columns (including blogs).

**Category II -- Articles.** These one-time articles (not part of the author’s column) must have been published in 2015 in a journal, magazine, newsletter, blog or website. Entries cannot exceed 5,000 words. Note that these may be print or online articles, including GUEST entries on a blog. Footnotes are not included in the word count.

**Category III – Genealogy Newsletter.** This category is for society or family association newsletters published in 2015. Entries should consist of two issues, each submitted as a single file in PDF format. The judging will be based on originality, content, visual appeal, writing and editing quality, and accuracy. The award is to the editor of the publication. These may be print or online newsletters. The once-a-year newsletters usually sent at Christmas do not qualify for this competition as two issues from the same calendar year are needed.

**Category IV – Unpublished Authors.** Entrants in this category aspire to be published writers or columnists in the field of genealogy, family or local history. The submissions in this category are original and unpublished, between 500 and 2,000 words. Since these are UNPUBLISHED, blogs are not eligible for this category. The articles should be unpublished at the time they were submitted to the competition.

**Category V– Unpublished material - Published Authors.** This category is for original unpublished genealogically related articles by previously published authors. Entries should be between 500 and 3,000 words. Since these are UNPUBLISHED, blogs are not eligible for this category. The articles should be unpublished at the time they were submitted to the competition.

**Category VI – Poetry.** This category is for original content (published in 2015 or unpublished), that is related to family history. Entries should be no longer than 1000 words and have a title. This may include song lyrics (music is not judged).

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each category will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate. Emailed certificates may be awarded for Honorable Mentions. The awards will be announced during FGS Conference 2016.

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 “2016 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
Finding the Dead: Illinois Death Certificates Lookup Service at ISGS

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

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

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

Requesting a Death Certificate: The Process

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

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

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

Revenues Support ISGS Operations

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