2013 ISGS Fall Conference Scheduled

The Illinois State Genealogy Society is proud to announce “The Way They Were”, our 2013 Fall conference to be held on October 25 and 26 in Sandwich, Illinois at the Timber Creek Inn & Suites and Convention Center. You’ll find this spacious, rather new facility will be an enjoyable venue.

Using our theme as a guide, our presenters will be exploring techniques to help us better identify the ‘They’ in our research. By ‘Were’ we learn how important it is to capture those stories and ancestor anecdotes to round out our family histories.

For “extra curricular activities” before or after the conference, consider visiting one of the area museums, take in a tour of the Naper Settlement in Naperville, or tour the world famous Mies van der Rohe glass home, or the Farnsworth House on the banks of the nearby Fox River.

Conference details will be available soon. For room reservations, contact the hotel at (toll free) 866-992-7335, or visit them online: http://www.timbercreekinnandsuites.com (mention that you are attending the ISGS conference).

If you have questions about the conference, email the conference chair, Howard Manthei, at: isgspublications@ilgensoc.org or phone Howard at 630-553-6287. Mark your calendar! We look forward to seeing you in October.

2013 ISGS Ancestor Photo Contest Continues!

One of the most common questions about the ISGS website seems to be: Who are those people in the photos at the top of the page?

All the photos you see in the header of the ISGS Website were winners in our 2012 ISGS Ancestor Photo contest. Wouldn’t it be great to see your own ancestors’ photos up there?

Between April 1 and May 31, 2013, 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 starting on or just before July 1, 2013.

You can view all the previous years’ winners at: http://ilgensoc/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.

Visit the 2013 ISGS Ancestor Photo Contest page at http://ilgensoc/cpage.php?pt=71 and use the entry form to submit your photos. Or go to http://ilgensoc/upload/menu/ISGS_Photo_Release.pdf to print out the form and submit your ancestor photos today!

NOTE: You must be a member of ISGS to participate in the 2013 Ancestor Photo Contest.
President’s Message

May and June are the months that we honor our mothers and fathers on their “special” day. Maybe it would be a good time to write a story about them, something you remember as a child. It might be a good time to interview them and capture the information that they share with you. Or maybe you should tell your own children something you remember about your parents.

My husband’s grandfather left his children and grandchildren a valuable treasure, his story about growing up. It isn’t a literary masterpiece, and it is rambling in places, but it shows the family what it was like to live in Tabusintac, New Brunswick in the early 1900’s. Imagine being sick in the winter and the only way to go to the hospital was to cross the river where the ice was too thin and you needed a smaller horse. Imagine the entire family, except the father, getting the Flu in 1918 and surviving. His story is about a time and place that is foreign to me, but makes me and his entire family understand more about him.

When I was 20 and 30 something I worked as a stagehand at NBC in Chicago. News anchors and celebrities came and went while I was there. I worked in the studio on elections, saw politicians, helped on locally produced shows, and more. It was just my day to day life, I thought nothing of it. Lately I’ve been telling little vignettes of those days. I’m beginning to realize that it’s more than just my day to day life — it’s part of the story of who I am. I’ll admit I haven’t written any of it down yet, but I need to so that my children and someday grandchildren know the story of me.

On October 25th and 26th ISGS will hold our 2013 Fall Conference, “The Way They Were” in Sandwich, Illinois at the Timber Creek Inn & Suites and Convention Center. It is our goal that those attending will be able to find ways to learn more about their families, to help learn their ancestor’s story.

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

New ISGS Office Secretary

When our members and others phone the ISGS Office, Evelyn Edwards is the friendly person who answers.

Evelyn signed on with ISGS in November 2012, during one of our busiest times of the year. She managed to keep the office afloat, and has kept things running smoothly ever since. Her many and varied tasks include processing death certificate orders along with new memberships and renewals, and handling the many questions and requests we receive.

Our hats are off to you, Evelyn!

ISGS Newsletter

Deadlines

July-August 2013 Issue
Articles/ads due: July 1

September-October 2013 Issue
Articles/ads due: September 1

November-December 2013 Issue
Articles/ads due: November 1

Email all articles to Newsletter Editor at: isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org

Email all ads to Advertising Chair at: isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org
Welcome New ISGS Members

Margaret Hitzhusen—Geneseo, IL
Jeri Wiles—Tucson, AZ
Lyn Stafford—Birmingham, AL
Ralph & Elaine Beaudoin—Chicago, IL
Josephine Green & Loma Berndsen—Wichita, KS
Joe Richey—Peoria, IL
Mary Schatz—Kankakee, IL
Margaret Ullman—Philadelphia, PA
Johnna Waldon—Lexington, KY
Cleo Jones—Campbellsville, KY
Celeste Lueck—The Woodlands, TX
Kathryn Watts—Coalinga, CA
Pat Adams—The Villages, FL
Barbara Foster—Savoy, IL
Phedonia Johnson—Chicago, IL
Kathy Chastain—Chattanooga, TN
Susan Stammer—Belleville, IL
Cheryl Derrington—Ellicott City, MD
Montgomery Co. Gen. Soc—Litchfield, IL
Fountaindale Public Library Dist.—Bolingbrook, IL
Nancy Miller—Bloomington, IL
William Lambert—Chicago, IL
Mary Larson—Arvada, CO
Nancy Hadaway—Fountaint Hills, AZ
Laura Nolen-Sullivan—Brandon, FL
Patricia Hurd—Cambridge, IL
Barbara Stratton—LaGrange, IL
Frances Anderson—Sun Valley, CA
Sarah Finnell—Chenoa, IL
Cecily Kelly—Willis, TX
Trisha Turner—Willis, TX
Sue Hicken—Meket, CO
Larry Kelley—St. Charles, IL
Vince Miller—Catlett, VA
Dave Sarles—Houston, TX
Jamie Poorman—Marshall, IL
Janet Brooks—Naperville, IL
Lynn Chenoweth—Brunsville, IA
Audrey Miller & Linda Miller—Rockford, IL

Six Weeks Left to Register for 2013 FGS Conference at the Discount!

By Paula Stuart-Warren and Dawne Slater-Putt / National Conference Co-Chairs

It’s hard to believe that July 1st is just six weeks away. If you register for the FGS Fort Wayne conference no later than July 1, you save $50 off of the full four-day registration price. The savings on a single day registration is $20. To register, please visit https://www.fgsconference.org/

Consider registering soon for workshops, luncheons and special events. All of these are showing fantastic registration numbers.

Still need a hotel room in Fort Wayne? With a great convention center and other great venues and sites, Fort Wayne has the hotel rooms to match. The two closest hotels filled quickly but you can find just about every hotel chain in the area.

FGS has contracted for rooms at a third hotel and shuttles will run a few times a day to and from the Grand Wayne Convention Center (GWCC). The Holiday Inn at Indiana-Purdue/Fort Wayne and The Memorial Coliseum is a new hotel. Stay tuned for a possible 4th hotel. Visit https://www.fgsconference.org/lodging/ for a link to the Holiday Inn, and also for camping information.

Visitors will find a large concentration of hotels in southwestern, northern, and northwestern Fort Wayne. Check out the many hotels listed at: http://www.visitfortwayne.com/hotels.aspx. There are surface lots and parking garages within a block of the GWCC and Allen County Public Library. Most are $7 for all day. Downtown parking meters are free after 5 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends.

See you in Fort Wayne this August 21-24! Don’t forget that on August 22, there will be a free Q&A panel for everyone at 3 p.m., and free consultations for conference registrants beginning at 3 p.m. Watch the FGS Conference News Blog for details in a few weeks. http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/

View upcoming Genealogy Events on our website: www.ilgensoc.org/events.php

Share your love of family history with your friends and relatives!

Invite them to join the Illinois State Genealogical Society. They can join online at http://ilgensoc.org.
ISGS Website Update

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.com/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.

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.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.

2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition
Springfield, Illinois

This extraordinary 150th Anniversary Commemoration will begin with scholarly symposia throughout April 2015; a poetry, visual arts, and musical event on May 1, 2015 and, from May 2 – 3, 2015, conclude the commemoration with a two-day historic reenactment of the 1865 memorial procession and ceremony for President Abraham Lincoln.

- United States and international dignitaries are cordially invited to participate.
- Abraham Lincoln scholars are cordially invited to participate in the event symposia.
- Springfield residents, historic sites, and businesses primarily along the processional route are invited to decorate the exterior of their home or site in Victorian-era mourning.
- A period-accurate hearse and the procession will follow the historic route from the Amtrak station to an area near the Old Capitol Plaza. Dignitaries, Color Guard, Civil War Reenactors and direct descendants of the original Honorary Pallbearers will participate in the opening commemorative ceremony.
- More information about this historic event will be published when available.

Every family’s got one…

...a story that is. What’s yours? Was your ancestor an Illinois native or did he pass through, stay briefly and then move on? Where did she live? What kind of work did he do? What clues did your ancestors leave to mark their path in, around or across this state? Have you considered sharing your ancestor’s tale in the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly?

This publication is dedicated to publishing a wide range of original articles with an Illinois connection and we’d love to hear yours. If you have a story you’d like to share please contact our editor at isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org. We’ll let you know what you need to do to bring your family’s story to life.
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.

**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 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!

**Illinois Society Liaison Chair:** The chair communicates with associate societies, and coordinates the annual Roundtable Events which are hosted by local societies.

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

**Membership Committee Members:** ISGS’s Membership Committee is in the process of verifying members’ email addresses. Since emails sometimes bounce, we follow up with phone calls to make sure we have the correct addresses. We do not want our members to miss any ISGS news or other benefits! If you can help us make some calls, please let us know!

**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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**FGS Conference 2013 in Fort Wayne**

If you will be attending the FGS Conference in Fort Wayne, IN this summer (August 20-24), consider helping staff the ISGS booth for a while.

Please contact Howard Manthei at: isgspublications@ilgensoc.org giving him your day and time preferences. Thanks!
Join Us . . .

Spread the word about our webinars 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

Why Should You Attend a Genealogy Conference?

Condensed from a Blog, A Sense of Family, by Shelley Bishop

What is it about a genealogy conference that generates such excitement? Why do people invest the time and money to attend one? What benefits might a genealogy conference hold for you? If you haven’t been to a national conference before, you naturally might wonder what the experience is like.

There are many reasons why I like genealogy conferences, and why I’m particularly excited about the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference, which is coming up August 21-24 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I truly expect it to be one of the highlights of the year. Here are some of the reasons people go to family history conferences.

• The chance to learn more about records, resources, and skills that can help with your family history research.

• The chance to hear some of the biggest and brightest genealogical speakers.

• The chance to see the latest products, books, and technological innovations.

• The chance to meet and socialize with others who share your interest in family history.

• The chance to gather ideas to strengthen your local society.

• The chance to research in a world-class library: the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library, one of the nation’s top genealogical libraries.

The bottom line is that a genealogy conference is fun. Yes, you learn a lot from the presentations, and that’s good. But it’s just the beginning of what you get out of the conference experience. My first FGS Conference was the 2011 event in Springfield, Illinois. I was hesitant to sign up, because I didn’t really know anyone. Yet I came home energized and ready to dive into my research, armed with new tools and techniques. And I had made a bunch of new friends, just from saying hi and introducing myself—because it turns out that people who like genealogy, by and large, are really friendly!

To read the complete story, go to: http://www.asenseoffamily.com/2013/05/why-attend-genealogy-conference.html
ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2013 FALL CONFERENCE

October 25th & 26th
Timber Creek Convention Center
Sandwich, Illinois

◆ Nationally Known Speakers  ◆ 3rd Annual Youth Workshop  ◆ Vendor & Society Exhibits

Friday - Noon to 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Dinner & Speaker
Saturday - 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)

ISGS Conference Email: isgsconferences@ilgensoc.org
ISGS Conference Info: http://www.ilgensoc.org

Toll Free Reservations: 866-992-7335
http://www.timbercreekinnandsuites.com
ISGS Conference Rate
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