WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL

On June 18, 2012, the United States will mark the 200th anniversary of the date when it declared war on Great Britain—the War of 1812.

Be sure to register for the ISGS Webinar, *The War of 1812 – America’s “Forgotten” War* with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG on Tuesday, June 12, 8 p.m. CDT. [See page 21 of this newsletter. Open to the public.]

The scene at left was captured at a War of 1812 re-enactment at the Kendall County Historical Society’s Lyon Farm.

Photo by Paul E. Burd

1940 CENSUS INDEXING PROJECT IS PROGRESSING

The 1940 Census Indexing Project is well underway! When complete, this huge effort will open a doorway to a vast amount of information on people who were part of “The Greatest Generation,” those people who came of age or lived in the World War II era. Until this great resource is indexed, people interested in searching for information about their relatives won’t be able to find it easily.”

“FamilySearch has developed an application that can be used on iPads or home computers to enter the census information from anywhere,” explained Howard Manthei, ISGS Publications Chair. “By getting involved in this indexing project,” Manthei said, “volunteers will be joining others from around the country to play a key role in allowing people all over the world to access 1940 census information. For me, the history is so fascinating. And the information is there, in pieces. It’s like playing detective. Who knows? Someone might find a relative.”

For more information about the project, visit [https://the1940census.com/getting-started/](https://the1940census.com/getting-started/) and be sure to select Illinois State Genealogical Society as your affiliated group.

********** Submit a query to the ISGS Quarterly—members are free, nonmembers are $5.00 **********
President’s Message — from Janice A. Fritsch

Board updates: There has been some moving around within the Board. Becky Guymon (Mattoon) is the new chair of the Publicity Committee and Valerie Burd (Yorkville) has moved to the Advertising Chair. IL Local Society Committee members: Becky Guymon (Mattoon), Kellie Reeve Griffith (Springfield), Vicki Mattson (Waukegan), and Susan Full (Greenvale). Ann Wells (Crystal Lake) is chair of the newly formed Lincoln Funeral Coalition Committee.

Newsletter Editor, Kim Kasparyz, is stepping down from her position. Kim has done an excellent job, and is always so easy to work with. Thank you, Kim.

This summer, when it is too hot to be outside, find a cool place indoors to index the 1940 census. In addition to helping with the project, I have made some very interesting discoveries that have opened my eyes to what can be found in this valuable source. Some examples: A family household of five unmarried adult siblings each born in a different state; a “household” of men whose residence is a railroad boxcar; and a family that is enumerated twice in a row, with exactly the same names but with different additional information.

While most local genealogical societies do not meet in the summer, there are still opportunities to gather with other researchers at various conferences. An internet search will provide you with details. Also, remember to check the ISGS website calendar for events.

Speaking of calendars, plan to attend the ISGS fall conference, “Family History in Profile,” October 19 & 20, at the Best Western Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center, in Rockford.

Together “Honoring Illinois Ancestry”

Janice A. Fritsch
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

ISGS Volunteers Alert!

Newsletter Editor: Beginning with the July/August issue, the position of Editor of the ISGS Newsletter is open. The Editor receives articles and information via email. Experience with page layout and design and some writing is desirable. Contact isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

Newsletter Proof Reader: Our newsletter requires the assistance of proof readers. Contact isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

ISGS Quarterly Book Review Editor: The Review Editor receives books from the ISGS office. A book is reviewed for each of our four issues. Contact Judy Milde, Editor, isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org and include a sample review.

ISGS 2012 Fall Conference: The ISGS Fall Conference will be held October 19th & 20th at the Clock Tower Inn and Conference Center, Rockford, 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 and be a part of our great conference team! Contact Karen Heinrich: isgsvolunteers2012@gmail.com

Genealogy Committee Chair: The ISGS Genealogy Committee is in need of a chair to receive requests for research help and assign them to committee members. Contact Becky Guymon: isgsgenealogist@ilgensoc.org

Website Indexing Committee: Indexing projects are based on member submissions, ISGS holdings or other resources. Volunteers will scan images, and upload images and/or data to be indexed. Let us know if you would like to be involved! Contact isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Visit our conference page for full program information and online registration forms:

ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2012 FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 19TH - NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. DINNER & SPEAKER
OCTOBER 20TH - 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

FEATURED SPEAKER
JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, PHD

♦ OTHER NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS
♦ 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH WORKSHOP
♦ EXHIBITORS & GENEALOGY SOCIETIES

Friday: Two Different Genealogy Tracks! Saturday: 12 Sessions!

Photo courtesy Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

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

Best Western Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center
http://www.clocktowerresort.com/

Co-host: Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilwbcgs/
ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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2012 YOUTH WORKSHOPS
Grades 1st - 4th & 5th - 12th

Saturday, October 20th
Rockford, Illinois

Co-host: Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilwbcgs/

Best Western Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center
$89 Conference Room Rate (if reserved by October 1st)
(800) 358-7666 http://www.clocktowerresort.com

Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference October 19th & 20th
For more information about the Workshops or Conference visit: www.ilgensoc.org
Scheduled every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Featuring some of the best-known speakers in the field of genealogy today!

June 12 – *The War of 1812 – America’s “Forgotten” War* with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG
Register at [https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/361887982](https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/361887982)

July 10 – *Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time and Miles* with Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, MA, CG
Register at [https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/726337462](https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/726337462)

August 14 – *Major Midwestern Archives & Their Records* with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA
Register at [https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/413029062](https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/413029062)


And don’t forget to spread the word by printing out a few copies of our webinar flyer to hand out at your local society meetings. The flyer can be accessed at [http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2012webinarbrochure.pdf](http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2012webinarbrochure.pdf)

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

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**ISGS Website Update**

**NEW ADDITIONS TO ISGS WEBSITE**

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

**ISGS Webinars**
- Members Section: for ISGS Members, the handouts and recordings for two more webinars are available in the Members Section: 
  *Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Files Electronically* by Josh Taylor and 
  *Some Great, Seldom-Used, Resources: A Genealogical Potpourri* by Timothy Pinnick)

**2012 ISGS Fall Conference**
- Learn more about this year’s conference in Rockford, Illinois and register today!

**HAVE YOU LOGGED IN AT THE ISGS WEBSITE?**

Did you know that almost half of our nearly 1,100 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.

**Time is Running Out!**

Be sure to turn in your nominations to the ISGS Office by July 1, 2012. Those who have given outstanding service to the genealogical community really deserve your nomination.

The following categories are available for Awards:

- Community Service Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Youth Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Individual Writer's Award
- Volkel Memorial Awards.

The nominations forms are on the ISGS website (ilgensoc.org) under the Forms Section.

Recipients will receive their awards at the ISGS Meeting on October 20, 2012 in Rockford, Illinois.
Welcome New ISGS Members

Joyce Eickmeyer-Owens—Naperville, IL
Terri O Connell—Chicago, IL
Teresa Pennington—Paris, IL
Richard/Ardith Deters—Middletown, IL
Janice Conkrite—Woosung, IL
Dustin Couey—Meridian, ID
Ellen Driscoll—Cave Springs, AR
Rick Trone—Meridian, CA
Edwin Staub—Dublin, CA
Joan Johnson—Chillicothe, IL
Luci Dawson—Albuquerque, NM
Britt Maria Ekstrand—Oskarshamn, Sweden
David Shapiro—Live Oak, FL
Marscha Chenoweth—Naperville, IL
Steven Parks—Los Alamos, NM
Michele Richey—Peoria, IL
Priscilla Schroeder—Folsom, CA
Myrna Lee—Springvale, CA
Roxanne Herrera—Double Oak, TX
Sara Mahler—Lake Forest, IL
Gerald Vertrees—Pleasant Hills, IL
Kathleen Binnig—Naperville, IL
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Rebecca Folk—Rockford, IL
Carolyn Wilson—Thawville, IL
Sherri Hessick—Tuscon, AZ
Marsha Van Ham—Norcross, GA
Pamela Fattore—New Lenox, IL
Kirk Patton—Castle Pines, CO
Vikki McBride—Rockford, IL
Ashley Volling—Pottstown, PA
Daniel Wertz—Buffalo Grove, IL
Deborah & Alan Henke—Fitchburg, WI
Coles County Genealogical Society—Charleston, IL
Martha Callaway—Cold Spring, NY
Courtney Fleming—Worden, IL
David Norris—Hoffman Estates, IL
Gayle Gorby—Houston, TX
Judith Mazion—Somonauk, IL
Lisa Adams—Honolulu, HI
Anne Lucietto—Yorkville, IL
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Jennifer Davis—Downers Grove, IL
Shirley Havlik—Wheaton, IL
Nancy L Gaynor—Crystal Lake, IL
Nordic Family Genealogy Center—Chicago, IL
Carol Koty—Mukwonago, WI
Madeleine Shebesta—Folsom, CA
Linda Ruholl—Teutopolis, IL
Dr Beth E Okeefe—Coal Valley, IL
Ronald Easterday—Poulsbo, WA
Russ Miller—Geneseo, IL
Susan Thies—Lake Forest, IL
Geraldine Malone—Rockford, IL
George English—Rockford, IL
Debra Vordenbaumen—Oakton, VA
Sharon Urban—Sturtevant, WI
Pamela A Miller—Olathe, KS
Penelope Kenney-Chase, Orion, IL
Jennifer Norman—Niles, IL
Ricky Willbur—Ocala, FL
Nancy Williams—Newnan, GA
Betty Schatz—Kankakee, IL

HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR GENEALOGY FRIENDS ABOUT ISGS?

Help us spread the word about the benefits of being a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society:

- access to the Members Section of our website www.ilgensoc.org with numerous Illinois-related genealogy databases and indices, and the new Member Forums;
- 4 issues of the 64-page Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly
- 6 issues of the Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter;
- 20% discount on publications;
- ability to submit your surname information to the Surname Research database;
- and much more!

Pass the word! Invite someone to join the Illinois State Genealogical Society!

Join or renew online at http://ilgensoc.org; click on Join ISGS!, select your membership type, then renew online or print your membership form and mail to ISGS.

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Genealogy Calendar

**June 2012**

[14th–16th]
Palatine of America
German Research Meets Methodology and Technology by Warren Bittner and Michael John Neill at Indianapolis Marriott East.
http://www.palam.org/

**August 2012**

[29th—1st]
Federation of Genealogical Societies
2012 Conference will be in Birmingham, Alabama. Check out the website for more info.
www.fgs.org/conferences/index.php

**October 2012**

[19th–20th]
Illinois State Genealogical Society
2012 Fall Conference featuring John Philipp Colletta in Rockford, IL.
http://www.ilgensoc.org/events.php

**Posting Genealogy Events**

Please send notices of events well in advance to ISGS Newsletter Editor:
isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org.
Include date(s), location, contact person, and the address or website to be used for additional information.

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For further information email: isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org
ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers 2012

President: Janice Fritsch 2012 Directors—Becky Higgins, Jayne Cates, Tony Burroughs
1st Vice-President: Jane Haldeman 2013 Directors—Ann Wells, Annabelle Bradshaw, Dan Dixon
2nd Vice-President: Susie Pope 2014 Directors—Cheri Hunter, Karl Moore, Jennifer Holik-Urban
Treasurer: Michele Claypool
Recording Secretary: Julie Cahill Tarr

It’s time to renew your dues to the Illinois State Genealogical Society without missing an issue of the ISGS Quarterly

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PO Box 10195
Springfield, IL 62791-0195

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If you have a change of either a mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resending out issues that were not able to be forwarded to a new address.

ISGS Office Hours
The ISGS Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am until 1pm.