Civil War Grave Markers to be Dedicated

The Plainfield Township Cemetery, located at 15408 South Joliet Road, Plainfield, IL, in conjunction with the Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will conduct a dedication ceremony for seven new markers placed on the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery. This will take place Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Local historians Caron Stillmunkes and Michael Lambert will discuss Plainfield’s experience in the Civil War and Burrell Post #744 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), Plainfield’s Civil War veterans’ organization. SUVCW National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski will provide an inspirational message. Civil War re-enactors from the 10th Illinois Infantry and the 8th Illinois Cavalry will join local Boy Scouts from Troops #13, #19, #82, #83 and #91 in the Color Guard. A rifle salute will be provided by Plainfield’s American Legion Marne Post #13 and a period artillery salute by Mulligan’s Battery, SVR.

Nearly 90 Civil War veterans are buried at Plainfield Township Cemetery. Most of the graves are for men who served from the Plainfield area, including veterans of some notable units, including the 10th and 100th Illinois Infantries and the 8th Illinois Cavalry. Additionally, there are graves of a number of veterans from other states who migrated to and settled in Plainfield after the war.

As part of the Cemetery’s ongoing effort to care for burials of veterans, the Cemetery Association teamed with the local SUVCW to identify those Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery who either did not have markers or whose markers were no longer readable. Once identified, those veterans’ service was documented and new markers were obtained from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Amongst those receiving new markers is Captain John A. Burrell of Company D, 100th Illinois Infantry. A resident of Plainfield, Captain Burrell was killed in action during the campaign to capture Atlanta. After the war, his fellow veterans thought so highly of him and his service that they named their GAR Post in his honor. This will be recognized with the presentation of memorial wreaths at his grave. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was founded at Decatur, IL on April 6, 1866 and became the largest Civil War veterans’ organization.

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. For further information on the ceremony, contact Mr. Steven Westlake at westlakesteven@yahoo.com.
President’s Message

Please welcome Sara Taylor, new ISGS 2014 Director and Thomas Wood, new ISGS Society Archives Chair.

I had a very busy and terrific time at the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Indiana. I was able to meet and talk with some Illinois members. There is never enough time to spend doing all that you want to at a conference.

I was also able to spend some time at the Allen County Public Library and made a couple of exciting discoveries. There is so much genealogical information in that library — it is a great place to research.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society received an Award of Merit at the Keynote Session Thursday. ISGS received the award for leadership in paving the way towards online educational offerings. Julie Tarr, ISGS Education Chair and Thomas MacEntee, ISGS Publicity Chair, Website Administrator, and Moderator for the ISGS Webinars have both done a wonderful job with the ISGS Webinars and pushing online education to the next level. Thank you both.

Several Illinois Societies and ISGS members won awards at other events including at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Luncheon, Genealogical Speakers Guild and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editor's Luncheon, the FGS Brunch, and I’m sure that I missed seeing some awarded. It was exciting to see how involved Illinoisans are. Congratulations everyone.

I was searching the Internet and looking for information in Kankakee County, IL and stumbled upon the Kankakee County Clerk Genealogy Online website, http://www.kankakeegenealogy.com. If you have family from Kankakee County, you can search the website free, just sign-up for a free account to discover if there are birth, death or marriage records. The record can then be selected and, for genealogical purposes only, it can be downloaded instantly for a fee. This Kankakee County website is two years old. I have used Cook County, IL Genealogy Online, http://cookcountygenealogy.com for several years and the website was developed by the same company.

With a little more searching I discovered that Winnebago County, IL, http://genealogy.winnebagocountyclerk.com and DeKalb County, IL, http://www.dekalbgenealogy.com/ also have these same services and DeKalb County even has Naturalization Certificates. It appears that there may be more of these online websites coming in the future. These are great resources for finding our Illinois ancestors’ records. By the way, a little hint — you can put your ancestor's Soundex code into the Surname blank. I was able to locate the birth record of an immigrant’s child who later changed the spelling of their last name this way.

I'm looking forward to the ISGS Conference in October at Sandwich, Illinois. We have some great speakers lined up.

Take care and happy hunting,

Jane G. Haldeman
President
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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!

Oct. 8, 2013 — Up In Smoke!! What To Do When the Courthouse Burns
Presenter: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG
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Nov. 12, 2013 — Little Houses on the Prairie: Midwestern Research Techniques
Presenter: Diana Crisman Smith
Do you have Midwestern ancestors? Have you found them difficult to research because they are “different” from New England, or the south, or ..... wherever? There are some tricks and techniques which may help you.
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/848493470127452672

Dec. 10, 2013 — Miracles, Mysteries & Mayhem: Online Family Trees
Presenter: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG
We want to build on the research of others but those online family trees often contain miracles, mysteries and mayhem. Does the tree need to be pruned? Learn effective techniques to determine if branches are diseased or if they are healthy.
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For the complete list of upcoming webinars, visit: http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234

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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.

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.

ADVERTISING CHAIR: This chair develops advertisers for the ISGS Quarterly, Newsletter, and the 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. They solicit suggestions from the membership, make regular reports to the Board, and present projects for action. Contact Jane Haldeman, isgspresident@ilgensoc.org

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 isgswebmasters@ilgensoc.org.

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Two days filled with genealogy education, nationally-known speakers, the opportunity to network with other genealogists and family historians, meals and even a youth workshop! Featured speakers include:

- **George Morgan**: A highly popular national and international genealogical speaker and professional genealogist, George is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc. He is the author of ten landmark genealogy books, including the award-winning “How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy.” George 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.

- **Thomas MacEntee**: When he’s not busy writing blog posts, organizing the 3000+ members of GeneaBloggers, teaching online genealogy webinars and more, Thomas MacEntee is busy in his role as “genealogy ninja.” Thomas manages to get the inside track on emerging technologies and vendors as they relate to the genealogy industry. Thomas loves to see other genealogists succeed, whether it is with their own research or building their own careers in the field.

- **Janis Minor Forte**: Janis is an award-winning genealogist, writer and lecturer. She traced her maternal ancestors to 1754, her paternal ancestors to 1810, and has documented one line of her family to the Island of Madagascar. She is on the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI) Planning Committee and one of its Track Coordinators. She is a member of many professional and genealogical organizations.

- **Janice Fritsch, PLCGS**: Janice is a graduate of the National Institute of Genealogical Studies, with a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies. She is a Past President of ISGS, and board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies serving as Registrar for their 2013 conference. Janice shares her over 15 years of research experience as a genealogical lecturer and researcher.

- **David Kent Coy**: Actively involved in genealogy research since age 15, David was a founder and third President of the Coles County Genealogical Society, and has held many positions in ISGS including ’86-’87 President, and he currently serves as Parliamentarian. He is on the planning committee for the 150th Anniversary of the Charleston Riot of 1864. David is owner and operator of Prairie Family Genealogical Services, and he is a social worker.

- **Jayne Cates**: As a Director of ISGS, Jayne has played a major role in the revision of the society’s 1976 book Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois, producing it in digital form. Jayne holds a B.S. and M.S. in Education. She is a member of several lineage societies, having served in various offices, including Registrar, and is currently on the National Board of NSNEW.

- **Nancy Loe**: A Plano native, Nancy Loe is a professional archivist, librarian and genealogist, with M.A.s in American History and Library Science. She has managed local genealogy and special collections in public and academic libraries. She has directed NEH grant projects to make historical collections accessible to the public, and has appeared on PBS’s American Experience, at RootsTech and Jamboree.

- **Scott Forsythe**: Scott Forsythe is a retired National Archives and Record Administration archivist, Great Lakes Region. Scott is profoundly interested in the Civil War having researched and transcribed soldier journals.

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**How do I Register for the Conference?**

TODAY! The ISGS Youth Workshop will teach children from grades one through twelve the basics of genealogical research. The registration fee is $5.00 for the 1st - 4th Grade workshop and $10.00 for the 5th - 12th Grade workshop.

You will find the Youth Workshop registration form here: [http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/ISGS_2013_Youth_Workshop_Reg.pdf](http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/ISGS_2013_Youth_Workshop_Reg.pdf)
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