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ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2014 FALL CONFERENCE
October 24th and 25th - O'Fallon, Illinois

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It is not too late to sign up for the Fall Conference. Come by plane, train, or automobile and learn why Illinois was considered the Land of Opportunity by our ancestors.

This is shaping up to be one of the best ISGS conferences. The speakers are first class; the exhibitors are getting their merchandise ready; the hotel is accepting reservations; and, of course, ISGS has OPENED REGISTRATION.

Sign up now to attend this conference of opportunity...the opportunity to expand your knowledge; the opportunity to network with others; and the opportunity to improve your research skills.

Sign up by October 1 to receive Early Bird Pricing. For more information go to the Illinois State Genealogical Society Website: www.ilgensoc.org and click on 2014 Conference in the left-hand column.
The President’s Message

I would like to say goodbye to our ISGS Newsletter Editor, Linda Schwartz, she has done a wonderful job. Kim Hanks is taking over for Linda and I would like to welcome her to the ISGS Board. I would also like to thank Tina Beaird for her service to ISGS as the Genealogy Committee Chair. Thomas MacEntee rejoins the ISGS Board as Education Chair with Julie Tarr who is staying on the Education Committee. I would also like to welcome several other people to the board or to additional positions, Karl Moore, George Perkins, Annabell Bradshaw, Margaret Kapustiak, and Laura Kovarik. Their appointments are posted later in this newsletter.

As I write this message it is my birthday. It seems that I blink and days, weeks, months and years go by. My husband held a birthday dinner for me with family and friends, it was wonderful. It got me thinking about the quick passage of time and realized that I can no longer “get to it tomorrow” because I blink and tomorrow has passed. My parents are gone, but my in-laws are still with us and I need to get their stories recorded. My daughter interviewed them several years ago for a class project, I’ve talked to them about the family photos that they have shared with me, and other things throughout the years, but I have never really interviewed them. It’s time.

Again I blinked and I find that this is my last president’s message. I’ve had a great time being your President. The members of the ISGS board are wonderful people to work with and they care about Illinois genealogy. I’m proud that ISGS thought that the Federation of Genealogical Societies Preserve the Pensions project was important enough to have a matching challenge when I began my Presidency and again as I finish my term. I’m excited about our volunteer indexing project that we are doing with the Illinois State Archives. Our indexers have completed at least two ledger books from the Illinois Register of Physicians from 1877 to about 1950. We published the book Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois while I was President. We have just added the Revolutionary War certificate to the ISGS Military Certificates. I’m looking forward to our October Conference; we have a great group of speakers. I enjoy traveling around this state and country representing the Illinois State Genealogical Society and talking with many of you that live in Illinois or have roots here. If you see me, be sure to stop and say “hi”.

Take care,

Jane G. Haldeman

President, Illinois State Genealogical Society
Genealogy Roadshow

In 2014, Genealogy Roadshow debuted on PBS. According to the PBS web site, it is "Part detective story, part emotional journey...Each individual's past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America." Josh Taylor, Kenyatta Berry, and Mary Tedesco lend their expert advice to those seeking to unravel their family mysteries.

On August 24 & 25, filming began in St. Louis for the season two. The producers asked local and national genealogical societies, associations, and vendors to be part of the show by exhibiting products and services. Kristy Gravlin, Barbara McKean, and Mary Westerhold represented the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) at the two day event.

Saturday's filming was at the Central Library in downtown St. Louis. The library originally opened in January 1912 and was reopened in December 2012 after a two year extensive renovation. Sunday's filming was in the Grand Hall of the restored St. Louis Union Station with the ISGS table located overlooking the famous "Allegorical Window". Both locations showcased beautiful renovations of historic architecture.

Kristy Gravlin is pictured above at the Grand Hall of Union Station and below in the Central Library in downtown St. Louis.

Kristy, Barbara, and Mary enjoyed the time spent greeting visitors and helping researchers. Many of those who stopped by the ISGS table were excited to hear that the ISGS annual conference would be in nearby O'Fallon, IL. (Have you made your reservation yet?)

Watch for the second season of the Genealogy Roadshow in January 2015!

written by Mary Westerhold
If you've ever gone looking for church records you may have been very disappointed. Many church records are not indexed; therefore making it difficult to find the record you would like to find, or worse yet, records may no longer exist. Knowing if your family were members or attended a particular church, along with knowing the time period, just might give you some insight into what their religious life was like.

Local clergy often kept their own records and took the records with them when they were moved or transferred. Often records were discarded by subsequent clerics or even lay people as they prepared the rectory/parsonage for a new family.

Recently I was able to search the records of the now defunct First Methodist Church of Amboy, Illinois and found the notation telling when my nephew was baptized. He wanted to join the Roman Catholic Church, with his family, but couldn't find the needed record amongst the family mementoes his late mother had saved. We were both very excited with this "find."

There are certainly treasures to be had if you take the time to search. Try these ideas:

- In small towns or villages contact the all-knowing city/village clerk or historian
- The county genealogical society
- Family History Library-microfilm records and histories of several religious denominations including Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist Churches
- Illinois State Archives
- Baptist Church Records 1106 South Goodman St. Rochester, NY 14620 (716) 473-1740
- Church of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) branches may be found on the Family History Website
- Episcopal Church Records  Diocesan Center 821 South Second Street Springfield, IL 61704
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Records 8765 W. Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631-4198 (800) 638-3522
- Mennonite Church Records 675 State Route 116 Metamora, IL 61548 (309) 367-2551
- Methodist Church Records 1211 North Park Street Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-5092 ext.227
- Presbyterian Church Records see the Presbyterian Church Wiki page
- Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Chicago 711 West Monroe Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 831-0711
- Diocese of Belleville 222 South Third Street Belleville, IL 62220 (618) 277-8181
- Diocese of Joliet 425 Summit Street Joliet, IL 60435 (815)722-6606
- Diocese of Peoria 419 NE Madison Avenue Peoria, IL 61603 (309)671-1568
- Diocese of Rockford P.O. Box 7044 Rockford, IL 61108 (815) 399-4300
- Diocese of Springfield P.O. Box 3187 Springfield, IL 62708 (217) 698-8500

Happy Hunting!

written by Darlene Hinkle, ISGS Church Records Chairman jsaschurchrecords@ilgensoc.org
Welcome New ISGS Members

Shawn Cottingham, Tucson, AZ
Laura/Mark Chaplin, Sugar Grove, IL
Richard P. Howe, Woodstock, IL
Donna Adams, Chicago, IL
Pat/George Edmund, Chicago, IL
Patti Gillespie, Decatur, TX
Diana Bohannon, Lebanon, IL
John Dale, Fenton, MI
Mark A Bauer, Belleville, IL
Otto Klemm, Decatur, IL
Mildred Dobyns, Ava, IL
Barbara Kessel, Urbana, IL
Kathy Kitten, Slaton, TX
Patricia Curren & Charles Eckert, Arlington, VA
Stephen Bach, Kankakee, IL
Shirley Konizeski, Snohomish, WA
Donna M Boehm, Deer Park, TX
Rebecca Cline, Belleville, IL
Valerie Morris, McLeansboro, IL
Linda Keyser, Mackinaw, IL
Barbara Hazlewood-Miller, Poplar Grove, IL
Janet Johnson, Lombard, IL

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You can renew your membership online at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=8, or mail your renewal to:
ISGS Membership Renewal, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195


Address Changes

If you have a change of either mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resending issues that could not be forwarded to a new address. Your email is how you will receive this newsletter and other “blast emails”. Please keep your email current.

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Newsletter Articles

Please send articles for the newsletter to isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org. Pictures are welcome (not in a pdf please). Just include your caption with names, places, details.
With the generous help of its volunteers, ISGS is poised for continued success. Many volunteer positions are open and 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.

INDEXING PROJECT:
ISGS’s newest project indexing ledgers from the IL Dept. of Registration and Education 1877-1952. Volunteers need computer with CD drive, Microsoft Excel, and Internet. Contact Becky Higgins, Indexing Coordinator at bhiggins9@gmail.com

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ISGS Board Volunteers Needed

• Finance and Budget Chair: This committee monitors the financial condition of ISGS, makes recommendations to the ISGS Governing Board, and compiles the annual budget.

• Long Range Planning:: This committee considers plans for the improvement of ISGS. The committee solicits suggestions from the members and reports to the ISGS Governing Board.

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

• Genealogist Committee Chair: While this committee does not do research for individuals, it does give direction on Illinois research.

• Website Committee Chair: This committee monitors the ISGS website and makes changes and updates as needed.

• ISGS Archivist: The Archivist coordinates activities to preserve and store the historical documents of ISGS which are housed in Springfield at the Illinois State Archives.

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

Thanks to these newly appointed ISGS volunteers

Karl Moore-Representative IL State Genealogical Foundation
George Perkins-History Committee member
Annabell (Jr.) Bradshaw-History Committee member
Julie Tarr-Education Committee member
Margaret (Peg) Kapustiak-Education Committee member
Laura Kovarik-2016 FGS Conference Local Host Chair
Thomas MacEntee-Education Committee Chair
Kim Hanks-Newsletter Editor
ISGS Monthly Webinars

2nd Tuesday of every month, 8:00 PM CST featuring some of the nation’s best known speakers in the field of genealogy!

THE FOLLOWING WEBINARS ARE SPONSORED BY FAMILYSEARCH

23 September 2014 - Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives (IRAD)
Presenter: Luana Darby, MLIS
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1778023905401548033

14 October 2014 - Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals
Presenter: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4324661061042799105

11 November 2014 - Evaluating What You Have Found: The Third Stage of Research
Presenter: Barbara Renick
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/461540382237603330

9 December 2014 - HeritageQuest Online - The Ins and Outs
Presenter: C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7159116276516038146

Complete webinar descriptions are available on the ISGS website at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234

History of Great Lakes Website
www.envisionthepast.com is a free online history library for the five states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin: an area once called “The Old Northwest”. The historical era covered starts in the 1600’s with French colonization of the region and ends about 1860.

The site currently has links to over 1300 items including hundreds of books, dozens of personal journals and memoirs, dozens of articles from historical journals, vintage maps, and atlases, and historical documents. ALL FREE!

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has for sale their Montgomery County History and Families which includes over 400 family stories.

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Genealogy Events

for complete event information, go to ISGS website, events

9 Sept 2014: St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting, St. Louis County Library, 7:00 PM, www.stlgs.org

11 Sept 2014: Tinley Moraine Genealogists Mark Karsen presents “Immigration Databases”, 6:45 PM Tinley Park Library


11 Sept 2014 Peoria County Genealogical Society meeting, Gary Fyke presents “Rock Island Railroad and its People”, Peoria Public Library, 6:30 PM bgesmith@juno.com

13 Sept 2014: North Suburban Genealogical Society: “Write Your Family History Now!” by Mike Karsen http://nsgsil.org 1:00 PM, Northbrook History Museum

13 Sept 2014: Computer Assisted Genealogy Group Northern IL (CAGGNI) “Storyteller’s Writing Group” with Marti Swanson, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Schaumburg Public Library caggni.shuttlepod.org

14 Sept 2014: Madison County Historical Society, “Vets and Feds in the Family Tree”, Theresa Fitzgerald & Ashley Mattingly, NARA, 2:00 PM, Madison County Historical Museum, 618-656-7562

14 Sept 2014: Glen Carbon Heritage Museum, “Abolitionism and the Civil War in Southwestern Illinois” by John Dunphy, 1:00 PM, smartin@glen-carbon.il.us

15 Sept 2014 to publicize: Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago, Inc pamphlets welcome to publicize your organization, product, etc. Send at least 150 copies to AAGHSC (Shack) 7611 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago 60649-4005


20 Sept 2014: CAGGNI “Getting the Most Out of Internet”, Arlington Heights, IL caggni.shuttlepod.org

23 Sept 2014: ISGS Webinar: Luana Darby presents “Treasures and Hidden Secrets of IRAD” 8:00 PM www.ilgensoc.org


27 Sept 2014: Fox Valley Genealogical Society Fall Conference in Naperville: “Sleuthing Strategies to Solve Family History Mysteries” 9 AM-4 PM, Lisa Louise Cooke, check their website for more info

4 Oct 2014 Tazewell County Genealogical Society: 9 AM-3 PM, Dr. Michael Lacopo presenter www.tcghs.org


9 Oct 2014: Fox Valley Genealogical Society: “Write Your Family History Now” by Mike Karsen, 7:30 PM, Naperville Municipal Center, ilfysg.org


15 Oct 2014: DuPage County Genealogical Society: “LaFamiglia in Italy” by Jennifer Holik, 7:00 PM Wheaton Public Library, 6:30 PM, dcgs.org


18 Oct 2014: St. Louis Genealogical Society Dr. David McDonald presents “Revisiting the Tough Spots: Delving Deeper into Familiar Territory”, Orlando Gardens, 8:00 AM


11 Nov 2014: ISGS Webinar: Barbara Renick presents “Evaluating What You Have Found: The Third Stage of Research”, 8:00 PM www.ilgensoc.org

13 Nov 2014: Fox Valley Genealogical Society 7:30 PM

20 Nov 2014: Elgin Genealogical Society “Fanning the Flames” 7:00 PM, Gail Borden Public Library www.elginroots.com

9 Dec 2014: ISGS Webinar: C. Ann Staley present “Heritage Quest Online-The Ins and Outs”, 8:00 PM www.ilgensoc.org

1-3 May 2015: Lincoln Funeral Re-Enactment, lincolnfuneraltrain.org 150th Anniversary Commemoration
**Announcements**

**War of 1812 $ MATCH**

The fragile records of the soldiers who served in the War of 1812 are being digitized. For EVERY dollar YOU donate, ISGS will match it with another dollar. AND (if you act fast) FGS will match that 2 dollar gift to make it 4. AND THEN, Ancestry will match that...making your gift really worth $8 for the project.

To donate, go the ISGS website, click here or on the ISGS home page at www.ilgensoc.org; look for War of 1812 donations tab on the left under the blue HOME.

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28 May -1 June 2015, Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois  www.sandburggenealogy.com

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To be added to mailing list, email Michael John Neill at mneill@sandburg.edu

Nationally known genealogical research experts presenting the following tracks:

*Refining Internet and Digital Skills for Genealogy- Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi’s List

*Advanced Methodology and Analysis- Michael John Neill of Genealogy Tip of the Day

*The Advancing Genealogist: Research Standards, Tools, and Records- Debbie Mieszala, CGSM

*Germanic Research Sources and Methods- Teresa McMillin, CGSM

Registration opens in September and will be announced on the website and Facebook.
ISGS October Election

The following slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the General Meeting during the Fall Conference in O'Fallon.

President: Jayne Cates
1st Vice President: Michele Claypool
2nd Vice President: Susan Pope
Recording Secretary: Barbara McKean
Treasurer: Shirley Aleguas
2017 Director: Karl Moore
2017 Director: Valerie Budd
2017 Director: Tony Burroughs

2014 ISGS Executive Committee Elected Officers

President: Jane Haldeman
1st Vice President: Tony Burroughs
2nd Vice President: Susan Scoville Pope
Treasurer: Michele Claypool
Recording Secretary: Barbara McKean

2014 Directors: Karl Moore, Valerie Budd, Sara Taylor
2015 Directors: Jayne Cates, Becky Higgins, Kristy Gravlin
2016 Directors: Dan Dixon, Mary Westerhold, Darlene Hinkle

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