Changes

The May Governing Board meeting approved a number of new items. Recently, the Society has been looking for ways to improve our member experience. So, to borrow from Winston Churchill, “To improve is to change.” I am pleased to introduce the following new benefits:

⇒ **ISGS Publication Discount**
   
   Both **Associate** and Subscription members can now receive a 20% discount on publications. *The Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois* will also be eligible for the 20% when purchased through the Store on the ISGS website.

⇒ **One Free Replacement Copy per-year**
   
   Subscription members may request one free in-stock, back issue of the *Quarterly* per year. The goal is to allow completion of *Quarterly* sets in library settings.

⇒ **The Youth Award**
   
   The Youth Award will now include an annual youth membership which may be renewed at no charge until the awardee turns 25.

⇒ **Webinar Assistance**
   
   ISGS will assist Associate members if they are interested in holding a webinar for their members. Currently six slots are available. Contact **Caron Brennan** at isgssocieties@ilgensoc.org for more details.

⇒ **The Master Index Project (MIP)**
   
   The MIP will create a single database of all ISGS resources. Once completed, a single search for an ancestor will yield results across all ISGS resources, including Prairie Pioneers; Military Certificates; Ancestor Charts; and other material. This project is just underway and volunteers to assist with indexing are needed. Please contact **Barbara McKean** at isgs2nd vp@ilgensoc.org if you can help. This is an “at home” project!

All of this is accomplished through the hard work of the ISGS leadership team. Please consider joining the team to keep ISGS moving forward.

*Laura Marshall Kovarik*
Registration Now OPEN
Illinois State Genealogical Society
2019 Fall Conference

CONNECTING THE DOTS...
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Paul Woodbury, M.Ed.
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October 25-26, 2019
Chicago Marriott Naperville
1801 North Naper Blvd. | Naperville IL 60563
630-687-6466 | 1-888-236-2427
Conference guest room rate $98.00 per night, plus taxes.
mention group code “IL Genealogy”

Additional Information: https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=546
Register NOW at: https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=566
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Newsletter Articles

Please send articles for the newsletter to
isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org. Pictures are welcome (JPEGs preferred). Just include your caption with names, places, details. Deadlines: 12 days before the month of publication.

Join ISGS or Renew Your Membership

To join, go to the ISGS website:
ilgensoc.org

Online renewals are open 45 days prior to your current membership expiration date.
To renew, you will need to login to the ISGS website and click on the "Your Profile" link in the Members Only dropdown menu.
Individual/Associate/Subscription: $40,
Joint (two people at same address): $45.

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. Returned Quarterlies cost the Society money! Help keep mailing costs down by updating your address.

If your information has changed, please forward the new information to the ISGS office at isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968. You can also update your information on the website www.ilgensoc.org. Click on the Members Section on the left sidebar. Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members section on the left. Click the Contact Info tab and verify your email address.

Nominations Are OPEN

Nominations are open for the 2019-2021 ISGS Board. If you are interested in volunteering to fill a leadership role, please contact Barbara McKean at isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org. Your information will be forwarded to the Nomination Committee.

ISGS depends on our members to fill these vital roles.

Please consider sharing your time and talent.

Master Index Project

Volunteers are needed to help transfer information currently on the website to a spreadsheet to help with this project. This is a wonderful option for those that want to work at home.

Cook County Genealogy Online

Website Change –AGAIN

The search function has been restored to the Cook County Genealogy website!
ISGS table at the National Genealogical Society Conference in St. Charles, MO.

May 2019

Pictured are Jenny Fischer, Membership Chair, Sharon Reif, Publications Chair and Margaret Truax, Director

Winner

Congratulations of the ISGS raffle winner, Nikki Williams of Tucker, GA. Over 100 people visited the ISGS booth at the National Genealogical Society’s society night.

Nikki Williams shows off her copy of Soldiers of the American Revolution in Illinois and Membership Certificate
Join in the fun!

Thank you Volunteers! We couldn’t do it without you!

With the generous help of volunteers, ISGS has been a successful organization. The ISGS board wishes to thank each and every one of you who have contributed your time and effort to our organization.

The position listed below presents some interesting and exciting opportunities for the future! 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.

For further details on any of the positions listed below, contact Barbara McKean: isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

2019 Conference Volunteer Chair
Schedule and monitor volunteers at the 2019 conference in Naperville.

2019 Conference Volunteers
Assist with a variety of tasks, such as bag stuffing, room monitor and ticket taking at the 2019 conference in Naperville.

2020 Conference Chair
Head the Conference Committee for the 2020 conference to be held in Peoria. Responsible for securing a location and speakers; creating and managing the budget; arranging publicity; registration; and creating materials for the event.

Digital Asset Management
Assist in developing a Digital Asset Management Plan for ISGS including a digitizing calendar.

ISGS Quarterly Copy Editor
Assist the Quarterly editor is reviewing each article to be sure the article conforms to genealogy protocol in format such as references, footnotes and citations.

Proofreaders
Have a good eye? Proofreaders for both the Newsletter and The Quarterly are needed.

ISGS will be at the GSSI Conference.
Please stop by and say hello!

The Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois (GSSI) will present their 2019 Family History Conference and Book Fair on Saturday August 10th at the Ray Hancock Conference Center of the John A Logan College in Carterville, IL. Their featured speaker this year will be Caron Primas Brennan (who is also the Recording Secretary for ISGS)! Registration begins soon, for more information, visit GSSI’s website at:

http://ilgssi.org/conference/

Associate Members, do you have a conference or workshop coming up soon? Please send in your information so it can be highlighted in the ISGS Newsletter. Send information to the Newsletter Editor at isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org.

ISGS Quarterly

The ISGS Quarterly is seeking Illinois stories. From the earliest residence to more recent arrivals, consider sharing your family’s Illinois story in the Quarterly.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is read by over 1,000 members and is held in libraries throughout Illinois and the United States. It is an ISGS member benefit. The Quarterly is published four times a year.

We are looking for original, unpublished submissions for future issues. If you are interested in contributing to the Quarterly, the Author Guidelines are available on the ISGS website (https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=65).

Please direct all inquiries to Richard Anderson, the Quarterly editor at isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org.
Cemetery Research

Spring is finally here and it’s time to get outdoors and do some cemetery research! Are you interested in helping to preserve one of your local historic cemeteries? Be sure to visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ website for downloadable pdfs on:

* Cemetery Preservation Fact Sheet
* Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries
* Cleaning Grave Markers

There is also information about Illinois laws governing cemeteries, important Do’s and Don’ts of marker cleaning, and many more helpful resources. [https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Preserve/Cemetery/Pages/default.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Preserve/Cemetery/Pages/default.aspx)

Don’t forget to visit the ISGS website for a listing of cemeteries in Illinois. The Illinois Cemetery Location Project contains almost 15,000 records about Illinois cemeteries. It can be found under the

Projects & Initiatives

or

Free Databases & Indexes

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**British Institute**

14–18 October 2019
Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Want a week of total immersion into British Isles research? Join us and take your research capabilities to the next level. Then apply the techniques and analytical skills you’ve learned in class at the world-renowned Family History Library. See you there!

- Sources for Tracing Pre-Mid-19th Century English Ancestors
  Paul Blake
- Ireland Land, Property and Estate Records
  David Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS
- Researching Scottish Ancestors
  Christine Woodcock
- Tracing Your British and Irish Ancestors Using the National Archives
  Audrey Collins

For full British Institute details visit: [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org)
ISGS 2019
Webinar Series

All webinars start at 8:00 pm Central time

January 8
*Hidden Gems in the FamilySearch Wiki* with Peggy Clemens Lauritzen  Archived!

February 12
*Revelers, Hogkillers and Disobedient Children: Early Illinois Laws* with Judy G. Russell  Archived!

March 12
*The (Underground) Railroad Runs Through Here—Illinois* with Janice Lovelace  Archived!

April 19
*Using Bureau of Land Management Tract Books* with Michael John Neill  Archived!

May 14
*An Introduction to Researching Your Mexican Ancestor* with Colleen Greene  Archived!

June 11
*From East to West: Ancestral Migration Through Canada* with Kathryn Lake Hogan  Archived!

July 9
*Online German Church Registers, Duplicates and Substitutes* with James Beidler  Archived!

August 13
*The Great Lakes and the Role They Played in the Years of Prohibition* with Jean Hibben

September 10
*Telling the Story with Maps: Maps of Early Illinois and Where to Find Them* with Ginger Frere

October 8
*Researching Your Illinois Catholic Ancestors* with Lisa Oberg

November 12
*Chicago Research: Planning is the Key to Success* with Jeanne Larzalere Bloom

December 10
*Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records* with Anita Boyd

Learn More & Register

For a description of each webinar, or to register, visit


2019 Webinar Sponsor

http://familysearch.org
Event Listings

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isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.


8 August 2019—McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, Crystal Lake, IL, An Introduction to WikiTree, the Free Global Family Tree, Marty Acks www.mcigs.org


September


12 September 2019—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Geneopardy-Quiz Night https://ilfvgs.org/


21 September 2019—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Fall Conference, Peggy Lauritzen Clemens https://ilfvgs.org/

22 September 2019—Decatur Genealogical Society, Decatur, IL, General Meeting with Speaker,

26 September 2019—Kane County Genealogical Society, Geneva, IL, Try-It Illinois and Fold 3, Debra M. Dudek, ttp://www.kcgsillinois.org/meeting-schedule/

October

1 October 2019—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin, IL, Ancestry Tales to Tell, Members, http://www.elginroots.com

9 October 2019—Fountaindale Public Library, Bolingbrook, IL, Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory, http://fountaindalegenealogy.org

10 October 2019—McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, Crystal Lake, IL, DPO Flow – A Beginner’s Look at Organizing Digital Photos, Carol Guntur www.mcigs.org


19 October 2019—Lake County Genealogical Society Conference, featuring Tony Burroughs and David A. Stumpf. http://lakecountyilgenealogy.org/workshops/


25-26 October 2019—Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference, Naperville, IL Featured speakers, Michael D. Lacaopo, DVM and Paul Woodbury, M.Ed.

Registration Open Now!
for ISGS 2019 Conference
See page 2 for details


**Future Genealogy Events**

**Should Your Event Be Here?**

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Changes to Ordering!

ISGS Death Certificate Lookup Service

No change of the price! The current price for one certificate is $6.00 for ISGS members; $10.00 for non-members (you can order as many as you would like). Compare that to the $17.00 rate at sites such as Genealogy Online for Cook County.

Currently, only 1916-1947 certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates database at cyberdriveillinois.com can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

Revenues Support ISGS Operations

Proceeds directly support ISGS. So please remember to take advantage of this service, whether you are a member of ISGS or not!

Requesting a Death Certificate

- Go to the Illinois State Archives Death Certificate Index.
- Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want.
- We have changed how to order a death certificate! Members, you MUST log-in to receive the discounted price of $6.00 per certificate. Non-members may order certificates for $10.00 per certificate. If you would like to join ISGS to get the discount, please visit our Join/Renew page first. Memberships take approximately 24-48 hours to process. Once you receive your "welcome letter" with your log-in information, you may place a Death Certificate order.

Two Ways to Order

- By Mail with a check: place your order and print the invoice. Download the Death Certificate Order form and complete it using the Cyberdrive Illinois information. Mail the form and the invoice along with your check to ISGS.
- Online: place your order and pay with a credit card through PayPal. Then send an email to isgscorders@ilgensoc.org. Include the following in the body of your email:

Your full name, mailing address and phone number and a copy/paste of the information for each death certificate you are ordering from the Cyberdrive website. Include the header and information for each name such as:

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If you have any questions, visit https://ilgensoc.org/

For more information, email isgscorders@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968
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