Part of planning for the future is looking at the past. With ISGS’s 50th Anniversary, the Society has been looking at the past a bit more than usual. As genealogists, we are comfortable looking at those that came before. We are thankful for their efforts and hard work. Many people were involved in the creation of ISGS. The following were those willing to put their names on the first set of incorporation papers for ISGS:

Lowell M Volkel, Danville
Mrs. Homer (Myrna L) Park, Normal
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Lloyd Bockstruck, was another of those who supported ISGS in the first 50 years. A lifetime member of ISGS, Lloyd died May 27, 2018 in Dallas, TX. Lloyd was born in Vandalia and attended Greenville College, Southern Illinois University and University of Illinois at Urbana. Lloyd was an influential and generous genealogist. He was an instructor for 11 years at the ISGS sponsored Genealogical Institute of Mid-America and the author of 11 genealogy books. While the Dallas Public Library became home for Lloyd for over 30 years, his impact on the genealogical community spread far beyond Texas. Additional information about Lloyd can be found at the Dallas Genealogy Society website.

Thank you to all of you for getting this show on the road! I know that this is not a complete list by any means of the volunteers that choose to assist and support ISGS. It is an honor when someone selects ISGS as the group they want to share their time and talents with. Thank you to all that have selected ISGS over the years. There would be no 50th Anniversary celebration without you.

Laura Marshall Kovarik
President, ISGS
isgspresident@ilgensoc.org
Join ISGS or Renew Your Membership Online

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: $35, Joint (two people at same address): $40.

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 and other "blast emails" that could not be forwarded to a new 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.

The Illinois Bicentennial Committee is inviting all statewide partners planning activities between December 3, 2017 and December 3, 2018 to apply for endorsement and become an official part of Illinois Bicentennial. Once approved, you will receive an official Bicentennial Seal of Endorsement for use on your marketing materials, in addition to statewide promotional support, including listings in the online Bicentennial events calendar, social media promotion, and potential inclusion in official publications.
Join in the fun!

With the generous help of volunteers, ISGS is poised for continued success. The positions listed below 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.

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

Marketing and Publicity chair
Marketing and Publicity committee disseminates information about ISGS, its officers and members, activities and publications. They assist with preparation of press releases, conference notice and implementation of ISGS Social Media.

50th Anniversary Giveaways!

As part of the ISGS 50th Anniversary celebration, ISGS members will be eligible for a number of giveaways throughout the year.

Some of the items on the list include:
- One Annual Membership, new or renewal
- One Fall Conference registration
- ISGS publications, including the Illinois Insider’s Guides, Prairie Pioneer books and Ancestor Charts
- Death Certificate Look-ups

Make sure your contact information is up to date in case you win!

Congratulations to more winners in the ISGS 50th Anniversary Giveaway!

Rita H  Sue M  Judy M

Prizes will be coming in the mail.
Now is the time to make sure your contact information is up to date. Login and check your member profile. If you don’t remember how to login, there are instructions on the website.

Additional prizes will be handed out including: a registration for the Fall Conference and a one-year individual membership.

Thank you ISGS members for being part of our 50th Anniversary!
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
ISGS 2018 FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2018—SPRINGFIELD, IL

Featuring Lectures and Pre-Conference Workshops by:
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Register online at www.ilgensoc.org
Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificate

The Illinois State Genealogical Society announces the introduction of the Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificate program, an official project of the Illinois Bicentennial celebration!

Available only during this Bicentennial year, the Illinois State Genealogical Society will issue Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificates to honor those who contributed to our state’s rich history to direct descendants of early pioneers who were living in Illinois in the year of Statehood (1818), and whose family has continued to be proud residents of our State for each generation since that time, with the applicant being a current resident of Illinois.

Honor your Illinois ancestors and apply today!

Download the application here.

Honors & Awards - July 8 Deadline!

At our Fall conference, ISGS honors groups and individuals that contribute to the genealogical community.

Please keep your eyes open for a person, a project, or a group that deserves recognition for their efforts.

Visit the ISGS website here for information.

Direct questions to isgsawards@ilgensoc.org.

Nomination forms are available at https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63

Please email completed forms in PDF format by July 8 to isgsawards@ilgensoc.org or mail to the attention of Honors and Awards Chair, ISGS Office, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195.

Thank you
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society is hosting a summer Genealogy Conference featuring: Lisa Alzo, David Rencher, Judy Russell and Curt Witcher on July 7, 2018. The conference will be held at McHenry County College, 8900 U.S. 14, Crystal Lake, IL. www.mcigs.org

Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois will be featuring Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist at a Family History Conference and Book Fair on August 11, 2018, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Co-sponsored by John A. Logan College, the event will be at Ray Hancock Conference Center, John A. Logan College, Route 13 & Greenbriar Road, Carterville, IL. http://ilgssi.org/conference/

KVGS 50th Anniversary Celebration! The Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society invites everyone to share in our 50th Anniversary on Saturday, August 11, 2018, on the 4th floor at the Kankakee Public Library. Presentations by: Jack Klasey, "Kankakee County 1853-1900"; Phil Angelo, "Kankakee County in the Civil War"; Mary Buhr, "Iroquois County records prior to 1853". Many organizations in the county have been invited and will be providing information about their organization. Also, publications will be available for purchase. Register form: http://www.kvgs.org/kvgs50reg.pdf

Chatham Area Public Library Becomes FamilySearch Affiliate Library
The Chatham Area Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, which means it has access to more genealogy resources to help you make more family discoveries. If you have any questions, please contact Alanna Sablotny, Local History and Genealogy Reference Librarian, at asablotny@chathamlib.org or call 217-483-2713.

Join us in Fort Wayne, August 22-25! Click here to register now.

The FGS 2018 conference features more than 100 sessions and workshops on topics ranging from DNA and technology to records and methodology. There are sessions geared for every experience level of genealogist. The conference is just steps away from the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library (with extended hours)
Jesse White Awarded over $550,000 in Illinois History-Digital Imaging Grants to support the creation and storage of digital collections

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that the Illinois State Library has awarded Illinois History-Digital Imaging grants to 15 academic, public and special libraries totaling $555,305 to carry out projects involving the selection, digital capture and storage of important historical and cultural collections. In addition, the collections will be accessible through the Illinois Digital Archives database maintained by the State Library.

“I am pleased to be able to award these grants in an effort to increase access to significant collections about Illinois’ historical and cultural importance,” said White. “Documents degrade over time. By preserving these materials, future generations will be able to connect past and present.”

Libraries receiving grants are:

• Bensenville Community Public Library District: $31,000 for the “The Bensenville Historical Materials Archival Project”
• McLean County Museum of History in Bloomington: $94,615 for the “Pantagraph Negatives Project”
• Eastern Illinois University in Charleston: $6,849 for the “Digitization of Local History Oral Interviews”
• Chicago Public Library: $18,480 for the “Increasing Access through Digitization: The Illinois Writers Project at Chicago Public Library”
• Roosevelt University in Chicago: $59,050 for the “Digitization of Moving and Sound Recordings of the Illinois Labor History Society”
• Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago: $13,080 for the “La Peña Concert Series at The Old Town School of Folk Music, 1995-2005”
• Elgin Community College Renner Academic Library: $10,356 for the “The Gil Renner Collection: Insight into the Genesis of the Illinois Community College System”
• Highland Park Public Library: $81,024 for the “Ravinia: Music Under the Stars around the World”
• Sallie Logan Public Library in Murphysboro: $13,605 for the “The Murphysboro Apple Festival Through the Years and the Tri-State Tornado of 1925”
• Methodist College in Peoria: $33,946 for the “The History of Methodist College with Digitized Primary Objects”
• Plainfield Public Library: $5,003 for the “Preserving Plainfield’s History”
• Illinois State Museum Society in Springfield: $12,567 for the “The Story of the Illinois State Museum”
• Stickney-Forest View Public Library District: $7,520 for the “Stickney Area Local History Initiative”
• Morrison-Talbott Library in Waterloo: $94,842 for the “Monroe County, IL Gardner Survey Records”


Press Release June 20, 2018
For more information contact Rachel French, Office of Illinois Secretary of State
Do you have a genetic genealogy story to share?
Did you locate your birth parent or a new sibling by using DNA?
Were you able to break through a genealogical wall with DNA?

What is your story??

**ISGS Quarterly wants to know!**

*ISGS Quarterly* is looking for personal stories to publish in our official 50th Anniversary issue, Fall 2018.

The story could be yours or that of someone you know; the only requirement is that it have an Illinois connection.

Stories should simply be a narrative. Nothing scholarly, no footnotes required.

Just a brief explanation of how you found this person or these people or broke through the genealogical block and what happened once you did so.

**Minimum 300 words to a maximum of 750 words.**
One photo can be submitted, but it needs to be clear when changed to black and white.

Deadline to submit your genetic genealogy family story is **August 1, 2018**.

*ISGS Quarterly* staff will edit all stories, so no need to stress as long as the story itself is clear and meets the word limitations.

For questions, please contact the *Quarterly* editor at isgsquarterly@agensoc.org.
Registration for the 2018 webinars is now open! You'll find a fantastic lineup of presentations and speakers and we hope you will join us for a wonderful educational experience.

The ISGS webinars, which are live lectures/presentations that you can attend via a computer with an internet connection, are held as a live broadcast on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM Central time. The live broadcast of each webinar is FREE to the public. ISGS members who are unable to attend the live broadcast are able to access recordings of all past webinars through the Members Section of the ISGS website, to watch at their convenience.

**Finding Scottish Ancestors Online**
January 9, 2018, presented by Nancy Loe

**Illinois Digital Resources**
February 13, 2018, presented by Tina Beaird

**Finding Clues for Your Immigrant Ancestors in Ethnic Newspapers and Publications**
March 13, 2018, presented by Lisa Alzo

**Friedrich Eiler in Illinois: Fragments Fuse to Identify One Individual**
April 10, 2018, presented by Jill Morelli

**Want to Honor Your Revolutionary Roots? Resources for Applying to a Revolutionary War Lineage Society**
May 8, 2018, presented by Bryna O’Sullivan

**Ohio and the Early Gathering of the LDS Church**
June 12, 2018, presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

**Museums Have Records, Too! Locating Your Ancestors Behind Closed Doors**
July 10, 2018, presented by Melissa Barker

**National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch**
August 14, 2018, presented by Jane Haldeman

**Researching Pre-fire Chicago**
September 11, 2018, presented by Ginger Frere

**Chicago Rises from the Ashes: The Columbian Exposition Gives Perspective to the Family Historian**
October 9, 2018, presented by Jean Wilcox Hibben

**1918: The Prairie State ‘Over There’**
November 13, 2018, presented by Lisa Oberg

**Some Followed the River, Some Took the Train: Finding Ancestors of the Great Migration**
December 11, 2018, presented by Angela Walton-Raji

All webinars take place at 8:00 PM Central time.


You may also want to review our Webinar FAQs at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=316.

Don’t forget to spread the word! Forward this email onto your friends and colleagues, post the information to social media sites and/or your blog/website, or print out a few copies of our webinar flyer to hand out at your local society meetings. The flyer for the 2018 series can be accessed at https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227.

Thank you to FamilySearch for their continued sponsorship http://familysearch.org
Genealogy Events

Event Listings

Associate Members are encouraged to send event listings for the newsletter to isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org, and for the ISGS website: isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org. Newsletter deadline: 12 days before the month of publication.

3 July 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—The Orphan Trains in America, Becky Higgins elginroots.com


10 July 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Why Am I Stuck? Marsha Peterson-Maass genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

10-12 July 2018—Midwest African American Genealogy Institute, Fort Wayne, IN—www.maagiinstitute.org

14 July 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—Uncovering the Secrets Buried in Facebook, Laurie Filipiak www.naperville-lib.org

14 July 2018—North Suburban Genealogical Society, Northbrook, IL—Preserving Your Family History on Family Tree, Maureen Brady nsgsil.org

19 July 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Cluster Research, Karen Pickelsimer elginroots.com

21 July 2018—British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois (BIGWILL), Richmond, IL—When Life Becomes Myth, Dan Hubbard http://www.bigwill.org/meet.htm

21 July 2018—Computer Assisted Genealogy Group (CAGGNI), Schaumburg, IL—Using Social History to Build an Ancestor’s Story, Susan Mayer www.caggni.org

7 August 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—What’s New in British Isles Research, Paul Milner elginroots.com

9 August 2018—McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, Crystal Lake, IL - Probate, Ann Wells www.mcigs.org

10 August 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Sharing with Others: How To Convey Evidence, Jeanne Larzalere Bloom genealogywithtony.wordpress.com


11 August 2018—North Suburban Genealogical Society, Northbrook, IL—Rediscover Your WWI Soldier’s Experience, Tina Beard nsgsil.org

11 August 2018—Northwest Suburban Genealogical Society, Arlington Heights, IL—Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy; Finding Living Relatives Can Be a Challenge, Dr. Michael D. Lacopo www.nwsgenealogy.org

14 August 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Sharing with Others: How To Convey Evidence, Jeanne Larzalere Bloom genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

16 August 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Local Histories Add Clues to Your Genealogy, Kimberly Nagy elginroots.com

18 August 2018—Computer Assisted Genealogy Group (CAGGNI), Schaumburg, IL—Beyond the Census, Janis Minor Forte www.caggni.org


25 August 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—How I use DNA in my Genealogy Research, Caron Brennan www.naperville-lib.org

Genealogy Events

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4 September 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Your Next Step: Write Your Family History, Steve Szabados elginroots.com
15 September 2018—British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois (BIGWILL), Richmond, IL—Discovering Your UK/Irish Roots Online, Debra Dudek http://www.bigwill.org/meet.htm
15 September 2018—Computer Assisted Genealogy Group (CAGNI), Hoffman Estates, IL—Beyond the Records: Putting Flesh on the Bones of Your Civil War Ancestors, Karen Heinrich www.caggni.org
22 September 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—Czechoslovakian Genealogy Guidance, Roger Liska www.naperville-lib.org
4 October 2018—St. Clair County Genealogical Society, Belleville—Ask the Experts stclair-ilgs.org
13 October 2018—North Suburban Genealogical Society, Northbrook, IL—Members Show and Tell nsgsil.org
13 October 2018—Fountaindale Public Library District, Bolingbrook, IL—Ulster Historical Foundation: Irish Genealogy Workshop www.fountainedale.org
20 October 2018—Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL—Family History Day www.chipublib.org
20 October 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—Make the *Genealogy Organizational Challenge* Work For You, Marsha Peterson-Maass www.naperville-lib.org
Genealogy Events

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10 November 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—Advanced Polish Genealogy Research, Jason Kruski www.naperville-lib.org


17 November 2018—British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois (BIGWILL), Richmond, IL—Compiling Your Medical Family Tree by Marsha Peterson-Maass http://www.bigwill.org/meet.htm

17 November 2018—Computer Assisted Genealogy Group (CAGGNI), Schaumburg, IL—General Charles Dawes: the 100th Anniversary of WWI, RJ Lindsey www.caggni.org


5 January 2019—Northwest Suburban Genealogical Society, Arlington Heights, IL—DNA How to Organize All This Genealogy Stuff, Lisa Louise Cooke www.nwsgenealogy.org

ISGS President Laura Kovarik found this photo while preparing items for the 50th anniversary celebration. ISGS Director David Kent Coy was able to provide the following on-the-spot information about the image: “The lady in the center holding the trophy, with the blue hat, is the late Past President Rachel Clymore Klein, ________, then Past President Joy Whitson Upton, then Former Director Roland Bauer, and in the dark jacket another [former] Director [they were] all from the southern part of the State.” Contact Laura at isgspresident@ilgensoc.org if you would know more of the story behind the photo!
The current pricing 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 those certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates 1916-1950 database at cyberdriveillinois.com can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

Requesting a Death Certificate: The Simple Process

- Go to the Illinois State Archives Death Certificate Index.

- Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want, and copy down the information exactly as it is displayed.

- **Order Online** - If you would like to order online using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or a PayPal account, you can use the shopping cart at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59. Your information is kept safe and secure by the PayPal payment service.

- Or **Order by Mail** - If you would prefer to mail your request, print out the ISGS Death Certificate Request Form and transfer the death certificate information to the form. Mail the form along with your check made payable to the Illinois State Genealogical Society to the address shown on the form. (Note: Credit cards are only available online.)

If you have any questions, visit http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59

For more information, email isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968.
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If you are interested in advertising in the Quarterly or the newsletter, please contact the Advertising Committee at isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org

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