And the Winner Is…

I am writing this the week before the Oscars. The tension is building. Who will win? Predictions abound. But in the middle of all this build up, I began to think about the ISGS Honors & Awards. One thing became clear. We need YOU!

Honors & Awards are presented at the Fall Conference (see page 4). The ISGS Honors & Awards are intended to highlight, reward and recognize individuals, societies and other organizations that contribute to the genealogical community. But we can’t honor work and effort that we don’t know about! This is where we need your help. Look around your community. Who is quietly contributing by indexing, preserving records, answering research queries or otherwise supporting genealogical endeavors in your town? Please help ISGS recognize these individuals or groups for their efforts.

The ISGS awards are:

**Community Service Award**
This award may be given to an individual, company, or institution for service or contributions to genealogy. Nominations may be made by local genealogical or historical societies.

**Special Recognition Award**
This award may be given to an individual for the promotion of genealogy in general or for having been a major influence toward the success of the nominating organization. Nominations may be made by local societies.

**Youth Award**
Students are eligible for this award for a genealogical project. Nominations may be made on the suggestion of a teacher, advisor, or local society.

**Distinguished Service Award**
A national figure may be honored for exceptional contributions or service to genealogy.

This information can be found on the ISGS website along with the nomination forms. [https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=48](https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=48).

Please help us honor those that have made lasting contributions to the genealogical community in Illinois. Terry Feinberg, the Honors & Award committee chair, is looking forward to your input. There must be someone you can think of that deserves a big thank you.

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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 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: $40, Joint (two people at same address): $45.

Address Changes Update your information!
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.

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21st Annual Spring Conference
South Bend Area Genealogical Society
Saturday, March 9, 2019, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
St. Joseph County Public Library
304 S Main St, South Bend, IN 46601

Featuring National Speaker James Beidler

Letterpress to Digital: Using Historical Newspapers in Print, Microfilm, Online
Learn the perils, pitfalls, and frequent rewards of researching local and regional newspapers of general circulation for tidbits about your ancestors.

Headlines to Bylines: Using ALL the Newspaper in Your Genealogy
Learn how news briefs, advertisements, even editorials and “letters to the editor” might add to your store of knowledge about your ancestors and their lives in context.

Register for a bonus evening dinner program with our speaker and hear about “Genealogy’s Lighter Side”. Dinner at Weiss’ Gasthaus, 115 N Dixie Way, Roseland, IN 46637.
Volunteer Opportunities

Join in the fun!

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

The month of April is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteers. 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 over our 50 year history.

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

Advertising Chair
This committee promotes ISGS publications and solicits opportunities for advertisements in ISGS publications, such as ISGS Quarterly, ISGS Newsletter, and fall conference syllabus.

ISGS Newsletter Editor
The editor prepares the ISGS Newsletter including the design and layout and content creations. The ISGS Newsletter is published six times a year.

Honors and Awards Committee
Requests nominations for the current year’s Honors and Awards, to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Certificate Design and Printing
Assist in creating certificates, printing and mailing them. Preferably this would be someone that lives in Illinois and can plan on visiting the ISGS office at least twice a year.

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

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group (CAGGNI) - is hosting the first meeting of their new special interest group ‘Colonial America’ at the Schaumburg library on Saturday, March 16, at 12:45 p.m., with SIG CoLeaders – Bob Allen and Mary Hoyer. “All are invited to attend. The SIG has as its objective the study of America’s 13 colonies – their creation, their history including a timeline for each, sources of information, identification of ancestors and relatives, understanding of the geography and an exchange of information by attendees. Immigration and migration patterns will be explored and in-depth explanations of how to uncover information beyond names, dates and places will be discussed.”

Decatur Genealogical Society—is hosting a Rummage Sale fundraiser on April 13th. Call (217)429-0135 to learn more.

Irish American Heritage Center—is hosting the Ulster Historical Foundation’s Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt on Monday March 11th. They will present a seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians. Learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. https://www.ancestryireland.com/lecture-tour-2019/

McHenry County Genealogical Society—is sponsoring an all-day conference for genealogists and family historians on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The event will take place at McHenry County College Conference Center, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois. For more information, www.mcigs.org or contact the society at mcigs@mcigs.org or telephone 815.687.0436.

A Fond Farewell from the ISGS Newsletter Editor

This is my last ISGS newsletter. Working on this newsletter has provided me with a wonderful perspective on the activities of individuals and organizations who are participating to inspire and assist their communities in genealogical endeavors. This includes the hundreds of individuals who are indexing their regions records, groups that are rejuvenating cemeteries, organizations that are preserving and commemorating regional history, and societies that are passing on their knowledge and experience to new generations of family historians.

In addition, this volunteer position has offered connections to a wonderful ISGS team. Join in the fun!

Susan McQuaid
ALL ABOUT ISGS

ISGS is thrilled to be a part of the National Genealogical Society’s 2019 Family History Conference! This year’s conference, “Journey of Discovery,” is taking place in St. Charles, Missouri, May 8-11. ISGS will be part of the NGS Society Showcase, being held on Tuesday May 7th, the afternoon prior to the conference. Keep an eye on the Family History Conference Blog for ISGS’ entry in the “Society Roundup!” - https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/blog/. We hope to see you there!

Will you be attending the DuPage County Genealogical Society’s 44th Annual Conference on Saturday March 9th? Be sure to stop by the ISGS table in the vendor hall and say hello! ISGS is planning to attend several other genealogy conferences throughout Illinois this year.

Be sure to visit the ISGS Facebook page for the latest genealogy news, tips, and ISGS goings-on!

Welcome New Board Members!
Top Left: ISGS President Laura Kovarik with Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) Representative Rochelle Joseph
Lower Left: Laura Kovarik and new Quarterly Editor Richard Anderson
Lower Right: Laura Kovarik and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library (ALPLM) Representative, Teri Barnett

CONNECTING THE DOTS...
Research • DNA • Ethnicity
Illinois State Genealogical Society 2019 Fall Conference

Featuring Paul Woodbury & Michael D. Lacopo, DVM
October 25-26, 2019 Naperville, IL
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

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

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

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

May 14
Researching Your Mexican Ancestor with Colleen Greene

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

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

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
Genealogy Events


9 March 2019—North Suburban Genealogical Society, Northbrook, IL—Where the Murderers Roam, Dan Hubbard  nsgsil.org

9 March 2019—South Bend Area Genealogical Society, South Bend, IN—21st Annual Spring Conference, James Beidler  www.sbags.org


6 April 2019—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—He Took Her Name: Understanding German Farm Names, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  www.naperville-lib.org

6 April 2019—Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI—Adoption and Unknown Parentage, Mary Eberle  https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org


11 April 2019—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Finding Grandma’s European Ancestors, Steve Szabados  https://ilfvgs.org/


28 April 2019—Decatur Genealogical Society, Decatur, IL—Sundown Town, Kevin Corley  http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ildecgs/


27 April 2019—Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL—Genealogy Road Trips, Julie Benson  http://swedishamericanmuseum.org


9 May 2019—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Using the Newberry Library for Family History Research, Sandra Trapp https://ilfvgs.org/


16 May 2019—British Interest Group of Wisconsin & Illinois, Richmond, IL—Researching Appomattox Court House and Where Murderers Roam, Dan Hubbard http://www.bigwill.org/


13 June 2019—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera, Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana https://ilfvgs.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


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 Clemens Lauritzen https://ilfvgs.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


Call for Papers and Proposals for Teacher Workshops
21st Annual Conference on Illinois History
October 3 & 4, 2019
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield

The Conference on Illinois History is accepting paper or panel proposals on any aspect of Illinois’s history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology. The Conference welcomes submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Proposals are also being accepted for teacher workshops. Are you a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on some aspect of Illinois’s history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology? Share share your expertise with other teachers at the Conference on Illinois History.

The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2019.

To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, please send:

- A one-page summary of the topic, including a description of the major primary and secondary sources used.
- A one-page resume for each participant.

Send proposals to: Christian McWhirter, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or Christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov.
Breaking Brick Walls Using DNA

We all have the dreaded brick walls in our genealogical research. These walls taunt us with their common names, common places, and lack of records that keep us from finding the next generation of ancestors. There we sit, languishing, hoping for some new discovery to move us past these walls.

According to estimates, over 20 million people have taken a DNA test of some kind for genealogical purposes. They test to find out their ethnicity breakdown, yet most do not take it further to reveal everything that can be discovered with DNA results! They can be used to break long standing brick walls in your research. Using examples from her own experience, Amber Lowery will show how you can use DNA results to bust your brick walls.

Amber Lowery is a Reference Assistant at Peoria Public Library, predominantly in the Local History and Genealogy department. She’s always ready for the thrill of a hunt. Keeping family history alive is her passion. Amber is eager to share her knowledge and discoveries of family research and DNA.

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Peoria Public Library – North Branch
3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria

Visitors are Welcome at our meetings

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month from March through November.
No Meetings December, January, or February.

In case of bad weather, cancellations will be posted on our PCGS Facebook page—www.facebook.com/peogensoc

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

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

### Requesting a Death Certificate: The Simple Process


- Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want, and copy down the information exactly as it is displayed. (Note: 1948-50 certificates are indexed but not microfilmed and thus are unavailable.)

- **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](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](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59) 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](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59)

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

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is read by over 1000 members and is held in many libraries throughout IL and the U.S. The Quarterly is published four times a year. The editor accepts original, unpublished submissions for inclusion in upcoming issues. If you would like to contribute, please refer to the ISGS website for submission guidelines. All inquiries go to isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org

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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