President’s Letter

Registration is OPEN!

As I have mentioned in the past, those are some of my favorite words. They are the result of months of preparation by Dawn Henry and the Conference Committee. Now is the time for you to take advantage of all their hard work. Sign up for the ISGS Fall Conference. This is an opportunity to learn from the best.

Two workshops are being offered again on Friday morning for an additional fee for those looking for a more in-depth educational experience. Registration in the workshops is limited to allow the instructor to offer more tailored instruction and feedback. Each workshop will be one and a half hours with the focus on DNA. More information can be found on the conference page. So Connect the Dots and follow them to the Conference page!

Double Duty

I am filling in as the Newsletter editor for this edition. Candace Marx, ISGS Publicity and Marketing chair, is assisting with putting this newsletter together. A new editor will be handling the next edition. Once again, I want to thank all of those ISGS volunteers that keep ISGS going. Additional help is always needed and appreciated. There are opportunities for remote volunteers, but some do need to be able to travel to meetings or the ISGS office to access material in Springfield. Barbara McKean, our volunteer coordinator, will work with you to find the right fit.

Thank you to all for supporting our Illinois Ancestors.

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

CONNECTING THE DOTS...
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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.

Website
Check out the new tabs for Free Indexes & Databases! All the indexes and database on the ISGS website are now found under a single tab.

Online Store
The online store has a new, streamlined look with current pricing. Quarterly issues have been added to the items that can be ordered online. Members, don’t forget to log in to receive your member discounts, where applicable.

Death Certificate Lookups
Ordering Death Certificates from ISGS became a bit easier. Look for the blue tab along the left of the home page.

There will be some changes coming with the ordering process in the near future.

More website improvements are planned for the future!

Cook County Genealogy Online

Website Change
Do you have ancestors in Cook County, IL? Be Prepared—Cook County recently stopped allowing vital records searches on their genealogy website. You have to pay the county for each and every search you request, without knowing if they will locate the correct ancestor. Death records start at $17.00 each, plus an additional $1.00 for each additional YEAR you want them to search, with a maximum of 10 years per search.

ISGS Death Certificate look-ups for the years 1916-1947 include Cook County records. Look on Cyberdriveillinois https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/death.html and then order your death certificate from ISGS. See page 12 for more information.
The 45th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference was held Saturday April 27th, and once again the group put on a terrific event!

Pictured are members of the Rock Island County Genealogical Society:
Standings from left, Sandy Luse, Coky Powers, Jerome Dank, Christine Iossi, Society President Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott, Beth Hoffman, Len Stevens;
Seated from left, Judi McDowell, conference presenter Beth Foulk, and Deb Williams

Jenny Fisher, ISGS membership chair, welcomed conference attendees that stopped by the ISGS booth. Always enjoy meeting ISGS members and helping out those with questions about Illinois research.
Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.

Honors and Awards Chair and 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.

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

McHenry County Genealogical Society—is sponsoring an all-day conference for genealogists and family historians on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Featured speakers include Lisa Louise Cooke, Diahan Southard, Michael Lacopo and J. Fonkert. 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.

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, visit GSSI’s website at http://ligssi.org/conference/ for more information.

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...
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

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 May 2019—**Peoria County Genealogical Society**, Peoria, IL, Summer in the Cemeteries and Peoria’s Revolutionary War Soldier, [https://www.peoriacountygenealogy.org/](https://www.peoriacountygenealogy.org/)


11 May 2019—**North Suburban Genealogical Society**, Northbrook, IL, Archive—Passing down your Family History, Emily Simkin, [https://nsgsil.wildapricot.org/](https://nsgsil.wildapricot.org/)


18 May 2019—**Zion Genealogical Society** & Zion Benton Library, DNA Workshop, Mary Eberle, [https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ilzgs/](https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ilzgs/)

19 May 2019—**Fountaindale Public Library**, Bolingbrook, IL, Polish Diaspora, Tadeusz Pilat, [https://fountaindalegenealogy.org/events-schedule/](https://fountaindalegenealogy.org/events-schedule/)

23 May 2019—**Indian Prairie Library Genealogy Group**, HeritageQuest Online, Sandra Trapp, [https://ippl.info/learning-research/research/genealogy](https://ippl.info/learning-research/research/genealogy)


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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 Clements https://ilfvgs.org/

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


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


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**Save $$$ ISGS Death Certificate Lookup Service**

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.

**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: 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)

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