More Changes

The August Governing Board meeting approved more member benefits, adding to some tremendous changes this year as the Society continues to improve our member experience. See page 4 for details.

The conference is a great time to mingle with fellow genealogists and improve your skills. The two Friday workshops are nearing capacity. The Forum returns for the third year. The Annual Membership Meeting will also be held in conjunction with the conference. See page 3 for details.

Another change coming is reflected in the upcoming Board elections. These are held at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to those that have volunteered to fill these important leadership positions. New people bring new ideas and, wait for it... more change! While change can be hard, it is important in keep organizations, such as ISGS, vital to its members.

ISGS reflects the hard work and vision of the volunteers and Board members. Please let us know what we can do to assist you in your genealogical journey.

Laura Marshall Kovarik

Early Registration Ends October 4, 2019!

The Friday morning workshops with Paul Woodbury, M.Ed. are filling up.

Evaluating Shared Autosomal DNA at 8:30
Organizing Your DNA Test Results, at 10:30

Do NOT wait to register!
Registration Now OPEN
Illinois State Genealogical Society
2019 Fall Conference

Connecting the Dots...
Research • DNA • Ethnicity

Paul Woodbury, M.Ed.
Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

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
ISGS Conference Events

Two important events that will be held during the ISGS conference in Naperville

**Associate Members’ Forum at the Fall Conference**

On Friday, October 25, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00am, ISGS Associate Member leaders are invited to gather to share and exchange information, ideas and strategies to help further their missions, grow their membership and work towards access and preservation of genealogical materials.

This year’s meeting includes a special presentation by Pamela J. Clark Reidenbach, *MSSW Director of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence* at Northern Illinois University. Her topic will be on the importance of strategic planning for nonprofit organizations including the components of a plan, questions to ask as part of the planning process, and how to operationalize the plan.

This is a free event for Associate Member societies as a membership benefit! Limited seating, sign up early. Invitation will come by email in early September. If there are spaces available, non-member society leaders can attend for $10. You do not have to register for the Conference to attend.

**ISGS Annual Membership Meeting**

Will be held on

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

at the

Chicago Marriott Naperville, 1801 N Naper Blvd,
Naperville IL

Any ISGS member may attend.
You do not have to be registered for the conference.
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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...

**Join ISGS or Renew Your Membership**

To join, go to the ISGS website: [ilgensoc.org](http://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](http://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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**New Member Benefits!**

**Fulton County Pre-1916 Death Index**

Allen Nemec, ISGS Advocacy chair, completed an index of the pre-1916 death certificates in Fulton County. This is now available online to ISGS members. Login and look under the Members Only tab.

**Fulton County Death Index**

Printed versions of the book are on order and will be available soon through the ISGS on-line store.

**ISGS Microfilm Collection Finding Aid**

In the late 1970s, ISGS began coordinating the microfilming non-governmental records that individuals or organizations selected for filming. The resulting collections represent material from over 40 Illinois counties on 500 rolls of microfilm. The collection contains church records, funeral home records, private genealogies, cemetery records and more. Keep checking—it will be up soon!

ISGS members will be able to download the finding aids for over 40 counties contained in the ISGS microfilm collection. It will under the Members Only section on the website.  
The entire microfilm collection is available at the State Archives Reading Room, Springfield.
ISGS at GSSI Conference

ISGS at the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois, Carterville, IL
August 2019

Attendees at the GSSI conference

The ISGS table in the vendor hall

Barbara McKean, ISGS 2nd VP and volunteers Roselyn Wallis and Leslie Gumm working at the State Archives
Many ISGS members and volunteers assisted with indexing the Physician Registers over the last 4 years. It is now online through the Secretary of State’s website, https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/

A wonderful addition is a link to the page image for each entry.

Records in the Illinois State Archives

- [Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records](#)
- [Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database](#)
- [Physicians Database](#) New

Are you ready to help with the next project?

Contact Barbara McKean, ISGS 2nd VP at isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

If you are interested in assisting with the next indexing project ISGS will be doing in conjunction with the State Archives.
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 positions listed below present 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 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.

Indexers
Work from home on the Master Index Project or get on the list to help with the next State Archive project.

ISGS will be out this Fall
Please stop by and say hello!

Platzkonzert Germanfest
Hoffman Estates, Sept 7-8

Fox Valley Genealogical Society Conference
Naperville, Sept 21

Peoria Library Genealogy Day
Peoria, Sept 28

Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago
Chicago, October 11-12

Lake County Genealogical Society Conference
Grayslake, Oct 19

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 sent to all 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.
Update on Summer Quarterly article

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library to accept donation of a speech lost for a century

For more than 100 years, it lay forgotten in a box of family photos and papers. Soon, it will belong to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

The document is a transcript of Martha Ten Eyck's speech in 1912, recalling how she begged Lincoln for his help nearly 50 years before, in 1864, to get her husband released from Confederate captivity. It worked. Her husband, Union Capt. Tenodor Ten Eyck, was released in the autumn of 1864. Five months later, Tenodor Ten Eyck was one of the honor guard at the assassinated president's bier in Columbus, Ohio.

The speech and the story surrounding it are featured on the cover of the Summer edition of the Quarterly, the journal of the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

"This document certainly contains a first-hand account of Lincoln but it is also a type of 'Lincoln in memory' source that allows scholars to study how the 16th President was remembered," said Christopher A. Schnell, manuscripts curator at the Lincoln Library.

The author, Ellen Peirce, a Rock Island native who now lives in Chicago, discovered the document. Peirce is an amateur genealogist and former high school teacher; her great-great grandmother was a sister of Martha Ten Eyck.

On August 21, 2019, Ellen Peirce gifted the document to ALPL. ISGS is excited to have participated in telling this story by publishing the previously unknown manuscript in The Quarterly.
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  Archived!

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
September


10 September 2019- LaGrange Public Library- My DNA Results are In! What do they mean? Suz Bates. https://www.lagrangeilibrary.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 Clements Lauritzen 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/

Sept. 26, 2019 – Indian Prairie Library Genealogy Group ,Darien, IL Raymond Johnson, Basic Genealogy Indian https://ippl.info/learning-research/research/genealogy

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
Genealogy Events continued


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


Associate Members are encouraged to send event listings for the newsletter to:

isgsnewsletter@ilgensoc.org.

Newsletter deadline: 12 days before the month of publication.

For the ISGS website, send listings to: isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.
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 isgsdcorders@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 isgsdcorders@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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