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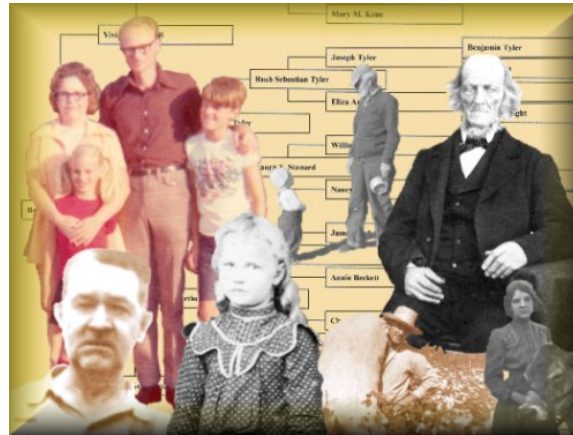
The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, originally named the Blackhawk Genealogical Society, is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1972.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society is to bring people together who are interested in genealogy and family history, to promote genealogy research, and to preserve and perpetuate genealogical materials relevant to Rock Island County.

We meet our mission by providing stimulating meetings, a robust website, a genealogy focused library, and engaging educational opportunities.

Discover Your Heritage



PRESERVING THE PAST, ENRICHING THE FUTURE

Learn to research and preserve your family history!



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

For more than 50 years, the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society has been committed to preserving our history. Isn't it time you joined in this effort? Here's a sampling of what your membership will support and what benefits you will receive ...



MEETINGS

Meetings are virtually streamed and/or live. Speaker presentations begin at 6:30 pm with a business meeting immediately following. Meetings are held at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Avenue, Moline, IL on the fourth Tuesday of the month, January through October. The annual dinner meeting is in November.

RESEARCH LIBRARY

The RICIGS library collection is housed at the Rock Island County Historical Society, 822 11th Avenue, Moline, IL. Our library includes over 3,000 books and periodicals spanning from colonial times to the present, covering all regions of the U.S. Members may use these items for free.

EDUCATION

Family history classes are offered periodically and are free to members. Lunch and Learn events give members an opportunity to discuss a wide variety of topics in an informal setting. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide members with a focused group to explore specific topics in depth. A series of Let's Explore articles in the "Members Only" section of our website offers advice on where to start with your genealogical research.



OUR WEBSITE

The RICIGS website (ricigs.org) includes a blog, schedules and details of RICIGS meetings with speaker presentations, RICIGS library information and holdings, and educational opportunities. The website also lists online genealogical resources including an ancestral photo collection, a family histories collection, genealogical sources for the county, obituary indexes, cemetery listings and information. Members have unlimited access to the RICIGS website members-only section that contains speaker handouts, past society quarterlies, and content regarding Rock Island County vital records, cemetery records, newspaper abstracts, court records, and county histories. There is an online shop where non-members can purchase downloads of the member resources. Viewers can use the online contact form to request research on ancestors.

RESEARCH/QUERIES

RICIGS will do research for you! The cost is \$10 per hour prepaid – 1 hour minimum – 3 hours maximum. Queries can be added to the RICIGS website blog. This service is free to our members. Blog queries cost \$2 for non-members and are limited to 50 words.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out this form, include your dues and mail to the address below:

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Application can also be submitted online via ricigs.org with payment made through PayPal.

- Regular Membership \$20.00
- Family Membership \$22.00
(add \$2.00 for each family member over two)
- Student Membership \$10.00
- Contributing Membership \$40.00
- Lifetime Membership \$300.00

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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