

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:37 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Jim Hayes, Julie Vogel and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting were presented. Motion by Sally Bartosh to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

2014 Treasurer Beth Hoffman sent an e-mail to the president advising that she and newly elected Treasurer Linda Walker would meet next week to make the transition.

Correspondence:

Shay reported nine dues checks were received in the mail. The post office box rent has also been paid.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has updated the information on the website and everything is working well.
- c. Conference – No Report.
- d. Education – No Report
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report
- f. FGS Delegate – No Report
- g. Librarian – No Report
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- i. Obituaries & Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas sent word she is finished with the December obits and is ready to start organizing the 2014 Obituary Book.
- j. Publication Sales – We received a request to replace a Riverside Cemetery CD that was damaged in the mail and a request to purchase a Riverside Cemetery CD. Betty Hagberg will take care of these requests and will look options for mailing CD's.
- k. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced that she is working on a new template for the E-Newsletter. She will need all items for the newsletter by January 16th. She also asked for old family recipes that can be printed in the newsletter.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes said the RICIGS post office account has a balance of \$62.13 at this time. We will need to deposit approximately \$120.00 to cover the next two mailings. The next quarterly will be mailed out in April. Jim also said that effective immediately he will be resigning from the Board for personal reasons. A replacement will need to be found to handle the Quarterly mailing and Jim will try to help that person learn about the mailing process and electronic mailing. Jim and Shay will work out details on getting the mailing list for the new mailing chairman.
- m. Queries & Research – Jim submitted copies of the information he found on the John Collins family of Rock Island. The information will be passed on to Deb Van Sant.
- n. Registrar – No Report
- o. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- a. 2015 Budget – Shay sent a copy of the revised budget to all Board members after the December meeting and asked if there was any further discussion of the 2015 budget. There was no further discussion.
- b. Janet Pease Digitization Project – Betty Hagberg reported she is continuing to study this information and will report to the Board in the future if she finds a way to make use of this material electronically.

New Business:

- a. Board members discussed the function of several committees and it was agreed that, since there are several newer members on the Board, it would be helpful if each committee would give a brief description of the work they do. Shay will notify all Board members so they can be prepared to give a brief overview of their committee at the February Board meeting.
- b. Lunch & Learn Event – Shay reported that as far as he knows, no one from RICIGS attended this event. However, Linda Polich did send an e-mail saying she had made a contact with someone from the Argus and will follow-up and report at the next Board meeting.
- c. The Society received information about several genealogy related upcoming events. Julie will include some of the information on the website and other information will be on display at the January 27th general meeting for members to review.
- d. A request for financial assistance was received from the Col. Davenport Historical Foundation. After discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken on this matter.
- e. Shay asked if anyone had any new information about Karin Ciaccio or Orin Rockhold and the deteriorating Rock Island County cemetery where many of Karin's relatives are buried. No one had any new information on this matter.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
January 27, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Liz Casillas reported she received an antique postcard that someone had given to her brother and the postcard led her to some interesting genealogical discoveries.

Kitty Humphrey reported that she is now a member of the Jamestown Society.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. The date of the January meeting was changed to January 27, 2015 and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$3,050.23 as of November 30, 2014. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,770.09. The treasurer's report was filed for review. Beth turned over the financial records to incoming Treasurer Linda Walker. Beth and Linda will go to the bank this week and sign any documents necessary to complete the transition.

President's Comments:

President Elliott said he has information available for interested members to pick up on the Sandburg College Genealogical Conference in Galesburg this May and the McHenry County Summer Conference. He also has information on the Find My Past program.

Lorraine Hathaway said she received a note from Janet Pease. Janet is a dedicated genealogist and former Rock Island County resident now living in Colorado who has done extensive indexing of Rock Island County newspapers. She had a stroke several years ago but reports in her note that she is now in the process of transcribing her notes on an index she did of Kentucky marriage records using one finger to type the information.

The Winter E-Mail Newsletter has gone out and it was very well done. Several members said they liked the new style and content.

Copies of the 2015 Budget were distributed for review. The Board of Directors approved the budget at their December meeting.

Shay announced that Jim Hayes has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Jim served as chairman of the Cemetery Committee and the Quarterly Mailing Committee and we will need to find replacements for those positions. We also have several people on the Board who wear more than one hat. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Board please contact Shay.

Our insurance agent has asked us to provide a list of activities planned by the Society for the coming year. Shay asked all Board chairmen to bring that information to the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – It was reported that work is being done by Augustana interns on a GPS locator system for Moline Memorial Park.

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported on the topics to be discussed by David Rencher at the Quad City Conference on April 25th. She also reported on vendors who are planning to attend. Harold Henderson has been selected as the speaker for the 2016 Conference scheduled for April 30, 2016.

Education – Linda Polich reported the Education Committee is changing their format this year and will offer a 3-part class that will be held on July 25th, August 29th and September 26th. The class is free to members and will be \$30.00 for non-members. She also reported the magazine *Family Chronicle* will become *Your Genealogy Today* in March. Linda asked members who have ideas on possible topics for future classes to let a committee member know. Beth Hoffman said she would like to learn more about DNA testing and genealogy. The topic was discussed and Kitty Humphrey will try to find someone to present a program about DNA at one of our meetings.

Historian/Funeral Cards – New pages for the scrapbook have been picked up and Linda will begin typing the 2014 funeral card information soon.

FGS – The national conference will be held in Salt Lake City in February. FGS is also sponsoring a genealogy cruise in August.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituaries and Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas said she will finish checking the 2014 obituaries and get them ready to be published in book form.

Publication Sales – There were no publication or CD sales to report this month.

Quarterly – Shay reported that a member mailed information to the Society that could be used as an article for the next quarterly. He will pass it along to Julie Vogel.

Quarterly Mailing – No Report

Queries & Research – Kitty Humphrey reported she is working on a query the Society received but so far she has not had any luck making e-mail contact with the lady who requested the research.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have received a few more dues payments for 2015.

Vice President – Nothing new to report.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

For tonight's program Kitty Humphrey led the group in a discussion of "How Did You Get Started in Genealogy?"

The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center. A program on the Illinois State Capitol will be presented by Rep. Richard Morthland.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:45 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Jim Hayes, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion by Sally Bartosh to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$3,290.01 as of January 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of January 31, 2015 \$12,775.44. Linda said in reviewing the expenses from 2014 she could not find a payment to RICHS for annual fees. Motion by Linda Polich to issue a check for both the 2014 and 2015 annual fee payment. Seconded by Liz Casillas. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Shay reported he received a request from Nelson Bros. Insurance for a list of special events the Society will be conducting in 2015 for our liability insurance. Linda Polich provided the dates of our scheduled classes and a research event at RICHS in the fall. Secretary Kathy Elliott will mail that information along with the date of the annual dinner to Nelson Bros. Insurance.

The Society received notices of conferences in McHenry County, Illinois, Burlington, Iowa, a Swedish Genealogy Conference in Kansas and an in-depth genealogy course at Carl Sandburg College.

The Newberry Library paid dues for 2014 and 2015 and requested copies of the quarterlies they did not receive during that time period. Linda Walker will follow up with them on this matter.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she will post information we receive about upcoming genealogy conferences on our website.
- c. Conference – Conference notices will be mailed out on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that flyers on the 2015 classes will be included in the conference registration bags. She stated that Ancestry.com is doing a makeover. The website will have a new look and some new features. She also mentioned the Thomas MacAntee site "Genealogy Do-Over".
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – Scrapbook #9 is up to date through 2014. Nothing new to report on funeral cards.
- f. FGS Delegate – There will be some live streaming sessions during conference. Go to the website www.rootstech.org.
- g. Librarian – Linda Polich reported she has a box of donated books from Bill Burrows to pass on to the Society library. Librarian Deb Van Sant will review the books and add any duplicates to those the Society will offer for sale at Conference. She also asked members for donations for the sale.
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- i. Obituaries & Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas said she is working on 2015 obituaries. She also asked if the committee name could be changed to Obituaries and Obituary Indexing. After discussion it was agreed this would be a better name for the committee.
- j. Publication Sales – Linda Walker said there were no publication requests this month. Betty Hagberg sent word she had located a better mailer for our CD's and the cost is \$25 per 100. Motion by Linda Walker to approve purchase of the CD mailers recommended by Betty. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

- k. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel proposed that the Quarterlies and electronic newsletters be issued in January, April, July and October. The deadline for submissions would be the 7th of the month the publication will be issued with publication on the 15th of that month. She also asked for old family recipes that can be printed in the newsletter.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes said he is working with Shay on the mailing list and information about mailing. He suggested we transfer deposit \$150.00 into our post office account. That should cover mailings for this year. He estimates it will cost about \$75.00 to do a quarterly mailing. Linda Walker will take care of this. Jim said the post office would do a training session on bulk mailing if it is needed.
- m. Queries & Research – Deb Van Sant said she received two research requests. The first was for information on a burial in 1864 for Harbreck-Schmidt. Deb will follow up on this request. The second request was for information on a living person. Deb notified the requestor that we do not do research on a living person. We will need to check with Kitty Humphrey on the status of the request she was working on for the Mahaffey family in the Milan area of Rock Island County.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 73 renewals plus 14 life members and 1 credit membership for a total of 88. She will be sending out reminders to 46 members from last year who have not paid 2015 dues.
- o. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- a. Janet Pease Digitization Project – Betty Hagberg continues to study this information and will report to the Board in the future if she finds a way to make use of this material electronically. We recently received from Janet Pease a list of odds and ends she abstracted from various locations. After discussion it was agreed these items would be made available on our website.
- b. Shay reminded everyone that we have two open positions on the Board and asked them to think about members who might be asked to fill those positions.

New Business:

- a. RICIGS Logo – Julie Vogel said she had been working on an updated version of the logo that would be easier to use in on the website as well as all other forms of print used by the Society. She displayed a sample for Board review and discussion. Motion by Julie Vogel to update the RICIGS logo as recommended by the Board. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried. The new logo will be presented at the February 24th general meeting.
- b. Lunch & Learn Event – No one attended the first event due to bad weather, but Linda Polich sent an e-mail to the event chairman, Joe Taylor, and he suggested she contact Roger Ruthhart from the Dispatch/Argus to see if he can speak at a Board meeting. Linda will follow up with Roger Ruthhart. The next Lunch & Learn is scheduled for March 3rd.
- c. Rock Island County Civil War Monument – A meeting will be held on February 25th at the Rock Island Main Library to discuss the future of the monument. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- d. Standing Rules & Committee Descriptions – Linda Walker said she found several items that should be changed or updated in the Standing Rules & Job Descriptions. After a brief review it was agreed more time would be needed for this task and a committee composed of Linda Walker, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Shay Elliott and Kathy Elliott will meet after March 1st to work on this project. Kathy Elliott will schedule a date and location.
- e. Birdies for Charity – Linda Polich reported Birdies for Charity info will be ready in late March or April and she will mail it out then.
- f. Board Contact List – Kathy Elliott suggested that a Board Contact List be created and distributed to all Board members. She will prepare a list for the next meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
February 24, 2015

Vice-president, Kitty Humphrey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 16 members present.

At the request of our speaker, Rep. Richard Morthland, the program on the Illinois State Capitol was held prior to the business meeting.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries: None reported

Minutes: Acting Secretary, Deb Van Sant, read the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer, Linda Walker, reported an ending balance of \$3, 290.01 in our checking account. There was an ending balance of \$12, 775.44 in our money market and CD's. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments: Kitty Humphrey reminded people that there are two positions to be filled on the board – Cemeteries and Quarterly Mailing.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report

Computer Interest - Julie Vogel reported that the conference registration form has been added to our website.

Conference – Pat McCoy passed out additional conference flyers for members to distribute. She said there is a contest between RICIGS and SCIGS to see who could bring in the most new attendees to the conference.

Education – Linda Polich said that workshop flyers will be added to the conference bags and she will give the flyer to Julie Vogel to be added to our website. She said "Who Do You Think You Are?" is returning on March 8 on the TLC channel. Also, she reminded everyone that "Genealogy Roadshow" is also on. She said that CSI Genealogy classes at Galesburg have been cancelled.

Historian – Linda Polich said that the scrapbook has been updated through 2014 and is on the shelf at RICHS.

FGS – The combined FGS and Rootstech conference was held in Salt Lake City with some of the sessions streamed live over the internet for free.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported that Bill Burrows has donated a number of books to the society. Some has been placed in our library collection at RICHS and duplicates will be sold at conference. She also asked if anyone has any books or magazines they would like to donate that they can bring them to the general meeting next month.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituaries and Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – Linda Walker said that Newberry Library has renewed their membership after letting it lapse and has paid for the previous year. They requested we send them the quarterlies they were missing which she has done so. She also explained to them about the double-issues and the electronic newsletter. If they want to receive the newsletter they will need to provide us with an email address.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported that the next quarterly will be published mid-April. Deadline for submissions will be April 1. She is looking for old family recipes to be published. She plans to publish quarterlies or newsletters in January, April, July and October.

Quarterly Mailing – No report.

Queries and Research – No report.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – No report.

Others:

Evonne Kragness reminded everyone that the Burlington Conference will be Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11.

Julie Vogel added that the McHenry County Summer conference will be July 11 and the Swedish Genealogy Workshop in Lindsborg, KS will be on March 28 & 29. Links to these conferences as well as other events are on our website.

Next month's meeting will be on March 24, 2015 at 7pm at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be on Button Making in Muscatine.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Van Sant, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015
(revised 4/8/15)

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Liz Casillas, Betty Hagberg, Kitty Humphrey, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, Jean Wistedt and Kathy Elliott.

Roger Ruthhart from the Dispatch/Argus spoke to the Board prior to the business meeting regarding ways to promote our events. He also asked for help in finding more information on 2 black Civil War veterans buried in Rock Island County.

The secretary's minutes from the February 12, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion by Julie Vogel to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,826.52 as of February 28, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of February 28, 2015 were \$12,778.10. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Shay updated the Board on Jim Hayes health status.

He also shared information from the Illinois State Archives regarding the commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's Funeral Train in Springfield the weekend of May 1-3, 2015.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries –Judi McDowell was suggested as a possible chair for this committee.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported everything is up-to-date on the website. She continues to post information about genealogy related topics from other organizations and Shay shared information with Julie about several upcoming events in the area.
- c. Conference – Liz Casillas reported everything is progressing on schedule for the 2015 conference. Shay received an e-mail copy of the updated conference mailing list for 2015 from Jim Hayes. Shay gave the information to the Conference Committee.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the committee met again to review plans for the 2015 classes. She will also send a PDF file with the class information to Julie for including on the website. The Moline Library will hold a class on using the library version of Ancestry.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced the Birdies for Charity Kickoff is scheduled for April 13th. She will pick up the 2015 supplies at that time and will mail out pledge forms to members soon.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – The 2014 RICIGS Scrapbook is now on file in our library. Linda is working on funeral cards.
- g. FGS Delegate – Surveys sent by FGS to the President and delegate have been completed and returned.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant announced she ordered "*New York in the American Revolution*". This is a source book published by DAR. Others in the series so far include the states of South Carolina, Georgia and Rhode Island. Deb also has placed some archival boxes donated by Bill Burrows in the basement for use in storing collections of genealogy records on individual families.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported the 2014 obituary book is typed and ready to format for publishing.
- k. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported she sent the 2014 Quarterlies to the Newberry Library and explained the electronic newsletter to them. Shay gave Betty Hagberg two orders for cemetery CD's.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for the next quarterly is April 1st. Please submit items to her for inclusion in this edition. The Board reviewed the Officers and Committee Chairperson

information used on the Quarterly cover and made corrections as needed. The numbering system for the Quarterly and the electronic newsletter were discussed and it was agreed they should be separately numbered. Julie will handle this.

- m. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes has sent information to Shay regarding mailing labels and bulk mailing. Shay is working on figuring out the mailing system.
- n. Queries & Research – Shay received an e-mail from the person looking for information on the Mahaffey family in the Milan area and shared it with Kitty Humphrey. Kitty will follow up on this. Deb Van Sant will look for an early 1900's divorce record for Linda Conduff and more information on an obituary from a Rock Island County newspaper.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 96 members plus a new one received in the mail this week.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported the program for the March general membership meeting will be on Button Making in Muscatine.

Old Business:

- a. Shay attended a meeting about the restoration project on the Rock Island County Civil War Monument at the Rock Island County Court House. This project will probably take 2 years and is in the very early stages at this time. He suggested we place an article on the RICIGS website about the project and include the link for donations. Shay would like to discuss this at a future meeting to determine if the Society would want to make a donation.
- b. Janet Pease Digitization Project – Betty Hagberg reported she used the RICHS scanner to help replace missing copies of several volumes of the Janet Pease books for both RICIGS and RICHS. Betty is testing various types of scanners and is also looking at various ideas for placing this material on CD's in a reorganized format. Betty said she would not try to have anything ready by Conference, but she will report back to the Board on her findings and ideas on how to best utilize these records.
- c. New Logo – The changes to the RICIGS logo are now complete. Julie will design a letterhead for the Society using the new logo and will also make copies of it available for any member who needs it for a project. Shay will announce this update at the March general meeting.

New Business:

- a. The Illinois DNR has scheduled a meeting on cemetery restoration in Princeton, Illinois on May 23, 2015. Contact member Karin Ciaccio for more information.
- b. The Bylaws and Standing Rules review committee is proposing some changes to the Bylaws. Copies with the changes indicated were distributed to the Board members and they were asked to review them and be ready for discussion at the April Board meeting. The committee is still working on the Standing Rules.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
March 24, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 25 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Deb Van Sant said she discovered information on an ancestor who had been adopted as a baby thanks to a book of church records that is now part of the Society's library collection.

Program – Tonight's program was presented by Mary Wildermuth from the Muscatine Button Factory and Industrial Museum.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$2,826.52 as of February 28, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's were \$12,778.10. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott announced RICIGS has a new logo, thanks to the work of Julie Vogel, and showed a sample. He also said Julie used it to design new letterhead and it can be used by members sending out official correspondence. He also reminded members the Cemeteries Chairman and Quarterly Mailing Chairman positions on the Board are still open and asked everyone to consider volunteering to fill one of these positions or to give him the name of someone who could be asked to consider a particular position.

Information on a conference sponsored by the Society for German Genealogy was available for anyone interested.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Betty Hagberg reported she received a request to purchase a set of cemetery CD's.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website is current with many links to genealogical and historical sites. Information on the restoration of the Rock Island County Civil War Monument and a link for donations to that project will be included on our website too.

Conference – No Report

Education – The committee is working on updating this year's classes which are scheduled for July, August and September.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – No Report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant announced she recently added 4 new DAR source books to the library. These are excellent references for locating information on ancestors who served in the American Revolution in New York, Rhode Island, Georgia and South Carolina.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – No publications were sold this month.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the deadline is April 1st for articles to be included in the Quarterly. She is also looking for old family recipes.

Quarterly Mailing – No Report

Queries & Research – Deb Van Sant completed the query she was working on. Kitty Humphrey is still working on hers.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reminded everyone to sign in if they had not done so earlier tonight. She also reported that 2015 dues are now past due. Marilyn will be sending out postcard reminders soon.

Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reminded everyone the April program would be on Gravestone Symbolism and said it would be very good.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Betty Hagberg, Beth Hoffman, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

Julie Vogel introduced her former student Noah Kelly who addressed the Board on his Eagle Scout project at Dickson Pioneer Cemetery in Blackhawk State Park, Rock Island.

The secretary's minutes from the February 12, 2015 meeting were corrected to show that Librarian Deb Van Sant has ordered the four DAR source books published so far. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approved the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,611.01 as of March 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of March 31, 2015 were \$12,780.67. The report was filed for review. Shay distributed copies of a report showing the 2015 budget and spending to date.

Correspondence:

Shay announced a meeting of the Iowa Historic Cemetery Preservation Association on Saturday in DeWitt, Iowa and said he would be attending.

Kelly Lao of the German American Heritage Society has requested that she be included in e-mails sent out concerning our meetings and programs. Julie Vogel will contact her to see if she is interested in a sharing of information.

The new Executive Director of the William Butterworth Foundation, Stacy Klingler, is interested in meeting with groups using the Butterworth Center. Shay will contact her to see is she would like to visit a Board meeting in the next few months.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner has expressed an interest in possibly chairing this committee but would like to know more about it first. It was suggested she contact former chairman Diane Lovell. Shay will pass this information along to her.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported everything is up-to-date on the website. She also stated that letterhead with the new logo is available for official Society business. Julie will put a link to the Civil War Monument Restoration Project on our web page.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported about 195 registrations for the 2015 Conference so far. The number of merchandise vendors seems to be down this year but there will still be societies and organizations with tables. Help is needed with stuffing attendee bags on April 22nd at 5:30 pm at the offices of TMI in Bettendorf.
- d. Education – Beth announced an educational opportunity to meet the author of the book *My Name Is Mary Sutter* at the Moline Library on April 23rd at noon. Deb Van Sant said she recently attended a very informative program on the early days of Davenport presented by Karin Anderson. Deb said it might be a good program for the Society, possibly for the Annual Dinner. Linda Polich reported the committee is gearing up for classes this summer. Flyers on the classes will be placed in the Conference bags.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced the Birdies for Charity Kickoff is scheduled for April 13th. Pledge forms and a cover letter will be mailed out next week. The Board discussed how the Birdies money will be used and it was decided funds would go toward enhanced programs and special projects.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report.

- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant announced she purchased the book “*New York Family History Resource Guide and Gazetteer*” for the library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported she is finalizing the 2014 obituary book.
- k. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported there were no requests for publications this month. Betty Hagberg announced there would be copies of the cemetery CD’s available for sale at Conference.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported the articles section of the Quarterly is nearly complete. She will be moving in the Pease information in the next few days and it will be finished. Julie will notify Shay when it is ready for pickup at the printer.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay and Kathy will try to figure out the bulk mailing system in order to send out the Quarterly.
- n. Queries & Research – Deb Van Sant said she had no luck in finding the obituaries for the DAR contact she received. She also could not find the divorce record requested in either Rock Island or Davenport. Deb also said she was not successful in locating a birthplace for an uncle of the Cushman family.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix was unable to attend the meeting but Shay reported 8 renewals were received.
- p. Vice President – No Report.

Old Business:

- a. Shay reminded everyone that we still have 2 open positions on the Board that need to be filled.
- b. Betty Hagberg reported she has purchased a scanner and will use it to produce CD’s of the Pease genealogical abstracts of local newspapers. The cost to produce each CD will be \$4.00 and the Society will sell them for \$10 each. Betty will start with the *Moline Review Dispatch* for the years 1872-1882, 1889, 1891 and 1894 and will try to have 20 CD’s available for sale at Conference.
- c. Revisions to Bylaws – Secretary Kathy Elliott read the proposed changes to the Bylaws recommended by the Bylaws committee. The Board is in agreement with the changes recommended by the committee and a copy of the revisions will be sent via e-mail to the general membership for review. The changes will be discussed at the April general meeting and will be voted on by the membership at the May meeting.
- d. Standing Rules Committee – Kathy will continue typing the recommended changes to the Standing Rules and will contact the committee members to schedule the next meeting.

New Business:

- a. The Eagle Scout project of Noah Kelly at the Dickson Pioneer Cemetery was discussed. Motion by Deb Van Sant to donate \$100 from RICIGS to help with this project. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.
- b. Annual Dinner – A date and location for the Annual RICIGS Dinner in November was discussed. It was agreed the dinner would be held at the QC Botanical Center again this year with catering by Bridges. The date will be either Tuesday, November 10th or Monday, November 9th, whichever is available.
- c. The Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong DAR Chapter has requested the use of our old projector for a program. Motion by Julie Vogel to approve the request. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried.
- d. Liability Insurance – The renewal of our General Liability Insurance has been received. This year’s premium is \$361.00, an increase of approximately \$50.00.
- e. Shay said he found a website called Illinois Ancestors that lists our Board and General meeting information, but does not appear to be connected to RICIGS. Board members think it is a local person, but not a member of our Society. Julie will follow up on this and report back.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 28, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 28 members and 8 guests in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Three members reported on interesting genealogical discoveries they made recently.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$2,611.01 as of March 31, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's were \$12,780.67. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott reported the Board has approved a donation of \$100.00 to Noah Kelly for his Eagle Scout project at Dickson Pioneer Cemetery in Blackhawk State Park, Rock Island.

Shay announced that Delphia Skinner has agreed to become chairman of the Cemeteries committee on the Board and said he will serve as chairman of the Quarterly Mailing Committee.

He also reported the Des Moines County Genealogical Society is presenting a program on Tombstone Restoration on May 5th and said the Iowa Pioneer Cemetery Association is also active in several counties of Iowa.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner shared information on the Midwest Genealogical Center in Independence MO and said she visited it while researching cemeteries in Missouri for family records.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website has been updated with links to donate to the Rock Island County Civil War Monument restoration project and the Save Iowa's State Archives on-line petition. Information on the new Janet Pease CD is also available on the website.

Conference – The 2015 Quad City Genealogical Conference was very successful with 221 registered attendees and a few walk-ins that day.

Education – Linda Polich reported this year's series of classes will begin in July. She already received 2 sign-ups from the flyers included in the Conference hand-out bags.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – No Report

Birdies for Charity – Nineteen pledges have been received so far and Linda Polich is hoping for another successful fundraising project for the Society.

Librarian – Tonight's guest speaker, Laurel Mellien, donated a book to the RICIGS library.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported two 15 generation pedigree charts were sold at Conference.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the Spring Quarterly has been printed and is ready for distribution.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported bulk mailing of the Quarterly was completed on Monday and the e-mail version has also been sent out.

Queries & Research –Kitty Humphrey and Deb Van Sant are currently working on queries.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she sent out postcard reminders for dues and said she has received several payments.

Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported that programs have been scheduled for the rest of 2015 and they are listed on the website.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg reported that a new CD of Janet Pease abstracts to early Rock Island County newspapers is now available for purchase. The cost is \$10.00.

Kathy Elliott reported on proposed changes to By-Laws. Members have been sent a copy of the current by-laws with changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee. These changes will be voted on at the May General Membership Meeting scheduled for May 26th.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 26, 2015 at the Butterworth Center Library.

The program, Cemetery Art Symbolism, was presented by Laurel Mellien.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Delphia Skinner, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the April 9, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion by Delphia Skinner to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,693.16 as of April 30, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of March 31, 2015 were \$12,786.19. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Kitty read a thank you note from Noah Kelly for our support of his Eagle Scout Project and information on the Devon Family History Society was distributed for review.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported she is in the process of familiarizing herself with the 85 cemeteries in Rock Island County and determining what information the Society has available on them.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has updated the officer information on the RICIGS website and has included information about the new CD of Janet Pease indexes for local newspapers. She will add a copy of the Birdies for Charity pledge form that can be used to support RICIGS and has included a link to the Civil War Monument Restoration Project. Julie also spoke with Kelly Lao from the German American Heritage Center about sharing information and contacted the person from the Rock Island County Genealogy Illinois Ancestors website to give her correct information about RICIGS. The Moline Library is presenting a class on Ancestry Basics – Library Edition on June 16th and the National Czech & Slovak Library in Cedar Rapids will host a conference on October 21, 2015. Julie will include this information on the RICIGS website also.
- c. Conference – Liz Casillas and Pat McCoy reported on the 2015 Conference. 223 people attended and the committee agreed to donate \$100 to both the Rock Island and Scott County genealogy societies. Next year's speaker will be Harold Henderson.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported 2 people have signed up so far for Summer Classes. She has sent copies of the class flyer to many local organizations. She reported on the new Ancestry Academy program which is free to World Explorer Plus subscribers or \$99 for others. This program offers many classes to subscribers. She also reported that Family Search .org has many free classes available also, and said the local Family History Center has free classes at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported she has received 23 pledges as of today.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda made a couple of pages for the scrapbook about the Conference. There is nothing new to report on funeral cards.
- g. FGS Delegate – There was an article in the FGS newsletter about computer searches for societies.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she sold \$46 in books and CD's at Conference. Someone attending the Conference donated some books to RICIGS. Deb was able to add three new titles to the RICIGS library from them. Whiteside County has published a new history and they donated a copy to our library also. Deb also purchased a CD of church records from St. Paul's United Church of Christ in West Burlington and has printed out a hard copy of these records for the library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Nothing new to report.
- k. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported she sold 3 of the 15 generation pedigree charts at Conference.

- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for material to be included in the electronic newsletter is July 1, 2015. It will be distributed in mid July. She plans to include the photo of Conference Speaker David Rencher and his 3 cousins in the newsletter as well as Jim Hayes obituary.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported the Spring Quarterly was mailed out on April 27th.
- n. Queries & Research – Research requests were received from Folden and Conduff. Deb Van Sant will handle both of them.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 108 renewals this year. At this time there are 19 non-renewals.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey announced that the person previously scheduled to present the program at the June meeting has had to cancel. Kitty will schedule another program and notify Julie so the website can be updated.

Old Business:

- a. Bylaws Changes - Copies of the proposed changes to the Bylaws have been distributed to the membership and will be voted on at the May 26th meeting.
- b. Standing Rules Committee – The committee will meet again in July.
- c. Annual Dinner – Karen R. Anderson will present the program at the Annual Dinner on November 10th. Her topic is “Hell at Midnight in Davenport”.

New Business:

- a. Deb Van Sant reported that we need to have more copies of the RICIGS brochure printed. After discussion it was agreed Julie Vogel would update the brochure with the new logo and any other changes needed and will then notify Shay to have it printed.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
May 26, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 21 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Kitty Humphrey, regent of the Col. William Hoffman Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Union, presented the RICIGS library with a copy of the NSDU Ancestor Book Volume II as a gift from their Chapter.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Shay reported on discovering that the clock from the old Peoria County Court House dome, which has been stored in various locations since the court house demolition and replacement in 1964, is now on display and working at the Peoria River Museum. His great grandfather served as construction superintendent for the architectural firm that built the old court house in 1876.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$1,693.16 as of March 31, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,786.19. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott announced there is a link on the RICIGS website to an on-line petition to prevent the State of Iowa from curtailing access to or destroying items in the State Archives.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported she attended a class sponsored by the Illinois DNR on cemeteries and restoration work in them. Topics covered included cleaning of grave stones, stone repair and the paperwork involved in this type of project.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel sent word that information on the website is up to date.

Conference – No Report.

Education – Linda Polich reported this year's series of classes will begin in July. She also mentioned free classes held at the Family History Center in Davenport on the second Saturday of each month. Linda reported Ancestry has a new video training program available for its subscribers.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich has several pages ready to print for the scrapbook and will begin working on the 2015 funeral cards after July.

FGS – FGS is sponsoring a genealogy cruise in August.

Birdies for Charity – As of today 25 pledge forms have been received. This is an easy way to support the Society.

Librarian – No Report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported 15 generation pedigree charts are now available.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel sent a reminder that the deadline for submitting items for the electronic newsletter is July 1st.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research –Kitty Humphrey and Deb Van Sant are currently working on queries.

Registrar – Nothing new to report.

Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported the June program will be on Currier and Ives china.

New Business:

Members were sent a copy of the current by-laws with changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee in April and these changes were reviewed at the April meeting. President Elliott asked if anyone had any questions concerning the proposed changes to the By-Laws. There were no questions. Motion by Kitty Humphrey to approve the changes to the By-Laws proposed by the By-Laws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Seconded by Lorraine Hathaway. Motion carried.

The Societies annual Dinner Meeting has been scheduled for November 10, 2015 at the Quad City Botanical Center.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2015 at the Butterworth Center Library.

Tonight's program, Black Heroes Carved in Stone, was presented by Roger Ruthhart.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
June 23, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker talked about the interesting historical places they visited in Virginia recently and the excellent resources they found for genealogical research during their visit.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting. The minutes were corrected to show an ending balance of \$1,693.20 in the checking account as of April 30, 2015. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$1,812.02 as of May 31, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,787.20. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott introduced new member Charles Geisewite and said he is also a member of the local SAR chapter.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner announced representatives of the Illinois DNR will meet with a small group at the Cox Freeland Cemetery on July 15, 2015. This meeting is not open to the public. She also mentioned a letter to the editor regarding the poor condition of Oak Hill Cemetery. Delphia said the old Port Byron Cemetery is in really poor shape also.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website has been updated.

Conference – Beth Hoffman said things are quiet with the Conference Committee right now. They will meet again in the fall.

Education – Linda Polich distributed information on various websites and classes that members might find helpful in their research. The summer classes presented by RICIGS will begin in July. Information on these classes is available on the website.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

FGS – The 2016 national FGS conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois. Linda will have more information on this later.

Birdies for Charity – Linda Polich reported we received 28 pledges so far this year.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report.

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reminded everyone the deadline for submitting items for the electronic newsletter is July 1st.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research –Shay reported he completed 2 queries asking for copies of obituaries. Kitty is still working on a query.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix announced she received 2 renewals and one new member. She reminded everyone to sign up on the attendance sheet for tonight’s meeting.

Vice President – Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Linda Polich reported she currently has the RICIGS projector at her home in preparation for the classes.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion by Delphia Skinner to adjourn the business meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Betty Hagberg.
Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on July 28, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Tonight’s program on Currier &Ives Dinnerware was presented by Eldon “Bud” Aupperle.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Betty Hagberg, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the May 14, 2015 meeting were presented. Motion by Sally Bartosh to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,885.02 as of June 30, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of June 30, 2015 were \$12,797.07. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Kitty shared an invitation to the Colonel Davenport Croquet Party on Arsenal Island August 23, 2015.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported President Shay Elliott had shared information he found in another societies quarterly about the inability to do research on a living person due to privacy reasons. Julie will update our website with this information.
- c. Conference – Nothing new to report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported a photo of our Summer Class instructors appeared in the Dispatch/Argus on July 5th. 4 people have signed up so far for Summer Classes. The deadline is July 15th. Linda has compiled a contact list of Illinois Genealogical Societies and has it available to share with anyone who might find it useful. Linda thanked Julie for her help in getting Linda's new laptop to work with the RICIGS projector. NGS has partnered with FindMyPast and NGS members receive a one year subscription to the US and Canada collection of records. Members can also upgrade to the World collection with a 55% discount or \$89. *Irish Catholic Parish Records* are now available online free back to the 1740's through National Library of Ireland website <registers.nli.ie>. Free access is available to the Beta version of *Chicago Tribune Archive* at <archives.chicagotribune.com>. Search by surname or keyword. Results are not in PDF format so you have to do a screen capture to save any articles. May become a subscription service after beta testing is complete. The Missouri State Archives is digitizing thousands of circuit and Supreme Court cases which can be accessed through the *Missouri Digital Heritage* website www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com, the same website where you can see online death certificates from 1910-1961. ISGS Webinar next Tuesday, 14 July at 8:00 pm – *Dissect Obituaries for New Clues*. Free to anyone the day of webinar – must pre-register.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported she turned in 28 Birdies for Charity pledges this year but more money was pledged. Five free passes were received from the Birdies program. Linda Polich was given 2 and the other 3 were given to Kathy Elliott for her family to use.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda has a couple of scrapbook pages ready and has started typing the funeral cards.
- g. FGS Delegate – We should be receiving the FGS quarterly by the end of July. They have 2 new editors.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she spent \$56 on a two volume set titled *Virginia Adventures of Purse and Person, A – D*. She is hoping to purchase the remaining volumes at a later date. They would cost \$100.00 each. She also ordered the DAR Virginia Source Guide. The Board discussed the use of the Birdies for Charity money in the budget for 2015 and if some of that money can be used for the Library. Linda Walker will report on how that money was spent so far at the next meeting. Deb also reported she was at a garage sale recently and bought several genealogy books. She started talking with the owner and the lady donated over 160 books to RICIGS. Some are duplicates and will be sold at Conference next year and many others will be added to our library. Deb also reported that RICHS will be closed on Wednesdays through July.

- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Nothing new to report.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported she has an order for one CD. She also reported she sent Janet Pease a copy of the first CD of her material and she was very pleased.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the electronic newsletter has been completed.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – The electronic newsletter was e-mailed to everyone on the e-mail list.
- n. Queries & Research – Shay completed two queries and Deb completed one. Kitty is still working on one.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she received another 2015 renewal.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey said she is interested in writing an article for the Fall Quarterly on her recent trip to Virginia.

Old Business:

- a. Deb Van Sant asked if any further information was ever received from the David Adams estate. President Elliott will be contacted about this.
- b. Annual Dinner – Kathy reported Bridges Catering has changed the format of their menu and asked for discussion on selections for the Annual Dinner. It was also noted that the price had increased since last year and would probably be prohibitive for some members. After discussion it was agreed Kathy would check with Jake O's to see if their lower level room would be available on November 10th and find out prices and menu options.

New Business:

- a. RICIGS Brochure – Julie has revised the tri-fold brochure used by the society and several printing bids were reviewed. Kitty will contact her printer for more information on having the color brochure printed and Julie volunteered to print 500 copies of the brochure in black and white.
- b. Nominating Committee – Two Board members and one general membership person are needed to serve on the Nominating committee to obtain a slate of officers for 2016. Open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large. Kitty Humphrey and Sally Bartosh volunteered to serve on the committee and will find someone from the general membership to serve with them.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
July 28, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with 25 members and 1 guest in attendance. He also welcomed new member Deb Donaldson to the meeting.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Kitty Humphrey reported that thanks to the help of Linda Walker she has now traced her lineage back to William the Conqueror.

Chuck Geisewite said he attended the first class held by RICIGS this year on Saturday and it was excellent.

Deb Van Sant reported she had taken a genealogy road trip with her sister-in-law and now has copies of 160 death certificates plus some obituaries from the Genealogy Center in St. Paul, MN.

Julie Vogel said she found some old magazines while cleaning out her in-laws things and wondered if she could pass them along to anyone.

Beth Hoffman reported she attended the conference at McHenry County, Illinois. She attended sessions on DNA and found the information provided was really good.

Shay Elliott said he recently visited the National Archives in Kansas City MO looking for information on his 2nd great grandfather. He visited with several archivists who helped him in his search and found a record he will be requesting from Washington, D.C.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$1,885.02 as of June 30, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,797.07. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott said Fold 3 has recently made available a number of books relating to the Revolutionary War. He said it is very user friendly.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the website is up to date.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reported the first class of 2015 was held on Saturday. There are two more classes scheduled this summer. She also shared information on the 101 Best Genealogy Websites for 2015 and on digitized newspaper sites.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich is working on funeral cards again and also has some new pages for the scrapbook.

FGS – The latest issue of the FGS newsletter is available on our computer at the RICHS library.

Birdies for Charity – Linda Polich reported we received 28 pledges this year and thanked everyone who contributed.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant announced she ordered Volume 1 of the Jamestown series *Virginia Adventures of Purse and Person, A – D*. There will be two more books in this series which she hopes to purchase later. Deb also reported a large donation of books to our library. Some are duplicates of books already in the RICIGS collection but those will be sold at the Conference next spring.

Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing to report.

Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas reported she provided a master copy CD of the 2014 Obituary Book to the RICIGS library.

Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for submissions to the Fall Quarterly is October 1st.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research – There have been no new queries made to the Society.

Registrar – No Report

Vice President – Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Lorraine Hathaway read a thank you note from Janet Pease in appreciation of RICIGS making her genealogy research available on CD.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion by Delphia Skinner to adjourn the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Tonight's program, "Looking for Blackhawk or Someone Like Him", was presented by Bill Hannon.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Betty Hagberg, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the July 9, 2015 meeting were presented and approved as read,

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,941.93 as of July 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of July 31, 2015 were \$12,802.43. The report was filed for review. Linda also distributed copies of an income and expense report through July for comparison to the budget.

Correspondence:

Nothing to Report

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she will add information on the August 25th general meeting to the website.
- c. Conference – Liz Casillas reported the committee will meet again in September.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the first of three classes offered by RICIGS was held with 6 people attending. It was a small group but the class was successful. Linda was able to get a discount from Office Max on copies she printed for the class thanks to a John Deere retirees benefit currently available. She also announced that the digitized newspaper website she reported on last month is not currently working.
- e. Fundraising – Linda said she is waiting for a letter from the John Deere Classic verifying the amount RICIGS will receive from Birdies for Charity pledges this year.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda has completed 500 funeral card entries so far.
- g. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report
- h. Librarian – No Report. Vice President Kitty Humphrey reminded Board members of the discussion last month regarding purchasing Volume 2 and 3 of the Virginia Purse and Person series recommended by Librarian Deb Van Sant and the possibility of using some of the Birdies for Charity money for this purpose. Motion by Kathy Elliott to approve \$225.00 from the Birdies for Charity money to be used to purchase these books. Seconded by Linda Walker. Motion carried.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas has the 2014 Obituary Book ready to for the printer but is having some trouble with the format. Julie Vogel offered to work with Liz on the problem.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg suggested we donate a copy of the Janet Pease CD to the Rock Island County Historical Society along with order forms for anyone wanting to purchase their own copy.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for submissions to the Fall & Winter Quarterly is October 1, 2015.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.
- n. Queries & Research – Kitty is still working on one query but has not been able to locate some of the information the person requested. Since it has taken so long Kitty refunded the money but is still looking for the graves.
- o. Registrar – No Report.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey announced that due to the recent passing of Patrice DeHann, President General of the National Society, Daughters of the Union, Kitty has been asked to complete the remainder of that term, and has accepted. However, Kitty is still planning to serve as President of the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society for 2016 if elected by the membership.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Dinner – Kathy reported the dinner will be held at JakeO’s restaurant in Rock Island. Three meats will be served along with assorted salads, mashed potatoes and a vegetable medley. Our cost per person will be \$17.64. Since no dessert is included, Kathy recommended eliminating door prizes and purchasing a sheet cake to serve. That way we can still keep the cost per member at \$20.00. Linda Walker volunteered to purchase the cake at HyVee.
- b. New Brochure – Kitty said she has a quote for 150 color brochures and 801 black and white for less than \$300.00. Linda Polich will get a quote from Office Max using her John Deere retiree benefit.
- c. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee is composed of Kitty Humphrey, Sally Bartosh and Darrell Hagberg. They reported the following tentative slate of officers:
 - President – Kitty Humphrey
 - Vice President – still working on this position
 - Secretary – Betty Hagberg
 - Treasurer – Linda Walker
 - Member at Large – still working on this position

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
August 25, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 18 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Kitty Humphrey announced that she has been appointed President General of the National Society Daughters of the Union.

Linda Polich shared photos she recently obtained of the house in Belgium where her great grandfather grew up and the church where he was baptized.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$1,941.93 as of July 31, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,802.43. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott commented that whenever he sends out e-mail messages to the general membership he gets several back as undeliverable. He asked all members to be sure we have their correct e-mail address on file.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No Report.

Computer Interest – Nothing new to report.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reminded everyone the second genealogy class of 2015 would be held on Saturday, August 29th. She also announced that the digitized newspaper link she reported on in July has been down for a while but is back up and working again now.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich is continuing to work on the 2015 funeral cards.

FGS – The FGS Alaskan cruise is currently under way.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported we would be receiving a check in October for the pledges that were made along with a bonus amount that has not been announced yet.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report.

Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas sent word the 2014 obituary book is now at the bindery.

Publication Sales – Linda Walker said there were no sales made but she does have 15 generation charts available.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reminded everyone that submissions to the Fall Quarterly are due by October 1st.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research – A request for information on the Latta family was received. Linda Walker volunteered to do the research.

Registrar – Nothing new to report.

Vice President – Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

A nominating committee composed of Sally Bartosh, Darrell Hagberg and Kitty Humphrey is working on a slate of officers for 2016. It will be presented to the membership at the September meeting and will be voted on at the October meeting.

The RICIGS annual dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Jake O's restaurant in Rock Island.

Motion by Kitty Humphrey to adjourn the business meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Linda Polich.
Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be on restoration of the Rock Island County Civil War Monument.

Tonight's program was presented by Shay Elliott on Fort Armstrong.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Tammie Castagnoli, Betty Hagberg, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the August 13, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,970.37 as of August 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of August 31, 2015 were \$12,807.97. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Nothing to Report

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Nothing new to report.
- c. Conference – Nothing new to report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the second class of 2015 was held and everyone who attended was very interested in the material. She thanked Betty Hagberg for alerting her to the John Deere Retirees discount at Office Max and said she saved more than 50% off printing she had done for the class. Linda announced that Ancestry.com now has a Wills and Probate database available and she found many helpful items on her family.
- e. Fundraising – Linda hopes to receive a letter from the Birdies for Charity program soon announcing when she can pick up our 2015 check.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda has more scrapbook pages ready to print and funeral card entries should be up to date soon.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda shared information on an FGS benefit offering online programs for society meetings. This new benefit is called Genealogy Gems. Deb Van Sant commented that the George Morgan Company also does online seminars for meeting programs.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant thanked the Board for approving the purchase of Volume 2 & 3 of the *Virginia Purse and Person* series. She was able to purchase them on sale for 30% off and save \$60.00. Deb also reported the New England Historical Genealogy Society has a new book on immigrants to New England available for \$65.00. After discussion it was agreed this new book should be purchased.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas announced the 2014 obituary book has arrived and will be delivered to the local libraries along with an invoice for \$85.00. Our cost per book was \$60.00. This is the 10th volume Liz has done.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported the second Janet Pease CD is now available and will be announced in the Fall Quarterly. The Board discussed the possible future direction of this project but no action was taken at this time.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reminded everyone the deadline for submissions to the Fall & Winter Quarterly is October 1, 2015. The Board discussed including a flyer for the Annual Dinner and for dues renewal in the Quarterly versus a separate mailing and it was agreed a separate mailing to local members would be best. There will still be an announcement of the dinner in the Quarterly and there is information on the website also, but response last year seemed better with the local mailing.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy reported they will pick up the Quarterly at the printers when it is ready and prepare it for mailing.
- n. Queries & Research – Linda Walker volunteered to do research on a query received at the General Membership meeting in August for the Latta family. She found 3 obituaries and other information on the family which she sent to them. A copy was given to the Librarian for our records.

- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have now have 114 renewals, 14 life memberships and 1 credit membership for 129 members.
- p. Vice President – Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

- a. Estate of David Mason Adams – President Shay Elliott sent word he received a letter from the attorney representing the Adams estate outlining the actions taken in settling the estate to date and asking the President of the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society to sign an affidavit accepting those actions. Once all affidavits are returned to the attorney the final settlement process can begin. All Board members reviewed the affidavit and supporting documents. Motion by Linda Walker to approve signing and returning the affidavit. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.
- b. New Brochure – Linda Polich reported she got a quote from Office Max for 300 color brochures printed and folded for approximately \$245.00 at that time, but it could not be guaranteed. They could also print 300 black and white copies for \$30.00. Discussion was held about black & white copies and it was agreed we would only purchase color copies if possible. Tammie Castagnoli volunteered to get a quote also.
- c. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee reported they have the following slate of officers for 2016:
 - President – Kitty Humphrey
 - Vice President – Tammie Castagnoli
 - Secretary – Betty Hagberg
 - Treasurer – Linda Walker
 - Member at Large 2018 – still looking for someone
- d. Annual Dinner – Kitty volunteered to prepare a reservation flyer for the Annual Dinner. Kathy Elliott will prepare the dinner program.

New Business:

President Elliott had sent out an e-mail survey request for program ideas for 2016 and he has already received several comments which he will pass along to the committee. Kitty asked Board members to share their ideas. A key issue seems to be the inability of many to hear what is said and it was agreed we should require everyone giving a report or a program to use a microphone. Other ideas included an informal panel discussion of DNA testing by members who have had it done. Linda Polich also suggested a sharing of information from those members who have an on-line family tree. Linda Walker mentioned she had sent Shay a list of all programs presented since 2004 and said that might be helpful. An idea mentioned by Deb Van Sant was a program she saw about Harry Truman. She also mentioned the possibility of having Paul Norton's son give a program.

The program scheduled for the September 22nd meeting will be on the Rock Island County Civil War Monument Restoration Project and the Board would like to make a donation at that time. President Elliott was asked to review the budget and make an e-mail recommendation to the Board for their approval prior to that meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
September 22, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 19 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Yvonne Kragness offered a VHS tape on WW II Camp Atlanta that might be used for a program. She also shared a book on her grandfather's family, the Plambeck Family, which had recently been published.

Linda Walker reported she had DNA testing done for genealogy purposes and found out that even though she believed her family was mostly German the test results came back that she has mostly Irish ancestry.

Kitty Humphrey announced that she has applied for membership in the Quaker Society.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported an ending balance in the checking account of \$1,970.37 as of August 31, 2015. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,808.00. The treasurer's report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott shared information on meetings scheduled for October 2nd at Augustana on The Immigrant Story and October 23rd and 24th for the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported she is working to take photos for the cemeteries the Society has documented on CD's. She also reported Riverside Cemetery Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at 1:00 PM. This year's walk is dedicated to Jim Hayes for all his work on the records of that cemetery.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel said she would add information on the Cemetery Walk and the upcoming conferences to the website.

Conference – Nothing new to report.

Education – Linda Polich reminded everyone the third genealogy class of 2015 would be held on Saturday, September 26th. The topic is Writing and Publishing a Family History.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.

FGS – Next years annual FGS conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois.

Fundraising – Linda Polich will pick up our Birdies for Charity check in a few weeks and will present it to the Society at the Annual Dinner in November.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she used some of the Birdies for Charity money from last year to purchase the 2nd and 3rd volumes of the *Virginia Purse and Person* series. She will also be ordering a new book from the New England Historical Genealogy Society on early immigrants to New England. Deb also reported RICIGS received a donation of genealogy books for the library from Dorothy Darland.

Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.

Obituary Abstracting – Liz Casillas reported the 2014 obituary book is now available and presented Deb Van Sant with the RICIGS library copy. It contains obits from the Rock Island Argus and Quad City Times. Liz will be delivering it to the other local libraries.

Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reminded everyone that submissions to the Fall Quarterly are due by October 1st.

Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.

Queries & Research – Linda Walker reported she found 3 obituaries for the Latta family and some information on cemeteries. The information has been mailed out.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she is working with Shay Elliott to update the membership list for 2015.

Vice President – Kitty Humphrey is working on getting the new RICIGS informational flyer printed as well as a notice of the upcoming Annual Dinner.

Old Business:

Shay Elliott reported RICIGS was named as a beneficiary in the estate of former member David Mason Adams. The society will receive a check for 10% of the balance after expenses. The attorney hopes to settle the estate by the end of 2015 or the first quarter of 2016.

Shay reminded everyone of the Annual Dinner scheduled for November 10th and said flyers will be mailed out soon.

New Business:

A nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2016:

President – Kitty Humphrey
Vice President – Tammie Castagnoli
Secretary – Betty Hagberg
Treasurer – Linda Walker
Member-at-Large 2018 - _____

Motion by Delphia Skinner to accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Lorraine Hathaway. Motion carried. The slate of officers will be voted on at the October 27th meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Chad Pergracke's Living Lands & Water.

Motion by Delphia Skinner to adjourn the business meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Lorraine Hathaway. Motion carried.

Tonight's program was presented by Captain Ericsson on the Rock Island Civil War Soldier's Monument Restoration Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Liz Casillas, Betty Hagberg, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the September 10, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,162.32 as of September 30, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of September 30, 2015 were \$12,813.77. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Vice President Humphrey read a thank you note from the Rock Island County Civil War Monument Restoration Committee for the \$200.00 donation and the opportunity to present a program to the Society on this project.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner sent word she visited the three cemeteries in Coe Township and found both Fairfield and Pleasant Point are still active. Hauberg cemetery is no longer active but was read in 1974. Fairfield was last read in 1975. Delphia plans to read it again and if any graves have not been entered on Finda grave and Millions of Graves she would like to do that. Pleasant Point was read in 1975 also. It needs to be read again and update photos taken there also. She also plans to take photos as needed at Hauberg cemetery also.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel placed a list of the Civil War Soldiers from Rock Island County on our website along with the link to the Monument Restoration Committee website. She will also mention the Adopt-A-Soldier opportunity.
- c. Conference – The 2016 Conference will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Viking Club.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the third class of 2015 was held on Saturday and all the students gave positive evaluations of the material presented. Income from the classes was \$100.00 with \$38.07 in expenses. Next year the committee is looking at holding classes in August, September and October and allowing attendees to pay per class rather than for all three classes.
- e. Fundraising – Linda reported she will pick up the 2015 Birdies for Charity check on October 30th and will present it to the Society at the Annual Dinner.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda hopes to have this project up to date soon.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda reported she recently submitted an e-mail to FGS regarding society membership and got a good response back which she shared with the Board (see attached).
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported book *Great Migration Directory to New England 1620 – 1640* is now in the RICIGS library. Deb also reported she is having a problem with her server, Speed Connect, and has not been able to use it recently.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report, but Deb is looking for volunteer typists to help with this project.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported that all the 2015 Obituary Index books and invoices have been delivered to the libraries. Deb Van Sant said if we ever publish another genealogy related book the local DAR chapter might be interested in purchasing a copy to donate to the National DAR Library.
- k. Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported the quarterly would be sent to the printer on Friday and should be ready for pick-up by the end of next week.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott said she would have copies made of the membership renewal form for mailing with the Annual Dinner flyer Kitty had printed and they would be sent out over the weekend. She also reported the Quarterlies will be picked up at the printers when they are ready and prepare them for mailing.

- n. Queries & Research – Nothing new to report.
- o. Registrar – Nothing new to report.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported she met with Tammie Castagnoli about programs for the 2016 membership meetings. She has also scheduled the 2016 meetings with Butterworth Center and discussed the need to have a microphone available at every meeting. It was suggested that it would be helpful if at least a partial list of 2016 programs could be available at the Annual Dinner. Kitty said she would try to have a partial list. Kitty will also try to contact Shar Blevins by phone or by mail to determine if she is still interested in doing a yearly program for RICIGS.

Old Business:

- a. Estate of David Mason Adams – Kathy reported the attorney's office contacted Shay with replacement forms to sign, have notarized and return to them. There was a problem with inconsistent wording regarding the percentage the Society would receive from the estate. Those forms have now been sent back.
- b. New Brochure – Kitty distributed copies of the new brochure she had printed. They will be placed in our storage area at RICHS.
- c. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee reported they have a full slate of officers for 2016:
 - President – Kitty Humphrey
 - Vice President – Tammie Castagnoli
 - Secretary – Betty Hagberg
 - Treasurer – Linda Walker
 - Member at Large 2018 – Karin Ciaccio
- d. Annual Dinner – Kathy asked if anyone would be interested in conducting the Installation of Officers at the Annual Dinner. Julie Vogel volunteered to do this. Linda Walker donated a copy of the computer program Roots Magic version 6 to be used as a door prize at the dinner. Table decorations will also be purchased.
- e. Microphone - The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing our own microphone system and Julie Vogel will investigate further. Discussion followed on what to do with the old microphone, projector and laptop that are now in the locked closet at RICHS. No decision was made at this time.
- f. Programs – At last months Board meeting the Board discussed program ideas for next year. Shay requested the Board give their opinion on watching an on-line seminar in place of a program. It was the general opinion this might work if there was a cancellation and if the seminar wasn't too long, but maybe a group discussion of what members are doing would be just as informative. Linda Walker said it was very important that all meeting dates and program information be submitted to the Argus for including in their community happenings section of the newspaper and gave the contact information to Kitty for next year.

New Business:

- a. Member Kenneth Plumb recently passed away and a sympathy card was sent from the Society. Several members also attended the visitation. A copy of his obituary will be in the spring Quarterly.
- b. Shay Elliott sent a recommendation that we including a line item in next years budget to help track how the Birdies for Charity money is spent. We currently have it listed under income but do not track it under expenses. The Board agreed this would be helpful. Pat McCoy asked when the Board would begin work on the 2016 budget and Shay will be asked to report back to the Board.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
October 27, 2015

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,162.32 as of September 30, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of September 30, 2015 were \$12,813.77. The report was filed for review.

President's Comments:

President Elliott reported he received a notice that the RICHS Fall meeting date was changed from November 5, 2015 to November 4, 2015. Shay also reported that he is working on updating our e-mail and snail mail lists.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner presented a copy of the program from the 2015 Riverside Cemetery Walk to Linda Polich for the scrapbook.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has added the names of the Civil War veterans listed on the Rock Island County Monument to our website.

Conference – Shay Elliott reported the committee met on October 20, 2015 and picked out topics the presenter would discuss.

Education – Linda Polich said the 2015 classes were successful. She distributed a list of upcoming 2016 Illinois State Genealogical Society webinars and reported the Silvis Library will present a program on the Confederate Cemetery on Arsenal Island.

Fundraising – Linda will pick up our check from Birdies for Charity on Friday, October 30th and will present it at the Annual Dinner.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – Nothing new to report.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – There were no sales this month.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the Fall Quarterly has been published.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported the Fall Quarterly was mailed on Monday, October 26th and distributed electronically.

Queries & Research – A query was received from Charles T. Stevens looking for obituaries on his cousins and information on a 50th wedding anniversary. Linda Walker volunteered to handle this request.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 29 renewals for 2016 have been received so far.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – Shay reminded everyone of the Annual Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 and said the deadline for reservations is Friday, October 30, 2015.

New Business – The following slate of officers was presented by the committee at the September 22, 2015 meeting:

President – Kitty Humphrey
Vice President – Tammy Castagnoli
Secretary – Betty Hagberg
Treasurer – Linda Walker
Member-at-Large – Karin Ciaccio

President Elliott asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Having no further nominations, a motion was made by Linda Polich that nominations cease. Seconded by Gene Eiklor. Motion carried. Motion by Delphia Skinner to elect the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. Seconded by Marilyn Mix. Motion carried.

Motion by Gene Eiklor to adjourn the business meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried.

Program:

Shay announced we recently received a number of obituaries from a person living in California who saves obituaries of people who have passed away in California but have a connection to Rock Island County, Illinois. These obituaries will be passed along to Liz Casillas. Members then discussed interesting genealogy finds and other items of interest. It was suggested that Lorelie Pfautz of Friendly House might be contacted about a possible program on this 100 year old Quad City institution.

The next membership meeting will be held on January 26, 2016 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:38 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Tammy Castagnoli, Betty Hagberg, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Delphia Skinner, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the October 8, 2015 meeting were corrected to show the date of Conference will be April 30, 2016.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$1,851.95 as of October 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of October 31, 2015 were \$12,819.37. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Information was received from FGS on their ongoing project to digitize and place online the War of 1812 pension records. The Board discussed our past participation in the project and how it was handled.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported no further action was taken on the Cox Freeland Cemetery following the June meeting with the site manager. She is hopeful the paperwork can be completed and submitted soon. Linda Polich reported she received copies of photos taken of a cemetery in Croatia where family members are buried. She is now sending copies on to Find-A-Grave.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel would like information on genealogy related events in the Midwest to include on our website.
- c. Conference – Shay Elliott said he and Kathy attended a meeting of the committee to determine the mailing needs. They were to receive a list of 2015 attendees from Dean Arney, but have not gotten it yet. They will need to have addressed envelopes ready to go by February. Pat McCoy said if they do not get the list soon she will try to get it for them.
- d. Education – Linda Polich presented information on ArkivDigital, Railroad Ancestors information and a program on the Confederate Prison on Arsenal Island.
- e. Fundraising – Checks totaling \$861.85 were received from Birdies for Charity and presented to the Society by Linda Polich at the Annual Dinner.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported Kitty Humphrey, Linda Walker and herself recently cleaned up the RICIGS basement storage area at the Historical Center. The Board discussed items found and how to best handle their storage and/or use. It was agreed old Quarterly's would be bundled and duplicates the Society will not need will be sold at Conference. The old laptop and projector will be kept in the locked cabinet upstairs and the old speaker system will be moved to the basement and possibly sold. All masters will be moved upstairs to the locked cabinet also.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report, but Deb is still looking for volunteer typists to help with this project.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported a CD was sold.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for the Winter Newsletter is January 7, 2015.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay announced they will be sending out Conference notices and will need to order envelopes with the RICIGS return address. He also reported he is working on the e-mail list because of problems he has with the newsletter timing out before some members receive it. We may look at sending out a link to the electronic copy in the future.
- n. Queries & Research – Nothing new to report.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 40 renewals have been received so far.
- p. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- a. Annual Dinner – Linda Walker distributed copies of a financial report on the Annual Dinner showing a cost to the Society of \$255.69. Positive comments were made about the food and the speaker. Ideas were discussed and it was agreed a committee should be formed to organize the dinner next year.
- b. Microphone – Julie Vogel presented information on a new portable microphone system available for \$160.00. It was suggested we should look at purchasing 2 sets of headphone with it. Julie will check pricing and action will be taken at the December meeting.
- c. Standing Rules Committee – This project needs to be finished by year end if possible. Deb Van Sant suggested that descriptions of each committee be kept at a minimum and a more detailed Job Description be created separately.

New Business:

- a. Programs – Shay read a letter he received from a member who recommended returning to the RICHS building for General Membership meetings. After discussion it was agreed we would remain at the Butterworth Education Center but make changes to how reports are presented and using a microphone for reports and programs. Incoming Vice President Tammy Castagnoli shared a list of potential programs for 2016. She will have a complete list available soon.
- b. 2016 Budget – Shay reported the incoming president will need to appoint a committee to develop the 2016 budget. The budget should be ready for Board approval by February or March. Shay recommended the new budget include a line item for tracking how Birdies money is spent.

There will be no Membership meeting in November or December. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:31 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Kitty Humphrey, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Delphia Skinner, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting were corrected to show the deadline for submissions to the Winter Newsletter is January 7, 2016. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,067.11 as of November 30, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of November 30, 2015 were \$12,825.14. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

Shay read a letter from member Jane Comp of Cedar City, UT commenting she found information on a long lost relative in the Janet Pease transcriptions of the Fall Quarterly.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported she had a difficult time getting a newly required ID for access to the National Cemetery on Arsenal Island but now has access and will take 12 photos for Find-A-Grave. Delphia will also look at preparing an index for Moline Memorial Cemetery.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she worked on updating the RICIGS website today. The Board also discussed sending out a link to the electronic newsletters and quarterlies in the future.
- c. Conference – Shay reported he has had no response from Dean Armev of SCIGS for a list of last years Conference attendees that will be used to prepare envelopes for the 2016 mailing.
- d. Education – Linda Polich presented information on the e-mail from Ancestry regarding Family Tree Maker software. She also shared information on Comb Grave Stones she found on the internet.
- e. Fundraising – Nothing new to report.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has been working to organize some of the material found in the recent basement clean-up and has added it to the RICIGS collection.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report.
- k. Publication Sales – Shay received a request for a Riverside Cemetery CD and will give it to Betty Hagberg.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported she is working on the Winter newsletter and reminded everyone of the January 7, 2016 deadline.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report
- n. Queries & Research – Two queries were received. One is looking for an obituary for someone from the Nelson family and the other is looking for cemetery information on the Gunnis family. Delphia volunteered to work on the Nelson request and Shay will work on Gunnis.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 69 renewals have been received so far.
- p. Vice President – Nothing new to report

Old Business:

- a. Microphone – Julie Vogel presented information on a new portable microphone system. The Board discussed the pros and cons and agreed a 4 channel system with 1 cordless headset and 1 cordless hand held mic would meet our needs best. Cost would be approximately \$160.00. Motion by Linda Polich to purchase the microphone system. Seconded by Delphia Skinner. Motion carried.
- b. Programs – Kitty Humphrey said she has asked new Vice President Tammy Castagnoli to try to have a complete list of programs for 2016 available for distribution in January.

New Business:

- a. Standing Rules & Job Descriptions – Secretary Kathy Elliott reviewed the proposed changes made to the Standing Rules as recommended by a committee composed of Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Linda Walker, Shay Elliott and Kathy Elliott. Motion by Linda Walker to approve the recommended changes made by the committee. Seconded by Sally Bartosh. Motion carried. Deb Van Sant commented that it is important for each committee chairman to keep the job descriptions up to date. She also suggested that each committee chairman should be given a copy of the detailed job description for their particular committee.
- b. Presidents Comments – Shay shared a yearly calendar that was included with the President’s material he received. He said he had updated some of the information and thought the Board would find it helpful. He also thanked the Board for their support the previous two years.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Butterworth Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott
Recording Secretary

General Meetings 2015

January – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

April - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

May – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

June - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

July - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

September - meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Education Center

November – annual dinner, no business meeting

December – no meeting