

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Kitty Humphrey, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Delphia Skinner, Deb VanSant, Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott, Pat McCoy, Beth Hoffman, Tammy Castagnoli and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Kitty Humphrey gave the Treasurer's report that she had received from Treasurer Linda Walker. The checkbook balance was \$2,388.11 as of December 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of December 31, 2015 totaled \$12,830.74. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

A request for information was received from an historian in Wilkes Barre, PA for information on a Rock Island County Civil War veteran. Delphia Skinner and Shay Elliott will investigate and reply.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported that the Sextant of Moline Cemeteries indicated concern that RICIGS was making money from the sale of Riverside Cemetery CDs when individuals could call his office and receive the information for free. Discussion pointed out that the Society doesn't make much money and that the CD format provides value to those doing significant research. She is continuing to investigate preparing an index for Moline Memorial Cemetery.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel submitted her report by email saying she had updated the Web site including: Home page, Event Calendar, Calendar Page, 2016 Officers, By Laws, Standing Rules and Funeral Cards Page.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman presented a list of conference vendors from past conferences. She is seeking additional vendors. Shay and Kathy Elliott are working to get information needed for the Conference mailing. A meeting to prepare the flyers for mailing will be held at TMI offices at 5:30 on February 4th.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that dates have been set for 2016 Classes: August 6, September 24, and October 15 at the Butterworth Education Center.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported she is waiting to hear the date to pick up flyers for 2016 Birdies for Charity.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Funeral Cards are up to date and have been submitted to the Web Site. The 2015 pages for the scrapbook are complete.
- g. FGS Delegate – A new FGS Forum newsletter is available on the FGS web site. (ID:16521; Password: ricigs. The upcoming FGS Conference will be in Springfield, IL August 31-September 3, 2016.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant will continue organizing some of the material found in the basement. She has collected many books to sell at Conference.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb VanSant is looking for someone to take over this project.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report.
- k. Publication Sales – An order for a Riverside Cemetery CD was received.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel in her email report asked that submissions for the Winter Newsletter be submitted to her by this weekend.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay and Kathy Elliott are updating the mailing list for upcoming mailings.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 71 renewals and has received additional payments at this meeting that have not yet been counted.
- p. Vice President – Tammy Castagnoli has set programs through October. August: Gaining Information from Cursive Deeds, Gene Eiklor; Sept.: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors, Webinar; and October: Learning Ins and Outs of Arbitration, Webinar. Programs are listed on the Web Site. The February meeting has been changed to a "brick wall" session.

Old Business:

Julie Vogel in her email report indicated she has received our new PA sound system and will bring it to our January 26 meeting.

Linda Polich presented a list of records that have been copied in the past from the Rock Island County, County Clerk's Office.

New Business:

Discussion was held on how to manage presentations for the January meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, 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 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg
Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
January 26, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 17 members in attendance.

Program: Members brought family heirlooms and presented the stories behind them.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner is working to get permission to produce information on Moline Memorial Park Cemetery.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel has updated the web site with 2016 officer and program information.

Conference – Pat McCoy announced that a group will meet to prepare flyers for mailing on Thursday, February 4. The Conference date for 2016 is April 30. Shay and Kathy Elliott are producing a mailing list of over 530 individuals from multiple sources.

Education – Linda Polich updated the group on Ancestry's decision to discontinue the Family Tree Maker software. She mentioned several alternatives. Dates for the 2016 Education Workshops to be held at the Butterworth Education Center have been set for: August 6, September 24 and October 15.

Fundraising – Linda Polich announced plans to participate in this year's Birdies for Charity. Last year we received \$861.85 that included donations and matching funds from the golf tournament.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich reported that Funeral Cards are up-to-date and are available on the web site. The scrapbook for 2015 has been completed and will be available on the library shelves at RICHS.

FGS – Linda Polich announced that the 40th Annual FGS Conference will be held in Springfield, IL August 31-September 3, 2016

Librarian – Deb VanSant is collecting books and magazines for sale at this year's conference.

Publication Sales – None

Quarterly – A link to the winter newsletter has been sent to members. Members may print the newsletter or download it to their computer.

Quarterly Mailing – No report

Queries & Research – An obituary request was received and Linda Walker offered to research. Shay Elliott updated the group on his work regarding a request from the Holmes family and also on a request for information on a Rock Island County Civil War Soldier buried in Pennsylvania.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 90 membership renewals leaving 35 outstanding.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – A Board position is open due to the resignation of Member at Large Karin Ciaccio. Members having an interest in serving on the Board of Directors should contact Kitty Humphrey.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,388.11 as of December 31, 2015. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of December 31, 2015 totaled \$12,830.74. The report was filed for audit.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting. No changes were offered.

Seeing no further business, President Kitty Humphrey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next membership meeting will be held February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tammy Castagnoli at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Linda Walker, Delphia Skinner, Deb VanSant, Julie Vogel, Tammy Castagnoli and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Linda Walker presented the Treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$2,326.14 as of January 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of January 31 totaled \$12,836.53. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Linda Walker completed the surname request received at a previous meeting.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported that clean-up of the Cox Freeland Cemetery will likely be delayed because no one has time to fill out the appropriate paper work required by the State of Illinois.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that the Web site is up to date. A PDF copy of the year's Conference brochure will be added when received.
- c. Conference – Mailing has been sent out.
- d. Education – No report.
- e. Fundraising – No report.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – No report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich announced that registration materials for the upcoming FGS Conference in Springfield, IL August 31-September 3, 2016 will be available in the spring. It is important to make hotel reservations as soon as possible.
- h. Librarian – No report.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb VanSant is looking for someone to take over this project.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No report.
- k. Publication Sales – Orders have been received for 6 Pease CDs.
- l. Quarterly Editor – No report.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 74 renewals plus credit and lifetime equals 89. Thirty four members have not yet renewed.
- p. Vice President – Tammy Castagnoli will send out a note to membership asking for participation in the Brick Wall program planned for the February general meeting.

Old Business:

The May meeting may be changed because of a speaker conflict. A meeting at RICHS is still under consideration.

New Business:

Linda Walker proposed a budget for 2016. The budget was approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
February 23, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 15 members in attendance.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,326.14 as of January 31, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12, 836.53.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel has added this year's conference information to the web site.

Conference – Beth Hoffman announced a meeting to assemble bags for the Conference will be at 5:15, April 27 at TMI offices.

Education – Linda Polich announced that Family Tree Maker software has been sold to another company and will continue to be available. The genealogy program "Finding Your Roots" is currently being shown on PBS.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that the date for kick-off of this year's Birdies for Charity has not yet been announced.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich reported that this project is ongoing.

FGS – Linda Polich suggested making hotel reservations as soon as possible for the 40th Annual FGS Conference will be held in Springfield, IL August 31-September 3, 2016

Librarian – No report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported that orders for 8 CD's has been received.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced the deadline for input for the Spring newsletter is April 1.

Quarterly Mailing – No report

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 92 membership renewals leaving 32 outstanding.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – Linda Walker reported she had responded to an obituary request received last month.

New Business – President Kitty Humphrey thanked Tammy Castagnoli for conducting the February Board meeting in her absence.

Program: A discussion was held on “Solving Brick Walls”

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Butterworth Center. The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be Owen Muelder on Anti-Slavery and Underground Railroad.

President Kitty Humphrey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tammy Castagnoli at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Linda Walker, Deb VanSant, Julie Vogel, Tammy Castagnoli, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott and Betty Hagberg.

The secretary's minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Linda Walker presented the Treasurer's report. The checkbook balance was \$2,552.14 as of February 29, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of February 29 totaled \$12,842.23. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

None.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced a problem with the web site that prevents her from making updates. Julie will investigate the ideas of obtaining a gmail account and a domain name.
- c. Conference – Meeting to prepare conference bags is April 27 at 5:15 at TMI offices.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that flyers for this year's classes have been produced and will be available for conference bags..
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich reported the kick-off for Birdies for Charity is April 11, 2016. Preparations for mailing are in place.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich suggests that Board members bring any funeral cards they may obtain to be added to our files.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich announced that the program for September's FGS meeting has not yet been released.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant is revising signage for the Library stacks.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – No report.
- k. Publication Sales – No report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel has set April 1 as deadline for items for the Spring Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott is integrating several new e-mail addresses.
- n. Queries & Research – Linda Walker offered to handle a request for two obituaries.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 82 renewals plus credit and lifetime equals 95. Thirty members have not yet renewed and she will send out reminder cards.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

Shay Elliott has received information on the settlement of the estate of David Mason Adams, along with a check for \$347.07. When the remainder of the estate is distributed, it is expected we will receive \$12,864.35. Shay will take care of necessary paperwork. Some preliminary discussion was held on ideas of how the Society should use the money.

New Business:

Kathy Elliott brought a request from MLDFDA DAR Chapter asking for a donation in kind of postage and use of RICIGS's bulk mailing report for use in DAR's Campbell's Island Restoration Project. The request was denied.

Tammy Castagnoli announced plans to make sure our new PA system is used at our general meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Butterworth Education Center. The program will be Owen Muelder on Anti Slavery and the Underground Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
March 22, 2016

Vice-President Tammy Castagnoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 20 members in attendance.

Program – Owen Muelder presented a program titled “Anti-Slavery and the Underground Railroad.”

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$2,552.14 as of February 29, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12, 842.23. The report will be filed for audit.

Interesting new genealogy findings – Deb VanSant announced that she has discovered free access to many California Birth and Death Certificates on Family Search – available by browsing the catalog.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – No report

Conference – No report.

Education – Linda Polich reported that a flyer has been produced for this year’s education classes. Copies are available for distribution. A list of classes at the Family History Center in Davenport is available for anyone interested.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported the kick-off date for Birdies for Charity is April 11. A mailing for this fundraising event will be sent to all members.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich asked that members bring funeral cards they may pick up so that they can be added to our collection.

FGS – No report

Librarian – Deb VanSant presented a lineage book on Mayflower families, donated by Linda Walker that will be added to the Library.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – Linda Walker has 15 Generation Charts available for sale.

Quarterly – No report.

Quarterly Mailing – No report

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported total of 97 membership renewals.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – Shay Elliott announced that RICIGS is a beneficiary in the estate of David Mason Adams. We have received a check for \$347.07. When the final settlement is made the estimate of our share of the estate is \$12,864.35. Members are encouraged to give feedback to the Board on how best to use these funds.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2016 at Butterworth Center.
The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be Shar Blevins on Immigration and Passenger Records.

Vice-President Tammy Castagnoli declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 26, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 26 members in attendance.

Program – The program on Immigration and Passenger Records was presented by Shar Blevins.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$15,659.11 as of March 31, 2016. We received \$13,211.42 from the estate of former member David Adams. Total savings stand at \$12,847.51. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence – Information on several upcoming events was presented.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

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

Conference – The annual Conference will be held this Saturday, 30 May 2016. Current registration is 193 which is near capacity.

Education – Linda Polich reported that Moline Public Library has made digitized access available for late 1800 and early 1900 local newspapers.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that the Birdies for Charity mailing has gone out and 11 donations have been received.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich has received additional funeral cards that will be added to our index and collection.

FGS – Linda Polich reported that the Conference brochures have been received and are available for the Springfield, Illinois Conference taking place August 31 – September 3.

Librarian – Deb VanSant will be adding new books to the Library including Historical Maps of Europe and a book on US State Maps..

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – No report.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced that the Spring Quarterly has been printed.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott announced that the mailing list for the Spring Quarterly is being updated in preparation for mailing.

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported receiving 11 additional membership renewals.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – The Board is collecting suggestions on how to handle the money received from the David Adams estate. Digitizing newspapers was suggested for consideration.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Butterworth Center.
The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be on the South Dakota Indians.

President Kitty Humphrey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 26, 2016 REVISED

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 26 members in attendance.

Program – The program on Immigration and Passenger Records was presented by Shar Blevins.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

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Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – No report.

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Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott announced that the mailing list for the Spring Quarterly is being updated in preparation for mailing.

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported receiving 11 additional membership renewals.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – The Board is collecting suggestions on how to handle the money received from the David Adams estate. Digitizing newspapers was suggested for consideration.

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President Kitty Humphrey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016

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

The secretary's minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$15,244.25 as of April 30, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of April 30, 2016 were \$12,854.81. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

President Humphrey reported that several pledges for the Birdies for Charity fundraiser were received in the mail. A query was also received and Linda Walker will respond to it.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner said she had nothing new to report on cemeteries at this time. She reported she followed up on a query about some grave symbols and had referred the person to Minda Powers Douglas who is very knowledgeable on the subject.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel said she has updated the meeting information on the website. She also reported on some research she has done on possibly moving our website and setting up a new one that would provide more flexibility with e-mails and possible sales of items on-line.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported on the 2016 Conference held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Viking Club. She said it was successful with approximately 205 people attending. The committee will hold a follow-up meeting next week and she will have final results at that time.
- d. Education – No Report
- e. Fundraising – No Report
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report
- g. FGS Delegate – No Report
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she bought used books for our library from Stark County, Henry County and Scott County at the Conference. She also reported our used book sales totaled \$225.20 plus \$20.00 in CD's and \$20.00 for our old microphone.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported she is working on the current obituaries and said all of the 2015 obituaries are now on the computer.
- k. Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel reported the spring 2016 quarterly was printed and sent out. She asked if the summer and winter E-Newsletters should be printed and mailed to the members who do not have access to e-mail. After discussion it was agreed this should be done in the future.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported since membership numbers are down we mailed 34 copies of the Spring Quarterly to ourselves in order to reach the required minimum of 201 pieces. We also sent copies to members from last year who have not renewed for 2016. After discussion it was agreed we would not send copies to those who have not renewed and will investigate the cost of printing a smaller number of quarterlies and mailing them out at the regular rate compared to the bulk mailing rate.
- n. Queries & Research – Nothing new to report.
- o. Registrar – We have 94 renewals for 2016.
- p. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- a. The Board discussed ideas for using the money received from the David Mason Adams Estate. Suggestions included: creating an education program for young people; purchasing books for the library in memory of Mr. Adams; establishing a scholarship in his name; Rock Island County Courthouse abstracting of documents; creating an e-commerce store on our website, creating database search functions on the website and establishing a members only section on the website; and using some of the money to pay for a very good speaker for the 2016 Annual Dinner.
- b. Annual Dinner – The Board discussed the possibility of hiring a professional speaker for the program at the Annual Dinner and discussed costs. It was agreed the members would be charged \$20.00 again this year. A committee consisting of Kitty Humphrey, Linda Walker, Deb Van Sant and Julie Vogel was formed and November 10th was selected as the date of the dinner.
- c. Motion by Pat McCoy to proceed with changes to the website as proposed by Julie Vogel. Seconded by Deb Van Sant. Motion carried.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
May 24, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library with 25 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Minutes – Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting. The minutes were corrected to show the date of the annual Conference as 30 April 2016 and the Butterworth Center Library as the location for the May General Meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$15,244.25 as of April 30, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of April 30, 2015 were \$12,854.81. The report was filed for review.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Delphia Skinner reported we have received several questions recently on local cemeteries via our website. She asked if we should think about possibly checking our cemetery books and updating our information if it has been a while since the previous cemetery reading.

Computer Interest – Nothing new to report.

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported that 205 signed up for the 2016 conference, which is close to maximum capacity. However, expenses were up and we did lose money this year. The committee is looking at a new location for 2017 and has signed a contract with the Holiday Inn Convention Center in downtown Rock Island and the speaker will be Lisa Louise Cook. They are also looking at pricing and are considering one rate for members and a higher rate for non-members.

Education – Linda Polich reported the Education Committee is getting ready for this year's series of classes.

FGS – This year's conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois and Linda has information if anyone is interested. Information on the topics to be discussed is available online.

Fundraising – Linda announced that 28 Birdies for Charity pledges have been received so far.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda asked that anyone who has photos from Conference or other events share them with her for the scrapbook. She also reported that funeral cards is an on-going project. It was suggested that we include start-date information for the funeral cards on our website.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently purchased the book "Soldiers in King Philips War" by George Madison Bodge for the library and she purchased several used books for the library at Conference.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – There were no sales this month.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reminded everyone that the summer newsletter in July and the winter newsletter in January are strictly electronic copies. The deadline for the summer newsletter is June 30th. The spring and fall quarterlies are mailed to all members as a hard copy. They are also sent out electronically, but because so much data is included it is not always easily read in the electronic version. Anyone with an article to share is encouraged to submit it to Julie. Items of local interest are best, but all articles are accepted.

Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported the Spring Quarterly was mailed out on May 5th.

Queries & Research – A query was received requesting an obituary.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reminded everyone to please sign in on the list in the lobby.

Vice President – No Report

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9th at Butterworth Center. The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at **6:30 p.m.** in the Butterworth Center Library. The time change was recommended because of the detailed information included in the program. The topic will be DNA 101, part 2 by Tammy Castagnoli.

Program:

Tonight's program was presented by Tammy Castagnoli on DNA 101, part 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2016

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

The secretary's minutes from the May 12, 2016 meeting were approved with the addition of information submitted by Linda Polich on the Education, FGS, Fundraising and Funeral Cards/Historian committees and ideas for the money received from the David Mason Adams estate. .

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,621.20 as of May 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of May 31, 2016 were \$12,861.88. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

President Humphrey reported a request for an obituary was received and it has been mailed to the requestor. One Birdies for Charity pledge was also received.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she registered the society for a domain name. It is RICIGS.org. There will be a \$12.00 annual charge for the account. She also set up an e-mail for INFO@RICIGS.org. Julie said she might reroute some e-mail to that account and slowly start using that address as we deplete current supplies with the previous e-mail address printed on them.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy announced the 2017 Conference would be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Rock Island and Lisa Louise Cook has been booked as the speaker. The committee decided to make the move after evaluating expenses, attendance and input from those who attended the 2016 Conference.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that 2 people have already signed up for the 2016 RICIGS classes.
- e. Fundraising – So far we have received 31 pledges to Birdies for Charity.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich presented information on the Society Showcase section of the FGS Conference in Springfield. For \$30.00 we would have a table to display our brochures and info on what RICIGS has to offer. There are to be no sales but door prizes are allowed. People who sign up for a door prize can then be contacted about possible membership. Motion by Delphia Skinner to participate in the FGS Society Showcase at a cost of \$30.00. Seconded by Julie Vogel. Motion carried. Linda also mentioned that RICIGS could be an organizational member of NGS for \$50.00 per year. Motion by Pat McCoy to join NGS as an organizational member. Seconded by Tammy Castagnoli. Motion carried.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has ordered the DAR Source Guide publication for Massachusetts and Maine.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report. Tammy Castagnoli stated her mother-in-law has moved to assisted living and she is helping to clean out the house. There are many obituaries and books that might be of local interest if anyone knows where they might be donated.
- k. Publication Sales – No Report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the summer E-Newsletter would be distributed the end of July. Information should be submitted to Julie by July 1st.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported it would cost us \$2.20 per quarterly to mail them out as first class mail rather than by bulk mailing. He still needs to get some additional information on the printing costs but it looks like we are better off to continue to use bulk mail, even if we send quite a few to ourselves.
- n. Queries & Research – One obituary was mailed out.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have 111 members as of today.

- p. Vice President – The General Meeting on October 25, 2016 will be held at the Rock Island County Historical Society from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members will be allowed to do research and there is no charge.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Dinner – Tom Emery will present the program on White House Weddings and Presidential Marriages. His cost is \$200.00 for the program plus a motel room. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016. Door prizes have already been taken care of for the event. The committee is still working on location and menu.

New Business:

- a. The Board discussed ideas for using the money received from the David Mason Adams Estate. It was suggested that all the ideas be compiled into a list and distributed to members for their review and input before any action is taken. Kathy Elliott will prepare this list for the June general meeting.
- b. Linda Polich reported that long time Butterworth Center employee Kevin Babbett passed away recently. He worked with the Society for many years and has always been very helpful. Motion by Linda Polich to make a \$100 donation to Butterworth Center in memory of Kevin Babbett. Seconded by Delphia Skinner. Motion carried.
- c. The Board discussed sending all members copies of the General Meeting Minutes by e-mail and it was agreed this would begin with the June meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Center Library. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Acting Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
June 28, 2016

Vice-President Tammy Castagnoli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Library with 18 members in attendance.

Tammy Castagnoli reported on suggestions regarding the funds received from the David Mason Adams estate. Member input is encouraged.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,621.20 as of May 31, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12,861.88. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the [web site](#) is up to date.

Conference – Shay Elliott announced that members of the conference committee will be touring the site for next year's conference.

Education – Linda Polich announced that so far, two people have signed up for this year's education seminars.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that 31 pledges have been received for Birdies for Charity.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No update.

FGS – Linda Polich reported that RICIGS will have an information table at the upcoming FGS Springfield Conference.

Librarian – No report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report.

Publication Sales – None.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced that the Summer Newsletter is near completion. A link will be sent to the membership that can be used to read or download the newsletter.

Quarterly Mailing – No report.

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016. Tom Emery will present the program on “White House Weddings and Presidential Marriages”.

New Business – None

Announcements - Deb Donaldson found that one of her ancestors, Enos McMall, is one of the soldiers honored on the Rock Island County Civil War Monument.

Several members mentioned an interest in a Roots Magic training class.

Program – The program, DNA 101, part 2 was presented by Tammy Castagnoli.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Butterworth Center.
The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be “Quad Cities Bridges” by Dr. Curtis Roseman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

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

The secretary's minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,475.20 as of June 30, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of June 30, 2016 were \$12,869.19. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

A request was received for a possible class on Roots Magic. There was discussion on the possibility of co-sponsoring with the Computer Society. A fundraising opportunity received from a candy store was declined.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that the web site has been updated, including a new flyer on upcoming Education Classes. It was decided to start a transition to the new Society email account.
- c. Conference – Kathy Elliott reported that the Conference Committee visited the Holiday Inn in downtown Rock Island, the site of the 2017 Conference. Lunch expenses should be the same as last year. There is a raised platform for the speaker. Classroom style seating with tables should allow attendees to face the speaker.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that flyers for the upcoming classes contained incorrect dates. Corrected dates are now on the web site and will be announced in the newspaper. An email with the correction will be sent to members.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that we have received 32 pledges to Birdies for Charity.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Work is ongoing.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich is preparing the display for the Society Table at the upcoming FGS Conference. It was decided to offer 3 sets of our 4 CD's as door prizes.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant has purchased a 3 volume set on Virginia Land Records for the library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report
- k. Publication Sales – No Report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced the summer E-Newsletter has been sent out.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – Request for obituaries was handled by Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix received a family dues payment.
- p. Vice President – Curtis Roseman will present a program on QC Bridges at the next General Meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Dinner – Kitty Humphrey asked Julie Vogel to produce the flyer for our November Dinner. It will be sent out with the dues statement in October.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Sally Bartosh and Kathy Elliott will be on the committee. The third member of the committee needs to be from the General Membership and will be sought at the next General Meeting. Offices needing to be filled for 2017 are: Vice-President and Member at Large for 2018 and 2019.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
July 26, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Education Center with 21 members in attendance.

New Genealogical finds:

Delphia Skinner was approved to join the Mayflower Society. Jan McKenzie was accepted into the Descendants of Early Quakers. Jan McKenzie published an article in the DU Banner on one of her ancestors. Linda Walker, while reading the article, spotted a common ancestral line.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,475.20 as of June 30, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12,869.19. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the [web site](#) is up to date.

Conference – No report.

Education – Linda Polich announced that so far, nine people have signed up for this year's education seminars. This will be the 14th year that the Society has offered classes.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that 32 pledges have been received for Birdies for Charity.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Work is ongoing.

FGS – Linda Polich announced the Society will offer a daily door prize of a set of our CD's at our information table at the FGS Conference.

Librarian – No report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas has the 2015 Obituaries ready to go to the printer.

Publication Sales – None.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel announced an October 1 deadline for input to the Fall Quarterly. Members are encouraged to submit stories or items of interest.

Quarterly Mailing – No report.

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – No Report

Old Business – The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Jak O's on Blackhawk Road. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Tom Emery will present the program on "White House Weddings and Presidential Marriages".

New Business – None

Announcements – The son of Marilyn Mix has been in an accident and is being treated at University of Iowa Hospitals. A card will be sent from the Society.

Program – The program, "Quad Cities Bridges" was presented by Dr. Curtis Roseman.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Butterworth Center. The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be "Gaining Information from Old Cursive Deeds" by Gene Eiklor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2016

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

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the July 14, 2016 meeting which were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,529.75 as of July 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of July 31, 2016 were \$12,876.27. A change was made to the original report charging \$100.45 to the David Adams account instead of the Library account. The report was filed for review.

Correspondence:

A card was passed to be sent to Marilyn Mix with best wishes for her son who suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident. Julie Vogel will reply to a request for update on our Library Collection for the American Library Directory. Kitty Humphrey will respond to a request for information on RICIGS for publication in the Illinois State Genealogical Society Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report. Delphia Skinner has asked to be replaced as chair of the Cemetery Committee due to health reasons. Julie Vogel will send a note to members to ask for candidates.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel has created several new email addresses using our new email account. She plans to transition the web site to a new web hosting site later this year. The new site will provide additional functionality.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy reported that the Conference Committee is considering topics for the Annual Conference that will be held April 29, 2016.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that 32 people have signed up for this year's classes. There were 23 in the first class. So far, \$530 in registration money has been received. Printing class handouts is our primary cost in holding the classes.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that we have received 32 pledges to Birdies for Charity.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Work is ongoing.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich will be taking our Society brochure to hand out at the RICIGS table.
- h. Librarian – Nothing new.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report
- k. Publication Sales – None. Betty Hagberg will check on an outstanding bill for 3 CDs.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced an October 1 deadline for the Fall Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay Elliott reported on costs for printing and mailing the Quarterly. At this time, it appears it is more cost effective to print and mail at least 200 copies in order to take advantage of our bulk mailing discount. The break-even cost for printing less and mailing first class is 139 copies.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey gave an update on upcoming programs. The August program will be "Building the American Dream" by Dr. Curtis Roseman. The September meeting will be "Gaining Information from Old Cursive Deeds" by Gene Eiklor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Nominating Committee consisting of Sally Bartosh, Kathy Elliott and Gene Bartosh presented the following slate of officers for 2017

President – Kitty Humphrey

Vice President – Jan McKenzie

Secretary – Betty Hagberg

Treasurer – Linda Walker

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member at Large 2017 – Sally Bartosh

Member at Large 2018 – Kathy Elliott

Member at Large 2019 – Pat McCoy

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
August 23, 2016

Vice-President Tammy Castagnoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Education Center with 26 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Program – “Building the American Dream” was presented by Dr. Curtis Roseman. The presentation was based on the author’s [book](#) of the same name.

New Genealogical finds:

Member Yvonne Kragness shared a new family history book on the Petersen Family of Norway. A copy was passed around for members to view.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

Treasurer’s Report – Tammy Castagnoli (presenting for Treasurer Linda Walker) reported a checkbook balance of \$14,529.75 as of July 31, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12,876.27. The report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No report.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported the [RICIGS web site](#) is up to date. New email addresses have been added to the site. A general email is: info@ricigs.org

Conference – Jean Wistadt announced that Lisa Louise Cooke will be speaker at next spring’s conference. A useful book by Lisa Cooke is: [The Genealogist’s Google Toolbox](#), 2nd Edition. Additional information can be found at the author’s web site [Genealogy Gems](#).

Education – Linda Polich announced 35 people attended the first education class of the year held on August 6. Two additional classes will be held on September 24 and October 15. New genealogy sources include [Finding Your Roots 2016](#) from Family Tree Magazine and [Tracing Your Germanic Ancestors](#) .

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that we expect to receive proceeds from Birdies for Charity in October.

Historian/Funeral Cards – Work is ongoing.

FGS – Linda Polich announced dates for future FGS Conferences: 2017 Pittsburg, PA, 2018 Ft. Wayne, IN, 2019 Washington DC, 2020 Kansas City.

Librarian – No report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report

Publication Sales – Three CD's have been sold.

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reminded members of the October 1 deadline for input to the Fall Quarterly. Content or questions can be submitted to: quarterlyeditor@ricigs.org

Quarterly Mailing – Members are encouraged to keep their email up-to-date to in order to receive mailings. Changes can be sent to info@ricigs.org

Queries & Research – No report.

Registrar – No report.

Vice President – President Kitty Humphrey's surgery was delayed because of platelet levels.

Old Business – None

New Business – The Nominating Committee composed of Sally Bartosh, Gene Bartosh and Kathy Elliott presented the following slate for 2017 Officers. The election will be held at the September meeting of the Society.

President – Kitty Humphrey

Vice President – Jan McKenzie

Secretary – Betty Hagberg

Treasurer – Linda Walker

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member at Large 2017 – Sally Bartosh

Member at Large 2018 – Kathy Elliott

Member at Large 2019 – Pat McCoy

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Butterworth Center. The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be "Gaining Information from Old Cursive Deeds" by Gene Eiklor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016

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

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the August 10, 2016 meeting which were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,957.35 as of August 31, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of July 31, 2016 were \$12,883.59. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence:

An email request was received by Kitty Humphrey for information on 4 area individuals. Kitty will send info on the request to board members to see if easy information is available and let the requester know our research rates.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – No report.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that 35 people have signed up for the upcoming September 24 class.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich is awaiting notification on donations through Birdies for Charity.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda Polich requests to be released from this responsibility.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich reported on the FGS Conference.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant announced recent additions to the Library, some of which she obtained at the FGS Conference.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – No Report
- k. Publication Sales – None.
- l. Quarterly Editor – No report.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Shay and Kathy Elliott reported plans to mail in early October the dues renewal and flyer for the Annual Dinner. The idea of sending extra copies of our Quarterly to local libraries was discussed. No opposition to the idea was presented.
- n. Queries & Research – No report.
- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

The slate of officers prepared by the Nominating Committee will be voted on at the September membership meeting.

New Business:

Linda Polich and Deb VanSant reported on the sessions they attended at the FGS Conference in Springfield. Special mention was made of ideas gained at the Society Day sessions.

Shay Elliott presented the idea of placing some of our General Fund balance into a CD. Treasurer Linda Walker will investigate rates.

Discussion was held on our membership meeting location and the possibility of holding one or more meetings each year at RICHS.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be presented by Gene Eiklor on "Gaining Information from old Cursive Deeds". The next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Butterworth Center. There will be no November Board Meeting since it falls on November 10, the date of the Annual Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

CONFERENCE RECAP FOR General Meeting (Linda Polich)

The 2016 FGS Conference began on Thursday, September 1st, with a Keynote Session by Mary Tedesco, J. Mark Lowe, and CeCe Moore doing a "Genealogy Past, Present, and Future" program. Very entertaining and well-attended.

One of the BIG announcements was about the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions Fundraiser. An anonymous donor gave \$500,000 which was matched by Ancestry to equal \$1 million! This donation put the fundraiser over the top - and it is considered "Paid in Full"!

Next big FGS project: U. S. - Mexican War Soldier Database ... FGS and the National Park Service's Palo Alto Battlefield National Park are developing a free searchable database to tell the stories of 130,000 soldiers of the U.S.-Mexican War. They are looking for indexing volunteers. If you would like help, contact the Project Coordinator Patricia Rand at projects@fgs.org.

AncestorStuff booth - go to their website www.ancestorstuff.com and click on subscribe. Enter your name and address, they will send you a 15-generation pedigree chart (like the ones we offer) free of charge.

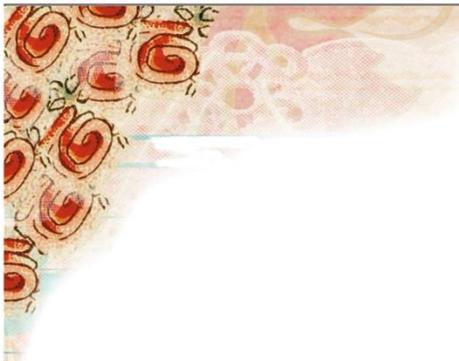
There were so many great sessions offered, it was often difficult to choose. Jeanne Larzalere Bloom gave a great session on "Chicago Research: Planning is the Key to Success". Two resources: Chicago Genealogical Society www.chicagogenealogy.org and Cook County Clerk's Office www.cookcountygenealogy.com.

I attended two sessions by Mary Tedesco, from Genealogy Roadshow, on Italian Research. Mary's website is: www.originsitaly.com

I attended sessions presented by two students at Brigham Young University in Utah. These students were seniors in their study of Family History and Genealogy. One was on Scandinavian research and the other on German research. Both were very informative, and the girls both did an excellent job.

As with any National Conference, there are so many sessions available, it is often difficult to decide which one to attend. Besides the daily lectures, there were also evening events available. On Wednesday evening, the Illinois State Genealogical Society hosted an "Illinois Farms & Families" event. On Friday evening, we celebrated FGS' 40th Anniversary with a Gala event.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a National Conference, try to do so. The FGS conference in 2017 (Aug 30 – Sept 2) is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and NGS conference in 2017 is in Raleigh, North Carolina. Other upcoming FGS conferences are: 22-25 August 2018 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 21-24 August 2019 in Washington, DC, and 2-5 September 2020 in Kansas City, Missouri. Save these dates!



Linda Polich

Our Society Showcase Booth



Lorraine Hathaway, "Abe", and Diane Lovell



**Federation of Genealogical Societies
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Springfield, Illinois*



Fred Polich



**Sandy Luse, Deb VanSant, Beth Hoffman,
Lorraine Hathaway, Diane Lovell, Linda Polich**



Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
September 27, 2016

President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Butterworth Center Education Center with 28 members in attendance.

New Genealogical finds:

Deb VanSant announced that a \$35 membership in the [Southern California Genealogical Society](#) gives access to a member only section of their web site containing numerous webinars and databases. Linda Walker found a 1682 book that one of her ancestors wrote.

Minutes – Betty Hagberg read the minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,957.35 as of August 31, 2016. Total savings stand at \$12,883.59. The report will be filed for audit.

Announcements – President Humphrey announced that local genealogist Nomie Budelier, has willed her genealogical research to the Society. Volunteers Linda Walker, Deb VanSant, Julie Vogel and Jan McKenzie will review the materials. She has also left a sum of \$10,000 to the Society.

Our Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Jak O's on Blackhawk Road. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Tom Emery will present the program on "White House Weddings and Presidential Marriages". Registration information will be mailed to members.

President Humphrey asked for volunteers from the membership to take responsibility for the position of Historian who maintains a scrapbook for the Society. Also a volunteer is needed to collect Funeral Memorial cards from local funeral homes and create an index. Tammy Castagnoli volunteered to take over the Funeral Memorial cards.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – A chair is being sought for the Cemetery Committee. Duties include coordinating the gathering and publishing of information on Rock Island County cemeteries. Contact President Kitty Humphrey if you have an interest.

Computer Interest – No report

Conference – No report

Education – Linda Polich reported that the second session of this year's series of education classes was well attended. October 15 is the date of the final class. Linda has created an Educational Survey to help with planning. Forms were passed to members present and will be emailed to all members.

Fundraising – Linda Polich reported that proceeds from Birdies for Charity will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No report.

FGS – Linda Polich distributed a summary of some of the sessions she attended at the recent FGS Conference.

Librarian – No report.

Newspaper Abstracting – No report.

Obituary Indexing – No report

Publication Sales – No report

Quarterly – No report

Quarterly Mailing – No report

Queries & Research – No report

Registrar – No report

Vice President – No report

Old Business – The Nominating Committee composed of Sally Bartosh, Gene Bartosh and Kathy Elliott presented the following slate for 2017 Officers. The slate was approved as presented.

President – Kitty Humphrey

Vice President – Jan McKenzie

Secretary – Betty Hagberg

Treasurer – Linda Walker

Corresponding Secretary – Julie Vogel

Member at Large 2017 – Sally Bartosh

Member at Large 2018 – Kathy Elliott

Member at Large 2019 – Pat McCoy

Program – Our program, given by member Gene Eiklor, was titled “Gaining Information from Old Cursive Deeds”.

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Butterworth Center.

The next membership meeting will be held Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m at the Rock Island County Illinois Historical Society Library. Orin Rockhold will give a presentation on the RICHS collection and time will be available for members to do research in both the Historical Society and Genealogical Society collections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2016

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

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the September 8, 2016 meeting which were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,618.56 as of September 30, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of September 30, 2016 were \$12,890.92. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Several requests for research have been received. Julie Vogel will update wording on our web site to emphasize our policy and rates for doing research. Linda Walker will respond to one of the inquiries and Deb VanSant will look into another. Kitty will contact the others.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that the Web site up to date.
- c. Conference – The date of next year's conference is 29 April 2017.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the final education seminar for this year will be held this Saturday October 15. The series has been very successful this year.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced proceeds from Birdies for Charity will be announced soon.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Tammy Castagnoli has taken over this responsibility.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich announced a new FGS Forum is available on the FGS Web Site.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant has received books from Linda Polich for the Library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported that the 2015 Obituary Index volume has been bound and will be added to the RICIGS library. Linda Walker will take over Obituary Indexing starting in 2017.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported on the sales to date of Cemetery and Pease CDs.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced that the Quarterly has been sent to the printer.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported that the Annual Dinner Flyer and annual dues statement has been mailed. President Humphrey thanked Julie Vogel for preparing the Dinner Flyer.
- n. Queries & Research – See Correspondence above.
- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

Treasurer Linda Walker reported on interest rates for various CDs. A vote was approved to move \$10,000 from the General Fund to a 24 month CD. The rate on the 6th of August was 1.55%.

Volunteers are prepared to review materials donated to the Society from the Nomie Budelier estate when they are released by the executor.

Julie Vogel will send out by email a slightly revised Educational Survey.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey is working with incoming Vice President Jan McKenzie to finalize programs for 2017.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society. A short business meeting will be followed by time to do research in the RICIGS collection. There will be no November Board Meeting since it falls on November 10, the date of the Annual Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2016

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

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the September 8, 2016 meeting which were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$14,618.56 as of September 30, 2016. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of September 30, 2016 were \$12,890.92. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Several requests for research have been received. Julie Vogel will update wording on our web site to emphasize our policy and rates for doing research. Linda Walker will respond to one of the inquiries and Deb VanSant will look into another. Kitty will contact the others.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that the Web site up to date.
- c. Conference – The date of next year's conference is 29 April 2017.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the final education seminar for this year will be held this Saturday October 15. The series has been very successful this year.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced proceeds from Birdies for Charity will be announced soon.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Tammy Castagnoli has taken over this responsibility.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich announced a new FGS Forum is available on the FGS Web Site.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant has received books from Linda Polich for the Library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – Liz Casillas reported that the 2015 Obituary Index volume has been bound and will be added to the RICIGS library. Linda Walker will take over Obituary Indexing starting in 2017.
- k. Publication Sales – Betty Hagberg reported on the sales to date of Cemetery and Pease CDs.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced that the Quarterly has been sent to the printer.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Kathy Elliott reported that the Annual Dinner Flyer and annual dues statement has been mailed. President Humphrey thanked Julie Vogel for preparing the Dinner Flyer.
- n. Queries & Research – See Correspondence above.
- o. Registrar – No report.
- p. Vice President – No report.

Old Business:

Treasurer Linda Walker reported on interest rates for various CDs. A vote was approved to move \$10,000 from the General Fund to a 24 month CD. The rate on the 6th of August was 1.55%.

Volunteers are prepared to review materials donated to the Society from the Nomie Budelier estate when they are released by the executor.

Julie Vogel will send out by email a slightly revised Educational Survey.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey is working with incoming Vice President Jan McKenzie to finalize programs for 2017.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Historical Society. A short business meeting will be followed by time to do research in the RICIGS collection. There will be no November Board Meeting since it falls on November 10, the date of the Annual Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Kitty Humphrey at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Sally Bartosh, Linda Polich, Deb VanSant, Linda Walker, Kathy Elliott, Shay Elliott, Marilyn Mix, Tammy Castagnoli, Jan McKenzie, Julie Vogel, Kitty Humphrey and Betty Hagberg.

Secretary Betty Hagberg presented the minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting which were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Linda Walker reported a checkbook balance of \$5,159.61 as of October 31, 2016 and \$5,290.42 as of November 30, 2016. \$10,000 was transferred from checking to a 24 month CD in October. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account were \$22,898.02 as of October 31, 2016 and \$22,918.52 for November 30, 2016. The report will be filed for review.

Correspondence/Inquiries:

Kitty Humphrey will handle requests for research. She and several members responded to requests during the month.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel announced that the Web site is up to date. Julie presented information on the possibility of increasing functionality of the site by moving to a new vendor. Costs are expected to be \$48 - \$96 per year. Linda Polich moved and Tammy Castagnoli seconded a motion to proceed with moving to a new web site vendor. The motion passed.
- c. Conference – No report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported that the Education Classes were very successful this year. There were 32 registered participants and we had a profit of \$440. We also gained 3 new members. She plans to order door prizes for next year's classes including items currently on sale from Roots Magic. Class dates for 2017 are August 19, September 9, and October 14. The Education committee met to discuss goals for the upcoming year. Linda also presented the results from the recent Education Survey.
- e. Fundraising – Linda Polich announced that we received from Birdies for Charity, a check for \$807.48 and a 10% bonus of \$80.75. Next year's JD Classic will be held on July 10-16.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Tammy Castagnoli will keep Historian duties and the Funeral Cards have been taken over by Jan McKenzie. Jan has added 639 additional funeral cards to the file in the Library. The listing is available on the Web Site. Additional funeral homes are being contacted for possible participation.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich reported the 2017 FGS Conference will be in Pittsburg and the NGS Conference will be held in May in Raleigh, NC.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant has completed our set of Quaker Encyclopedias. Additional space is needed for our surname files that contain results of past research requests. Kitty has located 3 4-drawer files that will provide additional space for the surname files and also replace a damaged file in the basement storage area.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report
- j. Obituary Indexing – Linda Walker will take over Obituary Indexing starting in 2017.
- k. Publication Sales – No report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced a January 7 deadline for items for the next newsletter. Discussion was held on ideas for additional content for the Quarterly and newsletter.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – No report.
- n. Queries & Research – See Correspondence above.
- o. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 131 members.
- p. Vice President – Tammy Castagnoli is working to finalize programs for the upcoming year.

New Business:

Kitty Humphrey presented the idea of ordering t-shirts and tote bags with the RICIGS logo to sell to members. 50 t-shirts would cost \$7.95 each and 50 tote bags would be \$9.95 each. Discussion will continue at the January meeting.

Old Business:

Kitty Humphrey announced that we will be receiving boxes from the Nomie Budelier estate. Help may be needed to move boxes.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30 Thurseay, January 12, 2017 at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. Program will be "bring a photo of an ancestor and discuss".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Hagberg, Secretary

General Meetings 2016

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 – field trip to Rock Island County Historical Society, no business meeting

November – annual dinner, no business meeting

December – no meeting