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## State archivists removing/storing Rock Island County coroner's records

By Anthony Watt, awatt@qconline.com | Posted: Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:26 pm

ROCK ISLAND -- Go to the top of the Rock Island County Building and step inside the attic. Ignore the clutter of dusty curiosities and find a stair. It isn't far. Climb them to the platform above, and you will find a place where the county's dead can be remembered.

There are rows of dark metal drawers, their color indeterminate in the wan glow from a giant skylight, and there the county keeps coroner's office records all the way back to the 19th century.

Thursday, Barbara Heflin and Karl Moore, supervisors of the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System, toiled there, collecting coroner records from 1876 to 1988 so they could be moved to Western Illinois University's Macomb campus for more secure storage and archiving.

Brian Gustafson, the county coroner, is concerned about them getting damaged, they said.

"That skylight is leaking water," Ms. Heflin said.

The depository system, also known as IRAD, is a branch of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office tasked with storing records from local government bodies, they said. These can include meeting minutes and vital records of births, deaths, marriages and divorces.

Local government records are valuable for research, both historical, statistical and genealogical, they said. IRAD keeps them in archives at several state university campuses, including Western's Macomb campus.

Anyone can get access to the records either in person at one of IRAD's archives, or by mail or the Internet, Ms. Heflin said.

The work through the years has uncovered some interesting documents, they said.

"We have John Deere's will," Mr. Moore said.

It is written in green ink, they said. His wife's is written in red.

Of the Rock Island County Coroner's Office records, they'd already moved many of the older documents earlier this year. Thursday, they were collecting a final load of records from the 1970s and 1980s. They were planning to ship them today to Western.

"We're probably going to take another 10 or 15 boxes," Ms. Heflin said.

They also will be taking out coroners' logbooks, which also hold information, she said.

One cardboard box had a single row of slim, gold-colored envelopes in it. On each envelope was a date from the 1970s, a name and a cause -- heart disease, a skull fracture, a gunshot to the mouth.

They said they try not to pay too much attention to the stories coroner records tell. It can be distracting and slow them down.

It also can be gruesome or sad. Some of the envelopes include evidence from the coroner's juries. These can be pictures from a scene or something more tangible.

"I just ran across an envelope with two bottles of pills in it," Ms. Heflin said.

Others might include last messages from the deceased, they said.

"You'll find suicide notes," Mr. Moore said.



Barbara Heflin is supervisor of the Illinois Regional Archival Depository System. Thursday morning she and an associate were in the Rock Island County Building attic, collecting coroners' files dating from 1876-1988, in part to prevent the records from becoming water-damaged by a leaking skylight. Thirty-five boxes already have been taken to Western Illinois University, Macomb campus, where the records will be stored after interns document and index the contents.

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**The 41<sup>st</sup> Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference was held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Viking Club in Moline, Illinois. Over 220 genealogists attended.**

**What made this conference unique was that the speaker – David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer of Family Search Library in Salt Lake City – is a cousin to Diane Lovell, Lorraine Hathaway, and Pat Friese. Diane and Lorraine are RICIGS members.**



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Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society  
Scott County IA Genealogical Society  
Henry County IL Genealogical Society  
Scott County IA Historical Society  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Daughters of the Union  
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ArkivDigital (Kathy Meade)  
Davenport Library Special Collections  
Davenport IA Family History Center  
Mercer County Historical Society  
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# 41st ANNUAL QUAD CITIES GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE



**Saturday  
April 25, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Viking Club of Moline  
1450 - 41st Street  
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**David E. Rencher**



**David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA**, is employed by the Family History Department in Salt Lake City as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Ireland research in 1981. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1980 with a B.A. in Family and Local History. He is the Irish course coordinator and instructor for the Samford University *Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research* (IGHR) in Birmingham, Alabama. He is a past-president the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) 1997-2000 and of the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA) 1993-1995 and a Fellow of that organization. He is vice-president of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History and an instructor for the British Institute.

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**Please return to your seat by the scheduled time as a  
courtesy to our speaker and other attendees – thank you.**

**Program Schedule**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

**8:00 - 8:50 a.m.**

Registration and opportunity to browse through the Exhibits

**8:50 – 9:00 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

**9:00 - 10:05 a.m.**

***From Ulster to Virginia and the Carolinas***

This session discusses the migration of the Ulster Scots from Northern Ireland to the Americas; particularly their migration into the Carolinas and the social history, migration, and background that surrounded their exodus from the Old World to the new one.

**10:25 - 11:30 a.m.**

***Mining the Destination Data***

Using all of the data available to determine the number of touch points needed to successfully identify your emigrant ancestor using an Irish example. Comparative analysis yields clues that may not be identifiable in any other manner.

**11:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch and Browsing

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

***Introduction to Irish Internet Sites***

The Internet has created an explosion in Irish genealogy. More relevant materials are being added each day. This session introduces the participant to the host of established Internet sites and some of the newest sites that are becoming bedrock sources for conducting research in Ireland.

**2:25 - 3:25 p.m.**

***Effective Use of the Family History Library Catalog***

The Family History Library Catalog (FHLC) has many hidden secrets. Learn how the material is organized to get the most from the catalog. Determine which search engines are the most effective for specific information you are seeking.

**3:25 - 3:45 p.m.**

Closing Remarks

## Jim Hayes was a valued board member of our Society. He will be greatly missed.

### Obituary for James Hayes

James E. Hayes, 63, of Rock Island, IL, died Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at home.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., 6601 38th Avenue, Moline. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2015, at the funeral home. Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and inurnment will be at Rock Island Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island.

James was born on September 25, 1951, in Great Bend, KS, the son of Glenn Edward and Mary Margaret Simpson Hayes. He graduated from Kansas State University and married Debi Tuman on June 6, 1981, in Milan, IL. He was an office worker at TACOM for the Rock Island Arsenal for 32 years, retiring in June of 2008.

In his younger years, James was a former Little League coach and Cub Master. He was a past member of the Rock Island Historic Society and a member of the Rock Island County Genealogy Society.

Survivors include his loving wife, Debi  
Sons Joshua Hayes Lawton, OK  
Zachary Hayes Rock Island, IL  
Siblings Mary Lou (Mike) Hickel Salina, KS  
Sally (Jennifer Lawburgh) Hayes Columbia City, IN  
Greg (Rosa) Hayes Guadalajara, Mexico  
Tom (Kim) Hayes Derwood, MD  
Judy Parli Glenpool, OK  
Several nieces and nephews



He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Dr. Garneau and his staff, Trinity Home Hospice, especially Jamie, and the staff at Thomas Jefferson Elementary in Milan for their support.

Memories may be shared online by visiting [esterdahl.com](http://esterdahl.com).

Note: Our Society donated \$100 to this project.

## July 24, 2015

# Local scout helps restore one of area's oldest cemeteries



Noah Kelly, 16, of Boy Scouts of America Troop 109 out of Moline, stands by the new fence he helped install around the Pioneer Cemetery in Rock Island, as part of his Eagle Scout project on July 11, 2015.

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ROCK ISLAND -- A cemetery is usually a quiet, solemn place. On July 11, though, the Dickson (Pioneer) Cemetery at Black Hawk State Historic Site was filled with volunteers supporting a local scout with a big project in mind.

Sixteen-year-old Noah Kelly, of Rock Island, loves history, and knew cleaning up one of the oldest cemeteries in the Quad-Cities was the perfect service project to help him earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

"I wanted to do a project for Black Hawk Park since I love the park so much," the Alleman High School junior said. "While I was discussing with the ranger some ideas, a few scouts suggested the cemetery. I knew of it, but I didn't realize how bad of shape it really was in."

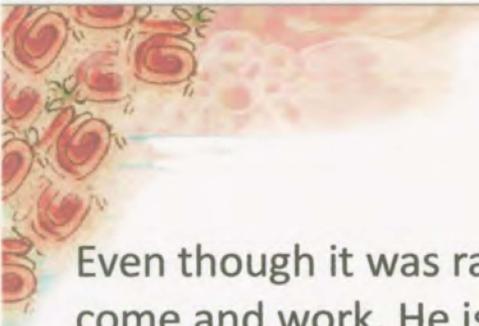
Known as the area's oldest non-Native American cemetery, most of the stones have toppled over or disappeared. Many walking through the park may not even know the cemetery exists.

"The cleanup went really well; better than expected," Noah said.

"We were able to install a wooden split-rail fence that was approximately 200-feet-long on the west side of the cemetery. We were also able to clear the entirety of a big brush pile in the southwest corner of the cemetery."

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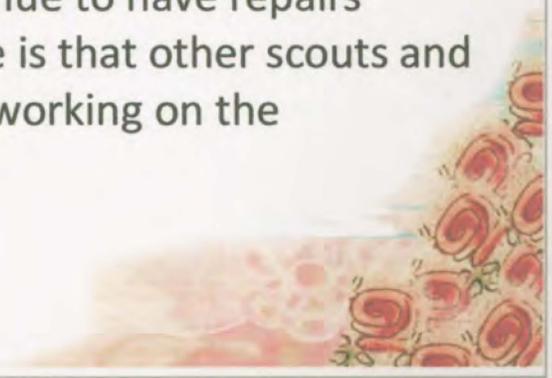
Even though it was rainy that day, Noah had more than 35 people come and work. He is thankful for the help.

During the last six months, Noah has collected donations, and he used the money to purchase supplies for the fence. The fence will set the cemetery apart from the rest of the park.

"It's tremendously gratifying to have helped our area's history," Noah said. "I think the Quad-Cities has a rich and interesting history that very few people know about, and I hope this project helps people discover new and interesting facts about the Q-C. "It's not every day you have the opportunity to restore the oldest non-Native American cemetery in the Quad-Cities. Ultimately, my goal was to show people that this isn't just a little field in Black Hawk Park; this is a part of our history, and these people deserve honor and respect."

Noah also has raised money to install a professional sign which will tell the history of the cemetery and explain whose remains are buried there. Noah says his work is almost complete.

"As soon as the sign is done with being made and shipped, we will put it in, and then my work with the cemetery is finished," Noah said. "However, the cemetery could continue to have repairs and other projects done on it, so my hope is that other scouts and volunteers will come along and continue working on the cemetery."



**Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society  
is sponsoring "Climb Your Family Tree" -  
a 3-part series of classes on:**



***Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>***  
***Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>***  
***Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>***



**Topics covered will include Vital Records,  
Immigration, Naturalization, Federal Census,  
Military Records, Online Genealogy, and  
Writing/Publishing your Family History.**

**All classes will be held at the Butterworth  
Educational Center, 701-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, from  
1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

**Cost:**

**RICIGS members - free    Nonmembers - \$30**

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**Registration deadline for the series is July 15, 2015.  
Seating is limited - fill out the form below, and mail it with  
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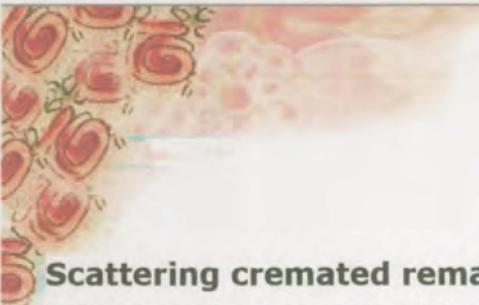
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## Scattering cremated remains becomes an issue for cemeteries

By Dawn Neuses, [dneuses@qconline.com](mailto:dneuses@qconline.com) | Posted: Friday, August 7, 2015 10:36 pm

Local cemetery administrators are concerned that people are scattering cremated remains in cemeteries or burying them without notifying the cemetery. It's illegal, even if the deceased person has bought a space for burial there.

In 2010, the state of Illinois began requiring cemeteries to record and report every burial, including the location, depth and other information. If the cemetery doesn't know about a scattering or burial, that information can't be reported.

Illinois law allows a person to scatter cremated remains on private property with the permission of the property owner, but the property owner must register the land as a cemetery and record all burials. It's illegal to scatter remains in a waterway.

Todd Slater, Moline's cemetery sexton, said workers have found cremated remains on grave sites.

Once a worker saw a group of people gathered around a plot and, when they left, the worker saw that the ground had been disturbed, as if they had conducted a burial service there, Mr. Slater said.

People have asked to install a stone in a family plot for someone Mr. Slater has no record of being buried there. Monument companies also have called to ask where a stone is located so they can inscribe a death date for a person Mr. Slater has no records for.

He said he doesn't have a firm number on how many people have scattered or buried cremated remains at the cemetery. "It does happen, but you don't know to what degree unless you catch them."

Gregory Vogele is administrator of four local cemeteries: Chippiannock, Calvary, Lutheran and Rose Lawn. He estimated workers find cremated remains about three times a year at each cemetery. "There may be others we didn't find," he said.

"Statewide, it's a much larger number," Mr. Vogele said. "The state has a database tracking every burial. The cremation rate in Illinois is about 42 percent. Eleven percent of those remains make it to a cemetery and get recorded. The big question is, where is everyone else?"

He said when they find cremated remains, they contact the family. "Sometimes, the family member will say they didn't know they couldn't do that. More often, families say they have no idea who it is."

Mr. Slater said a person doesn't buy a grave site, they buy the right to be buried at the site. The land remains the property of the cemetery. "People believe they own the grave, and some think they can put whatever they want there. In some cases, it might be innocent, but some people just want to avoid the cost."

Moline charges \$500 to open and close a grave to bury cremated remains. Mr. Slater said it's expensive, but is based on what it costs to maintain and operate the cemetery.

All people buried in a cemetery should share the cost, he said. "It's not about the size of the hole, it's about keeping the cemetery open."

Mr. Vogele likened illegal scattering or burial to theft of service. "Cemeteries are here to provide a service to families and we can't do that unless we have an income flow," he said. "The biggest challenge cemeteries have now is helping people understand cemeteries have a purpose and are important."

Cemeteries record a person's life and death, records often sought by family members and others interested in genealogy. "I think everyone deserves to have their life recorded somewhere," Mr. Vogele said.

Cemeteries are required to exist forever. There always will be a neutral place family members can go to visit the people they care about, he said.

When a cemetery finds cremated remains scattered or buried without consent, they're required by law to call the police so the remains can be turned over to the coroner to determine what happened to the deceased, Mr. Vogele said.

Cremated remains are not ashes, but bone fragments. All bodies are tagged prior to cremation, which can help identify the person.



*(Note: Many of our RICIGS members are also members of the Q-C Computer Society.)*

## **For more than 30 years, Q-C Computer Society has helped members master technology**

By Roberto Hodge, [rhodge@qconline.com](mailto:rhodge@qconline.com) | Posted: Sunday, August 9, 2015 7:17 pm

MOLINE — On the first Monday of the month, a group of people ages 50 to 85 meet to discuss the ins and outs of advancing technology.

The Quad-Cities Computer Society formed in 1983 as the Osborne User Group with eight members. In the late '80s, they changed the name to the Quad Cities All Computer Users Group after merging with an IBM group, and switching to Microsoft computers.

In the early '90s, they changed their name to the Quad-Cities Computer Society and became a non-profit.

President Judi McDowell said they had as many as 800 members at one time, but when Internet usage increased and people found their questions easily available online, membership declined.

"That was our heyday," she said.

Now, the group has a steady membership of about 150 who meet to discuss everything from computing to digital photography and the Internet.

Ms. McDowell said the group reaches out to people who didn't grow up with computers but want to learn how to use them to better "communicate with grandchildren and younger adults."

As a way to keep up with growing technological trends, the group has "special interest groups," or SIGs, to focus on specific issues or interests, such as digital media, Internet, Microsoft Word and genealogy.

The Internet has made it easy to access genealogy and other documents online.

Jim Kristan said when he joined the group in 1998, "I thought there'd be a whole bunch of young kids with tape on their glasses and I wouldn't fit in."

He said he learned that computers are very broad and change drastically but have many uses.

The club occasionally has guest speakers and presenters from computer industries such as Corel, which specializes in graphics and design. They also have hosted Geeks on Tour, a husband and wife team who travel the United States in a recreational vehicle teaching computer seminars.

Over the next few months, they will host talks by Abbey Stokes, an author of technical books, photographer Gary Stanley; and Bruce Buzbee, a genealogy expert.

Tova Cravens, 79, joined the group in 1984. She said people often ask her how she knows so much about computers, and she tells them, "I went to the school of hard knocks and the university of trial and error."

Membership fees for the group are \$30 a year for an one person or \$40 for a family. The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the Butterworth Education Center.

"As long as there are technological advances, and as long as we have members to lead and share their knowledge, we will continue to thrive," Ms. McDowell said.



Pictured, from left, are Jim Kristan, leader of the club's Beginner Special Interest Group; Judi McDowell, group president; and Larry Stone, leader of the Personal Computing Group.

Note: Our Society donated \$200 to this project.

## History, though cast in stone, fades with the years



Todd Mizener/tmizener@qconline.com

Rock Island County Sheriff's Capt. Ron Erickson and local historian Doug Lambert stand in the Sheriff's Dept. garage where the life-sized statue of a Union soldier that graced the top of the Rock Island County Civil War memorial until July of 2014. It was later placed into storage in December 2014.

Posted: Saturday, September 5, 2015 7:21 pm

By Anthony Watt, awatt@qconline.com

ROCK ISLAND -- The time-worn stone on the courthouse lawn stands its watch, guarding the memories of 394 long-dead soldiers, all Rock Island County men who gave their lives in the war to preserve the Union.

Carved in the gray-white block in tight, rank-and-file rows, the names have grown shallow and faint, casualties of wind, rain and frost. Some are broken into strange, uneven syllables, marred by cracks that run deep in the stone. A handful cannot be read at all.

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The whole monument, several stone blocks topped by a slender pedestal, is showing signs of the fight. Other carved features, such as sheathed sabers, are also losing their detail. Papery, gray-green lichens have taken root.

The life-sized statue of a Union soldier that stood atop the pedestal when the memorial was dedicated before a crowd of 30,000 people in April 1869 is gone, removed in July 2014 and placed in storage.

"It does not have the grandeur it used to," said Doug Lambert, who is among those working with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, the Quad City Civil War Roundtable and the Rock Island County Historical Society to replace the decaying monument.

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Rock Island County Sheriff's Capt. Ron Erickson said the statue of the soldier cannot be salvaged.

Created by sculptor Leonard Volk, it is heavily weathered. The stern, mustachioed face of its soldier, the buttons on his clothes, the brim of his hat and his fingers are worn away or eroding.

"He's melting. He's just melting, even though he's made of Italian marble," Capt. Erickson said.

The goal is to replace it with a bronze replica. The rest of the monument may be restored or replaced with a new installation he said.

The group has raised \$7,000 so far, but expects it will need \$100,000 to complete the envisioned work, Capt. Erickson said. The search is on for corporate sponsors and for help from the public.

The hope is to have the project completed by 2019, in time for the 150th anniversary of the monument's dedication, he said.

People or companies interested contributing money to restore Rock Island County's monument to its Civil War dead can do so by sending the donations to the Rock Island Civil War Soldiers' Monument Restoration Project at P.O. Box 3384, Rock Island, IL 61204.

Checks can be made payable to the Rock Island County Historical Society.





## County's Civil War soldiers died in many places and ways

The 394 Rock Island County men whose names grace the pedestal of the courthouse memorial to Civil War dead met their fates on battlefields all over the country.

They also died from disease, drownings and accidents, according to research by members of the Quad-Cities Civil War Roundtable. In about 117 cases, no cause of death has been pinpointed.

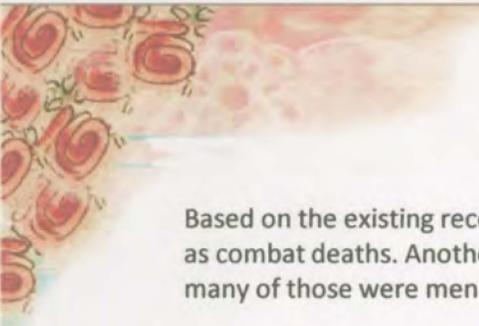
Based on what is known, the worst day came April 6, 1862, when 18 Rock Island Countians were killed in action at Shiloh, Tenn., where Illinois and Iowa men bore of the brunt of a savage Confederate attack, but held until reinforcements arrived to turn the tide on April 7. An additional seven county men died later of wounds incurred at Shiloh.

The battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., on March 7-8, 1862, was the county's second worst time. Six county men were killed at Pea Ridge, and an additional six suffered fatal wounds.

Doug Lambert, a member of the Roundtable, and Dick Dulaney have dug into the history of the men named on the stone.

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Based on the existing records, Mr. Lambert estimates that roughly 40 percent were listed as combat deaths. Another 40 percent were recorded as disease deaths, but he suspects many of those were men who died of complications from battle wounds.

How the final 20 percent of the men on the list died was not listed or was unspecified. The "unknown" category likely also includes men killed in action, he said. All told, Rock Island County sent slightly more than 2,400 men to the war. A number of the entries on his list are highlighted in red. These were men who either were or are believed to be siblings or some other close relation. There are about 20 such groupings on his list.

The researchers have uncovered additional details about some of the men, Eugene A. Lyford, Levi D. Gere, Russell C. Philleo and Martin V. Allen among them. Mr. Lyford, of Port Byron, was a student. Mr. Philleo and Mr. Allen, also from Port Byron, were farmers. Mr. Gere was a Rock Island fireman. All four were in their 20s. Mr. Gere and Mr. Philleo, of the 12th Illinois, both were killed in the fighting at Shiloh, the two-day blood bath in 1862 that left 23,746 Union and Confederate soldiers dead, wounded, missing and captured, according to records.

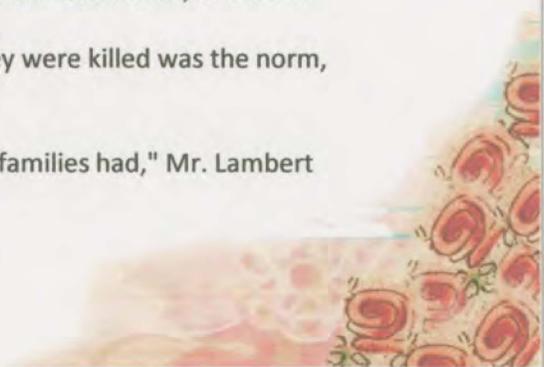
Other units of Rock Island County men also suffered heavily at Shiloh, Mr. Lambert's research shows. Company E of the 43rd Illinois Infantry Regiment lost about a dozen county men outright in the battle or because of wounds inflicted there.

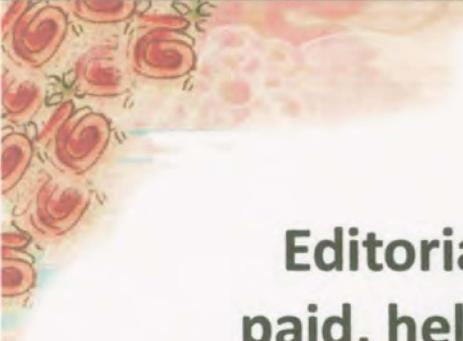
Mr. Allen likely would not have known his Company D fellows were dead until months later. Captured a few months before Shiloh, he missed that fight, Mr. Lambert said. He was part of a prisoner exchange-- a common practice during the war -- returned to his unit and would continue to fight until 1864, when he was killed in the battle of Allatoona in Georgia, Mr. Lambert said.

Mr. Lyford might have known Mr. Philleo and Mr. Allen because they were all from Port Byron.

Mr. Lambert said Mr. Lyford was studying medicine, but left school to join the army. He signed up with the 88th Illinois on July 26, 1862, and was killed Dec. 31, 1862, in the battle of Stones River, records state. Mr. Lyford's remains were brought home by his family, which could afford to do so, Mr. Lambert said. He is buried in Port Byron, his grave and those of family members marked by a tall obelisk. The wording on the obelisk, like that of the courthouse monument, is worn in places, but his name is legible. So is the name of the battle. For most others, burial on or near the battlefield where they were killed was the norm, Mr. Lambert said.

"(The courthouse) monument is the only monument those families had," Mr. Lambert said. "That was it."





## Editorial: Our great debt is not yet paid, help restore Civil War memorial

Posted: Saturday, September 5, 2015 11:00 pm

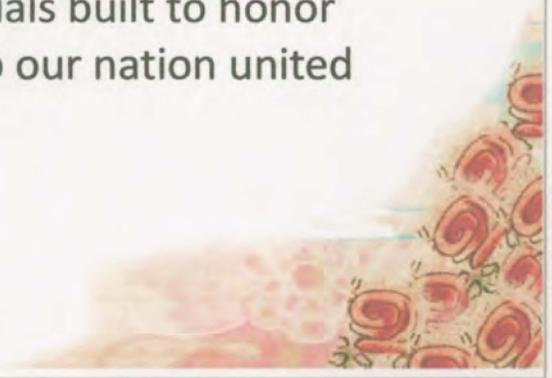
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*"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."* -- **Abraham Lincoln's**

**Gettysburg Address, Nov. 19, 1863**

We doubt Mr. Lincoln, standing at the sight of the latest horrific battle in our nation's bloody Civil War, could ever have envisioned a time when the memorials built to honor the warriors who fought and died to keep our nation united would fall into ruin.

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What he might say about the melting visage of the Civil War hero who once stood on the Rock Island County Courthouse lawn, for example, we can only imagine. He also would no doubt be deeply grieved to see that the names of native sons who fought and died on terrible battlefields in such places as Shiloh and Vicksburg are being washed away from a monument that also stands naked of its Italian marble sentinel sculpted by renowned artist Leonard Volk and placed there by a grateful community to stand guard over this roster of local heroes. What's left of the soldier, no longer able to watch over the fallen because the elements have melted away much of its visage, sits in a garage awaiting what comes next.

Unfortunately, we lack Mr. Lincoln's way with words, so please accept our poor substitute as today we urge Quad-Citians to answer the latest call to remember and honor those whom Mr. Lincoln said "gave the last full measure of devotion" more than 150 years ago.

If you missed it, take time to read reporter Anthony Watt's stirring account today of local heroes who died to restore the union, the terrible condition of the monument to honor them and those fighting to save it for future generations.

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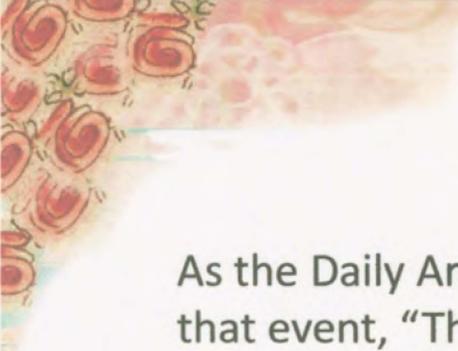


Only think of the pride with which the 30,000 still-grieving county residents celebrated the dedication of this monument to their Civil War dead in 1869. The county board voted to give \$1,500 to the project, but it was just a fraction of the \$10,000 needed to complete it. John Deere was among the major contributors. Many of those who had given their loved ones also gave their dollars so the names of those carved there would be remembered forever. Many of the families of the more than 300 who fell in the war and are listed there remain in the Quad-Cities today. The monument which sits at Rock Island is the only one that bears the names of all the county's Civil War fallen.

There are legions of reasons to save it and restore it. The only thing that stands in the way of its rebirth is money. Though the county sheriff's department is responsible for the statue, it cannot afford to fix years of neglect. Neither can a cash-strapped RICo government. Enter the folks behind the Civil War Soldiers' Monument Restoration Project. That effort, organized by the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office with the Rock Island County Historical Society and the Civil War Roundtable Quad Cities Chapter, has raised \$7,000 so far. An estimated \$100,000 is needed to complete the work. That leaves a long way to go and a short time to get there if the statue is to be rededicated by 2019, the 150th anniversary of its original celebration.

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As the Daily Argus wrote on April 10, 1869 to celebrate that event, “The monument, in its mute grandeur, will attract administration and stir in its beholders a generous patriotism and reverence for our dead soldiery so long as it shall be gazed upon by the citizens of a free government.”

Sadly we have failed to fulfill that promise. But its not too late to do so. Organizers need the help of corporate sponsors, civic organizations and citizens to share resources and ideas so that we can fulfill Mr. Lincoln’s mission. Please, get involved and help us honor a grateful nation’s debt.



Gerry Bustos,  
R. I. County Sheriff

Meredith Peterson, President  
R. I. County Historical Society

September 23, 2015



### ROCK ISLAND COUNTY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RESTORATION

Rock Island Genealogical Society  
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00 to the Rock Island County Civil War Monument Restoration project. Because of donors like you, we will be able to restore this historic monument which honors the men of Rock Island County who died in the Civil War. This will assure that future generations will be aware of the sacrifices made by these men.

Sincerely,

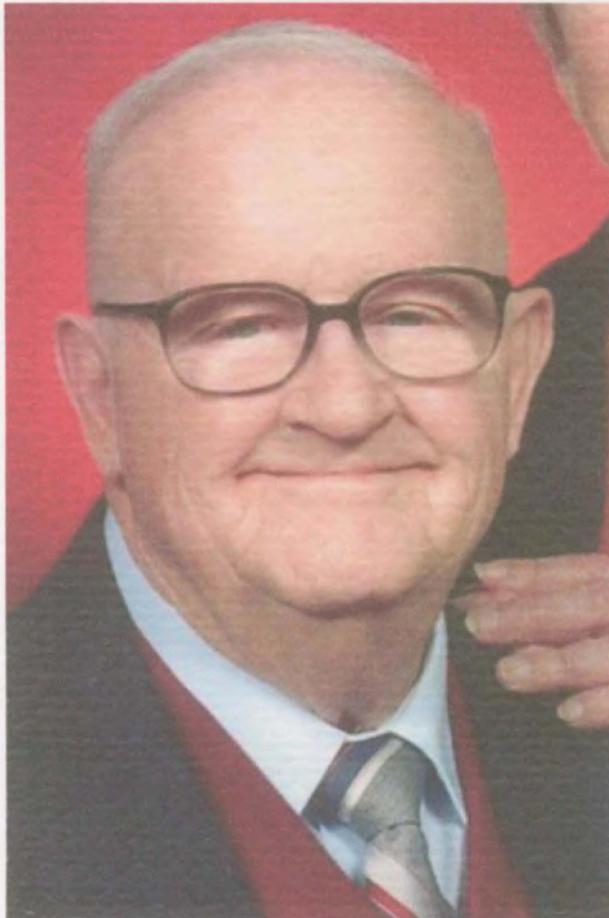
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Ken Plumb, along with his wife Shirley, was a long-time member of RICIGS.

## Kenneth Plumb



Kenneth R. Plumb, 79, of Davenport, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at Genesis West, Davenport.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Runge, Davenport. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nichols Cemetery, Nichols, Iowa.

He was born April 29, 1936, in Iowa City, to Steven A. and Gladys Kerr Plumb. He married Shirley M. Braun July 1, 1962.

Surviving are his wife; sons, Kevin D. (Frances) and Alan J., both of Davenport; sister-in-law, Carole Plumb, Davenport; and several nieces and nephews.

## Former residents to be highlighted in annual cemetery walk



In the past 18 years, the lives of more than 150 residents buried in Moline's Riverside Cemetery have been portrayed by local actors. This year, Echoes at Riverside is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 26 and will highlight the lives of eight people who contributed to the community and their families in various ways. Pictured from left to right is Chuck White, who will portray his grandfather, Charles Eldridge White, and The Rev. Roger Hungerford, who will portray Frank A. Gustafson.

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MOLINE -- Rock Island County was built on the dreams and determination of former residents who worked hard to grow and thrive.

The lives and achievements of eight of those residents will be highlighted Saturday, Sept. 26, during the annual cemetery walk, Echoes From Riverside.

In the past 18 years, the lives of more than 150 residents buried in the cemetery have been portrayed by local actors.

The characters in order of appearance:

-- **Frank A. Gustafson**, 1870-1936, portrayed by The Rev. Roger Hungerford. Born in Moline, Mr. Gustafson rose from humble beginnings to become a successful police magistrate. He was known for his organizational and people skills and for his fairness and honesty.

-- **Hulda Anderson**, 1889-1912, portrayed by Emma Hujet. A young Swedish immigrant, Ms. Anderson came to work as a domestic for a Moline family. After two years, she caught typhoid and died in a hospital. With no family here and few funds, she is buried in a pauper's grave.

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-- **Mattie Sophia White Poole**, 1863-1948, portrayed by Jane Seusy. Born and educated in Vermont, Ms. Poole moved to Moline in 1891 and used her artistic talents and business savvy to run a successful art studio and china painting store in downtown Moline. She was able to finance her own building on Fifth Avenue that still stands today.

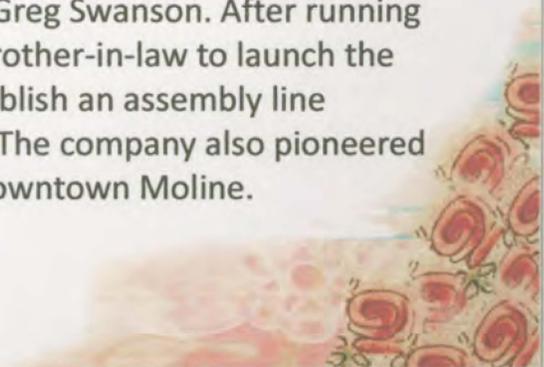
-- **Charles Eldridge White**, 1856-1927, portrayed by Chuck White. Working first as a molder for Deere and Mansur, Mr. White used his experiences to design better machinery for farming. He held 45 patents and later became a supervisor for the company. Mr. White was an avid golfer and successful real estate developer.

-- **Maria Eva White Darling**, 1866-1958, portrayed by Dorothy White. After graduating from Rock Island High School, she taught school until she married William Darling, the Rock Island city engineer. She was a member of many organizations and remained interested in education all her life.

-- **Henry Peter Oakley**, 1833-1893, portrayed by Dan Olson. After surviving many adventures sailing on merchant ships, Mr. Oakley landed in New York and eventually came to Moline. He was involved in various businesses, including a grocery and working as a foreman for Deere and Mansur. He was a partner in the Moline Ice Company, which cut and stored giant blocks of ice from the Mississippi.

-- **John Strombeck** 1851-1937, portrayed by Bob White. A cobbler all his life, Mr. Strombeck was known for his workmanship and ability to mend worn footwear as well as design and make new boots and shoes. He was father of the Strombeck partners in the Strombeck-Becker Company which became a famous toy manufacturer. He was also an ardent church leader.

-- **DeWitt Clinton Dimock**, 1820-1886, portrayed by Greg Swanson. After running his own woodworking shop, Mr. Dimock joined his brother-in-law to launch the Dimock and Gould Lumber Company. He helped establish an assembly line production that increased production and cut costs. The company also pioneered establishment of fire hydrants to help fight fires in downtown Moline.





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The Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution continues to be a vital part of our community. From left, Heather Shoesmith serves as chapter historian; Kitty Humphrey, is second vice reegent; Karin Ciaccio is 2015-2017 madam regent; and Ilene Correl and Linda Walker are past regents.

## DAR chapter backs Q-C for 120-plus years

In a nation that occasionally bounces outside the beliefs and strengths that made it what it is, there remains a 120-year-old constant.

The National Association of The Daughters of the American Revolution is a vibrant and dedicated organization with a deep history of enriching our nation. It features the The Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, a wonderful and guiding local example of the DAR's deep and rich commitment to a nation.

Nationally, the DAR can proudly boast that more than 930,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded Oct. 11, 1890, working to honor America's heritage while making a difference in their communities across the country and the world.

Some 1,240,000 volunteer hours have been worked by DAR members in 2015.

On the home front, few service organizations have affected the well-being of a community the way the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter has the Quad-Cities. The Moline chapter organized on Jan. 6, 1894, with Mrs. Charles



— JOHN MARX —

H. Deere being appointed regent. In 1914, it was recognized as the Mary Little Deere Chapter.

On Feb. 6, 1896, seventeen women eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution met and organized the Fort Armstrong Chapter.

For the betterment of the community, the two combined efforts in 1999, and have been a successful and driving force to support the NSDAR and Illinois DAR goals and objectives under one umbrella.

It continues to serve youth, America's future through education, through scholarships with local high schools, and provide support for local veterans and veterans' groups.

You can find the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong chapter assisting Rock Island Arsenal Wives

in locating local World Wart II veterans.

It lends tremendous support to local long-term care facilities and is responsible for an award recognizing an outstanding and local high school ROTC participant.

It lends guidance and support to our local Honor Flight, the Stand Down Project, Festival of Trees, and the Campbell's Island Monument restoration.

The group works tirelessly to better our environment and leads a variety of student essay programs across the area. The

chapter is also responsible for the John R. Cervantes Scholarship, awarded each year to a student at Moline High School.

The Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter truly is an active, dedicated and caring group.

"DAR is a valuable asset to the community," said Madam Regent Karin Ciaccio, representing the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter. "We strive to preserve our past history and historical monuments, promote patriotism, especially in the schools, educate our youth about those who made this country great, and honor

our veterans."

There is no sign of slowing with the Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter.

Not a day passes that it does not have a positive impact on our community, continuing a tradition that began more than 120 years ago.

As a community, we are fortunate have such a vibrant and mindful group at our side.

Columnist **JOHN MARX** can be reached at 309-757-8388 or [jmarx@qconline.com](mailto:jmarx@qconline.com).

*(Dorothy Darland is a long-time member and past president of our Society.)*

### **Annual rummage sale planned in Rock Island**

Iris Edwards, Steve Sheese and Dorothy Darland, of 15th Avenue Christian Church, 3600 15th Ave., Rock Island, are ready for the church's fall rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24. Items for sale will include clothing, books, toys, housewares, collectibles and miscellaneous.



## Volunteers begin restoration of Campbell's Island monument



Todd Mizener/tmizener@qconline.com

Delphia Skinner, of Moline, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, works to clear heavy brush along the Mississippi River Wednesday, November 4, 2015, on Campbell's Island. A dozen members of Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong and the Fort Armstrong Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution worked together to clear brush from the river view of the Campbell's Island monument. The monument commemorates a battle between U.S. soldiers and American Indians during the War of 1812. The DAR is currently raising funds to help restore the monument which was dedicated in 1908.

By Anthony Watt, [awatt@qconline.com](mailto:awatt@qconline.com)

Once, long ago, men fought and died amid crackling musket fire on Campbell's Island, and a small group of volunteers is now working to keep the memory of those men from fading.

In July 1814, during the War of 1812, a detachment of United States regulars and Illinois soldiers known as rangers traveled up the Mississippi River by boat, according to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The unit, commanded by Lt. John Campbell, was attacked by a force of British-allied American Indians led by the warrior Black Hawk as it moved past the island. The day-long battle was an American defeat, with about a dozen federals and rangers killed.

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A park on the southern end of the island, facing toward Iowa, commemorates the battle. Within is a stout granite obelisk between 20 and 30 feet high. Built and dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the massive monument is more than 100 years old and beginning to show its age.

"Eventually, it will just all crumble and fall apart if it's not maintained properly," Karin Ciaccio, chapter regent of the DAR's Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter.

So on Wednesday the latest incarnation of the Daughters, helped by their colleagues from the Fort Armstrong Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, began rehabilitating the monument. About a dozen sons and daughters cut down vines, small trees and other vegetation that had grown up between the monument and the river, blocking the view.

"Today we're just cleaning up the grounds," Ms. Ciaccio said.

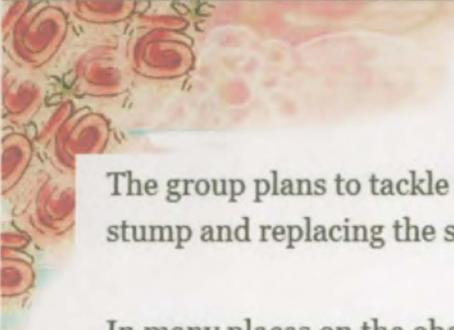
From this point, the repairs will begin from the perimeter of the monument and work toward the center, Ms. Ciaccio and fellow member Glenda Gillham said.

The obelisk is surrounded by a square, knee-high concrete wall, and a sidewalk runs within the small lawn that wall creates. Several iron-barreled cannons point toward the river.

The perimeter wall is cracked, and the outer surface has flaked away in many places. The sidewalk has waffled, and an old tree stump has broken one section completely apart.

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The group plans to tackle those problems first -- mending holes and cracks, pulling the stump and replacing the sidewalk, Ms. Ciaccio and Ms. Gillham said.

In many places on the obelisk, the surface of the blocks is chipped. The mortar between the hefty stone blocks is gone in others, leaving deep, dark gaps.

Some of those gaps have widened over time and others have become unwanted gardens: small leafy plants and grasses have taken root, causing further damage.

There are several plaques on the monument. Three are granite and have information about the battle and the dedication of the monument. The fourth, facing the Mississippi, is a bronze depicting the battle: Black Hawk's fighters shoot from the treeline, and the soldiers return fire from their boats. Other soldiers and a woman tend wounded comrades around the boats.

Ms. Gillham said there is concern about that plaque, which is beginning to lean.

David Halpin, of the IHPA, was on site Wednesday, advising and assisting. He said the renovation is expected to take five years.

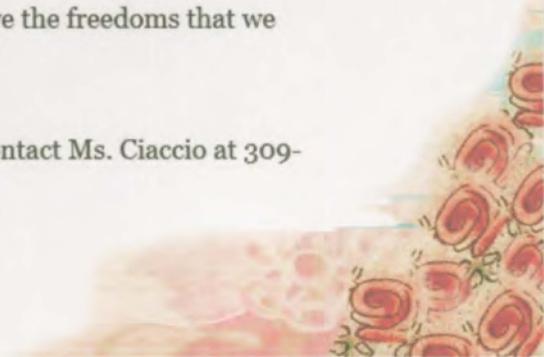
The monument is a state historic site, so the restored monument must look as close to the original as possible, Mr. Halpin said.

They said the restoration will cost at least \$50,000 and may cost more. Some of the funds are from the Daughters. The group is working to raise the rest, and Ms. Gillham said she is looking for grants.

The monument is part of Quad-Cities history, Ms. Ciaccio said.

"Someone needs to remind us of why we're here, and why we have the freedoms that we have," she said.

Anyone interested in contributing to the restoration effort can contact Ms. Ciaccio at 309-799-1304 or [foodogwally@yahoo.com](mailto:foodogwally@yahoo.com).



## RICIGS Annual Dinner 10 November 2015



Installation of  
2016 Officers  
by Julie Vogel

2016 Officers  
Right to left:  
President Kitty  
Humphrey;  
Vice President  
Tammy Castagnoli;  
Treasurer Linda  
Walker;  
Secretary Betty  
Hagberg;  
Members at Large  
Sally Bartosh  
Pat McCoy



RICIGS Annual Dinner  
10 November 2015



Speaker Karen Anderson presented "Hell at Midnight in Davenport"



Secretary Kathy Elliott and President Shay Elliott draw names for door prizes



Fred Polich was one of the lucky winners – a framed picture of immigrants

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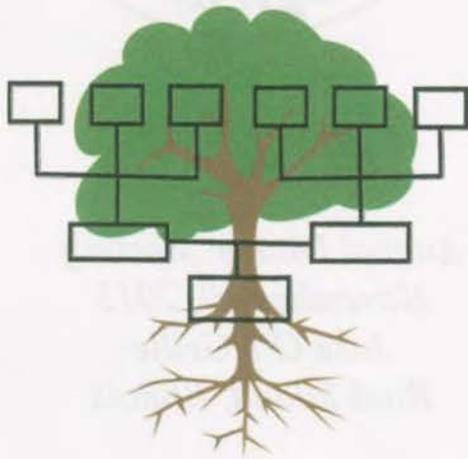


*Annual Dinner Meeting*  
*November 10, 2015*  
*Jake O's Grille*  
*Rock Island, Illinois*

*Quad Cities Spring Genealogical Conference  
Saturday April 30, 2016 at the  
Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline, Illinois*

*The speaker will be Harold Henderson,  
Board-certified professional genealogist and writer.*

*Don't forget that there will also be genealogical  
vendor's. For further information please call  
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*Welcome  
Shay Elliott*

*Invocation  
Kathy Elliott*

*Buffet Menu  
Cod, Fried Chicken, Ham  
Assorted Salads  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy  
Vegetable Medley  
Rolls and Butter  
Dessert*

*Installation of 2016 Officers  
Julie Vogel*

*Birdies for Charity Presentation  
Linda Polich*

*Program  
"Hell at Midnight in Davenport"  
Karen Anderson  
Program Director at  
Antoine LeClaire House  
Historical Interpretive Center*



*(Diane is a longtime member of RICIGS.)*



## **Diane Lovell Birthday**

**Posted: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 11:35 am**

Diane Lovell, Moline, will be honored at an open house Saturday, Nov. 28, in observance of her 80th birthday.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. at Homewood Evangelical Free Church, 3303 60th St., Moline. No gifts, please.

Diane was born Nov. 28, 1935, in Woodhull. She married Russ Lovell July 3, 1955. He died Jan. 8, 2000. She graduated from Orion High School "Class of 53" and retired from John Deere Insurance Company.

Her children are Lori Johnson, East Moline; and Dean (Jody) Lovell, Coal Valley. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is a member of Homewood Evangelical Free Church and Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society.



*(Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker are also RICIGS Members.)*

## **Volunteers and students shine at 19th Century Christmas**

By Jonathan Turner, [jturner@qconline.com](mailto:jturner@qconline.com) | Posted: Sunday, December 6, 2015 7:07 pm

MOLINE — In a bright-red, Christmas-y jacket, Kitty Humphrey happily served punch and cookies Sunday at the Butterworth Center dining room.

She was among more than 30 volunteers who make the annual 19th Century Christmas a dream come true — as visitors pour through the elegant Butterworth and Deere-Wiman homes, at 11th Avenue and 8th Street. The properties are decked out in their full holiday finery, and Sunday's festivities included free family activities all afternoon, with musical talent from many area students on display.

"It just takes you back in time — the historic aspects of the building," said Ms. Humphrey, of Milan, an officer in Mary Little Deere-Fort Armstrong chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The 155-member group meets monthly at Butterworth Center.

"We're very lucky that we get to meet here. They're very good to us as a society," said Ms. Humphrey, a first-time holiday volunteer, with fellow member Linda Walker, of Rock Island.

"The Butterworth has always been very good to the DAR. We felt we should give back to say thank you," Ms. Walker said, noting the two helped decorate the Christmas trees on the second floor a couple weeks ago. The DAR planted a sugar maple tree behind the Deere-Wiman House last month, in honor of the 125th anniversary of the national DAR.

"It's the beautiful decoration; to see a Victorian house decorated like that, it gives you a few ideas of your own," Mrs. Dulaney said, noting the event opens the buildings to places visitors normally wouldn't see during scheduled tours on weekdays.

Stacy Klingler, executive director of the homes, said staff and volunteers work three weeks to get everything decorated. "It's a lot of work to get it done," she said. "They are absolutely gorgeous."

Her favorite part Sunday was the busy room at the Butterworth Education Center where kids could visit Santa, get a candy cane, do artwork, and pick up a free book, courtesy of the William Butterworth Foundation.

"I like seeing all these faces, the families enjoying Christmas," said Nan Norcross, business manager for the foundation. "It's always a beautiful transformation," for the holidays, she said of the grounds.

Mrs. Butterworth formed the foundation in honor of her husband and specified the home be opened as a civic center upon her death in 1953. The Deere-Wiman House was donated to the foundation in 1976. The Rock Island County Historical Society Museum and Deere-Wiman Carriage House were also part of 19th Century Christmas.

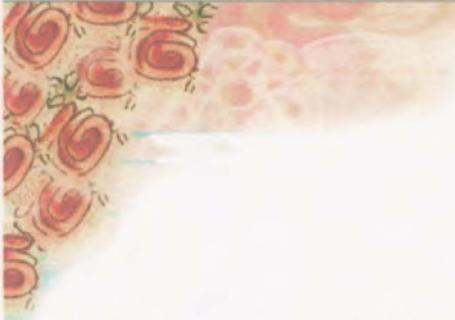
Among performers Sunday were regulars the Moline Boys Choir; the first-time Moline High School Chamber Orchestra; Davenport high-school pianist Eric Newton, and Black Hawk College students Dalaie Choi (piano), Lydia Olsen (harp), and a student trombone quartet.

"It's beautiful, a perfect place for chamber orchestra," said chamber orchestra director Zack Morton, who's the MHS director of instrumental music. The 10-student orchestra just formed last year. It's played several times in the area, but this was the first time at the Butterworth library, for 45 minutes Sunday.



Gabe Tweet 6 of Rock Island, left, Lolah Smith 6 of Rock Island, Henry Smith 3, and Autumn Trudell 5 of Bettendorf listen to Don Estes of Bettendorf play Jingle Bells on the guitar as they tour the Deere Wiman house during the 19th Century Christmas at Butterworth Center and Deere Wiman house Sunday.

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The Deere chapter, founded in 1894 in Moline, was organized by the wife of Charles Deere (son of John Deere). Katherine Butterworth was her daughter. In 1892, Charles Deere built Butterworth Center a block from his own 1872 home, Overlook (now Deere-Wiman House), as a wedding gift for his daughter Katherine and her husband William Butterworth.

"Both houses are gorgeous," said Geri Dulaney, of Davenport, who greeted visitors at the Deere-Wiman House parlor. She and her husband Dick — also first-time volunteers for the event — are members of Quad-Cities Civil War Roundtable, which also meets at Butterworth, and one meeting a year at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House.

"One of the things we could do, other than the small donation the organization makes, is volunteering," said Mr. Dulaney, a retired history teacher, who was stationed at the 1933 Lionel train set display on the second floor. "I learned a lot about trains in there."

Nonprofit organizations that do philanthropic or charitable work for the community can meet at the historic homes free of charge. In 2014, the properties hosted 1,400 meetings, including about 50 groups that meet monthly, mostly at Butterworth, said program director Gretchen Small.

Last year's Christmas open house drew over 1,500 people. "It's a big day for us," she said. "We have people who make it their annual tradition, and come every year, and we have new people that get a sense of what we are and what we do."

"It's so stressful leading up to it, but then when we open the doors and people start pouring in, it makes it worth it," Ms. Small said. "To have at 12 o'clock, people waiting to get in, that makes it special."

"This is a wonderful event; it brings a lot of people in," said Lawrence Bay, of Port Byron, another Civil War buff.

"It's a very different venue from what we normally play," said Hailey Schmach, a cellist in the orchestra. "It's kind of intimidating, the people here know what to listen for," compared to middle schoolers, she said.

"It's very grand and fancy," Tashon Wiseman, who plays string bass, said of Butterworth.

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*Note: Barbara Evans was a member of our Society for many years!*



*This obituary appeared in the Moline Dispatch on May 12, 2016.*

Barbara J. Evans, 89, of Coal Valley, died Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Avonlea Cottage, Milan. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 3030 7th Ave., Rock Island. Burial is at National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Visitation is 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Avonlea Cottage or Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Rock Island.

Barbara Jean Haney was born Oct. 5, 1926, in Aledo, a daughter of John H. and Emma M. Murdock Haney. She married Carlisle

Barbara graduated from Aledo High School and, in early years, worked at Bituminous Casualty, Rock Island. She later worked as a secretary at Augustana College, Rock Island.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and previously Central Presbyterian Church, both of Rock Island. Barbara was also a member of the Mercer County Genealogy Society. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and gardening. Barbara considered herself a farm girl; she loved horses and was proud of her rural heritage. Her greatest love was for her family, enjoying every moment she was with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and yet missing her beloved husband and best friend, Ki.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Donald C. and Nancy Evans, Bettendorf, and Kenneth R. and Karen Evans, Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters and sons-in-law, Carol K. Evans and Bill Wall, Seeley Lake, Mont., and Christine K. Evans and Dennis Peck, Geneseo; grandchildren (and spouses), Amanda Evans, Fullerton, Calif., Justin (Katie) Evans, Maricopa, Ariz., Matthew (Maggie) Evans, Lake Hawea, New Zealand, Jason Evans, Bettendorf, John (Emilia) Evans, Baton Rouge, La., Jessica Evans-Wall, Boston, Mass., Jared Evans, Rochester, Minn., Carlisle Evans Peck, Minneapolis, Minn., and Emma Evans-Peck, Geneseo; great-grandchildren, Kain (Tatiana), Alyssa, Aiden, Tenley, Garrett, Sadie, Grace, Walter and Oliver; and great-great-grandchildren, Carter and Amelia. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ki; and brother, John Wendell Haney.

Special thanks to the tireless caregivers at Avonlea Cottage and the Genesis Hospice nurses for their care as well.

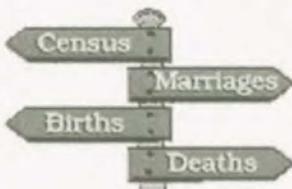


**Moline Dispatch**  
**Daily planner, Sunday, July 24, 2016**  
Jul 23, 2016

◆Finding Your Ancestors,◆ a three-part series of genealogy classes sponsored by the Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society, is scheduled for Aug. 6, Sept. 24 and Oct. 15. Each class is on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Butterworth Educational Center, 701 12th Ave., Moline. Cost for non-members of the genealogical society is \$10 per class or \$25 for all three classes. Registration deadline is Aug. 1. Send a check, along with name, address and phone to Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3912, Rock Island, IL 61204-3912. For information, call Linda Polich, 309-236-1985, or Lorraine Hathaway, 309-787-1826. Three of the instructors are, from left, Lorraine Hathaway, Linda Polich and Linda Walker.

**Our Society sponsored another series of genealogy classes  
– this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year we have offered classes to new  
genealogists!**

**Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
is sponsoring "Finding Your Ancestors" -  
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**CLASS 1 – August 6**

Pedigree Charts  
Family Group Sheets  
Genealogy Software  
Online Research  
Vital Records  
Cite Your Sources  
Ethnic Resources  
Local Resources

**CLASS 2 – September 24**

Immigration/Naturalization  
Land Records  
Federal & State Census  
City Directories  
Military Records  
Lineage Societies  
Wills and Probates

**CLASS 3 – October 15**

Writing and Publishing Your  
Family History  
Creating a Timeline  
Writing Your Life Story  
Tools To Help You Get Started  
Make An Action Plan!



**All classes will be held at the Butterworth Educational Center,  
701-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

**Cost: RICIGS members – free (You must still register!)  
Nonmembers - \$10 per class or \$25 for all three**

**Questions? Call Linda Polich (309) 236-1985 or  
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**Registration deadline for the series is August 1, 2016.  
Seating is limited – fill out the form below, and mail it with your check today!**

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*Note: Elinor Budelier was a member of our Society for many years!*

*This obituary appeared in the Moline Dispatch on August 13, 2016.*

Elinor Anne "Nomie" Budelier, 77, of Rock Island, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016, at UnityPoint Health-Trinity Rock Island.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m., at Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to service time at the church. Memorials may be left to Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, or the German American Heritage Center, Davenport. Private inurnment will be in Chippiannock Cemetery, Rock Island.

Elinor was born on March 17, 1939, in Milan, the daughter of Carl and Martha Stapp Budelier. She was a graduate of Rock Island High School and Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., with a degree in German and Russian languages and spent her junior year at the University of Munich. She earned a master's degree at the University of Minnesota.

Elinor retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., as an analyst, senior analyst and liaison officer with over 30 years service.

She enjoyed animals, was an avid gardener and an avid bird watcher, supporting the Cornell Lab for Ornithology. In 1991, Nomie and her mother donated 67 acres of hardwood forest and hill prairie to The Nature Conservancy.

Augustana College then purchased the property with a donation from the Collinson family, owners of Collinson Stone Company, in Milan. The area is now named the Collinson Ecological Preserve and is used by the college to promote the understanding and protection of Illinois native ecosystems through field-based education in the study of ecology.

Elinor had mastered the German language and Old German script and enjoyed translating documents. She was a charter/life member of the German American Heritage Center in Davenport.

As an antiquarian, she had an avid interest in history and preservation of historic properties. She treasured her period collectibles including a collection of antique music boxes and decorative fittings and displayed them in her home.

As an accomplished photographer, she photographed every house in the Mt. Pleasant Historic District in Washington, D.C., where she resided for over 48 years.

Ethnocultural studies of German, Jewish and Native American peoples was a lifelong passion of hers. Nomie loved reading, collectible books and talking to people. There was never a quick conversation with her. It was never boring and always filled with laughter. She had a quick wit and a kind, gentle heart. She spent many hours teaching neighborhood children about nature (birds, flowers, bugs, etc).

She was a weaver and an accomplished equestrienne and archer. Her deep interest in genealogy blended her interest in history and heritage. Nomie's favorite holiday was Christmas, followed by the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve.

She loved classical music, played the piano, and gave her support to the National Symphony Orchestra, The Strathmore Center for the Performing Arts, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Folger Consort, the Bach Consort, and the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. She was a steward at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Nomie was a founding member of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. She was also a member and longtime supporter of Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island; Quad City Botanical Center; Rock Island County Historical Society; Rock Island County Genealogy Society; Washington, D.C., Historical Society; Smithsonian Institute; Figge Art Museum; Quad City Computer Club; and Save the Children International.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved horse, Chief; and her faithful dog, Scipio. Survivors include many cousins and dear friends. They would like to send a special thank you to the staff of Silver Cross at Friendship Manor who cared for Nomie the last four years.

*Note: Elaine Vinzant was a member of our Society for many years!*



*This obituary appeared in the Moline Dispatch on 2 September 2016*

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Our sympathy to her loving family and friends, and to the community which has lost such a one-of-a-kind voice.



This editorial appeared in the Moline  
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# Our Society Showcase Booth

**Linda Polich**



**Lorraine Hathaway, "Abe", and Diane Lovell**



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2016 Conference

31 August – 3 September  
Springfield, Illinois



**Fred Polich**



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



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**2017**

The home of John Deere is also the home of the vibrant genealogical societies that make up the Quad Cities. Organizers like Beth Hoffman makes wrangling a record-breaking 270 genealogists (at a seminar that's been a tradition for over 40 years) look easy. "Mean Jean" (don't let the name fool you, she's a teddy bear), Chris, Len and all the other board members made me feel right at home and kept my daughter Hannah laughing. Now, every time I ride my #johndeere #mower I will fondly remember the #genealogygems I spoke to this weekend. #ilovemyjob #genealogy #familyfun #familyhistory #moline #rockisland #illinois #genealogyseminar



*Thank You Quad Cities!*



Lisa Louise Cooke posted this on her Facebook page after speaking at our very successful QC Genealogical Conference!

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Let the fun begin!



Shopping opportunities in the Expo Hall!

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The Conference Evening Event was a North Carolina Pig Pickin' !!  
Great food, great bluegrass music, and over 300 people who share our interest in genealogy!

From Moline Dispatch, 25 June 2017

## Delmar and Donna Moore

Delmar and Donna Moore, Rock Island, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



Donna Husemann, Mount Sterling, Ill., and Mr. Moore, Rock Island, were married June 22, 1957, at the Free Methodist Church, Rushville, Ill.

Their children (and spouses) are Martha (Ken) Wynes, Milan; and Daniel (Debbie) Moore, Rock Island. They have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore retired from Augustana College.

They are members of First Church of the Nazarene, Rock Island.

Delmar is a long-time member of our Society, and our Historian Emeritus

Kitty Humphrey, current RICIGS President, had a nice article in the Dispatch 03 July 2017

## She's a grand old flag advocate

BY HANNAH RODRIGUEZ  
hrodriguez@qconline.com

MILAN — Wearing a "true blue" blazer adorned with military pins, Kitty Humphrey, of Milan, is as patriotic as a person gets.

Starting a one-woman mission in October 2016, Mrs. Humphrey traveled throughout Illinois, volunteering her time to teach children about the importance of the American flag.

"I saw all the things happening on TV, and what struck me was the children that were watching things happen," she said. "I thought, 'What is our future going to be?' We are not installing in these children what our flag means."

"I wanted to teach our young children the importance of patriotism and the correct things to do to respect our flag."

As the Illinois state chairperson of the Flag of the United States of America for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Humphrey is devoted to preservation, patriotism and education efforts. Visiting more than 200 classrooms in more than 90 schools, Mrs. Humphrey distributed flags and pencils while delivering



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Kitty Humphrey is the Illinois state chairperson of the Flag of the United States of America, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

speeches on the significance of the flag's history.

"We are the strongest country, and we are one nation under God," she said. "Our flag has been in almost every war this country has been to battle with. I have friends I have lost in Iraq and family members in Afghanistan."

"You hear things that happen in this country," she said. "I've seen people walk on that flag,

burned in other countries and over here. To watch what happens to our flag, it really upsets me, and I feel like these people just don't know what the price of freedom is."

Refusing to stop at schools, Mrs. Humphrey also decided to honor veterans at Veteran Administration nursing homes in Illinois. Making shadow boxes and other gifts with her husband, Mrs.

Humphrey was attuned to every detail by including special braille flags for those hard of sight. Her mission also included visiting more than 20 private nursing homes within Illinois to show appreciation for veterans' service.

Mrs. Humphrey said from an early age she deeply understood American patriotism. Growing up in a "huge military family," she has ancestors tied to Jamestown and others who fought in the Revolutionary and Civil wars. Her grandfather served in World War I; her two brothers served in the Vietnam War. In 1963, at 19, Mrs. Humphrey enlisted in the Marine Corps.

"We were not a wealthy family growing up," she said. "When we needed entertainment we would sing 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' or 'Over There.'"

"My mother always taught us to be patriotic and to love our country. It's just in my blood," she said. "There is no finer specimen in the world than a Marine. In the early '80s, women in the military was just something new that male Marines had to get used to. It was kind of wonderful to be there to see such change happening."

See HUMPHREY, page A6

## Humphrey

From page A3

"They always say you're as strong as your weakest member, but we were not weak," Mrs. Humphrey said. "We made everything work because there was camaraderie and teamwork. But I was very proud, and I still am to this day, to be a female United States Marine."

After serving in the corps, she spent some time working for the U.S. embassy in Frankfurt, West Germany, before enlisting in the Army. From 1995 to 2008, she served in the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

Returning home, however, presented its own challenges.

"I couldn't trust anybody," she said. "I remember coming home after my retirement and I couldn't drive a car for over a year. My PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) was fear."

"My friend, who was a registered nurse, would come here and stay at night so I could get a good night sleep because my husband at the time was in Iraq," she said. "I always wanted to travel on the back roads because I had the horrible fear of being blocked in or getting trapped. If that happened in the Middle East,

you couldn't tell who had a bomb."

After a year of treatment and readjusting to retirement at home, Mrs. Humphrey decided to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. Finding it difficult to connect with those who don't understand military service, she said she found a place of security and acceptance within the DAR.

"When I got out of the military, I just didn't know how to associate with women," she said. "The Daughters of the American Revolution really helped me because they became my family and support system

to get me back on track and moving again."

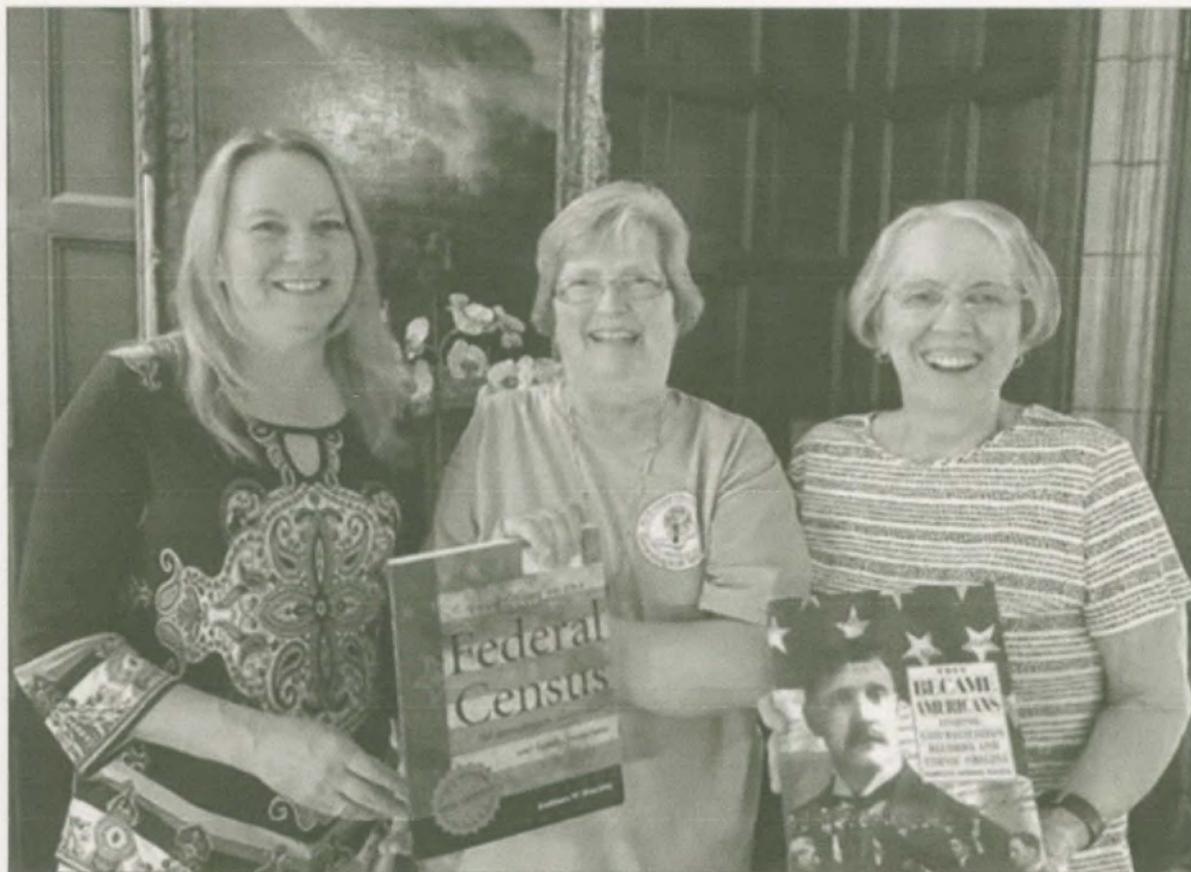
Through her military career, Mrs. Humphrey fought for the ideals the flag represents. She continues that fight today, to educate and promote patriotism in everyone she meets. Regardless of politics or other differences, Mrs. Humphrey believes in the foundation of the U.S.

"We might have rights and wrongs in this country. We have troubles," she said. "But when we got to Fort Dix from Germany, I kissed the ground because I was so happy to be home."

The last thing that will touch my body or my casket will be my flag," she said. "As long as I breathe, I will never stop being patriotic."

This photo and caption appeared in the July 23, 2017 edition of the Dispatch Argus ... to promote our upcoming genealogy classes!

## DAILY PLANNER



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Are you curious about your family history? Would you like to learn how to find out more about your ancestors? WE CAN HELP! The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society is sponsoring three genealogy skill-building workshops in 2017!



**CLASS 1 – August 19:** We will start by discussing the basics, then talk about Genealogy Software, Online Research, DNA Testing, and Vital Records

**CLASS 2 – September 9:** In this class, we will show you how to find out more details about your ancestors, using Immigration/Naturalization Records, Land Records, Federal & State Census, City Directories, Military Records, and Wills & Probates

**CLASS 3 – October 14:** Now let's put it all together! We will show you how to write and publish your family history, create a timeline, and write your life story, with tools to help you get started.

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Registration deadline for the workshops is **August 1, 2017.**  
Seating is limited – fill out the form below, and mail it with your check today!

Check our website often for a listing of classes and programs!  
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## How Many Ancestors Do You Have?

Have you ever wondered just how many ancestors you have? The following tree was found by our genealogist, Phyllis Hughes, and illustrates how the number of ancestors doubles with each passing generation.

1 You  
2 Parents  
4 Grandparents  
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Reprinted from the *Knox County Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 30, No. 4, Winter, 2002, p. 29.



*The greatest disservice ever done to the hobby of genealogy is done by the well-meaning people who tell us that documentation is unnecessary.... Documentation is the "common sense" of genealogy.*

— Elizabeth Shown Mills  
"Documentation: Elitism or Common Sense"  
*Heritage Quest*, #21

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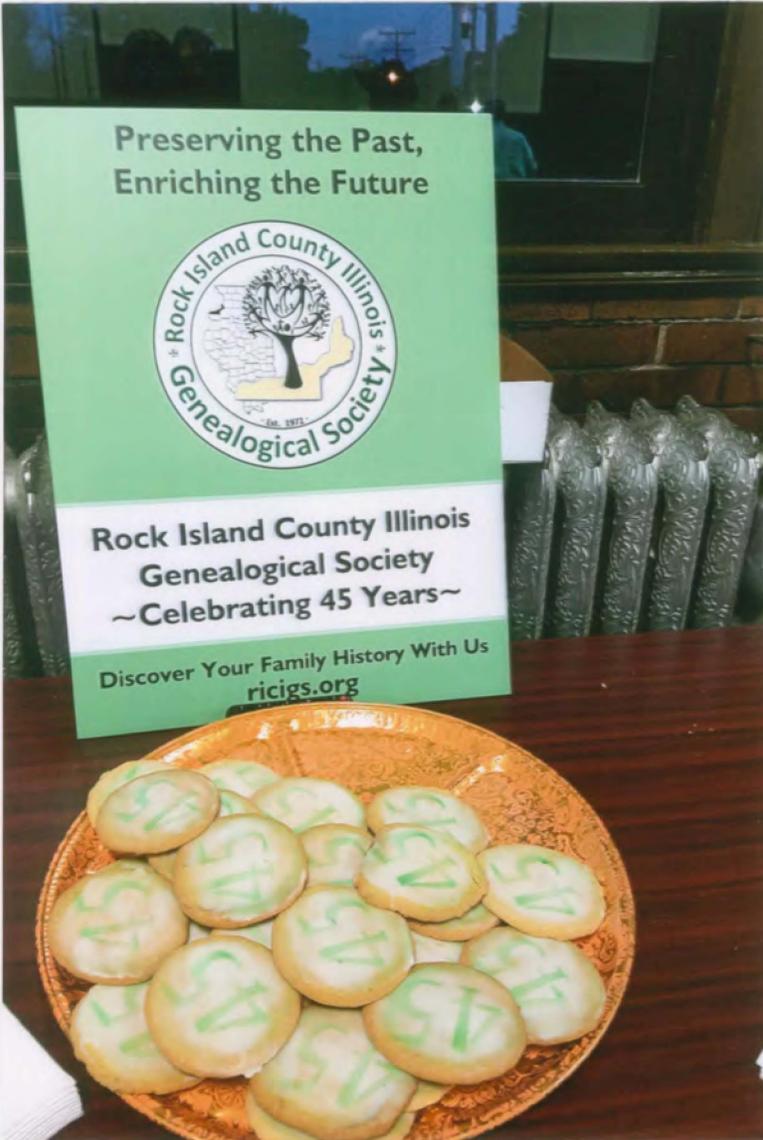
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*Laura Marshall Kovarik, President*

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Rock Island County





## WHO WE ARE

The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1972. The objectives of the society are:

- To preserve and perpetuate members' ancestral records and assist each other in genealogical research
- To discover, collect, and preserve any materials that may help to establish or illustrate the history of Rock Island County and surrounding areas
- To encourage the preservation and safeguarding of county, township, and state records
- To receive and hold gifts of real and personal estate from any source for the benefit of the Society
- To promote and publish historical and genealogical material covering this and other areas from which our ancestors came

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# MEMBERSHIP

## BENEFITS

For more than 40 years, the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society has been committed to preserving our history. Isn't it time you joined in this effort? Here's a sampling of what your membership will support and what benefits you will receive ...



### RESEARCH LIBRARY

The RICIGS library collection is housed at the Rock Island County Historical Society, 822 12th Avenue, Moline, IL. Our library includes over 2,000 books and periodicals spanning from colonial times to the present, covering every region of the U.S. Members may use these items for free.

### OUR WEBSITE

The RICIGS website includes schedules and details of RICIGS events and genealogical events in the Midwest; a listing of our library holdings; an index of local obituaries, cemeteries index and facts; a list of our publications/CDs for purchase; and a contact form to request research on ancestors. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbgsrim](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbgsrim)

### EDUCATION

Genealogical classes are offered periodically and are free to members. RICIGS co-sponsors a Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference with a known genealogical speaker every spring.



### MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Avenue, Moline, IL on the fourth Tuesday of the month, January through October. The annual dinner meeting is held in November. There is not a meeting in December.

### QUARTERLY

Members receive a printed hard copy quarterly that is published and mailed in spring and fall of each year. In addition, members will receive an electronic newsletter via email in winter and summer.

### PUBLICATIONS/CDs

The Society has several publications and genealogical forms available for purchase. Also available are CDs containing cemetery records and genealogical newspaper abstracts. Details about purchasing these items are on our website.

### RESEARCH/QUERIES

RICIGS will do research for you! The cost is \$10 per hour prepaid – 1 hour minimum – 3 hour maximum. Queries are put in the quarterly free for members. Queries cost \$2 for non-members and are limited to 50 words.

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- Lifetime Membership . . . . . \$300.00

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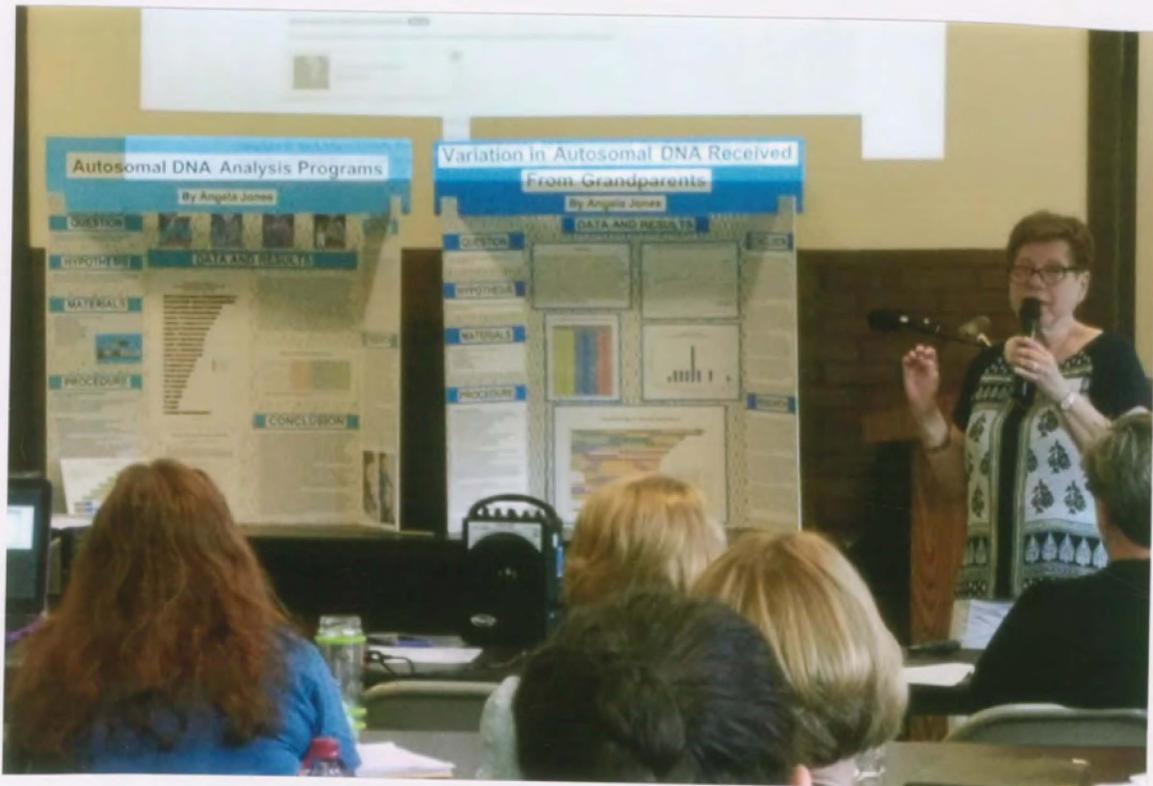






Betty Hagberg instructing the class on DNA



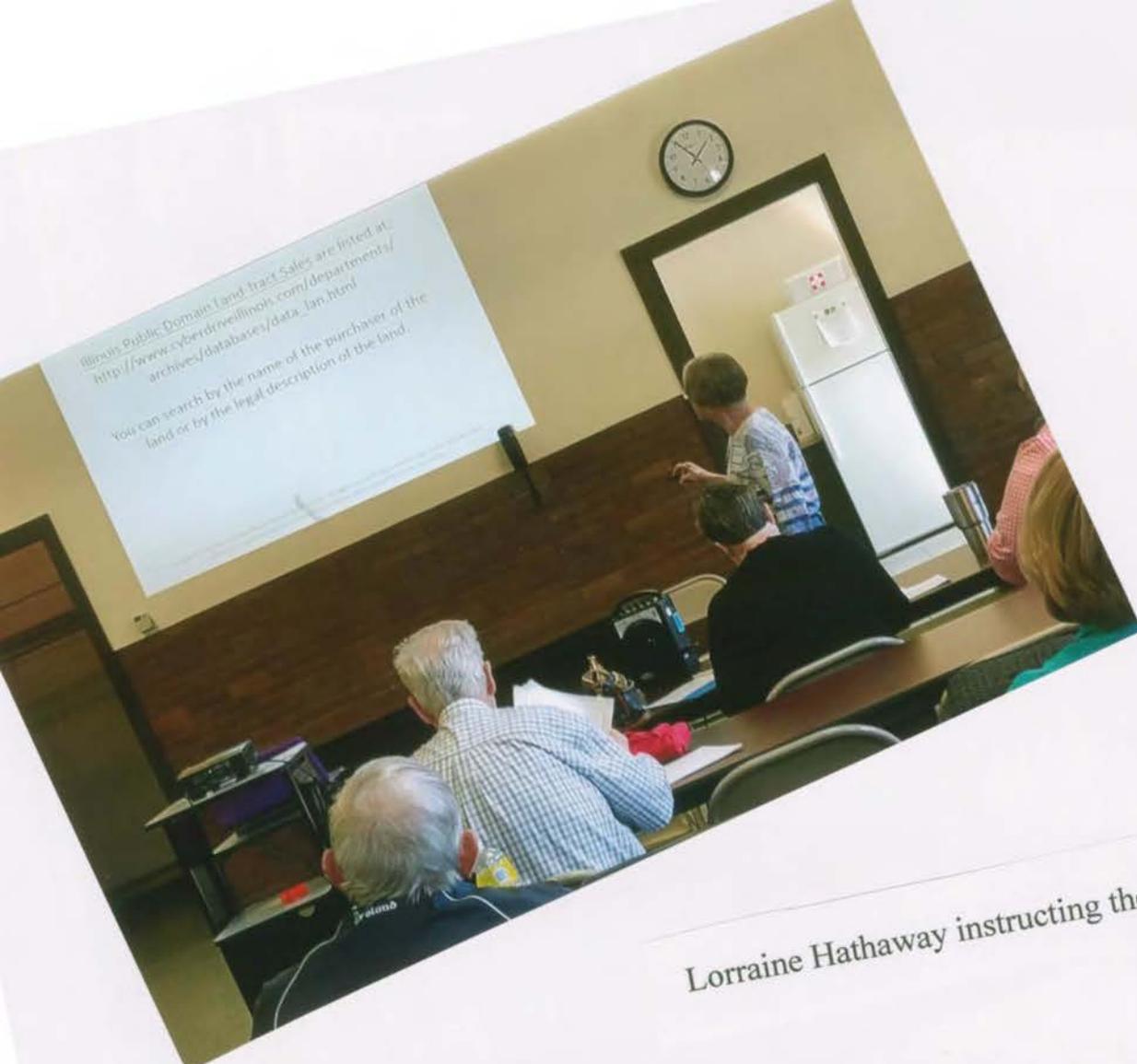


Linda Walker instructing the class



Linda Polich instructing the class





Lorraine Hathaway instructing the class



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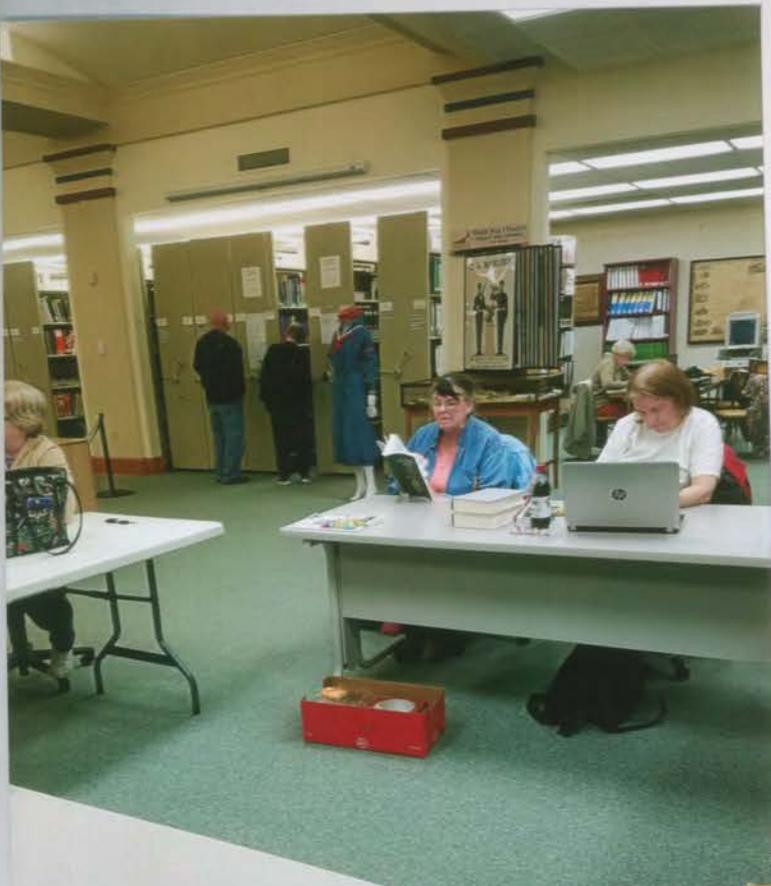
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Research night at RICHS Library



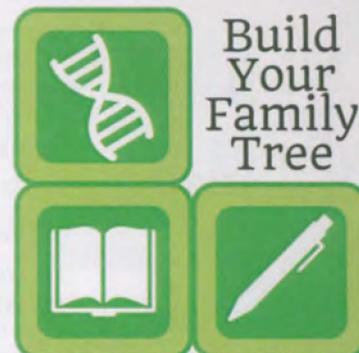


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## Karen Stanbary

Karen Stanbary, CG<sup>SM</sup>, holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Chicago. She is a faculty member at GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG. She holds the credential Certified Genealogist® from the Board for Certification of Genealogists® where she serves on the Genetic Genealogy Standards committee.

## J. H. "Jay" Fonkert

J. H. Fonkert, CG<sup>SM</sup>, lectures at national and regional conferences and has taught at the Salt Lake Institute for Genealogy. He has published more than 50 research and teaching articles and is co-editor of Minnesota Genealogist.



### Conference speakers:

Tony Burroughs, Ginger Frere, Dr. Daniel Hubbard, Marsha Peterson-Maass, & Rachel M. Popma

Conference presented in partnership with the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, the local co-host Society.



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10:00a

**Local Society Forum**

Noon

**Registration & Vendor Browsing**

1:30p DNA

**DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist's Tool Box**

*Karen Stanbary*

Learn the many different ways DNA test results can confirm and advance your traditional paper trail research through case examples. Additionally, we will explore the types of DNA tests and the three major testing companies who offer them. Advantages and disadvantages of each company for specific types of research problems will be discussed.

**RESEARCH Beyond Ancestry.com's Shaky Leaf Hints**

*Marsha Peterson-Maass*

Did you get your start in genealogy with Ancestry.com? Not sure what other genealogical resources are available elsewhere and why you need to use them? How about clues from DNA tests that might help you build your family tree? This fun hour will show you how to curb your dependence on Ancestry.com's shaky leaf hints and use other helpful resources!

**WRITING Tools for Gathering Family Stories From Historic Newspapers**

*J.H. Fonkert*

Old newspapers are a window on families, associates, and the communities they lived in. Learn to find microfilm or searchable online images of historical newspapers. Discover your family in church, school, and social news or in accidents, legal disputes, or crimes. Learn about their material world and the current events they talked about at dinner.

2:30p

**Break & Vendor Browsing**

3:00p DNA

**30 Percent Chance of Rain: Making Sense of DNA Relationship Predictions**

*J.H. Fonkert*

DNA alone rarely is sufficient to identify an ancestor, but it increases the odds. Predicting relationships with DNA is a bit like forecasting the weather -- sometimes things turn out better than the forecast and sometimes worse. Understanding the statistics behind your DNA relationship predictions will help you make better sense of your X, Y, and autosomal DNA match lists.

**RESEARCH Looking for Love in the Midwest**

*Ginger Frere*

What else should you do if you simply can't find your ancestor's marriage records? In the United States, the requirements for a valid marriage have changed over time and varied from state to state. During the late 1800's and early 1900's, numerous towns across the nation were known as "marriage mills" or "Gretna Greens". Learn about some Midwestern Gretna Greens and find out why you might be looking for marriage records in the wrong place.

**WRITING Kick-start Your Family History Writing**

*Rachel M. Popma*

Genealogists collect dead relatives, or so the saying goes. The truth is, we really are great at collecting. We collect facts, records, images, family heirlooms and family cast-offs, and perhaps most of all, we collect stories. In this session, we'll explore methods to kick-start our family history writing.

6:00p

**Social Hour**

Friday, October 27, 2017

7:00p

**Banquet, Speaker & Chance to Win a DNA Test  
Repatriating My WWII Cousin's Remains Back to Moline 68 Years Later**

*Marsha Peterson-Maass*

Marsha Peterson-Maass' immediate paternal relatives are from Moline, including her first cousin once removed, 2LT Dwight Dale Ekstam, who was KIA in 1944 in the South Pacific. The family was told that Dwight's plane was Lost at Sea.

Enjoy this miraculous story how thru a brother's devotion, civilian explorers and JPAC's expertise (including mtDNA analysis) seven crewmen's remains were excavated from a South Pacific mountaintop in 2011. And how in 2012 the family and community held Dwight's Homecoming at the Rock Island National Cemetery, 68 years later.

8:00a

**Registration & Vendor Browsing**

8:15a

**ISGS Annual Meeting & Awards**

9:30a DNA

**Autosomal DNA Basics I**

*Karen Stanbary*

We are approaching seven million people in the DNA databases. Learn how you connect to your matches by understanding the fundamentals of autosomal DNA inheritance. Gain understanding of how to use the amount of shared DNA to predict relationships.

**RESEARCH**

**Why There? Merging Evidence to Understand Migration**

*J.H. Fonkert*

Even when we find our ancestors, we wonder: Why there? Part of the answer requires knowing about common migration routes, but every family's migration is unique. What drew James Fawkner to Montrose, Iowa, across from Nauvoo? Why did the Sandvoss family land in Dubuque, Ft. Madison, and St. Louis? What prompted several dozen Dutch families to settle in Stephenson County, Illinois?

**WRITING**

**Writing Family History: Using Narrative in Genealogy**

*Daniel Hubbard*

What's the best way to really improve your research? It might just be putting it to use. The act of turning data into stories can help you really understand your data, lead to insights, and help spot both inconsistencies and places where you could learn more. Write your ancestors' stories and see how far it takes you.

11:00a DNA

**Autosomal DNA Basics II**

*Karen Stanbary*

Take a tour of the various tools available to learn more about your relationship to your matches at the three main testing companies (AncestryDNA, 23andMe and FTDNA).

**RESEARCH**

**Orphans, Beekeepers, Commisioners, and More: Research in Government and Association Reports**

*Rachel M. Popma*

Have you ever wondered what your ancestor studied in high school? Or just what great-grandpa did with the state beekeepers' association? Reports created by and for state and local governments and professional associations can be rich sources for our research and writing. In this session, you'll learn about the information these publications may contain and how to locate them.

**WRITING**

**Adding Context: Social History for Genealogists**

*Ginger Frere*

Add depth and greater human interest to your family stories. Social history is a branch of history that concentrates on the experiences of ordinary people – people like our ancestors. It can provide us with insights into their daily lives. From weather reports to labor reports, industry histories to public health, learn how to find sources you can use to make your family history come alive.

Noon

**Luncheon, Speaker & Chance to Win a DNA Test  
Smokey Robinson and other Genealogy TV programs**

*Tony Burroughs*

A behind the scenes look at genealogy television by a genealogist who consulted with and appeared on "Who Do You Think You Are?," "The Real Family of Jesus," "Ancestors I & II," "African American Lives," "Oprah's Roots" and "CBS Sunday Morning."

1:30p DNA

**Looking for Treasure? X Marks the Spot**

*Karen Stanbary*

This lecture begins with an overview of the unique inheritance pattern of the X-Chromosome and its applicability to resolution of genealogical brick walls. Provides case examples of the use of X-chromosome analysis to eliminate competing hypothesis, an essential element of the Genealogical Proof Standard.

**RESEARCH Identity Puzzles: How to Make Sure You're Following the Right Character**

*J.H. Fonkert*

Merging or separating identities is a core genealogical problem. Name and age are often not enough to prove identity. Genealogists must use other attributes such as family structure, occupation, religion, or associations to determine identity. A series of short case studies illustrate the importance of certain identity.

**WRITING When a Life Becomes Myth: History, Myth and Family Stories**

*Daniel Hubbard*

This is a talk about the reconstruction of a life and a case study in genealogical narrative. An odd and dramatic family tale showed a life slowly being converted to myth over generations. Using genealogy, history and even weather records to reconstruct a series of journeys from Massachusetts to Nebraska to Minnesota to Illinois to Wisconsin, all by 1829, revealed a life that was not so far from the storyline of a myth from the very beginning. In the end, it has come full circle from story to research to storytelling.

3:00p DNA

**Consideration of DNA Test Results Within the GPS Framework**

*Karen Stanbary*

This one hour lecture explores the parameters of best practice as it relates to incorporation of DNA evidence into proof of relationship.

**RESEARCH GeoGenealogy: Historical Geography for Midwest Genealogists**

*J.H. Fonkert*

Learn about how the development of the Midwest created opportunity and hardship for your American and immigrant ancestors. This presentation focuses on natural resources, migration routes, and the settlement history of the Midwest – with emphasis on Illinois and Iowa.

**WRITING How to Think Like an Editor: A Crash Course for Writers**

*Rachel M. Popma*

Congratulations! You've done the hard work of writing. Now what? Whether you're writing for publication or for a more personal reason, learn from an experienced editor how to shape and strengthen your genealogical writing for its audience and purpose. Topics will include editing vs. proofreading, editorial strategies for content and structure, and how to grapple with writing mechanics such as grammar and punctuation.

Saturday, October 28, 2017





Marilyn Mix, Deb Van Sant, Linda Polich, Betty Hagberg





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## ISGS at Quad Cities Conference

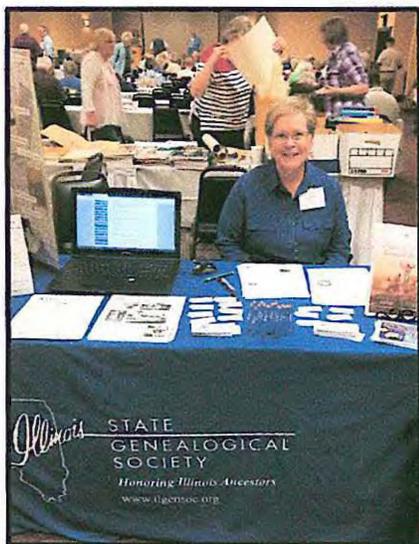
The 45th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference was held Saturday April 27th, and once again the group put on a terrific event!



Pictured are members of the Rock Island County Genealogical Society:

Standing from left, Sandy Luse, Coky Powers, Jerome Dank, Christine Iossi, Society President Shay Elliott, Kathy Elliott, Beth Hoffman, Len Stevens;

Seated from left, Judi McDowell, conference presenter Beth Foulk, and Deb Williams



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



# Top Five Reasons To Join Our Society

Number 5: Meet new people!

Number 4: Attend Educational Classes free!

Number 3: Learn about the latest genealogy research tools!

Number 2: Access to Members Only section of our Website!

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Application for Membership/Renewal**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1. You will be helping RICIGS to preserve & perpetuate members' ancestral records and those records of Rock Island County of Illinois.
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4. You may place free queries in the RICIGS Quarterly.
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6. You will receive interesting and informative programs at RICIGS monthly general meetings January through October held at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Avenue, Moline, Illinois. An Annual Dinner Meeting is held in November, and NO meeting in December.

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2017 Annual Dinner  
Program: Fight for Vietnam's Firebase Kate  
by William Albracht









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### Officers for 2018

Shay Elliott swearing in the new officers

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# 44th ANNUAL QUAD CITIES GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE



**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Holiday Inn Conference Center  
226 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201**

**Guest Speaker  
THOMAS MACENTEE**

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## FEATURED SPEAKER

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**Please return to your seat by the scheduled time as a  
courtesy to our speaker and other attendees.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR’S CONFERENCE

**April 27, 2019**

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Welcome and Announcements

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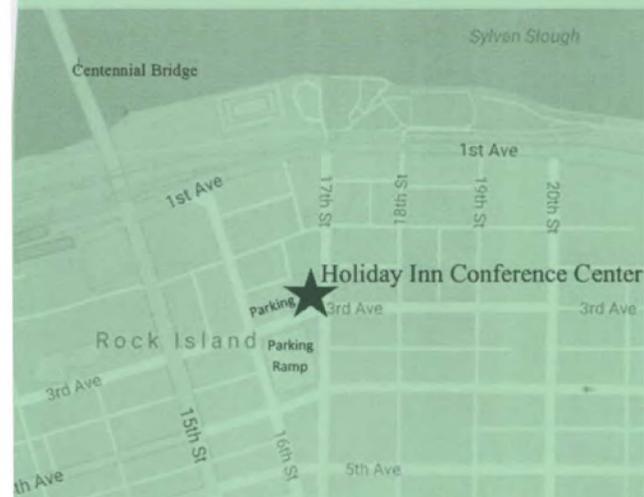
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**Vendor area open at 8:00am**

**Conference is held on the  
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**For more information:**

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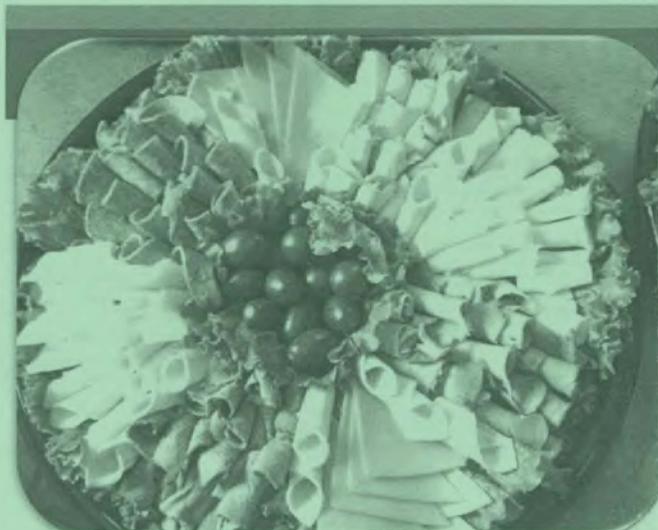
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## Lunch is included!!

### Deli Luncheon Buffet Menu:

Sliced Turkey, Ham and Roast Beef with assorted cheeses and toppings.

Pasta Salad, Potato Salad & Coleslaw

With your choice of  
Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade



Are you curious about your family history? Would you like to learn how to find out more about your ancestors? WE CAN HELP! The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society is sponsoring three genealogy skill-building workshops in 2018!



**CLASS 1 – August 25:**  
Let's get started! In this class, we will share the basics, then talk about Genealogy Software, Online Research, and Vital Records.

**CLASS 2 – September 22:**  
Let's add some details! Next, we will show you how to use DNA Testing, along with Immigration, Census, and Military Records.

**CLASS 3 – October 20:**  
Now let's put it all together! We will show you how to write and publish your family history, and write your life story, with tools to help you get started.

All classes will be at the Butterworth Educational Center, 701-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Cost: RICIGS members – free (You must still register!)  
Nonmembers - \$10 per class or \$25 for all three

Questions? Call Linda Polich (309) 236-1985 or Lorraine Hathaway (309) 787-1826

Registration deadline for the workshops is **August 1, 2018.**  
Seating is limited – fill out the form below, and mail it with your check today!

Check our website often for a listing of classes and programs!  
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I will attend: \_\_\_ All three classes \_\_\_ Class 1 \_\_\_ Class 2 \_\_\_ Class 3

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# R I C I G S

## LUNCH AND LEARN

## 2018 SCHEDULE

Fridays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Butterworth Educational Center  
RICIGS Members Only

February 16 - Organizing Your Genealogy  
April 6 - Researching Your Female Ancestors  
June 15 - Breaking Down Your Brick Walls  
August 17 - Military Record Research  
October 19 - Researching British Isles

*Not a member? Not a problem!  
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Invited!

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November 18, 2018

1 - 5 p.m.



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*Annual Dinner Meeting  
November 4, 2018  
Butterworth Education Center  
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*Quad Cities Annual Genealogical Conference*  
*Saturday April 27, 2019*  
*Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center*  
*101 18th Street*  
*Moline, Illinois*

*The speaker will be Beth Foulk. She shares her family history passion through her presentations at genealogy conferences. Her focus is Early American History. She is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists.*

*Don't forget that there will also be genealogical vendors. For further information please call:*  
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*Welcome -*  
*Debra Van Sant*

*Invocation – Kathy Elliott*

*Buffet Menu:*  
*Fried Chicken*  
*Oven Baked Ham*  
*Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy*  
*Vegetable Medley*  
*7 Layer Salad*  
*Apple Crisp*  
*Beverages*

*Installation of 2019 Officers –*  
*Debra Van Sant*

*Program -*  
*“Celebrating the Illinois Centennial*  
*100 Years On”*  
*by Dr. Maryan Wherry*  
*Historian, Teacher, & Speaker*





President swearing in new officers for 2019  
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President Deb Van Sant  
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# RICIGS 2019

## Lunch and Learn

**Fridays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
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**January 04** – Northeast State Research - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania

**February 01** – Using Microsoft OneNote and Evernote for Genealogy

**March 01** – Southern State Research - Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas

**April 05** – (Butterworth Center Main Dining Room) German Research

**May 03** – Midwest State Research - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

**June 21** – Swedish Research

**July 12** – Western State Research - Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington

**August 2** – Migration Patterns of our Ancestors

**September 06** – DNA and Your Genealogy – Part 1

**October 11** – DNA and Your Genealogy – Part 2

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**9:00-10:05 a.m. Solving Genealogy Problems with**

**Timelines** When you create a personal timeline of an ancestor's life, it is easy to see facts, relationships, and stories emerge that were never before apparent. This class discusses how to create a timeline and the many uses for them in genealogy research and analysis.

**10:25 - 11:30 a.m. Sourcing in the Digital World**

It's so easy to save a document or browse a website only to be stopped in your tracks wondering how to capture in information, site the source and share it with your family. This class offers easy and creative ideas to document and manage your online research.

**11:30 - 1:00 p.m.** Lunch and browse the exhibits

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Up Close and Personal: Civil War**

**Women & Their Organizations** We think of women today being politically and socially active as a matter of course. Not so in 1860. This era marks a subtle but significant change, and some would say, the basis for the suffrage movement and the birth of the "Modern Woman." Through the records, resources and repositories, we'll examine their role in anti-slavery organizations, soldier's aid organizations, lineage societies and more.

**2:25 - 3:25 p.m. Introduction to Public (Federal)**

**Lands** In 1785 Congress passed the Land Ordinance Act and opened the lands beyond the colonies to settlement. Millions of acres were now in the Public Domain ready to be auctioned off to new immigrants to homestead. The good news for genealogists is that there is a bounty of records to be had that point to not only property ownership but relationships, immigration status, migrations routes, level of wealth, military experience and much more. This class tells the story of the opening of the west.

**3:25 - 3:45 p.m.**

Closing Remarks

# BETH FOULK

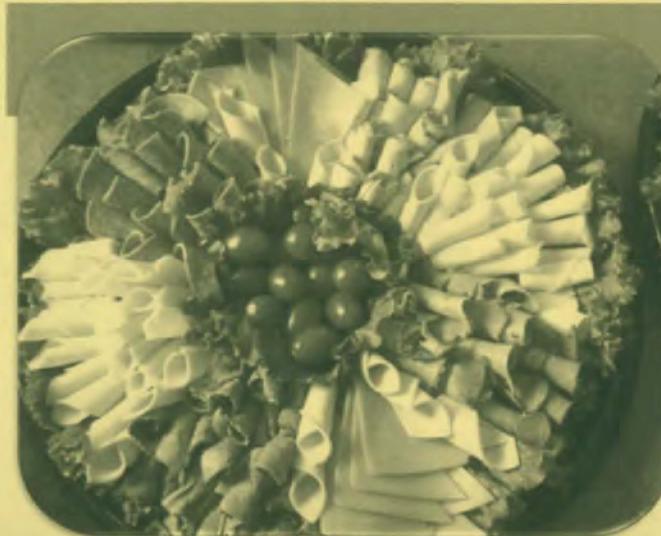
Beth discovered her love of genealogy through her father, who built a 115-name family tree with every family member's name he knew. While Beth continues to research her family, she shares her knowledge through lectures, articles, her blog, and one-on-one assistance. She particularly enjoys speaking at regional conferences.

Beth's research and speaking focuses on American Research East of the Mississippi and pre-1865. . . The lectures tend to focus on land, military, and migration-related (journals, diaries, and other manuscripts) record groups. "I enjoy most subjects that relate to a specific period in history. I like topics that lend themselves to dovetailing a narrative about a little known time in American history with the genealogy records that tell the story from an individual perspective."

Beth was honored to be profiled in the May 2013 issue of the Genealogy Speaker's Guild's newsletter, *Speak!*.

In 2012 Beth submitted an application to the Missouri State Genealogical Association on behalf of her ancestor, John Vanderstay, as a Missouri First Family Pioneer. This entailed documenting parent – child relationship from herself to John Vanderstay (five generations) and proof that he resided in Missouri between 1821 (Missouri Statehood) and 1860, the beginning of the Civil War. The application was approved and John Vanderstay is now recognized as a Missouri First Family. To see the Missouri Pioneer list with John Vanderstay, visit the MoSGA website.

Beth can be found online at <http://www.genealogydecoded.com>



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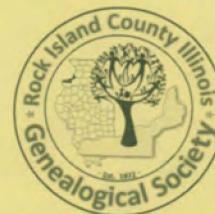
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## GENEALOGICAL SEMINARS

Our special genealogical seminars that bring in nationally-known speakers are co-presented by the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana, Inc. and The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library and are sponsored by the Doug and Joni Lehman Charitable Foundation.

### JUDY G. RUSSELL                      **October 26, 2019**

Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist, is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records and other legal documents in the research of our ancestors. Registration forms are available in Genealogy Center and on our website.

### AMY JOHNSON CROW                      **July 18, 2020**

Amy Johnson Crow will be with us for a "Genealogy Boot Camp" to guide participants in the basics of researching, organizing, and preserving their genealogical findings. More information will be available as we get closer to the date of the event.

### 2020 FALL SEMINAR                      **October 31, 2020**

The speaker for our 2020 Fall Seminar is yet to be determined. Please mark your calendar and reserve the date of October 31, 2020.

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

A new addition to our genealogical offerings will be free Genealogical Workshops offered on the third Saturdays of each month in The Genealogy Center. The topics will include researching, using software, organizing your data, writing, understanding technology, and other topics of interest to genealogists.

### OUR MAILING ADDRESS

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Our free Educational Programs are presented at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month September through May. Sessions are in The Genealogy Center at the

**Allen County Public Library  
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Fort Wayne, Indiana.**

Our **FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The presentation begins at 7:00 pm in the Discovery Center of The Genealogy Center on the second floor of the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne. Social time and networking begin at 6:30 pm.

**Sep 11, 2019** **Martine Copeland**  
**“Exploring French Settlers in  
Allen County, Indiana”**

The area now known as Allen County has a long history of French explorers, traders, and settlers. Many of the county’s prominent families share in this French heritage. This presentation will share research into this segment of our county’s heritage.

**Martine Copeland**, born and educated in France, came to the United States as a guest lecturer at the University of South Carolina. She later moved to New York City where she worked on Wall Street and as a real estate broker. Her research in Allen County was sparked by a surname found on a stained-glass window at Saint Louis Besancon Catholic Church.

**Oct 9, 2019** **Kayleen Reusser**  
**“Tips for Interviewing Military Veterans”**

In this presentation, Kayleen Reusser will share her experiences of interviewing hundreds of veterans of all eras. An interview form will be provided with key questions for securing information about the veteran’s life and military service. Guidelines will also be provided for photographing the veteran, their medals, and military souvenirs. She has written their stories in magazines, newspapers, and books.

**Kayleen Reusser** has interviewed hundreds of veterans from all eras beginning with World War II. She has written three books from her interviews and has had many articles published in newspapers and magazines. She has also written sixteen non-fiction middle-grade books on Greek mythology, celebrity biographies, and ethnic cookbooks.

**Nov 13, 2019** **Delia Cothrun Bourne**  
**“Digital Newspaper Sources in  
The Genealogy Center”**

Newspapers can be a great source of information about your ancestor, from birth announcements and wedding

descriptions to gossip, both scandalous and mundane. Learn the sources available to you to locate electronic newspaper databases in The Genealogy Center.

**Delia Cothrun Bourne**, staff member of The Genealogy Center since 1983, has worked with PERSI as an editor and encoder for over twenty-five years. She was a writer for the History of Fort Wayne and Allen County 1700-2005.

**Dec 11, 2019** **Marge Graham**  
**“Meet Cousin Joe”**

This presentation will discuss how the usual sources led to the unusual sources to complete a biography of a distant cousin. Extensive research led to information also on his mother and how she lived, raised her family, and supported them.

**Marge Graham**, former Certified Genealogist with over 37 years of genealogical research experience, is an ACGSI past president and now serves as our Recording Secretary and Coordinator of our website. She is the Allen County Genealogist for the Indiana Genealogical Society.

**Jan 08, 2020** **Melissa Tennant**  
**“Our Ancestor’s Immigration Records”**

Discover your immigrant ancestor through the available immigration and supplemental documents. Learn what information was collected, where to find these records, and watch your immigrant ancestor’s story come alive.

**Melissa Tennant**, Assistant Manager of Public Services of The Genealogy Center, co-coordinates programs and seminars, supervises preservation and digital projects, and administers the GenealogyCenter.org website.

**Feb 12, 2020** **John Beatty**  
**“Pennsylvania Genealogy: Doing Research in the  
Keystone State”**

This presentation is a general overview of Pennsylvania sources, including vital records, church records, land records, and other research tools. It is designed for the beginner who is interested in learning more about what is available for Pennsylvania, both online and in printed form.

**John Beatty**, staff member of The Genealogy Center since 2002, is a Certified Genealogist with a Master’s

degree in History and Library Science from the University of Michigan.

**Mar 11, 2020** **Dr. Thomas D. Hamm**  
**“Introduction to Quaker Genealogy”**

People with Quaker ancestors are fortunate as Quaker records are among the richest for genealogical research. This presentation will be an overview of Quaker history and Quaker records that are useful for genealogy.

**Dr. Thomas D. Hamm** is Professor of History and Director of Special Collections at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where he has taught since 1987. He has published five books and numerous articles on Quaker history.

**Apr 8, 2020** **Sarah Kirby**  
**“Finding Archives: Using the Internet to Find  
Hidden Sources”**

This presentation will review why archives are important, the thought process one should use when searching, and a couple of useful online tools for finding archives such as ArchiveGrid, NUCMC, and WorldCat. There will also be a review of useful print resources.

**Sarah Kirby** is a professional genealogist and the Indiana Room Librarian of the Huntington City-Township Public Library. She has been researching her family since 1994. In addition to being a librarian, she is an educator and aerospace engineer.

**May 13, 2020** **Curt B. Witcher**  
**“New Resources in The Genealogy Center”**

In the last year, The Genealogy Center has acquired some amazing databases and new resources. This presentation will highlight those resources and how they might advance one’s own research.

**Curt B. Witcher**, Senior Manager of Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library, manages the widely acclaimed Genealogy Center as well as the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection of Abraham Lincoln related research materials. He is in his fortieth year with ACPL. In 2016, the Indiana Lieutenant Governor presented Curt with the Hoosier Hospitality Award and the Dallas Genealogical Society awarded him the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.



Jim Dougherty Program on Scots-Irish  
General Meeting July 23





Judi McDowell Program on Find-A-Grave  
General Meeting Oct 22



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### **Genealogy skill-building workshops**

The Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society will hold three Genealogy Skill-Building Workshops from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 10, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19 at Butterworth Education Center in Moline. The classes are open to the public and are free to members of our Society. Nonmembers can attend for \$10 per class, or \$25 for all three classes; fees must be paid in advance. Registration deadline is Aug. 1. Seating is limited. The registration form can be printed at [www.ricigs.org](http://www.ricigs.org). Pictured from left are instructors Lorraine Hathaway, Linda Polich, and Betty Hagberg.

20 JULY 2019



*Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Annual Dinner Meeting*

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
Riverfront Grille  
4619 34th St, Rock Island, IL**

**Doors open at 5:30 pm ~ Dinner served at 6:00 pm**

**Buffet Menu**

Fried Chicken, Oven-Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,  
Green Beans, Tossed Salad w/ 3 Dressings, Coffee & Tea

Cost: \$20 per person (includes tax & gratuity)

**Program**

*"Chesapeake Bay Privateers in the Revolution"*

Presented by Leonard Szaltis ~ Author, Historian, & Teacher

During the American Revolution, the Eastern Shore was filled with both Patriots and Loyalists. Both sides attacked the other using privateers--pirates to their enemies. These enterprising locals plundered and pillaged, and motivated by profit, some even fought for both sides. The Chesapeake Bay was the site of one of the last and bloodiest naval battles of the Revolution, and privateers were instrumental in the eventual American victory in the war.

Reservations accepted through October 29, 2019  
For additional information, contact Shay Elliott – (563) 381-8185

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*Quad Cities Annual Genealogical Conference*  
*Saturday April 25, 2020*  
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*The speaker will be Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. Dr. Michael D. Lacopo is a retired small-animal veterinarian born and raised in northern Indiana. He takes a scientific approach to his research as he does to his profession. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described "all-American mutt," his research skills cover a broad range.*

*Don't forget that there will also be genealogical vendors. For further information please call:  
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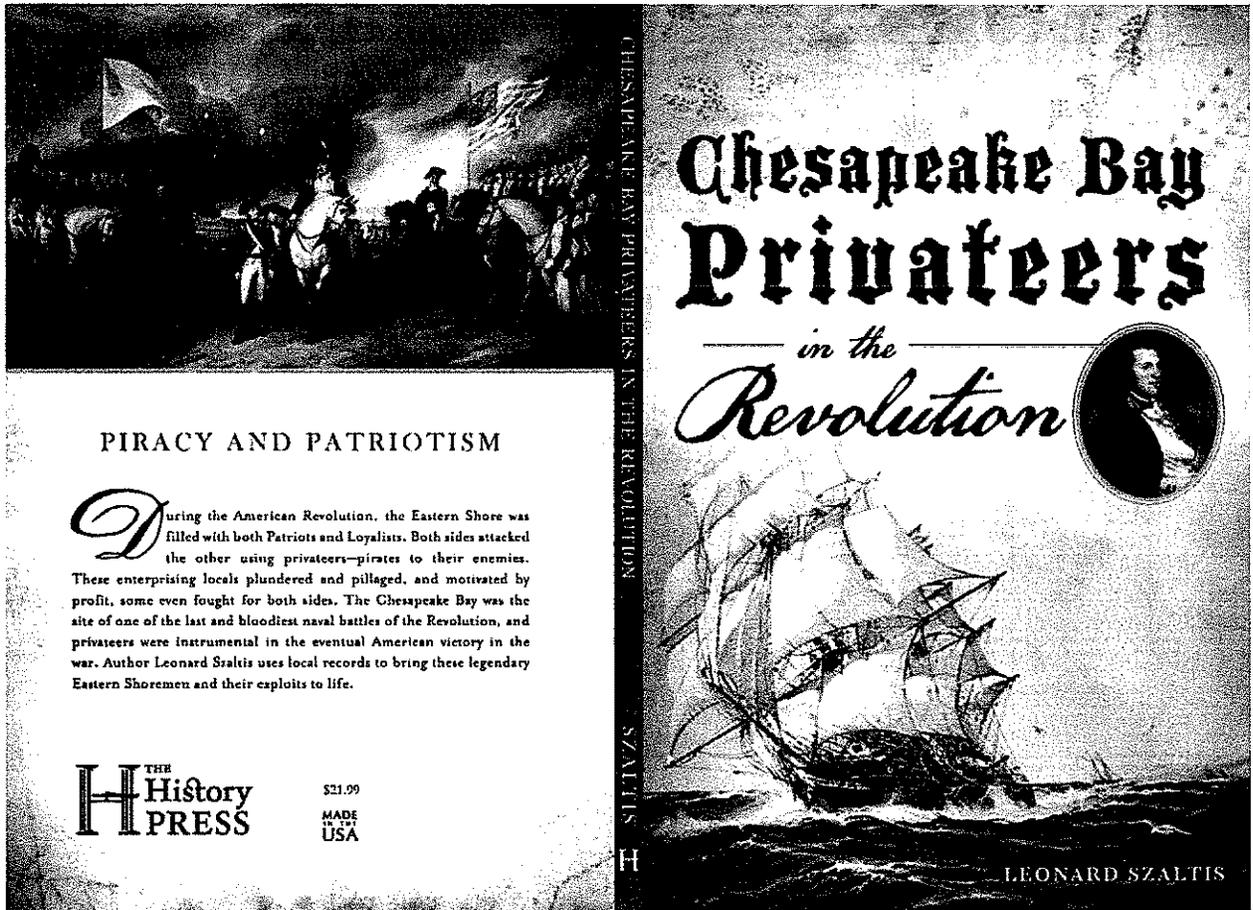
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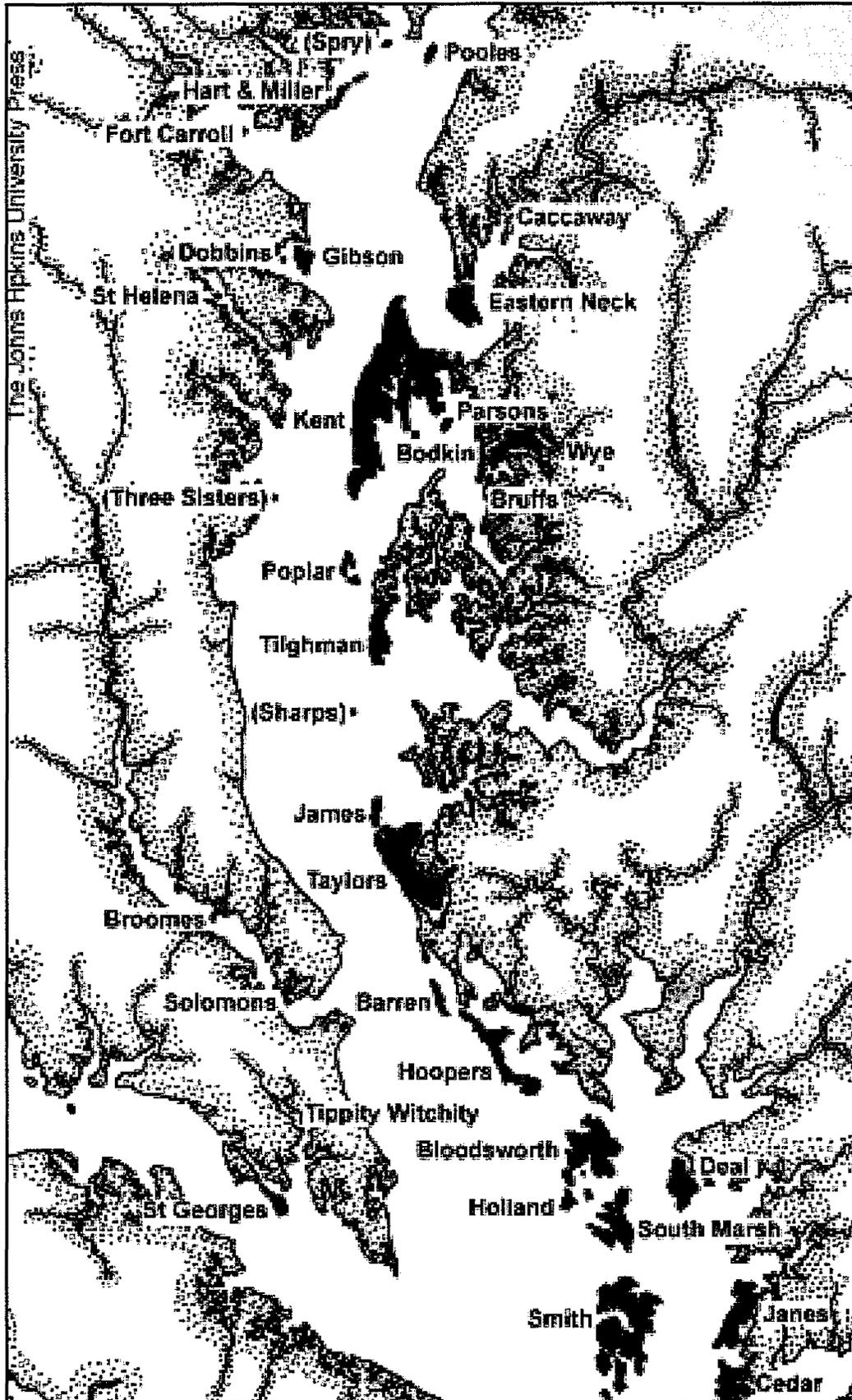
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## American-Patriot Forces

### Commanders:

- Cropper, Lieutenant Colonel John (December 23, 1755–January 15, 1821): He assumed command of the *Protector* and the rest of the fleet after the death of Commodore Zedekiah Whaley. He fought in the Battle of Monmouth and the Battle of Brandywine. At Brandywine, he received a bayonet wound to his leg. When the flag bearer was shot, Cropper grabbed a musket ramrod and tied a piece of cloth to it and carried it as his regiment's flag. He later went on to fight in the War of 1812 and was eventually elevated to the rank of general. He also served in the Virginia House and Senate.
- Dashiell, Colonel George: The colonel was in charge of the Somerset County (Maryland) Militia from Nanticoke and was a brother to Colonel Joseph Dashiell.
- Dashiell, Colonel Joseph: He was a Whig and was the county lieutenant for Worcester County, Maryland, and a colonel in the Maryland Militia. He was a brother to Colonel George Dashiell.
- Dashiell, Captain Robert: He was a member of the Maryland state navy and was in command of the barge *Terrible*, and due to his retreat during the Battle of the Barges, he was cashiered out of the navy (i.e. essentially relieved of command but without a court martial punishment).
- Fallin, Major Daniel: The major's men arrested Joseph Wheland in 1776 near Holland Strait after his crew had fallen ill from smallpox.
- Frazier, Captain Solomon: He commanded the barge *Defence*, sailed around the Tangier Island region and was involved in the Battle of the Barges.
- Handy, First Lieutenant Joseph: Handy was a commanding officer aboard the barge *Protector*, and he had his arm blown off at the Battle of the Barges on November 30, 1782. He continued to fight until he ultimately lost his life in the battle.
- Handy, Lieutenant (Captain) Samuel: He was in charge of the barge *Langodoc* during the Battle of the Barges on November 30, 1782.
- Smallwood, General William (1732–February 14, 1792): He was the brigadier general of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Infantry and apprehended the pirates Hamilton Callalo and Thomas Moore. He was also the person who mistakenly accused Levin Evans of being a pirate. In 1778, Congress ordered him to command Virginian infantry units as reinforcements to the Maryland forces. He succeeded William Paca as the governor of Maryland in 1785.
- Snead, Major Smith: This man fought with Commodore Whaley and Colonel Cropper during the Battle of the Barges and was taken prisoner by Captain John Kidd.
- Spedden, Captain Levin: Spedden commanded the barge *Fearnaught* during the Battle of the Barges on November 30, 1782.
- Whaley, Commodore Zedekiah (?–November 30, 1782): He was from Worcester County, Maryland, and he commanded the American fleet in the southern Chesapeake Bay. He was killed in the Battle of the Barges, also known as the Battle of Cager's Strait, when his ship, the *Protector*, was boarded by Captain John Kidd's men of the British *Kidnapper*.
- Woodford, General William (October 6, 1734–November 13, 1780): He was a brigadier general in the Virginian Militia that later became part of the Continental Army. It was his attack at Norfolk that drove Lord Dunmore out of Virginia. He fought at the Battle of Brandywine with George Washington as well as at the Battle of Monmouth.

## British-Loyalist Forces

### Commanders:

Sir Cockburn, Admiral George, 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet (April 22, 1772–August 19, 1853): The admiral sailed his fleet to Tangier Island during the War of 1812. He allowed the minister Joshua Thomas to act as the chaplain for his troops. He is best known for the burning of Washington, D.C., on August 24, 1814. Cockburn was eventually appointed the Admiral of the Fleet and also First Naval Lord.

Lord Cornwallis, Charles, the 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess Cornwallis (December 31, 1738–October 5, 1805): Cornwallis served as a commanding general during the American Revolution and is most notably known for his surrender to George Washington at the Battle of Yorktown on October 19, 1781. Although his surrender brought an end to the major engagements, it did not officially end the war. Despite his surrender, he was made a knight in the Order of the Garter and went on to serve as the Governor-General of India.

Lord Dunmore, John Murray, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dunmore (1730–February 25, 1809): Murray, more commonly referred to by his noble title, Dunmore, was a Scottish Peer and served as the Governor of the Province of New York and succeeded the Governor of the Colony of Virginia to become the last Royal Governor of Virginia at the start of the Revolution. He also planned many of the movements of the Royal Fleet in the Chesapeake Bay. After the burning of Norfolk on New Year's Day in 1776, Dunmore realized that he could not regain control of Virginia and eventually returned to Great Britain, where he was later appointed as the governor of the Bahamas.

Evans, Captain Richard: This colonist fought as a privateer for the British fleet and was related by marriage to Captain Marmaduke Mister. He assisted by providing Joseph Wheland with food and a vessel during the Yell and Mariman incident of July 1776. He enlisted with Mister in the Little Annessex Company of the Maryland Militia in 1780.

Kidd, Captain John: He was a Loyalist who commanded six barges of escaped slaves and British 'refugees' during the 'Battle of Barges'. Kidd, whose flagship was the *Kidnapper*, defeated Commodore Whaley and Colonel John Cropper on November 30, 1782. Kidd was seriously wounded during this engagement, but survived.

Mister, Marmaduke (1722–1798): The younger Marmaduke Mister was the landowner of Pitchcraft on Smith Island and a privateer for the British fleet aboard a schooner. In 1780, he enlisted as a private in the Little Annessex Company of the Maryland Militia. Marmaduke was an uncle to Stephen Mister and father of Severn Mister.

Mister, Captain Stephen: Captain Mister was a leading British privateer in the Chesapeake Bay and the nephew of Marmaduke Mister, who helped him sell captured goods and excess plunder.

O'Hara, General Charles (1740–February 25, 1802): He was the British general who officially surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown in 1781.

Wheland, Captain Joseph Jr. (1730–February 25, 1809): He served as the commanding officer of the British privateer vessels in the Chesapeake Bay. He also served as the pilot to Lord Dunmore's vessels, including the tender of his man-of-war.



vessels and Marmaduke Mister who fought on both sides of the war. To further complicate the dynamic in the region, some colonists disapproved of both sides due to the pillaging of the loyalist privateers and confiscation of provisions by patriot forces. The topic of the book provides an interesting view of the lack of unity among the colonists and why they were not completely unified.

Hilary G. Derby, PhD, aptly describes the privateers discussed in the book as those “who combined patriotism with profit” (page 8). Chesapeake Bay was a “vital water way for Loyalists and Patriots,” which is why the local sailors attracted “letters of marque” from both sides to act as privateers. Szaltis creates a vivid picture of how privateers operated by focusing on the activities of specific privateers like Joseph Wheland and Stephen Mister. To do so, he includes fascinating primary sources such as depositions and correspondence to the Maryland Council of Safety. In his description of the Battle of the Barges and its aftermath alone there are over forty references, including primary sources, which demonstrates the author’s dedication to providing the reader with intricate anecdotes of the activities in Chesapeake Bay during The Revolution. The extensive use of primary sources also provides small pleasures to enthusiasts of the American Revolution. The casual historian would likely be unaware that colonial governors referred to each other as “Excellency” if they had not seen the correspondence between Maryland governor Thomas Sim Lee and Virginia governor Thomas Jefferson that Szaltis publishes in the book.

Szaltis acknowledges that there is a lack of published media focused on the events that occurred in the Chesapeake Bay during the war for American independence, which makes his efforts to provide a cohesive vision of the topic important. He used over 200 references and over 60 sources to produce *Chesapeake Bay Privateers in the Revolution*. From introduction to conclusion the book is only ninety-six pages, which, considering the number of sources and the range of material presented, proves the rigorous effort the author expended to illuminate a very important and narrow topic essential to understanding the American Revolution as a whole. Leonard Szaltis indicated his hope that there will be further examination of the events in the Chesapeake Bay during the American Revolution and the skill with which this book was written should ensure that there is.





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