

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:32 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: President Elliott, Betty Hagberg, Lorraine Hathaway, Beth Hoffman, Kitty Humphrey, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Deb Van Sant and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the December 12, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,620.58 as of December 31, 2013. Total of savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of December 31, 2013 was \$12,741.67. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

- Receipt was received from the post office for payment of the \$60.00 box rent for 2014.
- Notice was received from the bank that the annual safe deposit box rent is now due.
- The Quad City Heritage League has disbanded and funds remaining in the treasury were distributed to current members. RICIGS received a check for \$72.00 as our share of the funds.
- Notices of upcoming events were received from the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation, the Mid Atlantic Genealogical Society and the Germanic Society.
- A query was received via the website from someone looking for information on a Confederate Army soldier who died as a POW at Rock Island Arsenal during the Civil War. Shay will contact the Arsenal Museum to see if they have any information available. Since Deb Van Sant handled the initial contact from the family she will report back to them with what we locate.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has changed a few things on the surname page and asked if the information on the current page is correct. After discussion it was decided that Julie would use the current member list and cross check it against the surname page for accuracy.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the committee has not met yet but a meeting is scheduled in February.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the committee will meet next week to make plans for 2014.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report
- f. FGS Delegate – No Report
- g. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported a new book on Pioneer Families of Massachusetts has been added to the library. She plans to order the church records books that were discussed at a previous Board meeting in the near future.
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- i. Obituaries – No Report.
- j. Obituary Abstracting – No Report
- k. Quarterly Editor – Lorraine Hathaway reported that she has not started working on the next quarterly yet.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – No Report
- m. Queries and Research – One query is being worked on at this time.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she continues to receive renewals. Lorraine commented that the Registrar is running low on the membership card postcard form she sends out when dues are paid. In the past we have had requests for a card that is easier to carry in a wallet. She has the master copy of the current renewal card, but doesn't have time to make revisions herself. After discussion it was agreed that Julie Vogel would update the membership card master and get it printed.

- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey read the following list of programs scheduled for the general meetings during 2014.
 - January – The Story of Hero Street
 - February – Witches
 - March – The National Czech and Slovak Museum
 - April – Mattie Poole Pottery
 - May – New England Women’s Society and other Lineage Societies
 - June – Thomas Ballard
 - July –
 - August – Descendants of Valley Forge
 - September – Understanding Computer Genealogy
 - October – Family Traditions
 - November – Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers

Old Business:

Shay has contacted the agent about our General Liability Insurance renewal and asked for a quote from another company. It was suggested that he check with FGS to see if they could recommend an insurance company for a quote.

Linda Polich said a representative of the Quad City Convention & Visitors Bureau has contacted her again about hosting a genealogical conference for Illinois or a national conference. Linda told her our organization is not large enough to take on a project of this size.

New Business:

Deb Van Sant announced that Ancestry has new information available for researching. These records are the World War II Bonus Case Files for the State of Iowa. Deb said she found information on her family and wanted to make other members aware of it.

Shay said he was reviewing the Standing Rules and found that the Annual Dinner is regularly held on the second Tuesday of November. This year that date is Veteran’s Day. After discussion it was agreed the Dinner would be held on Monday, November 10, 2014 if the room is available.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:29 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: President Elliott, Liz Casillas, Lorraine Hathaway, Beth Hoffman, Kitty Humphrey, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, Jean Wistedt and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,625.58 as of January 31, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of January 31, 2014 was \$12,744.45. The report was filed for audit. Beth and Pat McCoy will be working on the audit and budget soon.

Correspondence:

- A sales request was received from Judy Tough. Linda Walker will handle this request.
- The Illinois State Genealogical Society requested a host site for the WIU IRAD area Spring Roundtable. The only time we could host would be in March if the Butterworth Education Center is available then. Shay will check on this.
- A survey of non-profit organizations was received from the Quad City Chamber of Commerce. After discussion it was agreed we would not participate.
- Information was received from 23 & Me about their DNA program. After discussion it was decided we are not interested.
- The Davenport Library Special Collections sent information about posting program information on their blog. Kitty will follow up on this.
- The Colonel Davenport House will host a celebration on June 7th and RICIGS was invited to participate. A table with information on the society could be set up, but no one from the Board was available to be there.
- Other information about conferences and meetings will be available for members at the next general meeting. Quarterlies from other societies will be given to our librarian Deb Van Sant.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she updated the surname list on our website and we now have 37 active names. Lorraine will publicize the surname list in the next quarterly and maybe members will have other names to add to the list.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the committee met this week. Brochures were mailed out and some Board members reported receiving them already.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the committee met and has planned events for 2014. Their first event will be “A Taste of Genealogy” on Thursday evening March 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Butterworth Center Library. It will be an introductory promotion for the classes coming up on June 28th, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th and October 18th. The committee would also like to purchase a new LCD projector. Julie Vogel volunteered to check her resources and report back at the March Board meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of using the RICHS library for a program on our collection. Linda Walker will contact Orin Rockhold about this and report back to the Board.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report
- f. FGS Delegate – The national conference will be held August 27th – 30th in San Antonio, Texas. The 2015 Roots Tech Conference will be held in Salt Lake City February 11th – 14th. This event is being presented jointly with FGS.
- g. Librarian – No Report
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

- i. Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 obituary book is finished. It will go to the printer soon and be available on our website.
- j. Obituary Abstracting – Work continues on the 1960's.
- k. Quarterly Editor – Lorraine Hathaway asked for articles to include in the Quarterly and said she would try to have it finished by March 1st.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – No Report
- m. Queries and Research – No Report
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she received 8 renewals and 2 new memberships.
- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey apologized to those who were not notified that the January membership meeting was canceled due to bad weather. She said the program presenters called that morning and said they could not be there and there was a miscommunication about getting notices out to the membership. The Hero Street program has been rescheduled for July and Kitty said she has two more programs she would like to schedule. The first is a program on the Illinois State Capitol and the second is a program on Teacups and Teas. After discussion it was agreed the program on the Illinois Capitol would be given in August and the program on Teacups and Teas would be given at the annual dinner in November.

Old Business:

Shay reported he has received information from Nelson Brothers Agency about the quote for our general liability insurance. The preliminary estimate is approximately \$300 per year compared to \$500 per year to renew our current policy. Renewal is April 25th. A formal quote is expected soon.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg could not attend the meeting tonight but sent word that she will give a report at the March Board Meeting on the digitization of Janet Pease records.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Butterworth Center.
The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
February 25, 2014 (as corrected 3/25/14)

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 27 members and three guests in attendance.

Marilyn Mix said she was happy to find a picture of the home her ancestors lived in before they immigrated. The picture was on the internet.

Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance of \$2,625.58 in the checking account as of January 31, 2014. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,744.45. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements:

President Elliott announced he had information available on the front table regarding doing Holocaust research, a Mid-Atlantic States Conference, a list of the 2014 meeting programs and information on the Midwest Genealogical Center in Independence MO. .

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries –Nothing to report.

Computer Interest –Julie Vogel reported the updated website seems to be working well.

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported Conference flyers were mailed out. She has extras available for anyone who has a place to display one or to pass along to someone else.

Education – Linda Polich announced a one- hour program at 6:30 pm on March 27th for anyone who may have an interest in genealogy but is not sure what is involved. It will be held in the Library of Butterworth Center and will also promote the series of five classes the committee will present this year. Classes are scheduled for June 28th, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th and October 18th. Members are free and non-members will pay \$7.00 per class or can attend all five classes for \$30.00. The Illinois State Genealogical Society is sponsoring a number of educational webinars this year. If anyone is interested see their website.

Funeral Cards/Historian – Linda recently picked up funeral cards from Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and will stop by Esterdahl Mortuary soon to collect what they have.

Librarian – If anyone has any genealogy magazines or books they no longer need, Deb Van Sant is collecting items to sell at Conference in April.

Newspaper Abstracting – Deb is looking for volunteers to help with typing.

Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 book is ready to go to the printer.

Publication Sales – Linda Walker announced she recently mailed a number of our past Quarterlies to the Urbana Free Library.

Quarterly –Lorraine Hathaway reported the quarterly should be sent out this week.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 80 renewals, 1 credit membership and 14 life members for a total of 95 members.

Vice President – Kitty Humphry announced a list of programs for the year was available for members to pick up tonight.

Deb Van Sant announced a lineage society workshop to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Butterworth Education Center. Representatives from Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865 and New England Women will be present to answer questions and work one-on-one with prospective members.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kitty Humphry introduced Kathy Carey who presented tonight's program. Kathy is President General of the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches. (corrected March 25, 2014)

Next month's program will be on the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman was unable to attend the meeting. Shay reported that he and Beth updated signature cards for the accounts at the bank and for the safe deposit box.

Correspondence:

- A thank you note was received for research performed. Several quarterlies were also received and will be placed in the library.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Jim Hayes announced that a program on tombstone symbolism at Western Township Cemetery would be presented on March 23rd. The second volume of Riverside Cemetery records is now finished. Jim has ordered seven copies including one for himself and one for Riverside Cemetery. Discussion was held on how much to charge per book. Motion by Pat McCoy to charge \$75.00 per book and donate one to Riverside Cemetery. Seconded by Kitty Humphrey. Motion carried. Jim will make up invoices and deliver with the books to the library. The Board discussed whether a CD of the Riverside information should be made and offered for sale. It was agreed the general membership should be asked for their input at the March meeting.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she will be making some changes to the website over her spring break. She will also be working on the Surname List.
- c. Conference – Liz Casillas reported things are moving along on the Conference. Almost \$1000.00 in registrations has been received so far.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the committee met earlier this week and firmed up plans for this year's classes. The introductory program, "A Taste of Genealogy", will be held on March 27th. Linda presented information on a new Optima X34M LCD projector that Julie Vogel located. Total cost would be \$850.00 plus tax. Motion by Linda Walker to purchase the projector. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Motion carried. Since the amount is over \$500.00 the motion will be presented to the general membership at the March 25th meeting for approval.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – Funeral cards were picked up from Esterdahl Mortuary.
- f. FGS Delegate – No Report
- g. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported that RICHS recently donated several books to the RICIGS library. They include books on Union City, Illinois, Kentucky marriages and North Carolina.
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – Lori Van Sant has volunteered to help with typing this information.
- i. Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 obituary book is finished and at the printer. Since no payment was received from IRAD for the 2012 book, a discussion was held on ordering copies for libraries. Liz suggested a form each library would sign indicating they want to purchase a copy of the book and that form can be returned to the library with an invoice at the time the book is delivered. Liz will also follow up with Dr. Hancks at IRAD.
- j. Obituary Abstracting – Work continues on the 1960's.
- k. Publication Sales – Linda Walker said she had recently mailed a number of quarterlies to the Urbana Free Library and the amount we have been charging for postage on our publication sales needs to be increased. After discussion it was agreed the quantity sent at each price level would be adjusted.

- l. Quarterly Editor – Shay reported that Lorraine Hathaway has indicated she will do the 2014 Fall Quarterly, but then she is retiring. A new editor must be found. Shay asked everyone to consider volunteering for the position or helping find someone else to serve as Editor.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes said he is now using Intelligent Mail through the U.S. Post Office and we will not need to pay an annual print fee. \$200.00 was deposited into our account and he will check with Treasurer Beth Hoffman on this.
- m. Queries and Research – No Report
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we now have 85 renewals, 14 life members and 1 credit membership. She will be mailing out 35 postcard reminders to those who have not renewed yet.
- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported the gentleman from the National Czech & Slovak Museum who will do the March program has indicated a donation would be appreciated. It was verified that similar fees have been paid in the past if necessary. Motion by Kitty Humphrey to donate \$50.00 for this program. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried. Kitty also announced that Pat Morthland will present a program on Teas and Tea Cups at the annual dinner meeting in November.
- p. President – Shay Elliott said we need to be sure the podium and sound system is available for the guest speakers to use at the general membership meetings. He apologized for not having it available for the February meeting.

Old Business:

An application has been submitted through Nelson Bros. Agency for a new General Liability policy along with our check for the \$325.00 annual premium. The policy will be effective April 25, 2014.

Shay asked Pat McCoy about the annual audit and 2014 budget. Pat said Beth had not contacted her on this yet.

Linda Polich announced that Birdies for Charity pledge forms would be available on April 16th. She will head up this project again this year. It was suggested that information on how our proceeds will be used should be included with the mailing sent to members.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg reported the Janet Pease records of the Rock Island Argus & Dispatch and the Daily Union from January – June 1878 have been digitized. Deb will check to see what other materials might be available.

The Quad City Botanical Center has been reserved for the 2014 Annual Dinner. It will be held on Monday, November 10th because Veteran's Day is on Tuesday, the day the dinner is normally held. Catering will be through Bridges Catering again this year.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
March 25, 2014

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 26 members and two guests in attendance.

Linda Polich announced she has finally located information on the twin sister of her husband's grandmother.

Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting. Linda Walker asked that the minutes be corrected to show that the program was presented by Kathy Carey of the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance of \$2,800.08 in the checking account as of February 28, 2014. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,747.19. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements:

President Elliott announced he had information available on the front table regarding a conference on small museums in Lee County, Illinois and information on Midwestern Roots. Vice President Kitty Humphrey announced that she was recently contacted by the family of Grace and Richard Eastlund who presented the Society with a donation of \$250 in memory of their parents.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – Jim Hayes reported that Volume 2 of the Riverside Cemetery Index (K – Z) is now available. A copy is available in the RICIGS library and will also be given to the Riverside Cemetery office. Anyone interested in volunteering to help walk a cemetery should contact Jim.

Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has updated the surname list on the RICIGS website. If anyone has any new names to add to the list it would be appreciated.

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported 110 people have signed up so far to attend the 40th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference on April 26th.

Education – Linda Polich reported a one-hour Introduction to Genealogy program will be held in the library of Butterworth Center at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 27th. She also mentioned she had attended a program in Orion on Field Embalming during the Civil War. She said it was very interesting and suggested it might be a good program for a meeting next year.

Linda reported the projector currently used for all our educational programs is now 10 years old. Technology has improved greatly since it was purchased and the committee, with the help of Julie Vogel, has requested that a new LCD projector be purchased at a cost of \$850.00. At its meeting on March 13, 2014 the Board of Directors voted to purchase the new projector, but since the cost exceeds \$500, the By-Laws require approval of the membership as well. Recommendation of the Board seconded by Gary Maxwell. Vote to purchase a projector carried with one opposed vote.

Funeral Cards/Historian – Linda recently picked up funeral cards from Esterdahl Mortuary.

FGS – Jean Wistedt announced the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is now available. The FGS National Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from August 27th through the 30th. Jean passed around additional information for members to review.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant is collecting genealogical books and publications to sell at the Conference in April.

Newspaper Abstracting – Deb reported her sister has volunteered to help with typing for this project.

Obituaries – Nothing new to report.

Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.

Quarterly –Lorraine Hathaway reported that Karin Ciaccio has agreed to become editor of the Quarterly. Thank you to Karin.

Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes reported that postage costs for the Quarterly are down about \$100.00 because he is now using the Intelligent Mail Program preferred by the US Post Office.

Queries & Research – Nothing to report.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she mailed out reminder postcards to 35 former members of the Society. So far she has had 13 responses. We currently have 97 renewals, 14 life members and 1 credit member for a total of 112.

Vice President – Nothing new to report.

Deb Van Sant reported a good response to the Lineage Society meeting held on March 22nd. 15 women and 5 men expressed interest in the various societies.

Betty Hagberg announced the Society would have CD's of the Riverside Cemetery Index available for purchase at the Conference in April.

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

Kitty Humphry introduced Dave Muhlena from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids who presented the program.

Next month's program will be on Mattie Poole Pottery.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the March 13, 2014 meeting were corrected to show that the 2013 obituary book is finished and ready to go to the printer. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,800.08 as of March 31, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of March 31, 2014 was \$12,749.93*. (*Since the bank statement had not been received interest for the month was estimated at \$2.74) New checks are on order and should be here in two weeks. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

- The Buffalo Bill Museum archives are now available for research.
- Whiteside County Illinois Civil War records from 1864 are now filed at the Odell Public Library in Morrison, Illinois and the Sterling Public Library in Sterling, Illinois.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – The Board discussed the CD the society is creating from the Riverside Cemetery Book. Motion by Linda Walker to charge \$10.00 per CD and start with 25 copies of the CD. Seconded by Kitty Humphry. Motion carried.
- b. Computer Interest –Julie Vogel reported the Surname update has been completed and is now on the website. Julie has also added a research request page and asked the Board members for their input on it.
- c. Conference – Beth reported that 152 registrations have been received so far. On Wednesday, April 23rd information packets will be assembled. This will be done at TMI, 1017 State Street, Bettendorf at 5:30 PM. All help is welcome.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the new LCD projector has been purchased and she has done some training on it with Julie. The new projector is a big improvement over the old one we were using. The Taste of Genealogy meeting went well. One person has already signed up for a class this summer. Linda Walker recommended a special interest publication she recently purchased entitled “Tracing Ancestors Beginners Guide” and said it was a good resource.
- e. Birdies for Charity - Linda Polich will be mailing out the Birdies for Charity pledge forms next week. The letter accompanying the pledge forms will state that money earned from Birdies for Charity will be divided between the RICIGS library and the cost of the new projector.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Jean Wistedt announced that she will be participating in a digitization project through FGS and is resigning her position as FGS representative for the Society effective immediately.
- h. Librarian – Nothing new to report.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb Van Sant reported that work continues on this project.
- j. Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 obituary book is ready to go to the printer and a CD copy is available in our library. It will also be available on the website. Deb Van Sant is making corrections to the 1940's obituary records that were done previously and when completed and published it will be dedicated to Dwight Muhlenbruck. Linda Walker is working on the 1950's obituaries.
- k. Obituary Abstracting – Liz is continuing to work on the 1960's.

- l. Publication Sales – Linda Walker had nothing new to report. We received a request for a cemetery CD and Betty Hagberg will send it out to the purchaser. She will also provide a copy for the RICIGS library.
- m. Quarterly Editor – Shay announced that Karin Ciaccio has agreed to serve as the new Quarterly Editor.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – Deb Van Sant said she needs an updated membership list before the fall quarterly is ready for distribution so that she can send out the e-mail copies.
- m. Queries and Research – Deb Van Sant said she got a general inquiry and will handle it.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we received 8 more renewals and now have 120 members.
- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey announced a \$250 memorial donation was received from the family of Grace and Richard Eastlund. Kitty will be sending the family a thank you note and would like to tell them how the donation will be used. The Board discussed several options to consider. Motion by Linda Polich to establish a fund that could be used to pay for future programs of a special nature and place half of the Eastlund memorial donation in that fund and use the other half of their donation to add to the RICIGS library collection. Seconded by Linda Walker. Motion carried.
- p. President – Shay Elliott asked Board members for their opinion of the sound system used at the last membership meeting. Everyone agreed it did not work very well. Kitty will try to learn how to make it work properly or use the RICIGS microphone system that is stored in the cabinet at RICHS.

Old Business:

Audit & Budget – nothing has been done on this yet. Beth will try to get it taken care of soon.

Annual Dinner Meeting – The Board discussed the menu, food costs, the cost per reservation, the reservation deadline and the Dinner Meeting flyer. It was agreed the menu would be the same as last year and the cost would remain at \$20 per person.

Janet Pease Digitization Project – Betty will contact Lorraine Hathaway and scan any unbound copies she has available.

New Business:

Shay asked what Board members thought about promoting activities of other organizations on our website, such as items we receive notice of by mail. Members thought this might be a good idea and Shay will coordinate with Julie Vogel on this.

Linda Walker said we need to get more publicity for our regular meetings and programs in local newspapers and other options. Kitty said she will work on this.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.
The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
April 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 7 p.m. with 26 members and 6 guests in attendance.

The minutes from the March 25, 2014 meeting were read by Lorraine Hathaway, and were approved. Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported income of \$619.00, expenses of \$388.71 for a balance of \$2956.37. Total savings in Money Market and CD's is \$12,749.93. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements:

1. Fox Valley Genealogical Conference to be held September 27, 2014.
2. Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, Iowa has opened a archives room.
3. Whiteside County, IL Civil War records from 1864 have been indexed, and are in the Sterling Public Library, and Morrison Public Library.

Committee Reports:

1. Conference: Beth Hoffman reported that 188 people are registered for the conference this Saturday at the Viking Club in Moline. .
2. Education: Linda Polich reported that a new projector has been purchased. She also reported that the Birdies for Charity letters are ready to mail. This is the 2nd year we have been a part of the fundraiser.
3. FGS delegate: Jean Wistedt has resigned. The position is open to anyone interested in FGS.
4. Librarian: Debra Van Sant has purchased 2 books on German Immigrants in American Church Records for North and Central Illinois Protestants. They were purchased with the memorial donation from Richard and Grace Eastland.
5. Registrar: Marilyn Mix reported that renewals continue to come in, but we still have 10 who have not renewed.

Kitty Humphrey moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Linda Polich, and approved.

Kitty Humphrey introduced Gretchen Small who presented a program on Mattie Poole, a china painter in downtown Moline, Illinois.

The May program will be on New England Women's Society, the Jamestown Society, and other Lineage Societies presented by Debra Van Sant, Linda Walker, and Kitty Humphrey.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Hathaway, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,009.25 as of April 30, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of April 30, 2014 were \$12,752.20. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

- A Birdies for Charity pledge form was received from the Rock Island County Historical Society asking RICIGS for support through Birdies for Charity. After discussion it was agreed we should support RICHS with a pledge. Motion by Lorraine Hathaway to make a \$25.00 one time donation to RICHS through Birdies for Charity. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried.
- All other mail received was distributed to the appropriate Board member for action.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report. Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker have completed taking photos of the graves in Chapel Grove Cemetery. They will be given to Julie Vogel for uploading to Find A Grave. Betty Hagberg reported that expenses for the Cemetery CD's were \$153.28 and sales totaled \$450.00, resulting in a profit of \$396.72.
- b. Computer Interest –No Report.
- c. Conference – Beth reported there were 200 paid admissions to the 2014 Conference. Those attending commented that the speaker was great, the food was good and the vendors were interesting. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 21st.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported she has a new Swedish genealogy program that is very good. It is also available at the Family History Center in Davenport. Augustana will sponsor a conference on Swedish research on October 12, 2014. The Family History Center is now sponsoring genealogy classes on Saturdays. Contact them for details. Two people have signed up so far for our classes. The May Illinois Genealogical Society Webinar will on Organizing a Family Reunion.
- e. Birdies for Charity - Linda Polich reported a good response so far.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Working on these.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich volunteered to serve at FGS representative for the Society.
- h. Librarian – Deb VanSant reported good sales of the Cemetery CD's at Conference. She also reported spending \$37.90 to purchase used books and magazines for the RICIGS library. The new books on German Church Records in America are now on file in the library.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb Van Sant reported that work continues on this project.
- j. Obituaries – No Report
- k. Obituary Abstracting – Work is continuing on the 1940's.
- l. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported she sold two 15 generation pedigree charts and one cemetery CD.
- m. Quarterly Editor – Lorraine Hathaway reported she has turned everything she had for the Quarterly over to Karin Ciaccio. Volumes 42 and 43 of the Janet Pease records have been given to Betty Hagberg for digitization and then they will be given to Karin for use in the Quarterly.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – No Report.

- m. Queries and Research – Deb Van Sant said she received a request to obtain a copy of an 1839 marriage record of an underage woman from the County Clerk’s office. Deb spoke with Orin Rockhold and he is working on this.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 13 life members, 110 renewals, 1 credit member and 2 new members. There were 12 non-renewals from last year.
- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey announced that the gentlemen who were going to speak about Hero Street in July are unable to do so because of poor health. Kitty will try to see if Char Blevins can present a program then. Kitty will be out of town from May 31st until June 23rd, but will be back to conduct the General Meeting on June 24th since Shay will be out of town then.
- p. President – Shay Elliott asked Board members for their opinion of the sound system used at the last membership meeting. Everyone agreed it did not work very well. Kitty will try to learn how to make it work properly or use the RICIGS microphone system that is stored in the cabinet at RICHS.

Old Business:

Audit & Budget – Beth reported that the audit and budget will be finalized after her daughter’s wedding.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Library. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
May 27, 2014

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

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Linda Polich reported she has located 203 Swedish church records for her ancestors thanks to a new computer program she purchased at Conference. The Family History Center also has the program available. See Linda for more information.

Linda Walker recently visited the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus, Ohio and the Ohio Genealogical Society in Bellville, Ohio and recommended both for Ohio research.

Kitty Humphrey reported she recently located the naturalization papers of her great great grandfather in the attic of the Mercer County Court House in Aledo.

Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman was unable to attend the meeting.

Announcements:

President Elliott announced he had information available on the front table regarding the McHenry County Conference in July and the Sauk Valley Conference in September for anyone interested.

A query was received asking for information on Robert E. Stewart who died some time between 1930 and 1961 in Rock Island County. Harry Galley volunteered to research this request. He also reported that all members of the LDS church will now be receiving free access to Ancestry and Heritage Quest.

Committee Reports:

Conference – Pat McCoy reported a total of 200 attended the 40th Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference on April 26th. Response has been positive from those attending.

Education – Linda Polich distributed information on FGS conferences in 2015 and 2016, upcoming Illinois State Genealogical Society webinars and courses available at the Family History Center. She also reported that a free seminar on Swedish research will be held at Augustana on October 12th.

FGS – Linda Polich is the new delegate FGS for our society.

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she sold \$37.90 in CD's, books and other publications at Conference. She also purchased \$37.00 worth of used books from some of the other societies in attendance. Deb announced the library now has a hardbound copy of Janet Pease research volume 41.

Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported we have 15 generation charts available for purchase.

Queries & Research – Deb said we have had a query for information on an early marriage record for a minor female in Rock Island County. She has been trying to work with the County on this but has been unsuccessful so far.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

A program on lineage societies was presented by Deb VanSant, Linda Walker and Kitty Humphrey who talked about various lineage societies, their requirements and functions.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Butterworth Center Library at 7:00 p.m. on June 24th. The program will be on Thomas Ballard.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting were corrected to show Librarian Deb Van Sant spent \$37.00 on used books at Conference. Motion by Deb Van Sant to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman was not in attendance.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from Janet Pease regarding some updates to one of her previous books. Betty Hagberg and Karin Ciaccio will work together on this.
- A request for a marriage certificate for a Henry Carol was discussed. Deb will follow up on this.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Julie Vogel had questions about the photos of Chapel Grove Cemetery taken by Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker. Julie can store them for Kitty but is not able to upload them to Find A Grave.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she is updating outside events on our website now and making some other changes to the site. She may be expanding on the research request form also.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy and Liz Casillas reported the committee has selected David Rencher as the keynote speaker at the 2015 Conference. David is the Chief Genealogical Officer at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported six people have signed up for the June class so far. She plans to promote it heavily in the next few weeks.
- e. Birdies for Charity - Linda Polich reported 23 pledges so far, up from 19 last year. The deadline is July 11th. As a participating charity RICIHS will receive some complimentary tickets to the Classic. After discussion it was agreed Linda should keep two as thanks her for her work on this project and check at the June 24th meeting to see if anyone else would like tickets.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich has updated her contact information and our society information with FGS.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she purchased a book from the Iowa Historical Society. It is a Bibliographical Dictionary of Iowa.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb Van Sant reported that work continues on this project.
- j. Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 obituary book is ready to go to the printer as soon as it is in PDF format. She will contact the printer for pricing before sending it in.
- k. Obituary Abstracting – Liz is ready to begin work on the 1940's obituaries and will work with Deb Van Sant on getting the format set up for this project.
- l. Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.
- m. Quarterly Editor – Karin Ciaccio gave out her email address and asked the Board members to submit items for the summer newsletter to her. The deadline is July 15th. She also asked that anyone with items for the next Quarterly begin sending them to her.
- n. Quarterly Mailing – No Report.
- o. Queries and Research – No Report.

- p. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we currently have 13 life members, 1 credit membership and 113 renewals.
- q. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

Audit & Budget – Nothing new to report.

Shay had 751 copies of the RICIGS trifold membership brochure printed. Cost was \$104.00. Deb will deliver the new brochures to the RICIGS storage cabinet.

New Business:

Betty Hagberg discussed the possibility of adding a link on our website that would allow people to use the Rock Island County marriage record information found on the Cyberdrive Illinois website to access the supplemental information the society already has available as a publication. Betty will do more investigation into this project.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Library.
The next board meeting will be on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Shay Elliott at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: President Elliott, Karin Ciaccio, Betty Hagberg, Jim Hayes, Beth Hoffman, Kitty Humphrey, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Linda Walker, and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting were distributed. Motion by Kitty Humphrey to approve the minutes as distributed. Seconded by Pat McCoy. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman presented financial reports for the months of May and June. As of June 30, 2014 the checkbook balance was \$2,775.05. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of June 30, 2014 were \$12,757.10. The reports were filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Shay distributed correspondence to the appropriate committee chairs for processing and to the librarian.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Jim Hayes mentioned that the information on Chapel Grove Cemetery that Kitty Humphrey and Linda Walker compiled could be placed in a spiral binder and placed in our library. It could also be added to the Rock Island County Cemeteries CD.
- b. Computer Interest – No Report
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy reported there would be no further work on the 2015 Conference until the fall.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported 17 people attended the genealogy class held in June. Seven people who attended the class signed up as new members of the society. It was a good group and they were enthusiastic about attending. The new projector purchased by the Society worked very well. The next class is scheduled for July 19th. Linda also reported the website Gen Forum becomes a read only message board on September 30th and announced that the Learning Channel television series *Who Do You Think You Are* starts a new season on July 23rd.
- e. Birdies for Charity - Linda Polich reported 26 pledges were turned in to Birdies for Charity. This is an increase of 7 over last year. She also received 10 Any Day passes to the tournament. As agreed at the June meeting, Linda kept two tickets herself and offered other board members two tickets each. She will see if other Birdies donors would like the remaining tickets.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda Polich reported the FGS Voice is now on Pinterest. She also reported the 2016 FGS Conference will be held in Springfield.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she attended a program on John Looney at RICHS and loaned the presenter the RICIGS laptop when problems developed with the one she was using. Afterwards the presenter asked Deb about giving a program to the society on genealogy. Since we already have classes scheduled there would probably not be a need for her program but maybe we could work with RICHS on a joint informational program that could be presented to the public on the resources available through both organizations.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Deb Van Sant had nothing new to report.
- j. Obituaries – It was noted that RICHS has newspaper copies of Rock Island County obituaries from 1993 to the present stored in boxes by year in their collection.
- k. Obituary Abstracting – No Report
- l. Publication Sales – Linda Walker received an order for a publication and noticed the form used is out of date. Since the form may have been printed off the website, Linda will check and then contact Julie Vogel if changes need to be made.

- m. Quarterly Editor – Karin Ciaccio reminded everyone of the July 15th deadline for items to be included in the Newsletter and thanked those who had already submitted information. After discussion it was agreed the deadline for the next Quarterly would be September 10th.
- n. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes reminded everyone that he will need flyers for the Annual Dinner and 2015 membership renewal by October 1st in order to include them with the next quarterly and get them mailed out in a timely manner. Linda Polich volunteered to prepare the flyers.
- o. Queries and Research – No Report.
- p. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we received one more renewal and said she would need to get copies of the past Quarterly to give to our seven new members.
- q. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

Audit & Budget – Beth will drop off the Treasurer's books to Pat McCoy for audit. Pat will also work on a budget. Shay said he could help Pat with the budget if she needed assistance.

Betty Hagberg said she has looked at the information we have available on Rock Island County marriages and found it to be in several forms. She will continue to review the information and then see about adding it to our website. Deb Van Sant said the Key to Rock Island County Research probably needs to be updated. Betty and Deb will look at this information and report back to the Board at the August meeting.

Betty also reported that the letter received from Janet Pease questioned whether or not RICIGS would like her to provide handwritten or computerized transcripts of any further work she does on Rock Island County newspapers. After discussion it was agreed that while the information provided by Janet Pease in the past was very useful, genealogy research is changing frequently with computer research available online. We may no longer need Janet's information in hard copy. Betty will talk to Lorraine Hathaway about how best to respond to Janet Pease.

New Business:

Shay asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for 2015. Linda Polich and Marilyn Mix volunteered and will find one more person to serve on the committee.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
July 22, 2014

President Shay Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with 18 members and 2 guests, Cynthia and Kathleen Coe, in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Deb Van Sant said she had recently found additional vital records available through Ancestry on her Revolutionary War patriot.

Linda Walker reported she found Virginia land records through the Library of Virginia at the website lva.library.gov.

Harry Galley reported he recently had 80 copies of a book on his family printed. He is now looking at records on the Good family who were involved in managing the John Deere Company in the early years.

Evonne Kragness displayed a banner of her ancestors that she had made at Walgreen's from an old photo. She also shared information on a series of lectures on genealogy that could be purchased on CD

Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman was unable to attend the meeting.

Announcements:

President Elliott reported the Illinois Association of Museums Conference would be held October 21st – 24th, 2014 in Rockford.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No Report

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – No Report

Education – Linda Polich reported that 22 people attended the most recent class and seven attendees have now joined the Society. She reminded members they can attend these classes at no charge but they do need to register in advance. The next class will be held on August 16th and is entitled All Things Military. A new season of the television series *Who Do You Think You Are* will begin on Wednesday, July 23rd on The Learning Channel. Linda reported she read an article in the newspaper about an Augustana student who is mapping the Moline Memorial Park Cemetery. When she finishes it she will begin on the Riverside Cemetery.

Birdies for Charity – Linda Polich reported our Birdies for Charity campaign was very successful with 28 pledges this year. Funds raised will be used for the RICIGS library and for programs.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – No Report

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituaries – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – No Report

Queries & Research – Harry Galley reported he located the information requested on Robert E. Stewart who died in Rock Island County between 1930 and 1961. He also found out the person requesting the information is in prison.

Registrar – Seven new members have joined the Society.

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

A program on the Hero Street Memorial was presented by Tony Solis

Next month's meeting will be held at the Butterworth Education Center at 7:00 p.m. on August 26th. The program will be on the Illinois State Capital.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jim Hayes at 6:35 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Betty Hagberg, Jim Hayes, Beth Hoffman, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting were corrected to remove the comment about the FGS Voice being available on Pinterest. Motion by Betty Hagberg to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Marilyn Mix. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,209.63 as of July 31, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of July 31, 2014 were \$12,759.51. The reports were filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Kathy Elliott reported she forgot to bring correspondence for the committee chairs to the meeting and would get it to them by the weekend.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Jim Hayes reported the GPS project in Moline cemeteries is ongoing. They are currently making adjustments for irregularities in cemetery topography. Julie Vogel said she has not received any additional data from Jean Wistedt about the directions to cemeteries in lower Rock Island County. Jim said he would review the information and work with Julie on posting it to the website.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported that items of interest listed on the RICIGS website are up to date through September/October. The Board discussed the research and obituary request sections of the website and Julie said she will try to simplify this section. She will also update the Publication Order Form to correspond with changes that were made to the printed Publication Order Form.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the speaker for the 2015 Conference has been confirmed. The committee will begin meeting again in the fall.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported 26 people have signed up to attend the class on August 16th and said there is still room in the Swedish Conference to be held at Augustana on October 12th. Since the Board had previously discussed the possibility of hosting a joint open house for the public at the Rock Island County Historical Society some time, Linda said she had an opportunity to discuss the idea with Orin Rockhold recently. October is Family History Month so they tentatively set something up for Sunday, October 26th. This would be an opportunity for the public to see what information is available in our library as well as RICHS and have volunteers on hand who can help people learn how to make use of it. The cost would be the usual \$5 admission to RICHS. Linda will work with Orin on getting this organized.
- e. Birdies for Charity - Linda Polich reported 28 pledges were turned in to Birdies for Charity. Checks will be distributed on October 31st and Linda will present the check to the Society at the Annual Dinner.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – The FGS conference will be held at the end of August and Linda will report on it at the next meeting.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she recently purchased 3 books from the New England Genealogical Society used book sale. The books purchased were *The Index to Tuscarawas County Ohio Court Cases*, *Lancaster County Virginia Records* and a book on the first 100 years of a church in Peoria County, Illinois.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituaries – No Report

- k. Obituary Abstracting – No Report
- l. Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.
- m. Quarterly Editor – No Report
- n. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes reported the mailing list has been updated. He also reported our bulk mailing costs are a lot less than what we were paying previously since switching to the double quarterlies and using electronic mailing.
- o. Queries and Research – No Report.
- p. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she removed everyone from the membership list who has not paid their dues. She will contact the Newberry and Cincinnati Libraries to verify if they are still interested in receiving the RICIGS quarterly.
- q. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

Audit & Budget – Beth reported that Pat McCoy is now on vacation and said she would drop off the information for the audit to Pat after she returns on August 30th.

Linda Polich said member Caran Johnson gave her a coupon for \$100 off any evening rental at the Quad City Botanical Center. Kathy Elliott will contact the Botanical Center to see if it can be used for the RICIGS annual dinner meeting in November. Linda also said she recently toured the new reception hall in the lower level of Tremble Funeral Home. It is very nice and she will get additional information.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee will have a slate of officers for 2015 to report to the Board at the September meeting.

Kathy Elliott reported she received a phone call from Wanda at the Rock Island County Clerk's office concerning the possibility of getting copies of our index records for Rock Island County births, marriages and deaths. Wanda thinks they would be useful in helping serve people who are looking for a record from the Clerk's office. After discussion it was agreed that Kathy should contact Wanda and try to get more specific information from her about exactly what they want from us.

Shay Elliott sent a request to the Board asking if RICIGS should consider supporting the Moline Library newspaper digitization project financially. Linda Polich will look into it and report back at the September meeting.

The ISGS \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge was discussed. The goal is to raise \$3.7 million before January 31, 2015. Motion by Linda Polich to donate \$100.00 to the 1812 Pension Match Challenge. Seconded by Deb Van Sant. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need to be sure that program presenters at the General Membership meetings always use the microphone at the Butterworth Education Center. If it does not work then the Vice President should bring the Society's portable microphone each time.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
August 26, 2014

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

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Linda Walker reported on a tip she read in Family Tree Magazine to use index cards to list surnames you are researching and carry them with you for easy reference. She also recommended the Ancestors of American Presidents book on First Ladies and said it was very good.

Evonne Kragness said she had old photos from her mother's family copied at Walgreen's and was able to add identifying captions to the photos.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting. The website listed for the Library of Virginia was corrected to read lva.virginia.gov. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance of \$2,209.63 as of July 31, 2014. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,759.51. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements:

President Elliott reported he had information available on upcoming conference by the Mid-American German Society, the German Heritage Society and the Battle of Credit Island Bicentennial Program on August 30th if anyone was interested. He also said he received a notice that My Family.com will no longer be in business. Shay also read a letter of appreciation from Ian Lohrman for the research work done by Harry Galley for him. He sent the letter along with his check for the work.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No Report

Computer Interest – No Report

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the speaker for the 2015 Conference is booked and said planning meetings would begin in the fall.

Education – Linda Polich reported that 19 people attended the class held on August 16th. The next class will be held on September 20th. Tentative plans have been made to co-host an Afternoon of Research program with RICHS at the Historical Society on October 26th as part of Family History Month. Linda also reported she recently joined a German Genealogy Group and found they publish a very nice newsletter. She announced the Belgian Heritage Society would hold a Belgian Fest on September 14th in Moline.

Birdies for Charity – No Report

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – The national FGS Conference will be held next week and Linda will report on that at the next meeting.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituaries – No Report

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported she sold three 15 generation pedigree charts prior to the start of the meeting tonight.

Quarterly – No Report

Quarterly Mailing – No Report

Queries & Research – Deb Van Sant reported she is working on a query regarding the Cushman family in Milan.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she received one renewal tonight.

Vice President – No Report

President – Shay reported the ISGS has started a \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge and the Board voted to donate \$100 from RICIGS. The goal is to raise \$3.7 million before January 31, 2015.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Tonight's program was a Brick Wall Roundtable discussion with members discussing their brick wall problems and getting suggestions from other members on ways they might resolve them.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Butterworth Education Center at 7:00 p.m. on September 23, 2014. The program will be on Computer Genealogy by Julie Vogel.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Betty Hagberg at 6:35 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Liz Casillas, Pat McCoy, Marilyn Mix, Linda Polich, Julie Vogel, Linda Walker, and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting were distributed. Motion by Pat McCoy to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Liz Casillas. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman was not in attendance.

Correspondence:

Kathy Elliott distributed correspondence to the appropriate committee chairs for processing.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she has revised the obituary request information form on the RICIGS website. She will also be updating the publications sales price list.
- c. Conference – Pat McCoy reported the 2015 Conference Committee will hold its first meeting in two weeks.
- d. Education – Linda Polich announced the September class presented by the society is full. She distributed information on a National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair that will be presented on YouTube on October 28, 29 and 30, 2014. Linda also had information about a program presented by the Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy from May 28 through June 1, 2015. Registration opens in September and will be announced on the website. Cost is \$400 per class. She also reported on a special offer from the Southern California Genealogical Society that offers remote access to Fold 3 and World Vital Records to anyone who joins their society for \$35.
- e. Birdies for Charity – Nothing to report.
- f. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- g. FGS Delegate – Linda reported there will be an FGS Conference in February 2015 at Salt Lake City and in August FGS will sponsor a Genealogy Cruise to Alaska. She also reported the 2016 conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois and in 2017 the site is Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
- h. Librarian – No Report
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – No Report.
- j. Obituaries – Nothing to report
- k. Obituary Abstracting – Nothing to report
- l. Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported the sale of three 15 generation charts this week.
- m. Quarterly Editor – No Report. Kathy reminded everyone to turn in their articles to the editor ASAP.
- n. Quarterly Mailing – No Report
- o. Queries and Research – No Report.
- p. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported she has had no response from the Newberry and Cincinnati Libraries regarding their interest in receiving the RICIGS Quarterly.
- q. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- a. Audit & Budget – No Report
- b. Nominating Committee – Sally Bartosh will be a candidate for member-at-large. The committee is still looking for a candidate for Treasurer.
- c. Rock Island County Clerk's Office – Kathy Elliott reported she had spoken with Wanda at the Clerk's office and they would like the society to donate the computer program that is used by people at the Rock Island County Historical Society to look up information on Rock Island County marriage records. After

discussion it was determined the program being used at RICHS is the website www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Kathy will pass along this information to the County Clerk's office.

d. Moline Library Newspaper Digitization – Linda Polich said she sent an e-mail to the Library but has not had a response yet.

e. An Afternoon of Research at RICHS – This is a joint project between RICHS and RICIGS and will be an opportunity for the public to learn what information is available to help them in doing genealogical research.

f. Botanical Center Coupon – Kathy Elliott contacted the Botanical Center to see if a \$100 coupon from a Society member could be applied to the cost of the Annual Dinner. It was determined that we are already getting the best rate by contracting with Bridges Catering to provide the meal.

New Business:

On October 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm the Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society will host a meeting at Davenport Public Library to introduce their new director of the Special Collections Department.

PBS will begin a new season of the television series *Finding Your Roots* on Tuesday, September 23rd. The season will run through November 25th.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
September 23, 2014

With the absence of President Shay Elliott, Vice President Kitty Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 19 members in attendance.

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Kitty Humphrey reported on her search of trying to find her grandmother's marriage record from her second husband. After much searching at multiple county court houses, Kitty was able to locate the marriage record and find out that her grandmother had been married to three different men. She didn't know about the second husband and now she'll be able to acquire all the marriage records.

Minutes – With the absence of Recording Secretary Kathy Elliott, Linda Walker read the minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance of \$2,159.93 as of August 31, 2014. Total savings in Money Market & CD's was \$12,762.02. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements: Vice President Kitty Humphrey said that our Annual Dinner will be November 10 and the program will be on Victorian Christmas by Gretchen Small.

Sally Bartosh reported that Scott Community College is offering a genealogy classes for 7 weeks starting October 28, 6:30-9:00. Cost is \$49.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries- Jean Wistedt reported that the Hampton family cemetery in Durry Township and the Sortore Cemetery in Edington Township have been cleaned up and headstones righted.

Computer Interest - No Report

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported that their was a meeting scheduled for September 24 that would have to be rescheduled.

Education – Linda Polich reported that 12 people attended the class held on September 20 and it went very well. She had three fliers that people could pick up. On October 26 our society and RICHS will have “An Afternoon of Research” at the library, from 1:00-5:00. The cost is \$5 per person, even if you are a member of either society. There will be volunteers from both groups to help you with research. Carl Sandburg College is having its first Carl Sandburg Institute Genealogy class from May 28 – June 1. There will be four instructors and the cost is \$400. The National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair will be October 28-30,2014 which will be live on You Tube.

FGS – Linda Polich reported that the conference for February 2015 will be in Salt Lake City and there will also be an Alaskan Cruise in August.

Librarian – No Report

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported that the 2013 book is at the printers.

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – Linda Walker reported she sold 10 of the 15 generation pedigree charts.

Quarterly – Vice President Kitty Humphrey mentioned that we need a Quarterly Editor as this position needs to be filled. Julie Vogel asked questions to Lorraine Hathaway about what is involved and Julie has volunteered to take on this position.

Quarterly Mailing – No Report

Queries & Research – No Report

Registrar – No Report

Nominating Committee – Linda Polich reported that the committee of herself, Marilyn Mix and Diane Lovell has a slate of officers to present to the members. They are:
President: Shay Elliott, Vice President: Kitty Humphrey, Recording Secretary: Kathy Elliott, Treasurer: Open, Member-At-Large 2015: Betty Hagberg, Member-At-Large 2016: Pat McCoy, Member-At-Large 2017: Sally Bartosh. She asked if anyone wanted to take the Treasurer position and Linda Walker agreed to be Treasurer. This slate of officers will be voted on at the October 28 general meeting and they will be stalled at the Annual Dinner on November 10.

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

Tonight's program was on Computer Genealogy by Julie Vogel.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Butterworth Education Center at 7:00 p.m. on October 28. The program will be on Family Traditions by Linda Polich.

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting Recording Secretary,
Linda Walker

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Deb Van Sant at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center, Moline, Illinois. Present were: Liz Casillas, Jim Hayes, Beth Hoffman, Pat McCoy, Linda Polich, Deb Van Sant and Kathy Elliott.

The secretary's minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail and approved.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,190.83 as of September 30, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of September 30, 2014 were \$12,764.53. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Deb Van Sant read information received on the 25th annual Augustana College Lecture on Immigration History. It will be held on October 18, 2014 and speaker is Dr. Philip J. Anderson who will speak on "Voluntary Religion and the Swedish Immigrant Experience". She also announced the RICHS Fall Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2014 at the Moline Viking Club and their Centennial Ancestor Recognition Program planned for June of 2015.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Jim Hayes reported the Riverside Cemetery Walk was well attended. He also announced that Chippiannock Cemetery has started to charge the public for looking up grave locations.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel sent word that the order form on the website has been updated.
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the first meeting for the 2015 Conference Committee was rescheduled and will be held at 5:30 PM on October 21st at the TMI offices in Bettendorf.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the Swedish Genealogy Tour will be held on Sunday, October 12th at Augustana. Linda's name was selected for a 30 minute one-on-one meeting with the visiting genealogist. The last RICIGS education class for 2014 will be held on Saturday, October 18th at the Butterworth Education Center. Linda passed out copies of a handout given to class participants. A joint Afternoon of Research with RICHS will be held on October 26th. Deb Van Sant and Linda Polich will be available to help visitors do research. Linda may need volunteers to help with refreshments. Linda reminded everyone of the Genealogy Class scheduled for Carl Sandburg College in July. The cost is \$400.00 and it will last 4 ½ days.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – Nothing new to report.
- f. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report.
- g. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported the Northeast Historic Genealogical Society had a sale on used books recently and she ordered 11 items for the library. She also said Family Chronicle had a sale on books from the "Tracing your Ancestors" series and she ordered the titles we did not have to complete the library collection.
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- i. Obituaries – Liz Casillas announced the 2013 obituary books arrived from the printer last week. Liz will deliver a copy to the RICIGS library. Cost of the book is \$80 per book.
- j. Obituary Abstracting – Liz will be starting work on this project again soon.
- k. Publication Sales – No Report.
- l. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel sent word that work is coming along on the Fall/Winter Quarterly.
- m. Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes reported a special mailing was sent out regarding the Annual Dinner Meeting, the Afternoon of Research event at RICHS and the Membership Application/Renewal Form. \$71.38 was spent for envelopes and stamps and \$47.08 for copies. Jim said he could pick up the new Quarterly from the printer when it is ready and take it to his house to prepare it for mailing. He will notify Julie Vogel of this.

- n. Queries and Research – A query was received from someone looking for information on Rock Island County ancestors from the Hampton area. The surname is Piersall. Jim Hayes volunteered to research this request. Deb Van Sant reported she did research on the Krambeck family and found obits for them in response to a query. She will put together a research report.
- o. Registrar – No Report
- p. Vice President – No Report

Old Business:

- a. Audit & Budget – Pat McCoy reported the audit and budget are almost ready.
- b. Nominating Committee – Linda Polich announced the slate of officers for 2015. They are: President – Shay Elliott; Vice President – Kitty Humphrey; Treasurer – Linda Walker; Recording Secretary – Kathy Elliott; Member-at-Large 2015 – Betty Hagberg; Member-at-Large 2016 – Pat McCoy; Member-at-Large 2017 – Sally Bartosh. The membership will vote on the slate of officers at the October 28th meeting.
- c. Rock Island County Clerk's Office – Kathy Elliott reported she contacted Wanda at the Clerk's office again and suggested that maybe the website cyberdriveillinois.com might be helpful to people searching for public records on their families. She also told her about the IRAD locations and invited her to attend the meeting at RICHS on October 26th for additional information about local research.
- d. Moline Library Newspaper Digitization – Linda Polich said she received a response to her e-mail on this project and suggested it be tabled until the next Board meeting
- e. Annual Dinner Meeting – The dinner program needs to be printed and volunteers are needed to give the invocation and conduct the installation of officers. Pat McCoy volunteered to do the invocation and it was suggested that Lorraine Hathaway might do the installation of officers again this year. Lorraine also prepared the program for last years dinner and will be contacted about this too.

New Business:

Deb Van Sant said she feels the Lake County, Illinois Quarterly has a very interesting format and she made copies of some ideas that might be useful to Julie Vogel for the RICIGS Quarterly. Deb will share other ideas with Julie in the future.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
General Meeting
October 28, 2014

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

Interesting Genealogical Discoveries:

Kitty Humphrey reported she recently had success in locating marriage records concerning her grandmother. Linda Polich said the Swedish Genealogy Tour at Augustana was excellent and since she was one of the lucky attendees selected for some one-on-one time with the genealogist, she was able to locate additional information on a brick wall ancestor.

Minutes - Secretary Kathy Elliott read the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported an ending balance of \$2,190.83 as of September 30, 2014. Total savings in Money Market and CD's was \$12,764.53. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

President's Comments:

President Elliott reported he had recently visited the Buffalo Bill Museum Research Room and found it a good resource for Mississippi River and Scott County information. He also reported a good experience finding land records at the Peoria County Court House.

The Catholic Messenger, weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Davenport, has recently announced the digitization of all prior issues of that newspaper. The digitized copies are located at St. Ambrose University.

Shay reminded members that reservations for the Annual Dinner are now due and also said 2015 membership dues are payable before January 1st.

Committee Reports:

Cemeteries – No Report

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

Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the committee has picked topics that speaker David Rencher will be discussing.

Education – Linda Polich said the 5th and final class for 2014 was held and all the classes were well received. She thanked all members of the education committee and reported the Society now has seven new members who joined after signing up for a class. Thirteen people attended the Afternoon of Research held jointly with RICHS. There is interest in hosting another session in the future. As a bonus we earned \$20 income from the project.

Birdies for Charity – Checks will be presented to the Society at the Annual Dinner.

Historian/Funeral Cards – No Report

FGS – No Report

Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has recently purchased 18 books for the library. The list includes 6 volumes of the “Tracing Your Ancestor” series to complete our collection; records from Virginia for Suffolk, Winchester, Charles City County and Nansemond County; records from Old Albemarle County North Carolina; and records from Ashland County, Tuscarawas County and Hamilton County Ohio.

Newspaper Abstracting – No Report

Obituaries – Liz Casillas reported the 2013 Obituary book has been printed and copies were delivered to the 4 local libraries as well as the Rock Island County Historical Society.

Obituary Abstracting – No Report

Publication Sales – No Report

Quarterly – Julie Vogel reported the Fall Quarterly has been produced and printed.

Quarterly Mailing – Jim Hayes reported the Fall Quarterly has been mailed out.

Queries & Research – Several queries were received. Lorraine Hathaway will follow-up on Mrs. James Hall; Jim Hayes will work on the request concerning the Collins family; and Gary Maxwell will handle the request for information on Moredick, Petty and Devoe. Deb Van Sant said several requests were received on-line also and she is working on them. Deb requested that anyone doing research give copies of the research done and letters involved to Deb for the library.

Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported 31 renewals received so far.

Vice President – No Report

Nominating Committee – Linda Polich announced the Nominating Committee composed of Marilyn Mix, Diane Lovell and herself have compiled a slate of officers for 2015. They are: President – Shay Elliott, Vice President – Kitty Humphrey, Recording Secretary – Kathy Elliott, Treasurer – Linda Walker, Member-at-Large 2015 – Betty Hagberg, Member-at-Large 2016 – Pat McCoy and Member-at-Large 2017 – Sally Bartosh. Motion by Caran Johnson to accept the slate of officers as read. Seconded by Lorraine Hathaway. Motion carried.

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

Tonight’s program was a Family Traditions presented by Linda Polich.

There will be no membership meetings during November and December. The next membership meeting will be held on January 27, 2015 at the Butterworth Education Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting were changed to correct the spelling of the Pearsall name and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$2,317.84 as of October 31, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of October 31, 2014 were \$12,767.37. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

A check and request for a cemetery CD were received. Betty Hagberg will process the request. Membership renewals were given to Linda Polich for delivery to Marilyn Mix.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – Nothing new to report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel reported she believes all information on the website is now current. Shay passed along information on an upcoming conference in Bishop Hill
- c. Conference – Beth Hoffman reported the committee met and reviewed possible topics from the list provided by the keynote speaker. Beth mentioned that since there are 5 Saturdays in April of 2016 the conference that year will be on the last Saturday of the month instead of the 4th Saturday.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported RICIGS classes are finished for this year. Evaluations received were generally positive. The committee will meet next week to plan for 2015. Extra handouts from the classes will be available for members and will also go into a reference book in our library. There was discussion about surveying the membership for ideas for classes. The Afternoon of Research program held jointly with RICHS went well and there is some interest in hosting another program in the spring.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda P. reported she has completed 30 new pages for the scrapbook and said she will be starting work on funeral cards soon.
- f. FGS Delegate – Linda P. announced the 2016 FGS conference will be held in Springfield, 2017 will be held in Pittsburg and 2018 will be in Ft. Wayne. She also reported the NGS conference for 2015 will be held in St. Charles MO and the 2016 conference will be in Ft. Lauderdale FL.
- g. Birdies for Charity – Linda P. reported we received a check from Birdies for Charity for pledges totaling \$733.00 plus a 10% match check in the amount of \$73.30 for a grand total of \$806.30. Discussion was held about the possibility of including a Birdies for Charity pledge form with the Quarterly.
- h. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has purchased the Illinois Manuscripts from the Draper Collection.
- i. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- j. Obituaries – No Report.
- k. Obituary Abstracting – No Report.
- l. Publication Sales – Nothing new to report.
- m. Quarterly Editor – Shay thanked Julie Vogel for the good job she did on the Fall & Winter Quarterly.
- n. Quarterly Mailing – Nothing new to report.
- o. Queries and Research – Jim Hayes reported he is working on a request for information on John Collins.
- p. Registrar – No Report

- q. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey reported she is working on a program about cemetery art symbolism presented by Laurel Mellien in January, but the presenter will be traveling from out of the area and would like us to pay for a hotel and gas. After discussion it was moved by Betty Hagberg to authorize payment of hotel and gas expenses totaling approximately \$175.00. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried. It was also suggested the program be given later in the year to take advantage of better weather conditions for both the presenter and RICIGS members. Kitty said she would have information on additional programs for 2015 available soon.

Old Business:

- a. Audit & Budget – Pat McCoy submitted an audit report through October 2014 to President Elliott. Information on a proposed budget for 2015 was distributed and Shay asked members to review the material and bring ideas and suggestions to the December Board meeting.
- b. Moline Library Newspaper Digitization Project - After discussion a motion was made by Linda Polich to table further action by RICIGS at this time. The motion was seconded and approved.
- c. Annual Dinner Report – Shay reported there were 39 reservations for the Annual Dinner Meeting held on November 10th at the Botanical Center. After all expenses were paid there was a small profit of \$30.23.

New Business:

- a. Shay reported that member Martha P. Hatch was seriously injured in a car accident recently.
- b. Butterworth Center and the Butterworth Education Center have been reserved for all 2015 Board and General Meetings.
- c. Member Gary Maxwell suggested the Henry County Museum might be a possible destination for a program and meeting this summer.
- d. Member Karin Ciaccio was recently on local television regarding a controversy with the Illinois DNR over restoration of the historic Cox Cemetery in Rock Island County.
- e. Shay reminded everyone of the need for updated mail and email contact information for all members. We recently paid over \$5.00 for a Quarterly that was returned because of an incorrect address.

There will not be a general membership meeting in November or December. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014

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

The secretary's minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting were amended to include the following sentence added to the Education Committee report on the Afternoon of Research program. "Revenue of \$40.00 was generated from admissions and was divided equally between the two organizations." Motion by Beth Hoffman to approved the minutes as amended. Seconded by Linda Polich. Motion carried.

Treasurer Beth Hoffman reported a checkbook balance of \$3,050.23 as of November 30, 2014. Total savings in CD's and the Money Market account as of November 30, 2014 were \$12,770.09. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence:

A notice was received from the Rock Island Post Office for annual box rent due by December 31, 2014. Shay asked Beth Hoffman to prepare a check so he could take it to the post office when he picks up the mail.

Committee Reports:

- a. Cemeteries – No Report.
- b. Computer Interest – Julie Vogel asked Board members to let her know about any new genealogical websites they might like included in links on the RICIGS website. She would also like to include program information for the 2015 general membership meetings.
- c. Conference – Nothing new to report.
- d. Education – Linda Polich reported the committee met to plan the schedule of 2015 classes. The dates selected are July 25th, August 29th and September 26th and information on the classes will be posted on the website soon. Linda distributed information on websites about census tutorials and U.S. Military Records and reported the National Genealogical Society is partnering with FamilySearch to present a free course on The Federal Census: An Historical Overview.
- e. Historian/Funeral Cards – Linda P. has been working on historian duties recently and will begin work on the 2014 Funeral Cards soon.
- f. FGS Delegate – Nothing new to report.
- g. Librarian – Deb Van Sant reported she has purchased 9 books from the Appanoose County Iowa Genealogical Society including birth and death indexes, marriage indexes, a naturalization index, probate index, a Civil War index and Early Pioneer Stories. She also has sent Volumes 42 and 43 of the Janet Pease books to the bindery along with copies of the 2012 and 2013 Quarterlies for binding.
- h. Newspaper Abstracting – Nothing new to report.
- i. Obituaries & Obituary Abstracting – No Report.
- j. Publication Sales – There were no publications sold last month, but we did sell a copy of the Riverside Cemetery CD and a copy of the Rock Island County Cemetery CD.
- k. Quarterly Editor – Julie Vogel announced she would begin working on the newsletter after the first of the year with a deadline of mid-January for items to be included in it.
- l. Quarterly Mailing – No Report
- m. Queries & Research – Shay reported he received a request for 3 hours of research on the Mahaffey family in Rock Island County in from the 1850's to the 1870's. Kitty Humphrey volunteered to do the research.
- n. Registrar – Marilyn Mix reported we have received 52 renewals so far, including 14 life memberships and 1 credit member. We still have 70 members from last year who have not renewed yet.

- o. Vice President – Kitty Humphrey announced the following programs for 2015 are scheduled so far:
 - January – Genealogy Show and Tell – RICIGS Members
 - February – The Illinois State Capital by Rich Morthland
 - March – Muscatine Button Factory
 - April – Cemetery Art Symbolism

Old Business:

- a. 2015 Budget – Shay distributed copies of a proposed budget to the Board for review. After discussion and changes, a motion was made by Linda Polich to accept the revised 2015 Budget. Seconded by Betty Hagberg. Motion carried. (See Attachment A) A copy of the approved budget will be attached to the meeting reminders e-mailed to members for the January Board and General Membership meetings.
- b. Janet Pease Digitization Project – Betty Hagberg explained the work she has done so far in attempting to determine the value of digitizing the Janet Pease books and the costs involved. Board members shared their thoughts and ideas and after discussion it was generally agreed that a digitization project would be cost prohibitive. However, the idea of preparing a master index to all the volume indexes would be helpful and might be placed on our website. Linda Walker volunteered to type a Janet Pease Master Index by volume. We also have a digitized copy of 3 volumes of the Janet Pease records and a CD could be made from them to sell at the 2015 Conference.

New Business:

- a. Lunch & Learn Event – A notice was received from the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding a Lunch & Learn Event they are sponsoring to help organizations get more media coverage for their events. It will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 12 – 1 pm at the Figue Art Museum in Davenport. Bring your own lunch, no registration needed. Several Board members expressed interest in attending.
- b. RICHS Financial Support Request – Shay reported we received a request for financial support from the Rock Island County Historical Society and asked for input from the Board. The Board discussed the request and agreed that since we already pay rent for space to house the Society's library collection at the Historical Society, no further action will be taken on this request.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Butterworth Center. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Elliott, Recording Secretary

Board Meetings 2014

January – meeting held at Butterworth Center

February – meeting held at Butterworth Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Center

April – meeting held at Butterworth Center

May – meeting held at Butterworth Center

June – meeting held at Butterworth Center

July – meeting held at Butterworth Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Center

September – meeting held at Butterworth Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Center

November – meeting held at Butterworth Center

December – meeting held at Butterworth Center

General Meetings 2014

January – no meeting due to inclement weather

February – meeting held at Butterworth Center

March – meeting held at Butterworth Center

April – meeting held at Butterworth Center

May – meeting held at Butterworth Center

June – meeting held at Butterworth Center (no minutes found)

July – meeting held at Butterworth Center

August – meeting held at Butterworth Center

September – meeting held at Butterworth Center

October – meeting held at Butterworth Center

November – annual dinner; no business meeting

December – no meeting