Genealogy Conference

Featured Speakers

Thomas MacEntee
Jane Haldemann
Craig Plannkuche
Ray Johnson

Debbie Parker Wayne
Maureen Brady
Greg Phelps

When
Saturday, July 11th
8:30am – 3:30pm

Where
McHenry County College
Crystal Lake, IL

For more information go to:
http://www.mcigs.org
or call
(815) 687-0436
From the Editor

Over the course of the last twelve months, the newsletter has undergone changes in format and content. The newsletter has focused on providing our members with details of what is coming up at the next month’s general meeting, what happened at the previous meeting, schedule of events and the general status of our society.

At a recent meeting, the board discussed making the newsletter available to other societies. As we did so, we started to discuss whether or not the MCIGS newsletter should be made available to non-members as well as members. It resulted in a healthy discussion about the benefits of being a member of MCIGS, our mission as a society and how best to expand our reach in helping genealogists.

Since the majority of the content of the newsletter is about recent events at the society, the board agreed that going forward the monthly newsletter will be made available to anyone that wishes to receive the newsletter. Beginning with the July newsletter, the current edition of the newsletter will be available for download to all.

While those who are not members of the society will be able to receive the current edition, only members will be able to access previous issues of the newsletter from the members’ only section of the website.

We are working to bring you newsletters and other information from surrounding genealogical societies. Stay tuned to the members only section beginning this month with the newsletter from Walworth County.

Newsletter Editor
William M. Wheeler

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MCIGS Conference

The 2015 MCIGS Summer Conference committee has been hard at work since before last year’s conference. We are very excited about this year’s conference. We’ve lined-up seven speakers who will lecture on a variety of topics. In MCIGS’ mission statement we indicate we are to educate. We do offer meaningful speakers during the year, but a conference allows for a number of speakers, a variety of topics and an opportunity to talk with others.

There will be a number of vendors in attendance – societies, museums, book seller and others. The people representing the vendors will be able to answer questions about their groups and provide you with information on making contact with what they have to offer. The book seller will have a number of books, guides, etc. for sale and this would be a great time to add to your personal library.

In addition we have a number of door prizes that have been donated by Ancestry.com and subsidiaries, MyHeritage, Crystal Inn of Salt Lake City, books from Jennifer Holik and Paul Milner, Ancestry DNA kit, among others.

While we can no longer accept online registrations or via USPS, we will be able to accept registrations at the conference. Please note due to deadlines with the college we cannot offer lunch to walk-in registrants. There are a few fast food places within a couple of miles of the college.

If you have debated about attending or your previous plans have changed and you find you can attend, we do invite you to our conference and look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 11 July at McHenry County College beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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All websites are accurate as of 26 June 2015 and all are free.

American Antiquarian Society
http://www.americanantiquarian.org

Google News Archive
https://news.google.com/newspapers

New York City Marriages & Deaths
http://italiangen.org/

New York (and other places) newspapers
http://fultonhistory.com/

Lake Avenue & Mt. Thabor Cemeteries in Crystal Lake
http://cl-hs.org/50.html
(Listed in alphabetical order, but useful with McHenry County Illinois Cemeteries, Vol. IV: Southwest Townships)

State Center, Iowa Newspapers
http://www.statecenter.lib.ia.us/State%20Center%20Archives

Cyndi’s List
http://www.cyndislist.com/

New Member Spotlight
Please join us in welcoming our newest members:

Alice & Joseph Hayes from Woodstock, IL.

Upcoming Events

August 1, Newberry Library - Genealogy and Local History Tour and Orientation: at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 9:30am – 10:30am. For more information, go to http://www.newberry.org.

August 1, North Suburban Genealogical Society – Genes for Genealogists: at Northbrook Historical Society, Northbrook, IL, 1pm – 2:30pm. For more information, go to http://nsgsil.org.


August 6, Cook Memorial Public Library Genealogy Networking Group – Digging Your Roots: at Cook Memorial Public Library, Libertyville, IL, 7pm – 8:45pm. For more information, go do http://www.cooklib.org.

August 9, Jewish Genealogical Society – Stepping Stones to Researching Your Family’s Jewish Roots: at Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Arlington Heights, IL, 1pm – 3:30pm. For more information, go to http://www.ahml.info.

August 13, McHenry County [IL] Genealogical Society – Table Talks: at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm – 9pm. For more information, go to http://www.mcigs.org.


August 17, Zion Genealogical Society – Panel Discussion on Vital Records: at Village of Beach Park, Beach Park, IL, 7pm – 9pm. For more information, go to http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilzgs/.