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It's Not All Online: Chicago Repositories & What They Have



Thursday, June 8th at 7pm

Good genealogical research means we must do “reasonably exhaustive” searches for information about our ancestors, going beyond the data we find online. In this session, we will discuss the importance of using non-digitized materials, learn about the holdings of various Chicago-area repositories, and get acquainted ArchiveGrid and Explore Chicago Collections, two online resources that will aid in finding records relevant to one’s research.



Ginger Frere, MLIS, MBA, is a professional researcher who provides a variety of research services to authors, professional historians, filmmakers and individuals interested in genealogy. Her primary research interests include Chicago history and the creation of online tools for genealogists. She was one of the driving forces behind the development of ChicagoAncestors.org.

In addition to researching, Ginger is a frequent speaker in the Chicago-land area and a regular instructor in Chicago’s Newberry Library Adult Education seminar program. She is also a Newberry Scholar-in-Residence.

Our next MCIGS meeting will be taking place on Thursday, June 8th at 7pm. All MCIGS meetings take place at The Pointe Outreach Center located at 5650 Northwest Highway in Crystal Lake. Please visit the MCIGS website for additional details and future events.

Upcoming Events

Jun 03, 2017 CGS – *Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory* at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 1:30pm – 3pm. For more information, visit <http://www.chicagogenealogy.org>.

Jun 06, 2017 EGS – *Using Time Lines for Breaking Down Brick Walls* at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 9:30am – 11am. For more information, visit <http://www.elginroots.com>.

Jun 08, 2017 MCIGS – *It's Not All Online* at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

Jun 10, 2017 NSGS – *Ancestry.com: Tips & Techniques* at Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL, 1pm – 2:30pm. For more information, visit <http://www.nsgsil.org>.

Jun 13, 2017 LCIGS – *Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Solved using Collaterals* at Mundelein Park District, Mundelein, IL, 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.com/~lcigs/>.

Jun 13, 2017 ISGS – *Preserving Old Family Letters: Tips from an Archivist* (webinar), 8pm. For more information, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2682361248631831299>.

Jun 15, 2017 EGS – *Resurrecting a Cemetery* at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 7pm – 9pm. For more information, visit <http://www.elginroots.com>.

Jun 19, 2017 CAGGNI – *Wiki Trees* at Schaumburg Township Public Library, Schaumburg, IL, 10:30am – 12:30pm. For more information, visit <http://www.caggni.org/>.

The Missing Man: A Review by Claudia Conroy

For those of you who want a break from your research without losing touch with genealogy, I have the book for you. Nathan Dylan Goodwin has just sent us his latest book in the Morton Farrier Forensic Genealogist series. *The Missing Man* follows Morton Farrier as he continues his search for his biological father. Though Goodwin's books have been set in England up until now, this book takes Farrier and his new wife on their honeymoon to the United States. Farrier knows his father was American but not much else.

This book has suspense and unexpected turns. Goodwin has us traveling from 2016 back to 1976 and then the 1950's, giving the story the context and time frame needed to understand the people involved. With each new clue, Farrier becomes more torn between following the genealogical trail and spending time with his new wife Juliette.

The Missing Man is Goodwin's sixth book in his Forensic Genealogist series. MCIGS has placed copies of Goodwin's previous books in the circulating fiction section at the Crystal Lake Public Library. The books are best enjoyed while reading them in order of publication as the stories follow one another. *The Missing Man* will be placed in the Crystal Lake Public Library and will be allowed to circulate.

Claudia Conroy
Library Chair

MCIGS First Webinar Scheduled

For the past several months, the MCIGS staff has been working on putting together the technology and process for hosting webinars. This was after receiving numerous requests from our members to incorporate the technology into our programs.

Our first webinar will be taking place on Wednesday, July 26th at 7pm. Thomas MacEntee will be presenting his new talk *What's Been Done: Using Someone Else's Genealogy*. This topic was debuted at RootsTech 2017 and discusses how to incorporate the research of others into your own research. Whether it is research passed down to you or research that was provided by an outside researcher, Thomas will present best practices for integrating the results into your own research.

While MCIGS is still developing a full webinar schedule, we hope to deliver a minimum of four webinars a year. But that heavily depends on all of you and your feedback! We are currently limited to supporting 100 people per webinar. Registration is now open at <https://goo.gl/wQF2QW>. MCIGS members will be able to access the recorded session from the members only area at www.mcigs.org.

Bill Wheeler
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster

Upcoming Events

Jul 08, 2017 MCIGS – 2017 MCIGS Summer Conference at McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.org>.

Jul 11, 2017 ISGS – The Watchfires of a Hundred Circling Camps (Webinar) 8pm. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6586254248864499459>.

Jul 26, 2017 MCIGS – What's Been Done with Thomas MacEntee. For more information, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3537087508104687873>.

Aug 8, 2017 ISGS – Ten Years is a Long Time: Census Substitutes for the In-between Years (Webinar) 8pm. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2394575075177831939>.

Aug 10, 2017 MCIGS – Chicago's Greatest Year, 1893 at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

Sep 14, 2017 MCIGS – Passage to Chicago: Traveling the Illinois & Michigan Canal at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

Oct 12, 2017 MCIGS – Before the Funeral Home and the Cemetery at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

Nov 9, 2017 MCIGS – Genealogy Roadshow Story, *White Like Her* at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

Dec 14, 2017 MCIGS – Holiday Dinner at TBD, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

MCIGS 2017 Summer Conference

2017 MCIGS Summer Conference

Time flies! We are almost at the deadline for registration for this year's MCIGS Summer Conference to be held 8 July 2017 at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake. You must register no later than 15 June 2017 in order to get the lower fee and lunch. This year's conference features Mary Tedesco, co-host of *Genealogy Roadshow* that is on PBS. Also, Paul Milner, Michael Lacopo and Thomas MacEntee will be presenting.

There is something for everyone, those just beginning their research to more seasoned researchers who are looking for different avenues of research, need help in understanding about a place in a particular time, new sources and old sources. Our website has all the details of their lectures.

If you are just beginning your research, don't be thrown by the idea of a conference. You will meet others who are researching in the same time period/or place and if you are not quite ready for a particular topic, you'll always have the syllabus to refer to as well as those new friends who may be able to walk you through a particular area or subject.

Been researching for a while? Have a brick wall? This is the place for you. Sometimes just hearing someone else present on an area or time period is all you need to go forward.

This year we are starting a new project at the conference – a help desk. You can sign up for a particular time period (in the breaks and at lunch) to ask a genealogical question about a particular type of record, how to interpret something you don't understand, or help in deciding just what to do next. The helpers will be armed with laptops so they can access online records you might need.

We are all very excited about this year's conference and really hope you will join us. Don't forget, registration closes on 15 June and after that you can only register at the door and lunch will not be provided. You can check online at mcigs.org for conference details, register online or download a registration application and mail in. If mailing they must be postmarked no later than 15 June. Don't procrastinate any longer – some classes are beginning to look rather full.

See you in July!!



Ann Wells
MCIGS Conference Co-chair