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October 13, 2016

7pm – 9pm

*“Resurrecting A Cemetery”*

*Glenda Ziegler & Paula Pickrel*

@ The Pointe Outreach Center

Crystal Lake, IL



Using genealogical research methods, dowsing rods and spades, professional cemetery conservators, Paula Pickrel and Glenda Ziegler, have literally unearthed the stories and the graves of several Illinois pioneers. Join the sisters as they share their cemetery experiences and provide tips for digging up your ancestors' graves.

In the past 5 years, the sisters have completed the restoration and documentation of 3 abandoned cemeteries, repaired hundreds of headstones and co-authored a gravestone repair manual.

#### **Cary Area Public Library's GIG (Genealogy Interest Group) Fall, 2016 After-Hours Events**

1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary, IL.

[www.caryarealibrary.org](http://www.caryarealibrary.org)

**Bring your own PC or use a library computer.**

**No library card necessary but space is limited.**

**Call the library today to register. 847.639.4210**

**October 7, 2016 (Friday), 5-8 pm, Cary Library**

In honor of National Family History Month, **Claudia Conroy of the McHenry Co. Illinois Genealogy Society (MCIGS)** will present tips using free websites for the beginner's next step. Stay late and test drive the websites.

#### **Black Pointe Estate Tour**

When: Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2016

(1:00PM-6:00PM)

What: Sponsored by MCIGS, a unique private house & garden tour/program at Black Pointe Estate, Lake Geneva, WI.

<http://blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org/>

The program, “Angels Carried Them Away: Death and Mourning in the Victorian Era, (1876-1912)” will be presented by Steven Person, a local Walworth Township funeral director.

Tickets: Ticket sales continue Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the October MCIGS monthly meeting at The Pointe Outreach Center, 7:00PM.

\$36 per person – only **7** tickets left for MCIGS members/non-members, first come/first served basis. Please contact Jan Polep ([jan.polep@mcigs.org](mailto:jan.polep@mcigs.org)) for more info.

# Upcoming Events

**Oct 1, 2016 FVGS – Church or Court: Where Did Grandma Go?** at Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, 9am – 4pm. For more information, visit <http://www.ilfvgs.org/index.php/education/conference/registration>.

**Oct 4, 2016 EGS – Tips, Tricks and Overlooked Sources of Genealogical Information** at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 9:30am – 11:30am. For more information, visit [www.elginroots.com](http://www.elginroots.com).

**Oct 7, 2016 Cary Area Public Library – Tips for Beginners** at Cary Area Public Library, Cary, IL, 5pm – 8pm. For more information, visit <http://www.caryarealibrary.org>.

**Oct 8, 2016 AHML – Publishing Your Genealogical Writing** at Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Arlington Heights, IL, 1pm – 3pm. For more information, visit <http://www.ahml.info>.

**Oct 11, 2016 ISGS – Midwestern Gems: Back Issues of Genealogical, Historical and Sociological Journal** presented online by Paula Stuart-Warren. To register, please visit <http://ilgensoc.us4.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=173da338124b2ea141a9dfe61&id=e45d9098dc&e=7d164828d2>.

**Oct 13, 2016 MCIGS – Cemetery Research & Preservation** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

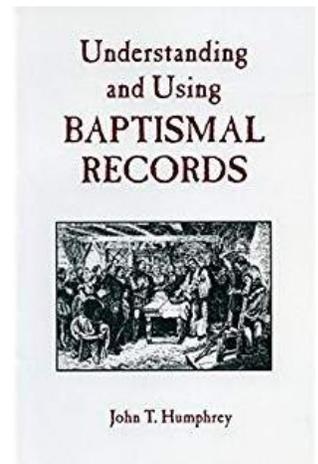
**Oct 19, 2016 DCGS – Finding Your Civil War Ancestors Online** at Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton, IL, 7:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit <http://www.dcms.org>.

**Oct 21, 2016 DCGS – Lineage Societies** at DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton, IL, 6:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit <http://www.dcms.org>.

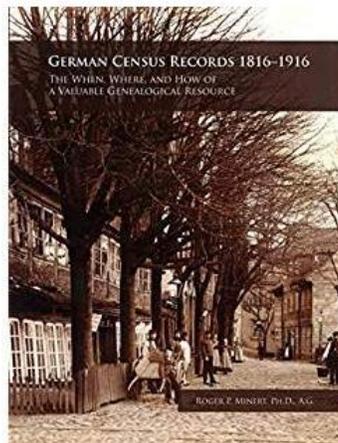
**Oct 27, 2016 KCGS – Understanding Family Search Part II** at Geneva History Museum, Geneva, IL, 7:30pm. For more information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilkcgs/>.

# New Library Books

MCIGS has acquired two additional books to be added to our collections. *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records* by John T. Humphrey is a comprehensive book which explains baptismal beliefs and practices of the various religious denominations that established churches in Colonial America. The book is 166 pages with an extensive index and bibliography. It will be housed in the Crystal Lake Public Library.



The second book, *German Census Records 1816-1916: The When, Where, and How of a Valuable Genealogical Resource* by Roger P. Minert, was donated to us. This is a 250 page full size paperback. The book covers each of the major cities in Germany



with an explanation of what was included in their census records. The book is filled with examples of these records. The last section of the book includes information on how to write to the archives in Germany, France and Poland as well as how to conduct onsite research in these regions. MCIGS would like to thank Ms. Swift for this book donation which will be placed in the genealogical section of the McHenry Public Library.

As always, please remember to allow sufficient time for the books to be processed by the library. You may want to check the online catalog to make sure the book is available before looking for it on the shelf.



**Claudia Conroy  
Library Chair**

## Millie Heiden Trust

About 3 years ago, the board received a letter from JPMorgan saying that our past member, Mildred Heiden had died and we were one of five groups to inherit her estate. I can't remember if the letter included the first check or not, but the first payment was \$90,000. We then received a check for about \$20,000 and in August of this year, we received our last payment of over \$26,000.

I vaguely remember Millie and her husband, Ray, but they weren't active in our society beyond attending meetings. They lived in Crystal Lake for a number of years and moved to Arizona. Her husband died within the two years of the move and he was probably the person who designated the five legatees. I think he was the genealogist and Millie went along for the ride.

After his death, Millie moved to an assisted living facility in Arizona and eventually into a care facility that provided the care needed for her. They had no children and the five groups/organizations were the sole legatees.

The money we have inherited has been invested to provide an income to support the things we want to do as a society. We have Millie and her husband Ray to thank for allowing us to host our summer conference, provide programs, rent a meeting facility, buy a computer and pay for a hosting service to provide live webinars. We set up the investments with the idea we'd take a small amount of any interest or dividends if we needed it each year. With any luck, we won't have to touch the money invested.

## Ann Wells Treasurer

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to MCIGS:

- Peggy Kuhajek, Crystal lake
- Bill Ditman, Lake Zurich
- Susan Cole, Cary, IL
- Joann Davis, Barrington, IL
- Kathleen Stollendorf, Chantilly, VA (life

## Upcoming Events

**Nov 1, 2016 EGS – *What We Learned at the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference*** at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 9:30am – 11:30am. For more information, visit [www.elginroots.com](http://www.elginroots.com).

**Nov 5, 2016 AHML – *From Piles to Files: Let's Get Organized*** at Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Arlington Heights, IL, 10am – 4pm. For more information, visit <http://www.ahml.info>.

**Nov 5, 2016 Newberry Library – *Genealogy and Local History Tour and Orientation*** at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 9am. For more information, visit <http://www.newberry.org>.

**Nov 8, 2016 ISGS – *Principles of Effective Evidence Analysis*** presented online by George Morgan of the Genealogy Guys podcast. For more information or to register visit <http://ilgensoc.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=173da338124b2ea141a9dfe61&id=4749d79f42&e=7d164828d2>.

**Nov 10, 2016 MCIGS – *Liven Up Your Family History with Images*** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

**Nov 16, 2016 DCGS – *Irish Genealogy*** at Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton, IL, 6:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit <http://www.dcgs.org>.

**Nov 19, 2016 BIGWILL – *Scottish Records Resources*** at The Community Church, Richmond, IL, 10:00am – Noon. For more information, visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>.

**Nov 21, 2016 KCGS – *Map It!*** at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI, 6:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit <http://www.kengensoc.org>.

**Dec 8, 2016 MCIGS – *Annual Christmas Party*** at Colonial Cafe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit <http://www.mcigs.com>.

## MCIGS Elections at November Meeting

At our **November** meeting we will vote for a new slate of officers to serve for the next 2 years:

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| PRESIDENT:          | Kristen McCallum |
| 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: | Arlene Basten    |
| DIRECTOR:           | Bill Wheeler     |
| DIRECTOR:           | Lee Dixon        |

Nominations will be taken from the floor in November and a vote will take place at that time.

### ***DIRECTOR SEAT OPEN***

Additionally, we are searching for the ideal candidate to fill a vacated Director seat on the board. Directors are responsible for attending monthly board meetings, advising the President and the board on current trends and issues related to the field of genealogy, voting on motions related to our finances and programs, and helping us plan for the future. Directors may also be asked to serve on committees as assigned by the President. The ideal candidate should be proficient with e-mail and basic word processing. The term would expire at the end of 2017. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, contact Kristen McCallum at [president@mcigs.org](mailto:president@mcigs.org) or speak to any board member at our next general meeting.



## Amazing Deals on MCIGS Publications

MCIGS has been compiling, indexing and publishing content for more than 30 years. We are very proud of all we have accomplished and thankful to the many volunteers who have made these publications possible. Many of our publications contain information that can be found in no other place. Our long-term goal is to make all of our publications available online to our members, beginning with our out of print publications. However, this will take some time to accomplish. In the meantime, we want to get these wonderful books into the hands of as many researchers as possible. To that end, the MCIGS Board recently voted to list all of our publications at the very affordable price of \$5.00. In some cases, this represents a savings of more than 80% off the original list price!

A full list of publications can be found at <http://www.mcigs.org/mcigs-publications.html>.

**Kristen McCallum**  
**President**

# MCIGS Publications Discounted

## Available at <http://www.mcigs.org>

### ***McHenry County Cemeteries. Volume III: Northeast Townships***

Contains cemetery histories, inscriptions for Richmond, Burton and McHenry townships. Spiral bound, indexed.

### ***McHenry County Cemeteries. Volume IV: Southeast Townships***

Contains information on burials in cemeteries located in Algonquin and Nunda townships, including the towns of Crystal Lake, Algonquin, and Cary and several private and abandoned burial grounds. The book is over 500 pages, includes a surname index, histories and maps, 8 1/2 x 11, spiral bound.

### ***McHenry County Marriages. Volume III: 1886-1893***

All data contained in the Illinois State board of Health Return for a Marriage, including full names of the bride and groom, residence, age at next birthday, place of birth father's name, mother's name, number of marriages of each, groom's occupation, place and date of marriage, names of witnesses, and by whom married. 242 pages indexed spiral bound.

### ***McHenry County Marriages. Volume IV: 1894-1899***

MCIGS has completed the research for the fourth volume in a series of Marriage Books of McHenry County, IL. Volume IV starts in 1894 and includes the information on the bridal party from the State Board of Health Returns.

### ***10th Anniversary Quarterly Index; 1981-1991***

A comprehensive every-name and subject index reference to more than 25,000 names appearing in the newsletters and quarterlies of MCIGS. This compilation represents the first ten years of previously un-indexed material containing the names of numerous states and foreign countries; plus hundreds of excellent research source articles. 170 pp. arranged alphabetically.

### ***1870 Federal Census, McHenry County, IL***

Includes head of household and all residing at that place at time of census, with age, sex, color, profession (head of household only), place of birth, etc. 374 pp. indexed

### ***Abstracts of Notices Published in the Woodstock Sentinel 1856-1862***

Contains articles and announcements abstracted primarily from pages 3 and 4, which generally carried local news, vital records, information, obituaries, human interest stories. 100 pages, indexed, 8/1/2 x 11 softcover.

### ***Abstracts of Notices Published in the Woodstock Sentinel 1863-1866***

Contains articles and announcements abstracted primarily from pages 3 and 4, which generally carried local news, vital records, information, obituaries, human interest stories. 100 pages, indexed, 8/1/2 x 11 softcover.

### ***Early Records of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Vol III: 1883-1909***

Early registers of baptisms, marriages, burials, translated from ecclesiastical Latin from St. John's Baptist Church in Johnsbury, IL. 104 pp. indexed.

### ***McHenry County IL Declarations of Intent, 1851-1906***

Pertinent genealogical information extracted from original courthouse records. 80 pp. Indexed.

Visit [www.mcigs.org/mcigs-publications.html](http://www.mcigs.org/mcigs-publications.html) to order your copies today!



## **KENOSHA COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

*where we gather together to trace our lineage*

When you cross an aerospace engineer (a.k.a. rocket scientist) with a teacher, librarian, and genealogist, you get a wide range of knowledge and a depth of experience rarely equalled. You also get complex topics explained in everyday language with enthusiasm and excellence. I like to talk about just about anything from basic to advanced topics. I'm particularly adept at making obscure and under-utilized resources understood. I am both tech-savvy and fond of dusty archives and court houses. I tend to focus on topics that are more unique. Many include demonstrations of internet resources.



### **Sarah A. V. Kirby**

Genealogical Speaker will present

#### **Map It!**

The focus is on how to use maps to illustrate your genealogy and even discover new facts and insights. A few typical computer applications and websites that can be used to help build your own maps will be covered as well.

The Kenosha County Genealogy Society is happy to grow our membership. We would love to have you as one of our members. If you are interested in researching your heritage, please join us:

- 🍁 **Monday, October 10, 2016**
- 🍁 **6:30 pm Registration, Conversation & Business Meeting**
- 🍁 **7:00 pm Program — FREE to the Public**
- 🍁 **Kenosha Gateway Technical College, 3320—30th Avenue, Madrigano Auditorium**