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FamilySearch is not just about the records you can find within FamilySearch. There are a number of other ways to learn and expand your understanding of your family. Learning about where your family came from will help you to explore the culture and traditions of that area. What was going on in the world the year you were born? Was your family involved in any of the events of that time?

There are also activities to try with your family and encourage younger generations to have an interest in the history of their family.

Maureen speaks to MCIGS on a regular basis, and her presentations are always of interest. Maureen has been doing family history research for over 40 years and is well versed in how FamilySearch can help us go forward with our own research. Maureen speaks across the U. S., in person or via Zoom and she will be speaking at the Ohio Genealogical Society's Annual Conference in April-May 2025 in Sandusky, OH.

August Meeting

Thursday, 8 August 2024

7:00 PM

Doors open 6:30 PM

In Person

***McHenry County College
8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, IL***

Room C104

“Mining the Treasures of Family Research”

Presenter:

Maureen Brady

July 2024 Meeting's Recap

Submitted by Sandra Braid

Tina Beaird, of [Tamarack Genealogy](#), presented "Family History Resources at the Library of Congress" for our July meeting.

The Library of Congress was established by an act of Congress in 1800 as a library for the members of Congress to use. The British burned the Capitol during the War of 1812, destroying the library in the process.

Ainsworth Spofford, the Librarian of Congress from 1864 to 1897, turned the LOC into our National Library. Tina also mentioned that there are three buildings that are part of the Library of Congress, and they are connected by a system of tunnels. These buildings are part of the Capitol complex. The library of Congress also has an offsite location in Culpepper Virginia which includes their audio-visual archives.

When the library was rebuilt after the War of 1812, the Library of Congress purchased half of Thomas Jefferson's personal library. An interesting bit of information she related was that Thomas Jefferson sold his library to two groups; one was the Library of Congress and the second was the University of Virginia, Chancellorsville. She also said he sold his library to provide doweries for his daughters as he didn't have the money to pay for them.

The Library of Congress is on the Capitol campus and consists of three buildings, the Jefferson Building, the Adams Building and the Madison Building. The Jefferson Building is located across East Capitol Street from the Supreme Court. The Adams Building is across 2nd Street from the Jefferson Building and the Madison Building is across Independence Avenue from the Jefferson Building.

Tina gave an overview of what kinds of research can be done in each building. For example, the

Adams building houses the science, technology, and business collections as well as the Federal Research Division. The Jefferson building houses the main reading room and the humanities collections, including the Rare Book and Special Collections Reading room, the Children's Literature Center, and the American Folk Life Center. Local History and Genealogy is also located in the Jefferson building.

The Madison building contains the law library, the Copyright Reading Room, Veteran's History Project Information Center as well as the manuscript, map, photograph, and newspaper collections. Each division has its own "reading room." If you are traveling there, it is worth checking each reading room's website for hours and information about that specific reading room so you will know what to expect, if or when to visit.

Tina spoke about the Library of Congress Catalog and how to search for items in the catalog. She also said that the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) information has been transferred to World Cat. The Library of Congress online catalog provides access to the information once held by NUCMC. Also, that online catalog will show you who holds the "original" and if it has been digitized. The LOC online catalog will show a link at the bottom of the screen for the item you looked for. Tina also said that Interlibrary Loan is available from the LOC. If they don't have an item, you can ask them to find it by using LC Find It! That can send you to Google Scholar, or other search engines that are similar.

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Photo by Wally Gobetz, 2009
Library of Congress
<https://flickr.com/photos/wallyg/>

One item Tina focused on was the National Digital Newspaper Project (NDNP), including the fact that there are newspapers on Flickr. She also told us about the Digital Newspaper Collections as well as the Veteran's History Project. The Veteran's History Project collects first person accounts of veterans in order to preserve their knowledge. Tina also shared information on the Bird's Eye Maps, the San Borne Fire Insurance Maps, the fire insurance maps of other companies (yes, there are some), as well as the Prints and Photos collection at the Library of Congress.

Another item mentioned was the Historic American Building Survey (HABS). Tina said that this was a comprehensive survey begun in 1933 and has a random representation of building styles and architectures.

Tina reminded us that the Library of Congress is "the People's Library," and they are happy to have our help in making their records available to all. You can access the Library from home at <https://www.loc.gov/>

Upcoming Events

All events are CDT. P-in person; H-hybrid and Z-Zoom presentation only.

1 August, Thursday, 6:00 PM. (H) Winnebago Boone Counties Genealogical Society, 6685 East State Street, Rockford, IL. "Family Search: the Digital Age." The speaker is Maureen Brady. Register [HERE](#) for Zoom if not attending in person.

8 August, Thursday, 7:00 PM (H) Lake County Genealogical Society. Register to attend in person or Zoom [here](#). "Researching World War II Ancestry" presented by Jenny Warner. In-person meeting at Chicago Memorial Library, 413 N Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL Contact LCGIS at lcigs1170@gmail.com.

17 August, Saturday, 10:30 AM, (H) CAGGNI. "Bounty Land: Colonial to 1855", presented by Craig Scott. Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights, Cardinal Room. For [Zoom](#).

18 August, Thursday, 7:30 PM (Z) Elgin Genealogical Society. "Connecting Faces Through Time" by Tina LaFreniere. Zoom link to program [here](#).

Things of Interest

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries –“ A project of the William M. Scholl Center for American History and Culture at The Newberry Library in Chicago, the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries is a powerful historical research and reference tool in electronic form. The Atlas presents in maps and text complete data about the creation and all subsequent

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changes (dated to the day) in the size, shape, and location of every county in the fifty United States and the District of Columbia.”

<https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/project.html>

Allen County Family Bible Collection- The records have been digitized and made available for researchers. The collection isn't huge, but certainly worth a look.

<https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

Bible Rescue – Organization that collects Bibles and records information in their database for access by public.

https://biblerescue.org/#google_vignette

DAR -Daughters of the American Revolution – includes more than 84,000 Bible records. You do not have to be a member to review the names in the records.

https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=12

eBay – Find Bibles, postcards, family items, government issued records, church records, family books. <https://www.ebay.com>

Bible Records Digital Collection, Library of Virginia-The Library of Virginia has digitized over 7,000 Bible records in its collection, which grows with new donations regularly. Some early images—usually digitized from photocopies—are less legible than more recent scans due to the poor quality of the paper records, but staff will help with getting the best copy. Includes Bible from places other than Virginia. <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/bible-records>

Early Settlers

Claudia Conroy, Early Settler Chair

Vickie Lynn TRUE (HAUSER) applied to recognize her ancestor, Johann Casper BOTTLEMY, who had previously been proven to have settled in Alden in 1880. Vickie submitted all the documents necessary

to prove her descendance. Because her line descends from the females in the family, Vickie had to submit proofs of name changes from maiden to married, as well as other documents.

Johann Casper BOTTLEMY

b. 24 Feb 1817, Thuringer, Germany
m. Anna Christine LACH, 1846, Wernshausen, Germany
d. 18 Jan 1894, Alden, McHenry, IL

Anna Christine LACH

b. 9 Oct 1820, Sachs, Germany
d. 29 May 1910, Alden, McHenry, IL

Child:

Elizabeth Sophia BOTTLEMY
b. 2 Feb 1847, Wisconsin
m. Conrad SCHLEIGER, 23 Dec 1865, Bloomfield, WI
d. 15 Mar 1910, Springfield, WI

Child:

Phoebe Anna SCHLEIGER
b. 20 Mar 1869, Lake Geneva, WI
m. August A. RADTKE, 4 Nov 1891, Elkhorn, WI
d. 24 Aug 1953, Elkhorn, WI

Child:

Alice H RADTKE
b. 24 Oct 1896, Lake Geneva, WI
m. Edward Robert ENGEL, 25 Nov 1913, Springfield, WI
d. 13 Jun 1975, Spring Prairie, WI

Child:

Rose Alice ENGEL
b. 26 Nov 1915, Spring Prairie, WI
m. Lawrence Henry HAUSER, 6 Dec 1945, Milwaukee, WI
d. 18 Jul 2006, Milwaukee, WI

Child:

Robert James HAUSER
m. Dinah Kay IVY

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Child:

Vickie Lynn TRUE (HAUSER) applicant

If you have an early McHenry County ancestor, you can apply for an Early Settler's Certificate to honor that ancestor(s). Information can be found at [Settler](#). You do not need to be a member of MCIGS to apply.

From the Editor...

One of the most sought-after records for genealogical research, is the family Bible. The further back you go in your research, the more likely there was a Bible, but it may be among the missing at this point. How to find it?

There are a number of logical places to search and a surprising number of not so logical places. Start with Googling the surname of the person with the added word "Bible" or Surname Family Bible. Of course, Ancestry, Family Search, My Heritage, Finding My Past are also must go-to sites.

Museums and archives in place you are researching, by state or county are also places to look, plus major genealogical libraries such as FamilySearch Library, DAR, and Allen County's Genealogy Center. You can also search eBay for Bibles for sale.

You most likely won't find the actual Bible but will find digitized copies of the pages within the Bible. Important pages to look at/or copy are the Title Page and the family pages showing births, marriages, and deaths. When looking for the Bibles, look for other family names that have a connection to the name you want.

Once you find the Bible and get the copies of those important pages, look for the following:

The title page should show year of printing and place of printing. It's really important to know when the Bible was printed as

it can give you clues how the information on the family was obtained. The place may give an idea of where the family was living at the time. Often, brides were given a Bible as a wedding gift by parents or other family members.

Usually the births, marriages and deaths are noted on pages reflecting the event. Sometimes more information is given so be sure to read all of it. What date is the first recorded? Before or after the publication date? If before, the information may have been included by "memory" or copied from elsewhere. If the first event was after the publication date, it's more likely that the entries were done as the event occurred.

Handwriting change? If all the writing is the same, it probably was entered by the same person at a particular time and most likely after the print date. If the handwriting changed, several people were probably responsible for the various entries, and it is most like the Bible was handed down to the next generation.

If you are fortunate enough to find the actual Bible (maybe on eBay), you should look through it and see if there are other papers. People used the Bible as a filing cabinet for family information, pressing flowers and newspaper clips of important family events.

Elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter are some places to look for Bibles or the digitized versions of the pages within a Bible.

Ann Wells, Connections Editor

Library Report

Submitted by Nancy Gaynor, MCIGS Librarian

Did you know a portion of the MCIGS book collection is housed at the McHenry Public Library? Did you know Tom Hillier is the

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Genealogy & Local History Librarian at McHenry? Did you know MCIGS Board member Nancy Gaynor is the MCIGS Librarian?

Well, it is, he is, and I am!

What do we do? Well, Tom works on Adult Reference and is our liaison in getting the books we purchase into the Genealogy Room at McHenry Public Library.

I have been collaborating with him on cleaning up the collection; filling in series and updating resources.

I have been adding items into the collection and they can be located in the online catalog. While you can use all the books in the room, they do not circulate.

The latest items added:

Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
Call Number US MILIT REC BOCKSTRUCK

Virginia Tax Records Gary Parks
Call Number VA LAND REC VIRGINIA

Military Bounty Land Christine Rose
Call number US LAND REC ROSE

A Translation Guide to 19th Century Polish Language Civil Registration Documents.

Judith R. Frazin
Call Number POL DICT FRAZN

Family Maps of McHenry County, Illinois
Gregory A. Boyd
Call Number ILL MCHENRY CO LAND REC BOYD

Meeting Information:

Please check FB page or our website for any cancellations. If weather related, also check the college. <https://www.mchenry.edu/>. If college is closed, we have no access.

Woodstock High School Alumni Directory – “The Blue and The White” 1914

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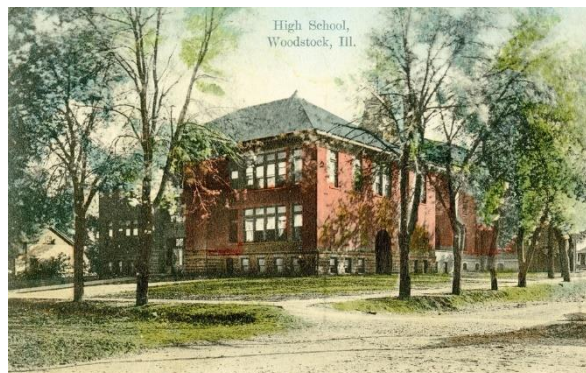
*- deceased as of 1914

Class of 1896

Bird, Frederick J.
4627 Champaign Ave., Chicago
Murphy, Agnes Genevieve m. Frank Thurston
1410 Rosemont, Chicago
Renich, Mary E. (Teacher, Maryville College)
Maryville, TN
Shearer, Lucia
Woodstock, IL
Siebel, August F. W.
92 La Salle St, Chicago, IL
Wright, Claribel m. William P. Hoy
Huntley, IL

Murphy, Jessie C. m. W. T. Charles
Woodstock, IL

Short, E. Gertrude
1057 Argyle St., Chicago



Woodstock High School, circa 1906

United Art Publishing Co., “High School, Calhoun St United Art,” *Woodstock Public Library Archives*, accessed July 25, 2024, <https://woodstockpubliclibraryarchives.omeka.net/items/show/216>.

Class of 1897

Anderson, Earle C.
718 Clark St., Chicago

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Floyd, Katherine F. m. Lawrence E. Vermilya
2145 West End, Chicago
Greenwood, Eva
Greenville, CA
Hoy, William P
Huntley, IL
Medlar, Adele Bishop (Teacher, State College)
Las Cruces, NM
Murphy, Bessie C. m. Luther Allen
237 Grand Place, Aurora, IL

Class of 1898

Bunker, Blanche C
Aberdeen, SD
Cook, Stella
1139 N. Church St., Rockford, IL
Eckert, Walter
229 N. Central, Austin Sta., Chicago

Class of 1899

Burger, Nettie M. m. C. F. Bachus
Woodstock, IL
Donovan, Maud E.
Woodstock, IL
Hoy, Walter G.
Woodstock, IL
Jewett, Jessie E.
Woodstock, IL
Renich, Edward A.
Woodstock, IL
Schaaf, Emma A. m. W. S. Thorne
Washington, DC
*Wesson, Hattie W.
*Wright, Adelbert S.
Zimplemann, Dorothy m. Taylor
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1900

*Arnold, Emery
Bunker, Park J.
Wibaux, MT
Charles, Paul L
Travelers Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba
CAN
Ellsworth, Earle E.
Herman, Irene E.
Woodstock, IL

Hoy, Clarence F.
Crystal Lake, IL
Kellog, Fred L.
Dallas, TX
Shearer, Mamie L. m. Elmer E. Gregory
Woodstock, IL
Short, Louise F.
1057 Argyle St., Chicago, IL
Stevenson, Blanche A. m. William J. Wheeler
Woodstock, IL
*Tyron, Floyd C.

Class of 1901

Burger, Irvin L.
Woodstock, IL
Cooney, Herbert T.
Woodstock, IL
Gillies, Margaret E.
Woodstock, IL
Hanaford, Ida C. m. W. E. Shererd
4337 Park Ave., Chicago, IL

McDowell, Dr. Elmer L.
Red Lodge, MT
McKee, Edna m. Harold Albrich
Richmond, IL
Mountain, Mamie E.
1938 Grace St., Chicago, IL
Richardson, Jessie L. m. Guy Harrison
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1902

Anderson, Cora M. m. W. O'Conner
Nahma, MI
Austin, Vida A. (teacher)
Valley City, ND
Carr, Roy W.
Woodstock, IL
Carr, Ruie W.
Woodstock, IL
*Collier, Kittie A. m. Paul Jaster
Deats, Beatrice m. H. A. Dewey
Woodstock, IL
Dickenson, Edna A. m. G. S. Harnish
Woodstock, IL
Donovan, Mabel m. William Bartelt
Woodstock, IL
Eckert, Lillie
Woodstock, IL

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Kane, Ella O. m. David Rosencrans
Woodstock, IL
McEwan, Frances (Teacher, Evanston)
Evanston, IL
Renich, Amanda
Homer, IL
Sinclair, Scott (Stud. N. W. School of Pharmacy)
6504 Minerva, Chicago, IL
Smith, Grace E.
362 Mentor, Pasadena, CA
Thompson, Evelyn m. E. G. Trawin
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1903

Arnold, Grace m. Sterling Woods
Billings, MT
Austin, Catherine J.
Woodstock, IL
Baird, Pearl C. m. LeRoy Stevens
Ithaca, NY
Harrison, Anna L. m. Edward Martin
Woodstock, IL
Heath, Gertrude
3724 Hawthorne Ave., Omaha, NE
Kirk, Nancy D. m. Jessee R Lawrence
2760 W Windsor Ave, Chicago, IL
Murphy, Edith C. m. C. H. Giesselbrecht
Mauston, WI
Richards, Ada M. m. Clarence Short
1405 Oliver, Chicago, IL
Richardson, Nellie C. m. Arthur Dimon
Isabel, NE
Stevenson, Inez A m. Charles Young
Sullivan, Bessie
10 E. 46th St., Chicago, IL
Sullivan, Harriet L.
10 E. 46th St., Chicago, IL
Sullivan, Veronica L. m. David Patten
652 E 50th St., Chicago, IL
Walters, Bertha E. m. Howard Greene
1417 Washington St., Spokane, WA

Class of 1904

Allen, Belle m. Merville A. Carmack
Woodstock, IL
Andrews, Rolla M.
Woodstock, IL
Cooney, Anna M.
Woodstock, IL

Desmond, John
Chicago, IL
Gibson, Mabel (Student, U. of IL 3rd year)
Woodstock, IL
Gillies, Sarah m. Walgenbach
Hartland, IL
Kaiser, Anna F. m. George Graves
Woodstock, IL
Mason, Bessie L. m. L. H. Thompson
Bozeman, MT
Moore, Daisy W.
Woodstock, IL
Northrop, James W.
19 S LaSalle St., Chicago, IL
Shearer, Emma A
Woodstock, IL
Slavin, Anna C. (Teacher)
Richmond, IL

Class of 1905

Alexander, Genevieve E. m. James Riley
Woodstock, IL
Baker, Ella Louise m. Pomeroy
Woodstock, IL
Clancy, Rosella m. James L. Beaver
Montago, ND
Dacy, George Harold
Meetze, VA
Donavon, Rupert D.
5310 Indiana Ave., Chicago, IL
Gibson, George Elmer
80 W First St., Fond du Lac, WI
Heaton, Lila Harriet m. Frank Burbank
Etiwanda, CA
Knapp, Nellie May
Crete, ND
Ormsby, Sadie Sinclair
3739 Windsor Place, St. Louis, MO
Renich, Katherine L.
9904 West Illinois St., Urbana, IL
Tryon, Charles Leon
Woodstock, IL
Wandrack, Martin Joseph (Student, N. W. Law,
4th year)

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