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July Meeting

Thursday, 11 July 2024

7:00 PM

Doors open 6:30 PM

In Person

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

Room C104

***“Family History Resources from the
Library of Congress”***

Presenter:

Tina Beaird

Whether you are researching in this glorious building or utilizing their amazing digital collections, The Library of Congress (LOC) offers something for every family historian. Tina will walk you through all of the ways you can engage with the Library of Congress both through their digital resources and their dynamic social media presence, to advance your family history.

From the President...

Hello, and welcome to summer!!! Our apologies for the last-minute meeting cancellation in June. We hate it when things like that happen, but it was beyond our control.

Recently, it's been hot as blazes here in northern Illinois, but the heat hasn't stopped your MCIIGS Board of Directors from meeting and continuing to make future plans for our society. What would like us to do? More road trips? Workshop on one particular kind of record? What are your wishes?

Today, I want to tell you about some an event that I'm calling the Brick Wall Breaker – sort of. There have been times when folks have told me why they don't want to have a family tree posted on genealogy sites like Family Search, Ancestry etc. I'm not here to say that using various sites is a good idea, or a bad idea. But I do want to tell you about my own personal experience – briefly.

I am someone who does have my family tree posted on a few sites. Several years ago, I ran across someone who also had a tree on one of the same sites that I have. Her name is Carolyn. I reached out to Carolyn, with a simple “Hey, I think we might be related” statement asking if she wanted to collaborate with me. Luckily, she answered me very quickly. I explained that I have an almost impossible situation to fix, related to my 2nd great grandfather. He *may* not actually have the correct surname (Wiley) that we share. So that question began what has been a very nice collaboration over that past few years. I should also say that not only are we looking for our family histories in the same town, it's also the town where Carolyn lives.

Carolyn asked me to come to the annual Wiley Family reunion in Earlville, Illinois. I took a trip down there on Sunday June 23rd to see what I could find out; I had a lovely day mingling with all the other Wiley's. I'm still not convinced that I'm truly one of them, by surname, but they all made a point to tell me that I had been adopted in to the family – even without the DNA. I was given directions to the Wiley Family Farm, first

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.

farmed in the late 1844's and grabbed a few photos while I was there. It was a lovely way to spend an afternoon.



Wiley Family Farm, established 1844

The moral of the story (if there actually is one) is that having a tree with at least minimal information available for others to see, might just lead you to the very best clue you could ever get – or at least have a nice lunch with some incredibly nice folks.

In closing, I wish you all serendipity with your family research!

Upcoming Events

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

9 July, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, (P), Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society, 413 N Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville. “Old Northwest: Great Lake States.” The speaker is Maureen Brady. For more info lcigs1170@gmail.com

13 July, Saturday, 10:00 AM (P). Chicago Genealogical Society. Mt. Greenwood Cemetery Walk, guided by Craig Pfannkuche. Register [HERE](#).

20 July, Saturday, 10:30 AM (H). Caggi Computer Group. “Exploring Social History: Telling a Story That They Want to Hear.” Presenter Gena Philibert-Ortega. Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N Dunton Avenue, Arlington Heights. Register: [HERE](#).

24 July, Wednesday, 11:00 AM (Z). Fountaindale Genealogy Club. “Getting Around the Missing 1890 Census, Part 1.” Presenter Sara Cochran (Skeleton Whisperer). Register [HERE](#).

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.

Things of Interest

10 Million Names – A project of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, *10 Million Names* is a collaborative project dedicated to recovering the names of the estimated 10 million men, women and children of African descent who were enslaved in pre-and post-colonial America (specifically, the territory that would become the United States) between

the 1500s and 1865.

<https://10millionnames.org/our-mission>

Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS). You can order Illinois death records from 1916-1947 from ISGS for \$6 for ISGS Members or \$10 for non-members.

<https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=122>

Maps GPT – Create a map using various criteria. Search by educational facilities, pubs, or streets and towns. As the site says, you should do other research to be sure what this AI presentation shows for accuracy. <https://www.mapsgpt.com/>

The U S National Archives has various finding aids with detailed descriptions of their holdings. <https://www.archives.gov/publications/finding-aids.html>.

Conference Keeper -Find conferences, meetings, and presentations, in person and virtually that may help with your research or that you may find interesting.

<https://conferencekeeper.org>

The U S National Archives now has a live chat with staff Monday-Friday from 1- 3 PM ET to answer your questions in real time.

<https://www.archives.gov/contact>.

Advantage Archives focus is on preserving and making available digitally to historical collections and document.

<https://www.advantagearchives.com/>

Apologies...

To Jerry Mohler who was not fully identified in the photo of those who attended the research trip to Newberry. Our apologies!

New Items in MCIGS' Book Collection at McHenry Public Library.

Submitted by Nancy Gaynor, MCIGS Librarian

New Books as of July 2024

MCIGS maintains book collections at both the Crystal Lake & McHenry Public Libraries. The following are available for research at McHenry Library. They do not circulate.

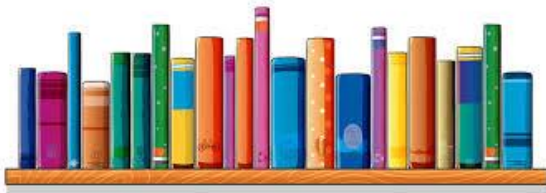
Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois 1903 edition, 2 volumes, vol. 2

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Mass., Dec 1620 (Silver Books).

Available volumes:

- v. 4 Edward Fuller
- v. 6 Stephen Hopkins
- v. 15 John Chilton & Richard More
- v. 22 William Bradford

10,000 Vital Records of Eastern, Central & Western New York, 3 vols.



Mega Genealogy Groups of McHenry County Review

By Nancy Gaynor

On Saturday, 22 June, MCIGS and the McHenry Public Library co-hosted a meeting of the “Mega Genealogy Groups of McHenry County.” We are thankful to the library for allowing us the use of their location for this event.

Representatives from the Crystal Lake FamilySearch Center, the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois and the McHenry County Historical Society joined the sponsors introducing themselves and their services and collections.

Maureen Brady representing the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL) mentioned their purpose and regions covered, including England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands. They make a real effort to have presentations representing all these regions. Their meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of odd numbered months at 10 AM at The Community Church 5714 Broadway Street in Richmond Illinois. Individual memberships are \$25. Website is www.bigwill.org

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Maureen Brady of BIGWILL

Orla McDaniel represented the FamilySearch Center of Crystal Lake. Ms. McDaniel mentioned the scope of the material represented on FamilySearch's website. While many items are available from home, with a **free** account at www.FamilySearch.org, some items have restricted access due to contracts with the governments represented. Affiliate Libraries, such as McHenry Library, allow for additional items to be accessed. The FamilySearch Center, Crystal Lake, 480 North Walkup Road, allows for many more items to be viewed. Their current hours are 10 AM – 2 PM Tuesdays and 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Some records are only available for viewing at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. The Crystal Lake's FamilySearch wiki page https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Crystal_Lake_Illinois_FamilySearch_Center

Janet Barron introduced the McHenry County Historical Society & Museum, their website is <http://www.mchenrycountyhistory.org>. The Museum is at 6422 Main Street in Union. Staffed by a limited number of paid employees and volunteers, this is not a facility you can just decide to stop by and visit, appointments must be made in advance. Ms. Barron highlighted a number of items found on their website including guides on how to research your home's history, their historical site programs, death notices listing, digitized newspapers and more. They do offer a research service for a fee here <https://mchenrycountyhistory.org/research-library>. Individual membership is \$30 per year.



Janet Barron, McHenry County Historical Society

Tom Hillier spoke briefly about the McHenry Public Library and the Genealogy Room. The collection in the Genealogy room is a collaborative effort between the Library, BIGWILL and MCIGS. All books in the

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room can be found in the computer catalog, just like other library materials. These items do not circulate. The Genealogy Room is locked, but genealogists can access it any time the Library is open by asking for assistance at the Information Desk. There is a microfilm/microfiche reader/scanner available in the room, along with a few computers for research. More information can be found at [McHenry Library](#).

Nancy Gaynor spoke briefly about MCIGS, our website and our upcoming programs. She thanked the representatives and attendees for coming and encouraged mingling around the room to ask questions of the representatives and chat with others who attended.

Thanks to all who came out. We hope you found the information useful.

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

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Deceased by 1914 - *

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Class of 1880

- *Davis, Kittie Estella m. James Fellows
- Eckert, Eliza m. Henry Hacker
2524 N. Spalding Ave, Chicago
- Fuller, Grace (Ypsilanti Normal School),
Ypsilanti, MI
- Furer, Lillian Mae m. Fred G. Blakeslee
Boston, MA
- *Hartlet, Sarah Charolotte m. Herbert J Howe

- Kennedy, Lulu May m. George Parker
Elgin, IL
- McManus, Rose Theresa m. George Parker
Blairsville, PA
- *Paine, Jennie Adele
- *Schryver, Kittie Adela
- *Spooner, Levi Edward
- *Young, Alma Urania m. Horace Taylor

Class of 1881

- Baldwin, Mattie Ethel m. Walter Wakeley
1244 Wilcox Ave, Chicago
- Colb, Mary Jennie Angelica m. Holdenstein
721 E. 6th Street, St. Paul, MN
- Donnelly, Marcella Cicily m. J. J. Stafford
Woodstock, IL
- *Finch, George Brinton
- Whitney, Hamlin L
1618 S 32nd St., Omaha, NE

Class of 1882

- Finch, Etta m. E. F. Wanser
127 West St, Wheaton, IL
- Glennon, Nellie m. Fred Hartman
Ridgefield, IL
- *Young, Lucia A. m. C. P. Barnes

Class of 1883

- *Austin, Florence Edith
- Early, Robert Geedes
Geneva, IL
- *Elklor, Mina m. Albert McClean

- Furer, Amelia Laura
Ashland, OR
- *McConnell, Lena Hattie
- Norton, Julia Anne
3727 Cottage Grove, Chicago
- Parker, Julia May m. Charles A Herrington
Woodstock, IL
- Wright, Herbert Perry
Kansas City, MO

Class of 1884

- Austin, Edward Willilam
905 Chamber of Commerce, Chicago

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Field, Calla J. m. Jesse M Austin
2032 Eastwood Ave, Chicago
Friend, Lottie Alida m. Lyon
Higgins, Edward Charles
First Nat'l Bank Bldg, Chicago
Murphy, Mary Frances m. George S. Thomas
Rio Vista, VA
Murphy, Mary Gertrude m. W. H. Shipton
Woodstock, IL
Schneider, Dr. George T.
456 Channing St., Elgin, IL

Class of 1885

*Lawrence, Celia
St. Clair, Mary L. m. H. J. Blume
1619 11th Avenue, Spokane, WA
Wright, Charles E.
Woodstock, IL
Young, Mildred C.
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1886

Kimbal, Alice
4221 Berkeley Ave., Chicago
Parsons, Bertha L. m. George B. Finch
339 S. Parkway, Chicago

Class of 1887

Bunker, Flora M. m. Charles B Wright
Woodstock, IL
*Ellsworth, Emily H.
Frey, Ida M. m. William Shirmer
3117 Wilson Ave., Chicago
Young, Ester A.
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1888

Lemmers, George W.
Woodstock, IL
Murphy, Katherine F. m. George W. Field
Woodstock, IL
Southworth, Gertrude M. m. Walter M
Young
Larchmont, NY

Class of 1889

Russell, Katherine E. m. Clyde C. Dawson
1211 Race Street, Denver, CO

Class of 1890

Dacy, Albert E.
New York, NY
Friend, Edwin H.
Woodstock, IL
Hoy, John M.
Woodstock, IL
McConnell, Williams S.
Woodstock, IL
McManus, Pauline F.
Woodstock, IL
Parsons, Grace I. m. R. W. Owens
210 E. 57th St., Chicago
Renich, Charlotte E. m. P. B. Anderson
Woodstock, IL
Thompson, Mary L. m. Matthew M. Carr
Dundee, IL

Class of 1891

Ercanbrack, J. Edwin
Woodstock, IL
Hanaford, Mabel
Woodstock, IL
Herrington, Mamie T. m. M. A. Robinson
132 Sheffield, New Haven, CT
Richardson, Mary B. m. Laverne W.
Thompson
387 Leland Avenue, Chicago, IL
Still, Guy
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1892

Barden, Rose M. m. F. B. McConnell
Woodstock, IL
Charles, Willima T.
Woodstock, IL

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Dacy, Alice B. m. V. M. Bergenthal
15 Thornby Place, St. Louis, MO

*Hanaford, D. Maude

Hoy, Clinton L.
Three Forks, MT

*Lee, Ruth E. m. David McCauley

*Murphy, Evelyn C.

Nihan, John A.
Animosa, IA

Smith, Genevieve
Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, CA

Wiley, Susie J. m. Alfred M Clark
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1893

Barnard, Ruth I.
Barnard Hill, Richmond, IL

Bier, Minnie m. John Rowe
Woodstock, IL

Bunker, Letah m. John M. Hoy
Woodstock, IL

Eickoff, Emma M. (teacher, Des Plaines, IL)
Woodstock, IL

Eppel, Ida M. m. O. G. Mead
Woodstock, IL

Goodhand, Mary R.
Ord, NE

Hyde, Russel E.
2391 York St., Denver, CO

Jones, Maude E. m. William Glazier
Woodstock, IL

Nichol, Jessie W. m. John Dennis
Woodstock, IL

Pfeiffer, H. Alvin
Woodstock, IL

St. Clair, Susie M. m. William McConnell
Woodstock, IL

Still, Maude E. m. Wesley Coonrad
682 Jay St., Elgin, IL

Thompson, May m. Judson Oliver
Houston, TX

Young, Bart C.
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1894

Backman, Pauline F. m. David Lonie
Woodstock, IL

Eckert, Georgie C.
Woodstock, IL

Hay, Nan Louise
39 E. 10th St., New York, NY

Lang, Margaret m. Nelson Ballard
Huntley, IL

Nichol, William
Peru, IL

Osgood, Mabel
Cary, IL

Perry, Agnes Arlette
McHenry, IL

Rogers, Grace
CA

Vinton, Maud m. Dell Jarrett
5830 Ontario St, Chicago

Young, Hattie E.
Woodstock, IL

Class of 1895

*The course of study, it was changed
And not a soul could pass.....*

*And so in eighteen hundred ninety-five
There was no graduating class.*

To be continued

