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November Meeting
Thursday, 14 November 2024
7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

***“Finding Ancestors in the Land of
Lincoln.”***

Presenter: Dave A Joens
Director of Illinois State Archives

David Joens is the Director of the Illinois State Archives, the state agency that is responsible for the preservation of historic Illinois state and local government records. A fifth-generation resident of Illinois, Joens received his Bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, two Master’s degrees from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and a doctorate in Illinois history from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He is the author of “From Slave to State Legislator: John W. E. Thomas, Illinois’ First African American Lawmaker,” published by SIU Press.

The Illinois State Archive, and other state archives, offer a varied assortment of records for researchers. Dave will share what researchers at all levels will find in Illinois.

Register for November Zoom meeting [here](#).

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Annual Election

Our annual election takes place every November. The officers elected will take up their positions on 1 January 2025.

The following two-year term positions to be elected with the nominations are as follows:

1st Vice President – Programs – VACANT

Secretary – *Sandra Braid*

Directors: *Bill Wheeler* (Webmaster), *Nancy Gaynor* (Librarian) and a vacant position.

We will vote at our monthly meeting on Thursday, 14 November via Zoom.

Upcoming Events

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

2 November, Saturday, 1:30 PM (H) Winnebago Boone Genealogical Society, “Newspaper Research” with speaker Jean Lythgoe. Meeting Location: (in person speaker) Rockford Public Library - East Branch 6685 East State St, Rockford IL. To register for Zoom- [HERE](#)

4 November, Monday, 7:00 PM (Z), Chicago Genealogical Society. Katherine R Willson speaker “U.S. Naturalization: Rules, Records, and Repositories.” Register for webinar [HERE](#).

12 November, Tuesday, 7:00 PM (P), Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society, Vernon Hills Village Hall, Room 2, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois. “Genealogy Estate Planning Made Simple” Presented by Dr. Thomas F. Willer LCIGS1170@gmail.com

13 November, Wednesday, 7:00 PM (Z), Fountaindale Public Library District, 300 W. Briarcliff, Bolingbrook, Craig R Scott presenting “Publishing Your Genealogical Material.” Register [HERE](#).

16 November, Saturday 10:30 AM (H) CAGGNI, Cardinal Room, of Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights. Register for Zoom [HERE](#). “Safe Guarding Your Family History for Now & the Future” with presenter Eric Vavra.

17 November, Sunday, (H), 2:00 PM Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois presents “Navigating Online Records for Jewish Genealogy in Poland” with Sigrid Pohl Perry, speaker. A lunch option is available for those attending in person. The meeting will be at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois. To register <https://jgsi.org/event-5651636>.

18 November, Monday, 7:00 PM (H). Zion Genealogical Society. Zion-Benton Public Library, 2400 Gabriel Avenue, Zion, IL “Maps and Trails” presented by Tina Beard. Contact ziongenealogy@gmail.com for meeting details.

October 2024 Meeting's Recap

Bruce Allardice "Tracing Your Family via Civil War Records"

Submitted by Sandra Braid

Prof. Allardice began his presentation by reminding us to be vigilant when researching your ancestors, you never know what you might find. He also reminded us to start with oral family history and proceed from there.

Prof. Allardice stated that many men (and women) who enlisted in the Civil War were not exactly the ages (or sexes in the cases of women) to be part of the "army." He said that young men had a trick they used. Since an enlistee was supposed to be at least 18 years old, the young men who were under aged would write the number "18" on a piece of paper and then put it in their boot. That way, when they spoke to the recruiter, and he asked their age, they said "I'm over 18."

But underage enlistees weren't the only ones in the army. Prof Allardice provided an example of one of his ancestors. The top age for enlistees was supposed to be 45 and he said his ancestor was much older than that.

He also said we needed to understand what Civil War armies are about. First, he mentioned that the United States had a small standing army at the time of the Civil War. Most units were state units and were raised by the individual state. As an example, Prof. Allardice said that Northern Illinois had three or four units and there were other units from other parts of the state. He also mentioned that you may find an ancestor who didn't live in a specific county in a unit from that county. That was because sometimes one county would have half of the men needed so the recruiter would contact the neighboring county and ask if they might have enough to complete the unit.

Prof Allardice explained the structure of the army. Starting with the smallest unit, he said a Company contained between 64 and 100 men. A Regiment was comprised of ten companies. Moving up a Brigade came next and had between three and six regiments. A Brigade was smaller than a Division which had

between two and five brigades. He told us there were two larger units, the Corp followed by an Army, but he gave us no numbers to go along with those last two units.

In order to research military ancestors in Illinois, Prof. Allardice said that Cyber Drive Illinois has an [Illinois Civil War Musters and Descriptive Rolls](#) and they cover about 285,000 individuals. He also said that most Units have histories and Memoirs. The Illinois State Archives has a list of the Civil War Regiments in its collections.

According to Prof. Allardice, the draft existed during the Civil War. In fact, he said there were a couple of Draft Censuses. These draft censuses were taken to obtain a list of all draft eligible males and were taken in 1862 -1863. After they were taken, they were organized in the order that appropriate men would be drafted. The army always accepted volunteers at any time, but these drafts were to be used when necessary. Men drafted were taken in the following order – 1) ages 20 – 35; 2) ages 17 – 20; and 3) ages 35 – 45. He also mentioned that single men would be drafted before married men.

Illinois, Indiana, Florida, New York, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and other states took state censuses. Most were taken on the "fives," so you could find information between the Federal censuses. Illinois took its first state census in 1855 and again in 1865.

Professor Allardice recommended researching the Combined Service Records – extended. He noted that soldiers did not enlist for the entire war but rather for shorter periods, like one year or three years. He also said that officers were allowed to resign their commissions but if the resignation was for health reasons a doctor's certificate was required to be included.

Pension records were discussed, and Prof. Allardice said the US (Union) pension records are good for finding marriages. If a soldier died before receiving a pension, his widow could apply for his pension, but she needed to prove that she was married to that soldier, hence many times a marriage

record would be included in the pension records. He stated that Confederate soldiers did not get US Pensions, but the confederate states did have pensions for their soldiers.

He also mentioned that you might find information on your ancestor if they participated in the Mexican War which was about 15 years before the Civil War. As for censuses, at the time of the 1890 Census a Veterans Census was also taken and if your veteran was still alive at that time, he (or she) might be listed there. While the 1890 Census basically doesn't exist, the Veterans Census does.

Prof. Allardice said he was not a "artifact" guy, but he did bring in several items that were passed around to look at, like a full Civil War newspaper and part of a copy of one of his ancestors' pension records. In addition, he provided several additional places to look for military ancestors, like [Ancestry](#), [FamilySearch](#), [Fold3](#), [Google Newspaper Archives](#), and other online newspapers. In addition, he suggested an article from Family Tree Magazine entitled [Civil War Genealogy Research Guide](#).



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't renewed (thanks to those who have), now is the time. Our membership information can be found at <https://www.mcigs.org/become-a-member.html>.

Our members receive the monthly newsletter via email or have the option to pay extra for a printed copy.

Your dues help us pay for the monthly speakers, the venue (MCC) and for our Zoom format when we don't meet in person. We realize you have a choice about which societies you join, and we try to keep that in mind when we organize meetings and other activities. We hope our efforts are beneficial to you.

<https://www.mcigs.org/become-a-member.html>.

We offer a scholarship each year and are so thankful to those who have donated and made each award possible. You can donate when you pay your dues.

Of Interest...

USCIS Genealogy Program – for finding old naturalization records -

<https://www.uscis.gov/records/genealogy/searching-the-index>

Law Library Index – links to law historic statutes and related information -

<https://advancinggenealogist.com/laws-and-statutes-index/>

Genealogy Center, Allen County Library – They offer African American Gateway, Indigenous Peoples of North American Gateway, PERSI, consultations on your research.

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

Letters at the Post Office

The Post Office did not deliver to people early on – they had to go collect it at the post office. Mail was also held for those passing through. *Originally in MCIIGS Connections, Vol. III, 2, Jan-Mar 1985*

Woodstock Post Office, as of 19 April 1866.
Abraham E Smith, Postmaster

Dacey, Patrick	Miller, W. II
Duncan, George	McCormick, Robert
Duncan, George A.	Patterson, A. J.
Feny, M	Pope, Julia Ann
Fredboy, N	Pope, R. D.
Frederich, Mark	Preston, H. E.
Hunt, Mary E	Rattaw, William
Jackson, W. F.	Sanford, A. H
Miller, Mrs. Geveth	Stove, Mrs. G

Marengo Post Office, as of 14 April 1866
G. S. Jenks, Postmaster

Barnhart, David A	Minnsell, John
Boughton, Jane E.	Redman, Horace N.
Burgess, Gilbert H.	Shapley, C. H. (4)
Conley, Patrick	Shapley, Elener

Currens, Richard	Shockke, G.
DeForrest & Stewart	Sumner, G. H. (2)
Haley, Morris	Smith, Jennie
Havens, F. B.	Smith, W.
Howard, Dr. G. C.	Westfall, John
Johnson, Lyman	White, George
Lucas. Thomas	Woodie, T. F.
Morrison, G. G.	

Marengo High School Graduates from 1875-1900

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1875

Gochey, Addie
Hasting, Frank
Seward, Charles
Webb, Morel
Well, Alice

1876

Mansfield, Willis
Wilcox, Eugene
Woleben, N. V.

1877

NONE

1878

Curtiss, Rozell M
Fay, Lulu
Peck, Millie A
Wells, Amy P

1879

Easton, Jay W
Hasting, Ben
Hutchinson, W. F.
Metcalf, George A.
Miles, Lewis J.
Obrien, Richard
Parkhurst, John A.
Shurtleff, Kate D.
Vail, Mary
Woleben, Harry

1880

Babcock, Emily
Brown, Hartwell
Casely, Will I
Crego, Dell
Fillmore, Nellie M
Hunt, Francis
Patrick, Annie S
Shurtleff, Ed. D.
Weeks, Emily Francis

1881

Clark, Anna
Edwards, Jennie
Hutchinson, Jennie
Johnson, Louise
McKenney, Ruth
Miles, Lettie
Norton, Alice
Seward, Grace
Sherman, Luella
Vail, Lizzie
Wilson, Edith

1882

Adams, George
Cook, Ed. H.
Crissey, LeRoy
Gilkerson, Charles
Gilkerson, Ida
Marks, Ada
Waite, E.H.

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1883

Clendinning, Carrie
Goodrich, Kate E.
Green, Ada M.
Olcott, Ora

1884

Bartholomew, Kate
Carpenter, James
Eddy, Will L
Fitzpatrick, Anna
Ingersoll, J. W.
Sanford, W. C.
Sisson, Lizzie H.
St. John, Calla
Treat, Mae A.

1885

Ingersoll, Sadie W.
Johnson, Oscar H.
Rapsack, Frank
Woleben, Anna

1886

Abbott, Julia M.
Adams, Leone
Barber, Kittie L.
Church, Francis M.
Church, Minnie E.
Fickes, C. E.
Hauslein, Ferdinand
Loudenbeck, H. C.
Parson, Carrie M.
Patrick, Ernest D.
Sheldon, Will A.
Sisson, Julia Anna
Smith, Carrie
Smith, Gertrude
Smith, Harriet H.
Stanford, Jane
Sullivan, W. G.
White, Robert

1887

Bright, May
Dougherty, W. T.
Johnston, Grant E.

Metcalf, Carrie G.
Metcalf, Walter B.
Miles, Nellie J.
Patrick, Alice M.
St. John, Agnes
St. John, Horace T.
Stull, Florence A.
Whiteside, John J.
Woleben, Mary C.

1888

Adams, Libbie
Fisher, Harry B.
Griffith, Mary J.
Haughtating, Richard
Hauslein, George
Hauslein, Lydia
Herley, Anna S.
Lenny, James
Lockwood, Abbie
Loudenbeck, Nellie M.
McBurney, Thomas
Misick, Orl L.
Porter, Horace R.
Sheldon, Lyman D.
Wells, Hiram

1889

Barber, Mary M.
Eddy, Annis L.
Fay, Earle
Fickes, Mary N.
Hand, Orpha E.
Hicks, Hattie L.
Ingersoll, Hattie
Johnson, Ray
Moris, Alice M.
Patrick, N. Louise
Peck, Charles C.
Porter, Sepha M.

1890

Cady, Ruby M.
McDowall, Alice E.
Parson, Francis L.
Sears, Roy M.
Sheldon, Millard B.

Teeple, Wallace D.

1891

Patrick, Grace
Renie, M. Rose
Renwick, Elery
Renwick, Flora E.
Renwick, Ruth F.
Robb, Mellie M.
Sheldon, Ella M.
Smith, Nellie F.
Stull, Lena M.
Sullivan, Frank

1892**NONE****1893**

Adams, Mary M.
Buell, Anna M.
Crissey, Mary E.
Filmore, Harriet
Sears, Frank G.
Sears, Nora M.
Shearer, Gertrude E.
Stanford, Bessie

1894

Fisher, James O.
Greaves, Walter
Hoof, Winifred
Howe, Minnie E.
Parkhurst, Henrietta
Rosencrans, Edith M.
Stull, Gertrude M.
Sullivan, C. Fred
Vail, Ruth
Wernham, James I.

1895

Beath, Mabel C.
Buell, Ernest
Colver, Mabel C.

Deitz, Don P.

Hale, Charles H.
Loudenbeck, Frank
Marks, Milton
Swager, Eliza
Swager, Emma

1896

Crego, Nettie
Renwick, Etta

1897

Marshall, Lucretia P.
Usborne, Alva M.
Wilson, Charles W.

1898

Adams, Mildred
Coon, Grace May
Fitzpatrick, Maggie
Gilkerson, Aletha A.
James, Kittie L.
Lockwood, Grace A.
Lundgren, C. Lee
Marks, F. Maude
Morris, Ora S.
Otis, Laura E.
Patrick, Emma
Rowe, Bertha A.
Sackett, George C
Samter, Bessie H.
Smith, Claude
Smith, Lee A.
Wenham, Geroge F.

1899

Bailey, Nettie Ione
Buck, Harriet Emma
Carpenter, Ruby
Luzena
Eby, Minnie Ada
Jobe, Francis H.
Joslyn, Arthur E.
Patrick, Wayland
Porter, Harriet
Richardson, Pearl

1899 Continued
 Smith, Gertrude
 Stevens, Lucia A.
 Titus, M. Ada
 Warren, Grace
 Whalen, Margaret E.
 Wilcox, Ada Grace

1900
 Boyle, Daniel
 Boyle, William
 Colver, George
 Mathus, Mabel
 Oakley, Alonzo
 Prescott, Ray
 Pringle, Madge
 Woleben, George

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age</u>
Ormsby, Harold	3	9
Pearson, Clarence	4	9
Plankey, Gladys	6	11
Reed, Dorothy	8	13
Reed, Howard	5/6	14
Wagner, Agnes	2	7
Wagner, Charles	7	12
Wilson, Lawrence	8	14

Walkup School Enrollment Lists

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The Walkup Grade School, District #77, was located at the corner of Country Club and McConnell Roads, east of Woodstock, Illinois. When the school was closed in 1933, due to consolidation of school district # 200, Charles Wagner, a member of the Walkup School Board took charge of the enrollment records. These records are now being preserved by members of his family. The school building is still in existence as a private residence.

1917 Walkup School, Helen E. Baker, teacher

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age</u>
Bohl, Ray	4	10
Brown, Harley	3	7
Brown, Lawrence	3	8
Brown, Nellie	8	13
Brown, Walter	1	6
Buck, Janet	5	10
Burman, Hugo	3	8
Burman, Theodore	6	13
Christophersen, Andrew	3	12
Christophersen, Carrie	2	8
Christophersen, Hilda	1	6
Darnell, Francis	4	10
Darnell, Sherman	2	7
Eidenier, Edward	5	11
Eidenier, Lawrence	1	7
Francisco, Florence	6	12
Hutson, Marion	5	11
Johnson, Alice	1	5
Johnson, Maurice	3	8
Mann, Arlene	7	11
Mann, Gladys	8	14

1918, Helen E. Baker, teacher

Brown, Harley	4	8
Brown, Lawrence	4	9
Brown, Walter	2	6
Burman, Hugo	4	10
Burman, Theodore	7	13
Christophersen, Andrew	4	13
Christophersen, Carrie	3	8
Christophersen, Hilda	2	6
Darnell, Francis	5	10
Eidenier, Emmerson	1	6
Eidenier, Lawrence	2	8
Francisco, Florence	7	13
Johnson, Alice	2	6
Johnson, Mourice	4	9
Mann, Arlene	8	12
Mann, Helen	1	6
Norton, Maud	6	10
Norton, Reuben	1	7
Ormsby, Harold	4	10
Pearson, Clarence	5	10
Reed, Howard	6	14
Wagner, Agnes	3	8
Wagner, Charles	8	13

1919, Grace Guth, teacher

Brown, Harley	5	9
Brown, Lawrence	5	10
Brown, Walter	3	7
Burman, Hugo	5	11
Burman, Theodore	8	14
Darnell, Francis	6	11
Darnell, Sherman	4	9
Johnson, Alice	3	7
Johnson, Mourice	5	10
Mann, Helen	2	6
Norton, Maud	7	11
Norton, Reuben	2	7
Ormsby, Harold	5	11

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<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age</u>
Pearson, Clarence	6	11
Pearson, Hazel	-	-
Reed, Howard	7	15
Schaumb, Lucile	6	11
Tait, Caroline	2	7
Tait, Merritt	3	10
Thomas, Frank	2	7
Thomas, Helen	1	5
Wagner, Agnes	4	8

1920, Mabel L. Mauder, teacher

Brown, Harley	6	10
Brown, Lawrence	6	11
Brown, Walter	4	8
Burman, Hugo	6	12
Darnell, Francis	7	12
Darnell, Sherman	5	10
Goff, Margaret	7	14
Goff, Roger	4	9
Mann, Helen	3	7
Norton, Maud	8	12
Norton, Reuben	3	8
Ormsby, Harold	6	12
Pearson, Hazel	1	6
Stampanato, Carme	3	-
Wagner, Agnes	5	9
Winn, Bertha	5	10
Winn, Elmer	5	9
Winn, Emery	5	11

1921, Grace F. Guth, teacher

Brown, Alice	1	6
Brown, Harley	7	11
Brown, Lawrence	7	12
Brown, Walter	5	9
Burman, Hugo	7	13
Darnell, Francis	8	13
Darnell, Sherman	5	10
Goff, Margaret	8	14
Goff, Roger	5	10
Gray, Robert	7	16
Mann, Helen	4	8
Ormsby, Harold	7	13
Pearson, Hazel	2	7
Wagner, Agnes	6	11
Winn, Bertha	6	11
Winn, Elmer	6	10
Winn, Emery	6	12

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age</u>
1922 , Grace F. Guth, teacher		
Brown, Alice	2	7
Brown, Harley	8	12
Brown, Lawrence	7	13
Brown, Walter	6	10
Fuller, Paul	1	6
Goff, Roger	6	11
Mann, Helen	5	9
Pearson, Hazel	3	8
Rasmussen, Henry	1	7
Schulz, Malinda	3	8
Wagner, Agnes	7	12
Winn, Bertha	7	12
Winn, Elmer	7	11
Winn, Emery	7	13
Wiswedel, Clara	2	7
Wiswedel, Selma	6	12
Young, Lucretia	8	13
Young, William	7	13

1923, Ethel E. Taylor, teacher

A diphtheria outbreak closed the school for one week in November.

Brown, Alice	3	8
Brown, Lawrence	8	14
Brown, Raymond	1	6
Brown, Walter	7	12
Fuller, Eleanor	1	6
Fuller, George	1	5
Fuller, Paul	2	7
Fuller, Virginia	1	6
Jensen, Howard	1	6
Miller, Dorothy	2	7
Pearson, Hazel	4	9
Rasmussen, Henry	2	8
Rasmussen, Margaret	1	6
Schulz, Malinda	4	10
Wagner, Agnes	8	13
Winn, Bertha	8	13
Winn, Elmer	8	12
Winn, Emery	8	14
Winter, Dorothy	3	9
Winter, Edmund	5	12
Wiswedel, Clara	3	8
Wiswedel, Lottie	1	6
Wiswedel, Selma	7	13
Young, Earl	1	5
Young, William	8	12