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April Meeting



Miracles, Mysteries, & Mayhem: Online Family Trees

Presented by Jeanne
L. Bloom

We want to build on the research of others but those online family trees often contain miracles, mysteries and mayhem. Does the tree need to be pruned? Learn effective techniques to determine if branches on a tree are diseased or if they are healthy.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG® is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, forensic genealogy, problem solving, and multi-generational family histories.

Jeanne is a Trustee and the past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

MCIGS Summer Genealogy Conference

from Arlene Basten, Conference Chairman

Registrations are coming in fast for our Summer Genealogy Conference on July 13, 2019. Once again, the event will be held at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake. This year's speakers include Lisa Louise Cooke, Jay Fonkert, Michael Lacopo, DVM and Diahn Southard.

Each conference attendee will receive 5 door prize tickets. Some of the prizes include: a Semi-annual World Explorer individual membership to Ancestry, a Fold3 subscription, My Heritage DNA kits, software programs and many, many more!

The conference cost is \$50 for both members and non-members who sign up between 2/15/19 – 6/15/19. All registrations June 16, 2019 and after are \$75. For further information on session topics, door prizes and vendors, or to sign up online visit our website www.mcigs.org/conference.

Remember to register early before sessions fill up. Registration link:

<https://www.mcigs.org/conference.html>

Next Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 7pm

Mc Henry County College
8900 Route 14
Crystal Lake, Illinois
Building B, Rooms B166-167

Member Spotlight

from Kristen McCallum,
Membership V.P.

Early Settlers

from Claudia Conroy

Welcome to our new Life Member:
Cathy Lampshire

Upcoming Events

9 April 2019, 6:30 PM -From Piles to Files: Let's Get Organized, Lake County Genealogical Society, Vernon Hills Village Hall, Vernon Hills, IL
<http://lakecountyilgenealogy.org/>

18 April 2019, 7 PM – Tackling Those Brick Walls, Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Library, Elgin, IL. <http://www.elginroots.com/>

4 May 2019, 1:30 PM – The Eastland Disaster: An Unparalleled Tragedy, Chicago Genealogical Society, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL.

7 May 2019, 9:30 AM – Creating Books from Genealogical Research, Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Library, Elgin, IL.
<http://www.elginroots.com/>

8-11 May 2019 – Journey of Discovery, National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference, St. Charles, MO. <http://www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

9 May 2019 – 7:00 PM -Library of Congress, Website, and Social Media Links, McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL www.mcigs.org

14 May 2019, 6:30 PM -Chicago Land Prehistory, Emphasizing Lake County's Prehistoric Native American Past, Lake County Genealogical Society, Vernon Hills Village Hall, Vernon Hills, IL
<http://lakecountyilgenealogy.org/>

16 May 2019, 7 PM – Canadian Family History Research, Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL. <http://www.elginroots.com/>

Congratulations to Sarah Fay **Blasi** who has proven that she is a direct descendant of John **Begun** who settled in Hebron Township in 1843. John **Begun** was born in 1781 in Oneida, NY. He married Mary **Rice** in 1807, and died in 1850 in Hebron. One of their children was Russell who was born in New York in 1822 and married Ophelia **Wescott** in 1853 in McHenry County. Russell died in 1911 in Hebron. Irving was born to Russell and Ophelia in 1869 in Hebron and married Nellie Pearl **Burns** in 1898. Russell died in 1957 in Hebron. Melvin Robert was born in 1901 to Russell and Ophelia. Melvin married Sarah Fay **Vonnida** and died in 1971 in Hebron. Certificates were sent to Sarah Fay and her mother.

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