



# Connections

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## Virtual Meeting

8 April 2021, 7 PM

Jan Polep, 1st V. P. Programs

## LAST MEETING RECAP

Contributed by Nancy Gaynor



### *Allied with the Allies*

*To be presented by Debra Dudek*

Examine the abundant resources, service files, and information for service men and women who served in Canadian, UK, Australian, and French forces during World War I. The lecture will also examine Red Records and resources in the US and abroad.

Debra M. Dudek is the Head of Adult and Teen Services at the Fountaindale Public Library District in Bolingbrook, IL and is the author of the *World War I Genealogy Research Guide: Tracing American Military and Non-Combatant Ancestors*.

### Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin

Maureen Brady gave the attendees at our March meeting a quick primer on Illinois history, including our pre-colonial history. A variety of forts, mostly in southern Illinois, saw traveling priests seeing to the religious needs of trappers, soldiers and other frontiersman in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. These priests were based out of Montreal and their records were filed there.

The Illinois County became part of Virginia after 1778. Illinois and Wisconsin were ceded to the United States federal government in 1784 when Virginia realized it couldn't govern such a large and distant land. Jurisdiction over the area changed a few times until in 1818 we gained statehood.

All this points to the researcher's need to know your history. History tells you where you need to look for the records.

With a grip on history, Maureen next pointed us to the records. In general terms she reminded attendees to check out Cyndi's List ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)) and to really get familiar with the FamilySearch wiki ([www.FamilySearch.org/wiki](http://www.FamilySearch.org/wiki)).

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Illinois has distributed many records to the Regional Archives. Called IRAD, or the Illinois Regional Archives Depository system, the collections are located at state universities. Eastern, Illinois State, Northeastern, Northern, Southern, Western and the University of Illinois at Springfield house these collections. You can learn more at:

<https://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/IRAD/home.html>

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison is a terrific resource for genealogical research. Their website; [Wisconsinhistory.org](http://Wisconsinhistory.org). Their regional archives are part of the Wisconsin Area Research Center Network with 14 locations throughout the state.

Finding religious records should always start in the FamilySearch wiki. Here you can learn more about specific religions AND the location you are researching. Ms. Brady highlighted the Chicago, Milwaukee and St Louis Archdioceses sites for cemetery and parish registers. The wiki can also give the national headquarters for many faiths found in the Midwest.

To wrap up her presentation Ms Brady also quickly went over the more common ethnic web sites, including the Norwegian American Genealogical Center, the Irish American Heritage Center and the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Centers to name a few.

## *Thank you, Kristen!*

Arlene Basten, President



After 15 years of volunteering, Kristen McCallum has decided to resign from the MCIGS Board. So, I'd like to take a moment

to recognize some of her many accomplishments. Over the years she has been involved in a variety of positions including: Director, the Library Chairperson, Webmaster, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair and President (2014 – 2018).

As the original Webmaster, Kristen spearheaded the creation of the MCIGS website and continued to regularly suggest and add enhancements. She routinely made updates to our homepage to make sure viewers were aware of our monthly programs and events. In addition, she also edited the video recordings of these programs before posting them to ensure the quality of the presentation for our members. As new resources (books, newsletters, indexes, etc.) became available, Kristen added and organized them in the member's section as well.

For the past 8 years Kristen has been an integral part of the Conference Committee. She created the online registration form for our annual genealogy conference and updated the conference information page. She even taught herself how to link the

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online registration form to PayPal to make it easier to register and pay for the conference electronically. Kristen also maintained our mailing list and sent out the monthly newsletter to all our members. It's safe to say that anywhere technology was concerned, Kristen either created it and/or maintained it for us over the years.

Because of all she's done, the positions she's held, and the committees she's been involved with, it's also safe to say that she has touched, or affected every member of the society in some way over the past 15 years. Kristen's easy-going personality made her a joy to work with on every level. Speaking for the Board, I would like to extend a well-deserved thank you Kristen for all you've done for MCIGS. We wish you the best of luck for the future, and we will all miss you very much!

## UPCOMING MCIGS MEETINGS

Jan Polep, 1st V.P. Programs

May 13, 2021 – *Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret* – Pam Vestal

June 10, 2021 – *40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names* – Katherine R Willson

July 10, 2021- 9:00 AM -MCIGS Annual Summer Conference- All day Conference

*All general meetings begin at 7 p.m. Sign up at [mcigs.org](http://mcigs.org).*

## OTHER AREA MEETINGS

All of these meetings are being offered via Zoom. Check society's website for registration information.

**April 6, 2021**, Tuesday, 9:00am -Elgin Genealogical Society,  
<https://www.elginroots.com/> “It's Not Online! The Other 90% of Records” by Suz Bates

Using depositories to find those records not online.

**April 13, 2021**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM -Lake County Genealogical Society,  
[lakecountyilgenealogy.org](http://lakecountyilgenealogy.org) “National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch” -presented by Jane Haldeman.

NARA is the nation's record keeper. Learn what's available and how to access the records.

**April 15, 2021**, Thursday, 7 :00 PM- Elgin Genealogical Society  
<https://www.elginroots.com/>, “Adventures with Lost Postcards; To Break Down Genealogical Brick Walls” by Debra Dudek

Using various online sites to finding postcards to help in research.

**May 4, 2021**, 9:00 AM – Elgin Genealogical Society,  
<https://www.elginroots.com/> “Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin” by Maureen Brady

Researching Illinois and Wisconsin records.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**  
**1913**  
*From Crystal Lake (Illinois) Herald,*  
*Thursday 10 July 1913*

*State of Illinois, McHenry county, ss:*

*Public Notice is hereby given, that the following is a full and complete list of the Assessed Value of Personal Property in the Town of Nunda, County of McHenry, and State of Illinois, for the year A. D. 1913 as taken from the assessment books of said year.*

*A A Crissey, Supervisor of Assessments*

Personal Property taxes were levied on such things as crops, livestock, money, furniture, etc. People who didn't own their homes could be found on personal property tax lists. In Illinois, the personal property tax was abolished on 1 January 1971 for individuals and on 1 January 1979 for corporations, partnerships, professional businesses, etc. *Thanks to Glenda L Miller, McHenry County Treasurer for helping with this project.*

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Assessed \$</i>
Gates S M	65
Gracey J H	1065
Gris'd Cream Co	600
Grantham Christina	80
Gardinier Mary E	1365
Grob Carl	25
Grant W H	160
Galvin S O	100
Gilbert W B	2030
Gilbert J W	745
Gaebe Gus	500
Garrison Geo J	500
Granger Guy Sr	95

Guttenberg John	35
Grasser John	390
Gumprecht H	590
Gibbs C W	455
Geske Frank	400
Geriac Emma	200
Gibe J T	165
Granger A H	130
Gorham Elmer S	395
Hvistendahl Peter	30
Heisler John	100
Huffman Phillip	115
Hale A H	215
Hale A H	876
Hale May G	1200
Hale Lorella	360
Halberstadt J H	600
Hull H D	475
Hillebrand G H	85
Herendeen Chas	1610
Herendeen Harry	305
Henderson B (Miss)	850
Hanson Swan	350
Howell Robertson	60
Hutson Claude	540
Hutson Geo	440
Harrison C W	995
Harrison Wm H	9135
Harrison Conserv	800
Hunt Ella	600
Hunt P F	240
Henderson A H	1200
Hollst Edward	55
Heiden Herman	575
Heiden Herman	55
Himler G A	70
Horwitz Jake	100
Hayford C E	30
Haney Steve	165
Huffman Melvira	525
Huffman W B	30
Huffman Mary A	60
Huffman W T	65
Huffman W H (Mrs)	20

Haight Amelia	300	Lowell L D	200
Jung Brew Co	300	Lowell L D	250
Johnson Martin	860	Lindsley F M	70
Johnson Otto	225	Lang J P	375
Johnson Theo	90	Lando Bros	160
Johnson Ben	105	Lasage Geo	190
Johnson Alfred	48	LaPlant Joseph	80
Johnson Henry	130	Lundquist A	525
Johnstone Sam	565	Larson Peter	70
Johnstone Richard	410	Low James A	210
Johnstone Wm	240	Lockwood Lee	200
Johnson Chas	25	Leisner S B	225
Johnstone Chas	920	Lehman Wm	210
Jepsen G M	235	Lehman Wm	60
Jepsen L M	200	LaPlant Chas	25
Jesse Wm	730	Lindahl Chas	25
Jackman J R	840	Moffat B H	220
Jackman J R	1040	McMillan Frank	460
Kling & Randau	115	McMillan Henry	415
King Mary E	100	McMabe Patrick	265
Kittle W J	490	McCabe Patrick Jr	200
Kittle W J	100	McDonald Steve	80
Kittle Etta J	2500	McNett C S	350
Klein Fred	245	McGue Ed	80
Kreal James	75	Magoon Elmer	490
Kunz Aug	250	Myer Mary W	115
Kirkland Geo	30	Meyers Wm	900
Kammin L J	50	Meier Henry	35
Kruger F W Jr	295	Meier Bros	2200
Kruger Fred	75	Matthews A (Mrs)	740
Kerwin Chas A	330	Marr John &	200
Kruse E W	350	Hattie	
Kegebein Fred	220	McNish James	590
Kegebein Wm	230	Morris M C	30
Kegebein & Miller	1350	Morris Frank H	165
Kee J V	30	Morris Wm	65
Kunstman Wm	440	Miller Ernest	270
Kaiser John	430	Mullen Sisters	40
Knigge L H	225	Martin B F	210
Knox Michael	1430	Mason Chas A	30
Knox Ed	860	(Mrs)	
		Mason Chas	300
Kniffel Wm	80	Marshall W &	30
Koyer Geo	65	Mary	
Krepel Adolph	435	McAndrews J E	360
Kennebeck Nick	425	Met'polos Peter &	400
Knaack C J	840	Co	
Kling Nels	25	Miller M V	795

Mansfield Geo M	180	Peterson John A	155
Mansfield Mary E	500	Peterson &	200
McCall R A	60	Hansen	
Mugge J F	120	Peterson Andrew	200
McColum E G	70	Peterson John	275
McWhorter	30	Peterson Gust	140
Morris Lee	95	Prickett G H	1405
Nat Brew Co	150	Peck A P	215
Naslund Geo	60	Peck Ben	30
Naslund Wm C	60	Peck A P & Son	6505
Naslund Martin	60	Platt G A	30
Nelson C L	1030	Patten Harriet	250
Nelson C H	30	Paddock G L	320
Nelson Nels Thell	25	(Mrs)	
Nat Pick & Can Co	200	Rowson Wilfred	515
Norris Geo M	70	Rallihan John	610
Nelson Peter	760	Rilley John	35
Ober Joseph	25	Rydquist H E	70
Oemhke John	60	Radke Frank	420
Oberg N	40	Radke Wm	485
Oerkfitz WM	60	Rohmann Geo	585
Osman Z H	60	Rogers S S	205
Olson Peter	570	Rogers Mary H	76
Phalin J W	1350	Roseland John	30
Pulos John	600	Richmond E H	60
Philp Robert	365	(Mrs)	
Palmer Fred	1565	Rosenthal & Sons	800
Palmer John	340	Ryan Richard	70
Paine C H	30	Rollins Dora K	40
Pingry Sumner	155	Richards Lynn	170
Parsley John	290	Ritt Mort	85
Parks J H	80	Rowley E O	460
Parks J H	335	Rowley C E	295
Pinnow Fred	60	Rowley H A	65
Pecz Sam	200	Roseman Aug	460
Pomerrenning Bros	535	Rumble Richard	190
Pfannenstill J W	200	Rauhut C A	195
Pfannenstill Margaret	45	Rose Fred	65
Pearson Nels	305	Robinson Ross	160
Pearson Charles	180	Rehberg & Ehlert	1400
Pearson John	395	Rehberg Louis	30
Pearson Nels	37	Rosenkrans A	55
Powers F R	825	Rower Frederika	76
Powers David	475	Starritt Emma	630
Powers John	700	Starritt Clara	667
Powers James	1645	Scheld John	470
		Scheld Geo	565
		Scheld Peter	105

Small J C	110	Skinner Clara	370
Severns A J	865	Skinner Henry	250
Stoltzke Paul	100	Sargeant H	340
Schwartz Otto	30	Schneider K	100
Sprouse D R	295	Sobaska M	200
Schubbe Ernest	70	Stevens L C	30
Stenson Jacob N	30	Thompson Thos	215
Stenson Harold	85	Thompson Richard	1845
Sturbens John	230	Thompson Robert	285
Schubert Aug	540	Tiffany Thomas	285
Sund Ernest	445	Thomas E J	410
Schroeder C J	590	Thomas T	110
Schroeder Wm C	555	Tessendorf Albert	965
Schroeder F H	1550	Tucker Fred	315
Schroeder C T	815	Teckler C L	425
Simons Joe	300	Tegtmeier & Drier	575
Streit Michael	535	Tomisky Joe	130
Swanson Ed	185	Teare H P	70
Senne Lois D	50	Teare W H	65
Senne & Raue	2100	Turner Anniel	50
Schafer Mike G	100	(Mrs)	
Schafer Paul	800	Vasey Jobe	710
Schafer Paul	150	Viali L W	100
Schulz Louis	25	Zander W L	160
Salzmann Casper	90	Zenk Wm & Mary	150
Schue'man & Rahn	1000	Yampolsky Joseph	140
Schueneman Ed	40	Wampell H H	130
Schrauth John G	150	Walkup L W	1375
Stewart Ira H	300	Walkup Bros	300
Smith Roy	275	Wyman C L	150
Smith Louis H	500	Wolck Frank	650
Smith W J	545	Wagner Carl	150
Smith Seward	955	Welin Emil	25
Smith John R	410	Wilmington Elmer	480
Smith Leola C	2700	Wilmington F P	170
Smith Leola C	160	Works F J	70
Smith Fred	380	Whitney Ina	150
Spencer Amelia	360	Wagner Geo J	276
Swartz Wm A	50	Worts & Roley	230
Schumacher Geo	90	Wilson E C (Mrs)	90
Steinbach Herman	76	Wilcox H B	70
Sutton Edward	415	Wingate J W	1056
Steinsdoerfer F	205	Wingate E A	780
Steinsdoerfer A J	775	Wingate C V	285
Seigmeier Fred	60	Wingate R J	60
Seigmeier Herman	30	Witte Henry	235
Sherburn Lula C	280	Witting Theo	400
		Wamsley Lee	550

Wachtel Aug	305
Webber Hubert	170
Wagner Peter M	380
Walsh Walter	125
Whitson Geo	1230
Wendt C J	335
Whiting W E	1000
Wokrel Henry	90
Werden H C	360
Warner R J	570
Whiting A D Est	2000
Wilber W B	90
Wilber Helen P	200
Wallace Alice & Ada E	40
Wenninger Geo	160
Wilson Chas	700
Wilson Clara	225
Wollenberg E H	4395
Wilber Lumber Co	5520
Wardlow Geo (Mrs)	70
Wood Geo	60
Yanke Wm L	1050
Chi Telephone Co	3805
West U Tel'ph Co	1278
West U Gas & E Co	4168
Public Serv Co	18400
State B of C L	88333
Cit S B of C L	20000
C & dN W RR Co	426

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ancestry.com will be available free through most public libraries (and some private ones) through 30 June 2021.

Do you use Wiki? Family Search has lots of information on records, localities, methodology, etc. Go to [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page).

There are also a lot of free webinars on a variety of subjects – [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars).