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2022 Summer Conference

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MCIGS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Saturday
July 9, 2022 9am - 4pm CT

Register now!

It's here! There are only a few days left to register.

This year's conference is virtual again and we have four super speakers. If you've been doing genealogy for any length of time, you'll recognize at least one, if not all of our speakers. If you don't recognize them, here is your chance to listen, learn and get to know them.

If you have already registered, keep your eyes open for links, etc. to arrive via an email a few days before the conference. There will be four sessions per hour, and you can change speakers as you wish throughout the day.

Once you have registered you can join the Facebook page for the MCIGS Summer Conference [here](#).

REALLY IMPORTANT: Be sure your Zoom name is the same name you registered with, otherwise you won't be eligible for door prizes. How to change your online id? When you are in zoom, go to your photo and

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in the top right-hand corner are three dots "...". Click on the dots and a drop-down list will appear. Click on "change my name" and correct it. Then, you'll be eligible for our door prizes.

Door prizes will be drawn during the lunch hour and posted between the 3rd & 4th hour sessions.

This year our door prizes are:

GODFREY LIBRARY 1-year Premium membership, including Scholar-Plus online access

HERITAGE BOOKS

40% discount for one winner
20% for ALL attendees

ISGS 1-year membership

JRNL 2-year Power JRNL account

LEGACY FAMILY TREE (two door prizes)

1 Legacy Family Tree software
1 year Family Tree Webinar subscription

LIVING DNA 1 Ancestry kit

MCIGS 1 2023 conference registration (in person conference)

MY HERITAGE 1-year My Heritage Complete

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1 standard registration 2022 Jamboree conference (virtual, in August)

The presentations will be recorded and available for 30-days after conference for those who registered. We are grateful to our presenters for allowing us to record and make available their presentations.

This year's speakers and presentations:

Maureen Brady -

Scottish Family History Research: Beyond the Basics

Tracing a Chicago Family's Roots: A Case Study

Using Newspapers to Fill in the Gaps in a Family Story

Analyzing Your Research

Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Apprentices, Indentured Servants and Redemptioners; White Servitude in America

Preparing for Your Cemetery Research Trip

Hidden Gems in the FamilySearch Wiki

Migration Trails to the Ohio

Michael John Neill

Researching the Entire Family

An Unnatural Process

Locating Emigrant Origins

Charts, Charts, and More Charts

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Paula Stuart Warren

Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways

Railroad Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking

The Art of Successful Genealogical Research Trips

New York State Research: The Changing Face of the Modern Era

More information on speakers and topics can be found on the conference website [here](#). Also on this site, you can register. If you are a member of MCIGS, the conference is free again this year. If you are not an MCIGS member the registration fee is \$25.00. **Registration ends July 6, 2022**, with syllabus material available being sent on July 7, 2022. Please look for it!

From The President.....

I can't believe that 2022 is half over. The time just keeps flying by. I hope you have all taken a moment to register for our MCIGS Summer Conference which is July 9th. This event is FREE for current members. There is a \$25 registration fee for those who are not current members.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Fourth of July celebration. This is a great holiday for burgers on the grill, playing at the beach and watching fireworks. Don't hesitate to take this moment and reminisce with your family members by sharing memories and family stories with those gathered with you.

I recently found some recipes from one of my great-grandmothers. There isn't a date on the

recipes, but she was born in 1857, so they're probably from around 1880's. There are 5, and they are all for baking cakes and other sweet treats. The terminology and directions are different than what we use today. I plan to make some copies and share them with my family as we get together on the 4th. Maybe you have some "goodies" of your own to share.

Thank you to all who have responded to our "Question of the Month" section. Please keep your responses coming. It's fun to see the various responses from our readers. Our question this month relates to our founding fathers.

We are continuing to investigate options for moving to a hybrid general meeting early in 2023.

For those in the area, we are planning to have our meetings at McHenry County College and for those who don't live close by or prefer not to drive, we have the presentation available via Zoom. Keep watch in our newsletter for updates on our progress.

In closing, I want to wish you all a happy and safe holiday! Additionally, I wish you continued success with your research.

Laurie Stage
President, MCIGS

The questions for this month:

Are you related to any founding fathers? If so which ones? U. S. or your state (add state to answer.)

Please vote here - <https://bit.ly/MCIGSQuery7>



May's Meeting Recap

From Nancy Gaynor

“Recording Your History: Tips and Tools for Sharing Memories” was presented by Mike Reall, MCIGS member and Board member. This is part two of a three-part series on keeping our family memories.

Mike recounted his own experiences with his family. His mother had been a large part of Mike's children's lives, including being there to help when a new family member arrived. Until his last child. His daughter never got to meet her grandmother. She had passed before the new baby's arrival. However, Mike's mom had kept a journal for years. While her voice cannot be heard, her memories from her journal give her grandchildren insight into who she was.

Forward a number of years and Mike was on a fishing trip with his dad, when Mike began asking his dad questions about his life. Mike has those stories in his memory, but never recorded those sessions.

Today Mike is an advocate of recording those moments and memories so they can be shared

and enjoyed for years to come.

Active Discussion Participation, Recording Your Discussions and Sharing Your recordings are the steps to Mike's approach to making these memories last. His suggestions are clear: don't get hung up on technology, use your recorder on your cell phone, be the listener, showing genuine interest and asking few questions. As storyteller, you should be authentic, allowing yourself to go back to the memory and all that it entails. Allow your emotions over an event to shine through.

Be prepared with 10-15 questions you would like answered, allowing your subject to choose perhaps 2-3 that they would like to discuss. Be comfortable in the interview, you will have a more relaxed session. Don't overthink or edit the recording to make it “perfect.” Our memories don't always come back to us perfectly.

Once you have your recordings you can share them in a variety of ways. Mike suggested a couple including Google Photos, FamilySearch Memories and EarlyMe. The first two are free services with limited storage. EarlyMe is a website that Mike has developed, it also offers a free level of audio/video memories with additional storage available for a fee.

A big takeaway for me: Just do it! Don't we say that about a number of things in life? I'm not sure my memories and voice are that memorable, but maybe one day my kids will.

Just do it! and have fun.

Letters Remaining in Woodstock Post Office as of 15 May 1861

From *Woodstock Sentinel*, Wednesday, 15 May
1861, page 3, col. 1

Remaining in the Post Office at Woodstock,
Illinois, **May 15, 1861.**

Ordered to be published in the Woodstock
Sentinel, agreeable to the following section of the
new Post Office Law, as the newspaper having the
largest circulation of any newspaper in the city of
Woodstock.

Sect. 5, *And be it further enacted*, That lists of
letters remaining uncalled for in any Post Office,
in any city, town, or village, where a newspaper
may be printed, shall hereafter be published once
only in the newspapers which, being issued weekly
or oftener, shall have the largest circulation within
the delivery of said office, to be decided by the
Postmaster of said Office – *New Post Office Law*

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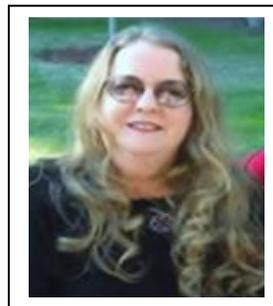
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Persons called for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." Box and drop letters not advertised. *Abraham E Smith, P M.*



Meet Our Volunteers...



This month we highlight Leona Bolton who lives in Oregon and is our newsletter proof-reader.

I enlisted in the Air Force when I was 19 and spent 6 years as an Air Traffic Controller. I took 2 years off to have a baby, then reenlisted and worked 4 years in an administrative job. After leaving the military, I lived in Germany for 4 years with my active-duty spouse (now ex) and young son. Although I worked full-time on Rhein Main Air Base in administrative jobs, we were still able to do a lot of traveling in Europe.

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Shortly after returning to the States, my son and I started a new life in a state we'd never lived in before and have been here ever since. I had a Federal civil service job for 20 years until I retired in 2010. My sister and I also ran a home-based gift basket company from 2004 to 2017.

My main interests these days are genealogy, lots of gardening, and clearing out decades of "keepsakes and collectibles," which my son does not want to inherit from me. I don't blame him...I'm still trying to clear out things I inherited from MY parents (both of whom died more than 20 years ago).

Clearing one room at a time is so liberating. I'm saving the most difficult room for last because it is bursting at the seams with books, binders, files, and papers all related to my genealogy research. This room just needs major organizing, which I imagine many newsletter readers can relate to.

Our Ancestor's Lives...

All items from *Nunda Herald*, dates and pages given after each item.

HAIL

Friday, Aug 17th, there was a hail storm near here which done a good deal of damage, at Mr. Steel's the hail fell as large as hickory nuts so Ren says.

Mr. John Goodwin, reports; Half of his field of cucumbers were cut up, the other half not injured.

Mr. Lockwood, who lives near Crystal Lake, says: The leaves was stripped off of his corn entirely, the hail was 10 inches beep [sic] in the winrows, and it had not disappeared the next day at 8o'clock.

Some cucumbers were rejected at the factory on account of their being cut up by the hail.

Mr. Thompson, reports having some of his windows broken by the hail, it went in streaks.
24 August 1877, page 3

MARRIED

ENGLAND-HICKOK – At the residence of Mr. P Hickok, Sept. 5th, by Rev. S C Hay, Miss V Hickok to Mr. Peter England, all of Crystal Lake, Ill.

WRIGHT- OWEN – At the residence of Oliver Owen of McHenry, Sept 12th by Rev. T C Northcott, Miss Ollie Owen to Mr. A S Wright of Woodstock, Ill.
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MARRIED

Sept 19th at the residence of Mrs Babcock in LaGrange, Ill., her daughter, Ida, to Mr. W H Gates, of Nunda, Ill.
21 September 1877, page 1

CARY LOCALS

Last wednesday [sic] we h ad a runaway here. There were two ladies in the buggy. One jumped out. Result \$10.00 damage to buggy. No one hurt. Fence demoralized.

MARRIED

Johnny Nish to Miss R Christen at Janesville last Tuesday evening.
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NEARLY DROWNED

The other day Mrs M Morris was visiting Mr. Leman Barns people and her little child 3 years old was at play out of the door, when it lifted the cover off the cistern and fell in, doing down in 5 feet of water. Its mother, hearing it scream and not daring to jump in, ran to the gate and called loudly for help. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Hunt, ran to the cistern, Mr. M Jumped in just as the childs little hand was disappearing for the last time, and lifted it out to Mr. Hunt when he set to work, to the water (which it had swallowed,) out of the child, and to bring it too.[sic] They were at length rewarded and had the pleasure of restoring the child to its mother in a living condition.

Keep your cisterns! well closed up tight.

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