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March Meeting

Jan Polep, V. P. Programs
12 March 2020

Early Settlers

Claudia Conroy, Early Settler Chair



Genealogy Blogs, Where to Find them and How to Start One

Caroline Guntur

Caroline Guntur is a Certified Photo Organizer, A Certified Home Movie Specialist, a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO). She is also a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Caroline will talk about the most useful genealogy blogs, where to find them and how to start one to share family stories. There will be plenty of Q & A time and a chance to look at Caroline's blog – theswedishorganizer.com.

Albengence Stevens Family

Kathleen C. Sadik has recently earned an Early Settler Certificate for proving that her ancestor, Albengence Stevens, settled in Greenwood Township, McHenry County, IL in 1840.

He died shortly after moving here from CT but his wife, Thankful Goff and family stayed here. Albengence and Thankful's son Aristedes Stevens married Charity Boone. Their daughter Lovina Stevens married Joseph Matthew Garrison and had George Joseph Garrison. George married Sigrid Caroline Olson and had Victor Charles Garrison Sr. Victor married Edna Helen Meyer and had Victor Charles Garrison Jr.

Kathleen submitted her application along with documentation connecting each ancestor to each other down her line.

Information on obtaining an Early Settle Certificate for your ancestor can be found on the website at www.mcig.org. Questions can be directed to Claudia.conroy@mcigs.org.

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NOTE: NEW MEETING ROOM

Monthly Meetings are held at:

McHenry County College
8900 Route 14
Crystal Lake, Illinois
Building A, Room 215

Upcoming Events

3 March – 9:30 AM - "Untangle the Web of German Websitests" - Elgin Genealogy Society, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, Illinois.
<http://www.elginroots.com>

10 March – 7:00 PM - "First Frontiersmen: Scots & Irish" Lake County Genealogical Society, Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois.
<http://lakecountyilgenealogy.org/>

12 March – MCIGS – see page one for details

14 March – All day – DuPage County Genealogical Society 45th Annual Conference – NIU Conference Center, Naperville, IL

14 March – All Day – Ulster Historical Foundation "Irish Genealogy Research" - Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.
www.newberry.org

19 March – 7:00 PM - "Researching Pomeranian & Prussian Genealogy in Poland" -Elgin Genealogy Society, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, Illinois. <http://www.elginroots.com>

7 April - 9:30 A.M. - "Mrs Katie Sims Foster & the Great Migration" -Elgin Genealogy Society, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, Illinois.
<http://www.elginroots.com>

2020 MCIGS Summer Conference

Saturday, 11 July 2020

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
McHenry County College
8900 Route 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Check our website for details

Book Review

Claudia Conroy

The Sterling Affair

Nathan Dylan Goodwin continues his tale of genealogist Morton Farrier in *The Sterling Affair*, the 8th book in his genealogical mystery series. In this newest book Morton is faced with two issues, a new high DNA match to his own DNA, and a request by a woman who was just named as the only heir to her brother's large estate. However, the woman's brother had died as a teenager many years prior so Morton needs to determine who was this recently deceased man.

The book travels back and forth between current day and the cold war in the 1950's, from England to Egypt. The story includes deception, espionage and murder. Throughout, the reader can appreciate Morton's painstaking genealogical research at multiple repositories in England. Through perseverance he is able to break through brick walls to solve the mysteries.

The Sterling Affair will keep the reader entertained and intrigued. The book is the longest in the Morton Farrier series and is surely one of the best.

The book will soon be on the shelves of Crystal Lake Library, available to be checked out.

