



# Connections

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## May Meeting

*Jam Polep, V.P Programs*

## Book Acquisition

*Claudia Conroy, Librarian*



### ***Family History Resources at the Library of Congress.***

Presented by Tina Beaird

Whether you are researching in this glorious building or utilizing their amazing digital collections, The Library of Congress (LOC) offers something for every family historian. Tina will walk you through all of the different ways you can engage with the Library of Congress both through their digital resources and their dynamic social media presence, to advance your family history.

Tina Beaird is the owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is the Genealogy/Local History Librarian at the Plainfield Public Library. She lectures nationally on military research, genealogical methodology, Scottish records, and archival preservation. She is a governing board director of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Northern Illinois Historical League and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board. Tina volunteers her time with several local historical and genealogical societies, and occasionally finds time to research her own family tree, which she has been pursuing for over 20 years.

MCIGS has recently purchased the book *Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies* edited by Debbie Parker Wayne. This publication is the answer to the question "I've done my DNA but now what?" Each chapter is written by an expert in genealogy genetics. Some of the topics include triangulation which is a process to help determine which DNA segments come from which ancestor, comparing one set of DNA data to another, and working with unknown or misattributed parentage. Obviously, this is a book for the more advanced DNA researcher but within the 382 pages, there are valuable explanations, charts and colored diagrams which help explain more complex techniques.

*Advanced Genetic Genealogy* will be housed at the Crystal Lake Public Library where one can either browse the book to determine its personal usefulness, or check the book out to more fully read it at home. As always, please allow sufficient time for the library to process the book before searching for it on the shelves.

### **Next Meeting**

**Thursday, May 9, 2019 @ 7pm**

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

## Upcoming Events

**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>

**8 May 2019- 7 PM. *Advanced FamilySearch***, Fountaindale Public Library Genealogy Club, Bolingbrook, IL. NOTE: online recording available. <https://fountaindalegenealogy.org/category/workshops-and-events/>

**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](http://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/>

**4 June 2019, 9:30 AM - “*Great Websites You Don't Know About!*”** Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL. <http://www.elginroots.com/>

**13 June 2019 – 7 PM – “*Genealogy Basics*”** McHenry County Genealogical Society, McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, IL. <http://www.mcigs.org>

**13 July – 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM – 2019 MCIGS Summer Conference**, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, Illinois. <https://www.mcigs.org/conference.html>

## DNA Ann L Wells

Are you in the position of “I’ve done a DNA test, now what?” There are a number of sources available to help you. Books, websites, wikis, blogs, etc. Sorting out what’s what can be as confusing as the DNA. A few sources are listed below:

***International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG)*** - <https://isogg.org/>. There is a lot to read there and some very good information. Check out their wiki.

***Family Search Wiki*** - [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). This isn’t the best index, but if you narrow down to DNA basics, it’s a great place to start. Go to Search, then down to Research Wiki. Well worth the trip there!  
***Cyndi’s List*** – [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com). As of this past week, there were 557 sources under DNA.

***Family Tree Seminars*** – <https://familytreewebinars.com/>. While most of the webinars on this site are available through subscription, there are several free DNA seminars.

***Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques*** is a Facebook site administered by Blaine Bettinger. As with many genealogy sites, there is a lot of help here.

***DNA Newbie*** – another Facebook site. This site is for you if you are new to DNA. Or perhaps you can share what you know with someone.

There are a number of books that might be of interest to you:

***Genetic Genealogy in Practice***, by Blaine T Bettinger and Debbie Wayne Parker

***The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy***, by Blaine T Bettinger

***Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies***, Edited by Debbie Wayne Parker with chapters from a number of knowledgeable people in the field. See Claudia’s review of this book.

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## DNA continued

**DNA Bootcamp** – on MCIGS website - free for all members.

These suggestions are just a few of the sources available. Check them out and see if they are of help to you. Do you have a favorite site not listed? Please let us know and we'll share with others in a future newsletter.

## This and That

### LOOKING FOR A PROOF READER

Our society is looking for a proofreader to review and proof the monthly newsletter. You can live anywhere and do this. Once newsletter has been put together, it will be sent to you electronically and it will be due back to editor within three days. We try to go to press on the last day of the month in order to get the newsletter out on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

It's even possible we might have two proofreaders who will take turns. If you are a good speller, have a good background in grammar, we need you! If you are interested, please send a note to me at [annwells@yahoo.com](mailto:annwells@yahoo.com).

**Calendar** - We publish dates of other society meetings in order to let you know what is on, where. You don't need to be a member to attend these meetings, nor do you need to be researching in the area. They always welcome guests!

### Current MCIGS Officers and Directors (Term Expiration)

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## CONFERENCE

If you haven't registered for the conference, thinking you'll wait until the cut-off, (16 June 2019) you may be disappointed in trying to get into the lectures you want.

We are excited that the conference has had so much interest and so many registrations. In addition to the many lectures being offered (16 of them!), we will have vendors again this year and door prizes.

And, again this year, we'll have our "genealogy help desk" with volunteers ready and willing to help you with your research. If you have a brick wall, don't know where to research next, or just want to confirm you are on the right track, sign up with you check in for conference. We're here to help.

Some of our vendors this year will be:

ArkivDigital  
CAGGNI  
Fun Stuff for Genealogy  
Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society  
Michiana Maps

Our door prizes are awesome this year. **Attendees will be given tickets they can use to enter drawings for door prizes.**

### **Ancestry.com:**

- (1) Semi-annual World Explorer individual Ancestry.com membership
- (1) Annual Fold3.com subscription
- (1) Annual Newspapers.com basic subscription

### **Ancestor Stuff:**

Genealogy at-a-glance "Genetic Genealogy Basics" research Guide by Angie Bush  
Fifteen Generation Pedigree Chart

### **Find My Past**

12 month Ultimate British and Irish subscription to Findmypast.com

### **Fun Stuff for Genealogy:**

Genealogy Novelty

### **Genealogical Publishing Company**

*Ancestral Trails: the Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History*, 2nd edition, Mark Herber

### **Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS)**

ISGS membership and complimentary copy of ISGS Quarterly

### **Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society**

2020 Society Membership

### **McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society (MCIGS)**

Family Tree Maker software  
(2) MyHeritage DNA kits  
Small Travel Bag  
MCIGS 2020 membership  
MCIGS 2020 Conference Registration

### **Michiana Maps**

Certificate for winner's choice of (1) color map

### **National Institute for Genealogical Studies**

Complimentary online course for all conference participants  
(3) Online course certificates (\$89 value each)

### **Where the Apple Fell – Susan Mayer**

Rootsmagic software program and e-book

Go to our website – <http://www.mcigs.org> to register online or to print a copy of registration form.