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GOOGLE for Genealogy

Google can be a useful tool for genealogical research. Utilizing services like google news, google maps, and google books can make you feel like Indiana Jones. But be wary, google has some traps and pitfalls as well. Tina will discuss ways to get the most out of google so you can find your holy grail.

Tina Beard is owner of Tamarack Genealogy and the Genealogy/Local History Librarian at the Plainfield public library. She provides lectures extensively on military research, genealogical methodology, Scottish records, and archival preservation. She is a governing board member of the Northern Illinois Historic League and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory board as well as a member of the Illinois World War I Centennial Commission. Tina volunteers her time with several local historical and genealogical societies scanning and indexing historic records. Occasionally, Tina finds time to research her own family tree, which she has been pursuing for over 20 years.

Tina holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science with a specialization in Archives/Preservation from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. Over the years she has been awarded several digitization grants to scan and preserve historic records. Tina is a governing board member of the Oswego Heritage Association and volunteers for other groups extensively.

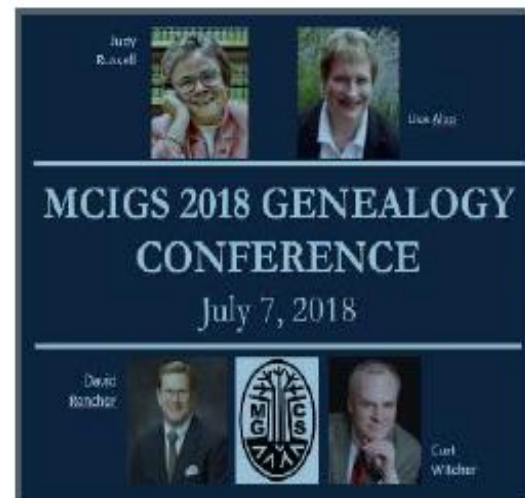
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Thursday, June 14th @ 7pm
The Pointe Outreach Center
5650 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL

(Located just west of Target)



2018 Summer Conference

The MCIGS conference committee is all set to host a wonderful day of learning, socializing and fun on 7 July 2018. If you haven't registered yet, please register by June 15th so you are assured a spot with lunch. We always have people who register after that date and unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a lunch as we must give a lunch count to the college in time for them to purchase the goodies.

This year all registrants will receive 5 FREE door prize tickets. We have many wonderful prizes which are listed on our website www.mcigs.org. You could win a DNA kit, subscription to a major genealogical database, a book of your choice, a year's membership in a genealogical society or any of the numerous other prizes we have to offer. We have many past vendors and also have new vendors. These vendors know their subjects and may just offer you the tip you need to breakthrough a brick wall.

The HELP DESK is back by popular demand with experienced genealogists to help you over a hump in your research. This FREE service is available on a first come, first served basis. You can sign up for a time slot the morning of the conference. Appointment times will be between conference sessions or at lunch. Come prepared with one question or problem that has been puzzling you and hopefully someone will be able to give you some direction.

The members of the conference committee have worked many hours to make sure this event is a success for those attending. We hope you will all join us on 7 July 2018.

Hint of the Month - Larry Wood



Organize your work. NOW is the time to put it into a formal document. Once you start putting the work into a print format, like WORD, you really see where you are missing sources and need to dig deeper.

Welcome to MCIGS By Arlene Basten

Please help us welcome the newest members to MCIGS:

- Jean Reed - Woodstock, IL
- Pam Grant - Huntsville, AL
- Pat McLeod - Lake Villa, IL
- Luann Mayer - Algonquin, IL
- John Gleed - Grayslake, IL

New Newsletter Editor

The MCIGS Board would like to take this opportunity to announce the selection of our new Newsletter Editor and Director. Mr. Larry Wood has accepted this position and we want to thank him for his time. This Newsletter edition is his second effort for us and he is already doing an excellent job. Larry comes to us with some impressive credentials, being a mechanical engineer, a published genealogy author, and former editor and writer of Federal Regulations for the USAF and HUD. He was recognized for this work in the 2001 "Who's Who in America". These skills will serve us all well and be a huge asset for our organization. Please welcome Larry at the next general meeting.

2018 Summer Conference

REMINDER

The MCIGS Summer Conference scheduled for **July 7, 2018** will be here before you know it!

Have you Registered yet?

- Outstanding Speakers!
- Fabulous Door Prizes - You could win a MyHeritage DNA kit!
- Lunch Included if registered by 6/15/2018

For more information or to register **TODAY** online go to -

www.mcigs.org

MCIGS Tagline Contest By Claudia Conroy

We really need your help. Many people think MCIGS is an organization only for those researching ancestors in McHenry County. You, our members and friends, know differently. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with a tagline or slogan we can use with our advertising to let others know our meeting and conference topics are much broader than just McHenry County. The contest is open to members and non-members alike, with no limit to the number suggestions one individual can submit. The submission form is now online with the link available on the home page of our website. www.mcigs.org. One winner will receive a free registration to the MCIGS 2019 Summer Conference on 13 July 2019. email to claudia.conroy@mcigs.org

Elaine Obenchain Scholarship winner - Emily McCusker

Huntley High School Senior Emily McCusker was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship on Wednesday May 23rd 2018. Emily has been involved in the Children of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has assisted in fundraising events to help support Friends in Deed and acted as a re-enactor in the Midway Village Museum in Rockford, IL.

She is a member of the national honor society, color guard, choir, speech team and a crew leader at Huntley High School that helps incoming freshman with various activities. Emily plans to attend Lake Forest College in the fall and become a museum curator.

We congratulate Emily and are proud to honor her with the first McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society scholarship.

Emily will be introduced and presented at the next general meeting and given the opportunity for a short response.



Upcoming Events

- 14 June 2018 MCIGS – GOOGLE for Genealogy** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>
- 24 June 2018 Sound Research Principles** – Cary Public Library, 2-3 pm. <http://www.caryarealibrary.info>
- 28 June 2018, Did I Get Everything? — Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research** Thomas Macentee - Batavia Public Library, Batavia, IL <https://hidefgen.com>
- 7 July 2018 MCIGS – MCIGS Summer Conference** at McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>
- 15 July 2018 Genealogy Interest Group** – Cary Public Library, 1:30-3 pm. <http://www.caryarealibrary.info>
- 9 Aug 2018 MCIGS – Probate Records** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>
- 11 Aug 2018 – NWSGS -- Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy; Finding Living Relatives Can Be a Challenge**, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 10 am. <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>
- 13 Sep 2018 MCIGS – What's New At Family Search** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>
- 29 Sep 2018 MCIGS – 25th Annual Conference 9-4 at the Fox Valley Genealogical Society of Naperville, IL.** The speaker is Jill Morelli CG. <https://ilfvgs.org>
- 6 Oct 2018 – NWSGS -- Newspaper Research: Beyond the Birdcage**, Arlington Heights Senior Center, 10am. <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>
- 11 Oct 2018 MCIGS – What's New On the Internet** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>
- 3 Nov 2018 – NWSGS -- DNA Doubleheader**, Arlington Heights Senior Center, 10am. <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>
- 8 Nov 2018 MCIGS – Ancestry.com Library Edition** at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. <http://www.mcigs.org>

Editor's Corner - Larry Wood

As your new editor I plan on including items for your reading, as time and space allows. If you have interesting stories from your research or family please send them to me for consideration.

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This one is from my own research -

A MAYFLOWER STORY:

Mary ALLERTON "The last survivor of the first comers in the MAYFLOWER"

In 1856 a granite monument was erected at Plymouth by the descendants of Robert and Thomas CUSHMAN. Thomas married Mary daughter of Isaac ALLERTON "The last survivor of the first comers in the MAYFLOWER." Mary died in Plymouth MA on 28 Nov 1699 and is Buried in Old Burial Hill Cemetery, Plymouth MA Mary ALLERTON was the third child of Isaac ALLERTON, who came over in the Mayflower in 1620.

According to various sources (available on request) - Mary was about 3 1/2 years of age when the Mayflower arrived. She survived Thomas about seven or eight years, and died at the advanced age of ninety (Note: These published dates do not add up). Isaac ALLERTON married at Leiden, 4 Nov 1611 to Mary NORRIS, "single woman" from Newbury in England.", Mary died in Plymouth 7 Mar 1621, and Isaac second married at Plymouth between 1623 and 1627 to Fear BREWSTER, daughter of William BREWSTER. Isaac third married to Joanna SWINNERTON.

Lineage: (Larry WOOD, Melvin George WOOD, George Ellery WOOD, Francis Ellery WOOD, Thomas Haskell WOOD, Isaiah WOOD Sr, Lydia CUSHMAN, Seth CUSHMAN, James CUSHMAN, Eleazer CUSHMAN, Mary ALLERTON)

Volunteers Wanted - Kimberly McGuigan

MCIGS has volunteer program in order to help members and non-members become a part of our events and projects and need your help. Below is a short list of volunteer opportunities available right now which include:

- 2 people needed to hand out envelopes during Conference registration 7:30am to 8:30am (you will need to be registered for the conference)
- Indexing the Woodstock Sentinel newspaper
- Assisting with the MCIGS blog
- Digitizing the Quarterly back issues for uploading onto the members website
- Compiling the master surname index
- IT assistance during general meetings such as help with setup, video taping, computer assistance, and sound.
- Local history information
- Distributing handouts during general meetings
- Conference genealogy research help desk (you will need to be registered for the conference)

Some of these activities do not require that you live locally. Please email me if you would like more information on any of these volunteer opportunities, For more information please contact Kim McGuigan, Volunteer Coordinator at Volunteer@MCIGS.org.

THANK YOU



McHenry County IL Genealogical Society

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Summer Genealogy Conference

Saturday, July 7, 2018
8 am – 3:30 pm

Conference Location:

McHenry County College
8900 Route 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60014



McHenry County IL Genealogical Society Summer Conference July 7, 2018

Registration / browsing: 8:00 a.m.

Programs: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Conveniently located at:

McHenry County College
8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, IL

A box lunch is included in the registration cost. Vegetarian and **Gluten Free (GF)** choices are also available.

The syllabus link will be emailed to each registrant 2 weeks prior to the conference. [A printed syllabus will not be available.](#)

Each registrant will receive 5 Door Prize tickets. However, you **MUST be PRESENT** to win.

Browse the exhibitor's area to find information on other societies, books, maps, and material related to genealogy.

Free wifi so bring your tablets and laptops.

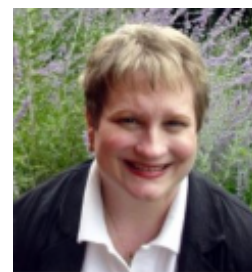
Register online today at:

www.mcigs.org/conference, or mail in your check with the attached registration form.

For further information, email Claudia Conroy at registration@mcigs.org or visit our web site: www.mcigs.org for additional details.

About Our Speakers

Judy Russell, A genealogist with a law degree, Judy G. Russell is a lecturer, educator and writer who enjoys helping others understand a wide variety of genealogical issues, including the interplay between genealogy and the law. Blogging as *The Legal Genealogist*, she has attended the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and completed both Elizabeth Shown Mills' course in Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis and Thomas W. Jones' course in Writing and Publishing for Genealogists at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University.



Lisa Ann Alzo, M.F.A., An avid genealogist for 26 years, Lisa currently teaches online genealogy courses for Family Tree University and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She is the recipient of the 2002 Mary Zirin Prize given by the Association for Women in Slavic Studies to recognize the achievements of independent scholars, and is a frequently invited speaker for national conferences, genealogical and historical societies. Lisa has authored a number of books, including: *The Family Tree Polish, Czech and Slovak Genealogy Guide*, *Finding Your Slovak Ancestors*, *Cleveland Czechs and Slovak Pittsburgh*.

David Rencher AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, is employed as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he is one of the rare few who have earned both credentials: Accredited Genealogist^{CM} with ICAPGenSM in Ireland research and Certified Genealogist[®] with the Board for Certification of Genealogists[®]. He is a past-president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



Curt B. Witcher is the Allen County Library's Senior Manager for Special Collections, a job which entails managing The Genealogy Center, serving as general curator for that institution's Rare and Fine Book Collection, and supervising the new Lincoln Financial Collection's Lincoln Library. He has worked at the Allen County Public Library for more than thirty-five years. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association, a past chair of the association's History Section, a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society.

Genealogy Help Desk

Do you have a specific question about your family history research? Sign up after you check in at the conference to reserve a time slot for one-on-one assistance with our Genealogy Help Desk volunteers. These 15-minute sessions are held during the breaks and lunch period. For further information go to www.mcigs.org/conference.

Conference Program

More detailed session descriptions may be found at www.mcigs.org

8:00	Registration. Browsing and continental breakfast. Sign up for your Genealogy Help Desk Session.		
9:00	<i>That First Trip to the Courthouse</i> Learn how to prepare for that trip, the rules of the road, what to expect, what to ask for, and how to be sure you'll be welcomed back the next time.	Judy Russell	1A
	<i>Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Eastern European Research</i> Discover which records to tap into to discover your ancestral village, how history impacts genealogical research, tips for contacting relatives and writing to foreign archives.	Lisa Alzo	1B
	<i>Applied Methodology for Irish Genealogical Collections</i> With the myriad number of Irish genealogical collections available, which ones should be searched for your area of research and what strategies should be employed to maximize the opportunity for success? This session outlines these solid strategies for finding Irish ancestors buried deep in these collections.	David Rencher	1C
	<i>Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries</i> This talk focuses on: 1. Understanding the 4 major types of libraries, 2. Organizing one's data effectively, 3. Developing techniques for "scouting" a research facility before arriving, and 4. Functioning well in a wide variety of research facilities.	Curt Witcher	1D
10:00	Break (30 minutes) – Attend a Genealogy Help Desk Session. Make your door prize selection and visit the vendors.		
10:30	<i>NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives</i> Myth statements stop genealogists from breaking down all kinds of brick walls. Using the wealth of information in NARA records, join the mythbusters to find the treasures the National Archives holds for your family.	Judy Russell	2A
	<i>Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors</i> America is a nation of immigrants, comprised of people who left home to find a better life for themselves and their families. This talk will show you tips and tricks for locating and searching passenger lists and other key immigration documents both on and offline to help trace your roots.	Lisa Alzo	2B
	<i>Irish Immigration/Emigration</i> This session will focus on the North American records you may not have considered for locating the home of your Irish ancestors plus some Irish records you might try that have been found to give links to North America.	David Rencher	2C
	<i>Using United States Government Documents for Genealogical Research</i> This talk serves to un-puzzle federal government documents, provide the researcher with a sufficient working knowledge of government document access tools and indices, and demonstrate how to incorporate these documents into one's research patterns.	Curt Witcher	2D
11:30	Lunch - Attend a Genealogy Help Desk Session. Make your Door Prize selection and browse the vendor area.		
1:00	<i>Where There Is –or Isn't –a Will</i> Often there isn't a will, however there's still a probate. Understanding the process and find the records created when our ancestors died can help break down those brick walls.	Judy Russell	3A
	<i>Demystifying Eastern European Research</i> Border changes, language differences, political considerations, and exotic-sounding surnames often complicate the research process. This session covers the most common myths/misconceptions and how to work around them.	Lisa Alzo	3B
	<i>Irish Census and Census Substitutes</i> This session identifies the various surviving record sources that will help in reconstructing families during the 17 th and 18 th centuries, plus discuss the existence of name lists and census substitutes vital to successful 19 th and early 20 th century research.	David Rencher	3C
	<i>German Migration into the American Midwest</i> This presentation provides a basic strategy for uncovering information about why Germans migrated to the Midwest and the various routes they took to their destinations. Migration and settlement patterns are explored through published sources. Careful research into local history data and sources is emphasized as well as the use of unusual sources.	Curt Witcher	3D
2:00	Break (30 minutes) – Check to see if you've won a door prize! Last chance to visit the vendors.		
2:30	<i>ABCs of DNA</i> Learn about the 3 major test types – YDNA, mitochondrial (mtDNA) and the new autosomal DNA testing – and see what each offer to the genealogist.	Judy Russell	4A
	<i>Crossing the Pond: Successful Strategies for Researching Eastern European Ancestors</i> Traditional methods and online resources for tracking ancestors both in the U.S. and the old country will be discussed, as well as techniques for overcoming obstacles and problems faced during the research process.	Lisa Alzo	4B
	<i>FamilySearch Collections – Tips and Tricks</i> This session illuminates tips and tricks to finding and searching various record collections in FamilySearch. Learn new techniques for searching the historical record collections, compiled genealogies and the Family History Library Catalog.	David Rencher	4C
	<i>Why the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center? An Overview of Resources for Research</i> This presentation highlights resources at the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne and on their website, genealogycenter.org.	Curt Witcher	4D

CIRCLE EACH SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Session One (9:00 am)	1A	1B	1C	1D
Session Two (10:30 am)	2A	2B	2C	2D
Session Three (1:00 pm)	3A	3B	3C	3D
Session Four (2:30 pm)	4A	4B	4C	4D

Early member registration: 2/15/18 – 6/15/18 \$50.00
 - Non-members \$60.00
 Registrations postmarked 6/16/18+ and Walk-ins \$75.00
 (No lunch for registrations received after 6/16/18 or walk-ins)

\$20 Fee will be charged for cancellations prior to 6/16/2018. No Refunds after 6/16/2018.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____
 STREET: _____
 CITY, ST, ZIP _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

Box Lunch includes sandwich with lettuce and tomato, chips, dessert, coffee, tea or water. **Gluten free (GF)** choices are included below.

Beef Ham Turkey Vegetarian
 Beef (GF) Ham (GF) Turkey (GF) Vegetarian (GF)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

**Mail Registration Form with your payment to:
 McHenry County IL Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0184**