



# Connections

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*Telling the Story with Maps: Maps of Early Illinois and Where to Find Them* presented by Ginger Frere, Thursday, 12 November 2020, 7 p.m.

Maps can convey immense detail. They can provide the names of places, distances, topography, geographical features, migration routes, land ownership, boundaries and political jurisdictions. Maps allow us to see the physical relationship between places and they can help us answer questions – how did our ancestors get from one place to another? Where might they have gotten married? Maps can help us tell a story – Here’s where our ancestors lived in relation to the Great Chicago Fire.

Ginger Frere, MLIS, MBA, is a professional researcher who provides a variety of research services to authors, professional historians, film makers and individuals interested in genealogy. Her primary research interests include Chicago history and the creation of online tools for genealogists. She was one of the driving forces behind the development of ChicagoAncestors.org.

In addition to researching, Ginger is a frequent speaker in the Chicago-land area and a regular instructor in Chicago’s Newberry Library Adult Education seminar program. She is also a Newberry Scholar-in-Residence.

Ginger has attended the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) as well as the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Ginger is a member of the Chicago Genealogical Society, the Illinois State Genealogical Society, and the National Genealogical Society.

The **link** for the Zoom meeting is: <https://tinyurl.com/mcigsnov2020>



## *Elections*

The election will take place on Thursday, 12 November 2020 during our meeting. Those up for election:

*President:* Arlene Basten,  
*2<sup>nd</sup> V. P. - Membership* – Laurie Stage  
*Director:* Bruce Peterson  
*Director:* Dave Stumpf

## Bylaw Change

The MCIGS board proposes the removal of Article 4, Section 2, item d from the bylaws. It is currently stated as follows: "Contributing membership shall be available for an amount determined by the Board of Directors." The reasoning is that the benefits that went along with this category no longer exist. This vote will take place at the November general meeting.

## Donations to MCIGS

With the holiday season coming up and you **shopping** online, your purchases can help support our society. Just create an Amazon Smile account and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to MCIGS. Go to **smile.amazon** and set up your account. You can choose from a list of 501(c)3s – we are McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society.

## Upcoming Events

**Family tree Webinars (free):** This site has a host of free webinars. You can watch in those free minutes you have! <https://familytreewebinars.com>

**November 7, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. -Chicago Genealogy Society:** "Identity Puzzles: How to Make sure You're Following the Right Character"  
To register: <https://chicagogenealogy.org>

**November 10, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Lake County Genealogy Society** "Using Timelines to Break Down Walls." To register: [lcigs1170@gmail.com](mailto:lcigs1170@gmail.com)

## 2021 MCIGS Summer Conference

*Arlene Basten, Conference Chair*

The McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society's conference committee is busy working out the details for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Genealogy Conference on July 10, 2021. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 virus we will be unable to hold it in person at McHenry County College as we've done in the past, *so in 2021 we will be going **virtual** for the first time!*

Our speakers will be Drew Smith, George Morgan, Cyndi Ingle and Cari Taplin...AKA *The Genealogy Squad* as they are known on Facebook. Each speaker will present 3 sessions throughout the day, with a group discussion at the end of the day.

If you do not currently follow them, check this out: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad/>

We are offering the conference FREE of charge to all current (2021) MCIGS members. The cost for non-members is \$25. If you'd like to become a 2021 member simply sign up online, or use our membership form and you can also attend the conference for free.

Watch for Conference Registration information on our website [www.mcigs.org](http://www.mcigs.org), in our monthly newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 10, 2021 for the 2021 MCIGS Summer Conference.

Did you know that *Ancestry Library Edition* is free until the end of the year? If you have a library card, you can probably access it through your library. If you don't have a card, you **can** may be able to obtain one online from the local library. Check it out!

## *A Hundred Years Ago*

An ordinance designed to give the City of Harvard more latitude over quarantine regulations was introduced at the last meeting. The regulations would allow police to arrest and the courts to punish those who did not comply with the ordinance. The vote was tabled until the next meeting.

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 4 November 1920, page 4, col. 2 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wells of Woodstock, Ralph Wells, was returned to the U. S. for burial. Ralph died overseas during the war. Funeral services will be in Crystal Lake on 31 October 1920.

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 4 November 1920, page 6, col. 2 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

### ***Marriage Licenses were issued as of 4 November 1920:***

Albert Krueger, 21, Marengo, Laura Martensen, 20, Fairfield, IA

Geo. H. Thielbar, 30, Chicago, Caroline Nelson, 20, Alden

Frank Hoffner, Jr., 26, Lizzie Rosenthal, 19, Crystal Lake

August Heine, 23, Crystal Lake, Edna Boehart, 17, Huntley

Jerry Hacek, 23, Barrington, Mary Rezek, 19, Cary

Richard J Dickson, Jr., Ida Louis Gehrig, Harvard

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 4 November 1920, page 9, col. 4 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

Daniel Sullivan, died 31 October 1920 in Harvard. He was born 22 April 1843 in Westfield, Mass. He came to McHenry County the same year. He married Ellen McCarty, 6 November 1870. He is survived by his wife and his children: Maude Hayden, Mrs. James Gleason, Mrs Alvin Cooke, John, William and Mark, all of Harvard; Mrs Fred Keene, Fred, Dominic and Vincent Sullivan of Chicago and Mrs Lee Dondanville, Serene, IL. He is also survived by a brother, Judge John J Sullivan of Omaha, Nebraska and a sister, Mary Shields of Harvard. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 4 November 1920, page 10, col. 2 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

Marriage of William Wittmus and Mrs Gusta Knopp took place on 4 November 1920 at the home of Rev. E A Giesel, pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Harvard. William is a retired farmer. The couple moved to Walworth, Wisconsin.

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 11 November 1920, page 4, col. 4 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

### ***Marriage Licenses as of 11 November 1920:***

Harold C Jensen, 30, Elsa M Quass, 21, Woodstock

Harry A Judson, 23, Inez M Johnson, 17, Woodstock

Joseph Wurtzinger, 35, Lydia Schuldt, 21, Woodstock

Thornton A Jewett, 29, Villa Park, May S Perkins, 28, Marengo

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Thursday, 11 November 1920, page 10, col. 4 (<http://harvarddiggins.advantage-preservation.com/>)

## *Did You Know?*

**Reclaim the Records** began about five years ago, as ...”a new not-for-profit activist group of genealogists, historians, researchers, and open government advocates.” They have sued a number of government agencies to obtain the indexes and in some cases, the actual records. Take a look at their website to see what they are working on and what they have accomplished; there maybe something there for you. <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

One of the most sought after group of records are historical newspapers. There are many pay sites – Newspapers.com, GenealogyBank, Newspaper Archive, but there are free ones. If you Google “list of online newspaper archives “ you will find a list of newspapers from around the world, or use this link:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives)

Some are free, some are pay sites, some are indexes only. Every newspaper on the Fulton Post Card site is listed. Some newspapers are listed from the site that holds them. If the paper you want is not available through online, you can always contact the library in your research area. If they don’t have them, they will know where you might find what you need. Some library sites have an “Ask Me” link and you can ask there or telephone them.

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