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Upcoming Meeting



Thursday, 10 November 2022, 7 PM CST

Via Zoom

“Sensitive Subjects: Writing About the Hard Stuff”

Presented by: Rhonda Lauritzen

Writing life stories that contain adversity can heal and inspire, but make sure you are sending time capsules and not time bombs. If you discover troubling family history, learn how to write with empathy and to paint a picture of context. If you approach family dynamics with sensitivity and love, your memoir, life story, or family history can be a source of strength (not drive a wedge).

Rhonda Lauritzen is a professional biographer with multiple published books. She believes that when you tell your story, it changes the ending and this is why her passion is teaching, coaching clients, and presenting at conferences. Ms. Lauritzen specializes in writing life stories, collecting oral history, and historical storytelling. Before she founded [Evalogue Life](#), she served as a college Vice President and a corporate CEO.

Join us on 10 November by registering [here](#) or go to our website to register.

October Meeting Recap

“Sons of the American Revolution” was presented at our October meeting by Bill Wheeler. His presentation was to educate about the history and goals of SAR and share about the resources SAR has for researching Revolutionary patriots. Member, or non-member, you can access these records for your own research.

As current President of the Chicago SAR chapter and active in the state level as well, Bill was able to share the application process and also to encourage everyone on the importance of accessing the website <https://sarpatriots.org> for further research. Everyone, male or female, can access the site and create an account. From there you can look up Revolutionary patriots, current and former members, and order application.

Membership is open to any male that can prove descendancy of a Revolutionary War patriot. SAR is a national society, in existence since 1889.

If you are an MCIGS member, you can access the handouts for this presentation on our website. If you have a Revolutionary War veteran in your family history, you should certainly check out the SAR site.



From the President...

As I sat down to write this article, I decided to take advantage of what is likely to be one of the last truly beautiful fall days and move my “desk” out to my front deck. The days are certainly getting shorter, and the weather is getting cooler, all confirming the fall season is upon us.



Your board is working on next year’s programs which will be hybrid meetings for the most part, with in-person options for those who live close enough to do that. We will be meeting at McHenry County College as before, but in a slightly different area. These in-person opportunities will begin in February. While we were all at home during COVID, the college was busy remodeling! Please watch the newsletter for more details as we get closer to February.

We are also getting organized for our Annual Summer Conference in July. Please stay tuned for more information on that.

November is our annual meeting, and we will be holding elections. If you are interested in joining the board in some capacity, let us know. We can

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always use committee members to help with the functions of the board. Your commitment can be as short as an hour a month, or several hours, depending on activity and your availability. Every person/volunteer is important regardless of time involved.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We often reflect on family traditions at this time of the year. We also reflect on our holiday memories, both good and bad. Who hasn't had a failed menu item?! While you're getting ready for the upcoming holidays, it might be nice to sit down and write about them. You could share with others at the Thanksgiving table this year. The younger generation would probably be excited to hear about things the older generations remember and to give insight to those no longer with us.

In closing, I want to take a moment to genuinely acknowledge and thank each and every MCIIGS board member and committee members. Our board members demonstrate kindness, knowledge, and humor at our board meetings each month, along with working through a pretty full agenda as well.

I wish there was a way for our membership to see how well our board works together and the great work that is done each month. If you are an MCIIGS member you are welcome to attend any and all board meetings. We laugh, we discuss, we plan, and then we usually laugh some more. I am thankful that I get to team up with these folks every month, and to them, I say, THANK YOU.

Laurie Stage, President

November Election

Our bylaws require us to submit the proposed slate of officers for the next term (2023). Election will take place electronically at the November meeting.

President	Laurie Stage
1 st Vice President	
Programs	Sue Durbin
2 nd Vice President	
Membership	Bill Wheeler
Secretary	Craig Pfannkuche
Directors:	Nancy Gaynor
	Mike Reall

Upcoming Events

(V) – virtual events; (H) – hybrid events (P) – in person events. All events are in CT. Please check with society for more details.

1 November, Tuesday, 9:30 AM (H), Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL
info@elginroots.com

5 November, Saturday, 1:30 PM, (P) Winnebago-Boone Counties Genealogical Society, Spring Creek United Church of Christ, 4500 Spring Creek Road, Rockford, IL. “Personal Research Stories,” with Lynell Cannell and Diane Schoppe McCue.
wbcgensociety@gmail.com .

7 November, Monday, 7 PM, (V). Chicago Genealogical Society, “How Maximize Your Search Using Fold3” with presenter Elizabeth Hodges. Register: chicagogenealogy.org/event-4896182

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15 November, Tuesday, 7 PM (H) – Lake County Genealogical Society, Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois. “Sex, Murder and Genealogy?” Mike Karsen, speaker. Contact the society at lcigs1170@gmail.com.

17 November, Thursday, 7 PM. (H), Elgin Genealogical Society, Gail Borden Public Library District: Main Library, 270 N Grove Ave, Elgin, IL “Going Vital! Birth, Death and Marriage Records”, presenter Suz Bates. Contact society at info@elginroots.com.

17 November, Thursday, 7 PM (P), MCIGS Board Meeting. Contact [president](#) for location details.

Neat Thing I Learned

Contributed by Nancy Gaynor

The New England Historic and Genealogical Society ([NEHGS](#)) recently presented a webinar entitled “Verifying Descent from Salem’s Accused Witches.” It caught my eye as I was recently poking around in [FamilySearch](#) and came across a possible link in my family line to Rebecca Nurse. Her name sounded familiar and after a bit of thinking I realized it was the connection to the Salem Witch Trials.

David Allen Lambert was the presenter of this session. David’s programs are always well thought out and filled with loads of resources for further research, so this really piqued my interest. While the webinar was free, it was the first time I’ve paid for a syllabus for an online presentation. The fee I paid was well worth it as I received nine pages of terrific information, giving me some ideas for future research.

Witch trials have been documented in Europe starting in 1550 Germany and up to 1645 in England, coming across to America with Alse Young being executed in Connecticut in 1647. In 1648 in Massachusetts Margaret Jones was executed for witchcraft. The Salem trials were in 1692 and by the end of the trials, twenty men and women were put to death.

Resources Mr. Lambert mentioned include:

- At www.americanancestors.org Massachusetts Vital Records to 1620-1850; Massachusetts Probate Files and the periodicals THE ESSEX GENEALOGIST and THE ESSEX ANTIQUARIAN and more.
- Massachusetts State Archives collection on www.familysearch.org includes volume 135/film #2400832 on the Trials.
- The University of Virginia maintains the Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project.

Check your ancestry in 1692-1693 New England. Then compare their location with where the accused were from. Be sure to compare the list of your ancestors with the names of the accused. Don’t just focus on those from Essex County.

We should remember these poor souls. Their only crime was that they were “different” and outliers in a tightly controlled community.



Archives, Libraries, Genealogical and Historical Societies

By Ann L Wells

Doing genealogical research requires that we use a variety of books and documents. We are fortunate that some of these items can be found online., but many, many more are not.

You probably need to make contact with a library, archives, historical or genealogical society to view what they have available. They will advise as to feasibility of doing what you need, how much they will charge you and about how long it will take to forward to you the necessary items. You may find an in-person visit will be more helpful than allowing someone else to do your research. Be sure to contact depository to determine opening hours, fees to access, and what is allowed in the research center. Make contact before you go so you know what's what.

Genealogy societies may have collections and sources found nowhere else. As many genealogy societies do not have their own libraries, you'll find these collections in other libraries, usually public. Many libraries have limited space, so what you need or are interested in may be in storage and the holding facility needs a few days advance notice to get the items for you. A genealogy society's collection may be very focused on area it serves or be broader in scope.

Historical societies are more likely to house collections and materials pertaining to the area, whether it is city, county, state, or country. They may be even more focused – such as farmers in an area or an ethnicity. Chances are these materials will not be found elsewhere.

Archives, by description, file, collect and preserve. It may be documents, photos, or maybe quilts, mechanical items, or even airplanes. They usually

have a focus on what they collect and generally don't loan out or exchange items with other depositories, other than a display someplace. The archives may assist you in your research or will indicate who you can hire to do so, or if you are within traveling distance, you may want to explore for yourself.

Many libraries, archives, societies, and museums have an online presence and that is where you should start. Discover what they have and if what they have will help you with your research. Some may participate in Inter-Library Loan. Check with your local library and they will initiate a search for you.

One way to stay in touch with your research area is to join a genealogical or historical society. Joining may allow for free researching or a discount, online or in person, and some sort of periodical. Some groups have a member's area online that will give you more information, access to books and records.

Finding a society or museum or a collection you are interested in is as easy as Googling "My county (city, state) genealogical society." Make Google your best research friend! If you find a book you are interested in, but the holder doesn't participate in Inter-Library Loan, you might try going to [WorldCat](#) and see if the book is available closer to you. Older books may be found on [Hathitrust](#), [Jstor](#), or [FamilySearch](#).

You may need to hire a researcher to access the information you are after. Your local society may have a list of local researchers, or you might try [APG](#) and look for a researcher there.

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DEATH INDEX

The following index is from St. Mary's Catholic Church in McHenry of all the funerals conducted there between the late 1890's to 1959. Burial may or may not have taken place in St. Mary's Cemetery. This extract will be continued for the next several issues.

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Justen, John R	59 years	12 February 1957	137
Justen, Joseph	2 years	17 May 1902	13
Justen, Joseph	36 yrs, 4 mos, 23 days	22 March 1908	20
Justen, Joseph	86 yrs	1 March 1936	79
Justen, Karl Jos.	7 yrs, 4 mos, 2 days	5 August 1899	9
Justen, Mary	73 yrs	13 February 1935	77
Justen, Michael	73 yrs	27 January 1957	140
Justen, Michael	72 yrs, 1 mo., 28 days	30 March 1919	41
Justen, Nic. P.	80 yrs	20 December 1951	119
Justen, Olice C	2 mos	10 April 1922	48
Justen, Rose	62 yrs	15 July 1943	96
Justen, Stephen	82 yrs	21 December 1951	140
Justen, Susanna	65 yrs	31 August 19116	36
Justen, Wm.	63 yrs	8 February 1955	129
Kaiser, Frank G	75 yrs	10 July 1945	102
Kaiser, Frank J	46 yrs	6 October 1953	125
Kaiser, Maria T	50 yrs	25 April 1935	78
Kaiser, Teresa	79 yrs	9 December 1918	39
Karges, Lorenz Peter	5 mos, 3 days	1 February 1909	23
Karges, Maria	60 yrs, 4 mos, 7 days	7 September 1912	31
Karls, Anna	74 yrs, 6 mos	28 April 1942	92
Karls, Carl	28 yrs	25 November 1917	37
Karls, Christine	43 yrs	28 December 1942	94
Karls, Edith	48 yrs	8 April 1946	103
Karls, Fred	64 yrs	26 September 1931	68
Karls, John	51 yrs	13 August 1942	93
Karls, Maria	67 yrs	9 January 1899	9
Karls, Paul	52 yrs	7 November 1959	147
Kempfer, Maria	58 yrs	28 July 1947	107
Kempmeirn, Christina B	67 yrs, 8 mos, 18 days	17 July 1916	35
Kennebeck, Darlene	34 yrs	9 August 1955	131
Kennebeck, Emma	65 yrs	6 July 1932	69
Kennebeck, Harold J	2 yrs, 1 mos, 4 days	12 March 1919	40
Kennebeck, Heinrich	46 yrs, 16 days	7 February 1911	27

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Kennebeck, John	65 yrs	7 January 1928	61
Kennebeck, Joseph	18 mos.	4 October 1902	14
Kennebeck, Laura	63 yrs	27 March 1955	130
Kennebeck, Mary	1 day	6 November 1934	76
Kennebeck, Nicholas	60 yrs	3 July 1947	80
Kennebeck, Robert	2 days	14 July 1936	80
Kent, Mervin J	42 yrs	21 May 1939	86
Kent, Roy A	47 yrs	30 September 1951	119
Kerrigan, Michael	72 yrs	12 September 1956	135
King, John	81 yrs	13 December 1936	80
Klapperich, Lena	59 yrs	13 December 1954	129
Klapperich, Rita Agnes	5 days	7 April 1930	66
Klapperich, Susanna	65 yrs	31 August 1916	36
Klein, John	86 yrs	20 December 1928	62
Kleinhans, Ottilia	82 yrs	22 November 1957	140
Kloeckner, Joseph	69 yrs	16 October 1957	139
Knox, Eva	33 yrs	4 February 1932	69
Koening, Joseph	43 yrs	22 November 1957	140
Koerber, Mary	72 yrs	3 March 1953	123
Konig, Joseph	58 yrs	31 December 1943	98
Kosmann, Anna Maria	99 yrs	20 October 1916	36
Krause, Barbara	76 yrs	25 August 1959	146
Kreutz, Mary A	82 yrs, 6 mos	6 February 1955	129
Kuhlmann, Franz	90 yrs, 4 mos, 23 days	3 February 1898	7
Kuhn, Katharina	81 yrs, 7 mos, 13 days	29 March 1909	23
Kuhnert, Charles	91 yrs	17 August 1942	93
Kunz, Albert	30 yrs	29 January 1927	58
Kunz, Gertrude	33 yrs	22 December 1927	60
Landgren, Donna May	2 yrs	15 May 1933	72
Laures, Bernard	45 yrs	9 December 190_	18
Laures, Elizabeth	76 yrs	20 June 1944	100
Laures, Vera	52 yrs	3 June 1948	108
Lawrence, Abe	85 yrs	20 July 1945	102
Lawrence, Barbara	84 yrs	6 September 1947	106
Lawrence, Katharina	56 yrs, 8 mos, 10 days	10 April 1908	20
Lawrence, Susan	81 yrs	19 June 1959	145
Lehu, Phillip	0 yrs	19 March 1930	66
Leickem, Katharina	69 yrs	31 August 1913	33

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Lesch, Helena	66 yrs	10 April 1903	15
Levand, Debra Ann	10 mos	16 June 1958	142
Long, Leota	47 yrs	20 June 1957	138
Long, Margaret	86 yrs	28 June 1956	134
LaKaff, John Peter	72 yrs	21 February 1956	132
Malicki, Emmy	68 yrs	22 May 1957	137
Manning, Donald H	1 day	16 May 1958	142
Mannix, Wm (Rev)	42 yrs	15 November 1948	110
Martin, Nicholaus	57 yrs	20 December 1913	34
Martin, Raymond	54 yrs	27 October 1952	121
Martin, Robert	25 yrs	4 September 1921	46
Matchen, Appolonia	75 yrs	7 July 1957	138
Matchen, Geneveve	39 yrs	27 October 1954	128
Matchen, John	65 yrs	9 January 1949	111
Matchen, Mary Kay	3 yrs	23 October 1949	113
Mathey, Josephine	64 yrs	21 July 1959	147
Mauch, Rosalia	75 yrs	17 June 1950	115
May, Elizabeth	95 yrs	30 June 1937	82
May, Helen	74 yrs	27 February 1950	114
May, Joseph	62 yrs	16 January 1933	71
May, Margaret	69 yrs	9 February 1943	95
May, Martin	61 yrs	20 April 1932	69
May, Mary	83 yrs	23 May 1953	124
May, Robert Thomas	1 day	5 June 1934	75
Mayfield, Gerald	41 yrs	11 December 1958	143
Meissen, Katharina	94 yrs, 1 mo, 7 days	27 April 1910	25
Mendyr, Mike	58 yrs	3 March 1953	123
Mersure, Thomas	49 yrs	7 September 1957	139
Mertes, William	56 yrs	25 August 1959	146
Meyer, Anna	63 yrs	9 August 1944	101
Meyer, John	45 yrs	28 September 1924	53
Meyers, Anna	42 yrs	3 October 1933	72
Meyers, Catharina	66 yrs	6 July 1930	67
Meyers, Edward	42 yrs	30 November 1947	107
Meyers, Henry	82 yrs	7 October 1938	85
Meyers, Leo	36 yrs	22 April 1936	79
Meyers, Nicholas	40 yrs	30 November 1932	70
Michels, Hubert	77 yrs	16 May 1934	74

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