



# Connections

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### ***Comparing the Genealogy Big Four: Ancestry, FamilySearch, FindMyPast, and MyHeritage Program***

Everyone has heard of Ancestry, but there are some other big databases for genealogy research. They all share search capabilities as well as have their own unique merits. Learn “the good, the bad and the ugly” about the Big Four – Ancestry, FamilySearch, FindMyPast and MyHeritage. Learning about these databases will help you target your research. All of them have Library editions (free access) in addition to their subscriptions.

Caron Primas Brennan loves history, biography, puzzles and a good mystery, which makes her perfectly suited to genealogy research! She has been speaking at libraries and genealogical societies for over ten years with consistently excellent

feedback. A 6th grade school project got her interested in researching her own family tree.

Caron belongs to several local and regional genealogy groups as well as being a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and a Professional Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She is currently Society Liaison for the Illinois State Genealogical Society; Facilitator for the Chicago Region of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and Web Master for the Chicago Genealogical Society. She previously held Board positions at the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Chicago Genealogical Society and CAGGNI (the Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois). Caron Primas Brennan blogs as [Your Cousin Caron](#).

**Register** to join us on 10 September 2020 for our monthly meeting via Zoom.

<https://tinyurl.com/mcigsseptember2020>

Meeting begins at 7 p.m. CDT. (5 p.m. PDT; 8 p.m. EDT)

Or go to our website – [mcigs.org](http://mcigs.org) to register. .

## Upcoming Events

**These are all Zoom events. You can join from anywhere.**

**1 September 2020**, Tuesday – Elgin Genealogical Society – 9:30 a.m. **Mayflower - 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Landing at Plymouth Rock.** Log in information from [info@elginroots.com](mailto:info@elginroots.com)

**8 September 2020** – Tuesday – Lake County Genealogical Society – 7:00 p.m. **The Latest News in Chicago Vital Records.** Log in information from [LCIGS1170@gmail.com](mailto:LCIGS1170@gmail.com).

**10 September 2020** – Thursday – MCIGS, 7 p.m. See page one

**11 September 2020** – Friday – 5 pm - Cary Public Library - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual After Hours. **Will Your Research End Up in the Dust Bin?** Registration: <https://caryllibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=18572&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2020/09/01>

**12 September 2020** – Saturday – Chicago Genealogical Society – 1:30 p.m. **The Art of Negative-Space Research: Women.** Registration: <https://www.chicagogenealogy.org/event-3929737/Registration>

**17 September 2020**, Thursday, - Elgin Genealogical Society – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Polish Research -Using Metryki & Geneteka Databases.** Log in information from [info@elginroots.com](mailto:info@elginroots.com).

### DID YOU KNOW?

Ancestry.com, library version, is free through your local library until 30 September? Check your library for details.

## QUERIES

In response to Lisa O'Shea's query last month, member Arlyn Booth checked at the McHenry County Historical Society's library and reports: Blivens Mills became Spring Grove, which is in both Richmond and Burton Townships. The files for these two townships had nothing on the families.

The 1860 Federal Census shows that there were 187 people of Scottish birth in the county. The breakdown is as follows:

Alden, 1; Algonquin, 19; Burton, 4; Chemung, 10; Coral, 14; Dorr, 26; Dunham, 5; Grafton, 7; Hartland, 10; Hebron, 5; Marengo, 22; McHenry, 1; Nunda, 15; Richmond, 25; Riley, 9; Seneca 13, and Woodstock, 1.

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### *Upcoming MCIGS Meetings*

October 8 – Tina Beard "Try-it Illinois" - Learn about the database offerings the State of Illinois makes available through the months of October and November.

November 12 – Ginger Frere - "Telling the Story with Maps: Maps of Early Illinois and Where to Find Them" Maps are an essential part of genealogical research. Learn how to incorporate them in your research.

**BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM.**

Ever wonder if there was a FaceBook page for where you are researching? Thinking of interviewing a family member, but need question ideas? Or, maybe you need a good genealogical mystery to read.

Answers to these and other questions can be found at Social Media Genealogy:  
<https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/genealogy-on-facebook-august-2020.pdf>



## Bits and Pieces

### *A Hundred Years Ago -*

Confirmations on 5 September 1920 at Swedish Mission Church: Conrad Siren, Eleanor Nelson, Bromwell Johnson, Frank Bergquist, Irene Bergquist, Laurence Nelson, Evan Johnson, Mabel Carlson, Hulda Bergman, Florence Naslund, Esther Berg and Ranus Lundquist *from Crystal Lake Herald, 9 September 1920*

**Marriage Licenses** taken out as of 9 September 1920:

Cecil Ostrum, 24, Harvard and Ida Krause, 20, Harvard

Joseph J Bennett, 37, Elgin and Irene Childs, 37, Elgin

Fred G Goldner, 21, Chicago and Marjorie Harris, 18, Chicago

Roy Merchant, 31, Ringwood and Mabel Krohn, 24, Ringwood

Ralph L Clark, 25, Harvard and Ruth L Bauder, 21, Harvard

Geo H Tormly, 45, Chicago and Eunice C Dalquist, 38, Chicago

Arthur J Tyner, 24, Harvard and Edna Johnson, 22, Clinton junction

Frank C Abraham, 28, Union and Clara Myers, 25 Union

Harry A Basely, 27, Union and Anna Winkelman, 25, Marengo

Elroy H Snow, 23, Madison and Erma Schuett, 19 Madison *from Crystal Lake Herald, 16 September 1920*

### **Real Estate Transfers as of 23 September 1920:**

Peter Niesen and wife et al to Charles F Schroeder - Lots 3 and 4, Elam's Found Mile Water, \$10

Fred A Cooley and wife to McHenry Farmers' Co-operative Assn., part SW ¼ Sec 26, Township 45, Range 8, \$1

August Prochaska and wife to August and Emily Prokop, Lot 3, Block 1, Shannon Creek Subdivision \$10

Charles T Allen and wife et al to Ernest F Wendell, Lot 53, Root Springs Subdivision, \$500

Emily Suchy to William and Elsie Lasch, Lot 10, Block 3, Wearver's Addition, Cary, \$2500

Anton Jensen and wife to H and Anna Hubowicz, Lot 10, Block 2, Baldwins' 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Cary, \$1650

Marie Vorisek and husband to Charles and Mary Henzel, Lot 14, Vorisek's Subdivision, \$375

Frances D Hasting to Burton A Stevens, Lot 13, Assessor's Plat, Spring Grove, \$2400

*from Crystal Lake Herald, 23 September 1920*

