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### ***Upcoming Meeting*** ***Thursday, 8 September 2022*** ***7 PM CDT via Zoom***

"Daughters and Children  
of the  
American Revolution"

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Nagy, MD PLCGS

Dr. Nagy will talk about the benefits of joining D.A.R or C.A.R., as well as how to find an ancestor and fill out the application.

Kimberly Nagy MD PLCGS has been working on her own genealogy for 40 years. She recently retired from a career as a Trauma Surgeon and has begun her second career as a Professional Genealogist. Dr. Nagy is active in several lineage organizations and has held leadership positions at the local, state, and national levels. Her favorite office is that of Registrar which involved assisting prospective members with their lineage applications. Kimberly has also served as the National Registrar for several organizations and is well versed in what comprises a successful application.

### *In Sympathy*

Our condolences to Jan Polep and family on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather, Steve Polep, on 10 August 2022. Jan was our recent Program Chair and Steve was a member of MCIGS.

## August Meeting Recap

Contributed by Nancy Gaynor

Immigrants of the Great Migration with David Allen Lambert was August's topic. He packs a lot of information into his presentations. Mr. Lambert is the Chief Genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society/NEHGS and has been on the staff since 1993. His areas of expertise include New England and Atlantic Canadian records, military records, and Native American and African American research. We benefited on Thursday!

Mr. Lambert began his presentation by discussing the history of the early settlement of Early America. Immigration started slowly with spikes in 1628-1630 and 1633-1639, with numbers of immigrants leveling off and stabilizing to a steady flow. These settlers typically stuck to the coastline. There were settlements inland along the main rivers. He shared a map of "America" dated 1675 from Lois Kimball Matthews' book The Spread of New England Settlement and Institutions to the Mississippi River 1620-1865. (This book is available on Internet Archive at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)) The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research by Rhonda R. McClure, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition, is an excellent guide to the states and towns in New England, going as far as to indicate the "Parent" and "daughter" towns of a locale.

Currently, The Cary and Ela Public Libraries have this volume in their circulating collections. [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org) the website for NEHGS, offers town guides which contain much of the same information as in the above Handbook. Also mentioned was the resource Historical Data

Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts. This can be found on Internet Archive.

Many sources for New England research were mentioned and noted in the syllabus. I will just highlight a few here.

A first stop should include an [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org) deep dive. NEHGS has been pivotal in collecting, studying, and disseminating records from the New England states. The Great Migration Study Project is a fantastic example of this scholarly research. Started in 1988, Robert Charles Anderson created biographical sketches of people found in early records. Now numbering 13 volumes, these sketches are also searchable on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org). Persons in these books had to arrive by the end of 1635, appearing in some kind of record before May 1636.

The Early New England Families project examines the lives of New Englanders from 1641-1700 using a variety of resources. Now numbering 2 volumes, this uses Clarence Almon Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700 as a guide. The families mentioned in Torrey, have been thoroughly researched and their biographies have citations to other resources which are noted in the detailed citations.

Finding our ancestors when they first came to this country is always a goal. Unfortunately, passenger lists don't typically exist for our Early American ancestors. There are some London Port Books, which can be located on Find My Past. Land records may be the best way to deduce when someone arrived. Land ownership was the goal of many immigrants. Lists of "freemen," court and church records, probate and more fill out the list of resources you should examine when trying to fill out the life of your early ancestors.



***From the President...*** Can you believe that it's already September? While some days seem to pass quicker than others, I can't believe how quickly this entire year seems to be going by. Before you know it, fall will be upon us. I hope you're getting ready for some Pumpkin Spice Latte's.

Before we bring on the pumpkin, we might want to reflect on our Labor Day Holiday. Did you know that Congress passed an act on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1894 dedicating the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September to celebrate the holiday. The intention was to pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. Check out the Department of Labor website [here](#) for more interesting facts and history to this holiday.

I come from a family with wide vocational histories, and I bet we all have some family members with interesting jobs too. On a personal level, I love to be out boating on the water, and I have learned that I have several ship builders from way back in the day. I wonder if that's where my love of water comes from!

Please find our question of the month section in this newsletter, we're asking about unique job titles your family members have had. I'd like to share your responses in our October newsletter.

The fall can be a wonderful time to squeeze in some last-minute research before it gets too cold, especially here in the mid-west, if you have to spend some time walking around in cemeteries! I encourage all of us to take a look through our research and find a destination for a quick getaway. Think how good it will feel to cross a few things off the "to-do" list.

Did you know that MCIGS is run totally by volunteers? Maybe you've seen my comments in the past regarding volunteers, but we really could use some assistance on the board. Asking for help isn't easy, and I know that folks are truly busy, but some of you may see that you have a smidgen of time available and would like to help support the MCIGS board. If you are a regular attendee of the general meetings and have one more Thursday free, please think about joining us and sharing your thoughts and ideas with us. Email me if you think you're interested ([laurie.stage@mcigs.org](mailto:laurie.stage@mcigs.org)).

I'm saddened to say good-bye to summer, but truly looking forward to the fall season. I hope you all are too!

## ***Upcoming Events***

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

**8 September**, Thursday, 3 PM (P), McHenry County Historical Society, 6422 Main Street, Union, IL, Celebrate the 40th anniversary of its research library. [info@mchenrycountyhistory.org](mailto:info@mchenrycountyhistory.org)

**8 September**, Thursday, 7 PM (V), McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society "Daughters and Children of the American Revolution" Dr. Kimberly Nagy. Register: [here](#).

**10 September**, Saturday, 1:30 PM (P)- Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society, 4500 Spring Creek Road, Rockford IL "After You're Gone- Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research (Pre-recorded). Presented by Thomas MacEntee. Register: [wbcgensociety@gmail.com](mailto:wbcgensociety@gmail.com)

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**13 September**, Tuesday, 7 PM (P)-Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society. Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Dr, Vernon Hills, IL 60060 . “Going Digital: Photo Management for Genealogists,” presented by Caron Primas Brennan. [LCIGS1170@gmail.com](mailto:LCIGS1170@gmail.com)

**17 September**, Saturday, 5 PM & 7 PM (P) – W. A. McConnell Foundation; Richmond Cemetery, Broadway near McConnell St. “Historic Cemetery Tour” [www.wamcconnellfoundation.org](http://www.wamcconnellfoundation.org) .

## *Meet Our Volunteers*



Craig Pfannkuche has been a member of MCIGS over the years and this year became our “Look Up Volunteer.” If you order a copy of an article or need a quick answer to a question, Craig will be the man in charge of that.

Because of his interesting last name, Craig has been researching his own family's history with good success. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. His Master's thesis dealt with the history of central Lee County, Illinois. A resident of McHenry County for most of his life, he is now, at age 80, a happily retired high school American history instructor. He maintains his interest in American history, both national and local, by being a researcher for the McHenry County Historical Society, the archivist for the Chicago and North Western Railroad Historical Society and the Corresponding Secretary of the Chicago Genealogical Society.

## *Thank You!*

The MCIGS board reluctantly accepted Jan Polep's resignation from her position as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Program Chairperson in July. Jan has been on the MCIGS Board longer than many of us. Jan is such a kind, talented, special person! Jan's work with the board included getting fabulous speakers for our monthly meetings, managing the food options for our yearly conference at MCC, and attending the monthly board meetings. Jan has a special knack for making folks feel essential and valued and she always has a smile and a kind word for those she comes in contact with. We will miss Jan as we always appreciated her input and support of all. We wish Jan well and feel lucky that we will collaborate with her again at our summer conference.

## *Book Review*

*The Foundlings: A Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist Story*, author Nathan Dylan Goodwin, pub. 2021. Available from Amazon.

Situated in England, Morton Farrier has six days to bring together the family information of three family members, which includes his half-aunt. The holidays are looming with a visit to his half-aunt for the holidays and he's using his time to tidy up the bits and pieces of research that have, of course, opened up other questions. He expertly explains the usefulness of the various records, assumptions that are made and what he hopes to find and how he forges ahead.

As always, this book is a page-turner. It can be read as a stand-alone book, but you should definitely read all the others. You'll be hooked!

## *Our Ancestor's Lives...*

These items are from:

*Harvard (Illinois) Herald*, Friday, 5 September 1890,  
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Another boy at Thomas O'Holleran's.

Chet Bingham is spending a week at Waukegan.

Miss Bell O'Brien is visiting in Chicago this week.

John O'Brien has a nice visit at McHenry recently.

Geo. Holland visited at Mr. Anstin's on the Island last week.

F. H. Welton, of Genoa Junction, spent last Sabbath in Alden.

E. S. Smith attended the races at Woodstock last week Friday.

Dr. Williams, a Chicago evangelist, will begin a series of religious meetings in a tent adjoining the Armory next Sunday evening.

The Chic Perkins Dramatic Company, who played here last week, are this week holding forth at the Riverside House, East McHenry.

Verne Wright, son of Hon A. S. Wright, expects to soon begin reading law in the office of Brown & Knight, leading Chicago attorneys.

Ed Friend will commence an apprenticeship in the *Sentinel* office next week. Ed is a persevering young man and will make a good printer, we opine.

Arthur Wetlauffer leaves this week for Dixon, Ill., to attend school.

Daniel Hall, of Lansing, Mich., visited at J M Leland's last week.

Mrs. Hogan, of Harvard, was visiting at W W Brandow's last Monday.

Mrs. Merriam, of Geneva, visited her daughter, Mrs. R J Fuller, last week.

Mrs. F Wyant and daughter, of Austin, are visiting at J M Leland's this week.

The scarlet fever patients at James Scott's are convalescing as fast as could be expected.

Asad Udell, of Harvard, was at C L Kingsley's last week trying to purchase a small horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith, of Harvard, visited their children in this place last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Munson, recently from Florida, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Cutter, of this place.

Prof. Watson and wife are here endeavoring to start a class in painting. He is an artist of high rank and should find no difficulty in securing a large class. He is also proficient in the French language and is desirous of establishing a class for instruction in this language.

Horace Taylor, a resident of Woodstock, met with a sad accident at the Fair grounds on Friday afternoon. He was crossing the racetrack upon which the horses were trotting when a trill of the sulky struck him, breaking two of his ribs and injuring him internally. It was at first thought that he could not survive but he is now on a fair road to recovery.

School in Big Foot commenced Monday with 31 scholars enrolled, under the direction of Miss Emma Chesbro.

A M Leland and a friend from Chicago went to Lake Geneva last week Tuesday in search of fish.

Mrs. Satterfield and Nellie Giles drove to Geneva Junction last Monday to visit Mrs. Frank Welton.

### ***This Month's Question:***

What unique occupations have you found in your genealogical research? Reply to:

<https://bit.ly/MCIGSQuery8>

**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 in the next several issues.*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE AT DEATH</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>PAGE #</b>
Britz, Baby	0	-	42
Britz, Peter	45 yrs	17 January 1920	42
Brown, Mathias	71 yrs	6 September 1956	135
Brown, Peter J	69 yrs	16 April 1950	115
Buch, Catharina	74 yrs	7 June 1904	16
Buch, Henry E	63 yrs	26 March 1950	115
Buch, John J	78 yrs	20 October 1937	83
Buch, Joseph	64 yrs, 5 mos, 6 days	28 June 1898	8
Buch, Lucia E	51 yrs, 9 mos, 20 days	3 March 1913	32
Buhr, Anna Maria	77 yrs, 11 mos	9 November 1912	11
Buss, Bernard	0	4 March 1904	16
Buss, Bernard	48 yrs, 4 mos, 10 days	16 December 1918	31
Buss, Bernard	7 yrs	26 June 1897	5
Buss, Catharina	40 yrs	10 December 1906	18
Buss, Elisabeth	8 yrs	26 June 1897	5
Buss, Elizabeth	78 yrs	29 December 1920	44
Buss, Elizabeth	77 yrs	29 December 1943	98
Frances	21 yrs	11 July 1908	21
Helena	18 yrs	7 March 1897	5
Caspers, Emma	56 yrs	9 August 1944	101
Chelini, Benedict	69 yrs	10 August 1957	139
Classen, Maria Catharina	56 yrs, 6 mos	25 April 1896	3
Classen, Nicolaus	20 yrs, 4 mos, 29 days	19 April 1900	10
Cluever, Ann	82 yrs	12 April 1956	133
Connelly, Harry J	72 yrs	26 November 1959	147
Cooley, Maria Ann	0	8 January 1938	84
Cooney, Calista	53 yrs	18 January 1950	114
Cooney, Daniel	28 yrs	31 May 1954	127
Cossmann, Henry	64 yrs	2 May 1944	99
Crane, James Orton	43 yrs	1 January 1949	111
Crawford, Sylvia	37 yrs	22 December 1946	105
Degen, Arline M	5 yrs	26 September 1922	49
Degen, Helen	77 yrs	16 September 1940	89
Degen, Henry	71 yrs	23 April 1928	61
Deshow, Mary	38 yrs	18 June 1956	134
Deiderich, Anna	85 yrs	8 September 1941	91

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Deiderich, Arthur	38 yrs	30 August 1948	109
Diederich, Joseph	85 yrs	26 July 1943	96
Diederich, Katherine	74 yrs	23 September 1942	93
Diedrich, Jacob M	71 yrs	4 February 1945	101
Diedrich, Maria	88 yrs, 1 mo, 5 days	13 April 1921	45
Diedrich, Susanna	12 yrs, 8 mos	4 February 1910	24
Distler, John	82 yrs	6 September 1934	75
Distler, Margaret	81 yrs	23 October 1934	76
Dommermuth, Rev. William M	54 yrs	25 October 1934	76
Dormeyer, Julia	69 yrs	18 August 1941	91
Dowe, Christina	82 yrs	21 November 1952	122
Dowe, George	71 yrs	17 February 1950	114
Dowe, Henry B	81 yrs	1 December 1952	122
Doyle, Michael John	63 yrs	8 December 1954	129
Drahn, Helena	70 yrs	16 November 1903	15
Dudy, Ina Mary	30 yrs	27 June 1951	118
Durland, Harry E	66 yrs	26 April 1949	112
DeGrave, Ellen	74 yrs	2 November 1952	121
Engel, Barbara	96 yrs, 6 mos	10 April 1950	115
Engeln, Anton	72 yrs	23 April 1918	37
Engeln, Elisabeth	63 yrs, 3 mos, 18 days	11 November 1911	29
Engeln, Joseph	0	8 April 19138	84
Engeln, Josephina	22 yrs, 2 mos, 3 days	3 February 1913	32
Engeln, Math.	67 yrs	24 April 1942	92
Engeln, Mathias	66 yrs	20 June 1910	25
Ernst, Joseph	69 yrs	7 July 1939	87
Etten, Lynette Louise	3 days	13 June 1956	134
Etten, Stephan	1 mo, 18 days	17 June 1910	26
Fangweier, Anna	87 yrs	12 June 1958	142
Fegers, Alice	0	10 October 1903	15
Fegers, Wm. C	72 yrs	8 August 1906	18
Fisher, Lorenz	11 days	3 August 1904	16
Flint, Eleanor Mae	18 yrs	4 March 1948	103
Frett, Ferdinand	84 yrs	3 September 1958	128
Freund, Anna	77 yrs	27 December 1958	143
Freund, Anna	72 yrs	5 October 1949	113
Freund, Anna K	69 yrs, 6 mos	30 May 1941	90
Freund, Anton P	65 yrs	20 June 1957	137
Freund, Catharina	76 yrs	28 July 1944	100
Freund, Catharina	71 yrs	18 July 1941	91
Freund, Catharine	80 yrs	24 November 1947	107
Freund, Christina	85 yrs	26 July 1951	118

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Freund, Elizabeth	67 yrs	24 March 1955	130
Freund, Elizabeth	0	18 June 1940	88
Freund, Elmer	49 yrs	19 June 1958	142
Freund, Emily	22 yrs	4 December 1935	78
Freund, Emma K	77 yrs	29 September 1947	107
Freund, Frank J	51 yrs, 6 mos	28 July 1941	91
Freund, George B	72 yrs	19 February 1958	141
Freund, Helen	76 yrs	19 May 1941	90
Freund, Helena	75 yrs, 6 mos	28 July 1941	91
Freund, Henry	25 yrs, 8 mos, 14 days	1 April 1918	37
Freund, Hilda	29 yrs	15 October 1933	73
Freund, Hubert	81 yrs	11 August 1948	109
Freund, Hubert	30 yrs	25 December 1925	55
Freund, Jacob M	78 yrs, 6 mos	27 May 1936	79
Freund, Jerome	9 yrs	1 January 19929	63
Freund, Johann	86 yrs	30 December 1911	30
Freund, Johann E	67 yrs	20 March 1933	71
Freund, Johann S	85 yrs	26 February 1938	84
Freund, John E	67 yrs	6 March 1949	111
Freund, John F	73 yrs, 9 mos	22 July 1923	50
Freund, John P	43 yrs	14 November 1932	70
Freund, Joseph	17 yrs, 3 mos, 25 days	20 August 1919	41
Freund, Joseph W	86 yrs	22 March 1953	123
Freund, Leo P	19 yrs	18 December 1921	47
Freund, M Joseph	61 yrs	4 April 1927	59
Freund, Margaret	63 yrs	1 September 1945	102
Freund, Maria	41 yrs	3 June 1905	17
Freund, Maria Anna	78 yrs	7 October 1947	104
Freund, Martin S	67 yrs	28 January 1930	66
Freund, Math.	0	21 June 1933	72
Freund, Mathias S	84 yrs, 4 mos	4 May 1922	48
Freund, Michael	64 yrs	25 February 1925	54
Freund, Mildred	25 yrs	20 November 1938	85
Freund, Nic N	54 yrs	14 December 1947	107
Freund, Nic F	85 yrs	21 October 1949	113
Freund, Nicolette	5 yrs	11 June 1956	134
Freund, Odo Albert	1 yr, 2 mos, 11 days	9 March 1909	23
Freund, Otilie	25 yrs	3 August 1959	138
Freund, Patricia	1 yr, 2 mos	18 January 1953	123

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