



BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday our November-December meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday evening, December 4. Plan to join us at the BCGS Library at **6:00 p.m.** for a social hour of finger foods before the regular meeting. Please contribute by bringing a family favorite to share buffet style – any finger food from appetizer to dessert or in between.

The program for this meeting, which will begin at the regular time of 7:00 p.m., will focus on several ways to record family history – the kind of history that entails family stories, pictures, and recipes.



BCGS photo - Carol Mc Gee

Monument in Soldiers and Sailors Park across from the Courthouse in Princeton, honoring those who have served their country.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

As is our custom, the BCGS Library will be closed over the Christmas-New Year holiday. Our last regular day will be Friday, December 19, 2008. We will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2009.

If you need to use our library during these two weeks, you may call to make an appointment: 815-879-3133 or 815-303-7386.

Enjoy your holidays, and don't forget to ask family members all those questions you want answers to!

BVHS CLASSES VISIT BCGS

On two recent Wednesdays students from Bureau Valley High School in Manlius arrived at the Bureau County Genealogical Society Library eager to learn more about their ancestors. Teacher Diane Ori brought two groups of freshmen who were doing a unit on family.

Armed with their pedigree charts and assisted by BCGS volunteers, they pored through cemetery records, donated family histories, proof of heirship records, census, newspaper microfilms, and more. Those who had no Bureau County connections used the computers to search online for their families.

The students were amazed at the quantity of material available at our Library and at what they were able to learn. The "lucky" ones were able to go back five or more generations. Microfilm readers and oversize courthouse record books were a new experience for most of them.

We volunteers enjoyed hosting the students, who were pleasant and easy to work with. We thank the following volunteers, several of whom worked both Wednesdays: Bob Allen, Carol Arteberry, Jean Cavada, Joan Ecklund, Dorothy Esterday, Valerie Horras, Jane Jones, Pat Smith, and Esther Tracy.

LIBRARY NEWS

DONATIONS - THANK YOU ! !

- from Maurice Ahlborn Chaffee of Lakewood, CO: an August 2008 revision of "Genealogy of the Descendants of Ingeman John Eckdahl and Anna Jonsdotter in Sweden and America"
- from Patricia Goitein of Peoria, IL: "Her Whole Heart Went Out in Behalf of Freedom, Justice and Education: The early anti-slavery movement along the Galena Trail 1830-1850" ©2003, updated September 2008
- from Bill Diller of Princeton, IL: *Bureau County Fair 1855-2005: 150 Years of Memories of the Bureau County Fair*

VISITING A LIBRARY

As a librarian and a genealogist, I have experiences on both sides of the reference desk. So a few helpful hints from the librarian side.

One of the absolutely best things you can do is bring a completed pedigree chart. It's hard for a librarian to keep your family names (along with dates and places) in her mind while trying to help you. Please bring a chart with you. Many times I have taken notes and drawn a family tree in order to help a patron. It is so much easier to assist a researcher if names, etc. are laid out.

If you are visiting a genealogical society or genealogy library, ask if there is someone who has knowledge in the area of your interest. Finding the right person can really make a difference in your research.

Most public librarians have some knowledge of genealogy, especially since Ancestry's Library Edition is widely available. They will assist as best they can but generally are not experts in the field.

- from Tinley Moraine Genealogists, Sep 2008

[Ed. Note: Our volunteers at BCGS heartily agree, particularly the suggestion of the completed pedigree chart.]

GENEALOGIST'S CODE of ETHICS

In order to protect the integrity of public records and library material, I am ethically bound and hereby agree to the following:

I will treat with the greatest of care and respect all public records and library materials which may be made available for my use.

I will speak with courtesy to all employees of a vital records office or of a public library when requesting to see any vital record or library materials, and that when finished with such a record or material, I shall express my thanks to the person attending to my requests.

I will not tear, erase, mark or remove any public record or library book, and will refrain from mutilating, defacing or otherwise destroying any part of such public record or library material.

When I have finished viewing any public record or library material, I will return it to the proper or designated place.

- from SCCGS Newsletter 31:08 (Sep 2008)

GET THE KIDS INVOLVED

For anyone who works with small children or wants to help children and grandchildren understand their hobby (or profession), activities of a genealogical nature are a must. The following sites help with ideas for activities for children, and can help them discover about their past and help out Mom and Dad, or Grandpa and Grandma, too!

US GenWeb-Kids:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwkidz/

WorldGenWeb for Kids:

www.worldgenweb.org/~wgw4kids/

Genealogy Today, Jr.:

www.genealogytoday.com/junior/

Forms and Documents for Kids:

www.kidsturncentral.com/topics/hobbies/genfor.ms.htm

- from ISGS Vol. 29:5 (Sep/Oct 2008)

[Ed. Note: We have not tested these sites.]

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GENEALOGY RESOURCES BY STATE

Genealogists constantly pore over old records. Of course, the biggest provider of old records in the U.S. is the U.S. Government. The government even maintains a listing of significant record collections available for genealogists. The list also mentions many state and local archives.

You can view the listing at: http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml.

While the listing is online, most of the records listed are not yet online. In most cases, you will have to visit the listed repository to view the record(s) in person. Some have been microfilmed, and some of these records are now appearing on the various online sites: Footnote.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, Ancestry.com, etc.

[My thanks to Sharryn Clark for telling me about this resource.]

CEMETERY VANDALS:

A SLAP ON THE WRIST WON'T CUT IT

Cemetery vandalism is a common problem nearly everywhere. Tombstones are toppled and often destroyed. The perpetrators, if caught, usually get minimal punishments, if any. In a letter to the Editor of the *Marshall Independent* of Marshall, Minnesota, Samantha Barowsky offers a different idea:

This writer would suggest having the perpetrators assist in the clean-up of the cemetery and the repair of the headstones. The offenders might also learn something from doing genealogical research on those who are buried in the cemetery, primarily those whose headstones were vandalized.

You can read Samantha's complete letter at <http://www.marshallindependent.com/page/content.detail/id/505069.html?nav=5072>.

THEY SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

SOLDIERS FROM WAR OF 1812

A recent addition to our collection is *War of 1812 Soldiers Buried in the State of Illinois*, compiled by the Illinois Society, National Society United States Daughters of 1812 ©2008. This book gives the following information for each soldier (if available): Name, Dates of Birth and Death, Wife's Name, Rank, Company, Pension Record Number, County in Illinois, Cemetery, Township, City.

Carol Mc Gee has extracted the names of the Bureau County soldiers from this book.

Anthony, William	Axtell, Aaron
Bennett, George	Blanchard, C.E.
Blood, Leonard	Bostick, Manoah
Boyd, Alexander	Boyd, John
Boyer, A.	Brady, J.
Brainard, ?	Braught, F.M.
Bryant, J.E.	Campbell, Peter
Challacombe, Fred	Chandler, William
Coddington, J.	Durfee, Edward
Enos, Alexander	Fisher, David
Frankeberger, William	
Gates, Ralph I.	Gilbert, Elias
Langworthy, C.L.	Marquis, William
Radcliffe, Daniel	Reynolds, John T.
Rice, Caleb	Robinson, David
Shaw, Daniel	Shugart, John
Sparks, Joseph	Stevens, Lemuel
Stone, Anson R.	Swartout, Frost
Traylor, Jesse	Triplet, James E.
Weston, Joseph	Zearing, John

LIST OF 1840 VETERANS

The following list is from the Bureau County Republican, August 9, 1888, page 1, column 2.

The following is a list of the 1840 veterans in Bureau county, as furnished to Geo. W. Stone, Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee....

PRINCETON

F. Horton	Dr. Wm. Mercer
Adam Gailor	M.G. Loverin
Rev. F. Bascom	Wm. Hewett
John T. Finn	Geo. Crossley
Mich. Swangle	Burach Mercer
Math. Trimble	J.M. Beach
Cyrus Colton	S.S. Ward
Jno. Warfield	H.M. Johnson
C.D. Colton	Isaac Wilson
C.A. Stoner	John Douglass
Peter Salmon	Evan S. Swayne
John Walter	Geo. Ashenfelter
Joseph Morrison	J.S. Everett
Elijah Dee	Andrew Haag
D. Ashenfelter	Perry Piper
Wm. Butts	J.L. Davis
Otis Dunbar	Thos. J. Cooper
E.C. Winship	L. Reeve
Alex Boyd	E.H. Phelps
E. Harris	H.N. Morris
Tracy Reeve	

TISKILWA

John Cole	Wm. C. Hoblett
J.F. Howland	S.D. Crooker
Jno. F. Blake	A.M. Sheldon
L.T. Searl	Seneca Hunter
Alonzo Hebbard	John Halley
C.P. Pembroke	E. Funderbirg
I.V. Rowe	J.M. Dexter
S.N. Barlow	J. Kenney
Lucien Marsh	Wm. Owens
E. Dana	John Comp

NEW BEDFORD

Jas. Martin	Jas. M. Draper
Wm. Martin	Jno. Ross
Chas. McCune	Cyrus Whipple
John Bailey	

MANLIUS

Jno. Hosier	Jac. (?) Anthony
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VETERANS (cont. from page 64)**ARLINGTON**

Nathan Gray	Steph. Cook
F. Minlery	

LIMERICK

R. Childs	Wm. Townsend
Wm. Ramsey	James Ross
S.M. Stewart	W.C. Willey
Paden Bishop	Joseph Lewis

WYANET

N.C. Manross	Jesse Bellard
Jas. Hamrick	M. Thompson

BUDA

E.W. Rice	J.J. Buchan
Rufus Ford	J.F. Boal
Jno. Berkstreser	John Richards
J.B. Stewart	Philip Cooper
E.D. Mosher	F.J. Buchan
J.L. Sweet	G.F. Twineham
Lewis Holmes	J.A. Brown
Thos. Stinson	Leonard Tuttle
Jno. W. Swoap	Benj. Osborn
Levi Mason	Henry Harriman
Orim Hazard	J.F. Hyde
R.J. Knipple	

OHIO

Aaron Kelley	James Spake
Alex Paden	Jacob Ross

NEPONSET

L.R. Winn	A.R. Northrop
Wm. Stevenson	Ezra Stetson
Mynn H. Lee	

LAMOILLE

Jacob Pope	Horris Allen
Hiram Johnson	Augustus Bates
William Decker	R.B. Frary
O.M. Eastman	Chas. Bayard
Chas. Thompson	Hugh Anderson
Robt. Anderson	C.L. Dayton

SHEFFIELD

Wm. Wicks	Chas. Spear
John Wicks	Avery Farnham
Silas Battey	Thos. D. Hughes
David Marple	Nathaniel Boyd
H.H. Dewey	D. L. Stoddard

BUREAU JUNCTION

Niles Borop	N.H. Averill
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LOMBARDVILLE

Thos. Doe

BRADFORD

W. Benjamin

WALNUT

Lyman Sloan	Thos. McDonald
Harrison Cool	James M. Sower
J.S. Marcus	

MINERAL

B. Powell	Orvill Colburn
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MALDEN

Ed. Bass	Ephram Whiting
John Lathrop	M.D. Garten

DEPUE

Ozn. Palmer	Stephen Martin
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DOVER

Sam'l. Mohler	Isaac Conant
H.F. Corey	C.R. Norton
Thos. Hubbard	Chas. Hubbard
Andrew Jay	

LONE TREE

R. Anderson

TAMPICO

Noah J. Hogeboom

NO TOWN GIVEN

Jonathan Corbin	Ephram Whiting
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In order to give our readers some history of the separate areas of Bureau County and how they were settled and developed, we begin a series of articles featuring the townships of the County. This information is taken from *Past and Present of Bureau County*, by George B. Harrington, c1906.

CLARION TOWNSHIP

Clarion, the northeast corner township of Bureau county, is, like LaMoille, a fine agricultural township. The farms are well improved and show evidence of thrift on every hand. The population is largely of German extraction and they are noted for industry, frugality and economy. The first settlers were Timothy Perkins, who came in 1833, Solomon Perkins and Elijah Bevans. The first house built in the township was long occupied by John Hetzler. The A.G. Porter place was first improved by Timothy Perkins. The roof, or at least quite a large part of it, was covered with deer skins, and the doors and windows were also filled with the same material. The township is drained by Bureau and Pike creeks. Joseph Search came in 1834, and Stephen Perkins in 1835. A Mr. Hart also settled on the west side of the grove in 1835. In 1836, J.R. Kendall improved land on section 4, afterward known as the Stanard place. 1837 found John Clapp and Martin Hopp among the arrivals. In 1838 a number of families settled in this township, among them were Joseph Allen, Hiram Johnson, Franklin Walker, Moses Dix, C.L. Dayton, Harvey Childs, Solomon Williams and others. A.G. Porter, David Wells and Theodore Babson were among the very early settlers, also Joseph and Elisha Fassett. It is said, by parties claiming to know, that Mr. James Sampson, who afterwards lived in Amboy, passed through Clarion as early as 1821, on an exploring expedition, his real destination being the Galena lead mines. Several years later he came back on the same route and stopped a short time at what was known as Picayune Grove; this grove received its name from the finding of a skeleton there many years ago, and near it was found a thimble and some thread, also a silver picayune (6¾ cents). There was nothing to identify the body, but from the fact that these things were found

near the remains it was thought that he might have been a tramp tailor, who was either murdered or fell by the wayside. Clarion is noted for having the smallest pauper bill, and also for having the smallest amount of delinquent taxes of any township in the county. The population by census of 1900 was 705. The following named men have served as supervisors:

SUPERVISORS OF CLARION TOWNSHIP

A.G. Porter	1851-52
David Lloyd	1853
David Wells	1854
Milroy McKer	1855-57
A.G. Porter	1858-59
W.K. Bruce	1860
David Lloyd	1861
B. Benton	1862-63
J. Clapp	1864
W.K. Bruce	1865
C.L. Dayton	1866
B. Benton	1867
T. Walker	1868-70
A.G. Porter	1871
Franklin Walker	1872-79
N.F. Moulton	1880-81
Sereno Bridge	1882
C.L. Dayton	1883-89
J.L. Jacoby	1890-92
C. Stamberger	1893-96
Wm. Marriott	1897-98
I.W. Hopps	1899-1900
Wm. Marriott	1901-02
George D. Bauer	1903-06

LA MOILLE TOWNSHIP

LaMoille is one of the best townships in Bureau county. It has an intelligent and progressive citizenship. She has always been an important factor in the affairs of the county. From 1857 to 1898, the township of LaMoille had the honor of furnishing the county trea-

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LAMOILLE (cont. from page 66)
 surer for twenty-five out of the forty-one years. The first settler is supposed to be Daniel Dimmick, who laid a claim a little south of the village on May 19, 1830; this claim was on what was known for a long time as the Collins' farm, and the timber near him was known as Dimmick's Grove. In the fall of this year, Mr. William Hall made a claim where LaMoille is now located; he lived there a little over one year, when he sold to Aaron Gunn, and moved to Indian Creek, in LaSalle county, about twelve miles north of Ottawa, where he, with a part of his family, fell victims of the terrible massacre at that place a short time after his arrival; two of the daughters escaped death, but were carried away prisoners by the Indians. Matson says in his history: "At the commencement of the Black Hawk war, Dimmick left his claim and never returned to it again, and for two years Dimmick's Grove was without inhabitants; the cabin and fences went to decay, and the untilled land grew up in weeds. When Dimmick fled from the grove he left two sows and pigs which increased in a few years to quite a drove of wild hogs that were hunted in the grove years afterwards, and from them some of the early settlers obtained their supply of pork." In 1834, Leonard Roth and David Jones came, in July of this year Jonathan Holbrook and Horace Brown settled at the grove. Perkins' Grove and the LaMoille settlements were so closely united that it is difficult to separate them. In the fall of 1834 Joseph Knox, Greenbury Hall, Moses A. Bowen arrived. In 1835, Benjamin Townsend, Robert Masters and other settlers in and near the immediate vicinity of LaMoille. In 1836 Tracy Reeve and Dr. John Kendall came and bought the Bowen farm and laid it off into lots and gave it the name of Greenfield, but it was afterwards called LaMoille. In 1842 a post-office named Perkins Grove was established, but it was soon discontinued. In 1839 LaMoille was excited over a proposed railroad, and some of the grading was done, but the enter-

prise was never carried out. Among the men who came on the scene a little later should be mentioned R.B. Frary, Elisha Fassett, Ellis Wood, John Crossman, Joseph Allen, James J. Hopkins, and Dr. Daniel Jones. All were citizens of character and ability and will be remembered as men who gave life and stability to that community. LaMoille has had several small manufacturing establishments within her borders. The village of LaMoille was first incorporated as a village under the laws in force prior to 1872, in February 25, 1867, and in 1888 under the laws in force since July 1, 1888. The corporation contained, by the census of 1900, 576 people. It has a fine brick school building well supplied with modern apparatus. The building contains six school rooms and a fine audience hall and was the gift of Mr. Joseph Allen. LaMoille is noted for being in the natural gas belt. Quite a number of her citizens heat and light their houses with this gas. It is a township of thrifty farmers and good homes. The population, including the village of LaMoille, according to the census of 1900, was 1,345; the village numbered 576. This town has been served by the following supervisors:

SUPERVISORS OF LAMOILLE TOWNSHIP

Isaac Norris	1851
Tracy Reeve	1852
Timothy Edwards	1853
Tracy Reeve	1854
R.B. Frary	1855
W.B. Howard	1856
E.W. Fassett	1857
David Hall	1858-59
Tracy Reeve	1860
D. Hall	1861
S. Edwards	1862-63
A.B. Minnerly	1864-65
Z.S. Hills	1866
C.H. Bryant	1867-70
E.W. Fassett	1871
R.B. Frary	1872
E.A. Washburn	1873-75
E.P. Edwards	1876-83

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W.S. Martin	1884-87
A.N. Stevenson	1888-93
George M. White	1894-97
Charles Baird, Jr.	1898-99
L.H. Cass	1900-01
L.M. Perkins	1902-06

OHIO TOWNSHIP

Ohio is a fine example of a prairie township, as it originally contained but little timber land, neither had it many low places; on the contrary, it is high and rolling and possesses a deep rich soil that yields bountiful harvests. One of the oldest landmarks in the county is Dad Joe Grove. Here was the home of Joseph Smith, familiarly known as Dad Joe. His cabin was on the old Galena and Peoria road, and was one of the relay stations where refreshments were served to the travelers and fresh horses were supplied to the old stage coach line that daily passed that way on the trips from the south to the lead mines in the north. This house stood isolated and alone for many years before another home was located within the township, the nearest house being some twelve miles away. If the history of that early resting place could be correctly and truthfully told, no doubt it would reveal many a heart-throb and many a weird scene, for in those days the traveler took no little chance in his long and tedious journeys across these uninhabited prairies. In 1846 Dad Joe sold this place to T.S. Elston.

The second house erected was that of William Cleveland, which was built in 1846, on section 20. Soon after this F.G. Buchan built on section 3. In 1847 some of the Ross family came to Ohio. John and Andrew settled on sections 22 and 27. From this time on the Rosses have been among the prosperous and honored citizens of that community. Ohio was not settled as early as the townships farther south, as the people at that time were afraid of the open prairie and gathered around the groves where they could get fuel and timber for fencing and building purposes, and Ohio being mostly prairie, it was considered too

bleak and unprotected for actual settlement; but after a time some of the more venture-some began to locate upon the treeless acres and they soon found that they were in the garden spot of the state, if not of the globe; for truly we believe there is no richer heritage upon this great round world than that which has fallen to the present generation who live upon the subdued prairies of Illinois. In 1846 William Garton settled up section 36, Leonard Strong on 35, and Aaron Brokaw on 34. In 1848 John Kasbeer settled on the farm he still owns, section 28. D.P. Smith, Isaac Brokaw and Mitchell Shiffles came in 1849. This township has an enterprising and thorough going citizenship, the people have taken advantage of their opportunities and have become independent in their financial affairs. The village of Ohio is located on the Fulton branch of the Burlington railroad. It is an attractive prairie town; the houses and yards are well kept, giving it a thriving and pleasing appearance. It was laid out by Jacob Albrecht in 1871, it being a portion of his farm. He had a desire to have the place bear his own name, but the people preferred the name of Ohio. It was incorporated in 1876 and contained a population in 1900 of 461. The township, including the village, numbered 1,322. The following named men have served as supervisors:

John Ross	1851-54
G.W. Close	1855
Cyrus Wilson	1856
Sterling Pomeroy	1857-59
John Ross	1860
G.A. Dodge	1861-62
J.H. Bolus	1863
J. Ross	1864
D.P. Smith	1865
J.H. Bowles	1866
George Hammer	1867-72
Albert Shifflett	1873
S.B. Lower	1874
D.P. Smith	1875-79
Sterling Pomeroy	1880-86
J. Inks	1887-88
M.R. Dewey	1889
A.S. Walter	1890
W.S. Wilson	1891-1906

SAFEGUARD YOUR FAMILY HISTORY & PICTURES

I mentioned in the Society Update [see page 70] that we recently had 8.4" of rain in one weekend. Shortly afterwards one of our members told us the sad story about many of her genealogical records being damaged by water to such an extent that they had to be discarded. She had traveled overseas to collect many of these documents.

I hope all of you will take the necessary steps to see that this doesn't happen to your valuable records and pictures. We never know when fire or severe weather will occur, but we can minimize the loss of records that would be difficult or impossible to replace.

Keep back-up copies of your most important information on a CD, DVD or flash drive, or in paper form if you do not use a computer. Store this information away from your home in a safe deposit box or with a relative. Take time this winter to do this. If an emergency occurs, you will be thankful you did.

Never store your important papers and pictures in a basement or attic where water, humidity, or extreme temperatures could damage them.

Consider scanning your special pictures so another copy exists. This will also enable you to easily share them with other researchers and relatives.

If you would like to share your ideas on how you have protected your records or pictures, please send your suggestions to us. We will consider printing them in a future newsletter.

Carol Mc Gee

FIRST BUREAU COUNTY JURORS - 1837

- from *Past and Present of Bureau County*, by George B. Harrington, c1906, page 53:

The following names were selected as the first grand jurors in the county:

Jonathan S. Colton	Robert Scott
Moses Trichnor	John Hall
Stephen B. Fellows	David Nickerson
John McElwaine	Tracy Reeve
Aaron Mercer	John Ament
Marshall Mason	Peter Ellis
George Bennett	Cornelius Corss
Elijah Smith	Thornton Cummings
James G. Everett	Roland Mosely
James Howe	Morris Spalding
Robert Clark	Austin Bryant
Amariah Watson	

When the grand jury met, Gilbert Kellums, Lyman Howe, J.H. Olds, Stephen Smith and Mr. Spalding were placed on the jury to fill vacancies.

The following were selected as the first petit jury:

Butler Dunham	James Smith
Brown Searle	Arthur Thornton
James G. Swan	James Seaton
Curtis Williams	Demarcus Ellis
Obediah Britt	James G. Foristals
Henry Thomas	Simson Huffaker
Elias Isaacs	Joseph Fassett
Aquilla Triplett	W.H. Wells
Benjamin Newell	Sampson Cole
Enoch Pratt	Elijah Merritt
Joseph Beelor	Erastus Sherwin
Michael Kitterman	Caleb Cook

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Now \$20.00

Marriage, Birth & Death Information, 1887-1920, from the *LaMoille Gazette*, \$30.00 Value

Now \$20.00

The Complete Name Index to *The Voters and Taxpayers of Bureau Co.* \$15.00 Value

Now \$10.00

Bureau County Directory 1858-1859, Extractions, \$20.00 Value **Now \$15.00**

CALENDAR

February 28, 2009 - "The Mystery of Your Family History," annual conference sponsored by DuPage Co. Genealogical Society, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4070 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL (across from Pheasant Run). Speakers include Jeffrey A. Bockman, Don Litzer, Lesley Martin, Leland Meitzler, and Craig L. Pfannkuche. Some of their topics are "The Witness - An Often Overlooked Source," Allen Co. Public Library (Ft. Wayne, IN), Analyzing Photographs, Tax Records, PERSI, Chicago research, DNA, and more.

Cost (by Feb. 14) is \$40 for DCGS members, \$45 for non-members; after Feb. 14, \$50. For more information, email Dorothy Hansen at DCGSRegistrar@aol.com; visit the web site www.dcgs.org; or call 630-665-6599.

SOCIETY UPDATE

Princeton and the surrounding areas received 8.4" of rain the second weekend of September during our annual Homestead weekend. Needless to say, many of us worked in our own basements cleaning up from water problems. I am glad to report that our society's basement did not have any water. We have had a dry basement for over six years.

It was decided to order a new awning (frame and canvas) to replace the one that was damaged by the bad storm in July. This will cost \$1,840 but \$1,340 will be paid with money received from our insurance policy. The society will pay the balance of \$500.

Currently the top portion of the exterior of our building is to be painted before the new awning is installed.

Our old microfilm reader had problems and required two new parts to be installed. We are glad we have a maintenance agreement which has saved us a lot of money this year.

Our new brochure for the society is being distributed to let more researchers know about our extensive genealogical collection.

We expect our new and improved web site to be available in November.

We have been given permission to copy

funeral home records from the Cherry area and will be adding these to our collection shortly. We are very grateful that so many local funeral homes have allowed us to copy their records. We find these to be very useful to learn death dates and other information.

Recently two high school classes (about 50 students total) visited our library on two different Wednesdays to learn how to start researching their family history. They were assisted by a number of our volunteers, several of whom are retired teachers.

Our learning sessions continued in September and October with more tours to our local cemeteries.

With the changes in the economy, people will most likely be traveling less and doing more things at home. I hope you will seriously think about reviewing your existing family history records and continue to search for new information about your ancestors. I encourage you to use the Internet to do this, but also make the effort to contact the local genealogical societies in the areas where your ancestors lived to get "the rest of the records" and documentation. Your family history will be more complete, interesting and accurate. **Not all the records are on the Internet.**

I want to especially thank the 16 volunteers who work at our society on a regular schedule. They are responsible for making our collection available to researchers four days a week and for doing research for those who cannot visit. They also continually add records to our collection and index them to make them user friendly. Without them we could not operate.

I encourage you to renew your membership so our society can continue to help researchers learn more about their Bureau County ancestors. You will soon receive a separate letter with our renewal form.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming holidays. Please let us know if we can assist you with your research.

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PROGRAM REVIEWS

In August we learned about the beginnings of Bureau County from Putnam County Clerk Dan Kuhn and Jean Berger, who works in that office.

Dan began with a brief history of the county, which was named for Israel Putnam, who fought in the Revolutionary War, including the Battle of Bunker Hill. Putnam is supposedly the source of the quote, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes."

Putnam County was created in 1825, only seven years after Illinois became a state. At that time it included much of northern Illinois. Gradually new counties were split off until now Putnam is the smallest county in the state. The Putnam County government was organized in 1831, just before the Black Hawk War of 1832. Marriage, land, and probate records at the Courthouse in Hennepin begin in 1831.

Noteworthy facts about Putnam County include having the oldest Courthouse in Illinois still in use, dating back to 1839. It is now on the National Historic Register. There was once a college at Mt. Palatine. Putnam County is so rural that there are no stoplights in the county.

Jean then talked about the old documents found recently in the vault. They include petitions with signatures, indentures (possibly these children were being placed in the equivalent of foster homes), permission slips for minors to marry (these are now attached to the appropriate marriage licenses), and miscellaneous estate papers including some with heirship. Most are in excellent condition. She explained how she is preserving them as much as possible. There are 175 boxes of documents with many papers per box. Much work remains, and the Clerk's Office is receiving some financial help from the Putnam County Board.

Dan and Jean brought with them some examples of the old documents, including some related to the formation of Bureau County in 1837, as well as a bounty lands map and Civil War papers. We thank them for helping us learn more about our beginnings.

In September we learned more about the Galena Trail from Patricia Goitein of Peoria. The Trail originated in Peoria, including what is now Adams Street, and ran through ten counties and two states. It went on from Galena into Wisconsin to the lead mines.

Historians, such as Nehemiah Matson and others, and the people who lived along the Galena Trail have kept its history alive. It began as an Indian trade route. In 1825 Oliver Kellogg used it to drive cattle from Peoria to Galena [see our previous newsletter – Jul-Aug 2008, pages 40-43]. Illinois had a huge "lead rush," well before the more famous rush to California. Miners traveled back and forth on the trail before the Black Hawk War of 1832, and others besides Kellogg drove cattle as well.

From 1825 to 1832 the area was effectively Indian territory up to the Indian Boundary Line, which runs basically east-west through the northern part of (now) Bureau County. Charles Boyd and Henry Thomas, early settlers in Bureau County, were located south of the line.

In addition to the Galena Trail, there were alternate trails, including the Galena Coach Road, which went through Tiskilwa and Princeton.

Currently signs are being placed along the trails through Bureau County. What is now Route 26 developed from the Coach Road.

Pat went on to discuss the homes and architecture of that time. She explained the log cabins and dog trot cabins, and that many were taverns as well as homes. The Dad Joe Smith house still exists today but is hardly recognizable under all the modernization. Boyd's Grove near Milo in southern Bureau County was another important location on the Trail. It is believed that the Galena Trail and Coach Road was used by escaping slaves.

For more information, including maps, visit the web site www.GalenaTrail.com. We thank Pat for sharing her extensive knowledge.

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