



The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois

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NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting

Saturday, December 6, 2014

John A. Logan College Library

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The JALC Library and the GSSI Genealogy Collection will be open for research beginning at 1:00 p.m. The **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers** will begin at **2:00 p.m.**

The slate of officers for 2015 recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Board:

President: Jackie LaRue **Lyell**
Vice President: Open
2nd Vice President: Dorothy Clutts **Rudoni**
Recording Secretary: Laura Cates **Duncan**
Corresponding Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Diane **Anderson**
Director 2015 - 2017: Open
Member at Large: Open

Two members who have agreed to serve as Director and Member at Large will be nominated from the floor. If you would be willing to fill one of the other open positions, please contact [President Stucker](#) or [Mike Brush](#) before December 6.

In addition to the election of officers, members will be asked to vote on two Amendments to the 2007 GSSI Constitution approved by the Board at its October Meeting. The amendments and the rationale for them are posted on line in the [November Newsletter](#).

Following the voting, at 2:30 **Ed O'Day** will present a program on the **"Internet Archive: Gateway to Free Digitized Books and Documents."**

Two websites, Internet Archive <Archive.org> and FamilySearch <FamilySearch.org>, offer access to millions of digital images of books and documents free of charge. Taking advantage of these resources can save trips to the library and may lessen the need of subscribing to a fee-paying website for the same material. O'Day will illustrate how to navigate both sites successfully, do sample searches, and answer questions from the audience.

Newsletter Editor Needed for 2015

I have been editor of the GSSI Newsletter since 2012, and will retire at the end of the year. The next Newsletter will be my last. Someone else will need to take the helm after the new Governing Board assumes office in January. Anyone with word-processing experience and a few hours of free time each month can handle the job. The editor need not live in Southern Illinois so long as he or she has access to the internet and the MailChimp program which we have been using to distribute the Newsletter for the past two years.

[MailChimp](#) has built-in authoring tools, including design templates, basic text and photo editing, and an easy to manage mailing list. It has many features that I have not even begun to tap. For example, the Newsletter could be prepared and distributed entirely from a mobile device, if the editor should so choose. To learn more about what the job entails, please contact me or the incoming President. I will be happy to advise and assist the new editor for several months during the transition.

[Ed O'Day](#), (618) 457-4002

Queries

Researching John Harvey **Manley** and Sarah Jane **Barnett Williams** Manley of Carbondale IL, 1895-1928. Need date and place of death of John. eloisebh@swbell.net Eloise B. Hunt

Need info on George **Metcalf** in Jackson County prior to 1840. brohis@live.com Mike Brush

Would like to share research with any descendant of John **Miller**/Mary **Slain (Slane)**. Their children were Samuel, Willa J., Mary Ann, Harrison, Andrew and John S.

aeldermllder@gmail.com Alice Elder-Miller

News and Notes from the Web

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

In late October the National Archives sponsored a three-day Virtual Genealogy Fair with lectures and interactive question and answer sessions about the topic at hand. All the presentations were broadcast on YouTube, where the basic lessons may still be viewed at any time. For a complete list of all topics covered at the Fair and links to the YouTube videos visit

www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/2014/schedule-handouts.html

Members who were unable to attend Sue Glasco's fine presentation on the Cherokee at the November GSSI meeting, may wish to listen to the session on Native American Indians on [Day #1](#). The full session was over four hours long, but using the red timer bar at the bottom of the YouTube screen to scroll to 3:18 (three hours & 18 minutes) will bring up Jessica Hopkins's lecture. A printable version of her [handout](#) is available from the National Archives website, as are handouts from all 17 sessions.

Before You Post a Genealogy Query

Michael John Neill's website "RootDig" has some excellent pointers on writing an effective genealogy query. Neill recommends first and foremost providing known information. Posts without dates or places may be impossible to answer.. Other advice includes using uppercase letters for surnames, avoiding abbreviations, and proofreading the item before posting it. Follow the link below for the text of the full article.

Michael John Neill, RootDig.com, 6 November 2014

Records Say the Darndest Things

If you are frustrated from recently hitting a brick wall or just having a bad day, "[Records Say the Darndest Things](#)" from The Ancestry Insider may be just the tonic you need. Read about Swedes who can't talk, the "Alien Italian man," or how Aaron Boss became the Bishop of Avon. It's *really* a bad day if one of these doesn't make you smile.

Renew Membership for 2015 by Mail or On-line

Members may renew either by completing and mailing the form below or by using PayPal at our web store. <http://ilgssiorg.ipage.com/store/page2.html>.

All Memberships are for the calendar year, and include four print issues of *The Saga of Southern Illinois* and regular electronic issues of the *GSSI Newsletter*. Please note that there is an added charge of \$10.00 to cover printing and mailing for those members who wish to receive a print Newsletter by mail. Other fees apply to late payment (after March 15, 2015) or for foreign postage.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM FOR 2015

STATUS: New Membership Renew Membership Rejoining Member

DUES: - Individual or Family Membership - -----\$25
 Sustaining Membership - -----\$35
 Supporting Membership -----\$50 or More

ADDED FEES for SPECIAL SERVICE

: Late Renewals (after March 15-----\$5.00
: Printed Newsletters by Mail-----\$10.00
: Saga delivered to Address outside U. S.--\$10.00

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Surnames and locations you are researching:

Query to be published in the Newsletter:
