



The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois

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NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Harrisburg Public Library

2 West Walnut Street, Harrisburg

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

GSSI is pleased to announce Sue **Glasco**, author and former Board Member of the Trail of Tears Association, will be our featured speaker on Saturday, October 18 at the Harrisburg Public Library. Her topic is **"MYTHS AND MYSTERIES IN CHEROKEE HERITAGE."**

After rearing a family, helping with the family farm, teaching, writing, and volunteering with creative and public interest groups, Sue Glasco considers she is "retired" with her husband Gerald at their beautiful farm home, Woodsong, near Marion. Actually both are constantly busy, often helping others. Sue still writes. In the past she has published several articles and books on farm life and genealogy. She is well known for research on Priscilla, the Cherokee girl who may have gone from the Trail of Tears to Mulkeytown, IL. Sue blogs twice a week. The blogs reveal how active she continues to be. Her presentation in October will be helpful to those researching Cherokee lines and to persons with general genealogical research interests.

Please join us at 2:00 p.m. in Harrisburg on October 18. The GSSI Board will meet at 1:00 prior to the General Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

December 6, 2014, John A. Logan College Library, Carterville. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2015. The GSSI Collection will be open for research beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following the Election at 2:00 p.m., Ed O'Day will present a short program on *"Internet Archive and Other Free Websites for the Genealogist."*

March 14, 2015, Cairo Public Library, "The Irish in Early Cairo."

August 8, 2015, John A. Logan College. Annual Family History Conference and Book Fair. Feature Speaker will be D. Joshua Taylor, President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Josh has also been a featured genealogist on the hit PBS show, *Genealogy Roadshow* and NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* The conference program and registration details will be announced next Spring. Be sure to save the date, because this is a speaker and a conference not to be missed.

Renew Membership for 2015 by Mail or On-line

We are pleased to announce that dues for Membership in the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois will not increase for 2015. Members may renew either by completing and mailing the form on page 3 of this Newsletter 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*. There are three levels of membership -- Basic Membership is \$25 annually, Sustaining Membership is \$35 and those who renew at \$50 or more per year are recognized as Supporting Members. 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.

Other News

Salt Lake City, Utah —October 1, 2014—In celebration of Family History Month, FamilySearch International and GenealogyBank today announced an agreement to make over a billion records from historical obituaries searchable online. It will be the largest—and perhaps most significant—online US historic records access initiative yet. It will take tens of thousands of online volunteers to make GenealogyBank's vast U.S. obituary collection more discoverable online. More at FamilySearch.org/Campaign/Obituaries.

The tremendous undertaking will make a billion records from over 100 million US newspaper obituaries readily searchable online. The newspapers are from all 50 states and cover the period 1730 to present. The completed online index will be fairly comprehensive, including 85% of U.S. deaths from the last decade alone. The death collection will easily become one of the most popular online genealogy databases ever, detailing names, dates, relationships, locations of the deceased, and multi-generational family members.

Family Search Press Release

Local Obituaries on Line

Darrel Dexter has completed transcribing 1931 obituaries and death notices from Pulaski County Newspapers, and the results are now published on the [GSSI Rootsweb website](#). The new entries contain 108 typescript pages and bring the total Pulaski County obituaries now available on line to the equivalent of 4 volumes if published in book form. Bravo Darrel!

The November Newsletter will include the names of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee to serve as the GSSI Governing Board for 2015. As announced elsewhere, the election of the 2015 slate will be held on December 6 at John A. Logan College. Please plan to attend that very important meeting, which will also vote on some changes to the GSSI Constitution.

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

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