

CHANGE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

By **Kathy Wellington-Nassios, Co-President**

The following changes apply to all levels of membership including Life members
Please read carefully

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the updated membership application for our new fiscal year which will begin on September 1st.

You can sign up to be in the Members Only Surname Directory by checking the box directly below your email address. And, of course, do not forget to fill in this email address field and your list of surnames.

As stated in last month's newsletter, the newsletters and WTTC Journals will now be available to you at no charge on the Members Only section of our website.

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Saturdays:
1st & 2nd 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3rd, 4th, & 5th CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED

[In fact, there are already previous newsletters there for you to see.] You will receive the new password to this section after you renew. The old password will be expiring. You can continue to receive printed copies of the newsletter by adding the appropriate fee (listed in the bottom half of the form). Also remember that if you like to read a printed copy, you can print the newsletter on your home computer or at a local library computer. Your local library can also help you set up an email account if you do not already have one.

Now is a great time to order a gift membership and promote genealogy research to the next generation. This gift is especially nice to someone who has done their DNA and says "Now what?" Our Members Only section has great webinars about DNA. Click on the image of the gift certificate on our home page in the banner for more information.

We hope you will consider signing up to volunteer to participate in an area that interests you (back of the application). Many of you have marked these boxes on your membership application in years past and never been called. I will be the first to admit that we have not done a good job of accepting your help. It is difficult to manage all that we do and still find time and interesting projects for our volunteers to work on. We are extremely lucky that board member Donna Work has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator. This added level of volunteer management we hope will allow anyone who wishes to participate an opportunity to do so. If you volunteer, please be sure to include your phone number and your email on your application so that Donna will be able to contact you when a project becomes available.

And remember – additional donations are always appreciated :-)

If you wish to complete and pay for your membership online via PayPal, just go to the website under Get Involved.

We hope that the changes we have made will help secure the financial stability of SSGHS and allow us to serve genealogists for years to come.

We appreciate your continued support of this organization of which you are an important part.

Thank you. ■

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By **Shirley Koelling**

Changes to Research Using FamilySearch

September 14

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for more than 100 years.



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SSGHS News

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Research fee for a Librarian — \$20/hour
 (see website for Research Policy).

The Annual Membership year runs from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Dues are:

- Individual \$30.00
- Library or Society \$30.00
- Family (two people at same address) \$35.00
- Contributing \$40.00
- Supporting \$55.00

General Membership & Program Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, except December and January, at the Society's headquarters, 3000 West 170th Place, Hazel Crest, in the Municipal Center building, which is located between Dixie Highway and Kedzie Avenue, and a half-mile north of 175th Street via California Avenue.

Newsletter submission deadline is each board meeting. We do not assume responsibility for errors, though we will attempt to correct them.

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Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our SSGHS library has recently become one of these centers.

Recent changes in the distribution of films in the FamilySearch Catalog make genealogy research easier. This program will review the value of the films and databases on Familysearch.org and explain the various steps to access these valuable records.

Our speaker, Steve Szabados, is a lecturer and author who has given numerous programs to genealogy groups and libraries. He has published ten books on genealogy research and more than fifteen family histories. He is the genealogy columnist editor for the Polish American Journal. He is a member of Polish Genealogical Society of America, Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society, Illinois Genealogy Society, and a genealogy volunteer at his local library. ■

AUGUST PROGRAM SUMMARY

By Linda Swisher

On Saturday, August 10, 34 people heard Debra Dudek speak on "Internet Archive: The Genealogical Resource You're Not Using!" Dudek is the Adult and Teen Services Manager at Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, and author of *World War I Genealogy Research Guide*.

Internet Archive (<http://www.archive.org>) is a nonprofit entity that offers free digital materials such as text, audio, moving images, software, and archived web pages. Founded in

1996, Internet Archives partners with organizations such as The Library of Alexandria, The Library of Congress, the Smithsonian, and the Allen County Public Library to provide digital content to the public. Dudek explained that Internet Archive is free. While no registration or credit card is required, it is helpful to create a free account because you can the organize what you find, save Favorites, etc.

She suggests starting with Internet Archive's Genealogy Page at <http://archive.org/details/genealogy> which offers more than 13,000 items such as city and rural directories, gazetteers, school yearbooks, county histories, biographies, published family genealogies, and applications for tribal membership. This is where organizations such as Reclaim The Records are uploading vital records.

Be aware that the site's search default is set for metadata, which could mean that words in the title of a book do not appear in a search. Switching to "text content" may bring up the result.

Because Internet Archive's search mechanism is "finicky," Dudek suggests that you open another tab and navigate to GoogleBooks, which has a better range of search results for broad terms and titles. Copy and paste your GoogleBooks search result into the Internet Archive search box. If GoogleBooks does not have an item available for download, you may find it for free on Internet Archive.

Another valuable tool on Internet Archive is the Wayback Machine, which allows you to access older websites that may have been disabled through the years. Dudek explained that while pages are saved in a limited fashion, any text and links on the page are usable.

Following the meeting, refreshments were provided by Gene Korzenko and Shirley Koelling. ■

SSGHS BECOMES FamilySearch AFFILIATE LIBRARY

Our SSGHS Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, which means it has access to more genealogy resources to help you make more family discoveries. There are only a few hundred affiliate libraries in the country. The designation means that those who visit our library will have greater, more convenient access to the genealogical resources available thru FamilySearch.

FamilySearch adds more than 300 million free genealogical records and images online yearly from all over the world and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records from more than 130 countries to help you discover and make family connections.

A major benefit of being an affiliate library is access to additional digital records not available outside a family history center or an affiliate library. These digital records include images and names indexes. Currently, there are about 400 million original records available in a digital format that affiliate libraries in which have access.

The Many Facets of FamilySearch

Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List explains the many facets under the FamilySearch umbrella. (Posted by Cyndi Ingle in The Genealogy Squad Facebook Group; published with permission)

FamilySearch --the web site-- is free for everyone, worldwide, to use, as is the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and the Family History Centers worldwide. Following is the breakdown of the contents of the FamilySearch web site:

FamilySearch - Search Historical Records

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/> ~

More than 2,520 databases of records.

FamilySearch Catalog

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/search/> ~ Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

FamilySearch Digital Library

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/> ~ The Family History Library is actively digitizing its family histories, local histories, and other collections to make them searchable and available online to researchers worldwide.

FamilySearch Family Tree

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree> ~ One large family tree that we can all contribute to.

FamilySearch Genealogies

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree> ~ A collection of individual genealogies contributed to or collected by the church.

FamilySearch Wiki

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page ~ A free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world.

FamilySearch Learning Center

<https://www.familysearch.org/ask/landing...> ~ How to videos and articles for education.

FamilySearch Memories

<https://www.familysearch.org/photos/> ~ The Memories Gallery is a place where all of the photos, stories, documents, and audio recordings that you add to FamilySearch are collected.

FamilySearch Indexing

<https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/> ~ The volunteer indexing project running worldwide to index the record collections on FamilySearch. ■



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, September 2

Labor Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, September 7

SSGHS Library open
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

SSGHS Board of Directors Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. — All members welcome.
SSGHS Library open
from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting.
Program: “Changes in Research Using
FamilySearch” by Steve Szabados.
SSGHS Library open
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

Writers' Group monthly meeting
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturdays, September 21 & 28

SSGHS Library closed. ■

WILL GRUNDY COUNTIES GENEA. SOC. DISSOLVES

After 37 years serving the genealogy and family research community, the **Will Grundy Counties, Ill. Genealogical Society** has dissolved. Originally established in 1982, meetings were at the Wilmington Public Library, then Fossil Ridge Library in Braidwood, then Coal City Public Library since 2000 (who has graciously accepted ownership of the society's library collection). With dwindling members and no one for positions, the board voted to dissolve, effective July 31, 2019. Please support SSGHS! ■



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This is Thornton Township : a Book of Facts about Local Government; [1952].
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Thornton Township High School : Class of 1949 Reunions 20th - 50th Anniversaries; [n.d.].
977.3167 D-THO H REU

Ton Family Reunion Programs; [2015].
F H TON

Wartenbe genealogy : ancestors and descendants of William and Catherine (White) Wartenbe of New Jersey, Virginia, and Ohio; Ford, Mary Esther [1987].
F H WARTENBE

Webb family history and genealogy; [1982].
F H WEBB

Wheels Of Fortune: The Story Of Rubber In Akron; Love, Steve [c1999].
977.136 H-LOV

When the Moon is a Silver Canoe: : a story of the Wisconsin Dells; Saunders, Don [1961].
977.581 H-SAU

Where Are They Now? : Directory of the Fenger Class of '66; [2011].
977.3161 D-FEN R

White County cemeteries vol. II : Liberty Township, Jackson Township, Lincoln Township; [n.d.].
977.293 D-WHI

World almanac and book of facts 1982.
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World almanac and book of facts for 1945; [1945].
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Worth Township Cook County, Illinois; [2008].
977.3162 D-WOR

WPA Guide To 1930s Iowa, The; Wall, Joseph Frazier [1986].
977.7 T-FED

War Maps : World War II, From September 1939 To August 1945, Air, Sea, And Land, Battle By Battle; Goodenough, Simon [1982].
973.9 GOO

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 14 – “Changes in Research Using FamilySearch” by Steve Szabados.

October 12 – “Finding Your Catholic Ancestors” by Ginger Frere.

November 9 – “Even Gangsters Had To Register: World War I Draft Registration Cards and the Selective Service Records They Produced” by Janis Minor Forte.

Refreshments served.

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RENEWAL
FORMS
ENCLOSED**

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