

**OCTOBER PROGRAM**

By Shirley Koelling

**Finding Your  
Catholic Ancestors****October 12**

Church records can provide many valuable details about our ancestors. They may include birth, marriage, death, and relationship information not easily found elsewhere. This presentation covers the types of records typically available, the information they contain, and the ways in which you can access the records.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

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Friday:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	
1st & 2nd	11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3rd, 4th, & 5th	CLOSED
Sunday:	CLOSED

Ginger Frere, MLIS, is a professional researcher who provides a variety of research services to authors, professional historians, film makers, and individuals interested in genealogy and family history. Her primary research interests include Chicago history and the creation of online tools for genealogists. She was one of the driving forces behind the development of ChicagoAncestors.org. In addition to researching, Ginger is a frequent speaker in the Chicago-land area and a regular instructor in Chicago's Newberry Library Adult Education seminar program. Also, she is a Newberry Scholar-in-Residence. ■

**OUR EXCHANGE  
PARTNERS**

Did you know that we have over 40 "Exchange Partners" who receive copies of our *SSGHS Newsletter* and/or our *Where The Trails Cross Journal*? We recently did a review and are in the process of notifying them that our publications will now be sent digitally. We will save approximately \$1,500 in postage and print costs.

In return our Exchange Partners send us their Newsletters and Journals, which are filed on the Library bookshelves. Did you know we have almost 100 organizations, of various years, included? Come to the Library or look at the Catalog on our website. ■

**SSGHS FamilySearch  
AFFILIATE LIBRARY**

SSGHS was approved as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library a few months ago, but we could not "go live" because FamilySearch's computers would not recognize our computers.

Thanks to John Nassios for his efforts, and to board member Ken Carlborg and his brother, Bill, for pursuing the issue with our routers so that library users could view the records and images available to Affiliate Libraries.

Thanks to John Nassios, husband of co-president Kathy Wellington-Nassios, for installing Office software programs on two laptops that will be used as we fulfill Pullman record requests. ■

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM  
SUMMARY**

By Carole Magnuson

Steve Szabados, a well-known speaker and publisher of ten genealogy books and numerous family histories, presented his topic, *Changes to Research Using FamilySearch*, covering the recent changes made by FamilySearch. This topic was very timely given that the SSGHS Library is now an Affiliate FamilySearch center. This means that patrons who visit our library can access many of the same locked records only available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and local Family History Centers (FHC). All are welcome to visit the SSGHS library to try out FamilySearch for yourself either on your own computer or one of the library's computers.

Steve noted that FamilySearch has gone from a hard-to-use website to one that is user-friendly and very searchable. FamilySearch is working to digitized all of its microfilm and books with the goal of placing the information on line to the extent that it is allowed. Some digital image collections that used to be on line have been removed because permission is required by the owners of the material.

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## SSGHS News

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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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There are four ways to access records on the FamilySearch.org website. Click on the tab "Search", then click "Records" to see the following search methods: "Search Historical Records" where you enter information about a person, "Research By Location" where you click on a map for the country of interest, "Browse All Published Collections", which is the blue link, or use the "Find a Collection" Search Box to search quickly for a specific collection.

Steve recommends that if you do not have a specific database collection in mind, that you use the "Research by Location" method to search by country, then drill down to the locale of interest. For the United States, you would next select the state. Under the blue "search" tab, you will find the top five databases FamilySearch has selected for that state. To see the entire list, click the link to show all.

FamilySearch discontinued sending films to Family History Centers and have made a huge effort to digitize their films and books. Steve recommends that you try to access digital images from home first. If they are locked (denoted by a "key" icon), then visit an affiliate site. If you still cannot access the image, then visit a local Family History Center. Initially, after September 2017, all digital images were available at FHCs and Affiliated Libraries. Recent searches Steve has performed have shown some files have been restricted to viewing only at a FHC.

FamilySearch.org has an excellent help menu. Select "Help" + "Contact Us" to find locations of FHC or Affiliates. You can also send a message, chat or call for assistance. You might want to check out the "Help" + "Learning Center" section, which contains videos, articles and access to downloadable PDF handouts. Also, the Research

Wiki is a good place to find help. Access it from the main page Tool Bar or Help Menu.

Steve mentioned that FamilySearch has digitized books ("Search" + "Books"). Type in a surname or place name and select a title that refers to your family or family history. Click on "View all pages" to begin reading. If you want to save some of the information from a page in the book, click on "T" in the bottom toolbar to see text in the left pane. Copy and paste for notes. FamilySearch allows you to place your family tree on their site. It is a tedious process because you cannot transfer your family tree from, say, Ancestry.com to FamilySearch. Also, note that anyone has access to your family tree and can make changes without your permission. Also, you cannot download a FamilySearch Family tree file to your computer. Consider carefully before deciding to add your tree. However, the benefits are that you can share your tree with multiple users who can add their family's information.

In summation, FamilySearch.org is an excellent source for original records – vital, land, probate, immigration, etc. It is also an excellent source for education resources with its videos, articles and Wiki. It is relatively user-friendly and best of all it is free and available anywhere with an Internet connection. ■

## WRITERS GROUP

### By Anonymous

What a nice group of people! Carole organized our first SIG—Special Interest Group—where we are learning how to write. Come Join Us! Some wishing to honor a special person or family, others to write their memoirs, others to write about the company at which they worked, some with years of family history experience, and some with just a year or two. Tip #1: Write now, do not wait until you are done researching, you will never be done, so just write now and wrote more in a few years. ■

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

“A New Leaf,”

**Hosted by Daisy Fuentes,  
Beginning Oct. 5 on NBC**

*Posted on September 11, 2019  
by Leland Meitzler*

**A new NBC and Ancestry sponsored Saturday morning program entitled A New Leaf seems to turn a corner for network programming of genealogy. Most genealogy-related TV programs have been celebrity oriented. A New Leaf promises to be about “normal” people – whatever they are... LOL**

Each week host Daisy Fuentes and “A New Leaf” will follow people on the cusp of key life inflection points, using family history, genealogy, and sometimes DNA analysis to guide them on their journey of self-discovery, and help them learn from the past while looking to the future. In partnership with Ancestry®, Fuentes will join families as they learn the importance of appreciating and understanding their family history and ancestors in order to make important life decisions.

Fuentes served as the first Latina VJ on MTV and recently hosted Telemundo’s hit-series “La Voz Kids,” which revolutionized the ways Spanish-speaking television is produced.

“Family is everything to me, and I’m a true believer that there is great power in knowing where you come from and understanding your family history,” Fuentes said. “I’m delighted to be part of ‘A New Leaf,’ helping people on their journey of personal discovery, and reinforcing that learning about your past can change how you see your future.” ■

## **Try-It Illinois RETURNS** **By Patty Higgins**

Once again, from October 1 through November 30 the Secretary of State will sponsor Try-It Illinois, giving Illinois

residents access to many subscription databases.

Visit the website at <http://www.finditillinois.org/tryit/> to request the log-in and password information. You can also contact your local Illinois library or SSGHS to get the log-in and password. There are hundreds of databases and publishers represented. Some of the databases of special interest to genealogists are:

- African-American History Online (*InfoBASE Learning*)
- Chicago Tribune (*ProQuest*)
- Digital Sanborn Maps Geo Edition (*ProQuest*)
- FOLD3 Library Edition (*ProQuest*)
- Historic Map Works Library Edition (*ProQuest*)
- Historical Chicago Defender (1909-1975) (*ProQuest*)
- Historical Chicago Tribune 1849 - 1996 (*ProQuest*)
- Historical New York Times 1851 - 2016 (*ProQuest*)
- Historical St Louis Post Dispatch: 1873-2003 (*ProQuest*)
- Historical Washington Post: 1877-2002 (*ProQuest*)
- Images of America: A History of American Life in Images and Texts (*Alexander Street*)
- MyHeritage Library Edition (*EBSCO*)
- Newspaper Source Plus (*EBSCO*)
- NewspaperARCHIVE.com (*World Archives*)
- Newspapers.com Library Edition (*ProQuest*)

This is your opportunity to use these resources and tell your local library which ones you find useful so they can consider subscribing. As a librarian in a public library, I can tell you that we do listen to patron requests. The budget may not allow an immediate subscription, but your interest will be considered for future planning. Speak up, but in the meantime, enjoy this free access. ■



## **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**Saturday, October 5**  
SSGHS Library open  
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 8**  
SSGHS Board of Directors Meeting  
at 7:00 p.m. — All members welcome.  
SSGHS Library open  
from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 10**  
Writers’ Group monthly meeting  
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
SSGHS Library closed.

**Saturday, October 12**  
10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting.  
Program: “Finding Your Catholic  
Ancestors” by Ginger Frere.  
SSGHS Library open  
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 14**  
Columbus Day.  
SSGHS Library closed.

**Saturdays, October 19 & 26**  
SSGHS Library closed.

**Thursday, October 31**  
Halloween.  
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**977.3167 H-THI**

125 years 1864-1989 : R.R. Donnelley & Sons Lakeside Press; [1989].  
**977.311 H-ONE**

15 Years Of Family Tree Magazine 2000 - 2014; [2014].  
**DVD929 FAM-T**

1864 census for re-organizing the Georgia militia; Cornell, Nancy J. [2000].  
**973975.8 D-COR**

1917 Beaver County Farm Directory; [1984].  
*{call not listed}*

1985 History of Coshocton County , Ohio; [1985].  
**977.165 H-NIN**

1995 Wheaton Alumni Association Directory; Wheaton College Alumni Association [1995].  
**977.324 D-WHE**

Adoption and Donor Conception Factbook : The Most Comprehensive Source Of U.S. & Global Data On The Invisible Families Of Adoption, Foster Care & Donor Conception; Carangelo, Lori [2014].  
**362.734 CAR**

Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques; Morgan, George G. [2014].  
**929.1 MOR**

AGS Quarterly : Bulletin of The Association for Gravestone Studies.; Association for Gravestone Studies [1996-].  
**614.6 NEW**

Allegheny Passage : Churches And Families, West Marva District, Church Of The Brethren, 1752-1990; Bittinger, Emmert F., 1925- [1990].  
**975.2 H-BIT**

American Settlements And Migrations : A Primer For Genealogists And Family Historians; Bockstruck, Lloyd DeWitt [2017].  
**929.1 BOC**

Annotated The Story Of Kankakee's Earliest Pioneer Settlers; Burroughs, Burt E. [c1986].  
**977.363 H-BUR**

Biographical History of the Members of the McLean County Medical Society of Illinois : One Hundredth Anniversary Edition; [1954].  
**977.359 H-BIO ■**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

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

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.

December & January – no meetings.

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