

IN MEMORIAM**Alice DeBoer**

We mourn the passing of long-time SSGHS Head Librarian and Board Member, Alice DeBoer. She died May 24th at the age of 99. Alice and Sue Lyntinen were instrumental in organizing the cataloging of our Library's collection. Alice was a passionate genealogist who traced her own and her husband Harry's family histories back to the 1500s in England and the Netherlands.

She and Harry were the parents of five children. Alice was a teacher and School librarian at Thornton Fractional High School South before she came to SSGHS. She was a graduate of Peotone



High School and Wheaton College in Illinois. She later went on to get a Master's degree in Library Science from Northern Illinois University. ■

LIBRARY HOURS

3000 West 170th Place
Hazel Crest, Illinois
708-335-3340

(door at west end of municipal building)

Ring library doorbell for access.

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday: CLOSED
 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

**USING 'THRU LINES'
TO BREAK DOWN
BRICK WALLS**

By Donna Work

If you have tested your DNA on ancestry.com and posted a Public Member Tree, you can use Thru Lines to find ancestors you may not have discovered in your own research. There is a face page for each ancestor in your tree. When you click on that ancestor, you will see DNA matches and how that person descends from your common ancestor. Then you can examine your match's family tree for new ancestors.

For a long time, my 2GGM Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wells was a brick wall. I had no marriage record and no maiden name. In Thru Lines, I hit her face page and found five DNA matches. Three of them were from my line, Elizabeth's daughter Tabitha. Two were from Tabitha's sister Dorothy. When I went to those Public Member Trees, I found Elizabeth's surname was Cammack. That set off a new line of research that took me back to a 16th-century English pirate!!

Keep in mind that PMTs are not always accurate and may lack proof, but they still can be useful in opening new lines of research. The usefulness of Thru Lines emphasizes the importance of researching collateral relatives. Those siblings and cousins are the key to advancing your research. Also, Thru Lines opens that door to many more ancestors. Happy Hunting! ■

**JUNE PROGRAM**

New Virtual Program

June 13

**Finding Your
Catholic Ancestors**

Ginger Frere 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 Chicagoland area and a regular instructor in Chicago's Newberry Library Adult Education seminar program. She is also a Newberry Scholar-in-Residence.

"Finding Your Catholic Ancestors" 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.

Since our library is not officially open, we will be doing our meeting virtually using Zoom. Please watch for an email blast with the Zoom instruction so you can participate in the program. Also, information should be posted on the website before the virtual program. There will be no meeting at SSGHS Library for June. ■

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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PANDEMICS, EPIDEMICS, DISEASES, DISASTERS, AND EVENTS – HOW THEY EFFECT YOUR FAMILY

By Peg Kapustiak

I was scheduled to talk on the Pandemics, etc., topic at the SSGHS April meeting. It has been one of my most popular talks in Florida and Illinois, including the Illinois State Genealogical Society's meeting in Springfield in 2018. And we hope to reschedule when it is safe to do so.

First, I hope that you and your family and friends are all well and that you and they have not been economically affected?

Please realize that this is a historic time. Yes, the United States, due to lack of action for January, February, and part of March, allowed the spread to occur with resulting testing shortages and a late start on developing a vaccine, etc.; such that as I write this on the first of May, we have about one-third of all the cases in the world (more than one-million cases, compared to all of the world having just more than three-million cases) and about one-quarter of all deaths (64,000 deaths in the U.S. compared to more than 230,000 worldwide). But I repeat, this is an historic time.

So...as genealogists, I highly recommend that you document "what is like right now". How has it affected your life, your friends, and your family? What do you do day-to-day? How do you obtain food or supplies? How do you communicate with one another? Would you not love to have written accounts from your grandparents or great-grandparents about the 1918 Flu, the 1929-1930s

Depression, or World War II? I find the easiest format is to pretend you are writing a letter, except do not address the letter to anyone in particular. Just use a conversational tone.

Carole Magnuson provides a Writing SIG –Special Interest Group monthly (once we reopen) which I highly recommend. Carole has many years of experience writing and talking about genealogy, and is extremely practical in her ideas and approach. The SIG is free to members so contact her at huntkin2@aol.com.

Another item I mention in the talk is to view the Netflix series, filmed last September: www.netflix.com › title Pandemic: How to Prevent an Outbreak | Netflix Official Site

The handout for the talk is four pages, with 35 examples plus websites. You may find out why was there a sudden series of deaths in your family? Why did your family move? Is your last name the result of the Black Death Plague in the 1300/1400s? Many tips may help prove family lore or answer your "why" and "how" questions?

Again, take care of yourself and be sure to write your impressions and actions in this historic time. We all hope to see you soon. ■



MEMBERS VOTE BY MAIL

By Donna Work

As we all know, we were faced with the extraordinary situation of not being able to conduct our general meeting in April and May because of the pandemic. Normally, we would have voted in person in April and all officers and new directors would have been sworn in in May. The board was surveyed and agreed to vote by email and mail for those unable to access email. We created a unique gmail account for the election of Officers. An email was sent out to 168 members and 14 paper ballots were mailed.

Email votes were received from 51 members and one paper vote was cast. The proposed slate was accepted. We will look forward to moving forward and continuing the work of SSGHS in this challenging time. In the next newsletter, after they have been sworn in, the list will be published with the expiration term dates of 2021, 2022, or 2023 for Directors.

2020-21 Board of Directors Officers 2020-21:

Larry McClellan, Interim President
Shirley Koelling, 1st V. P. (Programs)
Donna Work, 2nd V. P. (Membership)
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Secretary and Librarian
Susan Bain-Williams, Corresponding
Secretary
Mary Ann Boggs, Treasurer

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Ken Carlborg
Phyllis Drewno
Patty Higgins
Peg Kapustiak
Thomas Mackowiak
Carole Magnuson
Paula Malak
Charlie Ranlett

Also, welcome to our two new board member volunteers:
Paula Cassady and Donald Gordon ■

ANNOUNCEMENT:

As a company dedicated to family history, we at MyHeritage.com greatly appreciate what you do. We believe that information about genealogy should be easily accessible to anyone who wants it.

That is why they created the MyHeritage Knowledge Base: a dedicated educational website chock-full of quality articles, webinars, and how-to videos on a wide range of topics relating to genealogy and DNA. Available in ten languages, the site is updated every week with new content. The Knowledge Base is completely free to access and no registration is required.

A Knowledge Base of educational content to master your skills and help you make the most of your research. ■



SSGHS Library is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library

As a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, the SSGHS Research Library gives you onsite access to more than two billion digitized records, including 400 million images not currently available to the public outside an Affiliate Library or a FamilySearch Family History Center. In addition, you get the helpful assistance of SSGHS volunteer library staff. Information on affiliated Libraries: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-affiliate-library-faq/?cid=bl-fsb-8385>



JUNE CALENDAR

In an effort to keep our community healthy and safe, and to help reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), our Library closed on March 17th and all meetings cancelled until May 30th. **As of June 1, the library will remain closed** until the Board Meeting when an open date is determined. Please watch our website and Facebook page for updates. Always call the library before you come. Thanks!

Monday, June 1

SSGHS Library still closed temporarily.

Saturday, June 6

SSGHS Library closed.

Tuesday, June 9

SSGHS Board of Directors Meeting at 7:00 p.m. — members welcome.
SSGHS Library.

Saturday, June 13

No—General Membership Meeting. Program—”Finding Your Catholic Ancestors” by Ginger Frere—see page 1.
SSGHS Library closed.

Sunday, June 14

Flag Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, June 20

Summer begins.
SSGHS Library closed.

Sunday, June 21

Father’s Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, June 27

SSGHS Library closed. ■



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WHAT'S NEW



IN THE LIBRARY

Indiana: a guide to the Hoosier State;
Work Projects Administration [1941].
977.2 T-IND

Iowa Biographical Dictionary : People
Of All Times And Places Who Have
Been Important To The History And Life
Of The State. [c1996].
977.7 D-IOW

Irish Families; Gray, Peter [1999].
941.5 H-GRA

Irish In The South, 1815-1877, The;
Gleeson, David T. [c2001].
975 H-GLE

Jacobites Of 1715, North East Scotland;
McDonnell, Frances. [1998].
941.1 D-MCD

Johann Jurgen Stuenkel [C.2016].
FH STUENKEL

Kalamazoo College Alumni Directory
2003; [2003].
977.418 D-KAL

Kane County , Illinois Naturalization
Index 1906-1955; [1991].
977.323 D-KAN N

Kane County Marriage Index Record
1878-1893; [1990].
977.323 D-KAN M

Kane County Marriage Record Index
1894-1906; [1991].
977.323 D-KAN M

Keeping Family Stories Alive : A
Creative Guide To Taping Your Family
Life & Lore; Rosenbluth, Vera [1990].
907 ROS

Kids' Family Tree Book; Leavitt, Caro-
line [2007].
929.1 LEA

Larousse Concise Dictionary : Italian-
English/English-Italian [2004].
945 Z-LAR

Lest We Forget : Orland Park Salutes
Its Veterans [2001].
977.3165 H-LES

Louisiana, A History; Taylor, Joe Gray.
[c1984].
976.3 H-TAY

Love Cemetery : Unburying The Secret
History Of Slaves; Galland, China.
[2007].
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

June 13 – “Finding Your Catholic
Ancestors” by Ginger Frere.
– Virtual Program via Zoom –
– See page 1 –

July 11 – “DNA Painter”
by Jason Kruski.

August 8 – “WPA”
by Kathryn Barrett.

September 12 – “Geology is Destiny
—across the Chicago Portage; a
Story of Glaciers, Voyageurs, and
Carp!” by David Dolak

October 10 – “Mayflower
Anniversary” by Jenny Warner.

November 14 – “Boots on the
Ground: Using Archives to Trace
Your Veteran Ancestor”
by Tina Beaird.

Marriages and Death Notices from
Weekly Newspapers 1818-1865
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania
Volume 1; Fisher, Della Reagan [1977].
974.881 D-FIS ■