



MARCH PROGRAM

By Shirley Koelling

Terminal City: Chicago's Passenger Stations in the Golden Era of Rail

March 13

From after the Civil War until the rise of commercial jet travel in the early 1960s, anyone wishing to travel long distances across the North American continent likely did so via passenger rail. It is also likely that these folks passed through Chicago's passenger rail stations on their journeys. Chicago was the gateway between east and west and home to six large stations serving the needs of a majority of the long-haul rail companies. This program will give us a glimpse of the experiences of the passengers who passed through those terminals— each of which had its own unique look and “personality.” We will see that Chicago was indeed the Gateway City for anyone traveling across the country in the era of travel by rail.

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Join us Saturday, March 13 by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. for this fascinating program.

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WE HAVE FABULOUS USED BOOKS FOR SALE!!!!

By Paula Malak

Just look at this list and the amazingly low prices we are asking for them:

- *The Handybook for Genealogists - 7th edition* — \$5.00
- Greenwood, Val D. — *Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 1973 edition — \$5.00
- Croom, Emily A. — *Unpuzzling Your Past*, 1983 edition — \$5.00
- Baxter, Angus — *In search of your British and Irish Roots*, 1982 edition — \$5.00

How can you get one (or more) of these books into your personal library?

Here are your options – Remember – First Come – First Served – Supplies are limited (to one copy):

- 1.) Phone the library and ask us to hold it for you for **48** hours. Come in and buy it. Or,
- 2.) Phone the library and ask us to hold it for you for **1 week**. Send a check, add \$4.00 for postage and handling, and we will mail it to you.

If you fail to redeem your hold on time, we will sell it to the next person on the list. ■

FEBRUARY PROGRAM SUMMARY

By Laurie Coolidge

Pandemics, Epidemics, Diseases, Sudden Death, Disasters, and Events

Our February program was originally scheduled for last April. It was cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic. Peg Kapustiak's talk, "Pandemics, Epidemics, Diseases, Sudden Deaths, Disasters and Events", focused on using events to add "color" to your family history or to help you understand your relatives' lives.

Before the development of antibiotics starting in the 1940s, many people died from infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis. Before cities and towns created sewers and sanitary systems, our ancestors may have died from a water-borne illness such as typhoid or cholera due to drinking contaminated water. Many people were stricken with polio before the oral polio vaccine came into wide spread use in 1961. Vaccines drastically cut back on the complications and death from various diseases such as smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella.

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SSGHS News

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

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Did your ancestor die in the year before taking of the census? If they died in the 1850 to 1880 time period, you may be able to find out what they died of on the federal census mortality schedules.

Natural disasters such as tornados or floods may be why many people in a town died within a short period of time. You can learn about local disasters by looking at the following website: <http://www.gendisasters.com/category/disasters> . You can browse the site by state.

From these and other examples seen on Peg's handouts, you can see that you need to research the time period and locality where your ancestors lived to have a better understand of their lives.

Peg's handout can be found in the "members only" section of our website, under "meeting handouts". ■

REMEMBER PERSI ???

By Paula Malak

That great index from the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne?? The one that lets you search an index to periodicals by family name or location?? Wouldn't it be great to be able to do that at the SSGHS Library??

Oh, guess what, you CAN!! Because we are a Family Search affiliate library, you can access PERSI on FindMyPast at the Library through your free Family Search account. Here is how to do that:

- Sign in to your Family Search account (if you do not have one you can sign up for free)
- Click on Family Tree – top left of the screen
- Select Tree
- See a tree with your name in one of the boxes
- Click on your name

- A large box with your name appears
- Click on Person in the bottom gray bar
- A new screen appears
- Go to right side and click on Search Records
- Select FindMyPast
- Sign into your FindMyPast account (if you do not have one you can sign up for free)
- Click Search at the top of the page
- Choose Newspapers and Periodicals
- Select Persi
- Enter Surname or Location or Keyword or a combination of these words
- Enter Search
- Note the title, name of periodical and date of publication for any article that interests you.

For the Luddites among us we also have PERSI at the Library, in several formats, available for your searching pleasure. On microfiche, call number MFC 050 PER, for volumes 1-14; on CD, call number CD 050 PER, for volumes 1-29; and in hard copy – a variety of volumes, some with Names, some with Places, others with both in one volume, some numbered I – XVI, others with years numbered 1986-1997. They are stored in boxes in the work room. These cover periodicals published from 1847 to 1985.

My suggestion is to use the CD. It covers more years than the fiche or hard copies. Detailed instructions are attached to the CD's case.

In addition to that – we have prepared a list of periodicals in our library – so if you find a reference in PERSI to one of them – you can look it up immediately! The list includes the name of the periodical, the volumes we have, the years covered and the call number.

Soooo... What's keeping you from discovering your family members and their local history found in the periodicals in our library? What are you waiting for? A sign? ■

ANNOUNCEMENT

Calumet City Historical Society

History and Mystery in the Graveyards

Program is Sunday, March 14, 3:00 p.m. (which follows the General Membership meeting & refreshments). Marlene Cook reveals tales of tragedy and hardship, and even romance and crime of many local cemeteries. Also, Marlene's new book *History and Mystery in the Graveyard* discusses The First Church Graveyard on the corner of Ridge Road and Burnham Avenue, that dates to the church's founding in 1860. ■

MORE NEW BOOKS



IN THE LIBRARY

Families of Ballyrashane : A District in Northern Ireland; Mullin, T.H. [1969].
941.62 D-MUL

Families Of Co. Cork, Ireland : From The Earliest Times To The 20th Century : Irish Family Surnames With Locations & Origins, Including English, Scots & Anglo Norman Settlers And Settlements; O'Laughlin, Michael C. [c1999].
929 941.5 D-OLA

Families Of County Limerick, Ireland, The : Over One Thousand Entries From The Archives Of The Irish Genealogical Foundation; O'Laughlin, Michael C. [c1997].
941.5 D-OLA



Fiddler On Pantico Run, The : An African Captive, His White Descendants, A Search For Family; Mozingo, Joe. [2012].
929 F H MOZINGO

Forensic Genealogy; Fitzpatrick, Colleen [2005].
929.1 FIT

Forest Park; Knack, Kenneth J. [2011].
977.314 H-KNA

Fort Washington at Cincinnati, Ohio; Jones, Robert Ralston [1902].
977.177 H-JON

Four years to remember [1972].
977.311 H-FOU

From Generation To Generation : How To Trace Your Jewish Genealogy And Family History; Kurzweil, Arthur [1994].
296 KUR

From King David To Baron David: : The Genealogical Connections Between Baron Guy De Rothschild And Baroness Alix De Rothschild; Rosenstein, Neil [1989].
F H ROTHSCHILD

Fulton Historical Society : Fultin, Illinois [1999].
977.335 H-FUL

Genealogical handbook of German research; Jensen, Larry O. [1980-1983].
943 A-JEN

Genealogical Resources in New York [2003].
974.72 A-GUZ

Genealogist's Military Records Field Manual [n.d.].
929.1 GEN

Genealogy and History of the Kauffman-Coffman Families of North America 1584 to 1937; Kauffman, Charles Fahs [c.1980].
FH KAUFFMAN

Genealogy Tech Tools [[2015]].
929.1 GEN ■



MARCH CALENDAR

Please call the library before you come.

Monday, March 1

Casimir Pulaski Day.
SSGHS Library open
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 9

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, March 11

Writer's Group — at SSGHS,
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Library closed).

Saturday, March 13

10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting.
Program: *Terminal City: Chicago's Passenger Stations in the Golden Era of Railroad*, by David Clark.
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from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Saving Time begins.
SSGHS Library closed.

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day.
SSGHS Library open
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph's Day.
SSGHS Library open
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays, March 20 & 27

SSGHS Library closed.

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday.
SSGHS Library closed. ■



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WHAT'S NEW



IN THE LIBRARY

Die Vorfahren Index : from "Die Pommersohen Leute" volumes one through seven; Dalum, Gerald R. [1988].

943.17 P-DIE

Directory Of Genealogical And Historical Societies, Libraries And Periodicals In The US And Canada, 2006; Carson, Dina C. [2006].

929 CAR

Directory Of Irish Archives; Helferty, Seamus. [1993].

941.5 D-HEL

District of Columbia Ancestors : a Guide to Records of the District of Columbia; Pippenger, Wesley E. [1997].

975.3 A-PIP

Divorces And Separations In Missouri, 1808-1853; Stanley, Lois [1990].

977.8 D-STA

DuPage County Libraries Genealogical Resources; Barrett, Sheila [2005].

977.324 D-BAR

Early New York Naturalizations : Abstracts Of Naturalization Records From Federal, State, And Local Courts, 1792-1840; Scott, Kenneth 1900-1993. [1981].
974.7 D-SCO

Elizabethtown & Union County: A Pictorial History; Aquilina, Charles L. [1982].

974.936 H-AQU

Emigranten Addressbuch fuer Shanghai : mit einem Anhang Branchen-Register; [1995].

296 EMI

Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography, vols I-V; [1999].

CD 974.6 H-ENC

English-Polish Polish-English Dictionary; Stanislawski, Jan [[1985?]].

943.8 Z-STA

English-Russian Russian-English Dictionary; Katzner, Kenneth [1984].

947 Z-KAT

Epitaphs: A Dying Art; Fanous, Samuel [2016].

929.5 FAN

Every Day Lasts A Year : A Jewish Family's Correspondence From Poland; Browning, Christopher R. [2007].

943.8 H-BRO

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 13 – “Terminal City: Chicago’s Passenger Stations in The Golden Era of Rail”
by David Clark.

April 10 – “German Immigration to America—When, Where, Why, and How” by Steve Szabados.

May 8 – SSGHS Birthday.

Sorry, the March and April programs have been switched since last month.



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