

Membership Renewal Form Enclosed!

A LETTER FROM SSGHS

Greetings to Members and Friends of the SSGHS!

We sincerely hope this finds you safe and well while learning to navigate as we are still coming out of this new normal of “virtual meetings” and “social distancing.” Genealogy, family history, and local history research are proving to be great pastimes for these unprecedented times. Discovering our ancestors’ struggles put our own in a new perspective. Getting to know our communities helps to strengthen our life together.

We are pleased that our membership held steady during the months of COVID-19. NOW, we need you to renew your membership or to jump in and join us.

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

September 1st begins our 2021-2022 membership year. Enclosed is an application, and we hope you will take care of this right away. If you wish to handle this online, please go to ssghs.org for an online application and pay with Pay Pal. Along with your membership, you may wish to pay for printed copies of our journal, *Where the Trails Cross*. Also, consider an additional donation to help strengthen our work across the Chicago Southland.

We are just completing the digital journals we owe previous members and hope to have those on the website soon. Hard copies will be mailed to you if you so subscribed. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. It is really important that together we are supporting our work in genealogy and family history, and in local and regional history.

Happy Hunting!!! Be safe!!!

Sincerely,

Larry McClellan,
President

Donna Work,
Vice President for Membership ■

Newsletter Update!

Starting with the September 2021 issue of SSGHS News, members will receive their newsletter in the mail as a membership benefit.

The electronic version for members will still be available on our website.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

By Shirley Koelling

“Digging Into Cemetery Research”

September 11

Also, available via Zoom Presentation.

Pam Taylor is our speaker for the meeting on September 11. *Digging Into Cemetery Research*, this presentation covers a multitude of sources used to locate death certificates/records. Pam also provides information about different types of cemeteries, grave markers, and their symbols. Of particular interest will be illustrations of burial permits and coroner records. This presentation is an in-depth look at cemetery research with beautiful photos and source examples.

Of her experiences, Pam says, “I have been working on my family history for over twenty-five years, searching the United States, Canada, and across the pond. My greatest success stories come not from the internet websites but from digging into libraries, archives, historical societies, cemeteries, and courthouses. I love using FREE genealogical websites such as State Archives, Libraries Local history databases, FamilySearch.org, Poznan Project, and so many, many more. For the last 13 years, I have worked at the New Lenox Public Library, where I am the Genealogy specialist who includes presenting genealogy programs and helping patrons with their genealogical research.” ■

WORKING WITH STATE CENSUS RECORDS

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SSGHS News

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 (see website for Research Policy).

The Annual Membership year runs from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. Dues are:

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

General Membership Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, except December and January, at the Society's headquarters, 3000 West 170th Place, Hazel Crest, in the Municipal Center building, between Dixie Highway and Kedzie Avenue, and a half-mile north of 175th Street via California Avenue.

Newsletter submissions are due by the 15th of each month. We do not assume responsibility for errors, though we will attempt to correct them.

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AUGUST PROGRAM SUMMARY

By Donna Work

Getting Ready for the 1950 U.S. Census

Twenty-eight people on Zoom and nine more in the Library were eager to hear Thomas MacEntee speak on the 1950 Census. One hundred and fifty million people were enumerated across 45-million households! The indexing of the record is expected to take about 6 months. But for those of us who will make our debut on the world stage, the horn will sound on the First of April, 2022. There is much to be done to prepare!!

The key is determining the Enumeration District (ED) that your family resided in on 1 Apr 1950. That, of course, requires an address that may be found in old letters, address books, city directories, newspapers, etc.

Thomas suggested making a spreadsheet in Excel with the name, address, and ED of all the relatives you are hoping to locate. On Google Maps, you can look for the present-day neighborhood and the large boulevards, avenues, railroad tracks, highways, or rivers that might create a border around your address to help you narrow your search in a large urban area. Keep that window open, then open another to go to stevemorse.org to search for the description of the ED. Click on "US Census" then "Unified 1880-1950 Census ED Finder." Fill in State, County, City, House No., and Street for 1950. Keep in mind that your address might be on the border of an ED. You may see a long list, but then go back to Google Maps to locate a nearby cross or back street to narrow the results. Then go back to "1940-1950 ED Maps" and plug in the State, County, City, and ED No. to see the map. It will help you when it comes time to browse 30 households per page. Sadly, my father's Chicago street address

takes me to "ED 103-1 to 5055" and 23 pages of maps. It is going to take a while to find ED No. 103-737!

I had to shorten Thomas' link to the US Census webpage to census.gov/history and use the dropdown menu to get to Through the Decades. But WOW!!! There were many interesting links to very large files with overviews, questionnaires, and instructions for enumerators. Back on the Main Page under "Explore Data," I looked at Tables and limited the search by filters on the left that allow you to choose a topic or date. You can see the growth of the U.S. Government over the last 70 years. And consider our population has more than doubled in the same period.

Be sure to download the handout Thomas left us on the ssghs.org website and explore the many links. Once you have done your homework, take a deep breath, tuck your spreadsheet into a drawer or folder, and mark your calendar for the First of April, 2022. Coffee and "fuzzy slippers" ... it will be a great Friday night party!! Happy Hunting!! ■

COME AND SEE SSGHS AT THE PULLMAN GRAND OPENING By Donna Work

The National Park Service celebrates the Grand Opening of Pullman National Monument Visitor Center and Pullman State Historic Site Factory Grounds on Labor Day Weekend, September 4 and 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to see the rehabilitation that has been done at the Pullman Clock Tower and is ongoing at Chicago's first National Park site. Activities include tours of the new Pullman National Monument Visitor Center, tours of the first floor of historic Hotel Florence, timed guided walking tours, and self-guided tours of the historic community.

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Tickets are free and are available on the day of, on a first-come, first-served basis. All indoor activities require masking. There is a Saturday Car Caravan from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. thru the Historic Pullman District. Also, there are tours of historic Pullman-built rail cars.

Please note that the traditional 48th Annual Pullman House Tour is scheduled for the second weekend of October.

SSGHS will have a table in the Main Tent adjacent to the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center, 11001 S. Cottage Grove Avenue. Please come and visit us. We hope to build a close relationship with the National Park, get a lot of good publicity, and maybe even some new members!! So, make some room in your holiday schedule to commemorate the roots of urban planning and the Labor Movement here in Chicago. Happy Labor Day! ■

WTTC SPECIAL BUNDLE

By Paula Malak

Our WTTC special for July, August, and September is of special interest to Will County researchers. These five Quarterlies are \$20.00 with postage and handling included! Limited quantities are on some items; if we run out, we will offer you a substitute. Make sure your contact information is on the order form.

- 33:1 Focus on Will County
- 34:3 Will County
- 36:3 Additional Extracts from the Monee Review
- 46:4 Will County Civil War veterans
- 41:3 Green Garden Township meeting records

Please send your check for \$20.00 with the order form found in the Publications section of our website, ssghs.org. Indicate Will County Special on the order form. Our Order Fulfillment Team

will get the Quarterlies right out to you. We have other publications about Will County and the townships located there. Check our Publications list on the website to see a complete list and to add to your order. Or come to the Library to make your purchase. ■

WORKING WITH STATE CENSUS RECORDS AT THE SSGHS LIBRARY

By Donna Work

More and more State Census Records are coming online at familysearch.org and Ancestry.com. Some of the records are only indexed and others have both an index and images. The familysearch.org images are viewable at the SSGHS Library. Typically, these censuses were in between the Federal Census years. They do not usually contain as much information as the Federal Census, but they can often help you determine when your people were moving from one place to another. You may find a child counted (but unnamed) who may have died or married that may not appear in the Federal Census.

Some southern states took a State Census in 1866 at the end of the Civil War. For the first time, newly freedmen were named four years before the 1870 Federal Census. The South Carolina State Census names the head of household, and the number of people by sex, race, and age. Recorded alphabetically, it gives a clue to who the slaveholder might have been, allowing further research for earlier ancestors.

Other states, Iowa, for example, made a State Census in 1885 and 1895 that helps you make the jump that many of us have trouble with because of the loss of the 1890 Federal Census. Keep in mind that the records vary widely, but if you are lucky, they can be very useful. Happy Hunting! ■



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Please call the library before you come.

Saturday, September 4

Labor Day weekend.
SSGHS Library closed.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Tuesday, September 7

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, September 9

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

Saturday, September 11

10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting. Program: *Digging Into Cemetery Research* by Pam Taylor (also virtual via Zoom).
SSGHS Library open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12

Grandparents Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, September 18

SSGHS Library closed.

Tuesday, September 21

Peace Day.
SSGHS Library open From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22

Autumn begins.
SSGHS Library open From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 25

SSGHS Library closed. ■



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 11 – “Digging Into
Cemetery Research”
by Pam Taylor.

October 9 – “Anna & Her
Brothers” by Debra Dudek.

November 13 – “150th Anniversary
of Great Chicago Fire”
by Jenny Warner.

Refreshments served.



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