

APRIL PROGRAM

By Shirley Koelling

The Monee Creamery

April 9

The Monee Historical Society began as the “Save the Monee Creamery Foundation” in 2011. The creamery building was two weeks away from the wrecking ball. It is an important piece of history, both for Monee and Will County. A group of concerned citizens banded together to try to save it from demolition.

In 2016, it was granted Will County Landmark status since it is one of the last few buildings remaining constructed of local Lockport limestone. After a generous grant from the Village of Monee, The Creamery is now completely restored and open to the public.

The Monee Historical Society grew as a natural extension of the “Save the Monee Creamery Foundation” in 2013. As a group, they have shifted their purpose to include not only the restoration and

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preservation of the creamery building, but also the preservation of all of Monee’s history through archive collection, historical documentation, and community outreach.

The Monee Historical Society envisions The Creamery as a place where they can archive and store historical papers, memorabilia, documents, and artifacts of the town’s history, including an oral history project. See and hear about this major project. ■

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Donna Work

At the March General Membership meeting, we announced that the current Slate of Officers has agreed to be re-nominated. They include Larry McClellan as President, Shirley Koelling as 1st Vice President of Programming, Donna Work as 2nd Vice President of Membership, Laurie Coolidge as Recording Secretary, Susan Bain-Williams as Corresponding Secretary, and Mary Ann Boggs as Treasurer. For three-year terms as Directors, Paula Cassady and David Ryan have agreed to be re-nominated to our Board of Directors, and Linda Swisher will take the place of Donald Gordon. We thank Don for his service and wish him well in the important work of his ministry.

If anyone wishes to have their name placed in nomination for an office, they may do so at the April General Membership meeting. If there are no other candidates, we will elect the returning slate of officers and directors by voice vote at the meeting. Any member interested in joining the Board

of Directors should feel free to contact President Larry McClellan to attend a Board Meeting on the first Tuesday after the first Saturday at 7:00 p.m. held in the SSGHS Library or via ZOOM. ■

WRITERS’ SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOLLOW-UP

By Carole Magnuson

Last month’s article resulted in a few responses. After considering them and hearing from current members, it was decided to continue the Writers’ Group. Some of our members would likely come if they could, and I want to support them.

Family historians enthusiastically research all they can learn about their ancestors’ lives. At some point, though, we exhaust available resources and/or encounter brick walls stalling our efforts. Compile your research into written stories that can be updated whenever you find new information. Only you can do this because you did the research.

We hear those sad stories of someone’s family research being discarded because no one was interested in taking it further. Even with an organized filing system, it simply looks like stacks of paper to your family members. I do not think you want this ending for your years of work. Historical societies or other archives may take your collection, but they prefer to receive it as an organized set of records with summaries or biographies of individuals. It is best to start the process sooner than later.



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SSGHS News

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- 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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MARCH PROGRAM SUMMARY

By Shirley Koelling

Peg Kapustiak spoke to us via Zoom on what to do with family heirlooms, genealogy papers, and photographs. Her advice to us was start small. The best day to start was yesterday—the second best is today. Devote a certain number of hours each week to sorting. Stick to your schedule. Sort into boxes what to toss, what to save, what to donate, and to whom. If you save it, how will it be organized: in a 3-ring binder, in file folders, in a photo book, scan and put on a thumb drive, or send to a friend or relative.

There are plenty of websites and books on how to archive heirlooms and photographs. Two books that you can order through interlibrary loan are “How to Archive Family Keepsakes” and “How to Archive Family Photos”. Call the archive or museum ahead of time to be sure they take donations. Check cyndislist.com for categories for heirlooms. Check with the Society of Professional Archivists.

If you are not sure where your family papers should go, contact the Special Collections Department at your nearest university or at a local group where the family was from. Or check the website preservationdirectory.com.

Hopefully she got us all motivated to start sorting and donating. ■

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It was for these reasons that the writers' group came to be. I believed family historians wanted to compile stories but did not know where to begin or had writers' block and needed some advice to start up again. If that is where you are, consider attending one or more of the meetings to help move your project(s) forward. For remote members or others who cannot be at an in-person meeting, email me requesting the information packet given to all new members. It contains organization tips and step-by-step instructions to begin the writing process on your own. You can send your request or comments to me at cmkinhunter@gmail.com. ■

WHAT'S NEW AT ANCESTRY.COM

By Donna Work

Since Ancestry.com has updated its home page, it is not easy to see what is new on the website. But way down in the bottom right-hand corner, under Tools and resources, you can click on New and updated collections and be dazzled by the wide array of collections being added from the U.S. and international databases. Remember that the Ancestry.com search engine is in order of a certain hierarchy. So new collections, typically, do not come up until after census and vital records. It can be much more productive to drill right into the new collection.

Findagrave.com seems to have become a global phenomenon as many European and South American countries have been added. Passenger Lists are being expanded to smaller port cities, like New Orleans, Baltimore, and Puerto Rico. There is a big push to add Will and Probate Records, Naturalization Records, and African-American research collections. So, take a look from time to time. You will not be disappointed. Happy Hunting!! ■

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LOCATION:

**SSGHS Headquarters
3000 W. 170th Place**

April 9 — 10:00 a.m.

***The Monee Creamery
by Christina Holston***

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Donna Work

Three new members have enrolled in the month of March, bringing our membership to 201. We welcome Serita Whitehorn of Munster, Indiana; Melinda Goetsch of Elk River, Minnesota; and Kristen Williams of Alsip, Illinois. ■

FUNERAL RECORD GO LIVE

By Donna Work

SSGHS is happy to announce the name indexes for the Carlson and the Otto Funeral Homes are now online, on our website. Carlson, located at 304 West 119th Street in the West Pullman neighborhood of Chicago, and Otto, located at 10928 South Michigan Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood, were part of the Greater Pullman/Roseland community of Chicago. The funeral home records are a treasure trove of genealogical information.

On the SSGHS homepage you can click on the link to Selected funeral homes' records. From there you can choose which index you want to search alphabetically by surname. Then you can order copies of the original records. There is a link to an order form. Members will be charged \$2 and non-members \$5. Mail your request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: SSGHS, 3000 W. 170th Place, Hazel Crest, IL 60429-1174.

Special thanks to Linda Mashek for her work on the Otto name index, Laurie Coolidge for her help revising the order form, and Linda Swisher for formatting the name indexes for the webpage. We hope to continue to post searchable name indexes of collections we hold in the library on our website. If you are interested in helping with such a project, please contact the library. Happy Hunting!! ■

USED BOOK SPECIALS

By Paula Malak

Here are some new books—I thought I would try some New England items. I hope you find something you cannot live without. Prices are for pick-up at the library, and sales tax is included. Shipping is an additional \$4.00.

- *Ancestral roots of 60 colonists who came to New England between 1623 and 1650* – \$5.00
- *Omitted chapters from Hotten's* – \$7.00
- *New England marriages before 1700 by Torrey* – \$10.00
- *Directory of Ancestral Heads of New England families : 1602-1700* – \$7.00 ■

MORE WHAT'S NEW



IN THE LIBRARY

Ball Family of Stoke-in-Teignhead, Devon, England; Ball, Nan S. [1944].
F H BALL

Black Bonanza : How an Oil Hunt Grew into the Union Oil Company of California; Taylor, Frank J. [1950].
665.5 TAY

Boston Taxpayers in 1821; [1988].
974.46 D-ROH

Boston Then & Now; McNulty, Elizabeth [1999].
974.461 H-MCN

Brunswick: The Story of an American Company from 1845 to 1985; Kogan, Rick [1985].
338.74 KOG ■



APRIL CALENDAR

Saturday, April 2
SSGHS Library open
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5
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, April 9
10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting.
Program: *The Monee Creamery*
by Christina Holston.
Program held in person and via Zoom.
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from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday.
SSGHS Library closed.

Friday, April 15
Good Friday.
SSGHS Library closed.

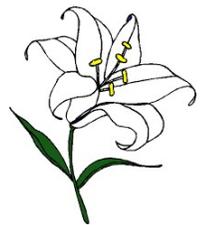
Saturday, April 16
Holy Saturday.
SSGHS Library closed.

Sunday, April 17
Easter.
SSGHS Library closed.

Monday, April 18
Easter Monday.
SSGHS Library open
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
Writer's Special Interest Group,
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
The library is closed otherwise.

Saturday, April 30
Arbor Day.
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IN THE LIBRARY

BEGIN 2019 DONATIONS

"Connection" in East Tennessee;
Edwards, Olga Jones [1985].

976.88 D-EDW

100 Years Ago: Dutch Immigration to
Manitoba in 1893; Krijff, Jan Th. J.
[1993].

971.27 H-KRI

70 Years on Hope Street : A History of
the Church of the Open Door 1915-1985;
Cocoris, G. Michael [1985].

979.493 H-COC

76 Bonanza : The fabulous life and times
of the Union Oil Company of California;
Welty, Earl M. [1966].

665.5 WEL

A Century of Progress Homes and
Furnishings; [1934].

977.311 D-RAL

Aegis; Lincoln-Way High School.

977.3251 D-LIN

Abstracts of notices published in the
Woodstock Sentinel, 1863-1866;
[2002].

977.322 D-ABS

Adoptee's Guide To DNA Testing :
How to Use Genetic Genealogy to
Discover Your Long-Lost Family;
Weinberg, Tamar [2018].

929.1 WEI

Along the Way: An Autobiography;
Bradley, Preston [1962].

977.311 H-BRA

Alpha Omicron Pi Alumnae Directory
1999; Alpha Omicron Pi [1999].

371.856 ALP

American Genealogical Biographical
Index; [1999].

973 AME

Armenian Evangelical Church of
Greater Chicagoland Commemorative
booklet, May 19-20, 2007; [2007].

977.31 H-ARM

Art Masterpiece in a Century of Pro-
gress Fine Arts Exhibition at the Art
Institute of Chicago; Bulliet, C. J.
[1933].

977.311 D-BUL

Artistic Guide to Chicago and the
World's Columbian Exposition; [1892].

977.311 H-ART

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 9 – “The Monee Creamery”
by the Monee Historical Society.

May 14 – SSGHS Birthday /
Show & Tell.

June 11 – “Power Tools For Genetic
Genealogy at My Heritage”
by Michelle Bray Wilson.

July 9 – Field trip (TBA).

August 13 – “Pullman: The Man,
the Company, the Historical Park”
by Kenneth Schoon.

September 10 – “Back to School:
Making the Most of School
Records” by Tina Beard.



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