

RANDOLPH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
DECEMBER, 2010, NEWSLETTER

Greetings to you all as we end 2010 and look forward to 2011. We hope you find that elusive ancestor this year, break through that "brick wall", and make great progress in your research.

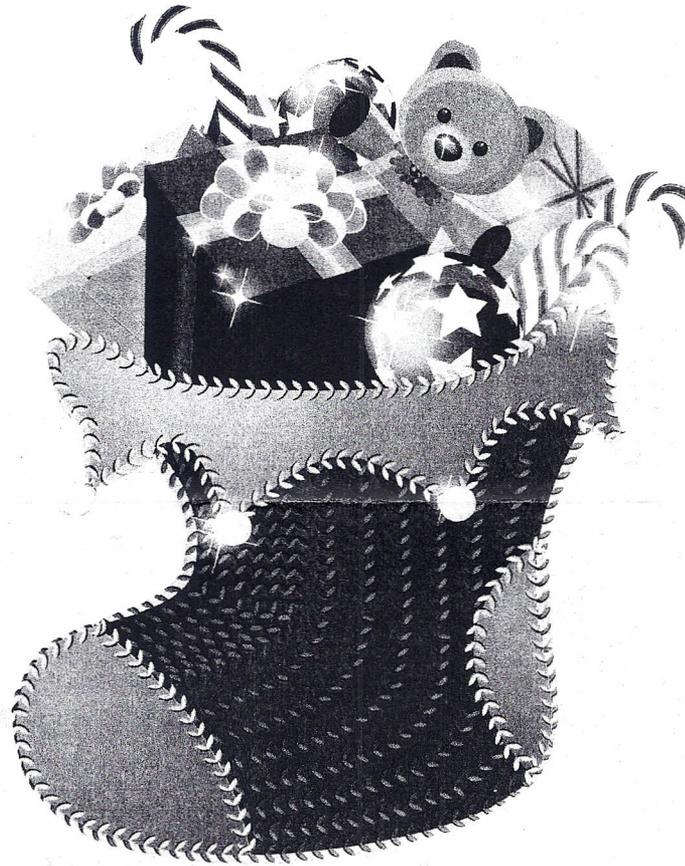
We have had a colder than usual December this year, a taste of snow and freezing rain already. We're not ready for that yet. December 14<sup>th</sup> was the date for our RCGS Christmas party at the restaurant in downtown Chester, where we have gone the past several years. The weather was cold and blustery, we had a small turnout, but we had a good time. We had a short meeting to take care of necessary business, then sat around a big table enjoyed our food and visited.

We are happy to report that our web-page has been completely updated and renovated and new links added, thanks to members Megan Heyl, (Michigan) and Velda Moore, (Randolph Co. IL), along with web-master, Larry. They have worked hard the past couple of months, up-dating, making changes, and adding more information, to keep the public informed about Randolph County, Illinois, Genealogical Society, what we have and what we are doing. The Randolph County, IL. link for our RCGS website is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilrcgs/>

Virginia will be typing up the master copy for our membership mailing labels after the first of the year. She puts the year you are paid up through, on the label. A few members have written that they have paid for the year following the label date, and so the date on their label is incorrect. When your dues are paid late, well after the first of the year, the master has already been typed and sometimes the correction to the label is overlooked. She plans to research through past financial records to check on when the dues were sent in, and if they were sent in, and get corrections made. To eliminate this problem, please get your dues sent by the first of January.

We have had a few more researchers come into our library to research the past month—people are getting used to our being open again. We have been open two Saturdays, so far—the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Nov. and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Dec. from 9am to noon. No researchers have come in on these first two Saturdays that we've been open. We will be open again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in January, 2011—the 17<sup>th</sup> of Jan. We will do this for a little while longer to give an

opportunity for working people to be able to come in and research.  
However, if no one comes in to research, we will not continue to do this.  
We already volunteer our time a couple days a week and we don't want to  
give up our Saturdays, too, if no one takes advantage of the opportunity. We  
realize that November and December are busy times, with Thanksgiving and  
Christmas, and maybe that's why no one came, so we will continue till early  
summer and see what happens.



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!  
June James  
Randolph County Genealogical Society