

Randolph Co. Genealogical Society  
April, 2011 Newsletter

We held our April meeting the second Tuesday, 6:30pm, and it was a beautiful evening, twelve people were in attendance. We were happy to have Bertha Becker, Pat Tubb and Cathy Pannier there for their first time. All the officers were there except two.

We began with the usual minutes and reports and then into the business part of the meeting. Virginia has put together a new book for our publications list—**EARLY SETTLERS, RANDOLPH COUNTY, IL**. It sells for \$20.00, which includes tax.

We received an email from a lady who is downsizing her library and has censuses and other research books, from other counties of Illinois around us, that she is wanting to sell. We are interested in adding research resources, for other counties near us, and so we are looking into the possibility of purchasing these books for our library.

As our library now is located in several rooms, besides the reception/office area, conference/meeting room and publication room, we are in need of several more clocks to keep track of the time. We voted to purchase additional clocks, to have clocks in all rooms.

We received a letter from the Illinois State Genealogical Society with information about the FGS Conference to be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> -- 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Springfield, Illinois at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, Concourse Level. The theme for the Conference is "Pathways to the Heartland". The State Genealogical Society will present "An Old Fashioned Prairie Social", on Wednesday, 7 September, 2011, 6-8pm. Representatives from Genealogical Societies in Illinois will be there, each at small display tables, to talk to guests about research in their county, hand out brochures, etc. It will be a nice evening of getting acquainted with what is available in our state to help you find your roots and research your family history.

We want to thank Lottie Braun, one of our volunteer staff, for cleaning out the flower bed by the front of our building, getting it ready for summer blooms. She also takes care of clipping items from our County newspapers for books in our research library, obituaries, etc. and helps Virginia publish and put together the quarterly for mailing.

Virginia Mansker volunteers on Tuesdays, publishes The Trails, our Quarterly, is our "office manager" and takes care of the paperwork involved with running an organization.

Midge Dobyns volunteers on Mondays, does a lot of research for other people, and is currently "indexing" books on our research shelves that had not yet been indexed.

Janice Zang volunteers on Wednesdays and also every other month on the "third" Saturday morning, to have the library open for people who work and cannot research on our regular days. She spends a lot of time reading microfilm on our reader/printer, abstracting, and then typing and putting into book form, an index of what is on the various microfilms.

June James volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays and the alternate month "third" Saturday morning. She is currently working on updating our cemetery records, recording, from obituaries, those who have been buried since the mid 1980's, in our county cemeteries, their birth and death dates.

We all help any researchers who come into our library, seeking information for their family histories. And we do research for people who write in and ask us to look up things for them.

We welcome any articles, stories, generation charts or items of genealogical interest that you would like to send us, to put into "The Trails", our Quarterly periodical.

Enjoy the spring season, the warm weather, the outdoors. If you're coming through southern Illinois this summer, on vacation, stop in and see us and do some research.

June James

