

Randolph County Genealogical Society  
NEWSLETTER  
September, 2011

Twelve members and two guests met together in the meeting room at our Library & office in Steeleville, IL, on Tuesday evening, Sep. 13, 2011, for our regularly scheduled Society meeting.

Robin Ogilvie gave a brief report on the convention held the previous week in Springfield, IL.

Virginia expressed a big thank you to all of those who have sent articles for the Quarterly. This is a big help to her in putting the Quarterlies together for publication.

Virginia said that Gary Gordon of Sparta, who's business is Music, producing and performing, had stopped in the office last week and invited us to come to "The Gordon House". He and his wife will host us, for "tea", a tour of the restored house, the history that goes with it, and music. It was originally planned for our Oct. meeting evening, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, but upon calling Roberta, his wife, for final arrangements, we find that date conflicts with a recording session. The date that works for them is Thursday afternoon, 1:00PM, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She felt, too, the house would be easier to find in the daytime, as it is located in a remote country setting. We hope that our local members will be free to attend this event. This will replace our regular October meeting. We will not have a full formal meeting, will just pass on any information that we have for you.

As some of us didn't know how to get there, Robert Morrow, drove there and wrote down the directions, street names, mileage, etc. and called me so that I could include the directions in this newsletter.

Directions to Gordon House: coming from the "T", on State Rte 150, going north on Rte 4 towards Sparta, continue past the Blair Rd. to Crystal Springs, which is a black top road on the right. Turn right onto Crystal Springs, go short distance, about ½ mile, or less, then, turn left onto Gordon Rd., Gordon Rd. is a gravel road. The house will be about a half mile down that road, on your left.

Directions to Gordon House: going south on Rte. 4, from Sparta, continue past the Schuline Rd. approx. a mile and you will see, on the left, Roseborough Rd. It is a gravel road. Turn there! About a mile down that road, you will come to Gordon Rd. on your right. Turn right onto Gordon Rd. and travel approx ½ mile, the Gordon House will be on your right.

The two guests attending our meeting were Keith Steele, president of Acclaim Press, a publishing company in Morley, MO., and his publishing consultant, Duane A. Sikes. They had called the office, talked with Virginia, and asked to come, meet and talk to us at our meeting. And so they came and talked to us about the possibility of publishing a book for Randolph Co. Genealogical Society, to sell.

Publishing a book is a big undertaking, requires a lot of work. With the economy, the way it is now, requires serious thought as to whether that would be a wise move at this time. We will have to think about this before we make a decision.

On Saturday morning, Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Nevin, a volunteer co-ordinator, for the LDS Family History Center in O'Fallon, Illinois, came to conduct a seminar for interested participants, at our Genealogy Library at #13 Westwood Dr. in Steeleville, Illinois. We had fourteen people in attendance.

She told us all about their facility, what they have to offer for people researching their family history, through their center, in the vast collection of records and information housed in the Latter-Day Saints Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. They have microfilm reader-printers, numerous computers and volunteers to guide you and assist in any way they can. She gave us websites and links to assist us in various areas of research.

The weather has turned cooler, we've gotten much needed rain, the farmers are beginning to harvest their corn, all signs that summer is nearly over, autumn around the corner. The children are back in school, a good time to spend in family history research. Good luck with that!

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June James, Pres.