

Randolph County Genealogical Society
March 2010 Newsletter

February was a snowy month here in So. Illinois and the morning of the day we were to have our February meeting, we received several inches and cancelled our meeting for that evening, as most drive in from other towns.

March has brought improvement in the weather and signs of spring. Twelve members attended our meeting on Tuesday, the 9th, at the Ole Farmhouse Café in Chester. After food and fellowship, we conducted our business meeting. All officers were present, with one exception.

There have been some changes in the time schedule for our move into our new quarters in Steeleville, Illinois. At our January meeting we were informed that probably the building would be ready for us to move into around the end of February. Since then we have learned that there will be delays. There are plans to renovate part of the building that will be used by the new owner of the building, and because of insurance, etc. they have asked that we not move in until the renovations are completed, which will probably be in May. And so we wait a little longer...

We have purchased a conference table, straight chairs and office chairs from the current occupant of the space we will be moving into. And so, some of our stuff is there waiting for us.

Our copier is being stored for us at Quality Copiers, Perryville, Mo., where it was purchased. They are very accommodating and allow us to go there and print our quarterlies, newsletters, publications, when we need to do our printing. So on Mon. Mar. 15th we will do some printing and as soon as our Quarterly covers are ready, we will get this mailing out to you. Once we get settled into our new "home", we will get back onto a regular schedule with our mailings.

Most of our members have sent in their "dues", but there are some who have "forgotten". If you have not paid your 2010 dues, (\$20.00), please send them to RCGS, P.O. Box 328, Chester, Illinois 62233, now, so that we can have our membership up to date.

We have added three new publications to our list of publications since the last Quarterly—The Anti-Slavery Movement in Randolph County, Illinois. It was written by Dora Spinney in April, 1970, but not published.

Her family has given Randolph County Genealogical Society the publication rights for her book. It contains a list of some slaveholders from 1810-1820, also a list of Randolph County, Illinois, men who enlisted in Co. F. Missouri Volunteers in the Civil War. It has 80+ pages.

And, the book, Pension Records—Civil War, Black Hawk, War with Spain, and Mexican War, 1890-1913. It is a record book of Lindsay Steele, Pension Attorney, Chester, Illinois, and has 142 pages plus index.

And the book, Naturalizations & Immigrations, Randolph County, Illinois, 1815-1951, it has 84 pages plus index. Look for them in the publication list!

We have included our publications list, again, in this March Quarterly to include the “new” books. We will probably continue to make our Publication List a part of each Quarterly, so our members will always have it available and easy to find.

So, remember to send your dues, if you have not done so—send your name, address and the surnames you are researching, if you would like to trade research with other members who are researching the same surname. This will go into our Research Trade and Communication section of our Quarterlies—also tell us what you would like to see in our Quarterly, give us some ideas of what you like.

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.
A Wise man does not need advice and a fool won't take it.

A friend is someone who is there for you when he's rather be somewhere else. Only your real friends tell you when your face is dirty.

Failure is only a temporary change in direction to set you straight for your next success. Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

June James
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