

Randolph Co. Genealogical Society July, 2010 Newsletter

We met on Tuesday, Jul. 13th, 6:30 pm. for the first meeting in our new quarters, with thirteen in attendance—twelve members, including new members, Joanne and Bill Davis, and regular visitor, Dennis Shaw. Those who had not been here, before, toured the premises and we heard favorable comments from them—they liked what they saw.

We have everything unpacked, shelved, and organized. Our file cabinets are back in order, our equipment set up, our telephone and internet hooked up—back in business. We have had a number of researchers come to work on their family histories, a couple from as far away as Texas, but most from Illinois and Missouri.

Virginia is busy typing up material for a new publication—June is working on researching and putting together the family history of a Randolph Co. family, for them—Midge is busy typing up material for our quarterly—Janice, “Pudge” and Leona have been working on condensing and consolidating material from our “trades” quarterlies from other states’ Genealogy Societies, into more usable form. But, we stop to help researchers when they come in.

Virginia has taken care of getting us covered with insurance and has contacted a business about making a sign for our building and installing it. We have been “gifted” with sixteen stackable chairs from Victory Church in St. Charles, Missouri, through the daughter of a member of RCGS, for which we are thankful—we use them in our meeting room.

Needing various supplies—it was suggested that we “shower” RCGS with things we need and use. Our local members plan to bring items to our next meeting and we invite you all to join us in sending items or donations to buy them. Things we need: paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, room deodorizers, bathroom stool deodorant, coffee, tea bags, white-out pens.

We are sorry that we made a mistake on one of the entries in our Research “Trades” column—the correct e-mail address is: zangj1111@gmail.com for Janice Zang, she is researching Eggemeyer, Rieckenberg, Knop Juergens, Wolters, Brockmeyer, Brueggeman.

Our next meeting will be at our library on Tuesday, Aug. 10th at 6:30 pm. If you are in our area, we hope you will come. Our refreshments for that meeting will be “Friendship” fruit salad, each one that comes, brings a can, or fresh, fruit item of their choice—we put them together for a delicious salad. Virginia is baking angel food cake to go with it. This is a summer favorite that we have enjoyed for several years.

The Tazewell County, Illinois, Genealogical & Historical Society has asked us to spread the word on a coming event at their library:

Harvest Time for Genealogists

Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(Registration 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society Library

719 N. Eleventh St., Pekin, IL

Speaker Jeffrey Bockman

Jeffrey Bockman is a Genealogy Lecturer & Writer. He was a contributing editor for the former *Everton's Genealogical Helper* and a feature writer for the former *Heritage Quest Magazine*. He is the author of the book: *Give Your Family A Gift That Money Can't Buy*, a book that encourages people to record and preserve their family's history.

A "note" to our members—if you move, and have a permanent change of address, or go "south" for the winter, or "north" to the lakes, in the summer, and have a "temporary" change of address, please let us know!!!

The U.S. Postal Service has changed some rules—all items in our "bulk" mailings, our quarterly and our newsletters, when undelivered because of an address change, are no longer put in the "dead letter" box. They are mailed back to us at "first class" rates and we have to pay the postage due. This adds up to quite a bit when we have 4 or 5 quarterlies returned or newsletters, each mailing.

Our mailing expenses have increased, also this year, because of a new rule of the post office dept—anything with staples have to be covered, so—we have to purchase 9x12 envelopes, in which to mail our quarterlies.

Please be kind enough to advise us of any address changes that you have—we need to cut these unnecessary costs.

Our new telephone number is 618/965-3705

Our e-mail address is the same as it was before, RCGS@egyptian.net

Have a good "rest of the summer", keep cool! Come see us!

June James,
Randolph Co. Genealogical Society