

RANDOLPH CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

We had a beautiful evening for our September 14th Genealogical Society meeting at our library conference room, but just had seven members in attendance. They were enjoying the nice weather elsewhere, I guess.

We discussed our upcoming expenses—the cost of our paper having been raised over recent years from \$29.90 to \$35.90 per case. We use about 60 reams of paper per year for the quarterlies, which would total about \$200.00, plus what we use for newsletters, our publications and miscellaneous use. We have to buy a box of brown envelopes each time we send out quarterlies because of the postal regulation against exposed staples in books, which costs about \$50.00 each quarter. In January, 2011, we will start paying rent of \$125.00 per month for our facility here, which is very reasonable, but nevertheless, a new expense. Our Liability insurance and bulk mail permit fee adds to our expenses. Therefore, it was voted to raise our annual dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per year. We do this reluctantly, but feel it is necessary to keep us up with everything.

It was suggested that we include a program with our monthly meetings. We had done this in the past, at some of our meetings and we enjoyed it. Usually one of our members would give a short talk, on a topic in which they had special interest, or a recent trip they had made to another country, or a research trip. There were interesting suggestions brought up and we hope to begin with our next meeting in October.

We had our “Open House” on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29th, from 2-4pm and we were very pleased with the response to our invitation to the community. The people came, enjoyed their tour and refreshments, many stayed to browse through our research books, a few actually took advantage of the time to do some family research. Several people told us that they worked and would love to come and research, but were not able to be there during our “open” hours, so took advantage of the open house to do a little research. This led to discussion at our meeting to perhaps be open one Saturday a month, or every other month, to make it possible for those who work during the week to come and research. We will work out the details and let you know. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or suggestions, call

us at our library at 618/965-3705 during our open hours, Mon. Tues. & Wed. 9am-2pm.

Now that we are all settled in our new library, and local citizens are becoming aware of our presence, we have been having an increase in researchers coming in to see what we have and researching their family's roots. We are proud of our ever-growing research library and we hope you will all come see us when you are in our area.

Randolph Co. Genealogical Society is co-sponsoring a program at the Chester Public Library on Tues. evening, Sep. 28th, 6:30pm. The program will be presented by Jim Baker of Ste Genevieve, MO entitled **Le Petit Anglais: Henry Marie Brackenridge-Vital Beauvais, family of Ste Genevieve**. It should be an interesting presentation and we hope all of you who live in the area will come. And since we are co-sponsoring the evening, we are requesting that our members bring cookies for refreshments, the library will provide the beverage.

Our next Genealogical Society meeting will be held here in our library at # 13 Westwood Drive, Steeleville, IL at 6:30pm. on Tues. Oct. 12th. We are happy to tell you that Jane Boyd, her daughter and family recently went on safari in Africa and they will present a program for us that evening on their trip. We will have donuts and spiced cider for refreshments and so are asking our members to bring donuts, the cider will be furnished. We look forward to a good turn-out.

Our member, Dale Fulton, is currently in the hospital and he, and member, Robert Craig, would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Enjoy this beautiful autumn weather and happy researching to all of you.

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