

RANDOLPH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011



Thirteen members and two guests met at the 'Hook, Line & Sinker' a relatively new restaurant near the Steeleville Wye for dinner on August 9. Everyone enjoyed the food, and we intended to hold a short meeting, but due to the restaurant being so noisy, we went back to the RCGS office to hold our meeting.

PROGRAM AT RCGS: On Saturday September 17, at 10 A.M Kathy Nevin of the Family Search Organization will present a program on how to use their free digital records that are available on line, also their original microfilm documents. This organization is the world's largest genealogy organization and for the past 100 years they have collected over nine billion names from over seventy countries, information which is free online. Bring a paper and pen, Kathy will answer any questions. Call RCGS at 618-965-3705 if you are interested in attending.

1940 CENSUS: The National Archives and Records Administration has set up a website as a countdown for the 1940 census, which will be displayed with digital images and will be available to the public on www.archives.gov/research/census/1940 Information on the census will be the street name and house number, all persons in household on April 1, 1940, the relationship, whether they were born in a foreign country, this will have a distinction between Canada-French from Canada-English and Irish Free State from Northern Ireland, will also have where they lived in 1935, did they work for WPA, what language was spoken in the home in their earliest childhood, if they have a SS#, if women had been married more than once, age at first marriage, number of children born to them (does not include stillbirths).

INDIANA AFRICAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE: The conference will be held October 8, 2011 at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis. Mark Lowe, noted genealogist will present a program entitled "Finding Uncle John by Talking To The Neighbors" and "Finding Kentucky Ancestors". Deborah Abbot will speak on 'using social media to enhance your family research,' and 'finding female ancestors,' and 'getting to the root of Rootsweb.' Researchers are encouraged to register in advance, cost of registration is \$45/\$35 for members after August 8. Registration forms and further details of the conference can be found at www.jaagg.org or contact Tamara Winfrey Harris at 773-354-6910. This group is dedicated to helping those of African Ancestry to uncover their hidden stories, but they welcome all researchers.

BUSINESS: Discussion was held on buying a new refrigerator to replace the one we were using, belonging to the Village of Steeleville which they moved out of the building. Everyone present voted to purchase a new one, if we can find one that fits in the same space. Melvin Paul offered to call a place where he had recently bought one, if that is unsuccessful it was decided for us to get one anywhere we can find the right size.

BITS AND PIECES:

We were sorry to hear Secretary Don Wiley has been in the hospital and is now in a nursing home in Highland, Illinois for a short time recuperating. We hope all goes well for him and that he will soon be home!

June is still working on updating cemetery books, doing over ten years of obituaries to get the information is quite a job. She is now on vacation and we hope she has a good one...

The September Quarterly is completed and ready to print, and should be mailed out in mid-September.

Our September meeting will be at the RCGS building September 13, at 6 p.m. with refreshments of cake, coffee and punch.

JUST FOR LAUGHS: Physics according to 11 year olds, in answers they gave on a Science Exam:

“The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader.”

“Mushrooms always grow in damp places, so they always look like umbrellas.”

“The body consists of three parts---the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five---a, e, i, o, and u.”

“Rhubarb: A kind of celery that has gone bloodshot.”

“To keep milk from going sour, keep it in the cow.”

“Germinate: To become a naturalized German.”

BIT OF WISDOM: A clever man tells a woman he understands her feelings, a stupid one tries to prove it.

Virginia Mansker
For June James who is on vacation