

Randolph County Genealogical Society
NEWSLETTER
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Ten members braved a stormy night to attend our November meeting. Seems like we get rain on a lot of our meeting nights. It's hard to see well in the glare of headlights when it's raining. It was suggested that maybe, during the winter months, when it gets dark early, we should have our meeting in the afternoon—2nd Tuesday of the month, at 2:00-4:00pm. instead of 6:30pm, as we have been having. What do you think? Let us know!

At our September meeting, representatives from a publishing company attended our meeting and discussed with us the possibility of RCGS publishing a new book to have for sale. We've thought about it, but at the present time, do not feel that in these present economic times, it would be wise to undertake a project like this.

We held election of officers for the coming year—they are:

June James, President
Midge Dobyns, V-President
Joyce Davitz, Secretary
Virginia Mansker, Treasurer
Trustees: Betty Wagner, 3yr. term
Lottie Braun, 1yr. term.

We have had a number of researchers come, in recent weeks, to seek information on their ancestors, we are happy to assist all researchers and help them all we can. There is no charge to research—the only charge you might have would be .25 per page of any record we copy for you.

We are open Monday—Wednesday, 9:00am—2:30pm. We usually are open the 3rd Saturday morning, 9:00am—12:00 noon of each month, also, however, during November and December, 2011, because those Saturdays are the week before Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will not be open. We will, again, be open for the 3rd Saturday morning in January, providing the weather permits. At any time during the winter, when we have ice or heavy snow, we will not open. If there is any question, call us: 618/965-3705.

The office volunteers keep busy with various projects: Janice is working with our microfilm, making an index and review of the material on various films. She is currently searching for marriage records that are mixed up in court records and various places, recording them, so we have them available for researchers.

Lottie keeps busy clipping birth, marriages, obits, and other material from our county newspapers to assemble into a book, for each year, for our research library. She also is working on a cemetery project.

Virginia collects material and puts together our Quarterly, "The Trails", she also takes care of office business.

Midge and Augie have been working on a Veteran's project, collecting and recording the names of people of Randolph Co. who have served in the defense of our country.

June is winding up a project of updating our Randolph Co. Cemetery Records, recording the burials from 1980—2010, gathering the information from our books of obituaries.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, 2011, we will have our Christmas party at "The Old Farmhouse Café" in downtown Chester, IL. We will have a delicious Buffet dinner at 6:00pm of Turkey & dressing, Ham, potatoes, vegetable, cranberry salad, with cherry cobbler for dessert, coffee, tea or lemonade. The cost for each person is \$11.00 (includes gratuity). We hope many members will be able to attend.

We will not have a business meeting, just any announcements that need to be made—it will be an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please make your reservations by Dec. 8th, so that we can give them ample time to prepare for us.

We want to wish you, and your family, a Happy Thanksgiving! We all have much for which to be thankful, we enjoy many blessings each day.

June James
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