

Randolph Co. Genealogical Society
NEWSLETTER
January, 2012

Ten members met at our library on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10th, at 2pm, after the library had closed for the day, to hold our monthly meeting. We had voted to hold our meetings in the afternoon during the winter months, as it gets dark so early, and it always seemed to rain on meeting nights which made driving more difficult.

After reports and correspondence were read, with discussion and decisions made, a quilt top was displayed that had been made with appliquéd blocks given to our Society by life member, Selah Moore. We will have it quilted, and hem it, and you will all have an opportunity to have a chance to win this lovely quilt.

We have a new book on our publication list—Randolph County, IL Cemeteries, 1980—2010. It is an update on our cemeteries, telling us who has been buried in the past thirty years since Lucille Wichiens walked through our cemeteries, recorded, and published, five volumes of Randolph Co. Cemetery records. This new book has 222 pages, is indexed, and sells for \$15.00 + .94 tax + \$3.00 post. It covers all the active cemeteries.

We also want to remind you that it is time to renew your membership dues. They were raised to \$25.00 last year. A few people have mistakenly sent \$20.00, as they have in the past. Please send in your dues of \$25.00 as soon as you can. The dues for husband/wife membership is \$35.00 and our Life Membership is \$200.00.

Virginia will be typing up new labels for this coming year, but this letter will go out with labels from last year. She is a little behind schedule, she has had a difficult past few weeks with the illness and death of a son during the holiday season. So, if you have paid your 2012 dues, and your label does not show that, don't worry, soon she will have it all caught up. Also, please notify us if there are any changes in your mailing address, or if you go south for the winter, or leave your address for a period during the summer. We have to pay the postage when your quarterly or newsletter is returned, "undelivered". We pay to have it sent to you, and again when it is returned—that gets expensive.

Our volunteer library staff is back at work after a brief three week "break" during the holidays.

Lottie is finishing up with clipping vital statistic articles from our county newspapers for the year 2010. They will be put into research books for our library—a book of 2010 obituaries to add to our collection—a book containing births, marriages, etc. will go on another shelf. These books will be indexed for your convenience, when researching. Then we begin working on the new year.

Midge and Augie have been going through all our obituary books and collecting the names and birth and death dates of all our deceased veterans, along with record of the war in which they served. We are grateful for the service our men and women have given for the defense of our country and we will have a book with their names.

Virginia takes care of the business part of running our office and she also is editor of The Trails, our quarterly, collects and puts together the articles in it. She is always grateful when our members send in stories or articles of historical or genealogical value. So, let us hear from you.

Janice works with our microfilm collection and is currently collecting all she can find regarding early Randolph County marriages. We have books of early marriages, but she is finding additional marriages and information to add to our resources. She is getting "adept" at reading that old script on dark and faded microfilm—she types what she finds and puts it into books for our shelves.

June has just finished the Cemetery Records update book, and made copies for sale, is currently doing "odds & ends" until she finds a new project to work on.

We have had researchers in working on their family histories and we are happy to have them take advantage of the information in our library. If you are traveling in our area, please come by and visit our library. We are open Mon.—thru—Wed. 9am—2pm. and the 3rd Saturday morning, each month, 9am—noon.

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