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Hello Everyone,

There has been much cold weather, snow, and water underfoot since our last letter.

When the volunteers returned to RCGS Office/Library January 13th, a frozen water pipe had broken in a room behind the rooms we rent from the city and water had migrated into our section and was still coming down from its location just below the ceiling. With quick thinking, Midge & June called city maintenance who came & shut off the water. Next was the mop and vacuum detail. We lost a few reams of copy paper, about three boxes of info that had already been transferred into books (thank heavens), and five books that were copies for sale. But everything on the shelves was safe. That bit of activity used up the 13th. Drying out the place after the pipe was repaired took a little longer. June was able to go in Wednesday to answer mail and research. The fans ran all week and the moisture appears to be gone.

We missed opening 4 of the next nine days because of hazardous roads. Hopefully your emails & letters have been answered by now. We're sorry for any inconvenience the weather may have caused.

Next in this year 2014, the printer decided it was time to die. So we shopped for a new printer. We would like to declare an early spring.

And from the treasurer: Thank you to all the interested RCGS Family for being so prompt with 2014 dues. We want to be timely with our mailings, but not bother those who are not interested. **IF YOUR MAILING LABEL HAS AN "L" OR "14" ON IT, YOU ARE PAID UP FOR 2014.** You don't need to send more for this year. If anyone asks - \$25.00 FOR A SINGLE OR \$35.00 FOR A COUPLE.

We have started a waiting list of people asking for Steeleville and its Early Years by Imogene Fiene. If enough are interested, we will try to print more copies. Please contact Imogene or our office by April 1 to reserve a copy.

The Heyls are still busy finding GPS locations to the cemeteries. All help is much appreciated. Look and Like the Facebook page for the latest. 170 cemeteries have been located, but if you know if any burial area, no matter how small, that you feel may not be listed yet, please give us a call or email to check it out.

David Stewart has sent us a book to share his family lineage and research, "Branch of Clan Stewart of Appin from Scotland to Randolph County, Illinois 1660 -2014". Besides Stewart, the families of Freke, Vaughn, Reddick, Blome, Biermann, Knop, Heuer, are carefully listed. His source listing is very complete. Well done, David! Thank you for sharing.

Another newbook on our research shelves is Monroe County, Illinois Divorces 1830's to 1963.

Remember to send in any stories that you have about the lives of our ancestors. We all enjoy learning about them.

The faithful crew, June James, Midge Dobyns, and Leona on Monday; Lottie Braun, Joyce Davitz, Betty Wagner, and myself on Tuesday, and on Wednesday it is June and sometimes Virginia, at RCGS Library to help the researchers and visitors.

The next meeting is March 11, 2014, at the RCGS Library in Steeleville.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2013

Total RECEIPTS: \$13, 899

The receipt total includes \$1,525 dues for 2014. Receipts for the Steeleville book are included: \$4,950. All of the books sold in just a few months.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 10,689

Emily Lyons Wishing for you and us No more snow and warmer weather to celebrate Valentine's Day! And a few other days.