

Randolph County Genealogy Society

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The October 21st meeting was attended by seven members. There was a motion approved for new hours, namely, Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, call for an appointment if needed. Thank you to those that have already sent the \$25 renewal dues. That keeps us open.

Our book, Steeleville and Its Early Years written and compiled by Imogene Fiene, is here. Your order will be mailed as soon as it is received. You may purchase one at the RCGS location or from Imogene at First National Bank. Books mailed out of state are \$25 plus \$5 s/h. In state, add \$1.81 for tax.

Reminder: Our annual Christmas Dinner in December is approved to meet at Reid's Harvest House at 6 p.m. December 9th for accommodations this year. Pay on your own, but please send or call an RSVP to Emily by December 6 so proper arrangements are made. Please bring a \$5 gift for an exchange.

Again, our thanks to June, Midge, Lottie & Joyce for being in the office Monday, & Tuesday. Our sympathy to the family of Marion Frazer, a life member that often helped at RCGS site. She passed away October 16, 2014; interment is in Percy Village Cemetery.

REMINDER: We think we have the cemetery list about completed but still need some GPS readings. But the Heyls want to hear from you if you know of a cemetery or burial location that seems to have been forgotten. Thanks to all those that have responded.

The next meeting is November 18, 2014, 2 p.m. at the RCGS Library in Steeleville. The annual election will be held. RCGS will be closed November 11 for Veterans' Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT September 1 - 30, 2014

Total RECEIPTS: \$759.37 (Includes \$680 in book sales)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$155.38 (Includes \$112.47 to mail quarterlies)

We hope you are finding beautiful food for the eyes in the fall colors. It's a promise for renewal.

Emily Lyons

Education Station
by Megan Heyl

We would like to introduce you to a variety of internet sources available for genealogical research. While many have said that using the internet for genealogy research is like looking at the tip of the iceberg and that more in-depth research must still be done in libraries, archives and courthouses, this series offers some useful sources that you may have never heard about or used. Be sure to visit each suggested link - you never know what you may discover.

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Website: <http://www.ilgensoc.org>

Description: Welcome to the website for the Illinois State Genealogical Society! The ISGS website has been created to enhance your passion for genealogy. It not only features links to ISGS projects, but also links you to other records and resources throughout Illinois including those individual genealogical home pages that have an Illinois connection!

The public is invited to explore the new ISGS website and enjoy these features:

- 1) The current issue of the ISGS Newsletter and archived copies back to 2008
- 2) Listings of ISGS events and events for Illinois genealogical societies
- 3) Free databases filled with information on Illinois ancestors
- 4) A list of Illinois research resources

The following indices and databases are provided free to the public:

African-American Genealogy

Ancestor Photos

Certified Prairie Pioneers

Family Bible Records Surname Index

Illinois Cemetery Locations

Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Church 1837-1937

Illinois Genealogical Societies

ISGS Collection on Ancestry.com -contents include Arcola Township High School yearbooks

Military Certificates