

# You Have Family You Have History

## Conference Program ~ Saturday, October 23, 2010

8:00-8:45 A.M.

Registration and Networking

**\*\*Be sure to visit our Exhibitors!!\*\***

8:45 A.M.

Welcome and Illinois State Genealogical Society Annual Meeting & Awards

9:30 A.M.

Using Military Records for Genealogical Research

Curt B. Witcher 1A

An in-depth look at military records, from our country's earliest history to the present day. Discussed are the five major types of military records; where one can find such documents; typical data found in sample records; and a detailing of what one might call other "minor" military records.

Newspaper Research: A Mirror of History

Susan D. Kaufman 1B

Newspapers are reflective of the communities and the societies they represent. Finding that vital piece of information; a vital record, a list of immigrants, or even just the "goings on" of the community your family was a part, offers a greater insight and a picture of (and into) their lives.

Coal Dust in Your Veins:

Timothy N. Pinnick 1C

Tips, Strategies, and Resources to Bring Your Coal Mining Ancestors to the Surface

Key resources in print, on microfilm and online, related to the coal mining experience in America will be highlighted and valuable tips and strategies on tracking coal mining ancestors will be provided.

11:00 A.M.

Pain in the Access. Getting More from the Internet for Your Genealogy

Curt B. Witcher 2A

Library, archive, government, and GenWeb sites have much to offer genealogists if they know how and where to look--and it's not as complicated or painful as it might first seem. This lecture demonstrates sites and strategies for getting more meaningful data from the web.

Basic Digital Image Restoration

Larry Pepper 2B

Discusses the application tools plus demonstrate these tools using real images. Example images will include problems such as faded or dark images, cracks, tears, holes and missing pieces. Discover basic techniques used towards creating amazing results with your own restorations.

From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping your Family's Place in the World

Jane G. Haldeman 2C

There are numerous sources that give our ancestor's legal land description. But where are they and what do they mean? Learn where to look for those records and discover how to convert section and range into Google Earth to see what that property looks like today.

12:00 P.M.

LUNCH

1:30 P.M.

Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research

Curt B. Witcher 3A

An up-close look at various types of church records, how to find such documents in the areas where one's ancestors lived, and strategies for accessing as many church records and church-created documents as possible. Some time is devoted to recognizing record keeping practices, archives and determining the addresses of archives for various denominations.

Using Criminal Records for Genealogical Research

Susan D. Kaufman 3B

Criminal records offer an insight into the shadier side of our ancestors. They also show those individuals who did not commit the crime, but are victims, witnesses, jurors and more. An overview of resources created revolving around criminal activity will be presented.

Old Soldiers Do Die, but Often After They Move!

Timothy N. Pinnick 3C

A survey of the GAR (a national organization of Union Civil War Veterans) along with a look at some of the extant sources of that group presents a useful methodology which helps researchers accumulate important details on these veterans.

3:00 P.M.

Genetic Genealogy and the Bassett DNA y-chromosome project

Jeffrey Bassett 4A

Genetic Genealogy is the latest technique being used as a tool in genealogical research. He will explain how he got started in genealogy, how DNA testing works, and examples of different case studies from the Bassett DNA project showing how DNA testing has helped in the research of different Bassett lines.

Funeral Records: The Final Event

Susan D. Kaufman 4B

Funerals generate many different records that can be utilized for research. Death certificates, obituaries, death notices, funerals cards, body transportation records, burial permits, and many more are sought after to prove evidence of a life.

All That Other STUFF!: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules

Curt B. Witcher 4C

Focuses on the many other census schedules that researchers often overlook when using federal census records; agricultural, manufacturing, mortality, slave, social and statistical census are explored. Using all these schedules along with the population schedules can provide a significant amount of additional information about ones' ancestor and his community.

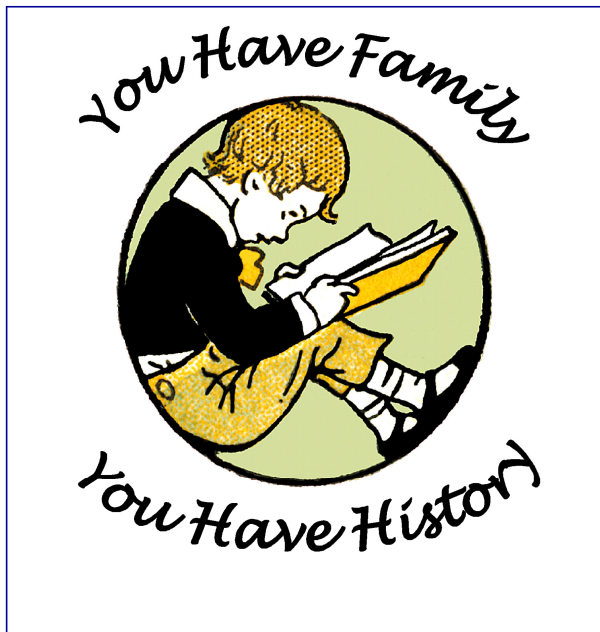


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**ISGS Plays in Peoria!!**

# ISGS Fall Conference Saturday, October 23, 2010



## Youth Workshop

**New This Year!**  
**Youth Workshop**  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Ages 12-15

Students will observe an oral interview; they will learn techniques for interviewing and for tracking their ancestors. An essay contest is being offered; winners will be announced at the Conference. Conference attendance is not required to win.

**Limited space; register early.**  
 For more information visit:  
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## New This Year

Our syllabus will be available only on CD this year. Email addresses are required to send conference materials in advance.

Curt B. Witcher: *Featured Speaker!* Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association. He is former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society.

Jeffrey Bassett: Has been working on Bassett Family genealogy for more than 30 years. To date, the Bassett project has grown to include more than 230 male Bassetts living in 7 countries around the world, making it one of the largest projects of its kind. He has presented the Bassett DNA project to more than a dozen different groups in several states. Jeffrey lives in Mundelein, Illinois with his wife and four children.

Jane G. Haldeman: Illinois State Genealogical Society board member and President of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society. She is co-owner of *It's Relative* a genealogical research company based in Illinois. Jane is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild and lectures frequently on genealogy topics.

Susan D. Kaufman: Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research at the Houston Public Library. A genealogy librarian for 23 years, Susan currently is a Director on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and President – Elect of the Texas State Genealogical Society. She began her career as the genealogy librarian at the Peoria Public Library.

Larry Pepper: Illinois State Genealogical Society board member, Owner of [PepperPhotography.com](http://PepperPhotography.com). Larry has twenty five years experience in a variety of areas of photography. He has combined his extensive knowledge of Photoshop and his love of genealogy to create exquisite family trees.

Timothy N. Pinnick: Genealogist, lecturer, family historian and recipient of a 2005-2006 Formby research Fellowship for his efforts researching African-American coal miners. He is the author of Finding and Using African American Newspapers.

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### Registration Form

Mailed and Postmarked by Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- \$35.00 for ISGS Members
- \$45.00 for Non-Members
- \$55.00 Postmarked after October 15<sup>th</sup> or at the door
  - \$30.00 Annual Membership to ISGS

Late registrations welcome, but we cannot guarantee lunch after this date or for walk-ins.

Please, no refunds after September 30<sup>th</sup>

Please Indicate Conference Break-Out Session Choices Here:

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| 11:00         | <input type="checkbox"/> 2A            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2B           | <input type="checkbox"/> 2C |
| 1:30          | <input type="checkbox"/> 3A            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3B           | <input type="checkbox"/> 3C |
| 3:00          | <input type="checkbox"/> 4A            | <input type="checkbox"/> 4B           | <input type="checkbox"/> 4C |
| Lunch Choices | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Lasagna |                             |

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