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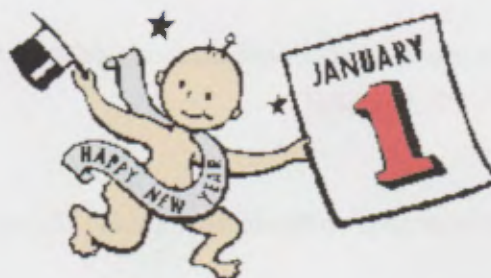
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## NEWSLETTER

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Book Review

*Those Left Behind*

*Cemeteries in the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge*

*Williamson County, Illinois, 1995*

Author: Helen Sutt Lind

*Submitted by Leann Johnson*

Recent newspapers articles about the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge and the cemeteries that remained on the refuge property sparked an interest as to what information is available for those researching their ancestors that might have lived on the property before it was used for federal purposes.

This book lists 28 named cemeteries and a listing of graves and description of stone markers. Besides mapping the cemeteries, the author has researched local newspapers for obituaries, Williamson County Court records: Coroner reports, death records and marriage records and local history books about Williamson County.

There are 90 pages of grave listings, listed by cemetery. There is a complete 14 page index of all names in alphabetical order. She has also included a plot map of the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge from 1985 and a map from the 1920's

According to World Cat, this book is available at the following local libraries:

SIU, John A. Logan, Benton, Belleville, Carterville, Harrisburg, Herrin, Marion and Mt. Vernon

[https://www.worldcat.org/title/those-left-behind-cemeteries-in-the-crab-orchard-national-wildlife-refuge-williamson-county-illinois/oclc/34278697&referer=brief\\_results](https://www.worldcat.org/title/those-left-behind-cemeteries-in-the-crab-orchard-national-wildlife-refuge-williamson-county-illinois/oclc/34278697&referer=brief_results)

For information on visiting the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, please contact:

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Crab\\_Orchard/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Crab_Orchard/)

Or, (618) 997-3344

The Refuge Visitors center is located on Route 148, south of Route 13.

Recent newspaper articles about the history of the Refuge and the cemeteries can be found at:

[http://thesouthern.com/news/opinion/mailbag/voice-of-the-reader-cemeteries-left-to-decay-in-crab/article\\_a6ba64ce-5839-503b-8824-ae657ee2a9f4.html](http://thesouthern.com/news/opinion/mailbag/voice-of-the-reader-cemeteries-left-to-decay-in-crab/article_a6ba64ce-5839-503b-8824-ae657ee2a9f4.html)

[http://thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/families-are-to-maintain-cemeteries-at-crab-orchard-national-wildlife/article\\_a36725d7-4b9c-5b2a-8596-16435905fee3.html](http://thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/families-are-to-maintain-cemeteries-at-crab-orchard-national-wildlife/article_a36725d7-4b9c-5b2a-8596-16435905fee3.html)

*Note from the author: Helen Sutt Lind*

I updated the book in 2002 to include the Carterville Community Cemetery, which I had read, but did not realize was in the Refuge. This brought the total number of pages to 102. I still have copies left. If anyone is interested, for \$20 plus \$5 shipping.

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## Webinars

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is presenting the following free webinars.

January 12, 2016; *Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process with Drew Smith*

February 9, 2016; *Reconstructing Black Community Life Through Benevolent Societies with Angela Walton-Raji*

March 8, 2016: *Researching in Archives & Libraries: Do's and Don'ts with Melissa Barker*

To sign up for a webinar visit <http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars>

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