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# The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois

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## NEWSLETTER

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.Area Heritage Society Registrars

Discuss Organizations and Membership Requirements

at Beautiful Centralia Public Library March 12

Despite overcast sky and threatening rain, the GSSI panel on Heritage Societies drew a good crowd to the Centralia Library's new meeting room March 12. Dorothy Rudoni, GSSI 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and program chair, introduced three, active heritage group members. All were Registrars for their organizations as well as having served in other official capacities. Following historical sequence, Lynn Moore McCreedy discussed the Jamestown Society and the Colonial Dames of America; Jim DeGroff explained the origin of Sons of the American Revolution which decided not to admit women; Linda Clark spoke about the subsequent founding of the Daughters of the American Revolution, now the largest and wealthiest heritage society; Jim DeGroff talked about the Societies (men and women's) founded to celebrate the War of 1812; Linda Clark explained the nature of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 which memorializes those who fought to preserve the Union; and Lynn Moore McCreedy explained that with beloved ancestors who fought on both sides of the Civil

War, she joined the NSDU and the United Daughters of the Confederacy which celebrates the history and heritage of the Confederacy. While these and other heritage societies differ in some ways, all require well documented proof of lineage or connection to a patriot who fought or in some way served in a war. Important agencies for preserving American History, heritage societies are growing. An example is the Old Goshen Trail Chapter NSDAR for which Linda Clark is Registrar. In five years, its membership rose from 12 founding members to 81. A range of audience questions from what does membership cost to how is Indian ancestry proven was answered by the panelists in lively, informative, and entertaining fashion. Ann Chappell, Regent and two other members of the Prairie State DAR Chapter, served as local hosts and served light refreshments for the traveling GSSI.

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### *County News*

#### **The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois P. O. Box 142 Carmi, Illinois 62821-0142**

The Genealogy Society of White County, Illinois, was founded in 2002, with meetings held in the community room at Old National Bank, now First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, in downtown Carmi, Illinois. Members were solicited, and the price of membership was established at \$20. per year. Membership included six issues of White County, "Roots & Branches," which began in 2003. "Roots & Branches" contains both genealogical and historical information from White County, Illinois.

The "Society" has published many informational books including—

"1930 Census, White County, Illinois," by Linda Kay Kuykendall.

"White County, Illinois, Death Registers," Book #1; Dec., 1877 – Sept., 1902, by Janice Melton Knotter.

"Gone, But Not Forgotten," Vol. #1, 1819 – 1927 (Newspaper Obituaries & Death Notices). "Gone, But Not Forgotten," Vol. #2, 1928 – 1940 (Newspaper Obituaries & Death Notices). "Gone, But Not Forgotten," Vol. #3, 1941 – 1948 (Newspaper Obituaries & Death Notices). "The Backwards Book" Extractions from White County Newspapers, 1899 – 1955, by Barry Cleveland. "Archer Funeral Home Records," 1918 – 1935, by Leda Martin Knight.

"I Never Learned to March," by Charles O. "Bill" Williams.

"Been There, Done That," by Charles O. "Bill" Williams.

"That Which Was and Those Who Were," by Charlene Cleveland Shields.

"The Foley Family Tree," by Terri Lagneau.

In 2014, our name changed to "The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois." The price of membership remained the same, at \$20. per year, and members receive six issues of White County, "Roots & Branches," by mail or PDF.

In 2016, the "Society" relocated our office to the second floor of the White County Farm Bureau building. We meet the third Wednesday, at 2 p.m., in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We actively seek new members, and solicit news, articles, and queries for publication in White County, "Roots & Branches."

Our officers include—Linda Kuykendall, president; Cindy Kiehl, secretary; Nancy Hays, treasurer;

*Submitted by Tom and Cindy Kiehl*

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**Genealogy Saturday** at the Willard Library, Evansville, IN

Saturday, April 16, 2016 will be a fun day for Genealogists at the Willard Library. There will be four interesting sessions presented by Lori Thornton. According to the website "Lori Thornton is a professional genealogist specializing in southern states and religious records research,. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and its North Carolina chapter, The National Genealogical Society, and the New England Historical Genealogy Society".

Part 1: Social Networking for Genealogists 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Part 2: Genealogy in the Clouds 10:45-11:45

Part 3: Exploring your Ancestor's World with Maps 1:00 p.m.-2:00p.m.

Part 4: Examining your Old Research 2:15 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.

Reservations are requested but not necessary. Use their website to register:

[www.willard.lib.in.us](http://www.willard.lib.in.us) or contact them at 812-425-4309. The address: Willard Library, 21 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710.



**2016 Family History Conference and Book Fair**

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**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

**8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**Ray Hancock Conference Center**

**John A. Logan College**  
**Route 13 & Greenbriar Road, Carterville, IL**  
**Featured Speaker**  
**Lisa Louise Cooke**  
**Author and owner of *Genealogy Gems***  
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