



NEWSLETTER

McLean County Genealogical Society

Pat Perkins, President

Susie Pope, Editor

3 COOL CASES SOLVED: HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR PHOTOS

Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke

Tuesday, September 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom



Lisa Louise Cooke is the author of several books including *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, 3rd edition. She produces and hosts the popular *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, and the free weekly YouTube show *Elevenes with Lisa* at the Genealogy Gems YouTube channel.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89690418237?pwd=cWVwcHhuaWlybTFmRXoxMVVCbHJJQT09>

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President's Message



Many have visited the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but if you have not visited recently, you might want to make a return trip! The Genealogy Department has one of the largest research collections available and records from around the world have been incorporated. Holdings are updated frequently. Their staff specializes in genealogy and is always willing to assist you.

There are 176 YouTube videos. The videos were last updated August 11, 2022. These would be worth viewing from your home.

Questions? [Ask A Librarian](#)

Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Phone: 260-421-1225
Email: Genealogy@ACPL.Info

There is an on-line form that you can complete with the following information:

Your name

Your email

Your phone number (don't forget to add 1 prior to your phone number if needed)

A place for a message or a question.

Have a wonderful fall season!

Pat Perkins, President

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH!
How will you celebrate?



Looking Ahead . . .

September 17, 2022	1:00 pm Public Meeting. Join us on Zoom for this prerecorded webinar. "3 Cool Cases Solved: How to Identify Your Photos" by Lisa Louise Cooke, <i>Genealogy Gems</i> .
November 15, 2022	6:30 pm Public Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers and Directors MCMH Courtroom
December 2022	MCGS Winter Break



Our Research Volunteers Are Happy to Assist You!

Many of you have [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com) accounts which help you locate information about your McLean County ancestors. For those of you who don't have those accounts and for those of you who aren't able to come to McLean County to do research, our researchers are happy to assist you. Local resources could, and many times do, include materials not available on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com).

Email requests should go to: mogs.research@gmail.com. Emailed requests should be followed with a \$10 check for the first two surnames and, if needed, a \$5 check for each additional surname. Please send your check, along with a copy of your request to MCGS, Attn: Corresponding Secretary, P. O. Box 488, Normal, IL 61761-0488.

Please submit a family group sheet, or at least as much information as you have about an individual or family, so that research isn't duplicated and that a foundation for research is provided.

REMINDER:

The MCGS holdings are located in the Stevenson-Ives Library on the 2nd floor of the McLean County Museum of History (address on the last page of this Newsletter). The building is handicapped accessible and has an elevator. Admission is FREE for MCGS members. The library has extended hours on Tuesdays until 8:00 pm.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Museum is getting a new elevator in late summer. Please visit mchistory.org for updates on scheduled events and alternative accommodations.

MCGS July 2022 Highlights

CEMETERY TREASURES



Suz Bates presented a Zoom program on July 19, 2022. She is a Genealogist, Speaker, and Family History Consultant. Suz provided an enormous number of records sent prior to the meeting. The following lists provide only a few items in each category.

Burial Associated Records: Funeral home records; memorial services; purchase of a casket; death certificates; obituaries; mortuary records; payments.

Cemetery Records: Memorial services; graveside; casket purchase; hearse rental; flowers; memorial cards; family records; family plot records; who is the current contact; payments; obituary collections.

Tombstone/Monument Maker Records: Ordering the stone; printing of names and years; installation of stones; payments.

Types of Burial Grounds: Church cemeteries; family graveyards; state and municipal cemeteries; such as potter's fields; privately owned, including slave cemeteries.

Finding the cemetery location where your ancestor is buried: Military records, including pension records; obituaries, newspapers; coroner reports; church records; local libraries; genealogy groups; city clerks; yellow, red, or blue books of funeral directors (Yellow-devotion, friendship, loyalty; Red-courage, love, respect; Dark Red-grief, love, sorrow; Blue-flowers, sadness, calm anxiety, peace, calmness, openness, serenity and tranquility); findagrave.com; billiongraves.com; check all cemeteries in the location; Google it; use Goggle Earth.

Epitaphs: Clubs; associations; cause of death; military service.

I have spent many hours at several of the cemeteries in McLean County studying the unique pictures that are engraved on tombstones.

Take time each day to review your findings in case you have more questions, want to pause and reflect, or even to lay flowers.

Happy researching!

Pat Perkins

Memorial



WARREN EUGENE BORCHERS
FEB. 25, 1926—JULY 2, 2022

BLOOMINGTON — Warren Eugene “Gene” Borchers, age 96, of Bloomington, IL, passed away at 4:41 PM on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Martin Health Center, Bloomington, IL. His graveside service was held Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Mount Hope Cemetery, Sibley, IL, with military rites accorded by the Sibley American Legion Post #244. Pastor Corinne Blissard officiated. His obituary can be viewed at www.calvertmemorial.com or on *The Pantagraph*, 6 July 2022, p. A6.

Gene was a member of MCGS, having joined in 1993. He was an avid volunteer at the McLean County Museum of History.

MCGS accepts memorial donations. They may be sent to: MCGS, PO Box 488, Normal, IL 61761-0488

MCGS WEBSITE UPDATE

Jack Keefe presents “Back in the Day” a daily history of events from the past

Jack Keefe, noted local author, former *Pantagraph* columnist, and extensive contributor to MCGS’s *Gleanings*, is now a fixture on the MCGS website! Visit <https://tmcgs.org/jack-keefe/> and peek into McLean County’s past!

***GLEANINGS* Needs Your Family History!**

Did you know that MCGS’ *Gleanings* is distributed throughout the United States and Canada and is available to anyone at many genealogical societies and public libraries? Please consider contributing your family history for possible inclusion in *Gleanings*.

Information you hold in your personal collections could be a treasure trove for other genealogists and might help you make connections as well.

Send submissions or questions to mcsjournal@gmail.com or mcsdirectors@gmail.com with attachments or mail to: MCGS, Attention: Journal Editor, PO Box 488, Normal, IL 61761-0488



McLean County Museum of History

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On the Courthouse Square, Bloomington, Illinois

Contact: P.O. Box 488, Normal, IL 61761-0488
Library: 309-827-0428, ext. 28
<mailto:mchg.directors@gmail.com>

Visit: McLean County Museum of History
Stevenson-Ives Library
200 North Main Street, 2nd Floor
Downtown Bloomington

Online: <https://www.tmcgs.org>

Library/Archives: Appointments recommended.

Museum: Open to the public.
Handicapped accessible. For details visit:
<https://www.mchistory.org/visit/>
FREE admission for MCGS members.

During their shifts, volunteers in the Stevenson-Ives Library are available to help visitors with their research.