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“RESEARCHING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS ONLINE”

**Presented by
Debra Dudek**
author of

World War I Genealogy Research Guide
check out Debra’s book on [Amazon](#)

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.



Join us for this free
ZOOM presentation [here!](#)

Visit our [website](#) for details.



President's Message

Last month I highlighted the use of [FamilySearch](#) to find your famous relatives. It is a lot of fun and an easy way to extend your tree back many generations. (Keep in mind that you need to verify those connections as they were made by amateur genealogists – but still lots of fun).

This month I want to highlight RootsTech.

Today (March 3, 2021) RootsTech had over 317,000 attendees registered. I find it incredible that I am related to 5% of them. All 17,761 relatives are provided to me so that I can click on any name and see the ancestor chart for both of us taking us back to the common relative. If you had more relatives attending, please email me a screenshot! (mail to: mcs.president@gmail.com)

I am provided those relatives in several search engines. I can search by country (I have folks from Vietnam, Brazil, France, Germany, and many more), or search by common ancestor, or search by name (only 3 Veerman's are attending).

17,761
of your relatives have joined.

See them on an interactive map and send a message to connect.

[VIEW RELATIVES](#)

The information presented is free and available for the next year thru the [FamilySearch](#) website. Get advanced DNA analysis training, compare various DNA tests, links to resources on hundreds of topics - everything genealogy.

Make a point to put RootsTech in your calendar for next year while you are learning today.

Looking Ahead . . .

March 21, 2023	6:30 pm ZOOM "Researching your Irish Ancestors Online" by Debra Dudek
May 16, 2023	6:30 pm ZOOM Program to be announced
September 19, 2023	6:30 pm ZOOM Program to be announced
November 21, 2023	6:30 pm Annual General Membership Meeting – Officers Election (If we have a program, it will be announced in advance.)



Let's have a conversation...

**MCGS NEEDS A FEW PEOPLE
TO PITCH IN SHORT-TERM OR
WITH MORE EXTENDED PROJECTS.**

**And maybe you need to be
more engaged!**

**What are your talents?
Finance / Publicity / Creative Writing
Indexing / Editing / Digitizing / Other**

**Email us if you can contribute some time—lots or a little—
and tell us what you like to do.
We'll have some ideas for you.**

IT'S YOUR CALL—HOW CAN YOU HELP?

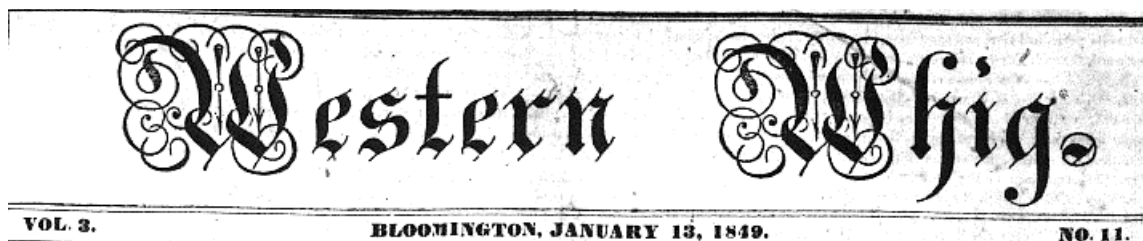
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MCGS WEBSITE NEWS – tmcgs.org

*MCGS digitized a reel of old newspapers from our microfilm collection. Those digitized files are now on the website for everyone. If you like history, then please enjoy these 1840's papers.



*We recently added a complete McLean County Marriage Index for years 1831-1911 in the member's area. Get accurate maiden names by using this index to locate marriage records. Search by year and groom's surname.

MALES	Book and Page	FEMALES	Book and Page
-1832-	A	-1831-	A
Goodpasture W. B. - Jane Barnard	1	Gates Emily - William McKisson	2
-1833-		-1832-	
Gibbs Elias - Emily Frankeberger	15	Gray Eleanor - Matthew Blair	11
-1834-		-1833-	
Gates Horatio H. - Amanda Baker	30	Greenman Mary - James Paul	22
Glenn Samuel - Elizabeth Glenn	31	Greenman Ruth - Isaac Baker	23
		-1831-	

*A new page recently added: **Free Programs**

Got a few minutes? This page highlights free historical and genealogical programs. Tired of watching re-runs on TV? – then click [here](#) for some fun.

*We continue to add hundreds of family trees to the members side of the site. Trees that were submitted by our members over the years are now a resource for you. If you would like to assist in making an index for these trees, please contact [Rand](#) for information.

*Visit tmcgs.org for announcements about future programs along with weather related or emergency closures. Our website highlights McLean County cemeteries, research aids, and other items of genealogical interest.

Benefits for members include access to past webinars:

“Illinois Digital resources” by Tina Beaird

“Becoming a Census Sensei” by Tina Beaird

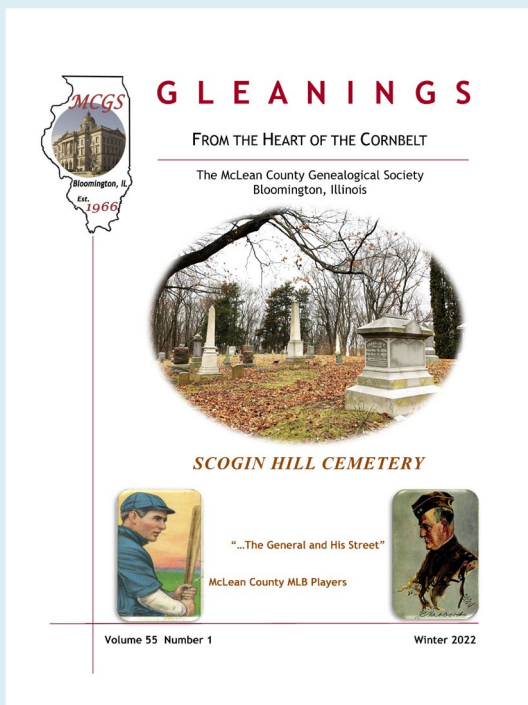
“Unusual Sources” by Susan Kaufman

“New Databases at Bloomington Public Library” by Mimi Davis

Members can also enjoy 177 PDF issues of our journal, *Gleanings*.

Members and non-members have access to *Gleanings* indexes.

Regular feature on tmcgs.org—Peak into the past with Jack Keefe as he presents “Back in the Day” a daily history of events from the past at <https://tmcgs.org/jack-keefe/>



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*.

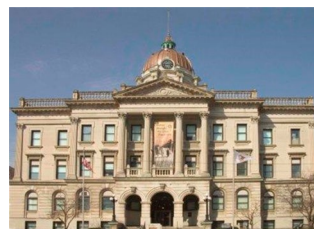
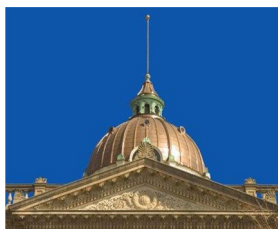
Information you hold in your personal collections could be a treasure trove for other genealogists and might help you make connections as well!

Send submissions or questions to mccgs.journal@gmail.com or mccgs.directors@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
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<mailto:mcgs.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.