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## President's Message #16 – Turning Over the Gavel



The four years of my two terms as President have now come to an end. If I go back to my first President's Message in the June 2006 edition of the Quarterly, it dealt with the results of a survey of the IGSW membership conducted by marketing students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I and my colleagues on the Board used the survey data to help set our priorities as an organization. Many members had responded that the Irish Genealogical Quarterly and the Irish Emigration Library were important resources to them. The Quarterly has continued to be an informative publication and a valuable resource for our members. Patron Research Request forms were included in the Quarterly so that more distant members could request the assistance of the Library volunteers without having to come to Milwaukee. Our Library has continued to expand with many new acquisitions. Some of our most experienced and knowledgeable members have generously volunteered their time

and expertise to keep the Library functioning and growing over the years. The Irish Cultural and Heritage Center continues to generously provide space for our Library and for this we are very grateful. About a third of the members surveyed stated that they valued the e-mail contacts and the information on the Society's website. Over the last year or so, we began planning improvements in our website and e-mail communications and this process is already bearing fruit.

The participation of many of our members each summer as volunteers in the Genealogy Tent at Irish Fest has allowed us to serve large numbers of people interested in their heritage. The participation and sponsorship of Ancestry.com during the last three years has greatly facilitated this service. However, the primary strategy for the educational objective of the Society has been the monthly programs. Several very dedicated members worked hard to arrange informative programs for the membership. In 2006 we began to include articles in the Quarterly that summarized the information provided by the various presenters so it could be shared with our members living in more distant locations.

Over the last four years, the Board members and I, based on member input, have directed our energies to making sure that the educational mission of the Society remained strong through its monthly programs, its quarterly publication, its research library, through its outreach activities at Irish Fest, and through workshops and a presence at events throughout the region. I will be turning the gavel over to the incoming President Gary Shea on March 1st and look forward to working with him and the Board for the next two years as Past President. I am very grateful to my fellow board members and the many members who volunteered their time over the last four years to carry on the valuable work of the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin. Our Society will be 20 years old in 2012 and the Board will soon begin planning the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. This will be an opportunity to honor the founders of the Society as well as all of the individuals who served on the Board and its committees over the years. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

*Sláinte ó Dhia duit!*  
*Russell R. Prust*

# Family History Day 2010

A report of a genealogy conference sponsored by Ancestry.com  
and the New England Historical Genealogy Society

Kristine Mooney

A few months back my third cousin John phoned and suggested I come out to Boston in February to attend a genealogy conference sponsored by Ancestry and the New England Historical Genealogical Society (NEHGS). John and I share Roscommon great great grandparents and had connected two years ago through an Ancestry tree match. We have become good friends and collaborators and have made great progress in our research. Most of my large family is in New England and I try to get back there a couple times a year. John offered me a spot in his terrific Back Bay apartment right near the conference; I had a lot of unused Midwest Airlines miles...why not?

Saturday February 20, 2010 was a beautiful Boston day, 45 degrees and sunny. The layout at the Copley Plaza was thoughtful and functional, a grand setting with armies of black shirted Ancestry and NEHGS staff. There were over 700 people in attendance – staff said they had hoped for a turnout of 400 to 500, and they clearly underestimated the interest. Over 300 people were put on a waitlist, and 150 people contacted the Copley inquiring about registering. A popular event, and I thank cousin John for acting quickly to get us in.

The day was organized around 4 hour-long sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. In addition to these talks, there were free 15-minute consultations with professional genealogists. Some 30 genealogists from NEHGS and the Association of Professional Genealogists conducted over 500 of these brief consultations. Ancestry provided free scanning of photos and documents throughout the day, and scanned over 2000 documents for 125 people. There were also staffed book tables and membership information tables and computer stations for quick questions on using Ancestry. A lot to take in. And the very reasonable tuition of \$30 even included free parking! (And since a day of parking around there runs \$25-30, it was a really great deal.)

Altogether six different sessions were offered, and two of these were presented twice. I would have to miss out on two presentations, and it was not an easy decision. I opted to skip **Discover NEGS: Your Family History Resource** because I don't have much chance to use their wonderful center in Boston. I also skipped **Best Strategies for Searching Ancestry.com**. My cousin attended the morning presentation and convinced me we had arrived at most of the presented strategies on our own. All those hours on Ancestry.com have gotten us somewhere I guess. Below are summaries of the remaining four sessions that I did attend.

## I. Getting the Most out of Your Ancestry.com Subscription

Mike Ward, an Ancestry staff member, presented this talk. He described each of the Ancestry Collections that together contain 4 billion records and 8 billion names. The main collections are Census, Immigration, Military and Birth Marriage and Death (BMD), and Mr. Ward reported on the status of each collection and the challenges in expanding these databases. There is the sheer volume of records and the expected problems with organization and legibility, but there are other challenges such as state and local privacy laws that affect record access. Still, Ancestry continues

to churn away at record scanning, transcribing and indexing. An example of status reports concerned US draft registration: Mr. Ward reported that transcription of WWI draft records is complete but that most of WWII records have not been released. Those WWII draft records you have found? They are part of the Old Man's Draft, men who were 45-64 when the draft began in 1942. These are the draft records Ancestry is currently working on. We'll have to wait a while for the rest of WWII draft records.

Mr. Ward then discussed Ancestry's Card Catalog, something I have had a little trouble using at times. He presented different ways to search the Catalog for databases using filters such as location or date range. (I will not miss trolling through the whole alphabetical list trying to access the Pawtucket street directory!)

A discussion of Member Trees followed. It was surprising when a show of hands revealed how many in attendance did NOT have a tree on Ancestry. Mr. Ward emphasized the many benefits of getting your tree on line. I suspect many people will nonetheless remain protective of their research and opt not to create a Member Tree.

Lastly, there was promotion of Ancestry's site update notification, web seminars and newsletters. Also some hype for the March 5 television premiere of "Who Do You Think You Are?" Ancestry is betting that the show will get many people interested in genealogy. I guess we are all ahead of that curve!

## **II. Getting The Most out of Family Tree Maker 2010**

Tana Pederson Lord is the author of *The Official Guide to Family Tree Maker 2010*, and she was an enthusiastic advocate of the new edition of this computer program. She used slides to walk everyone through the many changes in the 2010 edition. Most significant is much improved data transfer between Ancestry.com and Family Tree Maker 2010. In the past downloading a tree did not carry over the photographs, recordings or other media attached to the Ancestry.com tree. Being able to transfer and store all that material, and having it available when away from the Internet is a great improvement.

Ms. Lord demonstrated the various 'workspaces' or desktop views, and methods for entering and editing data. The People workspace now has two views: "Family" and "Person", and one can toggle between the two to view the person's information in the context of their family or to drill down and view all the specifics for a person. There are clever options such as viewing timelines or seeing the relationship between two persons. A mapping feature allows you to track an ancestor's movement over time or to view all the people associated with a specific place.

Ms. Lord then discussed managing media and organizing sources & citations. It seems as though it will be easier to tidy up sourcing in this current edition. There is easy access to Internet searching, and anything can be attached to your tree even from sources other than Ancestry. Options for creating charts and reports have been greatly expanded which seems to address a complaint about limited publishing options in previous editions.

All in all it was an interesting and compelling presentation of the new Family Tree Maker. Will I purchase Family Tree Maker 2010? I am tempted but undecided...

### III. Immigration and Naturalization: Finding Your Ancestors

This presentation was by Rhonda R. McClure, a senior genealogist with NEGHS. Unlike the two above programs that focused on commercial Ancestry products, this was a more academic presentation that examined first US immigration patterns then the changes in immigration documentation over time. Lots of information presented, and overall my favorite talk of the day.

We learned that there are few immigration records of those who arrived before 1800. One exception is the “Oath of allegiance” imposed on arrivals from Germany to Philadelphia. Otherwise there is not much hope of finding traces of early immigration. With increasing numbers of immigrants, e.g. 10,000 a year by the 1790s, came increasing discussion of whether controls were needed. As the volume of immigrants increased, there were changes in immigration documentation. First came a rather odd focus on baggage, then over time more questions about origins, plans, etc culminating in the extensive information for immigrants arriving after 1907. We all love to find those later records with names and addresses of people known to the immigrant. Ms. McClure discussed settlement patterns for different ethnic groups with Irish tending to go to New England, the mid-Atlantic, Illinois and surprisingly California. Also interesting was discussion of ‘detention’ at the port of entry and related records.

Changes in naturalization procedures occurred over time impacting what records exist and where they are kept. What had been a 2-year residency requirement for naturalization in 1790 became 5 years in 1795, then *14 years* in 1798. Ms. McClure reported this was partly due to “rebels, especially in Ireland, making the government nervous”. (The residence requirements were relaxed some years later.) Record content varies before the 1802 Naturalization Act decreed recording of specific but still limited information. Even marital state was not recorded, though entry of the age of the man’s wife is a big clue. Records after about 1890 tend to be more informative.

There were three steps to naturalization, each generating documents. There was the ‘declaration of intent’ (“first papers”), the application or ‘petition for naturalization’ (“second papers”) and the ‘certificate of naturalization’, the document given to the new citizen. Over time there were many changes in what courts processed papers and petitions, making it a challenge to find these records. And a person may have done the three steps in three different places. And no need to even look for a female ancestor’s naturalization. We have all heard that being married to a citizen made a woman a citizen, but did you know that if a female citizen married an alien *she lost her citizenship*? Amazing. After 1922, she could petition to be repatriated but only if she were divorced or widowed.

My other favorite tidbit was learning that one can infer naturalization from the 1870 census even though this is not directly asked. If your male ancestor is ‘foreign born’ and has a checkmark in the ‘citizen able to vote’ column, then start looking for naturalization papers! Later census data is more specific such as the 1920 naturalization status entries for alien (“Al”), naturalization papers in process (“Pa”), or naturalized (“Na”).

### IV. Organize, Organize, Organize

Rhonda R. McClure also made this presentation and provided a wealth of information. It was a little overwhelming to hear an expert hold forth on the proper way to document your research

efforts and organize your data. She first made a compelling case for organization as a time saver. I admit that I am guilty of repeating steps and banging my head in the same way on the same spot on the same brick wall – as if there will be a different outcome! Documenting efforts *even when there are no findings* can save oneself from repeating the same purposeless actions.

Ms. McClure is a big advocate of the ‘research log’, and presented several formats. These are very detailed records of what was done, when and where, and contain all the specifics of sources including call numbers, document numbers, etc. There are downloadable research log forms available at the Family History library website. Traditionally these have been handwritten logs, but there are now methods to compiling the logs electronically. I can’t help but think digital records would be less clumsy and more easily searched. Methods and tools for planning future research were presented from software programs offering “to do list” options to the classic notebook binder. We were cautioned to back up everything and to back up the backups. And we were warned that the only way to be absolutely safe is to make paper copies of everything.

The “Organizing Paper” segment of the talk drew on William Dollarhide’s *Managing a Genealogical Project* and Sharon Carmack’s *Organizing Your Family History Search*. There are notebook systems, note card systems, surname folder systems, family folder systems, etc. Any can work if used religiously, and people tend to gravitate to the one that fits them best. On reflection, I have decided I am a “surname folder system” kind of person.

“Organizing All that Computer Information” comprised the rest of the talk and reviewed methods and issues in managing our ever-increasing computer files. As with paper, some kind of organization is needed to expedite accessing information, and there are various ways to label or ‘tag’ information or images. In addition to organizing ancestral family information, one can also create other databases, such as a tombstone database – Ancestor Detective’s *Clooz* was mentioned as one genealogy database program out there.

Ms. McClure gave an excellent presentation, but I can’t say I found it as enjoyable as her talk on Immigration and Naturalization. A bit disheartening actually. It would take an incredible amount of work to bring my files from their current chaos into order. She did give one tip: organize beginning with one family, and work a little at a time. You’ll likely be rewarded with seeing new information missed earlier when you were less experienced.

### **Closing Thoughts:**

Commercial promotion aside, this was a worthwhile conference that packed a lot of information, consultation and networking options into one day. Very reasonably priced as well at \$30, especially with Boston parking included. I was fortunate to visit between snowstorms, and found time to get down to Providence and Fall River to do a bit of research and to visit with a couple of my brothers. Seeing cousin John, my genealogy buddy, is always fun. All in all, a great trip!

## CHANGE AT THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

By Mary Kay Kuhfittig

The Family History Center at Salt Lake City is constantly evolving.

FamilySearch.org was released in July, 2007. Now plans are in progress for "New Family Search" which already has a website, <https://newfamilysearch.org>. For now, only LDS members may register and use it, but it's expected to be available to anyone sometime by the end of this year.

When complete, the site will feature single family trees to which anyone may contribute or change. The goal is to avoid duplication of information, and to eventually arrive at trees that have valid and well-sourced information. In other words, if you place your family tree on-line, someone else may access it and make changes. You, then, may go in and change it back. They suggest and seem to think that such disputes can be resolved peacefully by people contacting each other before changing someone else's work. Unlike Ancestry, which has multiple trees featuring the same people, the LDS organization expects to eventually have one huge integrated tree. Living people will not be included. NewFamilySearch will be taking information from about 1.3 billion records that they have collected from their membership records and temple ordinance records. Up until now there has been a lot of duplication of pedigrees, but NewFamilySearch will allow merging of records. You may be able to connect with others working on the same lines and discover new cousins.

Meanwhile, check on <http://labs.familysearch.org> to follow the progress and give feedback on the changes. You may also access the Family Search Wiki which will guide you to sources, or join a forum where you may ask questions and get answers about your genealogy

## SEARCH RECORDS

In the meantime, at the present site, <http://www.familysearch.org>, you may see the progress of the LDS record-transcribing project. Holding the cursor of "SearchRecords" on the upper left side of the blue line, a list of choices will drop down. Choose and click on "Record Search Pilot." You will find a long list of

transcriptions available for U.S. records, including state censuses, vital records, probate records, tax lists, passenger lists, etc. There are also Civil War pension index cards, Freedman's bank records, and World War II draft registration cards. The latest addition is Cook County, Illinois birth records, 1878-1922.

Wisconsin state censuses for 1855, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905 are here. It's especially valuable to have census records for 1885 and 1895, since the 1990 US census was destroyed.

Many other countries are represented. There is one entry for Ireland: the Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958.

## INDEX RECORDS

Family Search is requesting volunteers to index records from home, which they say requires no special skills and is easy to do. On FamilySearch.org, note the same blue line where "Search Records" appears. Next to it click on "Index Records" for information on volunteering.

## RESEARCH HELPS

The Family History Library is no longer publishing research guides on paper. They are now found on-line. These may be found by clicking on "Research Helps" on the top blue line at familysearch.org. There's enough information here to keep you busy for years.

## LIBRARY

Familysearch.org also offers online courses. The next spot on the upper blue line is labeled "Library." Clicking on this will reveal a drop-down menu. Click on the third option, "Education." This will bring you to educational videos, including five covering Irish research, each about thirty to forty minutes long.

The LDS organization plans a Family Search Center at Salt Lake City separate from the library, which will feature a huge family tree, along with its Ellis Island replica and other displays of interest to tourists. They will not proselyze, so non LDS members will feel comfortable



## **WISCAT AND MARC MAGICIAN**

**When the Irish Emigration Library Committee met in January, 2010 it was decided to continue with Wiscat and Marc Magician even though the cost had increased. We are now paying \$500.00 yearly for the services.**

**Q. What is Wiscat - Marc Magician?**

**A. It is a online catalog to which any Wisconsin library can submit their holdings**

**Q. Why does the IEL want to be a part of this?**

**A. It makes it easy for patrons of the Library and members of IGSW to search and find what they are looking for either by title, author, subject or key word**

**Q. Can I access Wiscat from my home computer?**

**A Yes, you can access from any computer and plan your trip to a Library in advance by looking up material of interest**

**Following are the 7 steps to access Wiscat at the Irish Emigration Library. If you are using another computer:**

- 1. wiscat.net**
- 2. 2-7 same**

### **TO ACCESS WISCAT**

- 1. Click on "IEL CATALOG" icon on the desktop.**
- 2. Click "Begin".**
- 3. Click "Clear Checkmarks", and click on "Wiscat".**
- 4. By clicking on "Advanced Search" at the top you may choose either IEL or all libraries.**
- 5. Type in what you want to search. You can choose "search all headings" or "title", "author", etc.**
- 6. Click "search".**
- 7. Click on the result that matches your search.**

# NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2010 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



## *Follow Your Ancestral Trail*

**Salt Lake City, Utah | 28 April–1 May 2010**

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**Toll Free: (800) 473-0060**

**Website: [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)**



**Research Request Form  
IGSW Members Only**

**Irish Emigration Library  
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233-1910**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Including ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (With Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Research Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
(One only – if person both First and Surname)

If known: Co. In Ireland \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Townland \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_

Port and approx. date of emigration \_\_\_\_\_

State Question/Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a Family Group Sheet that includes the search subject please send it along with any other information that you feel will assist the researcher.

Please check type of search requested: (See reverse side for explanation of a search)

Search 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Search 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Search 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Search 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Search 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Search 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Search 7 \_\_\_\_\_ CDs \_\_\_\_\_

Cost for Members of IGSW \$4.00 per search

Enclose a check for number of searches \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Send to the above address. Note: Fee will cover copy and mail costs. When possible our reply will be made by e-mail. Every effort will be made to fill your request. However, fees are not refundable.

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For Staff Use Only -- Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Request No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Researcher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

### SEARCH ONE:

This search is structured to identify the six major administrative divisions (county, barony, civil parish, diocese, poor law union and probate) as well as the location of churches and graveyards if a parish or townland is known. Four major resources, including three books by Brian Mitchell are used:

- 1) General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland (includes Ordnance Survey Map numbers)
- 2) Guide to Irish Parish Registers (earliest dates, all denominations)
- 3) Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards (location of all denominations)
- 4) New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland (maps of major administrative divisions)

### SEARCH TWO

The Index of Milwaukee County Naturalization Records of Irish Born From 1836 to 1890 by Josephine Christon.

### SEARCH THREE

- 1) **US Census Index** – Here you must specify three contiguous or non contiguous census years between 1790 and 1920 (There is no 1890 census, nor are all states covered 1900-1920.) If you specify a State we will also search CDs dedicated to that state and year.
- 2) **Ireland Census Index** – Dublin City 1851, Ireland 1831 (Co. Londonderry), 1841 (Co. Cavan), Surviving Census Records of the 1851 Census.
- 3) **United Kingdom Census Index** – British Census 1851, 1881
- 4) **Canadian Census Index** – Canadian Census 1881

### SEARCH FOUR

**Index to Griffith's Valuation** - This is an evaluation of land for tax purposes conducted between 1848 and 1864. The CD yields the full name of the householder, his county, parish and townland of residence.

### SEARCH FIVE

**Tithe Applotment records** were levied in the 1823 – 1838 period. There are three resources available at our library.

- 1) **Index of Tithe Applotment for Northern Ireland** – Counties Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, and Tyrone.
- 2) **Index of Tithe Applotment** for County Longford
- 3) **List of Tithe Defaulters** - Counties Carlow, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, and Wicklow

### SEARCH SIX

**Index to Ontario Land Records** – This is an index on microfiche of the original transaction with settlers on the Ontario Crown Lands. It also includes Peter Robinson settlers and those who leased or purchased land through the Canada Land Company

### SEARCH SEVEN

In addition to the above resources you may select any two CDs from our extensive collection. Here you may wish to further refine your research goal. You may review our collection by visiting our Website at [www.execpc.com/~igsw](http://www.execpc.com/~igsw) then click on “Wisconsin Resources” and finally on “Computer Resources”. You may print this listing. Excluded are **Grenham's Irish Surnames** and **Grenham's Irish Record Finder**.

*New IGSW member Lisa Quinn writes with her ancestor query*

I am looking for ancestors in the Eau Claire/Portage, Wisconsin area that come from Meentullynagarn, County Donegal, Ireland.

My great grandfather is **Patrick Quinn** and was born in 1818. He came to the United States and settled in Eau Claire and in January 1856 married **Mary Ann Lawn** (b 1818). Together they had 4 children. She was "heavy with child" when the Indians attacked their homestead. She was forced to flee and she and the baby both died in 1864. Patrick then married **Margaret Hagerty** (b 1839) in 1865 and they had 5 children. They both died in Kansas, Patrick in 1910 in Salina, KS and Margaret in 1917 in Kansas City, KS. Both of these wives were from county Donegal, possibly the same seaside village or area as Patrick: Meen tully nagarn in Donegal.

Patrick worked in the lumber trade and purchased land in 1850 near Portage. The children from the first marriage are listed as being born in Eau Claire and the children of the second were born in Portage and in La Mar.

I am looking for Ireland connections to Patrick and both wives and also the area of Ireland that he came from. Patrick came to America with **two brothers (William and John)**. Family lore said that they landed in **Baltimore** during a city wide celebration and became separated in the crowd and were never connected again.

Below is a picture of Patrick and also Margaret.

— Thanks for the help!

*Please send responses to:*

Lisa Quinn

EMAIL: [lcq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lcq@sbcglobal.net)

ADDRESS: 2221 Bramblewood #301, Wichita, KS 67226



Patrick Quinn



Margaret Hagerty Quinn

QUERY

QUERY

QUERY

QUERY

I am looking for the family of John Tobin born about 1810 in Ireland. He married Mary ----- . Came to Milwaukee County Granville Area in the late 1830's to 1840's. I think his father was Edmund Tobin who died in late 1849 or early 1850. Edmund was married to Mary Cronin (not sure of the spelling of Cronin).

Please respond to :

Lynn Nowak IGSW # 1061

EMAIL:

Address: 530 E. Laverne Dr.

Oak Creek, WI53154-3027

#### **ARE YOUR ADDRESSES UPDATED?**

**Are you one of the more than 45 million Americans that change their residences every year? If you are, it is very important to fill out an address change form at your local post office and notify all of your contacts, including the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin.**

**The IGSW QUARTERLY is sent by bulk rate. The United States Postal Service (USPS) has new mailing list requirements. If your QUARTERLY can not be delivered to you because you have moved, it will not be forward to you but will be destroyed and IGSW will be charged fifty cents for each copy.**

**Why is this message being repeated so often? Because of the number of copies for which we are paying \$.50 that could not be delivered and are then destroyed. Are you gone for a month or more during the winter or summer? If so you must fill out a change of address form or your IGSW Quarterly will not reach you. We want to keep in touch so please let us know your new address.**

**If you have an e-mail address it is equally important that we have your active e-mail address. IGSW is in the process of developing a new Web Page. There will be information sent out that you will not want to miss. Make sure that we have the right e-mail address.**

**Thank you for your cooperation for we will all benefit!**

## LAST ISSUE OF IGSW QUARTERLY

This copy of the IGSW Quarterly is the last one that you will receive unless you have renewed membership in the IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN. If the mailing label on this quarterly shows February 2010, you need to renew your membership.

**NOTE: If you sent in your renewal after March 5, the mailing label on the quarterly will not have been updated.**

When renewing please include your name, street address, city, state, zip, phone number and e-mail address.

Individual membership is \$15 and family membership is \$20. Checks should be made out to IGSW and sent to:

IGSW Membership  
P.O. Box 13766  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213-0766

Patrick Tyrrell, Membership Chair, IGSW

After eighteen years, June Shanahan has retired from the position of Membership Chairman. Charter members will remember that when IGSW was organized in 1992, June was the first Treasurer as well as the Membership Chairman. As our organization grew, it was necessary to make Membership a separate committee. June's files contain the name and information for every one who has joined IGSW the past eighteen years. For the many hours she has spent recording dues and contacting members we thank you, June, for a job well done!

The duties of Membership Chairman have been taken over by our out going Recording Secretary Patrick Tyrrell. Pat will continue in the same fine tradition as Membership Chairman as he did as Recording Secretary. As we continue on into the computer age, Pat will be contacting the membership with important information. Therefore it is most important that you keep him up dated with any change in your E-MAIL address.



# Upcoming Programs

Monday, April 5, 2010 • 7 p.m.  
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center  
**“Night of the Roundtables”**

The Night of the Roundtables is your chance to share your genealogy quest with other IGSW members. Our roundtables – small group discussions – let you get and give advice, share your successes, collaborate with others, and use resources of the Irish Emigration Library. Among the roundtables we are planning:

- **“Blogging”**: Are you curious about blogging on the Internet -- Irish, genealogical or otherwise? Explore what it's all about with Patrick Tyrrell, who will demo some blogs he is following.
- **“Wormholes”**: Have you noticed how emigrants often travelled “point to point” from specific locales in Ireland to predictable destinations in the U.S.? Join Michele Patin to contribute what you know about this phenomenon, and let's discuss what it means for finding our ancestors and understanding the motives and mechanisms behind chain emigration, assistance schemes, etc.
- **Church Records**: Sacramental registers and other church records are so critical to our family history research. What have been your experiences finding and interpreting these records? Share a table with Carl Baehr to discuss using records of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, finding records at local parishes and through area Family History Centers.

**Plus more... Want to suggest a roundtable or demo topic? Email ideas to Michele Patin, at [michele@gjd.com](mailto:michele@gjd.com). And watch for email updates and on the web!**

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Monday, May 3, 2010 • 7 p.m.

Shorewood Village Center Meeting Room, Lower Level of the Shorewood Public Library  
**Potato Blight**  
**Presented by Sharon Morrissey**

Potato blight is the disease which triggered the Irish Famine of the mid-Nineteenth Century, “The Great Hunger.” Did you know that potato blight paid a visit to Wisconsin during last year's growing season? In this program, Sharon Morrissey, Consumer Horticulture Agent with Milwaukee County office of the UW-Extension, will give us a basic introduction to the blight, the mold which causes the infection, how to spot it, other plants which can be infected by blight, what happened in Wisconsin last summer, and implications for farmers and gardeners — and students of Irish history.

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# Upcoming Programs

**Monday, June 7, 2010 • 7 p.m.**

Shorewood Village Center Meeting Room, Lower Level of the Shorewood Public Library

**TBA**

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SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, July 12, 2010 • 6 p.m.**

Tentatively Scheduled Field Trip

**The Milwaukee County Historical Society: Revisited**

Note second Monday and early start time.

By popular demand.... Last summer we visited the Milwaukee County Historical Society (MCHS) undergoing renovation. It was such an eye-opening and enjoyable evening, many who attended asked to repeat the trip; and those who couldn't make it requested a second chance.

It's been a full year since we visited the Historical Society, and work is now nearly complete. The research library has reopened on the mezzanine. And many more treasures have been unearthed! Once again, we will visit a downtown Irish pub to socialize after the visit. Watch for more information about this field trip to come.

And be sure to visit [www.milwaukeehistory.net](http://www.milwaukeehistory.net) for more about the Milwaukee County Historical Society; current exhibits; records, services and hours for the research library; and the MCHS "Unlocking the Vault" 75th anniversary celebration.

**Check your June *Quarterly* for more details,  
and watch for email updates and information on the web.**

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**Wit is something to treasure,  
Charm is something to live,  
Peace is something to keep,  
Love is something to give.  
Joy is something to feel,  
Trust is something to find.  
God is The One to thank  
From now 'til the end of time.**

**“ERIN GO BRAGH”**

**And a Blessed St. Patrick' Day  
To One and All**

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