

Membership

The Elgin Genealogical Society, founded in 1972, is open to anyone who is interested in genealogy, research, or history. Membership supports the activities of the society.

Meetings are held

at the Gail Borden Public Library (GBPL),
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, Illinois.

Dates and times are

the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Last minute changes

EGS suggests checking with GBPL at 847-742-2411 or
our website (www.elginroots.com).

Membership dues

Individual membership is \$20.
Household membership is \$35.

The membership year is from

January 1 through December 31.

**Questions?
Meetings?
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Website: www.elginroots.com

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Benefits & Activities

Programs and Speakers — Following every business meeting, EGS offers programs that feature a variety of speakers and topics of interest to genealogists as well as others.

Newsletter Quarterlies — The society's quarterly publication is published in March, June, September and December and is emailed to all members. Queries for the quarterly are published free and should be submitted to the newsletter editor. Queries are printed as space allows with members' queries receiving priority.

Inquiries — EGS responds to all mail and e-mail inquiries for genealogical research. A \$10 fee is requested for the initial search of up to 1 hour of research. Cost of copies and postage are charged as needed. All money received goes toward the purchase of books and materials that become a part of the genealogical collection in the GBPL's Genealogy Department.

50/50 Book Acquisitions — Meeting attendees may contribute toward genealogy books chosen by the Society for purchase. After half of each book's cost is raised by the Society, matching funds from the GBPL complete the purchase. The books cover a wide range of subjects of interest to genealogical researchers and become the property of GBPL's Genealogy Department. Members are encouraged to submit titles for consideration.

Newspaper Indexing — Births, marriages and deaths from Elgin newspapers are indexed by EGS volunteers and are posted on the GBPL website.

Online Resources — The EGS website at www.elginroots.com provides numerous files and indices specific to the Elgin area. Most of this information is unavailable anywhere else, except at the GBPL and/or Elgin History Museum. EGS consistently works to provide additional unique research materials for the genealogical community.

EGS Website — Members can submit surnames and queries to the website for posting at no charge.

Social Media — Although everyone is invited to follow the society on social media, only Members may post.

■ **Facebook Page** — Use Facebook to stay current on EGS activities as well as on many genealogically-related topics.

Volunteers — EGS members serve as volunteers at GBPL to assist individuals as they use the facilities to research their family. A schedule is posted in the Genealogy Section of the library and on our website. Volunteers are always welcome.

Writers' Group — There is a separate Writers' Group that meets once a month at the GBPL. EGS members are encouraged to write their "Family Stories" in a non-judgmental environment.





Elgin Genealogical Society

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EGS

- brings together persons who are researching family history.
- informs people of the value of and need for preserving family and local history.
- provides resources, methods and practices of family research.
- fosters idea sharing.
- seeks, preserves and makes available material concerning past and present families.
- encourages officials to preserve public records and genealogical collections and make them accessible.



Come Join Us for

Information — gain new information and ideas through meetings, programs, member discussions, and our quarterly newsletters.

Friendship — enjoy the fun of talking with people who share your interest in family history, genealogy in general, and knowledge of specific geographic localities.

Service — provide service to others by getting involved in special projects which benefits the genealogical community as well as your own research.

EGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one: joining for current year

joining for next year

Miss / Ms.

Mrs.

Mr.

(Last)

(First)

(Initial)

(Maiden)

Primary Address _____

Secondary Address _____

(Zip + 4 if known)

Dates you reside here: _____

Local phone # _____

E-mail: _____

Dues: \$20 individual

\$35 household

Membership includes a year's complete set of EGS quarterly newsletters.

\$17 if paid before December 31 for the upcoming year; \$30 for household

Name badges available - \$10; see Membership Chairperson

Membership Year: January 1 through December 31. Persons may join EGS at any time but all memberships end on December 31.

Checks should be made payable & sent to: Treasurer, EGS, PO Box 1418, Elgin, IL 60121-1418