

Membership

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

Meetings are held

at the Gail Borden Public Library (GBPL),
270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120.

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.
(no evening meeting in December)

Last minute changes

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

Membership dues

Individual membership is \$25 (\$22 if paid before
Dec.31)
Household membership is \$40 (\$35 if paid before
Dec. 31)

The Membership year is from

January 1 through December 31.

**Questions?
Meetings?
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Email: info@elginroots.com
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, webinars, and topics of interest to genealogists as well as others. Twenty-three meetings a year: in person or over Zoom.

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. Members are encouraged to submit articles.

Inquiries – EGS responds to all mail and e-mail inquiries for genealogical research. A \$10 donation 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 subject of interest to genealogical researchers and become the property of GBPL's Genealogy Department.

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. EGS consistently works to provide additional unique research materials for the genealogical community.

EGS Website – Members can submit surnames to the website for posting at no charge. Form is available online in the Members Only Section.

Social Media – Although everyone is invited to follow the society on Facebook, only members may post. Use the Facebook page to stay current on EGS activities as well as on many genealogically-related topics.

Volunteers – Members of EGS have been invited to volunteer at GBPL to assist individuals as they use the facilities to research the family. A schedule is posted at the library and on their website.

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

Opportunity — to meet other genealogists with whom to share interests and ideas.

Opportunity — to get involved and help preserve history and records.

EGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. Box 1418, Elgin, IL 60121-1418

www.elginroots.com

Check One: _____ joining for current year _____ joining for next year

Check One: _____ Individual Membership _____ Household Membership

Miss/Ms

Mrs./Mr.

Last

First

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Maiden

For Household Membership Only:

Miss/Ms

Mrs./Mr.

Last

First

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Maiden

Primary Address _____

Secondary Address _____

Local Phone # _____ ZIP + 4

Email _____ ZIP + 4

Dues: \$25 Individual

\$40 Household

Membership includes one year of EGS Quarterly Newsletters and access to the Members' Only Section of the Website.

Renewal before December 31 (must be postmarked by Dec. 31)

\$22 Individual

\$35 Household

Name Badges available; see Membership Chair

Newsletters will be emailed unless you check the box indicating you still want yours mailed.

Please Mail My Newsletter. I realize this will cost the society an additional \$8 a year.

Membership year is January 1 through December 31. Renew for the following year after September 1

If you want to pay by credit card or PayPal, you must join on the web, not using this form.

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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 information, 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