

LaSalle County Genealogy Guild Programs for 2024

January	... No Program this Month ...
February 17	Winter Workshop ... The focus will be on how to search for immigration and naturalization records. But there will be plenty of time to work on your own Family Trees. So, bring your laptops, flash drives, family papers or whatever else you have, and we will help you make sense of it all.
March 16	Randy Hallock ... will be reviewing some new features on the <i>FamilySearch</i> website, which were revealed at the recent RootsTech 2024 Conference. They include locating relatives in cemeteries, that you previously may have been unaware of, and new full-text searching for historical records. See how this new technology can be used to enhance your research, making it easier and more productive. Please join us and feel free to bring your laptops and research questions.
April 20	Karen Sweetwood Roth ... will be speaking to us about The Edgar Bundy Memorial School , one of the one-room school houses of LaSalle County. It was moved from its original location near Ransom to between the Shepherd and Central Schools in Ottawa. Karen is a retired librarian and has been an educator at that school since 2018. She has expanded the educational program there to include children ages kindergarten through 6 th grade.
May 18	Jim Ridings ... will be our speaker this month. He will be discussing his book, <i>"The Illustrated History of the Ottawa Tent Colony"</i> . At the turn of the century, it was believed that fresh air, rest and a nutritional diet was the best way to treat tuberculosis patients, since antibiotics had not been developed yet. TB patients were kept in canvas tents, in freezing winters and blazing hot summer to combat this disease. Come hear their amazing story!
June 15	Ann Newel & Jane DePaoli ... will be presenting, <i>"The History of the Pauper Cemetery in LaSalle County"</i> (<i>LaSalle County Poor Farm</i>).
July 20	... TBA ...
August 17	Summer Genealogy Workshop!
September 21	Rachael Mellen ... Will be reviewing her new book, <i>"Prairie Patriot: The Civil War Letters of William J. Kennedy"</i> .
October 19	... TBA ...
November 16	Ethnic Potluck at Noon ... Bring a favorite family dish to share.
December	... No program. Merry Christmas, Everyone! ...