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Searching, Preserving, Sharing our Macoupin County Roots

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Dear Members:

At our quarterly meeting last evening, the status of the future of our Society was discussed. We are losing members – for reasons we can only guess. The computer research age has taken genealogists and family history researchers to the on-line free sites to find their families. We understand that.

Societies like ours are all struggling with dwindling memberships. Costs of producing and mailing newsletters have gone up. Your Society is committed to providing its membership with information about Macoupin County families that is not necessarily available on-line. Mary McKenzie puts together an excellent quarterly with help from numerous members who share their interesting finds with her. And Mary spends time searching for material to make the newsletter a prize publication for us.

The bottom line: we have discussed at our meeting the need to increase our membership dues. It was suggested that beginning with the new membership year which begins June 1, 2015, we must increase our dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per year. While this may not keep us going for years to come, we have to bring in enough revenue to pay for our expenses.

In years past, I have sent out messages via e-mail, through the newsletter and even flyers posted where I could. The message: “Buy a Gift Membership for a Family Member” – or a friend.....for Christmas, Birthday, or any other day. Some of you took advantage of that suggestion and I would like to urge you to consider this suggestion.

As a Charter Member of the Society, I would surely be sad to see us fold and no longer provide the information so many people cannot always find on-line. We hope you will continue your membership and help us continue a legacy that began with an organizing committee on June 16, 1980.

Sincerely,

Cindy Leonard, President
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