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Help Illuminate Our Legacy, by preserving our past.

Do you have access to an old family Bible? If so, *ILLINOIS GRC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!*

Over the past 90 years, the Genealogical Record Committee (GRC) has collected information that is *not available in any published works* and is *not accessible on the internet*.

Illinois GRC is concentrating on preserving information included in old family Bibles, because they are at the highest risk of being lost and forever forgotten. We will, however, accept any qualifying documents.

--Records **TO COPY** include old family Bibles, newspaper obits/marriages, and birth announcements, vital records including marriage, birth, death, and old church records.
--Records **NOT TO COPY** are those that have been "published:" FOLD3, Find-a-Grave, FamilySearch, websites of the state library and state archives. "Published" is the key word.

How can you help?
--Search for old family Bibles. *We need COPIES of the family information pages, not the actual Bible!*
--Copy the cover, the Bible's title page with publication date, dedication page, and the pages with the family information.
--Transcribe each family record page, there may be multiple pages. Transcribe as written and in the order it appears.
--Put a header at the top of the transcription page, with a brief description such as "Family Bible-Henry Flesher."
--Utilize DAR formatting: 1" margins, 12 pt font in Arial, Times New Roman, or Calibri.
--*DO NOT CORRECT MISSPELLINGS*.
--If words cannot be read, leave a space and type [Illegible] where the word would appear.
--Include a separate information page with the current owner of the Bible, city/state of residence, span of years that events are documented, your name and your chapter name.
--Contact your state GRC Chairman to arrange packet submission for proofreading, formulating the volume, and indexing.

Earn the GRC pin by submitting 100 pages. Page counts include documents and transcription. *Submissions must be received, and approved, by December 31, 2025*.

Additional information regarding the GRC and how to correctly submit documents can be found on the NSDAR websites:
https://www.dar.org/members/committees/genealogy-committees/genealogical-records/genealogical-records-mission
https://www.dar.org/system/files/members/darnet/forms/LG-GRC-2000.pdf