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Genealogy the Topic of Elkhart's September Dinner/Lecture Presentation

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Elkhart, IL— On Friday, September 24, 2010, the Elkhart Historical Society will feature “What’s in a Name?” with genealogy as the program topic for its continuing dinner lecture series.

Mike Starasta, director of the McKinstry Library at Lincoln College, will be the featured speaker. Starasta is an experienced genealogist, with expertise on researching archives, and using libraries, genealogical websites, genealogical databases and local organizations to develop family trees. He has served as an archivist at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site where he researched documents and artifacts and also with the Illinois Regional Archives Depository where he researched genealogical information for patrons. Starasta has a master’s degree in history from Illinois State University and a master’s degree in library science from Dominican University.

The program will introduce beginning and intermediate genealogists to available resources for tracing your family tree. Topics include how to get started, researching archives, using libraries, genealogical web sites, genealogical databases, and using local organizations to find your family history. In addition, Starasta will discuss the genealogy of some of the founding families of Elkhart – Gillett, Shockey, Latham and Oglesby.

The dinner lecture series is held at The Wild Hare Cafe in historic downtown Elkhart at 104 Governor Oglesby Street. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with the talks from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Reservations and pre-payment are required, and space is limited. Cost is \$17.99. The dinner package price includes the meal, dessert, drink, tax and gratuity. The reservation deadline is Monday, September 20. For information and the online, printable reservation form, see www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org .

The dinner will be followed on Saturday, September 25, with two tours of historic Elkhart Hill at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For information and the online, printable tour reservation form, see www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org .

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PHOTO OF STARASTA IS AVAILABLE.

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