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Hello fellow family researchers,

I have found a helpful way to keep up with obituaries from the places where I have many family members. For example, I have family from Hamilton County, Illinois. They do not have a local newspaper anymore, so I went to the website of the main funeral home there. This funeral home publishes obituaries on their website. They do not have an app, so I just save their website on my phone, and once a month I look to see if there are any obits that apply to my family. Some websites or apps will send you a notice when they publish new obituaries. A funeral home in Kentucky where I have family, will send an email whenever they have a new obituary. This is a very easy way to remember to check these notices to see if there is family information listed.

I also want to remind you to sign up for Genealogy Quest at Willard Library, happening on September 10-13. There are so many good speakers that will be presenting that week. You do not want to miss it. This is a totally free event.

Go to willardlib.org/genealogy-quest to register.

See you soon

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