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PLEASE NOTE

The statements in this newsletter cited as quotes from other newsletters, quarterlies, etc., are quotations and not necessarily fact. I try not to reproduce statements that have been denied as being true and also those statements that are "old news" and have been quoted over a few years.

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of all newsletters are filed at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor along with the "handouts" summary sheet. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular meeting will be contained in a folder specifically for that meeting date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for meeting on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each meeting date will have its own folder. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file binder. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

More importantly, electronic PDF copies of the Newsletter and the "handouts" summary for our monthly program can be obtained electronically as PDF files from our Library's Genealogy Blog called "Tony's Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library". This is a WordPress blog that you can reach directly at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Look on the right side of the blog for links within the "Newsletter" category and the "Program Handouts" category. You can read the material online, download as a PDF file to your computer or print it from the blog.

If anyone needs to contact me via e-mail, you may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library at:

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Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the **Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390. I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library. The FAX number in Extension Services is 847-923-3389.**

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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MARCH 9, 2010 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering in March 2010. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our "breakout" groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

- Polish Researchers
- German Researchers
- Czech Researchers
- Irish Researchers
- Italian Researchers
- British Researchers
- Scandinavian Researchers
- Colonial Americans Researchers

I also will have a Beginner's Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

Please remember that the group's composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in the Beginner's Group or the Troubleshooting Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session in March 2010.

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

Glad you could join us as you embark on a rather adventurous journey into the unknown and far-reaching past! Please see me so I can get to know you and the details of the "journey" you plan to take. Make sure you receive from me a special "newcomer" package of materials that will help you take your first big steps.

I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to fill out and return to me a simple questionnaire that I use to better understand areas of research into which you may delve as well as your having access or not to a home personal computer.

Please feel free to become acquainted with the Genealogy Collection at Schaumburg Township District Library. Our book material is generally located in the 929.1XXXX to 929.3XXXX sections of both the Circulating Collection as well as the Reference Collection. The library also has a Video, Audio and Microform Collection of Genealogy material located in the AV-Department. The materials in AV are also identified in the same Dewey number range as the printed material. These are two great browsing areas for you to review introductory material.

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook also by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to check these out.

If you have access to the Internet, you may want to check out a Getting Started web page that appears at the National Genealogical Society web site. The address is:

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/getting_started

Our group is a great group of friendly people who are willing to help each other in their quest to discover their ancestors. Don't be shy to mingle!! You may be sitting next to a long, lost relative!?

Welcome to the group!

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WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE LOOKING - FOLLOW-UP

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 128 participants in the group. I have received updates from many of you since our last meeting. You truly are a very sharing group in your willingness to share your personal information with others in the group concerning your research efforts.

The entire group is searching for a total of 980 surnames among all of the individuals.

Remember, that I will bring to the meeting a current group report that I would appreciate you reviewing and marking any additions, deletions or changes for your particular information that you would like me to make onto the report itself. I will leave one updated report by the genealogical material by the Information Desk on the 2nd floor for you to reference in-between meetings. I plan on providing new paper reports to the group on at least an annual basis (most recently May 2009). I will make additions/deletions to the participants that will be reflected in the listing of participants contained in the red binder that will be on the shelves at the combined Information/Magazine desk.

If you are in the library and need to review please ask someone at the Information/Magazine Desk on the 2nd floor for the material. Also check for this binder at my desk in the Extension Services Office if you do not find it at the Information Desk.

Any feedback from you is welcome concerning the report and the material included in it. I do occasionally make typos or I possibly misread what you provided.

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter December 27, 2009, December 28, 2009, December 29, 2009, January 10, 2010, January 15, 2010, January 16, 2010 and are copyright 2010 by Richard W. Eastman. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Do Your Ancestors Make You Look Fat? (December 27, 2009)

We inherited our genes from our ancestors. In turn, our genes control most everything in our bodies. Our ancestors gave us our eye color, our hair color, our crooked teeth, and much more. They also gave us a predisposition to diabetes, cancer, obesity, and other diseases. Now a fitness expert says that we can reprogram many of those genes and do so in a pleasant manner.

Mark Sisson says that we need to throw out many of our beliefs about fitness and diet and go back to the diets of our ancestors in order to improve our health. In this case, he says to ignore the diets of our recent ancestors and return to those of millions of years ago - diets that defined our genes and shaped who we are and what foods our bodies need. Sisson suggests we seek the robust health of our hunter-gatherer ancestors. He also points out that the diet he advocates is much more enjoyable for most of us than the diets we have been told to follow in the past fifty years or so.

"Many of these primal laws fly in the face of what we've been told," says Sisson, who throughout his book attacks conventional healthcare "wisdom" with both fists flying. According to Sisson, we all should:

- Eat plenty of saturated animal fat
- Shun whole grains (and all grains) like the plague (after all, our ancestors didn't eat grains millions of years ago)
- Get plenty of sun to avoid cancer
- Don't worry about size of meals or the frequency of meals
- Don't drink 8 glasses of water daily!
- Refrain from strenuous, lengthy daily workouts, as they will keep you fat

Sisson says your genes desperately want you to be healthy. Your best chance for attaining optimum health and long life comes from properly managing the genes your parents gave you, using the tried and true blueprint for living evolved over millions of years.

These suggestions obviously are the opposite of what other diet gurus have been telling us for years. So, is Mark Sisson a diet expert or a diet crackpot? Should we really return to diets of saturated animal fat and fruits and nuts?

You decide. You can watch an interview of Mark Sisson on abc15 in Phoenix at <http://www.abc15.com/content/living/yourhealth/story/Do-your-genes-make-you-look-fat/K-wQ7zkm1UOVn03bSG9cdQ.csp>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 27, 2009 in [DNA](#) | [Permalink](#)

Amazon Sells More Ebooks On Christmas Than Real Books (December 28, 2009)

The technology age that many of us have been predicting is now upon us. Amazon reports for the first time ever they sold more ebooks on one day than real books.

In a press release that seems designed to advertise the Amazon Kindle, the company reports that the Kindle Store now includes over 390,000 books and the largest selection of the most popular books people want to read, including New York Times bestsellers and new releases.

My guess is that in another twenty years, printed books will be difficult to purchase. Electronic distribution is cheaper and faster. My suspicion is that ebooks have been slow to catch on simply because so many of us are accustomed to reading on paper. We are not comfortable with the transition. As a new generation of readers comes along without the old habits, I suspect that the sales of printed books will slow to a trickle.

The Amazon press release goes on to give lots of facts about Amazon's holiday season. One statement that caught my eye was the most popular software products sold this season by Amazon: Microsoft Office Home and Student 2007; Adobe Photoshop Elements 8; and Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac Home & Student Edition.

You can read more at

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=176060&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1369429&highlight=>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 28, 2009 in [Books](#) | [Permalink](#)

Convert an Address to Latitude and Longitude (December 29, 2009)



You can pinpoint any place on Earth using a single set of coordinates: latitude and longitude. These coordinates look like a string of numbers. Once you have those numbers, you'll be able to plug them into a web map, GPS or other mapping device and find what you're looking for in an instant -- no matter where on the planet it is.

Using latitude and longitude information makes it easy to find your ancestors' homestead, your own house, the county courthouse in a distant city, or any other location of genealogical interest.

The coordinates are similar to the Xs and Ys you used to plot in algebra class. Imagine if the surface of the Earth could be stretched flat. The horizontal x-axis is the equator, while the vertical y-axis is the Prime Meridian, which runs through the Greenwich Observatory in England.

Geographic coordinates can be expressed in three different formats:

- * DMS Degrees: Minutes:Seconds (49° 30'00"N, 123° 30'00"W)
- * DM Degrees: Decimal Minutes (49°30.0', -123°30.0'), (49d30.0m,-123d30.0')
- * DD Decimal Degrees: (49.5000°, -123.5000°), generally with 4-6 decimal numbers.

Older maps typically use the DMS Degrees, expressed in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Computers like to work with decimals, however, and the majority of computer applications seem to use DD Decimal Degrees.

The letter "N" or "S" at the end of a latitude indicates that the location is north or south of the equator. In a similar manner, the letter "E" or "W" at the end of a longitude indicates that the location is east or west of the Greenwich Observatory in England. In the DD Decimal Degrees method, a minus sign on the latitude indicates south of the equator while a minus sign on a longitude indicates a location west of the Greenwich Observatory.

Plus signs are assumed and therefore usually are omitted on latitudes north of the equator or longitudes east of the Greenwich Observatory.

There are many websites that will take an address and convert it to a point. Google Maps, for example, has to do this whenever you type a location into its search box. However, Google Maps does not make it easy to get the latitude and longitude of the resulting location.

A site that is easier to use is found at www.GetLatLon.com, a simple site made for this explicit purpose. The website asks for a "place name," such as a city, but you can type in many things. You can use a postal code, an airport code or a full address. When you click the "Zoom to place" button, the map below will update to show the location.

I experimented with www.GetLatLon.com and entered my own home address. I quickly found the exact latitude and longitude of the house. I was amazed to see that the map drawn on the screen even included the property lines of each house lot. I am not sure if that is available for all locations or not, but it certainly works well in my neighborhood.

I found the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is at: Latitude, Longitude: 40.77040386721811, -111.89426600933075

The www.GetLatLon.com web site also works in the opposite direction: enter a latitude and longitude and the web site will draw a map on the screen with that exact location in the center of the map. In my experiments, I entered "40.77040386721811, -111.89426600933075" and then clicked on Zoom to place. The www.GetLatLon.com site then displayed a map showing the Family History Library's exact location.

You might want to experiment at <http://www.GetLatLon.com>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 29, 2009 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

Ancestry.com Inc. Reports 17% Subscriber Growth in 2009 Fourth Quarter (January 10, 2010)

This is a huge jump for one three-month period. It is also interesting to note that Ancestry.com has now reached the one million paid subscriber mark. I believe the number of subscribers to the company's free services would make it even higher. The following was written by Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com Inc. today reported that it added approximately 165,000 subscribers in the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009, finishing the year with 1,066,000 million paid subscribers. The end of year subscriber number is 17% higher than the 914,000 paid subscribers reported at the end of 2008. Fourth quarter additions were up 15% from the 144,000 added in the 2008 fourth quarter. Monthly subscriber churn¹ for the 2009 fourth quarter was 3.6%, compared to 4.0% in the prior year fourth quarter.

"Our subscriber results cap an outstanding year for Ancestry.com," said Tim Sullivan, CEO, Ancestry.com. "We are following a very simple set of strategies to build our business: expand our collection of content, improve the product experience, and increase category awareness. If we continue to succeed on these fronts, we'll continue to add satisfied subscribers and enjoy good opportunities for future growth."

Ancestry.com anticipates reporting its full financial and operating results for the 2009 fourth quarter and fiscal year in the second half of February 2010. The subscriber results were released in conjunction with the Company's appearance today at the Citi Investment

Research 2010 Global Entertainment Media and Telecommunications Conference in San Francisco, California.

About Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com is an online resource for family history and has digitized and put online over four billion records over the past twelve years. Ancestry users have created over twelve million family trees containing over 1.25 billion profiles. Ancestry.com has local Web sites directed at nine countries, including its flagship website at <http://www.ancestry.com/>.

Forward-looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," "could," "expect," "intend," "plan," "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements, and our ability to execute on our business strategy include those listed under the caption "Risk Factors" of Ancestry.com's Prospectus dated November 5, 2009.

We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

(1) Monthly churn is a measure representing the number of subscribers that cancel in the quarter divided by the sum of beginning subscribers and subscriber additions during the quarter. To arrive at monthly churn, we divide the results by three.

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Source: Ancestry.com Inc.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 10, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Ancestry Magazine Discontinues Publication (January 15, 2010)

Sad news published today on the AncestryMagazine.com web site:

For 25 years, *Ancestry* magazine has been a valuable, timely resource for family history professionals, hobbyists, and novices alike. For a variety of reasons, the time has come for us to discontinue publication. Over the last few years, we have found that with the expanded accessibility of terrific family history content published online at Ancestry.com we can reach a larger and broader audience than the limited distribution of a print publication.

The March/April 2010 issue will be the final issue of *Ancestry* magazine. Subscribers to *Ancestry* magazine with current subscriptions that will not be completed by the mailing of the March/April 2010 magazine will receive prorated refunds. Subscribers will find a letter

enclosed with their final issue informing them of these details. We are also no longer selling new magazine subscriptions nor renewing those that have expired. Single copies of past issues, including the upcoming March/April issue, will be available for purchase in our online store.

With *Ancestry* magazine we have loved the opportunity we've had to write about the best of what we found in the world of family history. We thank our readers and contributors for sharing our enthusiasm for all things genealogy.

Sincerely,

The Ancestry Magazine Staff

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 15, 2010 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Footnote.com Named Best Genealogy Organization of 2009 (January 16, 2010)

Footnote.com (one of the sponsors of this newsletter) was named the Best Genealogy Organization of 2009 by Tamura Jones. Her site reviewed many of the industries products and sites and Footnote.com was listed as the best organization.

The article states that "Footnote simply did what it should be doing; continue to enlarge and improve its collections. It introduced the interactive census of 1930, and later announced it will make all the US census available this way.

"Footnote also worked with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to make the Holocaust Collection available."

You can continue reading the review on Tamura's site at

<http://www.tamurajones.net/GeneAwards2009.xhtml>

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 16, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT THE MEETING DATE FOR THE SOCIETY IS THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH A MEETING OCCURS. MEETINGS WILL STILL BE HELD AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ON GOEBBERT ROAD. NO MEETINGS OCCUR DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2010. The program for the evening is titled "**Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places – Marriage Records**". The speaker for the evening will be Ginger Frere.

Meetings take place at Forest View Education Center, 2121 South Goebbert (turn south at Golf and Goebbert), Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 7:30 p.m. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 7 PM prior to the main meeting that starts at 7:30 PM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

www.NWSCG.com

Please note that it has happened once in a while that the society may change a program schedule without actively sharing that fact. Checking their web site may also not give you notice of such a change if they do not change the web site. That is still the first place to check. You may also want to contact someone at the society if a phone number is available to verify that a program is still scheduled as they had advertised. That is always not available either.

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that are scheduled for October 2009 through May 2010 are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the new times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 9 PM when the library closes.

Please note that the society will be having their annual program on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Hilton Gardens in St. Charles from 9 AM until 4 PM. Please visit the society website at the link below and connect to the program detail information from the web site.

Because of the Annual Conference noted above there is no regularly scheduled society program for February. The Annual Program in essence replaces the regular program.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, March 17, 2010. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Cemetery Symbols**". The speaker for the program will be Joy Matthiessen.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.org

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, February 20, 2010 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**Smorgasbord of Short Subjects**". The speaker for the program will be Everett Butler.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Rhode Island Cemeteries Master Name Database Index Online (December 28, 2009)
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The Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Transcription Project was begun by genealogists in 1990 with the goal of entering all known transcriptions of cemeteries in

Rhode Island into a database, then sending volunteers into the field with a printout to see which stones were still there and whether they were correctly transcribed. The cemeteries and the listings are primarily 1647-1900.

You can now search the Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Database Index for an ancestor buried anywhere in the state. The pre-20th century data is over 95% complete. The earliest gravestone in the database is 1647 for John Coggeshall, Sr., president of the colony of Rhode Island. Books have now been published for ten of the 39 towns and more are planned. These books document many never previously recorded gravestones.

The Rhode Island Cemeteries Database project was begun in 1990 as a way to document and computerize the many historical cemeteries around the state. Originally, there were thought to be 200,000 inscriptions in 2500 cemeteries. Since the project was started, volunteers have now found approximately 3,100 cemeteries in the state with an estimated 430,00 inscriptions.

To access the online Rhode Island Cemeteries Master Name Database Index, go to

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/cemetery>

Only the Master Index is available through the RIGenWeb Project. The whole database (most listings are 1647-1900), including name and maiden name indexes, are not online but can be accessed by computers at the:

Rhode Island Historical Society Library
121 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 331-8575

American French Genealogical Society
78 Earle Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Mailing Address: PO Box 830
Woonsocket, RI 02895-0870
Phone/fax (401) 765-6141

East Greenwich Free Library
82 Peirce Street
East Greenwich, RI 02818
(401) 884-9510

Greenville Public Library
573 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone 401-949-3630
Fax 401-949-0530

Warwick Public Library
600 Sandy Lane
Warwick, RI 02886

West Warwick Public Library
1043 Main Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 828-3750

New York State Military History Online (December 29, 2009)

The following was written by the New York State Military Museum:

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY (12/29/2009) -- There are now 53,671 more pages of New York National Guard records available online on the New York State Military Museum website.

Printed out, that much information would take be 18 feet high if the pages were stacked up, or reach more than 9.7 miles laid end to end..

The digital files include 197 issues of the New York National Guardsman Magazine published between 1924 and 1940, and National Guard annual reports from 1858 to 1955.

It's a treasure trove of information available to genealogists, historians, and military buffs with the click of a computer mouse.

"I can search across 150 different Adjutant General reports in ten seconds and to do this by hand would take me all day," said Jim Gandy, the assistant librarian and archivist at the museum.

"Our collection is a tremendous resource and this is an opportunity to broadcast this tremendous resource to the widest possible audience," said Museum Director Michael Aikey.

"We get 15,000 people through the museum each year, but the website is getting several million hits," Aikey added. "I come from the public library world and the goal is to get as much information easily available, readily available to the public."

The searchable pdf-format files can be opened online and are also downloadable. The cost of the scanning project was \$12,000. Biele's Information Technology Systems in West Seneca did the scanning work in 2005. However, the museum's website couldn't accommodate posting the documents until upgrades were made this year, Gandy said.

The Adjutant General's Annual reports contain data on the number of Soldiers and Airmen in National Guard units, training exercises, officers' names and units, and expenses.

The National Guardsman Magazine includes professional articles, reports on unit athletic events and social activities, and period advertising. Publication of the National Guardsman was suspended in the fall of 1940 when the entire National Guard was mobilized in response to the successful German invasion of most of western Europe in the spring of that year.

While the new online documents provide a window to the state's military past that's fascinating to any military history buff, some of the biggest users of the state's records have always been amateur genealogy researches, Gandy said.

Both the National Guardsman Magazine and the Adjutant General's reports are full of names and dates. This kind of information is valuable to people trying to flesh out their family histories and find out exactly what rank Uncle Bill held, Gandy explained.

The demand from amateur genealogists for information is so great that the museum is working on a deal with Ancestry.com, a popular genealogy resource, to make online documents available there, Aikey said.

Putting the documents on line makes them accessible to people around the country, and also allows researchers to look through them without damaging the originals, Gandy added. Too many fingers opening and closing old books and magazines, even when done carefully, eventually wears those documents out.

The collections of the New York State Military Museum date back to 1863 when an officer in the Adjutant General's office was assigned to collect press clippings and other memorabilia about New York regiments serving in the Civil War. Today New York has one of the outstanding state archives of Civil War material, much of it available on line, as well as the largest collection of unit battle flags in the nation.

The Unit History Project section of the Military Museum website includes extensive on-line historical information on all New York Civil War military units, as well as in other conflicts.

Military Museum website:

<http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/historic/index.htm>

To view copies of the New York National Guardsman and the Adjutant Generals Reports on line click on "research" on the New York State Military Museum homepage on the left hand side of the screen. Links to the magazines and reports are below on the Research page.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 29, 2009 in [History](#) | [Permalink](#)



PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the December/January 2010, Volume 4, Number 5 issue of [Internet Genealogy](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

"Sounds of the Past: Historic Recordings Online"
by David A. Norris

David A. Norris tunes into old time radio shows, speeches, bands and more.

"Tales Grandma Never Told!"
by Melody Reitsma

Melody Reitsma discovers what was left of her family's stories.

"European Census Records Online"

by Leslie Albrecht Huber

Leslie Albrecht Huber shows you where to look for European records.

"Get Smart: Choosing an Online Genealogy Course"

by Lynn Palermo

According to Lynn Palermo, knowing your learning style is key to success.

"Getting to the Live Roots of the Issue"

by Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the Illya D'Addezio's living project.

"Ten Reasons to Love Local Histories!"

by Janice Nickerson

According to Janice Nickerson, local histories are treasure troves of clues and details.

"20 Canadian Library Databases"

by Janice Nickerson

Janice Nickerson finds 20 great Canadian library databases online.

"Death in London: Burial Registers"

by John D. Reid

John D. Reid looks at cemetery records in London.

"Researching Your Trafalgar Ancestors"

by David A. Norris

If your ancestors fought at Trafalgar, David A. Norris can help you find them!

"Finding Figlars: Online Database Review"

by Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo puts the most popular databases to the test.

"Footnote Launches Holocaust Memorial Site"

by Gregory Peduto

Gregory Peduto looks at the launch of Footnote's latest project.

"Ancestry Quest 12.1: Online and In-Depth"

by Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the latest version of a popular genealogy software program.

“Seeking Michigan”
by Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at a new resource for finding ancestors in the Great Lakes State.

“Clergy of the Church of England Database”
by David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at online resources for the official religious institution of England.

Also included in this issue is a section titled “Net Notes”. In here you will find 4 internet sites of note to take a look at. You will also find a lengthy description about the site and why it is worth taking a look. Sites mentioned in this issue are:

War Department Papers @ <http://wardepartmentpapers.org>

Digital Library on American Slavery @
<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery>

Brooklyn Revealed @ www.brooklynrevealed.com

US Immigration Map @
www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?hp

I thought that a very interesting article in this issue is one titled “10 Reasons to Love Local Histories”. The author does a good job of pointing out why it is important to research more than the occurrence of surnames within the geographic you are searching. Knowing the local history and what it has to offer can add so much more meaningful information to your ancestral connections. Here are the 10 reasons why you should dig a little deeper into your local area of research:

- You may uncover many pages of information on the early founding of the community that even pre-dated your own ancestor's presence in the area. Your ancestors may have gone to this location because the early founders were from the same area as your ancestors in the “old” country. Other connections could then be established with other families.
- Church Histories and Profiles can help in your research. Maybe the church you know of now did not exist when your ancestors were present. You may find out who were early members of the church. Church records generally predate civil records when it comes to births, marriages and death and other church related events creating records. Knowing the history of the churches may make your record search easier.
- School Histories and Profile. Is there a school record of your ancestor? You might even find a picture of an ancestor from local history collections regarding school.

- Clubs and Other Organizations. Club and organization records may still survive within the collections of local history groups. What better discovery than to find out your ancestor's sports involvement or political affiliation.
- Family Biographies. Just like with County History Books, you may find Local History books of notes containing biographies of key early settling families. These biographies were often created from the descendants families who were familiar with these people. So if an ancestor had a long history in an area a biography of the family could be in the possession of a Local History Society.
- Maps. Plat maps of farms and small towns were probably created to show who owned what land at a certain point of time. Plat maps of these records of ownership may be easily indexed with the surname of an owner and a direction as to where the property was owned on the map. You can also see who lived around your ancestors. They may also be connected to your own research as families may have wanted to live around each other.
- Photographs. These may be found in large amounts. Some may be identified as to who is in the photo. Most may have no identification as to who is in the photo. Check out the web sites of local libraries in the area. Just like our own library, you may find a local history section of a library website. In here you may find digital photos and descriptions of what the photo contains from the convenience of the web site.
- Transcribed Records. You may be able to find Town Council Meetings, Tax Assessment Records and Voter's Roll Call Records. Early office holders of a variety of positions may be obtainable. Wouldn't it be nice to discover an ancestor among these kind of records that may be in possession of a Local History Society?
- Bibliographies, Notes or Source Credits. Bibliographies of the sources of where local history came from are invaluable and can provide you more credible information than "word of mouth" stories that still are held within these societies.
- Indexes. Local History societies often have name-indexed material. Just going through this material looking for your ancestral names may be worth the effort, especially if the surname is not too common.

Don't ignore the possibility that a Local History Society exists for the area of your ancestors when they lived in an area. See if you can find if one exists. Contact the nearest local public area to the area and see if they know of such societies local to the area. Go the Federation of Genealogical Societies web site at www.fgs.org and see if you can find a historical society through the part of the web site that allows you to search for genealogical societies or even historical societies that may register the organization with the FGS. You may discover one exists that can then help you in your research.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Finding Figlar: Online Database Review". The author experimented by one using one particular surname (Figlar) he was familiar with in his research and inputted that name into a variety of the genealogical databases that a researcher would tap into. The results were interesting and basically convert to the meaning that all databases are not created equal. These databases were both those that require a subscription and those that are free.

The author focused on obtaining results from 6 popular databases. Databases that were researched were:

- Ancestry.com (\$19.95 to \$29.95 per month) @ www.ancestry.com
- FamilySearch Pilot (free) @ www.familysearch.org
- Footnote (Some free to \$11.95 per month) @ www.footnote.com
- Genealogy Bank (\$19.95 per month) @ www.genealogybank.com
- Heritage Quest Online (free) @ www.heritagequestonline.com
- World Vital Records (\$14.95 per month) @ www.worldvitalrecords.com

The results of the search provided the following for the name "Figlar":

- Ancestry.com produced 1,063 "exact name" matches with the most being found in the Ancestry category titled Directories and Membership (320 hits) followed by Census and Voter Lists (300). The most interesting results were in the WW I and WW II draft registration databases because of them being unique to Ancestry.
- FamilySearch (Pilot) produced 93 "exact and close" matches for the name Figlar. Because this is a growing project of digitizing the data, it is not surprising there were far fewer hits than in Ancestry. Much of the data found was in very unique records within the entire series of films the LDS has. The author even discovered that LDS film titles were present from which further research could be done.
- Footnote yielded 27 matches among 89 items. Most were Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and the 1930 Census hits. Again this provider of databases may have some databases common to all providers of data, but it also has many unique databases not available elsewhere.
- Genealogy Bank found 150 matching 150 hits among the Historical Newspapers, America's Obituaries and the SSDI. The author noted the new discovery of information on an uncle in the Newspapers database from this provider that had not been seen elsewhere.
- Heritage Quest can only be used through a subscribing library and not via an individual subscription. Author found 27 hits for the name Figlar in the census data. The census data is what Heritage Quest is known for. Heritage Quest also has Books and the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) available to search. All hits were in the census data. No hits were found in the other categories.
- World Vital Records provided 114 matches in 7 databases. The author indicated that most of the results found here were also found in many of the other provider's databases.

The author then also ranked the relevance of the databases to his own personal research. He made it clear that this order is pertinent for the name Figlar. The order could certainly change for perhaps another name to use. He ranked them in the following order:

- Ancestry.com
- FamilySearch
- Heritage Quest
- Genealogy Bank
- World Vital Records
- Footnote

The lesson to be learned is that all databases are not created equally. Take advantage of the free ones from home. Also, take advantage of the subscription ones that libraries subscribe to making them in essence "free" to you. You may have to do your

research directly in the library due to license restrictions of use by the providers making them not available from home when subscribed to by the library. You will definitely see differences between the databases and you will also see many of the same results. But in the end if you can discover just one new item of interest on an ancestor then that will put your research a little further ahead. You may find one new item for each of your surnames which in essence provide you with a lot more data.

I thought the author did a very good job in presenting his research effort. I would suggest reading the entire article.

This recent issue of [Internet Genealogy](#) is a very good one with many good articles of interest throughout. Take a look at the titles of the articles I provided earlier on and see which appeal to you. Browse through the entire issue for articles of interest.

You can find this most recent issue of [Internet Genealogy](#) on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

Ancestry

We have received the January/February 2010, Volume 28, Number 1 issue of [Ancestry](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

“Forged in Steel”

by Lisa A. Alzo

To become an industrial giant at the end of the 19th century, America needed three things: coal, steel and manpower.

“Agents of Change”

by Ceil Wendt Jensen, CG

How does a group of families from a small hamlet in Poland end up in a mining town in Michigan? With the help of a persuasive agent.

“Working Girls”

by Mary Penner

Long before Rosie the Riveter, American girls were leaving hearth and home for the office and the factory floor.

“Former Farmers of America”

by George G. Morgan

One author’s salute to our agricultural ancestors – and hints on how to find them.

“10 Places You Didn’t Think to Look”

by Ancestry Magazine Staff

We all like pleasant surprises. Here are a few of our favorite family history finds that we discovered in unexpected places.

“Never Underestimate the Influence of Grandpa”

by Janet Bernice Jeys

“Passport Emergency!”

by Lisa Arnold

“You Wouldn’t Want to Be ...”

by Tana L. Pedersen

“Setting Up Shop”

by Jana Sloan Broglin

“Where They Lived”

by Esther Yu Sumner

“Pet Ancestors”

by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG

“Wash Day Blues”

by Betty Kreisel Shubert

“The Old Fashioned Way”

by Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D

“Tinting Digital Photos”

by Ancestry Staff

“Write It Down”

by Donn Devine, CD, CGL

“A Twig on Michelle Obama’s Tree”

by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

“Electronic Connections”

by Howard Wolinsky

“Games Grandparents Play”

by Jeanie Croasmun

The magazine also encourages the reader the website at www.ancestrymagazine.com to find even more additional information not available in the printed magazine. The magazine also makes not to visit the magazine on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ancestrymagazine. You can be involved in much more interactivity at the Facebook site of the magazine. While you can get so much out the magazine, try the links above to the website and to Facebook for even more that you can obtain from Ancestry.

The theme for this issue of Ancestry is about the “working person” in America over time. Check out the main articles in this issue to obtain an overall view of how your own ancestors may have fit into the “working” world of their time.

I thought that a very good article in this issue of Ancestry is one titled “10 Places You Didn’t Think to Look”. Here are some resources to consider to find unexpected information on your ancestor that you may not have been able to find from your normal resources. Of course, your ancestor has to have some connection to a particular resource. But this list should open up your eyes as to the “unexpected” places from which you might retrieve an incredible piece of information on an ancestor:

- Slaves Before 1870 – check out the mortality schedules for the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census. The mortality schedules listed those that died in the year prior to the census taken during these years. A slave’s name, age, and cause of death may be listed. This may be the only place to obtain such important information. But all of the genealogy research gods must line up for you to get this information. Your slave ancestor must have fallen into these very narrow categories for you to benefit. Slave information is hard to come by. What a discovery if your slave ancestor fell into this batch of information.
- Other Children – the 1910 census may shed light on what the full size of a family actually may have been over time. The woman was asked in this census how many children she gave birth to and how many were still alive in 1910. You may see such things as 12 children born and 9 alive in 1910. This can lead you to investigate the possible deaths of some of these “unknown” family members you may have never known about.
- Employer – looking for the employer of an ancestor? You may find a general category of “occupation” within census data. If your ancestor was a male and fit into the right age groups that might have caused him to serve in World War II, then you may want to look at the WW II “old man’s draft” data base in Ancestry.com. You may very well find your ancestor’s registration record and may even discover the exact name of the employer and the address location your ancestor may have worked.
- Occupation – census records may very well show this general category. Go beyond census records and take a chance in other record categories. Marriage records might even offer this piece of information. The author found such information within some marriage records from London, England from 1754-1921. Take this occupation back to the census records and the occupation may be better able to help you pick your right ancestor if the surname is very common.
- Maiden Name – Passenger records might be a possible source to discover this piece of information. A name might be mentioned on either the country the immigrant is going to or a name might be mentioned related to the country the immigrant is leaving.
- Relatives and Neighbors – Documents that have witness signatures may give you a clue to the friends of your ancestors. It was not uncommon for friends and neighbors to be the signers as witnesses on documents of the time requiring a witness. Marriage records and wills have such witness signatures.
- Photos – A photo of an ancestor is a treasured image. We may not be lucky to readily have of any that we know exist. Maybe our cousins have these photos. But don’t forget to take a look at the Passport

Applications 1795-1925 database within Ancestry.com. You may be lucky enough to discover an ancestor in this database in which is contained an actual Passport photo of this ancestry. Note the limited time span of the data. Most photos found here will be of the later years in the database rather than the earlier years. But what a discovery to find a photo in this database.

- Education Attained – Maybe more applicable to males than females, don't forget to take a look at the Selective Service records for WW I or WW II. If you find an ancestor in these databases, you may be lucky enough to discover the level of education that they attained through the time of registration.
- Previous Marriage – Use the 1930 Census question about "age of first marriage" for husband and wife. Subtract that age from their 1930 census age – was the couple still the same number of years apart at their first marriage? If not, you may want to search for another possible marriage entered into by either one of them.

The article also contains 3 more hints at what things to look for unexpected discoveries. The above list of hints was very good. These show you that bits of information you seek may be in unexpected resources. Don't give up the search, just move it into other resources.

Take a look at the variety of the articles you can find in this recent issue of Ancestry. There are many good ones that are in-depth and many that are one page in length that are still packed with many insightful tips.

The theme of the "working American" runs throughout the articles in this issue. You can obtain some great historical insight into what our ancestors faced as working Americans.

You can find this most recent issue of Ancestry on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter December 24, 2009 and December 27, 2009 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2009. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

Update: Best Free Anti-Virus Software (December 24, 2009)

I have written several times about free anti-virus programs for Windows. If you are using a Windows computer, don't even think about using it without an anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-rootkit, and anti-Trojan program installed, along with the latest updates for that program!

In the [October 1, 2009 newsletter](#), I described a brand-new free anti-virus program that had just been released by Microsoft. When describing **Microsoft Security Essentials** (MSE), I wrote, "I don't have a virus testing lab so I cannot vouch for its performance." Now someone else with a virus testing laboratory has tested it and gave Microsoft Security Essentials a top rating for malware removal as well as their best ranking in a performance test as well.

AV-Comparatives.org ran a series of real-world tests running through common scenarios such as downloading, extracting, copying, and encoding files, installing and launching applications, and they also ran through an automated testing suite as well. Three different products passed all the tests with flying colors but Microsoft Security Essentials was the only one of the three that was also very light on system resources.

You can read more at <http://arstechnica.com/security/news/2009/10/av-comparatives-picks-six-malware-removal-winners.ars>.

You can download the free Microsoft Security Essentials at:

Windows XP 32-bit (8.61MB) at
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/3/8/A38FFBF2-1122-48B4-AF60-E44F6DC28BD8/mssefullinstall-x86fre-en-us-xp.exe>

Windows Vista/7 32-bit (4.28MB) at
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/3/8/A38FFBF2-1122-48B4-AF60-E44F6DC28BD8/mssefullinstall-x86fre-en-us-vista-win7.exe>

Windows Vista/7 64-bit (4.71MB) at
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/3/8/A38FFBF2-1122-48B4-AF60-E44F6DC28BD8/mssefullinstall-amd64fre-en-us-vista-win7.exe>

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experts. However, removing all information about a defunct program can be a big help and can make your computer run faster.

While the built-in Windows Add or Remove Programs Tool sometimes does not completely remove programs, a free third-party tool does a much better job. **Revo Uninstaller** is a tool for getting rid of applications and is much superior to the Windows' default Add or Remove Programs Tool. My experience with Revo Uninstaller is that it almost always gets rid of software that shipped with your machine that you don't want or need.

I have also found that Revo Uninstaller will often uninstall viruses when the default Windows Add or Remove Programs Tool fails to do so.

When a Windows program is installed, the programmers who wrote the program create a list of files to be installed and items to be inserted into the Windows Registry. When you attempt to uninstall a program, the Windows Add or Remove Programs Tool looks at that list and removes the files on the list, and then it removes the items in the Windows Registry that were listed by the programmers. In well-behaved Windows applications, this works well. The problem is that not all programs are well-behaved.

Windows viruses deliberately hide files as well as information that is written to the Windows Registry. Even legitimate programs will occasionally create new files or Registry entries that are not on the list supplied by the programmers. When you attempt to uninstall a program using the Windows Add or Remove Programs Tool, only the known files and entries are removed. A lot of junk often remains behind.

Revo Uninstaller uses a different methodology. It looks at the list of files, the same as the Windows Add or Remove Programs Tool, and it does remove everything on the list. However, Revo Uninstaller then performs additional steps. It searches for files and Registry entries that were made by the program being removed, even files that are not on the programmers' list. Revo Uninstaller takes a while to run, but it always does a better "clean up" job.

Revo Uninstaller is not advertised as a virus removal tool and, indeed, it doesn't remove all viruses. However, I have successfully removed some viruses with it. It is also a very simple program to use and works quickly. It also is very good at finding "hidden" Registry entries. Whenever I encounter a PC with viruses, I always try Revo Uninstaller first to see if I can get rid of the virus quickly and easily. If not, I have to resort to more sophisticated virus removal tools.

Revo Uninstaller also includes a number of other tools and utilities:

Auto Start Manager - Stop programs that start automatically on Windows startup in order to speed up loading of Windows.

Windows Tools Manager - Handy and useful tools bundled with every version of Windows; easily find useful system tools and options.

Junk Files Cleaner - Find and remove unnecessary files from your computer; free up disk space by deleting files you do not need.

Browsers History Cleaner - Erase web browser history, visited pages history and temporary internet files of Internet Explorer, Netscape, and Opera web browsers; free up a lot of disk space by deleting temporary internet files like temporary saved videos, temporary flash files, temporary pictures, etc.

Office History Cleaner - Remove the history of most recently used files in Microsoft Office; remove your tracks by deleting the list of last opened MS Office documents.

Windows History Cleaner - Remove the history of recently opened files, delete temporary files, remove usage tracks and other history items that are saved by Windows; remove your tracks saved by Windows for a lot of operations.

Unrecoverable Delete Tool - Erase files and folders forever; be sure that nobody could recover your files and folders after deleting. (Did you know that most "erased files" can be unerased? Revo Uninstaller will permanently erase files.

Evidence Remover - Make sure already deleted files, folders, and other data are unrecoverable; securely erase your data.

Not bad for a free program!

There are two caveats:

1. Revo makes two versions of its uninstaller: a free version that I have described and a Pro version that has even more functionality. The company's web site has a lot of information about the \$39.25 Pro version at <http://www.revouninstaller.com> but barely mentions the free version. There is one page on the company's web site that describes the two products in a side-by-side comparison and then provides download links to both versions:
http://www.revouninstaller.com/revo_uninstaller_free_download.html.
2. The free Revo Uninstaller only works on 32-bit Windows XP, Vista, and Windows 7. If you have a 64-bit version of Windows, you will need the \$39.25 Pro version.

If you need to uninstall any Windows programs, I'd suggest you go to

http://www.revouninstaller.com/revo_uninstaller_free_download.html

and download Revo Uninstaller. It is a much better tool than the built in Add or Remove Programs Tool that is included with Windows.

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FUNNY BONE

The following funny obituaries were found at The Epitaph Browser that can be found at:

www.alsirat.com/epitaphs/index.html

Milt MacPhail

Teck Township Cemetery,
Kirkland Lake,
Ontario, Canada

A victim of fast women and slow horses.

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William Mansbridge

Fawley Churchyard,
New Hampshire

Stop, reader, pray and read my gate
What caused my life to terminate
For thieves by night when in my bed
Broke in my house and shot me dead.

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Thomas O. Murphy

Mountain View Cemetery,
Vancouver, British Columbia

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An “\*”)*

Feb 9            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2010            PM.  
                  **“Social Security Death Index (SSDI) – New Things To Know”**  
                  Presented by Larry Olson.  
                  Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Feb 9            Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, February 9, 2010.  
TUE            **“Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places”.**

- 2010 Presented by Ginger Frere  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- Feb 20 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2010 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting "**Smorgasbord of Short Subjects**"  
Presented by Everett Butler  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Feb 27 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Saturday, February 27, 2010.  
SAT Annual Conference. Hilton Garden. St. Charles, IL  
2010 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Visit the society web page that follows for details on program and cost.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Mar 9 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2010 PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- Mar 16 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, March 16, 2010.  
TUE "**Non-Federal Civil War Sources for Family History Research**".  
2010 Presented by Craig Pfannkuche  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- Mar 17 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 17, 2010.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2010 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**Cemetery Symbols**".  
Guest speaker is Joyce Matthiessen.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Mar 20 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2010 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting "**What's New in Technology**"

Presented by Ed Rosenthal  
Further information at: [www.caggi.org](http://www.caggi.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Apr 13  
TUE  
2010  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.

**"So You've Found Your German Town of Origin – Now What?"**

Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Apr 20  
TUE  
2010  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, April 20, 2010.  
**"Naturalization: Its History and Records"**.

Presented by Kathryn Barrett  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
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Apr 21  
WED  
2010  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 21, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.

Program title is **"Using EBay to Find Genealogical Material"**.

Guest speaker is Edward Udovic.

Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).

DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

May 11  
TUE  
2010  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.

**"20<sup>th</sup> Century Military Records"**

Presented by Marian Richter Schuetz.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

May 18  
TUE  
2010  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 18, 2010.  
**"In Search of French-Canadians in America and Canada"**.

Presented by Michelle Bray Wilson  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

May 19  
WED  
2010  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 19, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.

Program title is **"American Geographical Society Maps"**.

Guest speaker is Jovanka Ristovik.

Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).

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