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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:

akierna@stdl.org

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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FEBRUARY 8, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our program topic for the February 8, 2011 genealogy program is titled "Mining for Census Records". Our guest speaker for the program is Steve Szabados. Steve is an active participant at our own programs. This will be his first time presenting one of his outstanding programs at our library. He has presented many of his programs throughout our area.

Our national census was just completed in 2010. Census data is the first best data that should be researched when doing your family history. The amount of varied data that you can discover on an ancestor over a series of census reports is phenomenal. Steve will show us why it is important not to overlook this wealth of easily available online data.

After some initial successes while researching his family's history, Steve developed a passion for genealogy research and now wants to share his research experiences with others. He has given a number of presentations on his experiences to local genealogy societies and workshops for the Champaign Historical Archives. Steve is also a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. His roots are Polish and Hungarian plus he has also researched German, Irish, English, Scottish, Slovenian and Bohemian records. He has been able to trace one branch of his Polish family back to the 1730s, his wife's Slovenian and Bohemian ancestors back to the 1750s and his son-in-law's Bohemian ancestors back to about 1650.

We look forward to Steve's first presentation at our library and to many more in the not too distant future.

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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 139 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 1,051 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 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 2, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 15, 2010, December 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>.

Archives.com Integrates 40 Million New Records and 110 Million Newspaper Pages (December 2, 2010)

The following announcement was written by Archives.com:

Significant Expansion Allows Users to Find Millions of Additional Historical Records for the Same Low Membership Price

PALO ALTO, CA – December 2, 2010 – Continuing its commitment to simple and affordable family history research, Archives.com, an Inflection brand, has vastly enhanced its content offerings by integrating more than 40 million new digital records and 110 million scanned newspaper pages dating back to 1753. The major enhancement represents a 25% increase in U.S. vital records on the site and creates an amazing opportunity for users to uncover new information about their ancestors.

“With the integration of this new content, Archives.com users have access to millions of additional historical records dating back to the 1700’s,” said Matthew Monahan, Inflection CEO. “We’re exceptionally pleased to provide an enhanced member experience without increasing cost. As a result, users can discover more about their ancestors than ever before at one of the lowest price points in the industry.”

Archives.com makes it simple for users to search a collection of more than 1.1 billion historical records and find their ancestors with easy-to-use search tools and an intuitive interface. The site has gained significant momentum in recent months, hitting impressive milestones while demonstrating popularity and user engagement. Since its July 2009 launch, Archives has facilitated more than 50 million searches with users spending more than 2 million hours on the site.

Already one of the most trafficked family history websites in the U.S., Archives.com is focused on adding new engaging content to help users discover more about their ancestors.

New record collections now available on Archives.com include:

- **40 Million Vital Records:** Vital records document significant life events including birth, death, marriage, and divorce. These are the building blocks of family history research. Archives’ collection of U.S. vital records has been developed through the expansion of existing collections and the addition of records from states including Texas, Florida, Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, and Utah.
- **110 Million Newspaper Pages:** Archives has joined forces with Newspaper Archive to make millions of newspaper pages viewable on Archives.com. Users now have easy access to this
- **historically significant repository** with content dating back to 1753 and billions of indexed names.
- **300,000 Cemetery Records:** Partnering with cemetery mapping pioneers Names In Stone, Archives.com now offers access to more than 300,000 indexed burial records.

In spite of this huge record expansion, Archives has not raised the cost of membership, and remains committed to affordability while adding new records, functionality, and

resources. Archives.com's enhanced database and new partnerships demonstrate a major leap forward for value-conscious consumers that want to start researching their family history. To search Archives.com, log in or start a free trial membership.

[About Archives.com](#)

Archives.com makes discovering family history simple and affordable. Its database of more than 1.1 billion historical records—birth, death, marriage, divorce, census, obituary, immigration, newspaper, military and more—is available at a price that's up to 80% less than the leading competitor. Archives also partners with other leading family history websites to provide integrated record collections, discounted memberships, official certificates, and other special promotions. Archives.com is free to try for seven days, allowing anyone to explore the benefits of membership without risk or obligation. To explore one of the web's most comprehensive resources for researching family history, please visit www.Archives.com.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 02, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Scottish Genealogy Search Fees set to Rise (December 7, 2010)

The cost of searching for Scottish family records will rise in a move officials say will result in a faster service. The registrar general for Scotland has announced that, subject to the agreement of the Scottish parliament, some statutory fees for registration services will change next year.

The new prices are expected to kick in on 1 January:

- A general search at the ScotlandsPeople Centre will go up from £10 per day to £15
- An internet search on ScotlandsPeople will go up by £1 to £7 and remain valid for a year rather than 90 days
- The issue of an extract, for example a birth certificate, from the GROS will go up from £8 to £10
- Changing your name will cost £40 rather than the current fee of £36

You can read more in The Guardian at <http://goo.gl/ldA8Q>

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 07, 2010 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

1910 Norwegian Census is Now Online (December 7, 2010)



Valerie R Koutek wrote to alert all of us that the 1910 Census for Norway is now online and is free for everyone.

According to the web site: "Digitalarkivet (Digital Archives) is the Norwegian National Archives' channel for publication of digitised archive material in the form of images, transcribed texts and databases. The publication includes archive material both from electronic sources and traditional paper sources, that are either digitised from an original or

a microfilm. The digitised material is processed in the National Archives (Riksarkivet), the regional state archives (statsarkivene) or in our digitising units."

The 1910 Norwegian census is available at <http://www.digitalarkivet.no/> although those pages are in Norwegian. If that is not a good language for you, try the English version at <http://www.digitalarkivet.no/cgi-win/WebFront.exe?slag=vis&tekst=meldingar&spraak=e>

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 07, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Follow-up: Google's New E-Book Store Sells and Gives Away Genealogy Books (December 7, 2010)

Several comments posted at the end of yesterday's article expressed confusion about saving ebooks from Google's new E-Book Store onto your computer. Some claimed it couldn't be done. Actually, it can be done and the process is simple. I thought I would share these step-by-step instructions. This process will work only on ebooks that are out of copyright.

I just stored genealogy ebooks on my Mac. It was easy and only required a few seconds:

I opened a web browser and went to <http://goo.gl/85COh>

In the search box, I entered "Eastman Genealogy" (although any search term should work) and then I clicked on GO.

The first book shown was "History and Genealogy of the Eastman Family of America." I clicked on "Read on your device."

On the next screen, I clicked on **DOWNLOAD PDF**.

That opened Adobe Reader and the book was displayed on my screen. All 609 pages of the book were available. In Adobe Reader, I clicked on **FILE** and then on **SAVE A COPY**. I was then able to save a copy anywhere I wanted on my computer's hard drive or to a jump drive. The file saved to my computer was 12.6 megabytes.

I then closed Adobe Reader and closed the web browser. I used Finder (a Windows user would use Windows Explorer) to find the file I had just saved on my computer, double-clicked the file, and it opened the book in Adobe Reader.

The entire process only required a minute or two and was very easy and logical to follow. I do NOT have to be online to read the ebooks after they have been stored on my computer. I can read them on a laptop, or copy them to a jump drive and take them with me, or copy them to the iPad and take them with me. I can copy or print a page, a series of pages, or even the entire book, if I wish, by using the commands built into Adobe Reader.

I used a Mac but suspect the process is about the same on Windows or Linux.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 07, 2010 in [Books](#) | [Permalink](#)

How Do You Research Online? (December 15, 2010)

I participated in a conference call today sponsored by FamilySearch. The purpose of the call was to describe several recent changes as well as changes to be made in the near future. However, one statement about search techniques stuck in my mind.

Employees of FamilySearch (and probably all the other major online database providers) spend a lot of time and effort watching how users perform searches on the site and analyzing the results. The purpose is to learn and to make future adjustments to the site to improve search capabilities. Those who monitor and analyze users say they have noticed that genealogy newcomers typically perform searches in a very different manner than do the "old pros." I suspect the experienced users typically end up with more productive results although no statistics are available to prove that assumption.

Genealogy newcomers typically search everything at once. For instance, when looking for records on a particular ancestor, newbies typically enter the person's name into the search field and then search through everything on FamilySearch at once. If the person has a rather unusual name, that might work. However, most of the time, the newcomer receives hundreds or even thousands of "hits," can't filter out the ones of interest, loses interest, and then goes elsewhere.

In contrast, experienced genealogists usually FIRST search for the smallest subset of the many databases as possible. For instance, the more experienced user will generally enter the last name of interest leave the first name blank, (first names are often different in the records from what we expect), and then perhaps specify only one database (such as the census records for one year), only one county, and any other parameters available to narrow the search as much as possible. If the search is unsuccessful and doesn't produce the information needed, the experienced user then expands the search just a little bit and tries again. For instance, he or she might add in the previous census or the following census and then search a second time. If unsuccessful this time, the experienced genealogist might start a third search by adding in the adjacent counties. And so on and so on.

Bit by bit, the experienced genealogist typically expands the search by a small amount each time. All of the search parameters are based upon what the genealogist already knows about the person of interest. Did he likely live in Monroe County? If so, there is no need to search the entire USA at once. Did he serve in the Civil War? If so, there is no need to search for records prior to 1820 and probably not prior to 1830 (on the first search) since he probably wasn't born yet. (Very few Civil War soldiers were 40 years old or older.)

By focusing the first searches on as narrow a geographic area as possible and as narrow a time range as possible, you greatly increase the odds of finding the one person you seek. If unsuccessful in your search, broaden the search area a bit and the years of interest and try again.

I suspect the experienced genealogists have far better results with their online searches than do the newcomers who jump in and search everything, everywhere, at once. Which would you prefer: finding one or two men with your ancestor's name, located in the area where he or she lived, in the years he or she lived there? Or will you find 100 men or women across the country with the same name?

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 15, 2010 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

NBC Announces Details Around U.S. Version of <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i> Season 2 (December 16, 2010)

Two days ago, I posted a short article listing the celebrities to be featured on next season's episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are?* Today, further details were announced by NBC and by Ancestry.com, a major sponsor of the show. The following was written by Ancestry.com:

December 16, 2010

NBC Announces the Celebrities Tracing Their Family Trees on Season Two of 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Premiering February 4

Gwyneth Paltrow, Tim McGraw, Rosie O'Donnell, Steve Buscemi, Kim Cattrall, Lionel Richie, Vanessa Williams and Ashley Judd Take a Look Inside Their Family Histories on NBC's Genealogy Alternative Series Produced by Lisa Kudrow

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. – December 16, 2010 – Viewers can take an up-close and personal look inside the family history of some of today's most beloved and iconic celebrities when NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" returns for its second season on Friday, February 4 (8-9 p.m. ET). The celebrities who star in the series are Gwyneth Paltrow, Tim McGraw, Rosie O'Donnell, Steve Buscemi, Kim Cattrall, Lionel Richie, Vanessa Williams and Ashley Judd.

From executive producers Lisa Kudrow ("Friends," "The Comeback") and Dan Bucatinsky ("Lipstick Jungle," "The Comeback") – through their production company Is or Isn't Entertainment and Shed Media U.S. ("Supernanny," "The Real Housewives of New York City") -- "Who Do You Think You Are?" is an adaptation of the award-winning hit British television documentary series that leads celebrities on a journey of self-discovery as they unearth their family trees that reveal surprising, inspiring and even tragic stories that often are linked to crucial events in American history.

"I've been a fan of the U.K. version of 'Who Do You Think You Are?' for a long time, so it's very rewarding that the U.S. version is back with more compelling stories this season that are illuminating, touching and aspirational," said Kudrow. "This is such a unique show for network television and we're all thrilled that the American audience has embraced it."

From the trenches of the Civil War to the shores of the Caribbean, and from the valleys of Virginia to the island nations of Australia and Ireland, "Who Do You Think You Are?" will reveal the fabric of humanity through everyone's place in history. Each week a different celebrity takes a journey into their family's past, traveling all over the world. While giving viewers an in-depth look into their favorite stars' family tree, each episode will expose surprising facts and life changing encounters that will unlock people's emotions, show just how connected everyone is not only to the past, but to one another.

Ancestry.com is NBC and Shed's official partner on the series and will help provide the research used to tell each story. "We're thrilled with this year's strong lineup and look forward to helping Americans go on their own journey of discovery alongside the stars," said Josh Hanna, Head of Global Marketing for Ancestry.com.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" is produced by Shed Media U.S. in association with Is or Isn't Entertainment. Alex Graham, Lisa Kudrow, Dan Bucatinsky, Jennifer O'Connell and Al Edgington are the executive producers. The unique, award-winning series is based on the popular BBC television documentary series from Wall to Wall Productions, created and executive-produced by Graham.

Shed Media U.S. is noted for its strong characters and memorable casting, and produces several popular television shows including: ABC's "Supernanny," Bravo's "The Real Housewives of New York City" and "Bethenny Getting Married?," Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog," VH1's "Basketball Wives" and CMT's "World's Strictest Parents." Is or Isn't Entertainment has been developing and producing television and online content since 2003, producing the critically acclaimed and Emmy nominated series "The Comeback" currently

making its own comeback on The Sundance Channel. The company's critically acclaimed web-series "Web Therapy," won the 2010 Webby Award for Best Online Comedy -- and recently had the unprecedented addition of Meryl Streep to its illustrious cast list. Showtime is in talks to license 10 half-hour episodes comprised of actual webisodes, to air in early 2011.

Ancestry.com Inc. (Nasdaq: ACOM) is the world's largest online family history resource, with nearly 1.4 million paying subscribers. More than 6 billion records have been added to the site in the past 14 years. Ancestry users have created more than 20 million family trees containing over 2 billion profiles. Ancestry.com has local Web sites directed at nine countries that help people discover, preserve and share their family history, including its flagship Web site at www.ancestry.com.

For "Who Do You Think You Are?" embeddable clips and full episodes, visit NBC.com's official show site: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 16, 2010 in [Video & Television](#) | [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, January 18, 2011. The program for the evening is titled "GenSmarts". The speaker for the evening will be R. Aaron Underwood.

R. Aaron Underwood, after many years of doing commercial software products for the corporate world, Aaron branched off with his own company. Underwood Innovations was created to provide highly innovative products for everyday people. Genealogy was a good fit - the world's most popular hobby made even better with modern technology. The first product, GenSmarts, is inspired by the "to-do" lists Aaron created for his father's research trips.

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 2010 through May 2011 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.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 19, 2011. The program scheduled for that evening is **"What's New at the Wheaton Public Library"**. The speaker for the program will be Donna Freymark.

The Wheaton Public library is one of our local public libraries with a large emphasis on genealogical materials in the collection. If you have not been there, you may want to visit to see the extensive amount of on-shelf material that covers a wide range of geographical locations more expansive than just Illinois material.

Donna is going to provide an overview of what is new at the library that may help your genealogical research progress further.

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, January 15, 2011 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Hand Held Apps for Family Research"**. The speaker for the program will be John Stryker.

John will show how to put tools and applications to work for family research on your iPad, Android, Blackberry and more.

As of now, I do not know what programs will be offered by CAGG-NI into 2011. I will be revisiting their web site to see when the information becomes available. I will include their program schedule in my Newsletter when I know the details for 2011.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Northern Ireland Wills Online (November 30, 2010)
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The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) has indexed and digitized early wills from the three District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry between the years 1858 and 1900.

Speaking today about the Wills application, Culture Minister Nelson McCausland said: "One of PRONI's key goals is to digitise key cultural resources and make them easily available to a worldwide audience. This free of charge application will therefore be of enormous assistance

to anyone trying to trace their genealogical roots and will be of particular help to those wanting to begin their research from the comfort of their own home.

"In recent years there has been a huge increase in people researching their family history and trends have shown that a large number of these people are from outside the UK. I am sure this new application will be of particular interest to this international audience."

Wills are one of the most used archival sources by both family historians and solicitors. The images have been linked to an existing searchable index which allows researchers to view details such as name, dates and the abstracts taken from the original entries.

Future digitisation plans include the addition of further pre-1858 will indexes to the PRONI Name Search facility. These indexes from Northern Ireland dioceses, will list the names of people who had wills probated as early as the seventeenth century – pushing the possibility of family and local history research further back in time.

Looking ahead to next year's opening of the new PRONI headquarters, the Minister added: "I recently had the privilege to visit the stunning new PRONI headquarters at Titanic Quarter. This much needed £30million investment in our cultural infrastructure was provided by the Northern Ireland Executive. The new state-of-the-art facility will open to the public early next year and will protect Northern Ireland's irreplaceable archives in a safe and secure environment."

The wills are online at

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm

Posted by Dick Eastman on November 30, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

London's Largest Cemetery Now Documented on Deceased Online (December 4, 2010)

The following announcement as written by Deceased Online:
Over ½ million burial and cremation records for north and central London

Burial and cremation records dating from 1854 for the boroughs of Islington and Camden in central north London are now on Deceased Online. Two conjoined cemeteries, St Pancras and Islington, form the largest single cemetery in London and, in burial numbers, the largest in the UK.

Of the 800,000 burial records, approximately 70% of these are available immediately with the remainder to be uploaded within the next 3 to 4 months. The 575,000 records currently available comprise nearly 362,000 for the Islington section between 1854 and 1945 and the remaining 213,000 for the St Pancras section are for 1854 to 1898, and 1905 to 1911. Also available now are 46,500 records from Islington Crematorium which date back to 1937. The 8,500 most recent cremation records will be added in the next few months, together with the remaining cemetery records.

The cemeteries and crematorium serve a large catchment area across Central and North London and will therefore be a major research resource. The burial records are in the form of scans of registers; grave details indicating all occupants are available immediately for St Pancras Cemetery, and for Islington Cemetery will follow in the near future. The cremation records include scans of registers.

Notable burials include Henry Croft, the original Pearly King; violinist and conductor Sir Eugene Aynsley Goossens, John Hickey (survivor of the charge of the Light Brigade complete with a memorial erected by, among others, Jerome K Jerome); MP and industrialist Alfred Mond, interred in a stunning mausoleum; recipients of the Victoria Cross and hundreds of other war graves; Ford Maddox Brown, the Pre-Raphaelite painter; and Cora Crippen (aka Belle Elmore), alleged victim of Dr Harvey Crippen.

Over the next few months, maps of areas in the cemetery indicating grave locations will be uploaded together with photographs of many notable memorials and headstones.

The Deceased Online database for London is now over 1.1 million including the Borough areas of Islington, Camden, Havering and Merton. Many more records for other areas in London will be added in the near future.

Deceased Online many be found at <http://www.deceasedonline.com/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 04, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

PERIODICAL NEWS

Avotaynu

We have received the Summer 2010, Volume XXVII, Number 2 issue of Avotaynu.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Using the Hebrew Calendar to Solve Date Discrepancies
In Genealogical Records"**

By Avrohom A. Krauss

**"Using Family Finder DNA Analysis to Unravel An Intricate
Problem"**

By Richard M. Spector

**"Three Steps To Use DNA Testing to Determine If Families
Are Related"**

By Gary M. Palgon

"YadPOT: An Aid to Creating Pages of Testimony"

By Moishe Miller

"Jewish Agricultural Colonies in Kansas"

By Jeffrey A. Mars

**"Nineteenth-Century Jewish Civil Records in Southern
Germany"**

By Ralph Bloch

"Exploring Cemeteries and Byways in Ukraine"

By Harriet Kasow

"Genealogical Methodology Used in a Biographical Research Project"

By Shalom Bronstein

"A Different Approach to Polish Research"

By Peter Nash

"Restitution of Holocaust Victims' Property in Israel and Genealogy"

By Rony Golan

"In Search of the Ciechanower Rebbe Connection"

By David Landau

"Bibliography for Records of the Former Soviet Union"

By Benjamin Nathans

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Book Reviews". In this section you will find extensive books reviews of some recently published genealogical material that may be of interest to the Eastern European researcher or one who is researching Jewish ancestry.

Books included in this section include the following:

Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia

By Benjamin Nathans

Pleasant Are Their Names: Jewish Names in the Sephardic Diaspora

Edited by Aaron Demsky

Promised New Zealand: Fleeing Nazi Persecution

By Freya Klier

The reviews are quite extensive and are more than just overviews of the book. The reviewers do a good job of highlighting both strong and weak points of the material.

You will also find a section titled "Ask the Experts" in this recent issue. In this section you will find questions posed to the experts seeking help and understanding trying to solve the problem at hand. Some of the questions are detailed and in-depth. Most of the answers are also well presented and offer many good suggestions to the person posing the question on how to go about resolving the question. I think these sections in this journal and other journals are always worth visiting to see what is posed and how the answers can help expand your knowledge in your own research.

See if any of the above articles in this recent issue of [Avotaynu](#) has an appeal that connects to your own personal research. These all appear to be good articles, many written by people like you and I who wanted to share some unique aspect of their own research. You can always pick up some tips from someone else that has overcome a research problem that is similar to one that you face currently.

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

Internet Genealogy

We have received the December/January 2011, Volume 5, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Genealogy Software for the Apple Mac!"

By Edward Zapletal

Edward Zapletal looks at some of the genealogy software available for Mac users.

"Jury Records and Your Genealogy"

By David Norris

As David Norris shows, a jury summons can become a goldmine of genealogy information.

"Need to "Finnish" Your Genealogy Resarch?"

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard looks at the online resources for researching your ancestors from Finland.

"Uncovering the Stories of Our Immigrant Ancestors"

By Leslie Albrecht Huber

According to Leslie Albrecht Huber, your ancestor's immigration was a life-changing event.

"Irish American Newspapers Online"

By Cindy Thompson

According to Cindy Thompson, Irish American newspapers can be an informative, and fun, resource.

"25 Obscure Databases You Need to Know About!"

By Diane L. Richard

According to Diane L. Richard, sometimes the road less travelled can lead to success – even on the Internet!

"Sighthill 95 and Other Adventures"

By Melody Reitsma

Melody Reitsma chronicles her quest to learn more about her UK ancestors.

"10 Tricks for Getting the Most Out of Databases"

By Janice Nickerson

Janice Nickerson gives advice on using online databases to their full advantage!

"Peel's Prairie Provinces"

By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the newest resource for Western Canada research.

"Using Academic Databases in Your Research"

By Diane Dittgen

According to Diane Dittgen, historical context is an integral part of your of your research.

"Five Steps to Success!"

By Connie Moretti

Connie Moretti looks at the latest developments at the D.A.R.

"Arkiv Digital: A Mini Review"

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard looks at a great online resource for Swedish genealogy.

"Finding Your Ancestors in the Irish Linen Trade"

By Cindy Thompson

Cindy Thompson looks at the online resources available for a particular Irish trade.

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Net Notes". In this section you will find some web sites of note to investigate. Sites mentioned in this section are:

Name Changes British Mandate Period @

www.isragen.org.il/sitefiles/1/153/4971.asp

Italian Genealogical Group @

www.italianguen.org

Federal Register 2.0 (US) @

www.federalregister.gov

X1 (search software for your computer) @

www.x1.com

Shades of the Departed @

www.shadesofthedeparted.com

I thought that an article titled "Irish American Newspapers Online" was a good article in this recent issue.

Our ancestors arrived in America generally with the plan of mixing in with those of the same ancestry that had already arrived into the United States. These pockets of the same ethnic groups served as a buffer group while the immigrant acclimated to life in the new country. They could communicate with others from their group in their native tongue while undergoing the process to learn the new language of the country they chose as home. Newspapers that were created and printed in their native tongue became a mainstay for them to learn and develop through their transition stage in the United States. My own personal Polish connection to Chicago experienced this same connection to the Dziennik Chicagoski, the local Polish newspaper of the time in Chicago between 1891 and 1971.

The Irish immigrants also mimicked a support system that involved the publication of Irish oriented newspapers in the pocket areas of Irish immigration in the United States. This article also points out how the Irish also took out ads in the local papers in the areas they settled trying to find other family members that had also come to America, especially in the very large cities of New York and Boston. The paper became their conduit to re-establishing connections with family members that had also arrived into these large cities, hoping these ads would make the re-connection a possibility.

The article points you to a web site that you can use to look at these ads that were often placed in the ***Boston Pilot*** from 1831 to 1921. The website can be viewed at <http://infowanted.bc.edu>. Another newspaper that was used by Irish immigrants to place these ads seeking reconnection with lost relatives was the ***Irish American***. This paper was published weekly from 1849 to 1915. You can visit a web site to look at material on these "Information Wanted" ads at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyirish/Index%20of%20American%20Irish%20Newspaper.html>.

The article also provided a nice list of some of the key Irish oriented newspapers that were in publication at the times of many of the Irish immigrants. Some may have some online presence. Others are just noted for the researcher to pursue other non-online research. Newspapers mentioned were:

- ***Boston Irish Reporter*** (still in publication) @ www.bostonirish.com
- ***Boston Pilot*** (1831-1921) @ <http://infowanted.bc.edu>
- ***Irish Echo*** (still published in New York) @ <http://irishecho.com>
- ***Irish News*** (1856-1861) available at the New York State Library and the New York Public Library.
- ***Irish World/Irish World & American Industrial Liberator*** (1870-1951) published in New York and available at the New York Public Library.
- ***Irish Nation*** (1881-1883) Published in New York and available at the New York Public Library.
- ***The Advocate*** (1893-1988) Published in New York and available from the New York Public Library starting in 1904.
- ***The Gaelic American*** (1903-1951) Available at the New York Public Library.

The article also mentions other online resources of digital newspapers online that would have Irish connections. Sites mentioned for these online newspapers are:

- Ancestry.com @ <http://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=149>

- Newspaper Archive.com @ www.newspaperarchive.com
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers @ www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/databases/detail/pq-hist-news.shtml
- Chronicling America from the Library of Congress @ <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers>
- America's Historical Newspapers @ www.newsbank.com/readex/?content=96

Take a look at the entire article for further insights. The above links and resources can possibly further your research on any Irish ancestors you may have in your family tree.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "10 Tricks for Getting the Most Out of Databases". The article provides the reader with 10 important tips and strategies to consider when searching online. Tips mentioned in this article are:

- **Know What You Are Searching** – spend time reading the introductory description of what is actually contained in the database, especially on the time span of data that is included. If an ancestor was born in 1869 and the database data starts at 1880, chances are 100% that you will not find data on your 1869 born ancestor!
- **Focus on the Most Unique Identifier** – this may be the surname, location, birthplace or some other characteristic. If searching in Ohio data for an ancestor with a common name that was born in Florida, then focus your search term using the Florida birth location to reduce the base of the hits you may have. You could then add the name as a secondary term to find your ancestor.
- **Focus on Young Children** – search for a family by focusing on a child using the age as a filter if available because children's ages are more accurately recorded than ages of adults.
- **Use Wildcards, Partial Names and Soundex** – don't always use a search term of the exact surname as you know it. Know how you can search the database using partial names or wildcard searching entering in only parts of a name. You may see a smaller list of hits that allows you to more easily scrutinize the results looking for an ancestor. Use Soundex searches for a surname and then add on other filters if present to allow you to find an ancestor if you know birth year, birth location etc.
- **Examine the Images, Not Just the Indexes and Transcriptions** – an index result may give you only partial fields within the entire record. If you just research by results of the index hits, you may be leaving data contained in the image that does not appear in the index. Maybe the image shows a handwritten entry for their last town of residence before they left for the United States.
- **Use Both Global Searches and Record Specific Searches** – some researchers may access directly only one of many databases within a series to search. More often, the researcher is provided with a global search box for all of the databases to begin the search. The global search may not have any filtering keys to select certain features of your search e.g. age, birth location. This may give you many more hits than you can handle. You need to do both kind of searches. Don't just do a global search among all databases.

- **Learn Short Forms** – transcriptions of data to databases may take what is spelled and put it into the database exactly as spelled. Be familiar with short forms of first names if you enter that into a search box. Be aware of such short forms such as “Alexr” for Alexander, “Jno” for John, “Thos” for Thomas.
- **Beware of OCR** – Optical Character Recognition (OCR) is the software that is used to scan images of text (newspapers) and create data files. OCR is good but there are many times when print is scanned incorrectly thus creating a searchable word that is not what the image actually shows. If you search a file created by OCR and find nothing, do not assume that what you are looking for is not in the file. It may have been incorrectly identified. Look at the original images if possible to find what you seek. It may actually be there but not properly converted in the OCR conversion.
- **Study the Context** – Context is not always readily seen when you only search through indexes. With a book in hand or a document in hand we are more likely to browse through what is there and become familiar with all that exists. With an electronic index we may lose this perspective. Check records before and after what you seek, read any introductory material to get a better view of what the data contains.
- **Be Critical** – Ask some of the following questions about the data. Who created the data? Were they knowledgeable and trustworthy? What process was used to digitize the data? Could mistakes have been made? How were the records selected for inclusion in the database? Is this a personal site or a commercial site?

I thought that this was a very good article that can help us with our searching the numerous databases we encounter. Read the entire of the article to get the full benefit of the article. We can always make our data base searching more productive by simply understanding and knowing what is in the database and the tools and techniques that exist for the database that we can use during our search process.

This is another very good issue of [Internet Genealogy](#). Take a look at the listing of the articles contained in this issue that I noted above. See what interests you and plan on taking a look at the full article from the journal.

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



BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a book to our circulating collection that is titled ***International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 5th Edition***. The author of the book is Thomas Jay Kemp. The book was published in 2009. It was added to our circulating

collection in October 2010. The call number of the book is 929.3 KEMP, T. It is available to check out from our circulating collection.

In essence this is a wonderful reference book. There are really no chapters to read through within this book. The book is divided into the following components:

- United States
- U.S. Trust Territories
- International

The book is a standard genealogical book that should be held within all libraries to help the genealogical researcher find points of contact to reach when they are researching and needing birth, marriage and death records for their ancestors. The records that can be contained via these addresses and forms are Civil Records.

For each geographic entry in the book you can expect to find the following guides to help you move forward in attempting to obtain a record of birth, marriage or death for your ancestral quest:

- An address location to send your request to for the material
- A phone number to contact the agency
- A web site address to visit the agency on the Internet
- A small summary of exactly what they have and the date ranges of the material
- The cost to obtain any of the records they have
- A contact location that may be separate and different than the main location for genealogy research and adoption record information
- Full page "applications" that can be copied and returned to the agency with the fee to begin the search for the material. (Forms should also be available via the Internet from the agency web sites to download and print at home.)

Each U.S. state is listed as well as the U.S. Trust Territories. Countries are listed from all over the world that may run the gamut from Albania to Liberia to Uzbekistan.

There is an incredible amount of quickly available information to make this a wonderful book to have in your own personal collection, especially if your research is widespread and you need to get a quick overview of a particular state or country and what they may have that fits into your research needs.

Take a look at this wonderful resource for just about any area in the world that ties in to your own personal research. It is a wonderful quick reference to obtain contact information at a state or country level for your genealogical research needs.

You can find this great resource on our 2nd floor circulating shelves. The call number of the book is 929.3 KEMP, T.

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There was no new second genealogy book added to our collection during this newsletter period.

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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| <b>MyHeritage.com Releases Free Family Tree Builder 5.0 (December 1, 2010)</b> |
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I have only had a chance to look at this new version of Family Tree Builder briefly, but it looks good. I hope to spend more time with it in the next few days. The fact that it is available free of charge is even better. A Premium version with even more features is also available. Family Tree Builder is a Windows program. The same company also offers an online family tree service that works with both Windows and Macintosh.

The following announcement about the new Windows software was written by MyHeritage.com:

London, England & Tel Aviv, Israel – December 1, 2010 – MyHeritage.com, the largest family network on the web, today announced the launch of Family Tree Builder 5.0, the most advanced and easy-to-use free genealogy software in the world. Introducing a range of new practical features, Family Tree Builder 5.0 makes researching, building, printing and sharing family trees easier than ever. The new 'To-Do' lists and unique 'Tree Consistency Checker' are amongst the useful new tools for genealogists, while the new fully customizable family tree charts and professional poster prints provide a colorful way for any family to showcase its past and present. With improved privacy settings, Family Tree Builder 5.0 also gives users more flexibility and security for sharing family history data.

Family history enthusiasts and genealogists around the world use Family Tree Builder to find long-lost relatives, and discover and showcase their family roots. Popular free features, such as Smart Matches™ and Facial Recognition, empower users to overcome the challenges of family history research in a fun and innovative way. Family Tree Builder users can synchronize their data with a private online family site on MyHeritage.com. Family sites serve as an ideal platform for families to share their heritage and stay in touch – through photo sharing, event planning and other social networking tools.

"We're witnessing a massive upward trend in people being passionate to discover their roots", said Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO of MyHeritage.com. "Our newly released Family Tree Builder 5.0 software is the ideal companion in the journey to explore your family's past. Easy-to-use, packed with innovative features and completely free, it transforms family history into a hobby that is accessible and enjoyable for everyone."

The new Family Tree Builder 5.0, free to download at [www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder](http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder), offers several new ways of organizing, documenting and showcasing family history. The major new features include:

- 'To-Do' Lists: A new feature that makes organizing and conducting research much more effective. Users can enter tasks that need to be done and associate them with people and locations, and organize the next steps they need to do in their research and prioritize them. Offers the ability to find all tasks associated with a certain person or location.
- Tree Consistency Checker: A unique and free tool that helps find mistakes in family tree data, automatically identifying errors and inconsistencies in 40 categories. The tool excels in detecting anomalies – for example if users have entered dates inside place fields or tagged someone in a photo before that person's birth – and shows users exactly how to fix them.
- Improved Privacy Settings: A centralized place for controlling privacy settings. Users can now make specific information (e.g., names, facts and notes) of family members private and prevent this data from being published to family sites, or exclude it from family tree charts.
- New Family Tree Charts: In only a few clicks, users can create beautiful family tree charts for free using a new easy-to-use chart wizard. With a dozen different chart types to choose from (click here to view), 18 predefined chart styles (click here to view), plus a wide variety of border designs, frames, background images, decorations, colours and fonts, users now enjoy thousands of combinations for personalizing their family tree charts. Charts can be saved in PDF format, which makes them easy to print at home and to share with others.
- Family Tree Posters: With worldwide shipping, users can now order a poster sized version of any family tree chart, either direct to their home or sent as a gift to a family member. Prices start from as little as \$20.
- Custom Reports: Users can copy and export to excel data specific to a particular research project (such as a wedding or trip), sorting information according to their needs – e.g. by region, emails of particular individuals, information on reunion attendees etc.
- DNA markers: Users can enter results from a genealogy DNA test or be directed to over 10 companies that conduct such tests. This information is encrypted. Plus dozens of additional enhancements.

#### About MyHeritage.com:

MyHeritage.com is the most popular family network on the web. Millions of families around the world enjoy having a private place for their families to keep in touch. MyHeritage.com's Smart-Matching technology empowers users with an exciting and innovative way to find relatives and explore their family history. With all family information stored in a secure site, MyHeritage.com is the ideal place to share family photos, and celebrate and preserve special family moments. Offering 36 languages, 650 million profiles and 16 million family trees, MyHeritage.com is nurturing family relationships and uniting families worldwide. For more information please visit [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com) or [www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder](http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder)

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 01, 2010 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

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| <b>Dropbox Version 1.0 (December 17, 2010)</b> |
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I have written a number of times about Dropbox, a free program I think every Windows, Macintosh, and Linux user should use. You can see my earlier articles at <http://goo.gl/T4nOL>. One drawback to the program is that it has always been in beta test as the company continued to develop new features and to squash occasional bugs. Now the company must have confidence in the latest version. The beta is over. Today, Dropbox version 1.0 became available for all.

Dropbox is a combination online backup program as well as a file replication program. If you own two or more computers, you can use Dropbox to automatically keep files synchronized on all computers, iPhones, Android phones, as well as on Dropbox's servers. If you only own one computer, Dropbox functions as an excellent backup system, storing your files on Dropbox's safe and secure servers. Create a new word processing file or an update to your genealogy program's database? Dropbox will automatically copy the file(s) to your other computer(s). You can later access the file(s) from the other computer or cell phone or from a web browser. The program also features industrial-grade encryption. Even the Dropbox employees are unable to read your files.

Dropbox continues to use the "freemium" business model. That is, the program is free and even includes up to 2 gigabytes of storage space on Dropbox's servers, all at no charge. For a modest fee, users can also obtain 50 or 100 gigabytes of space.

New features added to version 1.0 include:

- Very high performance – Increased speed and a reduction in memory usage by 50%.
- Better user experience – Made more intuitive and their Mac version was completely rewritten to use only Cocoa so Dropbox looks and feels much more native on the Mac.
- Selective Sync – A new feature that will come handy for users of netbooks and Macbook Air where they may have a smaller hard disk. Users can now elect to synchronize only selected folders on the system with a smaller disk drive, instead of being forced to synchronize everything.
- Extended Attribute Sync – Syncs file attributes stored, such as resource forks in the Macintosh where files contain a secret area where apps store important data.

I love this program!

You can learn more at <http://www.dropbox.com>

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 17, 2010 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

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## FUNNY BONE

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The following pictures were sent to me within an e-mail from Stan Schmidt who often attends our programs. I thought the pictures of the tombstones are very ironic as they apply to our own guaranteed mortality.

Stan, thanks for sending me the pictures!

I hope all of you will enjoy the irony the pictures reflect relative to the names inscribed.

You almost wish someone would have considered a name change but the irony does not lend itself until you see the name on a tombstone!



See ya!



What the ...



Sorry for your loss, Loss!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An "\*" )*

Jan 11            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011            PM.  
                  **"Genealogy and DNA – A Revisit"**  
                  Presented by Jeffrey Bassett.  
                  Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
                  Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

\*Jan 15            CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT            held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2011            Library.  
                  130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
                  Topic for the meeting **"Social Networking for Genealogy: Family Trees,  
Facebook, Blogs and More"**  
                  Presented by Caron Primas Brennan  
                  Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
                  P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Jan 18            Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, January 18, 2011.  
TUE            **"GenSmarts"**.  
2011            Presented by R. Aaron Underwood  
                  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)

- Jan 19  
WED  
2011  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 19, 2011.  
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 **"What's New at the Wheaton Public Library"**.  
Guest speaker is Donna Freymark.  
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)
- Feb 8  
TUE  
2011  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
PM.  
**"Mining Census Records"**  
Presented by Steve Szabados.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Feb 15  
TUE  
2011  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, February 15, 2011.  
**"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records"**.  
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  
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2011  
CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting **"Handheld Apps for Family Research"**  
Presented by John Stryker  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Mar 8  
TUE  
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Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Mar 15  
TUE  
2011  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, March 15, 2011.  
**"Military Service Records"**.  
Presented by Kathryn Barrett  
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 16 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 16, 2011.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2011 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"To Be Determined"**.  
Guest speaker is To Be Determined.  
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 19 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2011 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting **"Annual New Technology Review"**  
Presented by Ed Rosenthal  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Apr 12 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011 PM.  
**"Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers"**  
Presented by Robin Seidenberg.  
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- \*Apr 16 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2011 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting **"Census Information"**  
Presented by Alan Wilson  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Apr 19 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, April 19, 2011.  
TUE **"Hunting Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals"**.  
2011 Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  
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)
- Apr 20 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 20, 2011.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2011 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"To Be Determined"**.  
Guest speaker is To Be Determined.  
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 10  
TUE  
2011
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian Or Hungarian!"**  
Presented by Dr. Paul Valasek.  
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- May 11-14  
WED-SAT  
2011
- National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference.  
Charleston, South Carolina.  
Toll Free Phone (800) 473-0060  
Email Address [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org)  
Web Site [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- May 17  
TUE  
2011
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 17, 2011.  
**"Uff Da! Researching Norwegian Roots"**.  
Presented by Caron Brennan  
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Topic for the meeting **"Investigating the Resources at ChicagoAncestors.org"**  
Presented by Sandra Trapp  
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- Jun 14  
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Topic for the meeting **"DNA for Genealogists"**  
Presented by Michelle Wilson  
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Jul 12  
TUE  
2011  
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**"Who Sank Grandma's Boat: Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"**

Presented by Dan Niemiec.  
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Aug 9  
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**"Searching Online Databases"**

Presented by Ginger Frere.  
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**"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"**

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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.

Topic for the meeting **"Cornucopia of Genealogical Mistakes: How They Occur and How To Fix Them"**

Presented by Ted L. Bartlett  
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Nov 8  
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**"So You Didn't find It in the Index"**

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.  
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