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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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**JULY 12, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

Our program for this evening is titled **"Who Sank Grandpa's Boat?: Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"**. Our speaker for the evening program will be Daniel Niemiec.

Dan Niemiec is the Italian genealogy correspondent of *Fra Noi*. He is co-founder, co-chair and webmaster of the Italian genealogy group called POINTers In Person, Chicago-North chapter. He has given presentations to local and national genealogy conferences and societies. His Italian ancestral lines go back to the mid-late-1600s, and his Polish lines go back to the mid 1700s. By tracing descendant lines, he has found over 62,000 relatives, the result of 17 years of original research. To subsidize his genealogy, he works full-time as a computer network administrator in Mundelein, IL.

Dan's specialties include Italian research, Chicago research, Family Tree Maker and internet genealogy. He coached high school speech team for 10 years ("extemporaneous speaking" and "original comedy" events), which has helped make his presentations not only informative but also entertaining.

Dan has previously presented programs to our group. He has always left the audience with more research information after they leave than when they came in to the program. Dan has previously educated us on using Message Boards and Finding Catholic Churches in the Chicago Area.

We look forward to Dan's return visit with another interesting topic that can help us in our research efforts.

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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](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 145 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 1,092 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 April 27, 2011, April 29, 2011, May 3, 2011, May 5, 2011, May 12, 2011, May 15, 2011 and are copyright 2011 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>.

### National Genealogical Society's New Civil War Records Course (April 27, 2011)

The following announcement was written by the U.S. National Genealogical Society:



Arlington, VA, 27 APRIL 2011: The National Genealogical Society proudly announces the release of its newest educational course, *Introduction to Civil War Records*, developed by renowned military expert Craig Robert Scott, cg. It will debut at its thirty-third Family History Conference in Charleston in South Carolina, 11 - 14 May 2011.

Craig Robert Scott is a nationally-recognized lecturer, educator, genealogical and historical researcher with more than thirty years experience. He is a member of the Company of Military Historians and specializes in the diverse military records at the National Archives.

Besides being CEO and President of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm, Craig coordinates the Military tracks at Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama. He has authored *The "Lost Pensions": Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838 and Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)*.

Now Craig brings his military expertise to NGS with the *Introduction to Civil War Records*. In this course, he focuses on current genealogical practices of research. In this six chapter course, he will teach you strategies to identify and locate information on an ancestor living at the time of the Civil War. You will learn about numerous records created for, during, and after the war like compiled service records, prisoners of war record, pension files and indexes and post-war records to name a few.

This NGS American Genealogy Studies course is available on CD-ROM as a PDF file for \$35.00 for NGS' members. Craig will make a personal appearance on Saturday 14 May from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for questions and autographs.

The NGS American Genealogy Studies courses are designed for people who want to complete a short course on a specific topic and put the resultant knowledge to work right away. Courses offer the convenience of completing a genealogy study course at their own pace in their home. Courses are reasonably priced, and NGS members receive a discount.

The National Genealogical Society was organized in Washington, D.C. in 1903. NGS' mission is to serve and grow the genealogical community by providing education and training, fostering increased quality and standards, and promoting access to and preservation of genealogical records.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 27, 2011 in [Societies](#) | [Permalink](#)

**Learning About the Deceased with Smartphones in the Graveyard (April 29, 2011)**



Quiring Monuments, Inc. has introduced a new twist in cemetery memorials: a code affixed to gravestones that can be scanned with a smartphone to give more information about the deceased. Company President Dave Quiring said he's been exploring interactive gravestone technologies for years, but prior attempts were too expensive and the technologies were too temperamental and limited. Now he thinks he has found the right combination.

Quiring has now developed its own way of incorporating a QR code — a squarish-looking barcode that smartphones can read — into a grave marker through a small plastic-metal composite tag affixed to the gravestone, no batteries required. A QR-operated website provides the information. Scan the code with a smartphone and a web browser will open, taking the visitor directly to the web page associated with that tombstone.

Anyone can scan a grave maker with their smartphone and learn more about the person buried there, Quiring said. Only friends and family members who have log-in access will be able to leave comments.

You can read more about the Quiring Monuments QR code in an article by Steve Wilhelm in the TechFlash web site at <http://www.techflash.com/seattle/2011/04/gravestones-that-can-be-scanned.html>

Quiring Monuments does have competitors. I wrote some months ago about Memory Medallions: a microchip on a tombstone, at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2010/12/memory-medallions-a-microchip-on-a-tombstone.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/12/memory-medallions-a-microchip-on-a-tombstone.html)

My thanks to Peter McCracken for telling me about this story.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 29, 2011 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)

## Some White House Records May Not Be Preserved (May 3, 2011)

The nation's archivist said Tuesday he's uncomfortable with allowing White House staff members to decide whether their tweets, emails and Facebook messages from personal accounts are work-related and must be saved.

David Ferriero, archivist of the United States, told a House hearing that official communications sent from a presidential employee's personal device, using personal accounts, must be preserved under the law. However, a staff member gets to determine what is official.

You can read more in an Associated Press article at <http://goo.gl/EGvWS>

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 03, 2011 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

## New Web Site: findmypast Ireland (May 5, 2011)



A new web site went live today: findmypast Ireland. The site is the result of a partnership between Eneclann, a research and publishing house in Ireland, and findmypast, a family history website, initially launched in the UK.

Quoting from the new web site:

[Eneclann - family history experts in Ireland since 1998](#)

Eneclann has spent over a decade researching, digitising and publishing family history records in the island of Ireland. Their deep expertise in the records and archives available is second to none, and they have extensive expertise in making hard-to-find records come to life online.

[Findmypast - the UK's family history pioneers](#)

Findmypast was the first website in the world to put the UK's England & Wales birth, marriage and death records online in 2003, and has since made hundreds of millions of family history records available online to customers around the world. Now part of brightsolid online publishing, which also owns and operates a number of other leading family history websites including GenesReunited, they have years of experience in operating family history websites that help make your family history easier, and managing hundreds of millions of records online.

### A dedicated team

Based in Dublin, findmypast Ireland has a dedicated team committed to providing you with the best possible experience when researching your Irish family history but also able to draw on the strength and resources of its two founding partners.

### What this means for you

Both partners have brought their passion for family history, a dedication to customer service and years of experience to create findmypast Ireland. We look forward to developing it into a major resource for tracing your Irish roots, wherever you are in the world.

From a different web page on the same site:

Findmypast Ireland, is aimed at those of Irish descent including 13 per cent of the US population, carries the most detailed and thorough collection of Irish records ever seen in one place – over 4 million records. These include land records, directories, wills, obituaries, gravestone inscriptions and marriages.

The earliest records date back to the 13th century (wills) and include several important collections from the 18th century (The Elphin Census 1749 and the 1798 Rebellion records). The collection includes the exclusive publication of the Landed Estates Court records, a crucial resource for the mid- to late-19th century, which includes details of over 500,000 tenants on Irish estates.

The following is the official announcement:

Findmypast, one of the leading family history sites, has today announced a joint venture with Eneclann, the award-winning Irish history and heritage company, to launch findmypast Ireland. The new site jointly owned by Eneclann and brightsolid, the online publishing and technology group, will host the most extensive collection of Irish land records available anywhere online and will be a valuable resource for those 80 million people worldwide who claim Irish ancestry.

Findmypast Ireland, which is aimed at those of Irish descent including 13 per cent of the US population, carries the most detailed and thorough collection of Irish records ever seen in one place including land records, directories, wills, obituaries, gravestone inscriptions and marriages. The earliest records date back to the 13th century (wills) and include several important collections from the 18th century (The Elphin Census 1749 and the 1798 Rebellion records). The collection includes the exclusive publication of the Landed Estates Court Records, a very important resource for the mid- to late-nineteenth century, which includes details of over 500,000 tenants on Irish estates.

Chris van der Kuyl, CEO brightsolid, comments: "The launch of findmypast.ie marks a significant step forward in reinforcing brightsolid's position as one of the world's leading genealogy businesses. Globally there is a huge population of people with Irish ancestry and this site will provide a much needed resource for those seeking to trace their family history. By stepping beyond the traditional records we intend to be able to answer the question "what did they do?" rather than just "did they exist?" and we are committed to launching over 50 million records over the next 12-18 months."

Brian Donovan, CEO Eneclann, comments: "We are looking forward to working with brightsolid on this venture. With the combined expertise of Eneclann and brightsolid we are

able to offer a truly comprehensive service to those looking to trace their Irish ancestors. Findmypast.ie will host some of the most significant Irish records that have ever been made available and we are thrilled to be part of this project."

Congratulating the joint venture partners for making this website available, Jimmy Deenihan T.D., Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, says: "The provision of easy access to as many genealogical records as possible is very important. I want to acknowledge also the involvement of the Mormon Church. I am confident that this project will help to bring to life how our ancestors lived. Indeed, I am particularly pleased that the 'free access' principle will be maintained for important State records after the initial 5 year period and I applaud the very interesting and creative partnership that enabled today's event to take place. "

The joint venture will explore a range of opportunities within the Irish cultural sector, North and South. Annual subscriptions for the site will be €59.95 and PayAsYouGo will be available. An event will be held to celebrate the launch of findmypast Ireland on 5 May 2011 at the National Archives of Ireland, which will be attended by Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs. Findmypast Ireland has set up a separate team in Dublin to work with Eneclann to develop the site.

You can find findmypast Ireland today at <http://www.findmypast.ie/>

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 05, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

#### **Wholly Genes, Inc. Announces a Genealogy Cruise (May 12, 2011)**



Wholly Genes, Inc. has announced the company's 7th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise. If you have ever thought of going on a cruise or have thought of attending a genealogy conference, this is your chance to do both at the same time! The Wholly Genes cruise is traditionally the largest family history conference on the seas.

This year's voyage will leave Fort Lauderdale on November 13, 2011 and go to the Southern Caribbean and back again, arriving back in Fort Lauderdale on November 20. Ports to be visited include Aruba, Curaçao, and a small island in the Bahamas called Half Moon Cay.

The presenters already announced for this cruise include Pam Boyer Sayre, C.G.; Rick Sayre, C.G.; Craig Scott, C.G.; and Dick Eastman (hey! That's me!). The announcement also states that additional speaker(s) will be announced.

Wholly Genes is well-known for producing a Windows genealogy program called The Master Genealogist. I have been on some Wholly Genes cruises before and can assure you

that this cruise appeals to all interests, not just to users of that one program. You will be able to attend 15+ hours of genealogical lectures that are completely software-neutral. Some will discuss other software topics but many more will be on research techniques and methodologies, use of the Internet, source citations, and many other topics we all want to learn about. Even Macintosh users will find plenty of interest in this cruise. Additional presentations not included in the 15+ hours will focus on the use of The Master Genealogist.

In addition to the group classes, the attendees will have opportunities for one-on-one consultations and casual meals with professional researchers.

Of course, all cruises are great for families. Unlike attending a genealogy conference on dry land, family members who do not wish to learn about genealogy can find many other attractions on board ship and in ports. You can bring the spouse or significant other along, as well as the children or grandchildren. I suspect everyone will enjoy the experience.

Unlike many traditional land-based conferences, you won't have to make difficult choices about which lectures to miss because none of the lecture times overlap. All lectures are scheduled while the ship is at sea so you won't have any problems with your vacation time while in the tropical ports.



The cruise will be on board the ms Westerdam, a Vista class ship owned by Holland America Line.

What could be better than a Caribbean vacation and a first-class genealogy conference all rolled into one?

You can learn more at the Wholly Genes web site at

<http://www.whollygenes.com/cruise.htm>

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 12, 2011 in [Travel](#) | [Permalink](#)**

#### **New Newsletter--Casefile Clues for Beginners (May 15, 2011)**

The following announcement was written by Michael John Neill:  
We are announcing a new how-to genealogy newsletter for the beginning genealogist starting June of 2011.

Reader and survey feedback indicated an interest in a newsletter aimed toward the genealogist who needed some guidance in starting their search for their ancestors and who needed more than just a summary of what records contained. *Casefile Clues for Beginners*

will help orient genealogists to the basic records genealogists use and how to make the best use of their research time and money.

Tentatively titled *Casefile Clues for Beginners*, this new newsletter will be bi-weekly and feature beginning level material written by a variety of genealogists, not just me. We'll have a question and answer section, interpret the handwriting section, one or two articles every issue, and more. This new periodical will be written in a down-to-earth, practical format. *Casefile Clues for Beginners* will concentrate on those who are starting or have just started their search for their ancestors.

There is more information about *Casefile Clues for Beginners* on our blog: <http://goo.gl/EnXUj>

Questions can be sent to me at [mjnrootdig@gmail.com](mailto:mjnrootdig@gmail.com).

We are very excited to start this new endeavor geared towards those who have just started the search for their ancestors.

Thanks!

Michael

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 15, 2011 in [Announcements](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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## **LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS**

### *Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2011. PROGRAM INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.**

**THE SOCIETY DOES NOT MEET DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.**

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT THE MEETING DATE FOR THE SOCIETY IS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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, September 20, 2011. The program for the evening is titled **"To Be Determined"**. The speaker for the evening will be To Be Determined.

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](http://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.

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*DuPage County Genealogical Society*

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**THE SOCIETY DOES NOT MEET DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.**

**Please note that meetings that are scheduled for September 2011 through May 2012 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, September 21, 2011. The program scheduled for that evening is **"To Be Determined"**. The speaker for the program will be To Be Determined.

You may visit the society's web page at:

[www.dcgs.org](http://www.dcgs.org)

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*Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)*

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, June 18, 2011 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Genes for the Genealogist"**. The speaker for the program will be Michelle Wilson.

Curious about DNA? Happily, DNA for the genealogist is straightforward to understand. We'll break down the SNPs from the STRs, the haplogroups from the haplotypes, and learn how these DNA patterns are used to prove inheritance and determine deep ancestry. Learn the secrets of DNA and put this powerful complement to paper-trail research in your tool kit.

You may visit the organization web page at:

[www.CAGGNI.org](http://www.CAGGNI.org)

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**INTERNET INFORMATION**

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<b>Civil War Buffs and Volunteers Enlist in Campaign to Publish Millions of Historic Records Online (May 10, 2011)</b>
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The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

May 11, 2011

SALT LAKE CITY—As the United States marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, people who had ancestors involved in the conflict can access millions of historical records recently published on the [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) website. And millions more records are coming, as Civil War volunteers enlist in an epoch online campaign over the next five years to provide access to the highly desirable historic documents.

FamilySearch announced the release today of hundreds of millions of online records at the National Genealogical Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The collections include service records for both the Confederate and Union armies, pension records, and more. Some of these records have been available for some time but are now being added to [familysearch.org/civilwar](http://familysearch.org/civilwar) as part of this project. Here is just a sampling of what is available:

- Arizona, Service Records of Confederate Soldiers of the Civil War, 1861-1863
- Arkansas Confederate Pensions, 1901-1929
- Civil War Pension Index
- Louisiana Confederate Pensions 1898-1950
- Missouri Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers' Home Admission Applications
- South Carolina Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers (NARA M267)
- South Carolina Probate 1671-1977
- South Carolina Probate Records, Files, and Loose Papers, 1732-1964
- United States, 1890 Census of Union Veterans and Widows
- United States, Index to General Correspondence of the Pension Office, 1889-1904
- United States, Union Provost Marshall Files of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians, 1861-1866
- United States, Union Provost Marshall's File of Papers Relating to Individual Civilians, 1861-1866
- U.S. Civil War Soldiers Index 1855-1865
- U.S. Navy Widows' Certificates, 1861-1910 (NARA M1279)
- U.S., Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914
- U.S., Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933
- Vermont Enrolled Militia, 1861-1867

"These records are significant because nearly every family in the United States at that time was impacted either directly or indirectly by the war," FamilySearch project manager Ken Nelson said.

"Each soldier has a story to tell based on what his unique experience was during the war. Each family has their own story to tell. This is the paper trail that tells the stories about that period in our nation's history," Nelson said.

Many of the records are specific to the war itself, such as enlistment or pension records. These documents can provide key family data, including age, place of birth, or the name of a spouse. Other collections, such as census records, tell the story of ordinary civilians who lived during that turbulent time. Even a local or state death record far away from the battlefield may contain death information on a soldier that was submitted by a family member back home.

FamilySearch's chief genealogical officer, David Rencher, said many people can benefit from the records.

"With the wealth of records created by the Civil War, I am inspired by the plan laid out by FamilySearch to make a substantial amount of this material available on their website over the next four to five years. This growing collection will be one that will serve the needs of the numerous descendants of the participants on both sides of the conflict," Rencher said.

About 10 million of FamilySearch's Civil War records are already indexed, so they can be easily searched by a specific name. However, there are many more records that need to be indexed, and that's where FamilySearch indexing volunteers come in. These volunteers view a digital image online of the record and enter in important information such as names, dates, and places.

FamilySearch project manager Jim Ericson said this data will be used to create free searchable indexes that enable people to more easily find records about their Civil War ancestors.

"Once these records are indexed and published online, anyone can search for the name of an ancestor and link to a digital image of the original record, if the image is also available online," Ericson said. "Indexing helps people save time when finding records and enables a more powerful, engaging search experience."

Ericson said that more than 130,000 people helped with other FamilySearch indexing projects in the last year, but more volunteers are needed for the multi-year Civil War era project.

"We expect to maintain some focus on indexing records from the U.S. Civil War for the next three or four years to make the collection of Civil War era records extremely robust," Ericson said.

For those who want to learn more about their Civil War ancestors, there is also additional help on the FamilySearch Research Wiki. This includes information about each regiment that fought in the conflict and records created by each state that participated in the war. There is also information for beginners who are just getting started learning about their ancestors who lived during the Civil War.

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free

online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 10, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **Footnote.com Publishes First Digital Versions of War of 1812 Pension Application Files (May 10, 2011)**

The following announcement was written by Footnote.com, a division of Ancestry.com:



Footnote.com is pleased to announce the first online publishing of the War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications. In cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Archives, Footnote.com is currently digitizing millions of War of 1812 records and making them available on its site free of charge. The initial 1,400 images are available today and the collection will continue to grow weekly as the digitization process progresses. When completed, the collection will encompass 7.2 million images that will detail the histories of soldiers who fought in the War of 1812 and their families.

While the project is currently underway, its long term completion is dependent on the availability of additional funding. FGS is proud to be spearheading a national fundraising effort to ensure the completion and expedite this valuable endeavor. The organization is actively seeking donations from genealogical and historical societies, patriotic and military heritage societies, and any interested corporations or individuals. iArchives, Footnote.com's parent company, is providing a dollar-for-dollar match of each donation through a provision of services. To learn more and contribute to the project, visit [www.fgs.org/1812](http://www.fgs.org/1812) or [www.footnote.com/1812pensions](http://www.footnote.com/1812pensions).

"This is just the first step in a multi-year journey to bring the War of 1812 documents out of the National Archives and into the digital world," said Brian Hansen, General Manager of Footnote.com. "We are privileged to bring such historically rich documents online, so they can be accessed in schools, libraries and homes where they can be available free for future generations."

Footnote.com's database of Revolutionary War Pension Files has proven to be the most popular set of records available on the site. It is anticipated that the War of 1812 Pension Application Files will create similar interest from family historians, genealogists and military researchers. The War of 1812 Pension Application Files include extensive details of the lives of these 19th century veterans. The information may include:

- Veteran's name
- Widow's name
- Widow's maiden name
- Service data and dates
- Age

- Acres Granted
- Year of Bureau of Land Management act
- Soldier death date
- Warrant number
- Place of residence
- Organization and Rank
- Marriage date
- Widow death date
- Additional names

### **About iArchives**

iArchives is a leading digitization service provider and subsidiary of Ancestry.com (NASDAQ: ACOM). The company operates Footnote.com, the leading U.S. military record resource on the web with more than 72 million records online. The site provides searchable original documents, providing subscribers with a view of the events, places and people in the conflicts that shaped the American nation and the world. For more information, visit [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com).

### **About FGS**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), founded in 1976, links the genealogical community by serving the needs of its member societies, providing products and services needed by member societies, and marshaling the resources of its member organizations. FGS represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies and engages in projects that help genealogical societies strengthen and grow as well as call attention to records preservation and access issues. FGS can be found on the web at [www.FGS.org](http://www.FGS.org).

### **About the National Archives**

The National Archives and Records Administration, an independent federal agency, is the nation's record keeper. Founded in 1934, its mission is unique -- to serve American democracy by safeguarding and preserving the records of our Government, ensuring that the people can discover, use, and learn from this documentary heritage. The National Archives ensures continuing access to the essential documentation of the rights of American citizens and the actions of their government. It supports democracy, promotes civic education, and facilitates historical understanding of our national experience. The National Archives meets a wide range of information needs, among them helping people to trace their families' history, making it possible for veterans to prove their entitlement to medical and other benefits, and preserving original White House records. The National Archives carries out its mission through a nationwide network of archives, records centers, and Presidential Libraries, and on the Internet at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 10, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Family Chronicle**

We have received the May/June 2011, Volume 15, Number 5 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Genealogy Road Trip!"**

By Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, MA, CG

*Jean Wilcox Hibben Ph.D, MA, CG, sings the praises of doing your research on the road.*

**"Sharing Your Genealogy: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly!"**

By Wendy Carlson

*Wendy Carlson looks at the good and the not-so good of using other people's research.*

**"The Short Life of a Civil War Era Soldier"**

By Leland K. Meitzler

*Leland K. Meitzler documents his quest to learn more about William Henry Canfield.*

**"Who Was the Man in the Attic?"**

By George Matheson

*George Matheson returns to the family home to research the stories it hides in the attic.*

**"Visiting Gettysburg for Genealogy"**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at the resources available for researching the Civil War's most famous site.*

**"Exploring Civil War Widow Pensions"**

By Cindy Thomson

*Cindy Thomson looks at a great genealogical resource for tracing your Civil War ancestor.*

**"Researching Civil War Engineers"**

By Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, MA, CG

*Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, MA, CG looks at the men behind (and in front of) the soldiers.*

**“Using Wills and Probate Records in Your Research”**

By Jackie Feldman

*According to Jackie Feldman, wills and probate records can be a boost to your research.*

**“So You’re Related To An Axe Murderer!”**

By James Pylant

*James Pylant looks at a genealogical tale of murder most foul.*

**“One Woman’s Journey: The Irish Adoption Scandal”**

By Judith Eccles Wright

*Judith Eccles Wright chronicles a woman’s quest to find her adopted daughter’s Irish roots.*

**“Hiring a Professional: Do’s and Don’ts**

By Janice Nickerson

*Janice Nickerson shows you how to get the most bang for your when hiring a professional.*

**“Pathways to the Heartland”**

By Thomas MacEntee

*Thomas MacEntee sings the praises of the upcoming FGS Conference in Springfield, Illinois.*

Please note that April 2011 represents the 150 year anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War. As such, I am noticing more and more articles appearing throughout a variety of genealogy journals commemorating the anniversary year for the American Civil War. This journal is no exception. Please note the large number of articles on the Civil War within this issue.

For those of you with ancestral connections to the Civil War, the year 2011 will be a goldmine of newly published articles on this historic event. So if you have put Civil War research on the backburner, you may want to resurrect this aspect of your research during this historic year.

In this historic commemorative year of our American Civil War, I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Visiting Gettysburg for Genealogy” by David A. Norris. It is full of interesting facts along with many resources to shed insight on this historic Civil War battle.

According to the author, here are some interesting facts related to the battle:

- Battle took place July 1 to July 3, 1863
- 165,000 soldiers fought at the battle

- 7,000 soldiers died in the battle
- 51,000 were wounded and injured
- Gettysburg National Military Park consists of 6,000 acres
- There are 1,328 monuments in the park honoring those that fought in this battle
- The park is visited annually by about 2,000,000 visitors making it one of the top historical destinations for visitors in the country
- Admission to the park is free
- There is a fee for admission to the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center exhibit galleries
- The Gettysburg Cemetery was dedicated on November 19, 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln from whence came the Gettysburg Address
- Approximately 3,300 Confederate soldiers that were initially buried at the Gettysburg location were disinterred and reburied in various places in the South such as Richmond, Savannah, Charleston and Raleigh

The author also provides a long list of resources that you may tap into to find out more about this famous battles and the Gettysburg location. Resources mentioned were:

- Gettysburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau @ [www.gettysburg.travel/visitor/guide.asp](http://www.gettysburg.travel/visitor/guide.asp)
- Aerial view of the battlefield go to Google Maps @ <http://maps.google.com> and type in "Gettysburg Battlefield"
- Gettysburg National Military Park @ [www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm)
- Virtual tour from the Gettysburg National Military Park @ [www.nps.gov/archive/gett/gettour/main-ms.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archive/gett/gettour/main-ms.htm)
- Downloadable maps and materials from the National Park Service regarding Gettysburg @ [www.nps.gov/history/history/park\\_histories/index.htm#gett](http://www.nps.gov/history/history/park_histories/index.htm#gett)
- Gettysburg Foundation @ [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org)
- Downloadable podcasts of Gettysburg battlefield tours @ [www.civilwartraveler.com/audio/podcasts.html](http://www.civilwartraveler.com/audio/podcasts.html)
- Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg @ [www.nps.gov/archive/gett/gettour/tstops/tstd4-23.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archive/gett/gettour/tstops/tstd4-23.htm)
- Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA where many Confederate killed soldiers were re-interred @ [www.hollywoodcemetery.org](http://www.hollywoodcemetery.org)

The author also makes note of a couple books that also shed light on the events of the battle. One is titled ***A Vast Sea of Misery*** by Gregory A. Coco. The book provides great detail on the various field hospitals from the days of the battles through November 1863. Hospital locations, photos of the sites and some information on the units the patients belonged to.

Another book resource mentioned by the author is one titled ***Ready-Aim-Fire! Small Arms Ammunition at the Battle of Gettysburg*** by Dean S. Thomas. Insights into the weapons and the munitions used at Gettysburg are provided by the author. Observations made on the vast amount of bullets found at the battlefield are also made by the author.

If you were lucky enough to have had a Civil War ancestor, you may even be still luckier to know that the ancestor participated in this historic battle. Take a look at the entirety of this article and the varied online resources provided that I noted are in this article.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Hiring a Professional: Do's and Don'ts" by Janice Nickerson. We often try doing much of our own research but at time run into the inevitable "brick wall" that we can't seem to overcome. We may keep trying but to no avail. It is at these times we often think of possibly hiring a professional researcher with the hope that this "brick wall" will be overcome and will lead us to discovering many generations further back. Some people may be willing to pay for research services without having done much research at all. Some researchers may have just hit the point that it is better for them to pay someone in a foreign country to more easily access records on-site. No matter which researcher you are we are still faced with how to go about finding someone good and trustworthy that can help us further our own research.

The author notes that who get for assistance depends on what you are trying to accomplish. If you are completely stymied in some aspect of your research, you may want to hire a top-notch researcher that will cost you more but may be able to get you over the hump in your research dilemma. This problem-solver and analyst may be able to break through your problem within a 10 hour amount of research time you commit to.

A different kind of research help revolves around you personally not being stumped but you simply need someone to track down records in a location that is closer to them than to you. This assistance is less costly. The person is usually known as a "record agent" who takes direction from you and does not create any research plan. The person is simply following your direction. These researchers typically charge hourly rates rather than blocks of time.

The author suggests you can find assistance by checking into the following organizations:

- Association of Professional Genealogists @ [www.apgen.org](http://www.apgen.org)
- ExpertGenealogy @ [www.expertgenealogy.com](http://www.expertgenealogy.com)

When you are ready to move forward with using a professional, be ready to ask the following:

- How long the research is expected to take?
- What kind of report you will receive?
- What fees you will be required to pay?

Hourly rates can vary a good deal. Expect that hourly work applies to all of the time spent by the researcher inclusive of such things as preparing a research plan, carrying out research online or in archives, analyzing evidence and preparing your report. Travel time will also be factored in.

Expect to be asked for an up-front deposit amount of about 50% of the expected total cost.

Never hire more than one researcher at a time to work on the project at the same time without telling them.

Once you have hired someone, stop working on the project yourself. There is nothing more frustrating for a paid researcher than to hear from you that you have an update that might cause them to have to re-evaluate everything they have done to date.

We will be having a speaker at our library in July 2012 who will give a presentation on this very topic. Until then, take a look at the entirety of this article in full for a complete insight into the things to consider when hiring someone. Ask other fellow researchers if they have ever done this and can recommend someone. Tap in to the web sites of the two professional organizations I noted above to find information about possible researchers you may consider. Prepare your own work in a manner that if you provide the information to a researcher they won't have to re-invent the wheel because what you provided is not organized and not clear.

Take a look at the entirety of this recent issue of [Family Chronicle](#) for all of the other very good articles that exist in this issue, especially the number of articles on Civil War research. There is some good material on that subject as we mark the 150 year anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War.

You can find this most recent issue of [Family Chronicle](#) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor magazine shelves. You can also now check out past issues of this great genealogical journal for more leisurely reading at home.

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### **National Genealogical Society Quarterly**

We have received the March 2011, Volume 99, Number 1 issue of [National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Slave Records Correct Cato West's Confused Ancestry"**

By Alycon Trubey Pierce, CG

**"No Marriage Record Exists – So Who Was Ellen Waterhouse's Husband?"**

By Allen R. Petersen, CG

**"Don't Stop There! Connecting Josias Baker to His Burke County, North Carolina, Parents"**

By Judy G. Russell, J.D.

**"Mary Cussins, Mother of Tensaw Settlement Survivors, Margaret (Dyer) Powell and Martha (Dyer) Weatherford"**

By Deanna M. Slappey

**"George Craig of Howard County, Missouri: Genetic and Documentary Evidence of His Ancestry"**

By B. Darrell Jackson, Ph.D, CG

In this issue you will also find some lengthy and detailed reviews of recently published genealogical material. Reviews included in this issue are:

***Missing Lucille: Memories of a Grandmother I Never Knew***  
By Suzanne Berne

***Chicago Cemetery Records, 1847-1863: Sexton's Reports  
And Certificates, Treasurer Receipts, Deeds and Undertakers'  
Reports***  
By Chicago Genealogical Society

***Tracing Your Galway Ancestors***  
By Peadar O'Dowd

***Descendants of John Mills of Stamford, Connecticut***  
By Helen Schatvet Ullmann

The articles published in this journal are incredibly detailed and well-documented. They are challenging to read at times because of the extensive documentation. Give some of them a try especially if the topic or the geographical location of the articles falls in line with your own research.

Be sure to also take a look at the reviews I mentioned that are contained in this issue. These are extensive reviews of the published materials, often presented in a hard hitting manner if the reviewer thought that there were major flaws in the material. Again, some of the published material may be relative to your own research, especially if the book is about a family name or a geographic location of your own research. See if you can get a copy of the book if there is a direct link to your own research and see what this author has been able to document that may shed light on your own research.

You can find this recent publication of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## **BOOKS IN PRINT**

We have added to our circulating collection a book titled ***Illinois Central: A Guide to Genealogical Research in Springfield, Illinois***. The author of the book is Thomas A. Pearson. The book was published in 2009. It was added to our circulating collection in April 2011. The call number of the book is 929.3 PEARSON, T. It is available to check out from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating collection.

Chapters in the book are:

- Chapter 1 - The Illinois State Archives
- Chapter 2 - The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
- Chapter 3 - The Illinois Regional Archives Depository

Chapter 4	-	The Illinois State Library
Chapter 5	-	The Illinois State Geological Survey Library
Chapter 6	-	Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Chapter 7	-	Illinois Department of Corrections
Chapter 8	-	Illinois Department of Public Health
		A. Division of Vital Records
		B. The Adoption Information Center of Illinois
Chapter 9	-	Illinois Department of Veteran' Affairs
Chapter 10	-	Illinois State Military Museum
Chapter 11	-	Illinois State Museum
Chapter 12	-	Illinois State Licensing Agencies
Chapter 13	-	Clerk of the Circuit Court (Sangamon County)
Chapter 14	-	County Clerk (Sangamon County)
Chapter 15	-	County Coroner (Sangamon County)
Chapter 16	-	County Recorder (Sangamon County)
Chapter 17	-	Veterans' Service Center (Sangamon County)
Chapter 18	-	Other Sangamon County Offices
Chapter 19	-	Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Library
Chapter 20	-	University of Illinois at Springfield Historical Collections
Chapter 21	-	Springfield Area Public Schools and School Districts
Chapter 22	-	The Lincoln Library (Springfield's Public Library)
Chapter 23	-	Rolling Prairie Library District
Chapter 24	-	Springfield Family History Center
Chapter 25	-	Springfield Churches and Diocesan Offices
Chapter 26	-	Springfield Hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities
Chapter 27	-	Camp Butler National Cemetery
Chapter 28	-	Other Springfield Cemeteries
Chapter 29	-	Springfield Funeral Homes
Chapter 30	-	Sangamon County, Illinois Newspapers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Chapter 31	-	Organizing Your Genealogical Research Trip for Maximum Effectiveness
Chapter 32	-	Springfield Area Non-Genealogical Attractions
Appendix		
Index		
Contact Us		

Each Chapter provides key points of information that apply to the noted genealogical resource in Springfield, Illinois. Generally, you will find the following points of information to allow the genealogist to obtain major key points about the resource. Some of these are:

- Highlights of the collection
- Location
- Hours of Operation
- URL/Internet address
- Summary of the request policy should you want to obtain material from the organization.
- Small summaries of what some of the major parts of the organization resources are

If anyone is interested in using State of Illinois resources to assist them with their genealogical research effort then this book can be a good starting point. Each chapter will give the reader a broad overview of what resources exist within the organization.

I actually find this book to be a curiosity piece in that it could be used not so much to answer a specific genealogical question the researcher has but rather to simply see the various organizations that exist within the State of Illinois in and near Springfield for which a genealogical question could be created specifically for the organization identified.

Chapter 31 is a 16 item checklist the genealogical researcher should become familiar with in advance of a trip to Springfield, Illinois to embark on genealogical research. Some of the items mentioned are very basic, more like "tourist" pieces of information. Basic things noted in this chapter for the researcher are:

- Bring coins for photocopying
- Bring a notebook and No. 2 pencils
- Bring a digital camera
- If you need a break, rent a locker and take a short walk
- Springfield is cold in the winter and hot and humid in the summer

I think the above list really applies to any research trip you do to any location. Prepare in advance. Check the organization web sites to prepare. Use common sense for your security and safety concerns. The list did not really appear to be that specific to your Springfield research experience.

Browsing through this book will give you a good overview of what resources exist within any one of the state organizations mentioned in the book. Gauging what they have may then trigger you to generate a question you can pose to them.

Overall, if you have never worked with State of Illinois facilities and governmental agencies, then this book does provide you with that good overall sense of information needed to pursue other actions with them. The book is about 150 pages in length. You can certainly make quick work using this book as that general reference piece of information to work with the Illinois governmental agencies that may be good resources for your own individual genealogical research needs.

You can find this book on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the circulating shelves. The call number of the book is 929.3 PEARSON, T. Take a look at it hands on in our library to see if it can provide you with the insights needed to work with the State of Illinois agencies in your genealogical research efforts.

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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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### **Introducing GenDetective™ (May 10, 2011)**

The following announcement was written by RumbleSoft Incorporated:



GenDetective™ Tells you what you DON'T KNOW and what you need to FIND!

Plumsteadville, Pennsylvania (May 10, 2011) – RumbleSoft Incorporated, supplier of innovative solutions for genealogists will introduce GenDetective™ Wednesday May 11, 2011 at NGS in Charleston, South Carolina.

GenDetective™ is the first genealogy utility that can truly analyze your genealogy data today to help you discover your past. GenDetective™ is a software tool that analyzes your genealogical data to produce research recommendations based on missing or incomplete data. Up until now genealogy programs only told you what information you have. GenDetective's powerful reporting features will tell you what you DON'T KNOW, and what you need to FIND, using criteria you select for easy, organized research. GenDetective™ has more than 170 reports that allow you to easily create targeted research itineraries that you can print or view on an iPad, iPhone, PDA, Droid smart phone or tablet (Xoom), Kindle™, eBook reader, net book (mini), or laptop. Users agree that GenDetective™ is a huge help: "Wow, and I thought I was detail oriented! In a matter of minutes GenDetective™ located several military service possibilities that I missed." Jesse B

"Incredible! Instead of lugging around books and binders I can now take a GenDetective™ report saved to my iPad to the court house to research only the people I am interested in." Joseph M

"I travel quite a bit for business near where my family came from. GenDetective™ allows me to print a research itinerary based on my family data for this specific region showing the information I still need to locate!" – Kevin M

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**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 10, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

**The Master Genealogist version 8 Free Public Beta is now Available (May 10, 2011)**

The following is an extract from a longer message on the TMG mailing list at <http://goo.gl/lD8YY>:

TMG v8 is now available in the form of a free public beta that will expire in 30 days.

TMG v8 is in the final stages of testing and we believe it to be stable and functional in all of its major features.

You can read the full message at <http://goo.gl/lD8YY>

**Posted by Dick Eastman on May 10, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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**FUNNY BONE**

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.

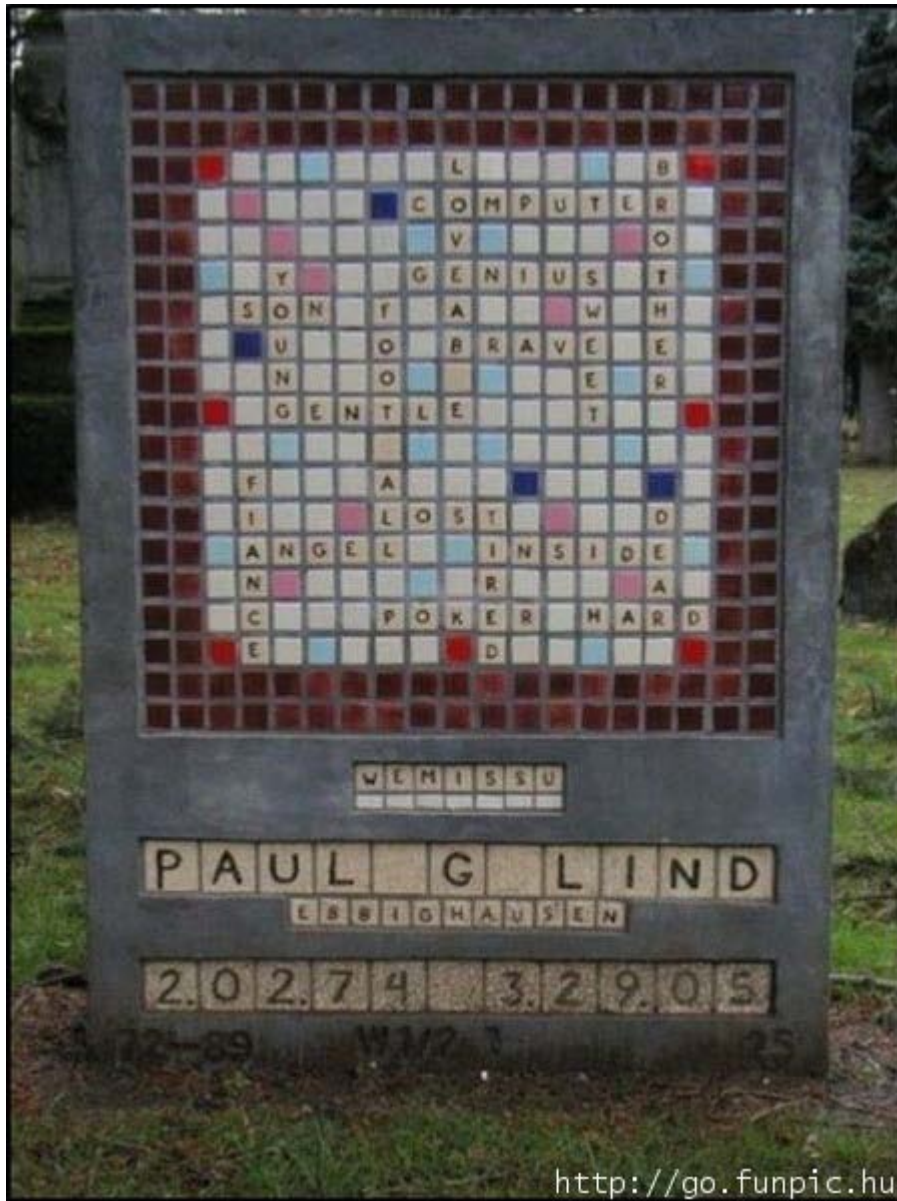
Stan, thanks for sending me the pictures!

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!



Yes, zees ess trouble indeed.






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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Jun 14            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011            PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Jun 18            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 **“DNA for Genealogists”**  
Presented by Michelle Wilson  
Further information at: [www.caggi.org](http://www.caggi.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Jul 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.  
**“Who Sank Grandma’s Boat: Effective Techniques for Finding**

**Passenger Manifests"**

Presented by Dan Niemiec.

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Aug 9  
TUE  
2011

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

**"Searching Online Databases"**

Presented by Ginger Frere.

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Sep 13  
TUE  
2011

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.**

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Oct 11  
TUE  
2011

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

**"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"**

Presented by Maureen Brady.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Oct 15  
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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 **"Cornucopia of Genealogical Mistakes: How They Occur and How To Fix Them"**

Presented by Ted L. Bartlett

Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or

P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Nov 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.

**"So You Didn't Find It in the Index"**

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Dec 13  
TUE  
2011

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Jan 10

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- TUE 2012 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Social Networking for Genealogists: Family Trees, FaceBook, Blogs and More"**  
 Presented by Caron Brennan.  
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- \*Feb 14 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Using Railroad Records in Your Family History Research"**  
 Presented by Craig Pfannkuche.  
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- Mar 13 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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- Apr 10 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Understanding the English Census"**  
 Presented by Paul Milner.  
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- \*May 8 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Military Service Records"**  
 Presented by Kathryn Barrett.  
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- Jun 12 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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- Jul 10 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"**  
 Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.  
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- \*Aug 14  
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- "Liven Up Your Family History with Images"**  
Presented by Mike Karsen.  
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- Sep 11  
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- \*Oct 9  
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- "Organizing and Writing My Family History"**  
Presented by Steve Szabados.  
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- Nov 13  
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- "Program to Be Determined"**  
Presented by To Be Determined.  
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- Dec 11  
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