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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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AUGUST 9, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next program is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 9, 2011. Our guest speaker for the evening is Ginger Frere. Ginger will present a program titled "Searching Electronic Databases".

Accessing and searching electronic online databases is becoming the heart and soul of genealogical research. You literally can't avoid accessing them and using them to their fullest. But when you use them do you often come up with nothing even though you believe your ancestors are contained within the structure of the database! Where are they? Why can't I find them?

These are questions we all ask and often just leave the database assuming our ancestors are not contained in the database. This could be a lost opportunity that we need to continue to pursue. But how?

Ginger will give us some background and strategies on how to go about searching these databases so that our end result is success in finding our ancestors. It may take some learning of the databases, how they are structured and what we can do to take advantage of all of the searching tools the database provides us to uncover our ancestors. It may not just be as straightforward as entering in the surname of our ancestors. Perhaps, it may not even require we enter in the ancestor's surname!

Ginger Frere is a librarian, researcher and life-long Chicagoan. She assists genealogists in the Local and Family History section of the Newberry Library and also works as an independent researcher.

Ginger has previously presented programs at our library, all of which have left us with new tips to pursue in our own research. We look forward to another return visit to our library from Ginger.

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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 146 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 1,101 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 May 20, 2011, May 27, 2011, May 28, 2011, June 1, 2011, June 8, 2011, June 20, 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>.

Google Abandons Plan to Archive the World's Newspapers (May 20, 2011)



This sounds like a major blow to genealogists as old newspapers will no longer be accepted on Google. The web search giant has informed partners in its News Archive project that it would cease accepting, scanning, and indexing microfilm and other archival material from newspapers, and was instead focusing its energies on "newer projects that help the industry, such as Google One Pass, a platform that enables publishers to sell content and subscriptions directly from their own sites."

In an email, Google said it would continue to support the existing archives it has already scanned and indexed. However, Google does not plan to introduce any further features or functionality to the digitized news product. Google says it eventually scanned 60 million pages, covering 250 years. Many newspapers have been scanned but not yet indexed or placed online. The status of that "work in progress" remains unclear.

You can read more at: <http://goo.gl/GMpzE>.

My thanks to Roger Bartlett for telling me about this story.

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 20, 2011 in [Current Affairs](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Filming is Underway for Ireland's "Genealogy Roadshow" Television Programme (May 27, 2011)

Production is currently underway on "The Genealogy Roadshow," a new 4 x 52 minute format from Big Mountain Productions which aims to uncover the extraordinary family histories of ordinary people. The series is set to shoot in Kildare, Meath, Limerick and Galway in May and June and is presented by Derek Mooney.

The show will enlist the help of a historical and genealogical swat team in a bid to reveal the historical origins of members of the public. Several stories from a range of ordinary people will be featured and investigated on each episode following which a team of experts will determine whether the interviewees are related to famous historical figures or if they have any close connections to celebrated Irish historical events. The experts will also look to give audience members advice on how to track down a family history.

You can read more in an article in IFTN's web site at <http://goo.gl/lpjfd>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 27, 2011 in [Video & Television](#) | [Permalink](#)

Printable Family Trees (May 28, 2011)

The following announcement was written by Savetz Publishing, Inc.: Several new printable family tree designs have been added to the website FamilyTreeTemplates.net, ranging from colorful illustrated tree designs to detailed ancestor charts.

Popular with genealogy buffs as well as schoolchildren or anyone who enjoys tracking their heritage, these family trees are easy to download and print. There are both free PDF and premium \$4 options. The DOC versions can be opened and edited in Microsoft Word, allowing users to type rather than handwrite names, dates and other vital statistics on the lines or in the boxes provided.

"I'm pleased with these latest additions to the wide range of family trees and ancestor charts at FamilyTreeTemplates.net," said Kevin Savetz, the site's creator. "Due to repeated requests, I've also added more genealogy printables, such as a cemetery research form."

There are now more than 60 family tree templates at the site. There are cute designs (such as teddy bears or apples) for schoolchildren as well as sophisticated designs suitable for framing. Many of the forms are designed for dedicated researchers, who seek fan charts, family group sheets and other genealogy tools.

The tree designs aren't limited to traditional families. There are versions for stepfamilies, adoptive families and more. There are formal trees, charts with room for photos, and designs to list as few as two generations or as many as seven.

There are nearly 80 sites in the FreePrintable.net family of free printables sites created by Savetz Publishing, Inc., a company devoted to creating useful and informative web sites of interest to consumers and small businesses.



Posted by Dick Eastman on May 28, 2011 in [Announcements](#) | [Permalink](#)

Win Five Hours of Megan Smolenyak's Research Time and Other Prizes (June 1, 2011)



AARP has a contest for a "genealogy grand prize package" that can help you uncover the mysteries of your family's past. The Grand Prize Package includes:

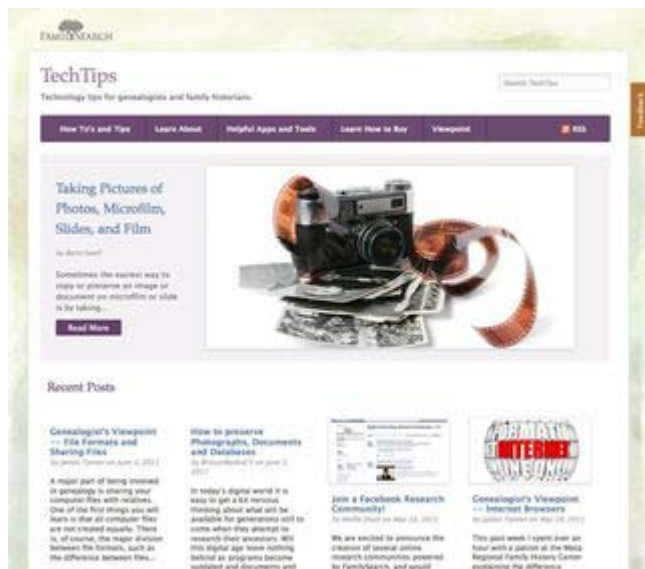
- Five hours of private consultation via phone with internationally-renowned professional genealogist, Megan Smolenyak
- Signed copies of Megan Smolenyak's books – *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Trace Your Roots with DNA*
- One time DNA ancestry testing through FamilyTreeDNA.com
- A one-year subscription to Ancestry.com
- \$1000 gift card

The contest is open only to legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia who are at least forty five (45) years old at the time of entry. Contestants do not need to be a member of AARP. Details may be found at <http://goo.gl/fiZW7>

Posted by Dick Eastman on June 01, 2011 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

New FamilySearch TechTips Website Brings Together Genealogy and Technology (June 8, 2011)

I believe this is a major announcement. As readers of this newsletter already know, using technology is not necessary to research one's family tree but it certainly can help! FamilySearch has been involved in providing genealogy information for decades. Now the same organization is assembling technical information on a new web site with the purpose of providing helpful information to you and to everyone else interested in genealogy. The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:



Genealogy has been a popular hobby for

over a century, but the pursuit of one's ancestors is now a decidedly technology-intensive endeavor. To help family historians take advantage of the latest technology, FamilySearch has launched a new section on its FamilySearch.org website called FamilySearch TechTips. The goal of TechTips is to continue building a bridge between the developing worlds of technology and genealogy, according to FamilySearch product marketing manager Jim Ericson.

"For someone who is already excited about family history, FamilySearch TechTips can introduce them to technologies that will help them climb their family tree," Ericson said. "Those who may not be familiar with genealogy, but are technology enthusiasts, can learn how products can be applied to family history."

Ericson said visitors to FamilySearch TechTips can read about a variety of subjects, such as how to store photographs for the long term, what mobile applications are available for family historians, how to share files and how to scan images. The site also contains step-by-step guides to help users accomplish a technology-related task, like how to join an online research community and why.

FamilySearch TechTips is a community effort that is a cross between a blog and an online technology magazine. Anyone can contribute articles and share their personal experiences. The TechTips articles don't endorse specific products, although they may mention what is available in the marketplace. There will also be content on new technology or trends that impact the world of genealogy.

"People can learn where genealogy technology is headed and how technology may evolve in the future to make life easier for family historians," Ericson said.

The new TechTips section of FamilySearch is available at

<https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on June 08, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

British Library and Google to Make 250,000 Books Available to All (June 20, 2011)

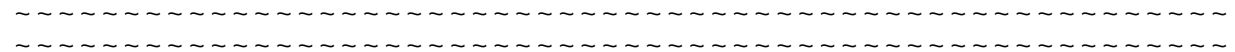
The British Library and Google today announced a partnership to digitise 250,000 out-of-copyright books from the Library's collections. Opening up access to one of the greatest collections of books in the world, this demonstrates the Library's commitment, as stated in its 2020 Vision, to increase access to anyone who wants to do research. Once digitised, these unique items will be available for full text search, download and reading through Google Books, as well as being searchable through the Library's website and stored in perpetuity within the Library's digital archive.

Selected by the British Library and digitised by Google, both organisations will work in partnership over the coming years to deliver this content free through Google Books (<http://books.google.co.uk>) and the British Library's website (www.bl.uk). Google will cover all digitisation costs.

This project will digitise a huge range of printed books, pamphlets and periodicals dated 1700 to 1870, the period that saw the French and Industrial Revolutions, The Battle of Trafalgar and the Crimean War, the invention of rail travel and of the telegraph, the beginning of UK income tax, and the end of slavery. It will include material in a variety of major European languages, and will focus on books that are not yet freely available in digital form online.

You can read the rest of the announcement on the British Library's web site at <http://goo.gl/zOs6L>.

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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 AUGUST 27, 2011. PLEASE READ ALL OF THE PROGRAM DETAILS THAT FOLLOW. THE SOCIETY HAS CHANGED ITS MEETING DAY, MEETING LOCATION AND MEETING TIME. THE SOCIETY WILL NO LONGER MEET ON THE 3RD TUESDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS EFFECTIVE WITH THE AUGUST 27, 2011 DATE.

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

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, August 27, 2011. The program for the morning is titled "**Who Sank Grandpa's Boat?: Passenger List Research**". The speaker for the morning will be Daniel Niemiec.

Meetings take place at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 West Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 10:00 AM. There is a round table discussion that takes place

at 9:30 AM prior to the main meeting that starts at 10:00 AM. 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 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21, 2011. PROGRAM INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WHEN THE PROGRAM INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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.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, July 16, 2011 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Hello PERSI"**. The speaker for the program will be Carol Bartlett, Ela Area Public Library (Lake Zurich) Genealogy Specialist.

Ela Area Public Library (Lake Zurich) Genealogy Specialist Carol Bartlett will introduce us to PERSI. PERSI is the largest and most widely-used subject index covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada). The collection dates from about 1800 with over 1.7 million searchable records of nearly 6,000 different periodicals. PERSI is widely recognized as essential for high-quality genealogy research. Come learn how PERSI can enhance your research!

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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How to Self-Publish a Book and Sell it on Amazon (June 2, 2011)



Amazon has a service to help anyone self-publish books. It works with genealogy books as well as with almost any other topic. Even better, publishing with Amazon means that your new book is also listed in Amazon's catalog and is available for anyone to order at Amazon.com. However, I don't think many people know about this service. At least, I didn't know about it until recently and the three genealogists I asked today admitted they had never heard of it. That may not qualify as "many people" but it is enough to motivate me to write this article.

I haven't had a chance to test self publishing on Amazon myself, as I don't have a book manuscript lying around, ready to go. However, I can repeat the instructions:

1. Go to Amazon's self-publishing web site, CreateSpace, at <https://www.createspace.com/> and create a free account.
2. Select the size of the pages in the book you wish to publish and then download a Microsoft Word template for that size of book.
3. Copy your manuscript into the template. That template will determine left and right side pages, generate page numbers, generate the table of contents, and more. You should paste in only the raw text without any formatting at all. The template will handle the formatting for you although you can make some adjustments after the template has finished its work.
4. Make a cover. You can do all the art work yourself or hire it out or use one of CreateSpace's pre-defined formats combining their templates with images, fonts, etc.
5. Save the result as a PDF file and then upload it to CreateSpace. The CreateSpace service will even assign the ISBN number, if you wish. You also need to determine the price of the finished book.

CreateSpace will then send a proof to you. If you approve, the finished book will be in Amazon.com's catalog within two or three business days.

The royalty paid to you varies widely, depending upon the price you set and the size of the book, meaning the number of pages as well as the physical size of each page. You always know the royalty before you approve the book so you can back out at any time without making any commitments. I experimented with several prices on a 200-page book of varying sizes and the royalties seemed to vary from 25% to 75% of the final price. In all cases, the royalty payments appeared to be much higher than that received from traditional

publishers.

CreateSpace can also assist with design, editing, and marketing services. However, those services will cost extra, if you select them.

One of the nice features of CreateSpace is the customer support. If you have any question at all, you click on an icon that says "Call Me" and, within 30 seconds, a customer service representative will call your phone.

CreateSpace is "print on demand." You can:

- Always have inventory available without a large, "up front" investment.
- Reduce supply chain costs and eliminate warehouse and shipping fees.
- Provide broader selection to maximize long tail sales.
- Test market new titles without investing in offset print runs.
- Offer large print and custom books.

No products are manufactured ahead of time so there is no inventory to worry about, and your titles are shipped directly to the end customer.

On the downside, the marketing is up to you. Amazon will place your new book in its catalog but will not do much else. If you wish to advertise or hold book signings, you supply all the work and you pay all the expenses, unlike traditional book publishers.

CreateSpace can also publish audio CDs, video DVDs, MP3 files for download, and an eBook for the Kindle. After all, it is a division of Amazon, the company that created and sells the Kindle!

Self-publishing is not for everyone. However, if it appeals to you then you might search for companies that will work with authors. One of those is CreateSpace, a division of Amazon.com, at <https://www.createspace.com/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on June 02, 2011 in [Books](#) | [Permalink](#)

Cyndi's List Launches a New Web Site (June 7, 2011)



The following announcement was written by Cyndi Ingle Howells, owner of Cyndi's List at <http://www.cyndislist.com>:

A major upgrade to celebrate 15 years of service

EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON (June 6, 2011) – Cyndi's List is proud to announce a newly upgraded web site. With improved navigation, a custom database, and a custom administrative interface, the upgrade means that everything will be quicker and easier for both visitors and for the site's owner and administrator, Cyndi Ingle Howells. The upgrade has been done by fusionSpan of Maryland. Their staff worked closely with Cyndi to make improvements and to implement new technology and new ideas designed specifically for Cyndi's List and for the genealogical community.

Part of the upgrade was made possible by donations from generous users of Cyndi's List. To date, 20% of what was accomplished in the project was thanks to them. Donors have been listed on the web site.

What's New with the Upgrade:

- The front page of the Cyndi's List site has a rolling genealogy news feed and a link to The Cyndi's List Daily, a daily dose of family history news as tagged in Twitter and Facebook. Start each day with the front page of Cyndi's List and read the current genealogy news stories.
- The links are now contained within a database and pages will be dynamically loaded on each visit.
- The custom database and administration interface means that maintaining the link list will be much easier for Cyndi, which ultimately benefits the user with faster and more frequent updates.
- The new interface means that the backlog of uncategorized links can be processed much faster. The goal is to get the entire backlog done by the end of this year.
- New links will be reviewed, approved, and categorized within 24-72 hours after submission by visitors.
- Updates made to Cyndi's List will be immediately available to the public.
- Previous to the upgrade, the "What's New" page and mailing list post contained only new links submitted by visitors. The new "What's New" page and e-mail will contain those, as well as links added to the site during the day by Cyndi, *and* existing links that have been updated throughout the site (new addresses, updated descriptions, etc.).
- Across the site links have been labeled with graphics as "new" or "updated" when appropriate. With the upgrade these will now be text-based notations (easily spotted in green), which means that you can search on a page for "new" or "updated" with the Edit>Find function in your web browser.
- Now sub-categories within a category heading each have their own page. And each page displays 20 links, with pagination in place to go to the next page and so on. This means there will be a lot less scrolling through long pages as in the past. Shorter pages mean faster load time in the browser as well.
- Intuitive navigation at the top of the category makes it easy to find your way to previous category headings.
- The number of links within each category/sub-category is displayed at the top right on each page.
- Each of the U.S. counties (more than 3,100) now has a designated page of its own.
- URLs (addresses) for the pages have changed so bookmarks, favorites, and links to Cyndi's List will need to be updated.
- Opportunities to shop, support, or donate are highlighted on each page.

What Has Stayed the Same?

- The category and sub-category names are all the same.
- Related Categories are highlighted at the top right on each category.
- The layout and format of the links are the same.
- The policies, procedures, and disclaimers for maintaining the link list are the same.
- The Cyndi's List Mailing List will still distribute a daily What's New e-mail and a daily Link Activity e-mail. However, the What's New e-mail will contain information about all new and updated links.
- You can still follow Cyndi's List on Facebook and Twitter.
- The purpose and intent of Cyndi's List is to be a free jumping-off point for your daily genealogical research.
- Cyndi's List remains free for everyone to use just as it has for the past 15 years.
- This is still just a one-woman show!

"I started doing genealogy research in earnest back in 1998 and Cyndi's List has always been one of my very favorite websites. It is on my 'Go To' list because I always find so much good information there." --Kay F.

"I've relied on your website as THE best resource on the 'net to help with my research..." --Jan J.

"Where can you get at all things genealogical in one fell swoop? Everyone knows it's CyndisList.com. Every genealogist who uses the web MUST use Cyndi's List." --Polly K.

About CyndisList.com

CyndisList.com is the world's largest one-woman family history resource, with more than 300,000 categorized links for genealogical research. For more than 15 years Cyndi's List has helped hundreds of thousands of people with their online journey to trace their family history. The site averages 275,000 unique visitors and 5,000,000 page hits every month. Cyndi's List has won numerous awards and consistently remains one of the top genealogical portals for beginners, intermediate, and veteran researchers.

About fusionSpan

fusionSpan is a start-up consulting firm focused on serving the comprehensive needs of non-profit associations and commercial organizations in the full range of the business cycle. With a core staff of highly experienced professionals from non-profit associations and a team approach to most consulting projects, fusionSpan will be able to offer a more balanced quality service and sustainable solution than many of its competitors. Our expertise covers the entire range of the web site and application development process: Strategy, Design, Development, Hosting, and Maintenance. For more information, visit www.fusionSpan.com

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the April-June 2011, Volume 37, Number 2 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Using OCR to Search City Directories by Address"

By Jessica Albert, MLIS

"Proving or Disproving Family Legends"

By Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, CG

"Military Service in the "War to End All Wars""

By John P. Deeben

"Old Envelopes and Postcards Reveal Incorrect Veteran Statuses in the 1930 U.S. Census"

By James R. Miller

"Reading History"

By Regina Heffelfinger

"Evidence: Will You Answer When Genealogical Opportunity Knocks?"

By Harold Henderson

"Why Was Joseph Gosling Buried in Ann Arbor?"

By Carol Cooke Darrow, CG

"Thinking in Soundex"

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

"Who IS That Witness?"

By Robert Erland

"Unraveling a Family Mystery One Archival Clue At A Time"

By Wanda T. Williams

"Case Study: The Library of Congress"

By Kim V. Garvey, MILS

"Using Metadata"

By Jordan Jones

"Pivotal Moments in U.S. and Personal Family History"

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Using OCR to Search City Directories by Address". The author of this article is Jessica Albert, MLIS.

City Directories are a great source to obtain information on our ancestors over a period of time, especially the time interval between the U.S. Census. What a wonderful source of information that was created annually by cities! We can see movement of the ancestors to different locations within a city during these years that we do not see from a U.S. Census decennial "snapshot". We also might detect the death of an individual as evidenced when we see a directory notation for an individual of "widow" or "widower". If we had not seen that noted in previous directory entries, it gives us a clue to begin checking death information.

But the author notes we should consider using City Directories that are online from Footnote.com as a tool to uncover our ancestors when they have common names or common surnames that could be identified in a number of varied spellings. Why the directories from Footnote.com? Because they have been created through the Optical Character Reading (OCR) process in which there is no one transcribing the data but rather software creating the index items of information. This is by no means a foolproof method because the process is only as good as the original source document condition and the software itself. You can often encounter many "false" leads such as the name appearing as KIERNAN in the document but being OCR'd and indexed as KIERNA, omitting the last "n" and giving me the idea I have discovered an ancestor when I have not.

The author notes the OCR process also picks up the other items in the directory that are there but are often overlooked to use for searching. We almost exclusively use the surname of interest only to search these directories. But again for common surnames that may have a multitude of ways to be noted, this can present a problem in searching.

The author suggests that we consider using a search on the address of an ancestor's location if we have it but for some reason cannot find them by their surname. Perhaps they did not move and we will have some luck using the address to search. City directories in Footnote.com can be searched in this manner because this material has been captured via OCR. The author uses an example looking for the surname SNYDER that could also appear as SCHNEIDER. In a large city directory, you could find pages and pages of common surnames making your search normally a lot harder to find your SNYDER.

In order to make use of this process, you will at least have to have an address for an individual either from a birth record, a death record, a census record etc. In Footnote.com, select the directory of interest. Click on "Browse" on the main page. Choose "Newspapers and City Directories". Then select the sub-category "City Directories" or "Misc City Directories". Select the city and year of interest. Above the images is a tab with a small magnifying glass next to the words "Search Within". Select this tab and a search box becomes available. Type in the address within quotes and hit enter to start the search such as "345 Park". You will get a list of results. At this time for items found in a page, the search box only takes numbers and letters. Remove the quotation marks and then hit the "Find" button.

Sometimes it helps you to simply browse through entries in the directories so you can see how they were structured. Each city directory process put in certain kinds of "shortcuts" so that space could be saved and the most information could be entered in at the time. The author provides these tips to help you with your search:

- Put the letter "h" (for home) directly in front of the building number e.g. "h415 Catharine". But look at general listings in the particular directory to see if this is how it was done in the directory year.
- If the street is numeric, add the suffix e.g. "385 10th"
- Include compass direction labels e.g. "55 W114th"
- Adjust the spacing if needed between the number, street and prefixes in your searches to account for the directory publisher trying to get the most space utilization in the print copy.

Hopefully, this will work for you to discover un-discovered ancestors when you could not find them by name but did know their address.

Our library has Footnote.com for users to use in the library itself. Schaumburg registered users who had their library card issued to them by the library can access Footnote.com from home by entering in their library card number to gain access.

See if Footnote.com has directories online that can help you for your ancestral research, especially if they are for big cities in which your ancestor lived where using a street number OCR search can help you find that elusive ancestor.

I recommend taking a full look at the entire article in this most recent issue of NGS Magazine. This article may be a good one to make a personal copy to save for future use when trying this technique.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Thinking in Soundex". The author of this article is Claire Prechtel-Kluskens.

In today's access to online material, many researchers simply enter a name into an online U.S. Census database and lo and behold accurate results pop up. Their searching is complete and successful. If only every search would be that successful. What about when you enter a surname and do not get any good results? Then what? It all comes down to spelling and how the data was entered into the database index.

But when searching census data, the researcher should become familiar with what Soundex is and what it tried to accomplish as it applied to the 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 censuses. Soundex is a phonetically based indexing system developed and patented by Robert Russell. In 1936 the Bureau of the Census chose the Soundex system as the means of organizing its new Works Progress Administration (WPA) created card index for the 1900 Census.

Soundex is based on phonics: similar sounding consonants are coded the same way so that similar sounding surnames get the same Soundex code. The author points out that while we may get good results from surname searching, knowing about the Soundex methodology can give us some creative search strategies that incorporate the use of phonics on names we are searching and having no luck in finding.

Our Illinois driver's license is based on then Soundex coding system. It all starts with the first letter of the surname. With KIERNA, you get a Soundex code of K650. The first letter of the Soundex code is the first letter of your last name. But a key point made by the author is to know how like sounding consonants are grouped together because if you have the first letter of the last name wrong, you may not find it. The author uses the example surname CLANCY. If you cannot find the name as it is, consider using alternate

starting letters of G, J, K, Q, S, X, Z. So in this case consider KLANCY or GLANCY as a substitute search, because again the names in Soundex are done phonetically.

The article provides many other examples on alternatives we should consider if we can't find our ancestor's using a straight up surname search. The author suggest the following categories of possible errors for us to consider and substitute different search terms all based on knowing the Soundex to a greater depth. Categories mentioned are:

- Initial consonant dropping. Using CLANCY, maybe the initial consonant was dropped, so considering using LANCY as a search term.
- Middle consonant substitution. CLANCY and CLAMCY give the same Soundex code. POTTER and PORTER give different Soundex codes.
- Middle consonant dropping. WESTURN and WESTON give different Soundex codes. STEVENSON and STEVESON give different Soundex codes.
- End consonant substitution. CHERNOW and CHERNOV give different Soundex codes.
- End consonant dropping. MILLARD and MILLER give different Soundex codes. SIMMS and SIMM, PARKER and PARK, also give different Soundex codes.
- End consonant addition. Reverse of the above. MILLER recorded as MILLARD, SIMMS recorded as SIMM give different Soundex codes.
- Syllable dropping. CARTER for MCCARTER, and vice versa MCCARTER for CARTER

The examples provided by the author are meant to put the creative search idea in your own mind when you cannot find your ancestors where you believe they are in the U.S. Census. This is one of those articles that is worth making a personal copy for reference. Not only are the ideas great but the author includes a nice Soundex Coding Guide for the reader to really learn about the process of Soundexing. Knowing about this and how names interacted with this system can make the researcher more creative when doing surname searches when matched results are not found immediately.

Expand your search skills. Know more about Soundex and you may find more of your "missing" ancestors in the Census.

This is another good issue of [NGS Magazine](#). Give it a good look, especially if you want to take a look at the full articles I summarized or if any of the other articles in this issue are of interest to you.

You can find this most recent issue of [NGS Magazine](#) on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Remember, you can now also check out "older" issues of this journal to take home.

Internet Genealogy

We have received the June/July 2011, Volume 6, Number 2 issue of [Internet Genealogy](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

"Google's Archives: News You Can Use!"

By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo shares five ways to find your family in this great genealogical resource.

"Family History Centers: Visited One Lately?"

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard examines one of genealogy's best kept secrets!

"The New Look of Family Search"

By Leslie Albrecht Huber

Leslie Albrecht Huber examines what is new and exciting at this great online resource.

"Top Websites for Irish Research!"

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard goes online in search of the best Internet sites for tracing your Irish ancestor.

"Don't Just Sit There: Volunteer!"

By Sharon A. Wilson

According to Sharon A. Wilson, lending a helping hand is easier than you think!

"Civil Registration Records in Western Europe"

By Leslie Albrecht Huber

Leslie Albrecht Huber looks at online resources for Western European research.

"Write On! Writing Your Family History"

By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo shares five tips for producing a fabulous family history.

"Family Tree Maker for Mac: Research Ready!"

By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at a great genealogy tool for Mac users.

"Historic Pittsburgh Research Resources"

By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy examines a great online resource.

"How Safe Is Your Genealogy Data?"

By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo shares some valuable lessons learned about protecting your genealogical and personal info.

“Get Involved with the WikiTree!”

By Elyse Doerflinger

Elyse Doerflinger looks at a fantastic, collaborative online genealogy resource.

“Two Great Collections Available Online”

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard looks at two great online collections that are available.

Also included in this issue is a section titled “Net Notes”. In this section the publishers make note of some Internet worthy genealogy websites. Each one mentioned contained a fairly lengthy description of what the site is, why it is noteworthy and what unique characteristics of the site exist for the researcher to gain added information. Sites mentioned in this issue are:

Digitized Historical Nova Scotia Newspapers @
<http://gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/newspapers/default.asp>

The 1939 National Identity Card (UK) @
www.ic.nhs.uk/services/1939-register-service

Jewish Databases at Ancestry.com and Central Database of Holocaust Victims @
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1765>

Norwegian 1910 Census @
<http://da.digitalarkivet.no/ft/sok/1910>

Manuscripts Collections Relating to Slavery @
www.nyhistory.org/slaverycollections

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “The New Look of Family Search” by Leslie Albrecht Huber. The main point of this article is that if you have not recently visited the Family Search site at www.familysearch.org you will be in for a surprise when you next visit the site. Much has changed in the appearance of the site since you last visited it if that has been a while. This is a site that requires frequent visiting because of the constant changes that occur and the constant amount of additional material that is added. If you do frequently visit the site then the changes you see will not really be a surprise.

As the author explains, initial responses to the changes seen at the site were pretty high. But most of the complaints were from users of the site not being able to find the normal links and services in the same places they could be found at the old site. We are all resistant to change, so this early response was not unexpected. Once users familiarized themselves to where things were at the site, they became much more positive in their comments on the redesigned site. If you are still not happy with the redesign you see, Family Search still makes available a link to the “old” site. However, the researcher must understand that the material at the old site is just that. New additions of material are being

added to the newly redesigned site and not to the old site. Your best bet is to “bite the bullet” and become familiar with the new site since it offers so much more. The “old” site will not last forever. It will ultimately be discontinued. But for now, the old site is available.

There will be a truly “new” FamilySearch.org site that will be open to all. Currently the site at www.new.familysearch.org is only open to members of the LDS Church at this time. They are the ones that are the beta testers for the new site. So even when you see the newly redesigned site at www.familysearch.org, be aware that there is still a “new” site that will replace the newly redesigned site. Be flexible as this unfolds in the future. We will ultimately see that a new massive family tree exists at this site, combining together many of the standard FamilySearch databases. The tree will also contain “living” people that will only be visible to those directly related to the individual. Keep your eyes and ears open in the future for the accessibility to this truly “new” Family Search.org.

Visiting the current site at www.familysearch.org, the researcher will see changes to the site. The author notes you will see these changes:

- Establishment of a Research Wiki
- New Family History Library Catalog
- Additional models for searching original records.

In the original site the researcher could find tabs at the top of the page that would lead them to find Research Aids and Research Guidance. Through these links you could find Research Aids to help you on your search quest if you were researching ancestors in a given state like Illinois or Wisconsin or if you were interested in researching an ancestor from a foreign country like Germany or England or Poland. These aids would help you understand the basic ins and outs of the state or country of choice. You could get a small history lesson and an idea of the resources that exist for that particular location for you to tap into to begin finding your ancestors in that particular location. To find this material today you will need to simply click on the “Learn” link on the top of the main page you see. The learning material is contained in the new Wiki. You can register yourself and be a contributor to the Wiki itself. That is the function of the Wiki. Information does not just come from one source, but from many knowledgeable contributors.

The biggest change the researcher will see with the new catalog is that it is being expanded to provide much more information than just a microfilm number that existed in the old catalog. You may now begin to find links in the search results that will take you to other resources pertinent to the material contained as a result of your first search. The Family Search team even hopes to provide links with the catalog entries for a place name search that will be outside of information contained in the Family History Library itself. So one day you may be presented with all kinds of resource material for a particular place that you may not have even know existed. All this will come from a search of the Family History Library Catalog when looking for a particular place associated with your own ancestors.

The researcher now has the ability to search records held by the FHL that have been digitized and indexed with the assistance of thousands and thousands of volunteers. This is going to be the future of FamilySearch as researchers will gain more and more access to millions and billions of records online and for free through FamilySearch.org. Today you will this material in various states of accessibility. Some data is fully indexed and linked to the images of the records itself. You would see this if you viewed the material for Cook County, Illinois Birth Certificates. You can enter in surname of interest, search the material and if

any hits come up for the surname, you will be able to actually see the image of the birth certificate.

Some material you will only see that a name gives you a hit but there is no image linked yet to the surname. This is still very helpful because the fields of information that were captured are still listed. So you may see far more than just the surname of the person of interest.

Some material you will see only provides you with images of the records themselves but no indexing of names has yet taken place. These images are generally at a very low level of a geographic area such as a town. So if you know an ancestor is from that town or village, you will then be able to browse through the image material as if it were an online microfilm. You could still advance your research in this manner even when the surnames are still not indexed.

The author does a good job of describing all of the new changes you will encounter at the newly redesigned www.familysearch.org website. Read the entirety of the article and use it as a good guide to become familiar with the newly redesigned web site. Do not be left behind at what exists at this site. Learn about the new material that exists and how to find it. Visit the site frequently to see what new digitized records have been added since you last visited.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Google's Archives: News You Can Use". The author of the article is Lisa A. Alzo. The author wants to make us aware of suing Google for accessing historical news material online and using it in a way that will return more than birth, death and marriage information.

The author suggests we visit the Google News Archive at <http://news.google.com>. It is through this part of Google that the researcher can access online historical newspapers. The researcher can find a great deal of free information but should also know that there may be material that would require a fee in order to fully access the material. There is a "Frequently Asked Questions" part of the site that can be accessed at <http://news.google.com/archivesearch/partner.html>.

You can incorporate limiters into your search to see results that most match with your surname of interest. Some of the limiters are:

- Date Restricter to limit the time periods you want to limit the results
- Source Restricter to limit which publication(s) are chosen
- Price Restricter to limit your results to "free" or "paid" or all

The author points out that we should consider five different information categories to use to find our ancestors. The 5 mentioned are:

- **Records of major life events** – these can often be viewed as the "meat and potatoes" categories of our searches. They often include obituaries, marriage announcements and birth announcements. Our ancestors routinely reported such events in the newspapers of the time. Be aware that the naming conventions for names may present problems. You may encounter nicknames or just initials of the

individual making it a little harder to discover from the normal full first name use we supply. The author used a search example of "Alzo" and "Duquesne" to get results. She found her father reported on as a High School athlete in Pittsburgh with this search.

- **Financial and Occupational History** – maybe your ancestor ran a business. You might find an advertisement for the business. Maybe an ancestor was a laborer in the steel mills. Maybe you could find news reporting of some steel mill strikes pertinent to your ancestor. Maybe an ancestor filed for bankruptcy or a sheriff's sale or the purchase of property.
- **Historical Happenings** – what major events were occurring in the world that could have influenced the actions of your ancestor. World Wars, depressions, recessions. If you find such major events, maybe just consider just reading the paper online and place yourself in your ancestor's shoes. If you have a death date but do not have an obituary, browse through the obituaries at the time of death in case the name was not picked up during digitization. You may find an obituary that was never indexed.
- **Criminals, Scoundrels and Rogues** – yes, you may find some rather dicey news of an ancestor's run in with the law. Maybe it may be a minor offense, maybe a major offense such as being charged with a murder. There were a lot of details provided in newspaper back then that would never be included with today's reporting. Look for jail lists, confessions, coroner's reports, witness lists. Be prepared to discover the not so good side of family history.
- **Community Events** – now is the time to be watchful for friends of your ancestors, relatives, neighbors, immigrant groups, fraternal groups, or the like that may have had a connection to your ancestor. Cast a wider net than just your ancestor and you may find some interesting and unexpected results that may connect you to an ancestor.

The author wants to make us aware of this great resource at the tip of our fingers. Don't overlook this valuable resource to help you go back into time when news reporting was a much broader method that incorporated so many more of life's events than is reported today. Don't overlook the possibility of discovering that Aunt Mary visited her brother in his home town and came all the way from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to do so. Or don't miss out on the wedding announcement of your grandmother that incorporated a mini biography of both her and your future grandfather. You never know what you will find but it can be very detailed.

This was a very good issue of [Internet Genealogy](#). I thought that each article was very good and could be very helpful to your own individual research needs.

You can find this most recent issue of Internet Genealogy on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. You can also now check out to take home older issues of this great genealogy journal from our library. Ask at our Information Desk on the 2nd floor for details about being able to check out this material.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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**Magic Wand Handheld Scanner for \$49.99 (June 6, 2011)**



I have written before about the handheld VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand scanner. It is a great tool for use in libraries and archives for scanning

documents and even pictures up to 8.5-inches wide (A4 size) and any length. I wouldn't use it on any fragile and delicate documents, however, as the rollers built into the scanner do exert pressure on the item being scanned.

I paid \$99.95 for my handheld Magic Wand scanner a bit more than a year ago and I have used it a lot since then. I scan not only things of genealogical interest, but also most of the bills I receive in the mail, owners manuals (after checking the manufacturer's web site to see if the manual is already available as a PDF file), and much more. It is portable and easily slips into a backpack, briefcase, or even the smallest suitcase.

Now I see that the same units are on sale on eBay, listed as "manufacturer refurbished," for half that price: \$49.99. That price even includes free shipping. Customers located in New York will pay 8.675% tax but the item will be tax-free in all other states. At this price, it only ships to U.S. addresses.

The "manufacturer refurbished" units include a 14-day return policy but any warranty beyond that costs extra. In addition to the scanner, you will also need to obtain a microSD memory card for storage. The memory cards cost from \$10 up to \$40 or more, depending upon the storage capacity.

The handheld VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand scanner scans either 600-by-600 pixels or 300-by-300 pixels. It scans in color and will scan photographs as well as papers and it also does a great job on bound books. For best results, scan bound books from left to right or from right to left. That is, from the bound edge going outward to the unbound edge.

I find the Magic Wand scanner works best for documents and black-and-white photos. It is OK for "quick scans" of color photographs when no other method is available. However, for a valuable color photo where I want perfect color reproduction, I prefer to not use this low-cost handheld scanner. Instead, I try to use a full-featured desktop flatbed scanner that is designed for the job or a portable [Flip-Pal scanner](#), if I have one available at the moment.

I don't know how long the sale will last although I suspect it won't be available for long. You can learn more at <http://goo.gl/BZfOJ>.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on June 06, 2011 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **GenDetective™ Now Available for Download (June 9, 2011)**

I mentioned GenDetective briefly in an earlier article at <http://goo.gl/XD5iV> when the program was first introduced. Now the program is available for downloading. The following announcement was written by RumbleSoft:



RumbleSoft™ Incorporated has made GenDetective™ available for download

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

Plumsteadville, Pennsylvania (June 8, 2011) – RumbleSoft™ Incorporated, supplier of innovative solutions for genealogists now has GenDetective™ available for download either as a ten day free trial or for purchase at [www.rumblesoftinc.com](http://www.rumblesoftinc.com). RumbleSoft™ will be demonstrating GenDetective™ at the Southern California Jamboree in Burbank, California June 10th through June 12th.

GenDetective™ is a revolutionary new trip planning and reporting tool for individuals doing genealogical research. GenDetective™ is designed and created to be easy to use and offer insight where additional research could be performed, and presents this insight in a portable manner to aid the user while researching. For more information visit the RumbleSoft™ Incorporated website at [www.rumblesoftinc.com](http://www.rumblesoftinc.com).

**Posted by Dick Eastman on June 09, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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## **FUNNY BONE**

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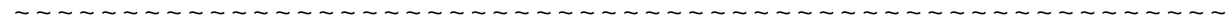
The following pictures were sent to me within an e-mail from Stan Schmidt who often attends our programs. I thought the pictures of the tombstones are very ironic as they apply to our own guaranteed mortality.

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 or the story on the tombstone!





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 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.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Jul 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 **"Hello PERSI "**  
Presented by Carol Bartlett

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

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.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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Aug 20  
SAT  
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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 **"World War I Draft Card – Don't Do Research Without It"**

Presented by Tim Pinnick

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

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\*Aug 27  
SAT  
2011

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, August 27, 2011.  
**"Who Sank Grandpa's Boat?"**.

Presented by Daniel Niemiec

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.

Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM

Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM

Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Sep 10  
SAT  
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 **"Second Saturday Workshop Series – Creative Memories"**

Presented by Kate Thommes

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

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Sep 13  
TUE  
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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.

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Sep 17  
SAT  
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 **"The Musical Chicago: And All That Genealogical"**

### **Jazz"**

Presented by Mike Karsen

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- \*Oct 1  
SAT  
2011 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, October 1, 2011.  
**"To Be Determined"**.  
Presented by To Be Determined  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- Oct 8  
SAT  
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 **"Second Saturday Workshop Series – Getting the Most Out of A Newberry Library Road Trip"**  
Presented by Elaine Beaudoin  
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- Oct 15  
SAT  
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 **"Google Earth"**  
Presented by Ralph Beaudoin  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Oct 28  
SAT  
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 **"First Ever CAGNI Road Trip – The Newberry Library – 9 AM to 4 PM"**  
Contact Elaine Beaudoin for Further Information  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
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- \*Nov 5 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, November 5, 2011.

- SAT  
2011
- "To Be Determined".**  
Presented by To Be Determined  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- 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.  
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- Nov 19  
SAT  
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 **"Civil War Surgeon"**  
Presented by To Be Determined  
**PLEASE NOTE. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY.**  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Dec 13  
TUE  
2011
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
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- Jan 7  
SAT  
2012
- 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 **"Second Saturday Workshop Series – Slideshows and Movies"**  
Presented by Michelle Wilson  
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P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- \*Jan 7  
SAT  
2012
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, January 7, 2012.  
**"To Be Determined".**  
Presented by To Be Determined  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
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847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
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Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
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Jan 10  
TUE  
2012

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**"Social Networking for Genealogists: Family Trees, FaceBook, Blogs and More"**

Presented by Caron Brennan.  
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\*Feb 4  
SAT  
2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, February 4, 2012.  
**"To Be Determined"**.

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\*Feb 14  
TUE  
2012

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**"Using Railroad Records in Your Family History Research"**

Presented by Craig Pfannkuche.  
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\*Mar 3  
SAT  
2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 3, 2012.  
**"To Be Determined"**.

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Mar 10  
SAT  
2012

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 **"Second Saturday Workshop Series – Technology Basics for Genealogists"**

Presented by Skip Bieber  
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Mar 13  
TUE  
2012

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\*Apr 7  
SAT  
2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, April 7, 2012.

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Apr 10  
TUE  
2012

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PM.

**"Understanding the English Census"**

Presented by Paul Milner.

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\*May 5  
SAT  
2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 5, 2012.

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\*May 8  
TUE  
2012

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PM.

**"Military Service Records"**

Presented by Kathryn Barrett.

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Jun 12  
TUE  
2012

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Jul 10  
TUE  
2012

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PM.

**"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"**

Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.

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\*Aug 14  
TUE  
2012

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**"Liven Up Your Family History with Images"**

Presented by Mike Karsen.

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Sep 11  
TUE  
2012

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\*Oct 9  
TUE  
2012

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**"Organizing and Writing My Family History"**

Presented by Steve Szabados.

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Nov 13  
TUE  
2012

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**"Program to Be Determined"**

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Dec 11  
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