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PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

akierna@stdl.org

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

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

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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FEBRUARY 14, 2012 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our topic for our next program on February 14, 2012 will be **“Using Railroad Records in Your Family History Research”**. Our speaker for the evening will be Craig Pfannkuche.

Railroad Records can be a great source of information on your ancestors. Railroads were considered the largest employers of the times in the 1850s to 1900s. There is an entire stand alone organization for the Railroad Retirement Board that may have a great deal of information on your ancestors that may have worked for and retired from the railroads.

Craig Pfannkuche is President of Memory Trail Research, Inc. since 1993, and is the Genealogical Archivist for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Historical Society since 1984. He is on the Board of Directors of the McHenry County, Illinois Genealogical Society & the Chicago Genealogical Society. He has presented numerous workshops in history, historical & genealogical research & archaeological techniques at both the local and national level.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

to view a Calendar of Events section of the library web page for this program and for many more non-genealogical programs offered by our library.

You can also visit the Genealogy Blog of the library that is authored by Tony Kierna. Visit the blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com> for all things related to genealogy and the genealogy programs at the Schaumburg Township District Library.

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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 158 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 1,171 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter December 1, 2011, December 2, 2011, December 13, 2011, December 16, 2011, December 16, 2011, December 18, 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>.

British Newspaper Archive is Now Online (December 1, 2011)



I have written before about plans by the British Newspaper Archive to digitize 40 million news pages from its vast 750 million page collection of old newspapers. You can read one of my earlier articles about the plans at <http://goo.gl/LpQYW>

Now the collection is online at <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

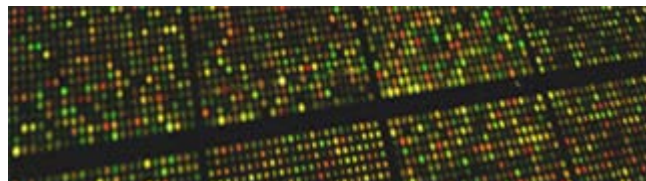
To be sure, not all 750 million pages are online just yet. However, thousands of pages are being added daily. If you do not find what you want today, you might return in a few months to search again. The British Newspaper Archive is a partnership between the British Library and brightsolid online publishing to digitise up to 40 million newspaper pages from the British Library's vast collection over the next 10 years.

You can search millions of articles by keyword, name, location, date or title. Best of all, the collection is available free of charge to search the indexes. However, obtaining detailed information about an individual record typically costs money.

My thanks to Roger Parker for telling me about the latest news.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 01, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

openSNP (December 2, 2011)



A new, free web site can help you match the numbers of your DNA testing results. openSNP allows customers of direct-to-customer genetic tests to publish their test results, find others with similar genetic variations, learn more about their results, find the latest primary literature on their variations and help scientists to find new associations.

The web site states:

Upload the genotyping raw-data you got from 23andMe or deCODEme to the database of openSNP to make it available for everybody. The data will be openly available for the world to see and download. openSNP also will parse these SNPs and annotate them.

You may share as many phenotypes, characteristics and traits with other openSNP users and find others with similar characteristics. You might be able to help scientists discover new genetic associations. At this time, the web site only works with results from 23andMe or deCODEme although the site owners have promised to attempt to add others.

Be aware that openSNP is completely open: Everyone can see everything you enter or upload (except your private messages and your password, of course). You can find more information about the risks of publishing the data by reading the disclaimer at <http://opensnp.org/disclaimer>.

openSNP is a non-profit, open-source project that is about sharing genetic and phenotypic information. The site was developed by four college students. Three of them are studying for masters degrees in life sciences while the fourth is studying computer sciences. The four of them state, "openSNP serious, so everything is free of charge."

openSNP is available at <http://opensnp.org/>.

My thanks to Chris Pomery for telling me about this new service.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 02, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Genealogists are Losing Access to SSDI, Mostly Due to Misinformation (December 13, 2011)



In the past two years, I have been writing about the misplaced threats to one of genealogists' major resources of information: the Social Security Death Index, or SSDI. For background information, see my earlier articles: *Commentary About Social Security Numbers in the SSDI* at <http://goo.gl/AmRmW>, *Another Bogus Report Concerning one Cause of Identity Theft* at <http://goo.gl/RdHQI>, and *The Easy*

Way to Commit Identity Theft at <http://goo.gl/xEvK7>.

This valuable resource performs several functions. For genealogists, it provides birth information about ancestors who died in the last third of the twentieth century or even in the twenty-first. For credit card companies, banks, credit reporting agencies, loan companies, and others, the listing of Social Security Numbers in the monthly updates provides valuable information that prevents identity theft. By publishing those numbers widely, the Social Security Administrations is saying, "Don't give credit to anyone using one of these Social Security Numbers as it is attempted fraud!"

Now, mis-guided politicians, urged on by news media who obviously don't understand the fraud prevention benefits of the SSDI, are attempting to block publishing and distribution of this valuable data. These people believe that blocking publication will reduce identity theft. However, a simple consideration of the facts will show the opposite to be true.

For proof: Ancestry.com has already removed the Social Security Death Index from its free RootsWeb web site. Going to <http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ssdi.html> now displays a message of "*Due to sensitivities around the information in this database, the Social Security Death Index collection is not available on our free Rootsweb service but is accessible to search on Ancestry.com.*"

Sensitivities? Whose sensitivities? Those of dead people? or those of identity thieves who would like to block law enforcement officials from being able to identify fraud?

Megan Smolenyak has published a must-read article, *Are We Going to Lose the Social Security Death Index (SSDI)?*, at <http://megansmolenyak.posterous.com/are-we-going-to-lose-the-social-security-deat>. As Megan wrote, "...the very reason this database is made public is so that everyone – corporations, government agencies, and even small business owners like myself – can protect themselves against fraud."

I wish every politician and every newspaper reporter would read these articles. Publishing Social Security Numbers every month PREVENTS identity theft, not causes it! The SSDI is a valuable resource that says, "Don't give credit to people using these numbers." And now some people want to block publishing of this information?

Give me a break!

Please pass the word.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 13, 2011 in [Current Affairs](#), [Legal affairs](#), [Opinion](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)

eogn.com is the 13th Most Popular Genealogy Web Site in the World (Dick Eastman's Online Blog) (December 16, 2011)

I was pleased to read John Reid's latest article comparing the most popular genealogy web sites, based on data from Alexa. John's list shows the site you are reading right now, eogn.com, is the 13th most popular genealogy-related site in the world.

In fact, it was #1 of all the sites that have no online genealogy records, no software to download, and no DNA tests to perform. Not bad for a news and reviews site! I'm proud

of that.

Details of all the most popular genealogy sites worldwide are available on John Reid's blog at <http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2011/12/genealogy-site-rankings.html> John's blog also made a very respectable showing at #24 on the list and for good reasons: it's a good one.

My thanks to John Reid for compiling the list and especially to you, the readers, for stopping by and reading the articles so often.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 16, 2011 in [This Newsletter](#) | [Permalink](#)

Elizabeth Shown Mills' New Website (December 16, 2011)



Elizabeth Shown Mills is one of the most respected genealogy authors, teachers, and lecturers of today. Now she has created a new web site that links to many of the articles she has written over the years. This should provide a treasure chest of high-quality "how to" information.

Quoting from the site:

For a lifetime, I have pursued those whom history has forgotten. Many have teased me through trails of burned-out courthouses and decades in which no census takers found their cabins. Most have challenged me to separate their identities from hordes of other same-name people. Many have rewarded me. Some of their stories I have told already—as tales, as essays in scholarly journals, or in books of various ilk. At this site, as time allows, I hope to share their stories with those of you who might care to follow them down the pathways these men and women quietly blazed through our nation's past.

Elizabeth is the author, editor, and translator of 13 books and over 500 articles in the fields of genealogy, history, literature, and sociology. She has delivered over 1,000 lectures internationally, has appeared on radio and TV talk shows on three continents, and was featured on BBC's 20th and 30th anniversary specials on the novel *Roots*.

I'd suggest you look at Elizabeth's new web site at <http://historicpathways.com/> and follow the links to her articles. You'll be glad you did.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 16, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Illiana Cemetery Website to Contain 400,000 Tombstone Photos (December 18, 2011)

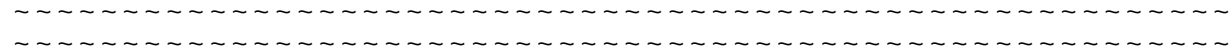


Michael Coan has created a valuable resource for many genealogists researching ancestry in Illinois or Indiana. He has placed many tombstone photographs online from Vermilion and Champaign counties in Illinois, as well as from other cemeteries in Edgar County, Illinois; Iroquois County, Illinois; Douglas County, Illinois; Ford County, Illinois; Vermillion County, Indiana; and Warren County, Indiana.

A few of the pictures are wide-area shots, showing dozens of tombstones. These give a perspective of the cemetery. The majority of pictures, however, are of individual tombstones. Michael writes on the site: "I have around 400,000 pictures to put up on this site. AGAIN, not all of these are up on this site YET..."

You can read more about this valuable resource in an article by Joan Griffis in the Commercial-News web site at <http://goo.gl/OJL9J> while the Illiana Cemetery Website is available at <http://www.vermilioncounty.info>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on December 18, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)



[LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS](#)

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THIS SOCIETY. THEY ARE CHANGING THE MEETING DAY, MEETING TIME AND MEETING LOCATION FOR PROGRAMS FOR THIS SOCIETY EFFECTIVE WITH THE AUGUST 2011 PROGRAM. THIS SOCIETY WILL NO LONGER BE MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY EVENING OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-MAY AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. INSTEAD, THE SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 1801 WEST CENTRAL ROAD IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. THERE IS A 30 MINUTE ROUND-TABLE HELP SESSION THAT STARTS AT 9:30 AM PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, February 4, 2012. The program for the morning is titled **"Investigating Resources At ChicgaoAncestors.org"**. The speaker for the morning will be Sandra Trapp.

This web site probably will not tell you the maiden name of your elusive 4th great-grandmother, but it may provide you with “meat for the bones” of your Chicago and Cook County ancestors. We will be looking at the links that are unique to the web site and the Newberry Library along with exploring some other resources associated with Chicagoland and Illinois that this site has to offer.

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 meetings that are scheduled for September 2011 through May 2012. The September 2011 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2011 through May 2012 programs are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the new times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 9 PM when the library closes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 18, 2012. The program scheduled for that evening is **“Visualizing Your Genealogical Data: Excel, OneNote, Maps, Blogs”**. The speaker for the program will be Jennifer Holik.

Most genealogists use some version of family tree software to record and organize their data. Does that software always show the data in ways that help answer all the questions, fill in data gaps, and move research forward? Research examples will be shown from Excel and OneNote to visualize data to fill in research gaps, answer questions, and organize your data. Mapping tools will be explored as a resource to visually document

families. Finally, blogging will be discussed as an option to answer questions, share data and move your research forward.

Jennifer Holik is a professional genealogical researcher, house historian, lecturer, and author. Jennifer authors several blogs including, Chicago Family History, Genealogy for Kids and Family History Research. Her book To Soar with Tigers about Flying Tiger, Robert R. Brouk, was published in early 2011. Her website is www.generationsbiz.com.

Jennifer, by the way, was the professional genealogist that actually attended our October 11, 2011. She came to get an idea of how our monthly genealogy programs are done. She was very happy with what she saw and went out of her way to do some blogging about her wonderful experience at our program. Her kind words of her experience were wonderful! Now is your chance to actually see Jennifer in an active role as a speaker presenting her program.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgcs.org

The society also has a blog that you can visit to find out about "this and that" related to the society as well as find genealogical tips. You can visit the DuPage County Genealogical Society blog at:

<http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

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

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 21, 2012 at (To Be Announced) at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**Digital Scrapbooking: Presenting Your Family History**". The speaker for the program will be Kate Thommes.

Kate will explain how to preserve and digitize your photos and documents, and put it all together in a beautiful, professional, presentation book your family can enjoy for generations.

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>1911 UK Census Online Version Adds Millions More Searchable Records (December 8, 2011)</b> |
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Ancestry.co.uk has finished adding the second part of the 1911 Census transcriptions. Records covering London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and 17 other counties are now fully searchable.

Unlike any previous censuses, this one provides you with the actual forms your ancestors filled in, complete with their handwriting and signatures.

Here's a full list of the areas that are now searchable:

- Channel Islands
- Cheshire
- Cornwall
- Cumberland
- Derbyshire
- Devon
- Durham

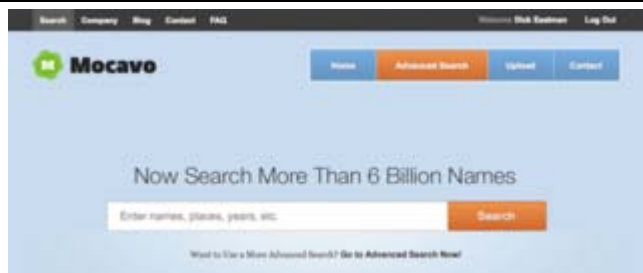
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London  
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Northumberland  
Nottinghamshire  
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Westmorland  
Worcestershire  
Yorkshire – East Riding  
Yorkshire – North Riding  
Yorkshire – West Riding

All the scanned records are now available online with more than half of them now searchable. Ancestry.co.uk is still working on the remaining transcriptions with an expected completion date in 2012.

You can search the 1911 U.K. Census now at <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/group/1911uki>. You can search the index free of charge but a Premium membership is required to view the actual census forms. A 14 day free trial is available with details to be found at <http://search.ancestry.co.uk>

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

### Mocavo Plus - The Next Generation of Genealogy Search Engine (December 14, 2011)



Mocavo is a search engine for genealogists.

Over the past few months, I have used it a number of times and have always been impressed with the information found. Unlike other search engines, Mocavo limits its searches to approximately one million genealogy-related web sites and has "extra logic" that is good at finding surnames and locations embedded in free-form text, along with a number of other enhancements. You can read my earlier articles about Mocavo at <http://goo.gl/XnVxN>, <http://goo.gl/Qli6Y>, <http://goo.gl/VQY4E>, and at <http://goo.gl/dTczp>.

The software developers at Mocavo headquarters haven't been resting on their laurels since I wrote those articles. The company today is announcing a major new release of the product, and many of the changes strike me as major improvements. I don't know if

the software developers at Mocavo qualify as elves or not, but they certainly have delivered a nice Christmas present for genealogists.

I have spent the past two days using the beta test version of the changes and have been even more impressed and am very excited about the new additions. Most of the new features are not found in any other search engine, and they are designed to enhance genealogical searches with unequalled intelligent capabilities. Will these improvements help find your ancestors? Nothing is ever guaranteed, but the odds certainly are improved with the new release.

I have spent years researching my family tree and especially in searching online for information. I have used Mocavo, Google, and most every other available search engine to find my family tree online. I thought I had exhausted the possibilities, except for an occasional new bit of information that appears online from time to time. Yet, in the past few days, I have found lots of detailed information about my ancestors, information previously unknown to me. After this week's online discoveries, I'll be verifying this information for weeks to come.



In fact, this week Mocavo even found pictures I had not seen before of one of my seventeenth-century ancestors' homes. The old homestead in France still stands, and someone placed several modern pictures of it on a web site I had never heard of before. Mocavo found the pictures easily. Perhaps other search engines would have found it if I had structured the proper search query. The thing that impresses me is that Mocavo easily found the pictures when, in fact, I didn't even know that the pictures existed. Mocavo did so without any fancy search syntax on my part. In effect, it said "show me everything you can find about this person" and it found the pictures, along with a lot of textual information. Best of all, Mocavo did all this automatically by first looking at a GEDCOM file of my ancestors, and then searching for information about each individual, one at a time.

For the first time, Mocavo is adding paid search options. Up until now, the search engine has been 100% free. Of course, the company sooner or later needs to start paying the bills for having a data center with more than 100 terabytes of disk storage and other hardware, plus some very high speed Internet connections, as well as paying the salaries of its software developers. There are no changes to anything at Mocavo that has previously been available: all of the things that have been available free of charge on Mocavo in the past remain free. The only charged services are some of the new features.

**New Features Found in Both the Free Version of Mocavo and in the (Paid) Mocavo**

## **Plus**

Many other search engines only work interactively. That is, a person types on the keyboard and the results are displayed on the screen within seconds. However, Mocavo has several new extended features that depend on background searches over a period of hours or even days.

Upload your family tree and Mocavo will search for you. The new Mocavo release includes the capability for users to upload a GEDCOM file. Over the following days, Mocavo will search for information on more than one million genealogy sites on the World Wide Web about every person in your file and will send the potential matches to you by email.

Free users and users of the paid Mocavo Plus service can both upload GEDCOM files to Mocavo. Users of the Free Mocavo Search will receive an email message once a week with information about three of the names in the GEDCOM file. Each week, a different three will be reported.

Mocavo Plus users will receive reports about **ALL** of the people in their GEDCOM files within 24 hours or so. In addition, Mocavo Plus users may choose to receive an email message once a day or once a week, each containing information about any newly-found information about the people listed in the GEDCOM file.

Both the free and paid background searches will search again and again forever, or for as long as the user wishes, looking for new information that has recently appeared on the web concerning the individuals listed in the GEDCOM file.

## **Publish Your Family Tree on the Web**

Many people wish to publish their genealogy information online, making it easier for distant cousins to find them and to then share genealogy information. If you do not already have a web site available to you, Mocavo invites you and everyone else to upload a GEDCOM file to Mocavo. Adding your GEDCOM file will enable background searches as described previously. In addition, each user has the option of making the GEDCOM file's information available online for everyone to see. If the user chooses this option, the information in the file becomes visible not only to Mocavo, but to all the other search engines as well. The other search engines should be adding your information to their indexes. Should the user choose to not make the file public, all information remains private and only visible to the uploader.

**NOTE:** Mocavo has a very strong ownership and privacy policy. In short, the person who uploads information to Mocavo remains as the sole owner of the information and has full control of the information at all times. All data is owned by the originator, not by Mocavo. No information is made public without the owner's permission. The owner may also update (replace) the information or even remove it completely from Mocavo at any time with no questions asked. The person who uploads the file doesn't need to seek assistance or permission from anyone else; he or she can add or remove information at any time.

## **Features Found only in Mocavo Plus:**

### **Advanced Search**

The previous search capabilities on Mocavo have now been renamed "Simple Search." Those search capabilities are now supplemented by a new Advanced Search that is

tailored for genealogists. Advanced Search is only available in Mocavo Plus.

Some of the features in Advanced Search can be found in other search engines, such as wild card searches and proximity searches (find two words that are NEAR each other, but not necessarily adjacent to each other. The degree of separation can be specified, such as "within five words.")

Wild card searches are great when spellings vary or when family names varied over a few generations. You specify a wild card search with an asterisk. For instance, a search for "Rosen\*" will find occurrences of the name Rosen as well as Rosenfeld, Rosenfelder, Rosenfelt, Rosenfeldt, Rosenfield, and more.

Advanced Search also has capabilities not found in other search engines, including these:

#### **Data extraction from free-form data:**

Unlike other search engines, Mocavo does a very good job of extracting data fields from unstructured data. In a statement in a web site of "Bridgett Murphy, b. in Ireland, d. 25 May 1871 in Minneapolis, Minnesota," Mocavo will determine that Bridgett is a first name, Murphy is a surname, "b. in Ireland" is a birth record listing the country of birth, and "d. 25 May 1871 in Minneapolis, Minnesota" is a death record with the exact date, city, and state of death. Most other search engines do not decode the "b." as an abbreviation for "born" or the "d." as an abbreviation for "died." Mocavo makes those determinations every time. Even better, and not so obvious, Mocavo also figures out the county of death (which was not mentioned) and optionally will even search nearby towns in that county for records of the same person.

Advanced Search will even search by dates, something not possible with other search engines that index free-form text. Mocavo is also very good at decoding dates. It will decode 25 September 1871; September 25, 1871; 25 Sep 1871; Sep. 25, 1871; 9/25/1871; and other formats properly. Searches can be for exact dates or for the date plus or minus up to ten years.

#### **First name equivalents:**

Mocavo's Advanced Search will include alternate names when searching for individuals. For instance, you might specify a search for Elizabeth Jones. Mocavo is smart enough to simultaneously search for Eliza Jones, Liza Jones, Lizzie Jones, Liz Jones, and similar variants. Any results for Elizabeth Jones (the exact name you specified) will be shown first, followed by the other possibilities.

#### **Differentiates first and last names:**

Unlike other search engines, Mocavo often can tell that Elizabeth or Liza or Eliza or whatever name is found is a first name while Jones is a last name. This doesn't work 100% of the time, depending upon the context in which those names appeared in the original web page, but it does work a high percentage of the time. In fact, most other search engines never define any names, much less first or last names. In a normal sentence, such as "John Smith married Eliza Jones on 22 March 1876 in Hackensack, New Jersey," Mocavo finds those names with ease.

Even better, Mocavo even figures out that the marriage took place in Bergen County, despite the fact that the county name was not mentioned in the original web page. Mocavo can then optionally search nearby towns in the same county for matching records.

### **Availability**

All the new features I have described are available **now** at <http://www.mocavo.com>

The free features previously found in Mocavo remain available to everyone free of charge. The new features found in Mocavo Plus are available for an introductory price of \$79.95 a year if you pay for the year in advance. A monthly plan is available for \$14.95 a month. Again, these are introductory prices. I suspect those prices will increase in a few weeks or months.

Further details are available at <http://www.mocavo.com/pricing>

### **Summary**

Of course, any search engine is only as good as the information available on the World Wide Web. If there is no information available on web sites concerning your ancestors, neither Mocavo nor any other search engine can find something that isn't there. However, if the ancestral information is available on any genealogy web site, I bet that Mocavo will find it as easily or even more easily than any other search engine. I found Mocavo to be very efficient at uncovering information I had not seen before.

The new features of Mocavo Plus are impressive, to say the least. However, the software developers at Mocavo have hinted at even more features to appear in future weeks and months. I hope to write about the latest additions as they appear. In addition, Mocavo will have employees at RootsTech in Salt Lake City February 2 through 4 to demonstrate the features to everyone.

I'd suggest not waiting. Go to <http://www.mocavo.com> now and try them for yourself.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on December 14, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)**



## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **NGS Magazine**

We have received the October-December 2011, Volume 37, Number 4 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**“Using Video to Better Understand A Family’s Past”**

By Rebecca Whitman Koford

**“How Potty Training Can Help Your Genealogy”**

By Cari A. Taplin

**“Ten Top Tips for Concluding A Genealogical Project”**

By David McDonald, CG

**“Using Obituaries and City Directories with the Census As Your Guide”**

By Diane L. Giannini, CG

**“Getting Family History Information Through the Back Door”**

By Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, CG

**“Is A Foreign Language Your Brick Wall”**

By Eric Stroschein

**“Autosomal DNA Testing”**

By Judy G. Russell

**“Civil War Images”**

By Maureen Taylor

**“Case Study: Researching African Americans in the Wake of the Civil War”**

By Wevonneda Minis

**“Thank You, General Fred C. Ainsworth!”**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

**“Digital Camera Technologies: A Genealogist’s Guide”**

By Jordan Jones

**“Reflections on Researching A Personal Family History”**

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

I do like to provide summaries of articles that have something to do with a “top 10” list. In this issue there is one article that fits the bill of what I like to report on. The article is titled “Ten Top Tips for Concluding A Genealogical Project”. The author of the article is David McDonald, CG. The other thing that caught my eye about this article is that I saw the word “concluding”. It is nice to actually think that a particular area of our genealogical research can in fact be thought of as “concluded”, “ended” or if you are not having much luck at all the word “terminated” sounds good to me.

Here are the top 10 tips provided by the author that can help us arrive at a “conclusion” of a particular family history project:

1. **Analyze Your Research While Still Gathering Data** – analyze as you go so that you do not discover that something you uncover may require more and more visits to the area of discovery. Start constructing the whole puzzle

from the pieces you discover so that you can determine if the pieces you are discovering in fact fit the puzzle.

2. **Do Not Fear Indirect Evidence** – this is especially true when dealing with material prior to civil or vital registration. You can find some good guidelines for using and evaluating indirect evidence from the *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual (Standards 29 – 31)*.
3. **The Research of Others Comes To Rely Upon Your Expertise and Analysis** – you may be the expert on a particular piece of family research. You may have made your conclusions known in a piecemeal basis rather than a total analysis of all of what you know. Your research could possibly be inadvertently misused because the whole picture has not been developed even if you have all of the material to make that analysis. Make all of your analysis known rather than by piecemeal and your project may be closer to finalization.
4. **A Reasonably Exhaustive Search Has Been Conducted and Concluded** – do not think that if you have researched the 1900 Census on a family that arrived from Ireland in 1878 that you have done a “reasonably exhaustive search”. Inclusion of additional census data, religious records, newspapers, city directories, land records, family legend, photographs etc. will get you closer to declaring you have done an exhaustive search and will get you closer to concluding your project.
5. **When Engaging in Work-For-Hire, the Client Seeks A Final Report** – if you have been doing work for someone else and are being asked to conclude your results then do so even if it appears more could be uncovered.
6. **Clarity on the Research Question Is Forthcoming** – sometimes the answers are really clear cut. If the research indicates consistency toward a conclusion, then move toward the conclusion. Needlessly pursuing more research on a certain aspect that is clear simply avoids concluding the project.
7. **Avoid the Trap of Pre-Judging Your Conclusions** – early suggestions and hints of your discoveries may lead you to making misleading conclusions. Evaluate your evidence in a dispassionate manner to protect against reaching hasty conclusions.
8. **Accurately Report Findings** – discoveries are what they are, especially when they may be deemed embarrassing or unsavory. Hiding fact, even inconvenient ones, may be necessary, but your conclusions will be flawed in the process by not incorporating all of the evidence.

9. **Historical Context (Relative To Time and Place) Has Been Considered and Included in a Report or Write-Up** – say you find information on church records of baptisms and you see that your person of interest is an adult while all others are children. Do you know or have you asked why? If an ancestor was a young adult male during the Civil War and did not serve in it, did you ask why? Incorporate historical context questions into your research to move it to conclusion.
  
10. **A Reasonable Conclusion May Require Revision Based Upon New Discoveries** – if a conclusion has been reached, it still must be left in a manner to be revisited should new evidence is discovered. Multiple marriages may suggest different children from the different marriages and the different spouses. Discovering a second marriage previously unknown should lead you to re-think your previous conclusions to incorporate new children as a result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage.

So while it may seem that you can “close” a genealogical project, it also appears that you have to keep open the possibility of re-opening it if new further evidence of events are uncovered. Your goal is to have the most complete, authoritative and accurate pieces of information to apply to your research on a particular genealogical project. Close out your research if you have truly exhausted all know resources. But even that can change should new resources be discovered or if not discovered may have made online appearances that makes it easier for you to access the material.

Another good article in this issue is one titled “Getting Family History Information through the Back Door”. The author of this article is Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, CG.

What does the title mean? It means that you need to consider records that are not your first set of major records in your research. Census Records, Vital Records, Land Records etc. all have their major place. In fact, it is often discoveries in these major records that can lead you to pursue “back door” records.

The author makes notes of the following “back door” resources we should not overlook when we are doing our research. Sometimes you will have to work a little harder at poring through these records, especially if they are not available via online indexes. But the rewards can be so much greater because these kinds of “back door” records often portray our ancestors with much greater depth than do Census Records, Vital Records and Land Records. Here are some of the “back door” records to consider:

- **Local Histories – Books and Websites** – while local history information may provide you with descriptions of what took place in an area many years ago, it is not uncommon to find plenty of information on local settlers of the time. Granted, you have to hope that any name you discover applies to your own research, but then again isn't that what research is all about?? You may discover much information about the local history of the region you are researching even if you do not find specific references to your ancestors. Don't forget to search through County History books that were often created at the time of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States (circa 1876). Our ancestors often “paid” to have lavish family histories included in these publications at the time.

- **Newspaper Articles** – with more and more newspaper information being made available at our fingertips, this is a source that is almost no longer “back door” today because of easier access to the material via indexes. You may find engagement announcements, wedding announcements, family visitor information to families in the area, birth announcements. Our ancestors seemed to use the newspapers in a prolific manner in years past with such kind of announcements. Political correctness was not the “in thing” 100 years ago, so be prepared to discover anything even if it turns out to not be flattering for your ancestor.
- **Newspaper Advertisements** – while looking through newspapers, don’t forget to consider the advertisements of the day. Maybe your ancestor was a shopkeeper. Maybe you can find information about the store locations, hours of operations, sales that were offered by your ancestor. I would also consider Classified in this category of advertisements. What about land sales, legal notices or the like. An ancestral name may also appear via this newspaper inclusion.
- **Other Relatives** – not having any luck with direct ancestral research? Don’t forget to include researching the history of great-uncles and great-aunts as discoveries there may open up new information for your own direct ancestral research. Collateral line research should always be considered even if you are making headway with direct ancestral research. If you are at a dead end with your direct ancestral research, serendipity has to be considered by researching those collateral lines when available. You may find even more of a goldmine on a family through sibling research than direct ancestral research.
- **Neighbors** – when researching a census don’t forget to browse around the “neighborhood” of the census data in homes and apartments that are within the blocks of your area of interest. You could very well discover siblings and married female children right in the neighborhood of your direct ancestral search. I can’t tell you how many times I have made a discovery on a family that eluded me only to realize I had been looking at them all along 4 homes down on a census ledger but simply did not know the female’s new married name. As a daughter, she was living only 4 doors down from the mother. Discoveries like this happen all of the time when you expand your search horizon to the surrounding neighborhood.
- **eBay** – more and more genealogical “things” are appearing on eBay. eBay appears to have a notification process similar to Google. You enter in a good solid, specific search term into eBay with the assumption that if something appears on the site with the term you used you will be notified by e-mail. The author relates a story of how a search term was entered into eBay as a notification to the author. The author did not really expect to be notified of anything applicable to the search term but within 3 months a notification came to the author. The author discovered that someone on eBay was actually selling ephemera related to her great-grandfather’s business of long

time ago. The author bid for the material and successfully won the bid and the material.

- **Obscure Records** – think outside the box of Census, Immigration, Naturalization, Military as general categories of the most likely searched records. Sometimes just looking at library material or archive material in a catalog or on the shelf will trigger you to see “obscure” kinds of records that exist. The author used the example of records related to “postmaster”. Think of obscure records as Poll Tax, Hearth Tax, Orphanage Records, Voting Registrations, Social Lodge Records, Immigrant Society Records etc. These kind of records do not just pop into your head. Reading up on the times and location of your ancestors may in fact give you the insights to consider these kind of offbeat “obscure” records that will connect you to an ancestor.

The author did a good job in making us aware of these kinds of “obscure” records that exist in great quantities but are simply not known as to exist. Be open to pursuing these more difficult records to access and look through because they may not be on the internet or be indexed (This harkens back to times not so far back when this is how our genealogical research was done routinely!)

Just when you think you have exhausted all of the major resource information the time becomes right to start looking for the “off the wall” kind of data that may include some really neat information about your particular ancestor.

This was another good issue of NGS Magazine. There are many good articles on a variety of topics that are worth taking a deeper look at the full article. You can find this most recent issue of NGS Magazine on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Older issues of this journal can be checked out of our library for reading at home by library members that were issued their card by the Schaumburg Township District Library. You can catch up on many good articles contained in issues of the past.

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## **Internet Genealogy**

We have received the December/January 2012, Volume 6, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

**“Cloud Computing and Your Genealogy”**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy shows you how to put your research online, all the time.*

**“Divided By Fate, Reunited By Technology”**

By Schelly Talalay Dardashti

*Schelly Talalay Dardashti recounts a research quest that reunited a divided family.*

**"Looking for Genealogical Journals Online"**

By Ryan J. Woods and Henry B. Hoff

*Ryan J. woods and Henry B. Hoff look at a great online resource for journals.*

**"Places To Find Your Ancestor's Religious Records"**

By Gena Philibert-Ortega

*According to Gena Philibert-Ortega, your ancestor's religion can be a boon to your research.*

**"Put Your Genealogy To Music!"**

By David A. Norris

*As David A. Norris discovered, the Library of Congress' National Jukebox puts your ancestor's hit parade online.*

**"London Lives: The Way Our Ancestors Viewed London"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at a great online resource for learning more about your UK ancestors!*

**"Online English, Welsh and Scottish Criminal Records"**

By Alan Stewart

*Alan Stewart looks at what's available if your UK ancestor broke the law.*

**"Save Webpages as PDFs At the Click of A Mouse"**

By Pamela Treme

*Pamela Treme shows you how easy it is to convert a webpage to a PDF.*

**"The Few, The Famous and The Forgotten: Motion Picture Records"**

By Tony Bandy

*Was your ancestor a part of Hollywood's Golden Age? Tony Bandy looks at Ancestry.com's Motion Picture Directories.*

**"Handsome by Birth, Or, What's in a Name?!"**

By Ray Cavanaugh

*Ray Cavanaugh looks at an interesting website for learning more about surnames.*

**"What's All the Fuss About Social Media?"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard reviews a great new resource that explains the basics*

*of using social media for your genealogy research, and what it all is, exactly!*

**"Genealogists Discover Family Link to "The Iceman""**

By Anthony Adolph

*Anthony Adolph looks at a genealogical discovery 5,300 years in the making.*

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Net Notes" that highlights some interesting web sites that are of interest to genealogists. The publisher includes a nice written description of what the site is along with interesting highlights of what you can find at the site to help in your genealogical research. The sites were selected by Diane L. Richard, a contributor to this journal. She is also the one that provides the written description about the site. It is always nice to become aware of new websites that may have some positive impact on your own research. You never know how positive the sites are until you at least take a look at the sites.

The sites mentioned in this issue are:

Genealogy Trails @ [www.genealogytrails.com](http://www.genealogytrails.com)

Women Working, 1800-1930 @ <http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/>

Walk in Their Footsteps @ [www.virginiacivilwar.org/footsteps\\_main.php](http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/footsteps_main.php)

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "London Lives: The Way Your ancestors Viewed London". The author of the article is Tony Bandy. This is a short article that provides some insights into some great online resources that can be of great value for any researchers that have ancestral connections to London, England.

The author wants to make London researchers aware of a wonderful online site that goes by the name of "London Lives". You can find this great site at [www.londonlives.org](http://www.londonlives.org). The site has 3 million names, 240,000 manuscripts and many methods to search the data. The site is focused on the lives of everyday people living in London from the late 1600s through the early 1800s. You can find primary source material such as church archives, city records and criminal records.

The author notes that the key to a successful site can be determined by the ease of searching or the multiplicity of being able to search the data in order to achieve the best results. In this database, you can search in multiple ways from a simple surname search to keyword, document ID and also to examine collections put together by other users of the site.

You can even use exact matching, specific document search and searches with date ranges. The searcher can also expect to find the ability to incorporate alternate spelling and word phrases via wildcards. You can incorporate a "+" sign as a wildcard to include more search terms or a "-" sign to eliminate words in your search results.

Another nice feature built in to this site is the ability to "browse" through material. How often have you found a promising site that gives you a search template but does not give you the ability to just see what is included, especially if you are not sure what search terms to begin using.

After constructing and executing your search, you will see your search terms highlighted in your results for ease of seeing what you got back visually. You will get lists of results that allow you to determine if the one provided may be the one you are looking for. You may also be able to look at the original document from where the results were obtained. You can see a part of the original document or the entire document.

The author also included an additional series of links to provide the user with even more background information on the site. In the article you will find the following:

- Browsing Information @ [www.londonlives.org/browse.jsp](http://www.londonlives.org/browse.jsp)
- Historical Information @ [www.londonlives.org/static/Background.jsp](http://www.londonlives.org/static/Background.jsp)
- Site Wiki @ [www.hrionline.ac.uk/londonliveswiki](http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/londonliveswiki)
- Project Background @ [www.londonlives.org/static/Project.jsp](http://www.londonlives.org/static/Project.jsp)

This is a short article, but because so many of us may have ancestry trails back to England and especially London, I thought it would be helpful noting this article and the great links the author provides as well as a description of the great search capabilities offered by the site.

Take a look at this wonderful site and the accompanying sites of interest that support the site in greater depth.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Looking for Genealogical Journals Online?". The authors of this article are Ryan J. Woods and Henry B. Hoff. One thing of note about the article is that the authors are answering the question of genealogical journals online not from the broad perspective of journals across the country but those that are online as part of the online collection of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). So if you happen to be one doing ancestral research in the eastern part of the United States in New England, then you may want to take note of what the NEHGS has for you. You can find the website of the NEHGS at [www.AmericanAncestors.org](http://www.AmericanAncestors.org).

Here are some interesting facts about the society:

- Founded in 1845
- Oldest and Largest genealogical society in the United States
- Headquartered in an 8 story building in Boston, Massachusetts
- Has a membership worldwide of 25,000
- Has a staff of 50
- 200,000 volumes in its library
- 28 million objects in its archives

The flagship journal of the society is *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, that has been published quarterly since 1847. Authoritative compiled genealogies have always been a focus of the *Register*. To take full advantage of the material at the NEHGS site you really need to become a member of the society. Membership rates start out at \$79.95 and can go as high as \$6,000 if you want to become a Life Benefactor. The society does offer some "free" access, but if your ancestral connection is to New England it will behoove you to become a member and take full advantage of all of the material as stated above in the possession of the society.

Here is a list of all of the digitized journals in the possession of the society that would be available to you to access:

- *The American Genealogist*
- *The Virginia Genealogist*
- *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*
- *New Netherland Connections*
- *The Connecticut Nutmegger*
- *Mayflower Descendant*
- *The Essex Genealogist*
- *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*
- *The Essex Antiquarian*

Much of what you find within these journals will be about specific family research that may ultimately connect you to your own research. Material here is not often considered “how to” for basic genealogy as you might find in more generic journals.

The indexes to the online journals may be invaluable for you and your research. Variant spellings of names, cross-references of surnames, and a Soundex feature can often be found for you to locate information that may be of help to you.

If you have New England ancestry and were not familiar with the NEHGS, now is your time to discover this great resource, become a member, and search through all of what they have available to members from their web site. You may also want to read the full article to see all of the details of the history of the journals in the list mentioned above. The details of the journals and what issues are in the online collection are spelled out completely in the article.

These are then times I personally would wish for New England ancestors to take advantage of this great research resource, but unfortunately, I have none unless I would include my Polish ancestors that came from the eastern part of Poland by the Baltic!!

This is another very good issue of Internet Genealogy. There are many other good articles in this issue that may pique your interest that match more to your own research needs. Check out the titles of the articles I noted back above.

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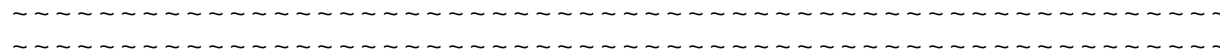
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Ancestry.com's New Version 3 of Its App for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch Released (November 29, 2011)

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.com:



New 'Ancestry.com Mobile' iOS App Gives Users the Ability to Access Billions of Historical Records to Build Their Family Tree

PROVO, Utah, Nov 29, 2011 -- Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced the availability of a new, upgraded version of its Ancestry.com Mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch with features designed to enable more rewarding discoveries as users build, update and share their family trees. The Ancestry.com mobile app, which to-date has been downloaded more than 1.7 million times, is now available for free from the Apple App Store.

This upgrade adds three new features to Ancestry.com's existing family history app:

- "In-app purchasing," which allows non-Ancestry.com subscribers to view, then buy fascinating historical records about their ancestors -- such as World War I draft cards, Census records, birth/death certificates, and school yearbook photos, from among billions of historical documents in the Ancestry.com database
- A "Shaky Leaf" hinting feature that employs predictive analytics to suggest possible new connections between a user's family tree and undiscovered documents in the world's largest family history database
- A new merge feature, which automatically identifies and extracts information about family members from historical records so users can quickly and easily update their family tree

"Our goal with the new Ancestry.com mobile app is to enable more people to discover their family history through our billions of historic records, and allow them to share their findings easily with others," said Eric Shoup, Senior Vice President of Product at Ancestry.com. "Our 'Shaky Leaf' hinting feature has resulted in tens of millions of successful family history discoveries online and it's now accessible to our growing mobile user base."

For users new to Ancestry.com, the latest iOS app provides an easy way to get started by giving access to relevant historical documents on the site without a subscription. For existing Ancestry.com members, the new app gives them the ability to grow their tree using Ancestry.com records and share them with others while on-the-go.

The Ancestry.com mobile app offers many of the most popular features available in the online version of Ancestry.com's industry-leading family history website, including the ability to add and edit family information, view and share documents and photos, take and attach photos and create and navigate multi-generational family trees.

To get started, download the free Ancestry.com mobile app to an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, and either register for a new, or log in to an existing Ancestry.com account and choose a family tree. Ancestry.com subscribers can download family history records in the app free of charge. Non-subscribers pay a special introductory price starting at \$0.99 for each record purchased through the Mobile app's "in-app purchase" feature.

About Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com Inc. is the world's largest online family history resource, with approximately 1.7 million paying subscribers. More than 7 billion records have been added to the site in the past 15 years. Ancestry users have created more than 28 million family trees containing over 2.8 billion profiles. In addition to its flagship site, Ancestry.com offers localized Web sites designed for nine countries that empower people to discover, preserve and share their family history.

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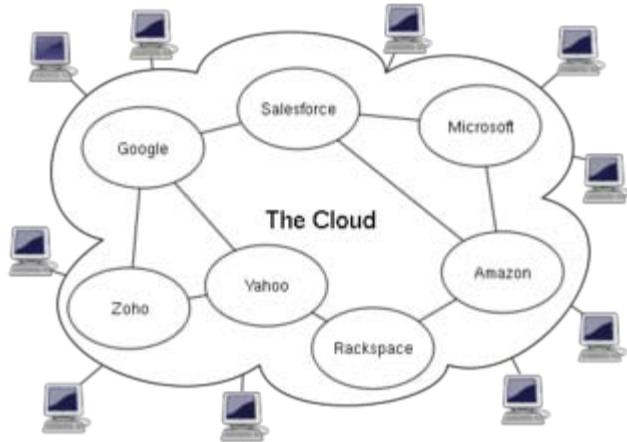
This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include our continuing ability to provide desired content to users of the App and making the App convenient to use. Information concerning additional factors that could cause events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained under the

caption "Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, and in discussions in other of our Securities and Exchange Commission filings. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date and we assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements.

For more information, or to download the app, visit <http://www.ancestry.com/iphone>

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5 Cloud Storage Services Compared (December 6, 2011)



I have written frequently about the various personal cloud services. Of course, so have many other writers. Cloud computing seems to be the hot new thing in computers these days and lots of people are either using cloud services or are contemplating their use.

Do you think you are not interested in cloud services? if so, do you use Gmail or Hotmail or Yahoo Mail or Dropbox or Evernote or Pandora? If so, you are already using cloud services.

Writing in the *IT World* web site, Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols has written a side-by-side comparison of Amazon Cloud Drive vs. iCloud vs. DropBox vs. Google Music vs. Ubuntu One. I thought it was an interesting comparison. If you would like to read the article, go to <http://goo.gl/XPK1N>.

My thanks to Meredith A. Lane for telling me about the article.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Jan 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2012 PM.
 **"Social Networking for Genealogists: Family Trees, FaceBook,
 Blogs and More"**
 Presented by Caron Brennan.
 Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
 Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Jan 14 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District
2012 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
 Further information at: www.caggni.org or
 P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Jan 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 18, 2012.
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
2012 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
 Program title is **"Visualizing Your Genealogical Data: Excel, OneNote,
 Maps, Blogs"**.
 Guest speaker is Jennifer Holik.
 Society website at www.dcg.org.
 DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- *Jan 21 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
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2012 Library.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
 Topic for the meeting **"Digital Scrapbooking: Presenting Your Family
 History"**
 Presented by Kate Thommes
 Further information at: www.caggni.org or
 P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Feb 4 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, February 4, 2012.
SAT **"Investigating Resources at ChicagoAncestors.org"**.
2012 Presented by Sandra Trapp
 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

- Feb 14
TUE
2012
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Using Railroad Records in Your Family History Research"
Presented by Craig Pfannkuche.
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SAT
2012
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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
Topic for the meeting **"They Weren't All Gangsters: Roaring Wheels of Change ... 1920s in Chicago"**
Presented by Donna Primas
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Feb 25
SAT
2012
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Saturday, February 25, 2012.
8:00 AM Refreshments. Programs begin at 9:00 AM.
DuPage County Genealogical Society Annual Conference.
Guest speakers.
Society website at www.dcgcs.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- *Mar 3
SAT
2012
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 3, 2012.
"A Brief History of Germans in Poland and Russia".
Presented by Walter Marzinke
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
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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
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Mar 13
TUE
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
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- 2012 PM.
Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.
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- *Mar 17 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
 SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District
 2012 Library.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
 Topic for the meeting "**What's New in Technology**"
 Presented by Ed Rosenthal
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- Mar 21 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 21, 2012.
 WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
 2012 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
 Program title is "**Breaking Down a Brick Wall: A Case Study in Unlocking My Irish Ancestry**".
 Guest speaker is Nancy Thomas.
 Society website at www.dcgcs.org.
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
 DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Apr 7 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, April 7, 2012.
 SAT "**Searching for Great Grandpa – Find Your Union Soldier**".
 2012 Presented by Jerry Allen
 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
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- Apr 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
 TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
 2012 PM.
"Understanding the English Census"
 Presented by Paul Milner.
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 2012 Library.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 Topic for the meeting "**Second Saturday Workshop Series – Local Resources**"
 Presented by To Be Determined
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 P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

- Apr 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
 WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
 2012 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
 Program title is "**Finding and Using Sanborn Maps**".
 Guest speaker is Jeffrey Bockman.
 Society website at www.dcg.org.
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
 DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- *Apr 21 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
 SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District
 2012 Library.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
 Topic for the meeting "**Setting Up Your Family History Website**"
 Presented by Panel of CAGGNI Members
 Further information at: www.caggni.org or
 P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- *May 5 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 5, 2012.
 SAT "**Finding Online Newspapers**".
 2012 Presented by Sarah A. V. Kirby
 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
- May 8 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
 TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
 2012 PM.
 "**Military Service Records**"
 Presented by Kathryn Barrett.
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- May 16 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 16, 2012.
 WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
 2012 6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
 Program title is "**From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family's Place**".
 Guest speaker is Jane Haldeman.
 Society website at www.dcg.org.
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
 DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- *May 19 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
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 2012 Library.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
 Topic for the meeting "**Mining the Census Records**"
 Presented by Steve Szabados

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- Jul 10
TUE
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"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"
Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.
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- Aug 14
TUE
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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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Topic for the meeting **"Deep Ancestry: Beyond the Paper Trail"**
Presented by Michelle Wilson
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- Oct 9
TUE
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- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
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"Organizing and Writing My Family History"
Presented by Steve Szabados.
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- *Oct 20
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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
Topic for the meeting **"What's New At Family Search"**
Presented by Susan Anderson
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TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
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"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"

Presented by Maureen Brady.
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