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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 copies of all newsletters are filed at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor along with handouts. Please remember that you can take any of the extra copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all handouts for a particular meeting will be contained in a folder specifically for that meeting date e.g. Newsletter as well as handouts for meeting on 5/8/07 are contained in a separate folder. Each meeting date will have its own folder. I do periodically go through and weed out some of the old in order to make room for the new. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

If anyone needs to contact me via the Internet, you may do so at either my home address:

**anthonykierna@sbcglobal.net**

or

You may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library via e-mail 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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**JANUARY 12, 2010 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

Our guest speaker for our January 12, 2010 program will be Craig Pfannkuche. Craig will present a program titled "Interpreting Headstones". Craig will provide us with insights into how best to analyze what unique things we may have seen on our ancestors' gravestones. Some may be very straightforward and reflect information you have

researched and feel very confident of from your sources of discovery. Some things you discover that bring puzzlement to your research.

Craig will help us to better understand the unique things we discover on headstones when we are doing our cemetery research.

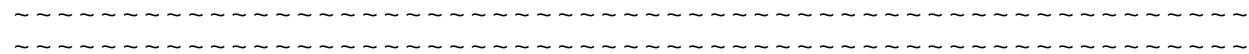
Born and raised in Chicago, Craig Pfannkuche received both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from Northern Illinois University. He taught high school American history and anthropology for thirty years.

In addition to teaching, from which he is now retired, Craig has held several leadership positions in area genealogical and historical organizations. He is currently the president of Memory Trail Research, Inc., on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Genealogical Society, he is the Genealogical Archivist for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Historical Society, and he's on the Board of Directors for the McHenry County (Illinois) Genealogical Society.

With whatever spare time he has, Craig is a frequent lecturer on a variety of genealogical topics. He has presented numerous workshops in history, historical and genealogical research, and archaeological techniques. He has also written several articles for historical journals and society newsletters.

His daughter also got the bug and is now a professional archaeologist.

Craig Pfannkuche may be contacted at 8612 Memory Trail, Wonder Lake, IL 60097 or at [craig@pfannkuche.com](mailto:craig@pfannkuche.com).



## **WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS**

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

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

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

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion

book that would follow Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook also by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to check these out.

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

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/getting\\_started](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/getting_started)

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 129 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 948 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

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**SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI**

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 4, 2009, November 5, 2009, November 6, 2009, November 10, 2009, November 10, 2009, November 12, 2009 and are copyright 2009 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>.

### **Ancestry.com Hopes to Raise \$100 Million in IPO (November 4, 2009)**

Genealogy web site Ancestry.com hopes to raise about \$100 million when it goes public this week. With more than a million paying subscribers, little competition, a small debt load and a record of increasing revenues, it may fare better than other IPOs that have recently priced below their filing ranges.

The Provo, Utah-based company, which is the world's largest online resource for birth certificates and marriage records, expects to price the shares between \$12.50 and \$14.50 apiece on Wednesday. Underwriters are being offered up to an additional 1.1 million shares to cover overallocments, which would boost total proceeds to about \$115 million.

Ancestry's revenue jumped from \$122.6 million in 2004 to \$197.6 million in 2008. In the nine months that ended Sept. 30, the company earned \$12.2 million, or 30 cents per share, a more than threefold increase from the \$3.5 million, or 9 cents per share, it earned in the same period a year earlier.

The stock had been planned to go public today but, so far, the online financial services are not reporting any trading activity.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 04, 2009 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **Ancestry.com is Now a Public Company (November 5, 2009)**

Ancestry.com opened this morning on the NASDAQ Exchange. Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com Inc. (ACOM), presided over the Opening Bell for this morning's session.

Shares opened this morning at \$16.10, peaked at \$16.32, then dropped off to \$15.10 at mid-day.

UPDATE: ACOM shares closed the day at \$14.20, up from its initial public offering price of \$13.50. A total of 7.4 million shares were sold.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 05, 2009 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **David Ferriero Confirmed by U.S. Senate as 10th Archivist of the United States (November 6, 2009)**

The following announcement was written by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration:



WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 -- Today, the United States Senate voted to confirm David Ferriero as the 10th Archivist of the United States. Mr. Ferriero was the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries and is a leader in the field of library science. Mr. Ferriero, who was nominated by President Obama on July 28, 2009, will succeed Professor Allen Weinstein who resigned as Archivist in December 2008 for health reasons. Deputy Archivist Adrienne Thomas is serving as the Acting Archivist until Mr. Ferriero assumes his duties.

As the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries (NYPL), Mr. Ferriero was part of the leadership team responsible for integrating the four research libraries and 87 branch libraries into one seamless service for users, creating the largest public library system in the United States and one of the largest research libraries in the world. Mr. Ferriero was in charge of collection strategy; conservation; digital experience; reference and research services; and education, programming, and exhibitions.

Among his responsibilities at the NYPL was the development of the library's digital strategy, which currently encompasses partnerships with Google and Microsoft, a Web site that reaches more than 25 million unique users annually, and a digital library of more than 750,000 images that may be accessed free of charge by any user around the world.

Before joining the NYPL in 2004, Mr. Ferriero served in top positions at two of the nation's major academic libraries, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA, and Duke University in Durham, NC. In those positions, he led major initiatives including the expansion of facilities, the adoption of digital technologies, and a reengineering of printing and publications.

Mr. Ferriero earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature from Northeastern University in Boston and a master's degree from the Simmons College of Library and Information Science, also in Boston. After serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War, he started in the humanities library at MIT, where he worked for 31 years, rising to associate director for public services and acting co-director of libraries.

In 1996, Mr. Ferriero moved to Duke University, where he served as University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs until 2004. At Duke, he raised more than \$50 million to expand and renovate the university's library and was responsible for instructional technology initiatives, including overseeing Duke's Center for Instructional Technology.

As Archivist of the United States, Mr. Ferriero will oversee the National Archives and Records Administration, an independent Federal agency created by statute in 1934. The National Archives safeguards and preserves the records of the U.S. Government, ensuring that the people can discover, use, and learn from this documentary heritage. The National Archives ensures continuing access to records that document the rights of American citizens, the actions of federal officials, and the national experience.

Its 44 facilities include the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, the National Archives at College Park, 13 Presidential libraries, and 14 regional archives nationwide. The National Archives also publishes the Federal Register, administers the

Information Security Oversight Office, the Office of Government Information Services, and makes grants of historical documentation through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Among the National Archives' approximately 9 billion pages of materials that are open to the public for research nationwide are millions of photographs, maps, and documents, thousands of motion pictures and audio recordings, and millions of electronic records. Every subject relating to American history is covered in the records of the National Archives: Revolutionary War pension files, landmark Supreme Court cases, international treaties, legislative records, executive orders, public laws, records relating to all U.S. Presidents and the papers of Presidents Hoover through George W. Bush.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 06, 2009 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **Technology Helps Unearth Family Trees (November 10, 2009)**

CNN has an interesting online story about the use of DNA in genealogy. CNN reporter Steve Mollman writes:

Here's a fun exercise: Compare the DNA profiles of random individuals who reside in different regions of the world, have little in common and don't much resemble one another.

If you could do this, you'd find close DNA matches once in a while.

About three months ago Kevin Shepherdson, a Eurasian in Singapore, discovered that his DNA matches strongly with Thomas Kurowski, a man of Polish descent living in Rhode Island.

The men have never met, and they were unaware of each other.

Both of them research their family history as a hobby, but finding each other through traditional methods (such as sifting through census, marriage or property records) would have been unlikely if not impossible.

And yet their DNA profiles match so closely that they can be certain of sharing a common ancestor within the past six generations. It took scientific sleuthing for the two men to make a connection.

You can read this and a lot more at <http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/11/09/dna.families/>.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 10, 2009 in [DNA](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **Your Ancestors Traveled Along the Interstate Highway (November 10, 2009)**



The thought of your ancestors of 100 or 200 years ago traveling along a modern-day interstate highway may seem amusing as interstate highways didn't exist until the 1950s. Yet, it is quite possible that your ancestors traveled along the same routes as today's interstates, plus or minus a very few miles.

Westward migration in the United States usually took place in the path of least resistance: on riverboats where practical or on pathways along rivers when boat travel was not available. In cases where there was no river to follow, overland travel generally went along the path of least resistance, too: through valleys, through mountain passes, and perhaps straight across the flatlands and prairies.

When studying migration patterns throughout history in the United States, we can see hundreds of examples. In New England, the first inland areas to be settled were along the Merrimack River, the Connecticut River, the Penobscot River, and the others.

When researching the origins of those who settled the mountainous areas of northern Vermont and New Hampshire, we find that most of them were from Connecticut and western Massachusetts. They traveled up the Connecticut River, not overland across the north-south mountain ranges that receding glaciers carved many thousands of years earlier. Today, Interstate 91 follows roughly the same route.

In Massachusetts, the east-west migration generally followed the valleys through the central part of the state, often following the Boston Post Road (present-day U.S. Route 20). That path is more or less parallel to the present-day Massachusetts Turnpike, or Interstate 90.

As we travel down the eastern seaboard, the migration pattern was repeated: the Hudson River, the Susquehanna River, the Potomac River, the Savannah River, and many others became "highways" of travel for our ancestors. As we move further west, we find the "super highways" of years past: the Mississippi River, the Ohio, and the Missouri.

Of course, rivers didn't always exist in convenient places. Many times the early settlers blazed overland routes through valleys where travel would be easier for wagons drawn by horses or oxen. Two major examples would be the Cumberland Gap in Tennessee and the Wilderness Road in Virginia. These routes did follow rivers, where possible, but they also went overland through valleys, following paths that could be used by horses and oxen pulling wagons. Of course, there were dozens of other highways.

If you follow the migration paths of your ancestors prior to 1850, you will see that they usually traveled along the same routes as did earlier travelers, routes that allowed for



easier transport. These routes were generally on rivers, beside rivers, or through valleys.

For a few years in the first half of the 19th century, canals looked like they would become the primary method of transportation. Indeed, that did happen in a few areas, such as the Erie Canal. The traffic on the canals moved at two or three miles an hour as the barges and boats were typically powered by work animals that walked along adjacent footpaths. However, canals were doomed almost from the start as a new, mechanized beast soon appeared that could move more goods, move them faster, and do so at less construction expense.

By the mid 19th century, railroads started appearing in significant numbers. Railroad locomotives could perform the work of many horses or oxen, and the travel experience for passengers in railroad cars was much better than riding on a buckboard or a Conestoga wagon. These "iron horses" were very powerful but had one major shortcoming: they weren't very good at climbing hills.

The railroads were always built along the flattest land possible, often on or beside the routes that had already been established for overland travel. The railroads thrived best along riverbanks, which rarely had hills, or through valleys, including the Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road. More than a few railroads were built on the footpaths beside canals, replacing the "beasts of burdens" that had powered the canal boats of the previous generation. Of course, these new-fangled railroads transported immigrants, freight, and livestock alike.

Let's fast forward another century. In the 1950s, the federal government began its interstate highways project. The primary justification was to build a transportation system the Defense Department could use to move convoys in time of war. However, commercial and personal uses soon eclipsed defense purposes. Today we all travel along interstate highways without regard to the travel hardships of our ancestors.

The interstate highways often follow the same paths as the earlier railroads and the still earlier ox-carts and covered wagons. While modern construction techniques have allowed a few exceptions, such as building highways in the mountains, the majority of today's interstate highways are built along traditional trade routes and migration paths. In other words, today's highways often follow rivers, old canals, and deep valleys.

Are you mystified as to the origins of some family in your family tree? You know where they lived on a certain date but wonder where they came from? Get out a modern-day highway map, and find the town where those ancestors lived. Next, see where the major highways of that town go. Chances are that your ancestors traveled along one of those routes. They almost never traveled over a mountain range or through a swampy area.

There's a good chance that your ancestors followed the same approximate route as today's super highways. Start by looking at the records of the state "up the highway" from their hometown. Sleuthing along today's interstates may actually pay off.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 10, 2009 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)**

**National Archives Launches New Online Reservation System (November 12, 2009)**

The following announcement was written by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration:

Beat the crowds! Reserved tours and visits are now just a mouse click away!



WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 -- For the first time, the National Archives today launches a new online reservation system to make it easier for individuals, families, and large groups alike to visit National Archives. By simply going online, visitors can reserve their choice of dates and times in a matter of minutes. While reservations are not required to visit the National Archives and admission is free, this new system will eliminate the long lines and often lengthy wait.

"This important step will simplify the vacation planning process for our visitors and provide an opportunity for easy access to the National Archives Experience," said Acting Archivist Adrienne Thomas. Reservations will be handled through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS).

Starting today, November 11, visitors to the National Archives Experience can make reservations online at [www.archives.gov/nae/visit/reserved-visits.html](http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/reserved-visits.html), from the NRRS website at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Reservations can also be made through the NRRS Call Center: 1-877-444-6777, Group Sales Reservations: 1-877-559-6777, or TDD: 1-877-833-6777.

Advance reservations will allow visitors to avoid the exterior portion of the line to see the Charters of Freedom during the height of the tourist season (mid-March through Labor Day) and during holiday seasons such as the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. The convenience fee for online reservations is \$1.50 per person and admission to all of the National Archives Experience exhibits is free.

#### About the National Archives Experience

A "must see" tourist destination, the National Archives Experience houses this nation's true "National Treasures" -- the Charters of Freedom -- the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. The National Archives Experience also includes the Public Vaults permanent exhibition, the Lawrence F. O'Brien temporary exhibition gallery, the Boeing Learning Center, and the William G. McGowan Theater. Museum hours are 10 am - 5:30 pm through March 14, and 10 am - 7 pm from March 15 - Labor Day. Closed Thanksgiving and December 25. The National Archives Experience is located in Washington, DC on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, and the building is fully accessible.

#### About the National Recreation Reservation Service

Reservations will be handled through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), a federal interagency reservation service for recreation facilities and activities.

The NRRS serves numerous other federal agencies including the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. This reservation system is part of a government initiative to simplify how citizens interact with the government. For more information, see <http://www.recreation.gov>.

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

### *Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists*

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

Please note that there is no program scheduled for December 2009.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Tuesday evening, January 19, 2010. The program for the evening is titled **“On the Road Again: Planning for a Research Trip”**. The speakers for the evening will be guest panelists from the society sharing their experiences planning research trips.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

[www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

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

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

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### *DuPage County Genealogical Society*

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

Please note that there is no program scheduled for December 2009.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 20, 2010. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Group Discussion**". There will be no speaker for the program. Instead, group discussions may be done among those participating at the program. This is still to be determined.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

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

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 16, 2010 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**To Be Determined**". The speaker for the program will be To Be Determined.

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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### **Entire U.S. Census Goes Interactive with Footnote.com (October 29, 2009)**

Footnote.com (one of the sponsors of this newsletter) today made what I believe is a major announcement: the entire U.S. census records will soon be online. Of course, other companies have already placed the census records online so what's the big deal? The Footnote.com version, for the first time, will allow you to correct, comment, or supplement the original records. You can even add pictures. You can also link people together as relatives, even if they live in different households. That's all new.

You will be able to search the records, find the person(s) you are interested in, and then view the original record in the enumerator's handwriting. (Other vendors offer that service also.) However, with Footnote.com, you can append notes or even pictures that will be visible to anyone who searches for the same record in the future. You can even link people together, including those who do not live in the same household. You can never DELETE anything from the original record but you can add such things as:

- Name spelled wrong in the original records, he was always known as "Irving"
- Later married Martha Williams who is found in this census as 15-year-old living with her parents.
- Died young
- Died and left no heirs
- A picture of this family is available on my web page at <http://www.my-web-page.com/pictures>.

Another new feature exclusive to Footnote.com is the ability to identify relatives found in the census by clicking the "I'm Related" button.

For the first time, users can even upload photos or documents and attach them to online census images, making them attachments visible to anyone who searches for the person's census record.

Finally, the price to access these records is much, much lower than that of the competition.

The following announcement was written by Footnote.com.

-Footnote.com to feature original documents from every publicly available U.S. Federal Census from 1790 to 1930-

Lindon, UT – October 29, 2009 – Today Footnote.com (<http://www.footnote.com>) announced it will digitize and create a searchable database for all publicly available U.S. Federal Censuses ranging from the first U.S. Census taken in 1790 to the most current public census from 1930.

Through its partnership with The National Archives, Footnote.com will add more than 9.5 million images featuring over a half a billion names to its extensive online record collection.

“The census is the most heavily used body of records from the National Archives,” explains Cynthia Fox, Deputy Director at the National Archives. “In addition to names and ages, they are used to obtain dates for naturalizations and the year of immigration. This information can then be used to locate additional records.”

With over 60 million historical records already online, Footnote.com will use the U.S. Census records to tie content together, creating a pathway to discover additional records that previously have been difficult to find.

“We see the census as a highway leading back to the 18th century,” explains Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. “This Census Highway provides off-ramps leading to additional records on the site such as naturalization records, historical newspapers, military records and more. Going forward, Footnote.com will continue to add valuable and unique collections that will enhance the census collection.”

To date, Footnote.com has already completed census collections from two key decades: 1930 and 1860. As more census decades are added to the site, visitors to Footnote.com can view the status for each decade and sign up for an email notification when more records are added to the site for a particular year.

[View the Census Progress Page on Footnote.com.](#)

In addition to making these records more accessible, Footnote.com is advancing the way people use the census by creating an interactive experience. Footnote Members can enrich the census records by adding their own contributions. For any person found in the census, users can:

- Add comments and insights about that person
- Upload and attach scanned photos or documents related to that person
- Generate a Footnote Page for any individual that features stories, a photo gallery, timeline and map
- Identify relatives found in the census by clicking the **I’m Related** button

“The most popular feature of our Interactive Census is the I’m Related button,” states Roger Bell, Senior Vice President of Product Development at Footnote.com. “This provides an easy way for people to show relations and actually use the census records to make connections with others that may be related to the same person.”

Footnote.com works with the National Archives and other organizations to add at least a million new documents and photos a month to the site. Since launching the site in January 2007, Footnote.com has digitized and added over 60 million original source records to the site, including records pertaining to the Holocaust, American Wars, Historical Newspapers and more.

“We will continue to move aggressively to add records to the site, specifically those that are requested by our members and others that are not otherwise available on the Internet,”

said Wilding.

Visit <http://www.footnote.com/census/> to see how the census on Footnote.com can truly be an interactive experience.

### Additional Resources

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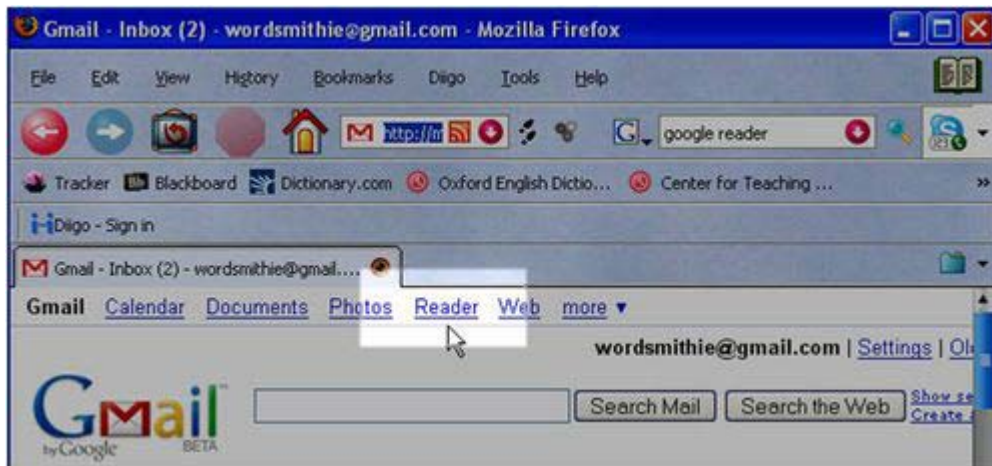
Join us on Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Footnotecom/52981708480>

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**Posted by Dick Eastman on October 29, 2009 in [Announcements](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

## Google's RSS Reader (November 8, 2009)



I have written a number of times about RSS newsfeeds. Using a newsreader (software that reads RSS news feeds) can save a lot of time per day. For instance, you can read all the new articles on this newsletter's web site and on many other web sites in minutes instead of hours. You save a lot of time because you do not have to keep returning to a number of web sites or entering web site addresses of "http://www..."

With any RSS newsreader, you can "subscribe" to the web sites you want to check frequently. That is, you tell the RSS newsreader software to check a list of web sites, and you create the list. The RSS newsreader software then retrieves all the new articles from all the web sites and displays them for you in a single screen. You simply read all the articles from that one screen. In practice, it is a bit similar to reading e-mail messages: all the messages have been brought to you and displayed in once place. The same is true with RSS

newsreaders: all the new articles have been brought to you in one convenient place, either on your computer or on some single web site.

RSS newsfeeds are available for genealogy news, worldwide news, sports scores, stock market information, weather reports, airline flight information (Is my flight delayed?), sales at retail stores, and much, much more. Nowadays, most sites that display frequently-changing information offer that information in two formats: as traditional web sites and as RSS newsfeeds.

I prefer RSS newsreader software that installs in my computer. It is the fastest method I have found for keeping up to date with everything. However, installing such software means finding it on the web, downloading it, running the installation routine, and then probably configuring the software. Admittedly, all this scares off many computer owners who are less comfortable with software installation. Many people will want a simpler solution.

My second-favorite RSS newsreader is **Google Reader**. It works entirely online. You simply go to <http://www.google.com/reader> and open a free account (if you do not already have one). Any Google account will do. You then tell Google Reader what RSS newsfeeds you want to monitor. Google does everything after that. You simply return to <http://www.google.com/reader> at your convenience to read the latest information from all the web sites you specified.

Being web-based, Google Reader works equally well on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, Apple iPhone and iPod Touch, Palm, Windows Mobile, Blackberry, Symbian, and Android devices. (Mobile devices should point to <http://m.google.com/reader>.) In addition, you can access it from any computer with an internet connection – be it at a friend's house, a library, or a hotel – just by logging on to your Google account.

If you have not yet tried RSS newsfeeds, I'd suggest that you go to <http://www.google.com/reader> and try it. I suspect you'll be glad you did. Best of all, Google Reader is available free of charge.

By the way, the RSS newsfeed for this newsletter is [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/atom.xml](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/atom.xml).

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 08, 2009 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**



## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### ***National Genealogical Society Quarterly***

We have received the September 2009, Volume 97, Number 3 issue of National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Key articles in this issue are:



**"Isabella (Iloff) Jones Sheperd's Elusive First Husband of Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Ohio"**

by Alycon Trubey Pierce

**"Virginia Pughs and North Carolina Wests: A Genetic Link from Slavery in Kentucky"**

by Daniela Moneta, CG

**"Untangling Intertwined Branches: Caroline McNeill and Caroline Spencer in Lee County and Marion County, Iowa"**

By Marieta A. Grissom, CG

**"'Tout le Monde': The Marriage Consent for William Moysse and Mary Pearse in Cornwall, England"**

by Ronald A. Hill, Ph.D, CG, FASG

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Reviews". In here you will find lengthy reviews of recently published genealogical material, some general, some very specific. Reviews included in this issue are:

***Tracing Your Irish Family History***

By Anthony Adolph

***Jacob's Well: A Case for Rethinking Family History***

By Joseph A. Amato

***A Hugenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy***

By David C. Major and John S. Major

I thought that the articles in this issue were incredibly detailed in documentation and supporting evidence. As I have mentioned before in commenting on the [National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#), the reader will often find more documentation and citation evidence than storyline of the article. Together they provide the reader with a great overview of the methodologies of research that went into the article. Unfortunately, this process of writing can be taxing on the reader to follow and does not often appear to be straight forward and readily understandable.

For any of you researching any of the names or locations mentioned in the above articles, it may be worth browsing through the article to see if there is any connection to research that you are doing. Then dig in deeply into the article!

As hard as these articles appear to read, there is often some little nugget of research help that can be discovered. So you may discover something described by the researcher that perhaps your own research may have seen with a family you are researching. Just be patient and dig through these articles as best as you can.

You can find this most recent issue of [National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## **Ancestry**

We have received the November/December 2009, Volume 27, Number 6 issue of Ancestry.

Key articles in this issue are:

### **"Here Come the Brides"**

by Kelly Burgess

*More than love may have prompted your ancestors to take that big step. Take a look at history's influence on saying "I do" – and how and where you can learn more.*

### **"Married with Children"**

by George G. Morgan

*What happens when a family historian learns a brother from another mother descended from a family icon?*

### **"Love Stories"**

by Ancestry

*"First comes love, then comes marriage." Whatever order they came in, marriage, children, and divorce have all had their booms.*

### **"When Down and Out Is A Good Thing; The Joys of Descendancy Research"**

by Crista Cowan

*Turn family history on its head by working forward. And see why researching down and out instead of up and back is worth a look.*

### **"All We Want for Christmas"**

by Ancestry

*Our staff discovers the perfect gift for holidays: expert help with family history wish lists.*

### **"Time to Guess?"**

by Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D

*Washington Lafayette Gilroy (b. 1824, d. 1917) was a longtime official with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Can you figure out what Month and year this picture was taken?*

### **"Love and Marriage"**

by Tana L. Pedersen

### **"The Curious Case of Ephraim Vancil"**

by Dale Funston

*Did he or didn't he? That's what family history researcher Dale Funston is still trying to decide about his great-great-uncle, an accused murderer.*

**"Beyond Dates, Names and Places"**

by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG

*It wasn't an uncommon occurrence for someone to be buried sans tombstone. Nor is it rare for the void left long ago by a family's loss to continue to resonate with generations of family today.*

**"Unveiling the Bride"**

by Betty Kreisel Shubert

**"History Detectives"**

by Janet Bernice Jeys

**"Finding a Soldier in the Family"**

by Lisa Arnold

*How much can a family historian learn about her great-uncle, a buffalo soldier, when all she has is a name and a photograph?*

**"Found! Silver Where?"**

by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

*Find the rightful owner of some old silverware? If anyone would be up for the challenge, it was sure to be Megan.*

**"Space Aliens Did Not Abduct My Grandfather"**

by Howard Wolinsky

*Thirty years and a handful of wildcard searches later, Howard finally learns more about Henry ... or Hillel.*

**"Edge of the Earth"**

by Nichole Martinson

I thought that a good "teaching" article in this issue is one titled "Uncle Oscar's First Wife". The premise of the article is that you, the researcher, found a hit in one of Ancestry's databases titled "Arkansas Divorce Index, 1923-1939" for the last name APPLETON, first name OSCAR. The name you found is the one you are looking but you did not expect to get a hit in this database. The name is not that common so you believe this is the person you seek. The author helps us to process what we found in our minds with the following questions to uncover more information about this unexpected discovery.

The data from the Ancestry database provides us with:

- Last name of the Plaintiff
- First Name of the Plaintiff
- Defendant First Name
- Volume
- County
- Petition Month/Day/Year

- Docket Number
- Marriage Month/Day/Year

The author suggests you ask these questions and pursue further research with the following in mind:

- Locate Oscar and wife Margaret on the 1920 Census. Look at any of the children on the census. Look at the children's birth years for signs of previous marriages. In this case all of the children have birth dates after the marriage date.
- The divorce discovered was in Sevier County, Arkansas. Write to the county for the divorce records.
- Not all of the divorce index entries had the marriage date. This one did. Try looking in the same county for the marriage record of this couple.
- World War I draft records from Ancestry.com show Oscar's wife as Emily. Emily? Is Margaret E. from the divorce index actually Margaret Emily? Search family trees at Ancestry.com for Oscar Ellis Appleton and you will find a wife named Emily Margaret McClaughlin.
- Search for Oscar and Emily/Margaret separately in the 1930 census. Did either remarry? And where are the kids?

As you can see, one simple divorce index entry can lead to far more than just a divorce fact if you are willing to check information prior to the divorce date and after the divorce as well as checking unrelated divorce data such as a World War I draft record to find even more information that will clear up incorrect information.

In this case an unexpected result can lead you down the path to find more than you ever thought about a couple. Getting unexpected results is often a great discovery. Don't just leave it at that. The lesson to be learned here is to work the data you discover far deeper than what appears on the surface.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "When Down and Out Is a Good Thing: The Joys of Descendancy Research". As a starting point in doing genealogy for researchers, research takes place from you the researcher going back in time. You are looking for your direct line of ancestors. Your father, grandfather, great-grandfather etc. You may also branch off somewhat and look for the ancestral trails of the spouses of the above direct ancestral connection ancestors. In general you are always working backwards in time from today. You are really trying to discover records of those that are almost certainly deceased. You can also work in reverse. Let us say that you have identified your great-great-great-grandfather. Perhaps he fathered many children over and above your direct line great-great-grandfather. Researchers often take the reverse research plan and try to create the trails that lead from the past to the present. You want to look for the children of these ancestors and their children and their children until perhaps you can discover living descendants of the person whom you discovered to be your great-great-great-grandfather.

You know that when you are going backwards in time that there is always a mother and a father of someone you are looking. But when you reverse the process in searching for descendants, you are not assured that there is a continuous unbroken chain of descendants. Not everyone got married and not everyone had children to continue the line moving forward to today. You can run into very large numbers of identified numbers of

descendants! You can also run into the end of a given line through your research that indicates a person did not marry and did not in fact any children.

The author indicates that her own descendant research identified 6,174 descendants of one great-great-great-grandfather!!

The author provided these pieces of advice for contacting possible relatives discovered along the way:

- Create a form letter if you are planning to contact a group of people or if you regularly contact new relatives.
- Use a relationship calculator to determine how you might be related to the person you are contacting or how the person might be related to your ancestor. You may want to include this information in the letter, but be sure you update the letter so it's correct when you send it to someone else.
- Be willing to share and require nothing in return.

The author also provided a "top 10" list for the reasons to search for descendants. Take these as "tongue in cheek" although there is probably a kernel of truth to these:

- You have run out of ancestors that interest you.
- You want to plan a family reunion.
- You are hoping to find someone else who has done all of your ancestry research.
- You would like to discover the whole family story.
- You want to hone your family history skills using records more modern than those of the 1600s.
- You will feel better about yourself when you find some other branch of the family that is more messed up than yours.
- You aspire to be a private detective.
- You can never have too many kooky cousins.
- You need to know who you are in competition with for the family inheritance.
- You want to honor an ancestor!

So if you are having a hard time moving backwards in time with too many brick walls, consider reversing your direction. The gain from this direction is that you will discover living and breathing relatives of yourself from which many other stories can be discovered. Researching records has its rewards. Being able to interact with living relatives has its own set of rewards.

This is an interesting article that provides you with a great alternative to research.

Overall, this was another good issue of Ancestry. You will find many more articles that may be of particular interest to your own research. Look at the above list of articles contained in this issue and see what best fits your own interests.

You will find this most recent issue of Ancestry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## **BOOKS IN PRINT**

We have added a book titled *The Official Guide to Ancestry.com, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.* to our circulating collection. The author of the book is George G. Morgan. The book was published in 2008. It was added to our circulating collection in October 2009. The call number of the book is 929.1 MORGAN, G. The book is available to check out from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating collection.

Chapters in the book are:

- Chapter 1 - Getting Around the Site
- Chapter 2 - Searching for Your Ancestors
- Chapter 3 - Working with Digitized Image Collections
- Chapter 4 - Family Trees
- Chapter 5 - Working with Census Records
- Chapter 6 - Birth, Marriage and Death Records
- Chapter 7 - Military Records
- Chapter 8 - Immigration Records
- Chapter 9 - Pictures, Newspapers and Maps
- Chapter 10 - Stories, Memories and Histories
- Chapter 11 - Directories and Member List Records
- Chapter 12 - Court and Land Records
- Chapter 13 - Reference and Finding Aids
- Chapter 14 - Printing and Sharing
- Chapter 15 - Ancestry Community
- Chapter 16 - DNA
- Chapter 17 - The Learning Center
- Chapter 18 - The Ancestry Store
- Chapter 19 - Putting It All Together

As you can see this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of this previously published book. We do have the first edition in our circulating collection.

Ancestry.com is the largest subscription genealogy database service that exists. The site is always growing and adding on new databases as well as other genealogy community materials and methods of working between researchers. The first edition of this book tried to lay out a framework for what existed at the time of publication. With so much being added to Ancestry.com, the author made another attempt to update the book. The researcher should routinely visit Ancestry.com to learn what is new at the site and how to take advantage of what the site offers to enhance their own research experience.

The author clearly states what the reader will find in this book that is different from the first edition. Quoting from the introduction, the author states the following about what is new in this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition related to Ancestry.com:

“Since I wrote the first edition of this book, major changes and additions have been made to Ancestry.com. While you can certainly use many of the research tips and ideas in the first edition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition addresses many of the new changes

and additions, including the following:

The New Search Function

MyCanvas (Previously called AncestryPress)

AncestryDNA

The updated Learning Center

Enhancements to Family Trees

It is important to remember that Ancestry.com is a dynamic resource that is constantly changing. While it is impossible for a book like this to accurately reflect all aspects of the site into the future, the fundamentals contained herein will remain valuable, even as the site changes. Some of the features discussed in this book may look different than shown here, but you can still use those examples to help you learn.

This guide will coach you through using the full range of the Ancestry.com international family of databases and other electronic resources. In no time at all, you will have become a pro in making the online content at Ancestry.com an essential part of all of your research. You will be navigating and searching the data quickly and effectively, and you will be better prepared to apply what you find to improve the quality and efficiency of your research at Ancestry.com and across the internet."

I definitely like when an author clearly gives some insight as to what you will find that is new in a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. It is helpful to the prospective reader to know what is revised and added to in comparison to the first edition.

This book should be sitting right next to your home computer if you are a subscribed member to Ancestry.com. It is as valuable even if you are not but use a library subscribed version at your local public library. We often just do cursory searches for surnames in the general template used for searching. There is far more to this site than just using a basic search. As the Table of Contents indicates you should consider learning all you can about:

- Uploading Family Trees
- Using the Stories, Memories and Histories section of the site.
- Using the Reference section of the site that will give you access to many Ancestry.com published reference books as well as the Periodical Source Index commonly known as PERSI.
- How to Print a Family History Book.
- Connecting with Community through the Ancestry.com Message Boards.
- Submitting your DNA to discover connections to other relatives that may very well be unknown.
- Visiting the store at Ancestry.com to purchase books, records, software, photos, maps and gifts to share with other fellow researchers.

There is far more to Ancestry.com than just searching surnames. This book will help you uncover so much more that exists that will help your research effort even more.

This is a great book that each researcher using Ancestry.com should have. The author does a great job in trying to keep the reader informed of all of the changes in Ancestry. That is nearly an impossible job simply because Ancestry.com continues to march on with new additions to its site. But an updated book gives the average researcher using Ancestry.com a fighting chance to learn what is out there that they did not know about, all of which can help their research experience.

You can find this revised book on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the circulating shelves. It is available to check out. The call number of the book is 929.1 MORGAN, G. I do not think you will be disappointed in either the first edition book or this one, especially if you are one who just taps into the basics of using Ancestry.com. You will not be disappointed when you look at this book and have one of those "Aha!" moments when you discover some new way of using Ancestry.com to its fullest.

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No new genealogy book was added to our collection during this December 2009 period and consequently no new book review is included in this newsletter.

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## **SOFTWARE/HARDWARE**

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| <b>ourFamily•ology Web-Based Genealogy Software Program (November 4, 2009)</b> |
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I have only looked at this web site for a few minutes but it does look interesting. It is a web-based genealogy program. The following announcement is a press release written by Family-Genealogy.com:

Nov 03, 2009 – FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ - ourFamily•ology today announced that, in celebration of the official launch of its website at <http://www.Family-Genealogy.com>, it is offering a 15-day free trial to all visitors.

Visitors interested in the free trial simply need to visit <http://www.Family-Genealogy.com>, click on the "Subscribe" button and fill out the form. No credit card is required. At the end of the 15-day trial, users can choose from three annual subscription levels based on storage space: \$35 for 300 MB, \$50 for 600 MB and \$75 for 1000 MB.

ourFamily•ology is a one-of-a-kind, web-based genealogy software program that promises to help amateur and professional genealogists alike build a precise family history. ourFamily•ology's Web-Based Family Genealogy Program offers features no other genealogy



program has ever offered – either as PC software or as an online Web-based application.

ourFamily•ology is the only family tree builder that offers a simple, visual progress and accuracy rating guide. For the first time, genealogists will easily gain a sense of 'the big picture' of where they are and what they should work on next within their family tree. It also includes an optionally ever-present status chart, with a color-coded reliability and progress indicator to gauge the completeness of your family tree as well as provide a clear roadmap of what you should work on next – all at a single glance.

The Web-Based Family Genealogy Program from ourFamily•ology allows users to:

- Work on your own or collaboratively with family members
- Control access to your private tree with required individual passwords
- Update genealogical details for the same person in multiple files with one click
- Easily attach sources, photos, notes, etc. to multiple family members
- Search genealogical information by birth, death, notes, or place
- View/Print/Export 18 different Reports, Lists, and Charts
- Receive warnings and reports for probable data issues
- Ability to unlink as well as merge people with controls
- Options to add multiple parents; marriage and child parent relationships
- Add your own custom events and LDS Ordinances
- Track the accuracy and completion of your family tree with ourFamily•ology's unique color-coded Progress Rating Chart

"After spending years on my own family tree and using many different tools and programs, I knew there was a need for the functionality that we built into ourFamily•ology's program," said founder and president, Brandy Sacco. "I think users will find that our program is not only fun and easy to use, but also the most robust family tree builder available."

To learn more about ourFamily•ology and to subscribe for the free 15-day trial, visit <http://www.Family-Genealogy.com>.

#### About ourFamily•ology

ourFamily•ology is a security conscious, Web-based provider of genealogy tools to help you build and organize a precise family history and a reliable family tree that can be shared with family and friends. For more information, please visit <http://www.Family-Genealogy.com>.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on November 04, 2009 in [Online Sites](#), [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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| <b>DiamonDisc Will Store Data for 1,000 Years on Stone Disks (November 13, 2009)</b> |
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CD and DVD disks you record on your computer will last an average of two to five years. If you would like to record your family photographs and videos for preservation, you'll want something that lasts longer. A start-up company in Ferndale, Washington, claims to have the answer. Cranberry LLC sells DVD disks that literally last a millennium.

Cranberry says its DiamonDisc product, which can be played in any standard DVD player, is not subject to deterioration from heat, ultraviolet rays, or material rot due to humidity or other elements. The DiamonDisc has no dyes, adhesives, or reflective materials like standard DVD discs, and its discs are made from a vastly more durable synthetic stone. That's right: stone.

**NOTE:** Prerecorded disks manufactured in a factory will last quite a bit longer than the disks you record at home, perhaps 10 to 25 years. Mass-duplicated DVDs are made using an entirely different process known as "glass mastering." This article will focus solely on disks that are recorded one at a time on an individual computer. Data is recorded on the DiamonDisc platter in much the same way as a standard DVD disc, but with DiamonDisc the burner etches much deeper pits. The DiamonDisc product holds a standard 4.7 gigabytes of data (the same as standard DVD disks), which amounts to approximately 2,000 photos, or 1,200 songs, or three hours of video,

While the DiamonDisc can be played back on any standard DVD player, recording the disks requires special hardware, which remains quite expensive at this time: \$4,995. That price is expected to drop, however, as the technology becomes more popular. The burner plugs into any standard USB port and uses any standard Windows or Macintosh DVD burning software.

While waiting for the prices to drop, anyone may upload photos, videos or other content directly to Cranberry's Web site or mail them to the company. Cranberry will then write that data to a DiamonDisc and mail the disk to the customer. A single DiamonDisc costs \$34.95; two or more individual discs go for \$29.95; and a five-pack is \$149.75.

The DiamonDisc technology was invented by researchers at Brigham Young University and was first brought to market by Springville, Utah, startup Millenniata. While Millenniata performs the R&D on the product, Cranberry does the sales and marketing. Millenniata is in talks with the U.S. Government and the military, which are looking for archival media.

Cranberry said it is also working on producing a Blu-ray version of its 1,000-year disc.

You can read more about the DiamonDisc product and the services available at <http://cranberry.com>.

All this begs one question: who will have the hardware to read these disks a thousand years from now?

Posted by Dick Eastman on November 13, 2009 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)

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## **FUNNY BONE**

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

[www.alsirat.com/epitaphs/index.html](http://www.alsirat.com/epitaphs/index.html)

Battle of Ridgefield Dead  
Ridgefield, Connecticut  
*In defense of American Independence  
at the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27, 1777,  
died Eight Patriots who were laid in this ground,  
Companioned by Sixteen British Soldiers,  
Living, their enemies,  
Dying, their guests*

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Margaret Bent  
Winterborn Steepleton Cemetery,  
Dorsetshire, England  
*Here lies the body  
Of Margaret Bent  
She kicked up her heels  
And away she went.*

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Peter Daniels  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
*Beneath this stone a lump of clay  
Lies Uncle Peter Dan'els  
Who early in the month of May  
Took off his winter flannels*

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

- Dec 8  
TUE  
2009  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- Jan 12  
TUE  
2010  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Interpreting Headstones"**  
Presented by Craig Pfannkuche.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- Jan 19  
TUE  
2010  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, January 19, 2010.  
**"On the Road Again: Planning for a Research Trip".**  
Presented by Member Panel of the Society  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- Jan 20  
WED  
2010  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 20, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**Group Break Out Session**".  
Guest speaker is no one.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Feb 9  
TUE  
2010  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Social Security Death Index (SSDI) – New Things To Know"**  
Presented by Larry Olson.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- Feb 9  
TUE  
2010  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, February 9, 2010.  
**"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places".**  
Presented by Ginger Frere  
Forest View Educational Center.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM  
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)
- Feb 27  
SAT  
2010  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Saturday, February 27, 2010.  
Annual Conference. Hilton Garden. St. Charles, IL  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Visit the society web page that follows for details on program and cost.

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

Mar 9  
TUE  
2010

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

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Mar 16  
TUE  
2010

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, March 16, 2010.  
**"Non-Federal Civil War Sources for Family History Research".**

Presented by Craig Pfannkuche  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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Mar 17  
WED  
2010

DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 17, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.

Program title is **"Cemetery Symbols"**.  
Guest speaker is Joyce Matthiessen.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Apr 13  
TUE  
2010

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**"So You've Found Your German Town of Origin – Now What?"**  
Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.  
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Apr 20  
TUE  
2010

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

Presented by Kathryn Barrett  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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Apr 21  
WED  
2010

DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 21, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.

Program title is **"Using EBay to Find Genealogical Material"**.  
Guest speaker is Edward Udovic.  
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May 11

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.

- TUE  
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**"20<sup>th</sup> Century Military Records"**  
Presented by Marian Richter Schuetz.  
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- May 18  
TUE  
2010 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 18, 2010.  
**"In Search of French-Canadians in America and Canada"**.  
Presented by Michelle Bray Wilson  
Forest View Educational Center.  
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- May 19  
WED  
2010 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 19, 2010.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"American Geographical Society Maps"**.  
Guest speaker is Jovanka Ristovik.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
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- Jun 8  
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**"Getting the Most Out of Heritage Quest"**  
Presented by Kristin Newton Smith.  
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- Aug 10  
TUE  
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**"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places – the Search for Marriage Records"**  
Presented by Ginger Frere.  
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- Sep 14  
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- Oct 12  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

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**"Program to Be Determined"**  
 Presented by To Be Determined.  
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- Nov 9 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Using the Hamburg and Bremen Passenger Lists"**  
 Presented by Patricia Reaves.  
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