

## January 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our January 12, 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

Prior to this "new" process, our program handouts would actually be paper handouts that were based on me often printing up the first page related to a web site that I wanted to mention. Then on the paper for the web site I would handwrite what things of importance are associated with the web site that the researcher should know. Maybe it was a new web site or maybe an important date related to a significant event or maybe a new database was released. Whatever it was I noted it on the paper of the first page of the web site.

Going forward I plan on creating this document on a monthly basis that will include my notes regarding a web site of interest and a link to the web site itself.

The reader of this "handout" list can themselves then read my overview summary of the site and then link to the site directly themselves to get more details or print out what they want from site.

This program "Handout" information will then be uploaded to the Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Blog that is titled "Genealogy with Tony". This blog will be accessible from the library's main web site page at [www.stdl.org](http://www.stdl.org). Select "Research" at the top of the page, then "Genealogy" on the left hand column, then scroll down and select "Genealogy with Tony". Look at the right hand side of the blog and you will see the "Handouts" information.

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

### [Handout #1 – JANUARY 2010 LAST MAILING OF NEWSLETTER AND HANDOUTS](#)

There is no link to this notice. Because of the establishment of the Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Blog, we will be ending the practice of bringing handouts to the Genealogy Program and ending the practice of mailing handouts to those unable to attend the program. All of this material will be available as PDF files from the blog which is located at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>. You can download the material if you choose from this site. You can direct link to internet sites of interest directly from within the Newsletter and the Handouts. Our paper creation, mailing and archiving will now end as we have done it in the past.

I hope this process will be satisfactory to all. If for some reason there is someone that is completely unable to access this data routinely on their own then please let me know so we can figure out what work around we can possibly do.

**Handout #2 – NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS  
ANNOUNCES THEIR JANUARY 19, 2010 PROGRAM**

The topic for this upcoming program on Tuesday evening, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 PM from this society will be "On the Road Again: Planning for a Research Trip". No individual speaker will present this program. A four-person panel will share their knowledge of the topic with the audience. The program will take place at the Forest View Educational Center, Room 100, at 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Please visit the society web page at:

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

Information about this program is available there as is much more information about the society itself and its activities.

Check it out!

**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 8 AM through 4 PM. Browsing of vendor material will occur from 8 AM until 9 AM, at which time the actual program content will begin.

The conference will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn at 4070 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois.

This is a great annual conference that I recommend to everyone to attend. You will obtain a full day's worth of genealogical information on a wide array of topics. It is certainly very local to our area and is easily reached. Listening to great speakers on many different topics will enhance your own genealogical research skills. Interacting with those in attendance is also a great way of not only learning more about genealogy but also being able to share that which you know with others.

Please visit the web site at

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

Once at the site click on the link you will see for "Conferences". Once there all of the details of the conference are available including a PDF document of the conference information on speakers, topics, location directions, and registration form and cost.

Plan on attending the conference if it fits your schedule. You won't regret it.

**Handout #4 – YOUR ANCESTORS AND FAMILY HEALTH HAZARDS FROM  
THENATIONAL**

Many genealogy researchers are taking much more note of the cause of death or general health ancestry of direct ancestors in their lines. There is more and more

evidence indicating that you may be more prone to actually inherit the potential health threats yourself that you may see in researching your direct line ancestors.

The most commonly traced medical conditions that may be passed on include:

- Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Mental Illness
- High Blood Pressure
- Stroke
- Kidney Disease
- Alcoholism

A blog news item by Dick Eastman is included in the January 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter that provides information on the medical aspects of your genealogy research that you should note. The article was published at TheNational.

You can find this entire article at the following website link at

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091221/LIFE/712209984/1085>

Take a look at the entirety of the article from the above link.

Take more note of what your research uncovers. It can help you to know you may be vulnerable to medical conditions you may not even have noticed. This knowledge can maybe even give you a brighter future from a medical perspective knowing that if you are susceptible to some illness you may actually be able to stave off any ill effects by working closely with your doctor.

### [Handout #5 – ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND AVAILABLE GENEALOGY DIGITAL DOWNLOADS](#)

Allen County Public Library is the genealogy Mecca of the Midwest. Many people make special research trips to take advantage of the material they have onsite in their collection. Exciting news is that this facility is making more and more of their genealogy collection available online in the form of digitized downloads.

How convenient is that? Digital downloads of material from a great genealogical source.

A blog news item from Dick Eastman is included in the January 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter that provides information on what is occurring at the Allen County Public Library concerning its digital genealogy downloads.

You can read the entire from the following web site at

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20091129/LOCAL/311299914/1002/LO>  
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The blog entry by Dick Eastman in our newsletter also provides some other comments from Dick on this availability of data.

It appears that at least 8,000 titles are available to browse online from the Allen County Public Library which can be reached at

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

and search for "Allen County Public Library" to see a complete list of available titles. Researchers can download an entire book or just a page. Material can be downloaded as Flip Book, PDF and JPEG.

You can also just visit the Allen County Public Library at

[www.acpl.lib.in.us](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us)

and hunt around the site for all things genealogical.

### **Handout #6 – LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION AID FROM CYNDIS LIST**

In my review of the journal Family Chronicle in the Newsletter I came across the following.

For any one struggling with translating foreign language documents of our ancestors, take heart! It is not easy and it is challenging! But what genealogist ever shirked from a challenge to uncover more of the ancestral line of interest.

Cyndi's List may help you to overcome these language difficulties.

I noticed there are about 9 pages of helpful material that she has documented relating to the following categories:

- Alphabets
- Foreign Language Translations and Dictionaries (Genealogy)
- Foreign Language Translations and Dictionaries (General)
- Form Letters
- Latin
- Mailing Lists, Newsgroups and Chat
- Professional Researchers, Volunteers and Other Research Services

There is an incredible amount of helpful information for helping you work through your language challenges. Browse through all of this looking for your language aid or alphabet aid of choice. Use the browser menu command generally under "Edit" and "Search on this Page" and enter in your language choice. The browser can then more quickly find for you if the language you entered in exists within this section on Cyndi's List.

Definitely visit this great alphabet/language aid set of resources on Cyndi's List at:

[www.cyndislist.com/language.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/language.htm)

Bookmark this site for future use. As your research expands beyond your initial language of research, you will find yourself coming back to this site more and more.

Check it out.

### **Handout #7 – WEST VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS NOW ONLINE**

For anyone that is doing genealogical research related to West Virginia records, you can now access some great data online for Birth, Marriage and Death records for a variety of West Virginia counties and time periods.

A blog news item from Dick Eastman is included in the January 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter that provides information on what West Virginia data can be accessed online.

Data that can be found is available for **FREE**.

Visit the site at

[www.wvculture.org/vrr/](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/)

Once you get to the site and click on one of the searchable categories, you will find that there is an explanation as to what data is available for what West Virginia counties in addition to the time frames of the data itself.

I did a quick look and found that the data consists mainly of registers in which the name you searched for is embedded in the list.

For the attempts I did to search, I did not find any civil county provided individual birth, marriage or death certificate. Rather I saw images of registers that were handwritten in which the name I used to search was found in the list. Data varied by county and by time interval as to what was contained.

The images loaded very quickly.

You can search by a specific county or by all counties. You can enter in an exact year to search or a "plus" or "minus" range from the year you think you want.

If you have West Virginia ancestry, you must visit this site and see what you can find for your ancestral hunt.

### **Handout #8 – FAMILYHISTORY101.COM**

In my review of the journal Family Chronicle that is included in the Newsletter, I came across the following.

There is a very nice web site out there called FamilyHistory101.com.

I like that you can select an individual state from which you can then discover some great historical background information about the state. This can be very helpful to know how a state may have developed over time. You can also narrow down the state and find all kinds of information about individual counties within the state. There are lots of links that take you to information about each county.

You can search through many different categories of records on the site but I found the state and county information to be the most help to me as a great reference resource.

You can tap into the following kinds of categories of information at the site:

- Census Records
- Court Records
- Probate Records
- Land Records
- Vital Records
- Tax Records
- Military Records
- Church and Cemetery Records
- State and County Maps
- Printable Forms
- Encyclopedia
- Humor
- DNA
- Blog

You will not find out record information for any ancestral search under the above categories, but instead you will find great background information on what the category of information entails. This can be very helpful to the researcher simply knowing what these kinds of records entail.

Please take a look at the site at

[www.familyhistory101.com](http://www.familyhistory101.com)

I think you will like all that you can find as reference/research information from this site. You will not find data so to speak but much background information on the record category.

### **Handout #9 – WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

I had not recently visited the Wisconsin Historical Society online lately.

I thought I would take a new look.

For anyone doing Wisconsin ancestral research, this site is a must to look at. You can do a lot of online searching for material they have in their collection. Also, don't forget to just browse around the site and test out the variety of links they have from their main page.

Visit the site at

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

On the main page, look over to the right side and click on the link "Genealogy".

You will find an enormous amount of data that is at your fingertips in this "Genealogy" category. You will also find much about Wisconsin history in general from within articles. I noticed a good amount of Wisconsin Civil War data and history also available here. Access to Wisconsin Historical Society Online Catalogs can also be found here.

I think you will like what you find within the "Genealogy" section, but also give the other links a try on the main page to see what else you can discover about Wisconsin from this site.

### **Handout #10 – USING YOUR IPHONE AS A SCANNER**

A blog news item from Dick Eastman is included in the January 2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter that provides information on how you can use your iPhone as a scanner.

A special set of "Apps" can be purchased from Apple and incorporated into the iPhone. This will give the iPhone the capability to function as a scanner. The "App" gives the process more polish than just using the iPhone camera capability.

The App itself can be purchased from the Apple Store for \$6.99.

The blog item by Dick Eastman directed the reader to the web site of the producer of the App allowing the iPhone to become a scanner. The web site mentioned is:

<http://readdle.com/products/scannerpro>

Take a look at the above web site for more details how to make your iPhone even more productive, especially for genealogical researchers who deal with documents all the time at off-site locations. Now your genealogical research and data capture can improve more with the iPhone and the special Scanner PRO App.