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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:

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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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APRIL 13, 2010 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our speaker for our April 13, 2010 program will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. Teresa will present a program titled "So You've Found Your German Town of Origin – Now What?".

Many of us may never uncover our ancestor's town of origin. But when we do perhaps we should have a party. That is a big discovery, but one that may still require some hard work to make it pay off for you.

Teresa will give us some insights on what to do next when you find your ancestor's German town of origin. You will hear insights into how you work with German information to find out more but what you hear can have universal research techniques for whatever ethnicity you are trying to uncover.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin is a professional genealogist who specializes in German and Midwest American research, as well as reading German script. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a child and has been actively researching her German ancestry for the past nine years, as well as her husband's Chicago Irish.

She has attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and has taken college-level German courses. She was the 2007 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Home Study Course, which she has completed. Teresa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, as well as many local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists.

We look forward to Teresa making her first presentation at our library's Genealogy Program. Perhaps you will walk away from this program with that important piece of information that will allow you to find out more about your German ancestor.

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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 128 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 980 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 February 3, 2010, February 3, 2010, February 6, 2010, February 13, 2010, February 16, 2010, February 16, 2010 and are copyright 2010 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>.

New Phishing Scam (February 3, 2010)

This is a quick "heads up" notice of a new scam email message that is floating around. For years, scammers have tried to get you to click on a link and reveal your banking user name and password. However, the latest such messages have added a new wrinkle.

It all starts when a user receives a 'notice' to their email account. The message then claims that there has been a request issued by the bank for the user to reset their password. That is the same as millions of other scam messages that have been sent over the years.

Next comes the new hook line: "If you didn't request that your password be reset, please follow the instructions below to cancel your request."

Whether deciding to accept or decline the message, the user is duped into clicking on a link or copying and pasting a link into their browser. However, upon closer inspection, both the "accept" line and "decline" line have the same address. Someone not paying close attention to the message could be easily fooled by the scam.

If you receive one of these messages, just click on DELETE in your email program. These messages are never sent by your bank, although they certainly will look authentic. Instead, the messages come from scammers who have forged your bank's return address.

These scams are referred to as "phishing attacks" because the scammers are fishing, or "phishing." They send millions of these messages in hopes that a few people are gullible enough to "bite" on this bait and enter their private banking information. Once the scammers have obtained your private banking credentials, they can log onto your bank account and transfer money out of the account.

Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails. If no request has been made, the email should be deleted from your inbox.

If you have questions, call your bank on the phone. The banks all know about this scam.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 03, 2010 in [Scams](#) | [Permalink](#)

Google Digitizes the Ottawa Citizen Archives (February 3, 2010)

Google has digitized and made available online most of the archives of the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, putting about 2.5 million articles at your fingertips, the earliest from 1890. You may be amazed at the speed and ease with which you can find family history.

Most genealogy researchers often have only a vague notion of a date, like the mid-1950s, for something as simple as a death notice. Finding the article on microfilm may require hours of mechanically loading one microfilm roll after another, always worried that, in a bleary-eyed state, you might skip right over the piece. Sometimes you can find the article in a few hours. Some searches may require days.

Contrast that with Google's online database. Enter the person's name and "Voila!" All references to that name in the archives appear on your screen within two or three seconds. If it is a common name, you may have to spend a few minutes clicking on the various titles until you find "your" man or woman. Contrast that to the hours or days required to do the same thing on microfilm.

One word of caution: The digital archive has some unexplained time gaps. Some obvious stories are completely missed. The new online tool certainly is not perfect but it is much better than previous research methodologies.

Google plans to digitize all the major Canwest dailies, with completion expected later this year.

Google's Advanced News Archive Search also contains the contents of a few hundred other newspaper archives and is available free of charge at

http://news.google.ca/archivesearch/advanced_search

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 03, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

The Pounds Sterling in Family History (February 6, 2010)

Writing in the *Genealogy How-To* blog, Charles Rice Bourland, Jr. describes how to research the financial information of ancestors living in the 17th and 18th centuries. In those days, most residents of the United States used monetary units from the English world of pounds sterling, shillings, and pennies.

In order to create a reasonable description of the lives and times of those ancestors, it is often useful to describe their wealth or lack thereof, to envisage what a particular item cost in earlier times, and to relate those dollars or coin to today's coin.

I suspect that British schoolchildren still learn the old monetary system in class, even though many of the terms used are now obsolete. Americans, however, typically never learn them until they become genealogists.

To learn more, start at the *Genealogy How-To* blog at <http://www.genealogyhowto.com/2010/02/the-pounds-sterling-in-family-history> for some of the information, then that blog article will refer you to <http://www.measuringworth.com>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 06, 2010 in [History](#) | [Permalink](#)

2010 FGS Conference Registration is Open (February 13, 2010)

The following announcement was written by the U.S. Federation of Genealogical Societies:

Registration for the 2010 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for 18-21 August 2010 in beautiful Knoxville, Tennessee, is now open. This year's

conference theme is "Rediscovering America's First Frontier," and is co-hosted by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Kentucky Historical Society.

The conference schedule includes 173 presentations by 73 noted speakers, including a large number of sponsored luncheons with speakers. There will be two exciting evening events: "Come Sit a Spell: Ballads, Mountain Stories, and Country Fare," organized by the host societies; and the annual gala FGS banquet, "An Evening in Old Appalachia," which will be held at the fascinating Museum of Appalachia.

The exciting program includes a completely redesigned "Focus on Societies" day that will present societies' officers, as well as their members and volunteers, with all new programs and focus group sessions to help improve their operations and effectiveness.

ProQuest is sponsoring Librarians Day, a full day of free sessions for librarians and archivists that includes a tour of the outstanding McClung Historical Collection of the Knox County Public Library.

FamilySearch will present an extensive track of sessions about its resources and projects that you won't want to miss. Ancestry.com will present a free day of classes for the public and conference attendees on Saturday, plus they will offer free document scanning sessions to attendees by appointment throughout the conference. The Genealogy Guys Podcast will also be there to record a "live" session at the conference.

The Exhibit Hall will be filled with a wide array of vendors and organizations, and a special Spotlight on Societies area will showcase local and regional genealogical and historical societies. There will be extended Exhibit Hall hours on Friday evening, followed by a gala reception, hosted by FamilySearch, to kick off the 1812 Pension Files Digitization Project.

There are more activities and research opportunities too numerous to list. However, you can learn all about the 2010 FGS Conference and register for this exciting four-day event at <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference>. Be sure to also visit or subscribe to the FGS Conference Blog at <http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org> for lots more information and travel advice.

We look forward to seeing you in Knoxville in August!

Cherel Henderson and Pat Oxley
National Conference Co-Chairs
2010 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 13, 2010 in [Societies](#) | [Permalink](#)

The First Social Security Number (February 16, 2010)

President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law on August 14, 1935. It was a major part of his New Deal plans, most of which were strongly opposed by the Republican Party. Three and a half months later, on December 1, 1936, the first block of 1,000 records were assembled and were ready to start their way through the nine-step process that would result in the creation of a permanent master record and the establishment of an earnings record for the individual.

When this first stack was ready, Joe Fay, head of the Division of Accounting Operations in the Candler Building, walked over to the stack, pulled off the top record, and

declared it to be the official first Social Security record. This particular record, (055-09-0001) belonged to John D. Sweeney, Jr., age 23, of New Rochelle, New York. The next day, newspapers around the country announced that Sweeney had been issued the first Social Security Number.

Mr. Sweeney was the son of a wealthy factory owner. The younger Mr. Sweeney had grown up in a 15-room Westchester County home staffed with servants. In an effort to learn the family business, Mr. Sweeney was working as a shipping clerk for his father at the time he filled out his application for a Social Security card. The whole Sweeney family voted for Republican Presidential candidate Landon in 1936, although John Jr. allowed that he liked the new Social Security program, even though he didn't think much of the New Deal.

Ironically, John Sweeney died of a heart attack in 1974 at the age of 61 without ever receiving any benefits from the Social Security program. However, his widow was able to receive benefits, based on his work, until her death in 1982.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 16, 2010 in [History](#) | [Permalink](#)

Family Tree DNA Launches the "Family Finder" DNA Test (February 16, 2010)

This sounds like a major announcement. The following was written by Family Tree DNA:

Houston, TX – February 16, 2010 - Family Tree DNA, the pioneer and largest DNA testing company for genealogy purposes, is launching today their newest test – named Family Finder – which will allow connecting with family members across all ancestral lines. "This is the most exciting genetic genealogy breakthrough since the company launched its Y-DNA test, which uncovers relatives in the direct paternal line", says Bennett Greenspan, founder and CEO of Family Tree DNA. Initially available to current Family Tree DNA members, Family Finder will be offered to the general public in mid-March.

While the Y-DNA matches men with a specific paternal line and the mtDNA finds potential relatives only along the maternal line, Family Finder can look for close relationships along all ancestral lines. Anyone, regardless of their gender, may now confidently match to male and female cousins from any of their family lines in the past five generations. The science – linked blocks of DNA across the 22 autosomal chromosomes are matched between two people. Based on this concept, Family Tree DNA bioinformatics team has worked extensively to develop the calculations that would yield the closeness of the relationship.

The possibilities to find matches abound: grandparents, aunts and uncles; half siblings; first, second, third and fourth cousins; and, more tentatively, fifth cousins.

Unlike other companies that offer autosomal testing for relationship purposes, the Family Tree DNA "Family Finder" focuses on the genealogy of the test takers: matching contact names and email addresses are readily available for easy communication, and special tools have been developed to assist in the genealogy and matching process.

About Family Tree DNA

Founded in April 2000, Family Tree DNA was the first company to develop the commercial application of DNA testing for genealogical purposes, something that had previously been available only for academic and scientific research. Almost a decade later, the Houston-based company has a database with over 280,000 individual records – the largest DNA database in genetic genealogy, and a number that makes Family Tree DNA the

prime source for anyone researching recent and distant family ties. In 2006 Family Tree DNA established a state of the art Genomics Research Center at its headquarters in Houston, Texas, where it currently performs R&D and processes over 200 advanced types of DNA tests for its customers.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 16, 2010 in [DNA](#) | [Permalink](#)

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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 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH A MEETING OCCURS. MEETINGS WILL STILL BE HELD AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ON GOEBBERT ROAD. NO MEETINGS OCCUR DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Tuesday evening, March 16, 2010. The program for the evening is titled **“Non-Federal Civil War Sources for Family History Research”**. The speaker for the evening will be Craig Pfannkuche.

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

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.

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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.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, March 17, 2010. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Cemetery Symbols**". The speaker for the program will be Joy Matthiessen.

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, March 20, 2010 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**What's New in Technology**". The speaker for the program will be Ed Rosenthal.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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## **INTERNET INFORMATION**

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| <b>Footnote.Com and the National Archives Release New Vietnam War Photos and Records Online (February 4, 2010)</b> |
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The following announcement was written by Footnote.com:

-Over 27,000 Photos And Records Are Added To The Largest Online Vietnam War Collection-

Lindon, UT – February 4, 2010 – Today Footnote.com announced a major addition to its Vietnam War Collection: Army Photos and Unit Service Awards. Now totaling over 100,000 photos and documents, this collection helps visitors gain a better perspective and appreciation for this often misunderstood event in U.S. History.

"Our partnership with the National Archives has proven to be invaluable as we work to make these records more accessible," explains Russell Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. "Previously you were required to travel to Washington, D.C. to see these records. Now anyone can access the original records through the internet."

Army Unit Service Awards include documents relating to Presidential Unit Citations, Valorous Unit Awards and Meritorious Unit Commendations. These were usually awarded to units going above and beyond the call of duty, and in most cases, showing exceptional valor. These documents contain:

- Dates of service
- Duties performed
- Letters of recommendation

The Army Photos feature various activities of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. In nearly every case there is a caption or description of what was happening and the names of the soldiers featured in the photos. Everything ranging from daily duties to Bob Hope's Christmas program is captured, providing a glimpse into what life was like for the soldiers.

"My dad is a Vietnam War hero, but I rarely can get him to share his experiences from the war," says Justin Schroepfer, Marketing Director at Footnote.com. "Going through these photos allowed me to visualize a little more what he went through and the sacrifices he made for his country."

In addition to these new records, the Footnote Vietnam War Collection also includes:

- The Interactive Vietnam Veterans Memorial – featuring service records for each name on the wall

- Photos of the Marine Corps in Vietnam - color
- Photos of the Marine Corps in Vietnam - black and white

Footnote.com will continue to work with the National Archives to add more Vietnam War content online.

“These documents and photos tell a part of the Vietnam War story that you just can’t find in textbooks,” explains Russell Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. “It’s imperative that we preserve and share this side of history for future generations. We are encouraging everyone to come to Footnote.com and enhance these stories by adding their own comments, photos and documents.”

The Vietnam War Collection will be made free to the public during the month of February. To view these documents, visit [www.footnote.com/vietnam](http://www.footnote.com/vietnam).

#### Additional Resources

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**Posted by Dick Eastman on February 04, 2010 in [Announcements](#), [History](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **170 Years of UK Vital Records Are Now Online (February 17, 2010)**

The following announcement was written by Ancestry.ca:

(TORONTO, ON – February 17, 2010) More than 318 million names of everyone who was born, married or who died in England and Wales between 1837 and 2005 are now fully name-searchable online for the first time at Ancestry.ca, Canada’s leading online family history website.

Considered ‘core’ historical records by family history researchers, the fully name-searchable BMD Indexes are a major addition to Ancestry.ca’s historical collection and will be of great significance to the ten million Canadians living today who can claim British ancestry.

In a project which has taken four years to complete, Ancestry.ca partnered with FreeBMD to index by name, registration date and district, the General Register Office (GRO) Birth, Marriage and Death (BMD) Indexes for England and Wales since civil registration began in 1837 through until 2005[i].

Making the indexes searchable has revealed for the first time insights into UK birth, marriage and death trends over the last 170 years, including naming patterns, peak years and districts for marriages, and average age of death[ii]. Comparisons to information from similar dates in Canada’s history also highlight some of the difference between life in the old

and new world after Confederation.  
Births: the Royals... who's hot and who's not

The birth indexes reveal a fascinating royal influence on Britons' choice of baby names – inspired by those in the public eye at the time. For instance, the names William and Harry rose in popularity throughout the nineties and early noughties following the births of the two princes[iii]. Zara, Andrew, Anne, Beatrice and Eugenie are further examples of names chosen by the public after being given to a royal child[iv].

Despite there not being a John on the throne for almost 800 years, this name comes in first amongst the males with more than 2 million, ahead of William at 1.9 million. Bucking the trend somewhat, Charles came in at a modest 6th place at just under 500,000.

Not only is she the current and longest serving British monarch, but Queen Elizabeth II, and probably with some help with her enormously popular mother, is a clear female winner with just shy of 1.7 million.

And it may be too soon to say whether the two royal ladies in waiting will boost the popularity of their respective forenames, but Kate is currently ten times as popular as Chelsy[v], and has been amongst the most popular girl's names of the last two centuries, with 220,000 included in the collection. (Complete table of most popular names available)

There are more than 134 million names in the UK Birth Indexes, including:

- Kate Middleton – born Catherine Elizabeth Middleton in Reading, 1982
- Princess Diana – born Diana Frances Spencer in Norfolk, 1961
- Robert Pattinson – born Robert Douglas Pattinson in Surrey, 1986

#### Deaths: infant mortality

The average age of death also crept up by more than 20 years across the 50-year intervals between 1866 and 1966, from 29 years-of-age in 1866, 44 years-of-age in 1916 and 68 years-of-age in 1966. By comparison, average age of death has always been higher in Canada than in the UK. In 1801, Canada's average of 38.5 years-of-age was already higher than any year in the 19th Century in the UK. In Canada, the average age of death in 1966 was 72 years-of-age, four years longer than in the UK.

Sadly - though perhaps unsurprisingly - the UK Death Indexes reveal that in 1866, when age of death was first recorded, newborn babies through to children aged five suffered the highest rates of mortality. Two to four-year-olds had shifted out of the top five 50 years later in 1916, while by 1966 no children were in the top five ages of death recorded in the UK.

There are more than 87 million names in the UK Death Indexes, including:

- Charles Darwin – died in London aged 73 in 1882
- Emily Bronte – died in Yorkshire aged 30 in 1848
- Dame Mary Barbara Hamilton Cartland – died aged 98 in 2000

#### Marriages:

Despite London's long held position as the nation's capital, for almost half the 1900s (1837 to 1884), more couples registered to marry each year in Manchester than in any other city. For the first three decades of the 20th century, West Ham in London became the busiest registration district (1900 to 1932) and for the next 60 years (1933 to 1999), Birmingham.

In the lead up to both World Wars, huge spikes in the number of couples marrying can also be seen – with the number of marriages increasing by 23 per cent at the outbreak of WWI (from 294,000 in 1914 to 360,000 in 1915), and by 22 per cent at the start of WWII (361,000 in 1938 to 439,000 in 1939).

There are more than 96 million names in the UK Marriage Indexes, including:

- Thomas Hardy – married Emma Lavinia Gifford in London, 1874
- John Lennon – married Cynthia Powell in Liverpool, 1962
- Judith Dench – married Michael Williams in Hampstead, 1971

Ancestry.ca Marketing Director Karen Peterson comments: "With the introduction in the early Victorian era of censuses and birth, marriage and death records, the UK pioneered the creation of civil record keeping, which has benefited us all in so many ways.

"Almost one third of Canadians will find an ancestor listed in the England and Wales Birth Marriage and Death Indexes, making them a truly meaningful historical resource.

"To have indexed the entire collection in what has been an epic four-year project is in itself testimony to the value of these indexes."

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 17, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)



## PERIODICAL NEWS

### **Family Chronicle**

We have received the January/February 2010, Volume 14, Number 3 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Serendipity and the Smith Family"**  
by Jackie Feldman

*Jackie Feldman documents her search, with a little bit of serendipity thrown in for good measure!*

**"New York's Island of the Dead"**  
by Gregory Peduto

*Gregory Peduto looks at the records of New York's most notorious isle.*

**"Find A Grave: Beechwood Cemetery"**

by Elizabeth Lapointe

*Elizabeth Lapointe looks at the famous Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa, Canada.*

**"Missing Branch: A Case Study"**

by Marian Press

*Marian Press chronicles her search for a group of missing relatives.*

**"History for Genealogists: Historical Societies"**

by Janice Nickerson

*According to Janice Nickerson, historical societies offer great benefits to genealogists.*

**"The Other American Censuses"**

by Leland K. Meitzler

*Leland K. Meitzler looks at additional US census records that can be a goldmine of information.*

**"Importance of Bibles: A Case Study"**

by Diane L. Richard

*According to Diane L. Richard, you shouldn't underestimate the importance of the family Bible.*

**"Five Tips They Never Gave You"**

by Paul Jones

*Paul Jones looks at the quirkier side of researching at the UK's National Archives in Kew.*

**"Put Your Ancestors in the Movies!"**

by Robyn Echols

*Robyn Echols looks at steps involved in putting together a top-notch family history video.*

**"Get S.M.A.R.T.: 2010 Genealogy Goals"**

by Lynn Palermo

*Lynn Palermo shows you how to set, and prioritize, your research goals for the coming year.*

**"Much Ado about a Hairdo?"**

by Maureen Taylor

*According to Maureen Taylor, your ancestor's hairstyle can help you date your old photograph.*

**"Finding Early Coast Guard Records"**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at resources for the Coast Guard and earlier agencies.*

**"Family History for Hmong and Mien Immigrants"**

by Robyn Echols

*Robyn Echols looks at the challenges of teaching genealogy to Hmong and Mien immigrants.*

**"What's Your Genealogical R.O.I.?"**

by Lisa A. Alzo

*According to Lisa A. Alzo, your genealogy investment is about more than just money.*

**"A Treasury of Family Heritage"**

by Donna Murray

*Donna Murray looks at a new way to preserve family history.*

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Websites Worth Surfing". In this section you will find some very key websites that are special interest and value to genealogical researchers. This section also provides a nice summary of what you can expect to find at these sites. This is definitely worth looking at for your own research needs. Sites mentioned in this issue are:

British Postal Museum @ [www.postalheritage.org.uk](http://www.postalheritage.org.uk)

GenDisasters @ [www.gendisasters.com](http://www.gendisasters.com)

Historic Pittsburgh @ <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh>

Our Slovakia and Slovak Pride @ [www.our-slovakia.com](http://www.our-slovakia.com) and [www.slovakpride.homestead.com](http://www.slovakpride.homestead.com)

Our Timelines @ [www.ourtimelines.com](http://www.ourtimelines.com)

GenQueries.com @ [www.genqueries.com](http://www.genqueries.com)

My Tree and Me @ [www.mytreeandme.com](http://www.mytreeandme.com)

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "The Other American Censuses!"

We are all familiar with the US Federal Census that occurs every ten years. That is constitutionally mandated. However, for a variety of other reason individual states over time felt the need to supplement the Federal decennial census with their own census requirements done on intervals that are midway between the decennial census. This is not



a hard rule because many states did their censuses at whatever timeframe they chose in-between the decennial census.

Fully 37 states have created some form of a state census over the history of the US. Only 13 states have never done their own state census. These state censuses are often categorized as being colonial, territorial or as a state census. A territorial census was done in order to establish population needs to fully gain statehood.

The article provides a full page summary of what states have created a state census and in which years these were done. This page alone is worth making a personal copy for a very quick reference tool.

These state censuses are of great value in possibly determining where an individual might be that appears in a decennial federal census but does not appear in the next one 10 years hence. I have personal research in which this state census search has helped me. An ancestor appeared in a 1900 Wisconsin decennial federal census but did not appear in the 1910. The age of the person might indicate that he passed away some time in between the 1900 and the 1910 census. However, I discovered the individual still alive in a 1905 Wisconsin state census thus allowing me to know that if he passed away it is now more limited to the time between 1905 and 1910. These censuses are great for the gaps you can fill on your ancestors in between decennial censuses.

State censuses also provide some unique questions and answers that generally are not the same Q & A you will find on the federal census. Here are some unique Q & A mentioned in the article that you can find in a state census:

- The 1855 New York state census lists the county of birth if it was in New York state.
- The 1865 Rhode Island state census gives an exact town of birth for those born in the state.
- The 1915 South Dakota state census gives the wife's maiden name, year married and church affiliation.
- The 1925 Iowa state census lists the father's name and mother's maiden name for every person enumerated as well as provides a church affiliation.

You can find some fascinating details!

The article also mentions that the many of these state censuses can be found fully digitized and indexed on the FamilySearch web site under the "Pilot" search link. This is where I found the 1905 Wisconsin state census that helped me in my research. You can also find digitized resources of various state censuses at Ancestry.com at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

Here are a list of the state censuses and years done that you can find at the FamilySearch site at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (Select Pilot Search):

- Florida 1885, 1935, 1945 (Browse Only)
- Massachusetts 1855, 1865
- Minnesota 1895 (No Images)
- New York 1865, 1915 (Browse Images Only), 1892
- Rhode Island 1915 (No Images)
- South Dakota 1905, 1915, 1925
- Wisconsin 1855, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905

This is definitely a good article to take a look and read completely. The state censuses are very valuable. I can personally attest to their value. More and more should also be coming online. Take a look at this article and look at the summary page of all of the state censuses that were done for the states and in what years. You may be lucky to determine that your ancestral state research is included in the list of state censuses completed by that state. Wait till more come online or see if you can get microfilms from the LDS for the state censuses that have not yet been digitized.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Get S.M.A.R.T.: Your 2010 Genealogy Goals".

S.M.A.R.T. stands for:

Specific Goals

Measurable Goals

Attainable Goals

Realistic Goals

Timely Goals

The one thing you do not want to do in genealogy is to wander around in an aimless, directionless method trying to uncover your ancestors. Find an ancestor here, jump to something else, find a hint for another one, come back and try to find more on another ancestor. Having a clear goal and a clear path to help you accomplish the goal is the way to go.

January of any year is the time when we set other personal goals to accomplish in the year. Create a series of genealogy goals as part of that same goal oriented process. I think the acronym of SMART is a brilliant word to associate with your goals.

Be specific. I want to find the marriage certificate for my grandmother on my mother's side.

Do not try to establish some broad, unobtainable goal such as "I want to find all of my paternal direct line ancestors going back 6 generations". It may an overall ideal goal down the road to accomplish but it is better to establish goals on an incremental basis, finding each piece of the puzzle along the way to accomplishing one component of the overall goal.

The author states the following as a sample specific goal for a beginning researcher:

"To research my paternal family tree back to their arrival in North America, acquiring documents via online database including their migration, births, marriages and deaths. I will dedicate three evenings a week to this research, and subscribe to an online database."

The author states the following as a sample specific goal for a more advanced researcher:

To research my paternal family tree beyond their arrival in North

America, including their beginnings in Ireland, establishing a timeline back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century using online databases, professional researchers, archives and a trip to the hometown in Ireland over the span of next year."

To set measurable goals you will have to ask questions such as:

How much?

How many?

Set realistic goals that generally stretch your capabilities somewhat to make it more challenging. You must believe you can accomplish your goal.

Do not set timely goals with a general term such as "someday". What can you do over the next week, next month, next quarter, by the end of the year? Break a goal down into measurable time segments. I will obtain a birth record by the end of February 2010 for Person A. I will visit Archives B by to do onsite research by the end of June 2010.

Stop your research wanderings. Get back on track. Set SMART goals for your self to accomplish in 2010.

This is a great motivational article to get you back on the research track. Take a look at the article in full and see if 2010 can become a better research year for you by setting some meaningful and obtainable goals by a certain time.

This is another great issue of [Family Chronicle](#) just loaded with many varied and interesting articles. Take a look and see which ones are of interest to you for further reading.

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

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

We have received the most recent copy of the [National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#), Volume 97, No. 4, December 2009.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Verifying an Ancestor's Words: The Autobiography of Mary (Seeds) Haviland"**

by Kay Haviland French, CG, CGL (2009 Winner of the Family History Writing Contest)

**"Questionable Information and the English Origin of Thomas Dyson's Family of Marietta, Georgia"**

By Allen R. Peterson, CG

**"Indirect Evidence Identifies Polly Vosburg, Wife of Jeremiah Gardner Carr of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania"**

By Betty Lou Malesky, CG

**"Using Indirect Evidence to Identify the Mother of Joseph McCloskey (1795-1875) of Clinton County, Pennsylvania"**

By Kathryn C. Torpey, CG

**"Using Vessel Documentation to Identify Nineteenth-Century Captains: the Mott Coastal Captains of Long Island Sound"**

By Willis H. White, Ph.D, CG

You will also find in this issue a complete "Annual Table of Contents" to all of the issues of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly for the year 2009. You can use this to look at all of the various article titles for the year 2009.

You will also find in this issue a complete "annual Index" to all of the articles published in 2009. This is a very comprehensive index of keywords and names that appeared throughout the various articles published in this journal in 2009.

In this issue you will also find a "Reviews" section that contains extensive reviews of recently published genealogical material. The reviews are lengthy and in-depth. If you are interested in a popular genealogical book or even a book that has very narrow interest, this is the place to discover a very comprehensive review of the material.

Books that were reviewed in this issue include the following:

***Finding Your Italian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide"***

By Suzanne Russo Adams

Reviewed by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG

***Catching Stories: A Practical Guide to Oral History***

By Donna M. DeBlasio

Reviewed by Carolyn Ybarra, Ph.D

***The Baylors of Newmarket: The Decline and Fall of a Virginia Planter Family***

By Thomas Katheder

Reviewed by Neil D. Thompson, Ph.D, CG

***Colony of Connecticut: Minutes of the Court of Assistants, 1669-1711***

Transcribed and Indexed by Helen Schatvet

Reviewed by Barbara J. Mathews

***Searching for Ichabod: His Eighteenth-Century Diary Leads Me Home***

By Julie Foster Van Kamp

Reviewed by Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG

Take a look at any of the articles included in this issue to see how detailed your research can be along with providing the immense amount of citation material to prove

where your research materials originated. In this particular issue, the articles are very “niched” in scope and not as broadly applicable to general genealogy as some may be. However, all of the articles can provide a researcher with some insights into the genealogical methods undertaken to move your research forward. The authors include descriptions of their analysis to solve problems and show the detailed amounts of citations to document their trails.

You can always learn some new techniques or be made aware of a method to overcome a research problem within any of these articles even if the specifics of the family being described are of little interest to you personally.

Feel free to review anything in this journal that looks valuable to you.

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

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## **Internet Genealogy**

We have received the February/March 2010, volume 4, Number 6 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

**“Irish Roots Café Genealogy Podcast”**

by Cindy Thomson

*Cindy Thomson looks at an innovative approach to Irish genealogy.*

**“Scottish Archives Online”**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris browses through Scotland’s historical archives.*

**“Are You Information Literate?”**

by George G. Morgan

*According to George G. Morgan, understanding your resources is key to success.*

**“Whalers, Sailors and Immigrants”**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at the wealth of resources available on sailing vessels.*

**“Best Canadian Genealogy Blogs”**

by Janice Nickerson

*Janice Nickerson looks at some of the top blogs and newsletters for Canuck researchers.*

**“RootsTelevision”**

by Donna Potter Phillips

*Donna Potter Phillips checks out genealogy TV – on the net!*

**“Top 10 French-Canadian Websites”**

by Janice Nickerson

*Janice Nickerson explores the best online resources for French-Canadian research.*

**“Family Tree Maker 2010”**

by Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy reviews the latest release.*

**“Archives Normandie”**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at an amazing resource for Allied genealogy research.*

**“RootsMagic 4; The Next Generation”**

by Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy tries the newest version of the popular genealogy software.*

**“Sign of the Times: Timelines in Genealogy”**

by Diane L. Richard

*According to Diane L. Richard, there’s a simple way to chart the life of your ancestor.*

**“If These Walls Could Speak!”**

by Donna J. Pointkouski

*Donna J. Pointkouski looks at a German hauserchronik.*

**“Tweeting Your Family History: Using Twitter for Genealogy”**

by Michael Hait

*Michael Hait checks out the buzz about Twitter and how it can benefit your research.*

**“England and Wales Criminal Registers”**

by David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at a new database for ancestors on both sides of the law.*

## **"Special Delivery: State Postal History"**

by Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard discovers a resource for historic postmarks and postmasters.*

You will also find in this issue a section titled "Net Notes". This section highlights what the publisher considers to be Internet Web sites worth visiting that provide interesting information related to some aspect of genealogy. Sites mentioned in this issue are:

The Making of African American Identity @

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/maai/index.htm>

Canadian Records @ [www.genealogysearch.org/canada/new.html](http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/new.html)

Devon Wills @ <http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/DevonWillsProject/>

GenQueries @ [www.genqueries.com](http://www.genqueries.com)

Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930 @

<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration>

Greek Genealogy @ [www.hellenicgenealogygeek.com](http://www.hellenicgenealogygeek.com)

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Family Tree Maker 2010: New and Improved". Based on the returned questionnaires I have received back from participants, it appears that a very large majority of participants use Family Tree Maker. To those of you, I would highly recommend taking a look at this article. If you have a much earlier version of Family Tree Maker, you will understand what the new features are in this version and how they may compare to what your version of the program can do. If this is the version you have, this article may shed some light for you on features you have that you may not be aware of yourself.

The author indicates that pricing for this version ranges from \$27 for the upgrade version to \$39.95 for the full release.

You can purchase one of three packages being offered:

- Family Tree Maker Essentials
- Family Tree Maker Deluxe
- Family Tree Maker Platinum

The difference between any of the above is not the basic Family Tree Maker software. Differences between the packages includes longer subscriptions to Ancestry.com, reference materials and additional discounts.

Family Tree Makers calls things "workspaces". This means the things the user can do such as:

- Plan
- People – working with individuals.
- Places – mapping resources for your research.
- Media – attaching and working with pictures, files and other resources.
- Sources – documenting where you found your research.

- Publish – printing your data so others can see.
- Web Search – integrating the web into your family research.

The author provides some good background on the Importing and Exporting of your data. No problems were discovered in these operations. You can export your data for public observation to Ancestry.com. You can choose what will appear at Ancestry.com by choosing what individuals appear. This is especially important if you do not want to export “living” individuals to Ancestry.com.

Web integration is a growing aspect of many genealogical lineage software products today. Because Family Tree Maker is owned under Ancestry.com, there is a direct connection even more so to web integration simply because Ancestry.com is the biggest of the biggest for a web presence for genealogy.

The mapping and places functionality of this product is one to consider if you want to visually see more of the locations related to your ancestors. This sounds like a very nice feature.

The reporting and printing processes of this software are excellent. You can create custom reports and even print books of your family history from your data. Reports and printings can be shared in PDF, RTF, image and HTML format.

Support for scanners for image transfer is also included in this product. Common formats such as .jpg, .bmp and .tiff are supported. A new feature in this product is the ability to show a slideshow of your images.

The product also contains many helpful “tools” you can use to work with your data. Tools such date calculators, Soundex helpers, name conversion utilities, place name resolvers. If you import a GEDCOM you can use the place name revolver tool to completely standardize place names you may have in spot to that which you are importing so the end result is one “common” place name throughout all of your data.

Overall the author was very happy with this product.

Take a look at the full article for a great deal of insight into this great lineage product. Whether upgrading from an older version or buying your first lineage product, it looks like Family Tree Maker 2010 may be the one you now want.

For anyone doing English speaking Canadian research or French-Canadian research, you will want to take a look at two articles in this issue. One is titled “The Best Canadian Genealogy Blogs” and the other is titled “top 10 sites for French-Canadian Research”.

The top Canadian genealogy blogs listed are:

- Anglo-Celtic Connections @ <http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com>
- Olive Tree Genealogy @ <http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com>
- Librarians Helping Canadian Genealogists Climb Family Trees @ [www.canadianlibgenie.blogspot.com](http://www.canadianlibgenie.blogspot.com)
- Toronto 1861 @ <http://toronto1861.blogspot.com>
- Prairie History Blog @ [www.reginalibrary.ca/blogs/](http://www.reginalibrary.ca/blogs/)
- The Global Gazette @ <http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/>
- The Ancestry.CA Newsletter for Canadians @ [www.ancestry.ca/learn/learningcenters/](http://www.ancestry.ca/learn/learningcenters/)



The top 10 sites for French-Canadian research listed within the article are:

- Quebec and Eastern Townships Research Page @ <http://simmons.b2b2c.ca>
- Le Centre De Genealogie Francophone d'Amerique @ [www.genealogie.org](http://www.genealogie.org)
- FrancoGene@ [www.francogene.com](http://www.francogene.com)
- Ancestry.CA @ [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)
- Le Programme De Recherche En Demographie Historique (PRDH) / The Research Program in Historical Demography @ [www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/](http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/)
- BMS2000.org @ [www.bms2000.org](http://www.bms2000.org)
- That's My Family/Voici Ma Famille @ [www.thatsmyfamily.info](http://www.thatsmyfamily.info)
- BAnQ – Genealogy Portal @ [www.banq.qc.ca/portal/dt/genealogie](http://www.banq.qc.ca/portal/dt/genealogie)
- Notre-Dame-Des-Neiges Cemetery @ [www.notredamedesneigescemetery.ca/en/research/locate.htm](http://www.notredamedesneigescemetery.ca/en/research/locate.htm)
- Fichier Oriine @ [www.fichierorigine.com](http://www.fichierorigine.com)

For the French-Canadian sites, the address to some will get you to an English oriented version. Many of the others, unfortunately, you will need to be somewhat familiar with French words and terms to get the most value from the site.

I still suggest that if anyone has interest in the articles themselves, that you look at the full article. The authors do a good job of providing a small synopsis of the site itself. You may then be able to visit the site with information that can get you to key areas of the site that you might simply overlook by just going to the main link. You will simply obtain a fuller overview of the site by looking at the full article itself.

With more and more genealogy print journals and magazines exiting the business, I am very happy that Internet Genealogy is still in business. They have great articles on such a variety of genealogical topics. You will always find an article in each issue that can be of some help to your own particular area of genealogical research.

You can find this most recent issue of Internet Genealogy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Give it a try, I think you will like it overall.

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## **BOOKS IN PRINT**

No new genealogy book was added to our collection during this March 2010 period and consequently no new book review is included in this newsletter.

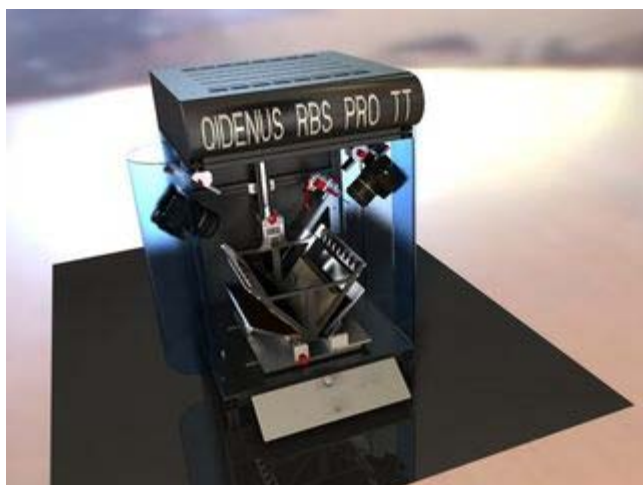
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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter February 8, 2010 and February 14, 2010 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2010. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner (February 8, 2010)
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I want one of these! I could digitize my personal library within a day or so. I probably could digitize most genealogy libraries within a few months, making more books available to more genealogists.

Click on the image to the left to see a larger picture. There is also a video at the end of this article that shows the Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner in operation.

The Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner is an automated book scanner with a built-in computer. It is free-standing; you do not need to connect it to any other computer device. Simply place a book to be scanned inside the device, press a few buttons, and then walk away. When you return a few minutes later, the book will have been scanned and stored in black-and-white or in color in any number of different file formats (JPG, TIFF, PNG, GIF, BMP, RAW, PDF). It will also perform OCR (optical character recognition) with the resulting output available as searchable TXT, RTF, or DOC files. The same scanner works well on both books and magazines. The scanner will scan a maximum of 2,500 pages per hour in fully automatic mode although you might plan on an average of 1,500 pages per hour for a mix of different sizes of books and magazines.

Qidenus produces two versions of the Robotic Book Scanner: the tabletop RBS Pro TT and a free-standing RBS Pro. The two models are very similar to each other although the

floor-mounted model is faster than the table-top version (maximum speeds of 2,500 pages/hour versus 2,000 pages/hour).

Qidenus claims that one person can operate up to four of these devices simultaneously. With an average scanning rate of 1,500 pages per hour for each scanner, that works out to 6,000 pages per hour per operator. Compare that to manual scanners where one person can only operate one scanner effectively, scanning perhaps a maximum 400 pages per hour. Inexpensive flatbed scanners, such as those purchased at local computer stores, would be even slower. While the Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner is expensive, if a paid employee does the scanning, the labor savings alone should pay for the more expensive scanner.

I had a chance to view a Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner in operation at the American Library Association conference held a few weeks ago in Boston. I must admit this is an impressive device. It appears to be very ruggedly built. I would call it "industrial grade." Unlike the inexpensive flatbed scanners typically sold at computer stores, this device looks like it should last through the scanning of millions of pages. The Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner is manufactured in Austria.

I was especially intrigued by how gentle the page turning hardware is on the book being scanned. Fragile books are treated gently in this device. The pages are turned by a gentle vacuum in the tip of what the company calls a "bionic finger." This finger touches the page, applies a bit of vacuum through a hole in the tip of the finger, and then gently pulls the page over to expose the next two pages.

The robotic scanner contains a "cradle" that holds the book open at a 70 to 90 degree angle. Pages are held open by a large glass prism lying across the whole page area, which cures the problems with pages "curling." The book pages may be as small as 3.15 by 6 inches (8 by 15 cm), ranging up to a maximum of 13.8 by 17.7 inches (35 by 45 cm). Most books are within that size, but some of the larger "oversize books" will not fit into this scanner. The robotic arm flips the pages after images are made of each odd and even numbered page.

The images are made by two digital cameras, mounted with one permanently aimed at the left page and the other aimed at the right page. The use of digital cameras allows for high speeds when compared to traditional flatbed scanners that typically require two to perhaps ten seconds to scan a single page. Cameras can create equivalent images in a fraction of a second.

Unfortunately, the Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner isn't cheap. The exact price will vary, depending upon the options selected and the maintenance contract of choice. However, plan on spending a "ballpark" figure of \$175,000 (125,000 Euros) per scanner. I am afraid that only corporations and larger libraries can afford the Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner. Over a period of time, the purchase expense probably can be justified by the fact that one operator can scan thousands of pages per hour, versus perhaps 400 pages per hour when using inexpensive flatbed scanners.

The Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner looks a lot like the Kirtas Robotic Book Scanner that I wrote about some months ago at

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/07/kirtas-offers-digitized-books.html.

Both units also have similar pricing. You can also see some pictures that I took of the Kirtas unit in that article.

For more information about the Qidenus Robotic Book Scanner, look at the manufacturer's web site at:

<http://www.roboticbookscan.com>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 08, 2010 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)

Scan to Evernote in 1-step with a ScanSnap Scanner (February 14, 2010)



I have written before about Evernote. It is one of the most useful programs I have ever used and, when I purchase a new computer, Evernote is one of the first applications I install. Evernote is a note-taking application that allows you to write notes or to copy-and-paste text and pictures from web sites, email messages, screen shots, voice memos, or most anything else. Best of all, for the person with two or more computers, Evernote will even copy the notes to all the Windows and Macintosh computers you own. You can even access your Evernote notes from an Apple iPhone, iPod Touch, Android, or Blackberry cell phones. Evernote is a free application for up to 40 megabytes a month of file storage. More storage is available for a modest fee.

I now have more than 2,000 notes stored in Evernote and love being able to find any one of them within seconds by typing one or two words from that note into Evernote. The Evernote software instantly retrieves every note that contains those words.

The folks at Fujitsu have now created a nifty free configuration utility that will set your Fujitsu ScanSnap Scanner to the optimal settings for use with Evernote. You can insert one or multiple pages, press a button, and the pages will be scanned in stored in Evernote. As soon as your various computers and cell phones are connected to the Internet, the documents will be copied to each. You can scan and copy pieces of paper, business cards, documents, and even precious napkins with drawings on them.

The new utility is written for the Fujitsu ScanSnap Scanner but the producers say it should work on most other brands of scanners as well. However, they only guarantee operation on the Fujitsu ScanSnap Scanner.

Unfortunately, the new software only works on Windows. A Macintosh version has been promised for the near future.

For more information, click on the icon in the middle of the video below or go to

<http://evernote.com/fujitsu>

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 14, 2010 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.2spare.com/item_67246.aspx

W.C. Fields

"Here lies W.C. Fields. I would rather be living in Philadelphia."

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Never born, Never died: visited the planet earth between December 11, 1931 and, January 19, 1990."

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"Curiosity did not kill this cat."

Studs Terkel

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Mar 9            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2010            PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Mar 16          Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, March 16, 2010.  
TUE            **"Non-Federal Civil War Sources for Family History Research".**  
2010            Presented by Craig Pfannkuche  
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)

- 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)
- Mar 20  
SAT  
2010  
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 "**What's New in Technology**"  
Presented by Ed Rosenthal  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- \*Mar 20  
SAT  
2010  
Italian Genealogy Discussion Group.  
Pointers in Person North #27 (PIP)  
Schaumburg Township District Library  
Rasmussen Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193.  
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Free and open to all. No fees.  
Visit <http://www.chicagoitalian.org> for further details.
- Apr 13  
TUE  
2010  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"So You've Found Your German Town of Origin – Now What?"**  
Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- 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.  
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
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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.  
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)
- May 11  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.

- TUE  
2010 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"20<sup>th</sup> Century Military Records"**  
Presented by Marian Richter Schuetz.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- \*May 15  
SAT  
2010 Italian Genealogy Discussion Group.  
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Schaumburg Township District Library  
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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).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Jun 8  
TUE  
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- Jul 13  
TUE  
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**"Getting the Most Out of Heritage Quest"**  
Presented by Kristin Newton Smith.  
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- Aug 10  
TUE  
2010 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places – the Search for Marriage Records"**  
Presented by Ginger Frere.  
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- Sep 14  
TUE  
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- \*Oct 12  
TUE  
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**"Social Security Death Index (SSDI) – What's New"**  
Presented by Larry Olson.  
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- \*Oct 23  
TUE  
2010
- Illinois State Genealogical Society Annual Conference.  
Peoria, IL 8 AM to 4 PM  
Hosted by the Peoria County Genealogical Society  
For all further details about events, cost, location, directions, programs and speakers please visit the following web sites.  
Illinois State Genealogical Society @ [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/)  
Peoria County Genealogical Society @ [www.usgennet.org/usa/il/county/peoria1](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/il/county/peoria1)
- Nov 9  
TUE  
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**"Using the Hamburg and Bremen Passenger Lists"**  
Presented by Patricia Reaves.  
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- Dec 14  
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- Jan 11  
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**"Genealogy and DNA – A Revisit"**  
Presented by Jeffrey Bassett.  
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- Feb 8  
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**"Program to Be Determined"**  
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