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PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

akierna@stdl.org

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

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

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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JUNE 8, 2010 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering in June 2010. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our "breakout" groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

- Polish Researchers
- German Researchers
- Czech Researchers
- Irish Researchers
- Italian Researchers
- British Researchers
- Scandinavian Researchers
- Colonial Americans Researchers

I also will have a Beginner's Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

Please remember that the group's composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in the Beginner's Group or the Troubleshooting Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session in June 2010.

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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 132 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 984 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter April 4, 2010, April 5, 2010, April 7, 2010, April 9, 2010, April 12, 2010, April 14, 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>.

Ancestry Magazine now Available Online – Free (April 4, 2010)



Ancestry Magazine may be history, but you can read all the past issues online, free of charge. You can find articles by Lou Szucs, Laura Prescott, Jana Sloan Broglin, Leslie Albrecht Huber, Suzanne Russo Adams, George G. Morgan, Kory Meyerink, Myra Vanderpool Gormley, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Esther Yu Summer, Christine Rose, Paula Stuart-Warren, Megan Smolenyak, Sherry Irvine, Amy Johnson Crow, Beau Sharbrough, Maureen Taylor, Elizabeth Kerstens, and many more of today's leading genealogy writers.

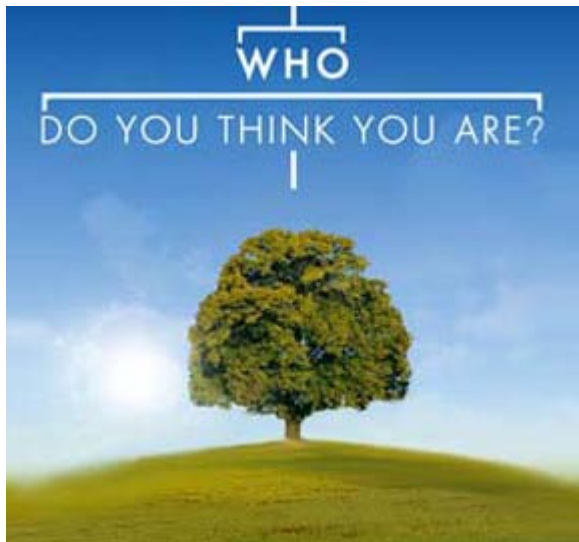
Best of all, the past issues are available in their entirety free of charge. I also enjoy looking at the advertisements, looking at ads for now defunct companies, for the "latest" genealogy software products that have long since been replaced by modern products, and more.

You can find the past 16 years of Ancestry Magazine on Google Books at <http://books.google.com/books/serial/FTgEAAAAMBAJ?rview=1&lr=&sa=N&start=0>

My thanks to Ronald Chard for telling me of this online resource.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 04, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

"Who Do You Think You Are?" Renewed for a Second Season (April 5, 2010)



NBC announced today that popular TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" has been renewed for a second season. NBC published the following press release earlier this afternoon:

NBC Picks Up Three Freshman Series As 'The Marriage Ref,' 'Minute To Win It' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' are Renewed for 2010-11

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. - April 5, 2010 - NBC has picked up three freshman alternative series as "The Marriage Ref," "Minute to Win It" and "Who Do You Think You Are?" are renewed for the 2010-11 season. The announcement was made today by Paul Telegdy, Executive Vice President, Alternative Programming, NBC and Universal Media Studios.

"All of these new series have demonstrated increasing popularity and generated far-reaching interest among viewers," said Telegdy. "Equally important, each has a compelling and innovative format, and a second season will allow these shows to grow creatively and attract an even wider audience."

From executive producer Jerry Seinfeld, "The Marriage Ref" is delivering a 3.0 rating, 8 share in adults 18-49 and 7.2 million viewers overall to date in its Thursday 10 p.m. ET slot in "most current" figures from Nielsen Media Research. "The Marriage Ref" is averaging a 93 percent retention of its lead-in from "30 Rock" in 18-49 and is up 7 percent versus that lead-in in total viewers. "Marriage Ref" has also consistently over-delivered in key upscale demos, currently ranking in the top 10 among all primetime network series in its concentration of homes with \$100K+ incomes in its adult 18-49 audience.

The competition series "Minute to Win It" hosted by Guy Fieri is averaging a 2.0 rating, 6 share in adults 18-49 and 6.0 million viewers overall in "most current" results for its regular Sunday telecasts to date. Those "Minute To Win It" Sunday editions have been building from half-hour to half-hour by an average of 29 percent in 18-49 rating and 25 percent in total viewers. A "Minute To Win It" encore also ran in the 8 p.m. ET hour on Wednesday of last week and finished #2 among the major networks in the time period in adults 18-49 and total viewers.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" from executive producer Lisa Kudrow is averaging a 1.6 rating, 6 share in adults 18-49 and 6.8 million viewers overall in "most current" results for its season thus far. In preliminary results for last Friday, "Who Do You Think You Are?" won the 8-9 p.m. ET hour in adults 18-49, marking the first time any regular competitor in this slot has beaten an original episode of CBS's "Ghost Whisperer" in 18-49 rating since

November 17, 2006. "Who Do You Think You Are?" has improved the time period by 23 percent in adult 18-49 rating versus NBC's average for the traditional 2008-09 season in "live plus same day" results.

"The Marriage Ref" is NBC's new comedy panel series about the unpredictable and hilarious institution commonly known as marriage. The series features comedian/actor Tom Papa, who was personally selected by Seinfeld to host and serve as the "marriage ref." Seinfeld has appeared in several episodes and other celebrity participants to date have included Tina Fey, Alec Baldwin and Tracy Morgan (NBC's "30 Rock"), Madonna, Larry David, Ricky Gervais, Eva Longoria Parker, Jason Alexander and Kelly Ripa.

"The Marriage Ref" is produced by Seinfeld's Columbus 81 Productions and Ellen Rakieten Entertainment. Seinfeld, Ellen Rakieten ("The Oprah Winfrey Show"), Shed Media's Nick Emmerson ("Supernanny") and Jennifer O'Connell ("Supernanny"), Al Berman ("The Biggest Loser Live Finale," "The Celebrity Apprentice Live Finale"), Howard West ("Seinfeld"), George Shapiro ("Seinfeld") and Jessica Seinfeld serve as executive producers. International distribution is by Endemol.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" gives viewers an up-close and personal look inside the family history of some of today's most beloved and iconic celebrities. Among the celebrities featured this season are Matthew Broderick, Lisa Kudrow, Spike Lee, Sarah Jessica Parker, Susan Sarandon, Brooke Shields and Emmitt Smith. Ancestry.com is currently NBC's official partner on the series.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" is produced by Wall to Wall productions (a Shed Media company) in association with Is Or Isn't Entertainment. Alex Graham from Wall to Wall, and Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky from Is or Isn't Entertainment, are the executive producers. The unique, award-winning series is based on the popular BBC television documentary series created and executive-produced by Graham.

All-American chef and television personality Guy Fieri ("Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives") hosts NBC's competition series "Minute to Win It." Fieri serves as master of ceremonies and leads competitors through a series of simple, yet nerve-wracking games that can reward them a \$1 million prize. In each episode, competitors will face 10 challenges that escalate in level of difficulty using everyday household items. At various points throughout the game, the contestant can walk away with the money earned up to that point -- but it takes nerves of steel to win \$1 million.

"Minute to Win It" is produced by Universal Media Studios with Friday TV. Craig Plestis, Tim Puntillo (NBC's "Identity"), Mattias Olsson and Jock Millgardh serve as executive producers.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 05, 2010 in [Video & Television](#) | [Permalink](#)

The Archivist's Blog (April 7, 2010)



David Ferriero is the Archivist of the United States. That is, he is the head of the National Archives and Records Administration. He seems very interested in finding new and better ways of serving the Agency's users. Today, David Ferriero posted his first blog article.

In an article entitled, *No Small Change*, Ferriero writes:

The Pew Research Center recently published a report, "The Impact of the Internet on Institutions in the Future," in which it found that 72 percent of experts agreed with the statement:

By 2020, innovative forms of online cooperation will result in significantly more efficient and responsive governments, business, non-profits, and other mainstream institutions.

He then goes on to offer his views on "*the principles of transparency, participation, and collaboration to change the way we do things, the way we think about things, and the way we deliver services to the public.*"

It is an interesting article and I find it especially interesting that the Archivist is using a blog in an attempt to directly reach the audience that his agency serves. He refers to himself as "Collector in Chief."

David Ferriero's blog may be found at <http://blogs.archives.gov/aotus/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 07, 2010 in [Weblogs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Census Bureau Concerned About Head Count Problems (April 9, 2010)

An Associated Press story reports, "As the U.S. census nears its final stages, the government is preparing for possible debacles that could derail its \$15 billion head count, from mass identity theft and lawsuits to homeowners who refuse to answer their doors.

"Census Bureau documents, obtained by The Associated Press, underscore the highly fragile nature of the high-stakes population count before the government dispatches some 700,000 temporary workers to visit homes, beginning in May.

"The preparedness efforts are not entirely new. Previous censuses had contingency plans in place, at least conceptually, and the Census Bureau has never failed to meet its constitutional mandate of delivering population counts by Dec. 31 each decennial year.

"But this is the first time the Census has detailed — in 300 pages of internal documents released under the Freedom of Information Act — specific risks to the once-a-decade government count. It's part of the bureau's approach to handling threats that could undermine accuracy, omit large segments of the public or add to already ballooning costs."

You can read the full story by Hope Yen at

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100408/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/us_census_debacle_scenarios

My thanks to Bobbi Deo for telling me about this story.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 09, 2010 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Maine State Legislature Passes Limits on Vital Records Access (April 12, 2010)

The Maine State Legislature has now passed Bill LD 1781, the bill to restrict the release of Maine birth, marriage and death records for 100 years. While any restriction on access is bad news for genealogists, the language in this bill doesn't seem too bad.

Before being passed, the bill was amended with: "Custodians of certificates and records of birth, marriage and death may permit inspection of records by, and issue non-certified copies to, **researchers engaged in genealogical research who hold researcher identification cards**, as specified by rule adopted by the department."

I added the highlighting above for emphasis.

Obtaining a researcher identification card is an unpleasant restriction, but is better than being locked out entirely, as originally proposed. The "researcher identification card" can be obtained at the Maine State Archives in Augusta, next door to the State House. The archives has required these for years so this is not a major change. I obtained one of the researcher identification cards some years ago and, as I remember the experience, the process was simple and quick. The cards are good for one year, then you need to fill out a new form again.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 12, 2010 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

2010 Census Forms to be Preserved as Digital Images (April 14, 2010)

In 2082, your descendants will be able to check your handwriting. For the first time ever, original census forms filled out by residents will be preserved and scanned. Digital images will be kept and will be released to the public in 72 years.

The original pieces of paper will be scanned, then shredded. The digital images will be preserved.

130 million household forms will be converted into permanent electronic records. The images will even include notes scribbled in the margins. You DID write some extra information that will benefit your descendants, didn't you?

Another 50 million forms will come from places like group homes, prisons, temporary housing facilities and, starting in May, from 700,000 census workers in the field.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 14, 2010 in [Current Affairs](#) | [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, May 18, 2010. The program for the evening is titled **"In Search of French Canadians in America and Canada"**. The speaker for the evening will be Michelle Bray Wilson.

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, May 19, 2010. The program scheduled for that evening is **"American Geographical Society Maps"**. The speaker for the program will be Jovanka Ristovik.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, May 15, 2010 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"A Gift That Money Can't Buy"**. The speaker for the program will be Jeffrey Bockman.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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## INTERNET INFORMATION

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### **FamilySearch Indexing Update: New Projects for Canada, France, and Germany (April 8, 2010)**

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

8 April 2010

The effort to index the 1910 United States Census continues to move forward, with five states completed and three new states added this week. New projects are also now available for Canada, Germany, and France.

#### **New Projects**

- [Canada, Ontario—Deaths, 1933–1937](#)
- [Canada, Ontario—Marriages, 1869–1927 \[Part A\]](#)
- [Deutschland, Baden, Achern—Kirchenbücher, 1810–1869 \[Part C\]](#)
- [France, Paris—Registres Protestants, 1612–1906 \[Part D\]](#)
- [U.S., North Carolina—1910 Federal Census](#)
- [U.S., North Dakota—1910 Federal Census](#)
- [U.S., Oklahoma—1910 Federal Census](#)
- (See the chart below for a complete list and current status of all indexing projects.)

#### **Recently Completed Projects**

(Note: Recently completed projects have been removed from the available online indexing batches and will now go through a final completion check process. They will be published at [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org) in the near future.)

- Deutschland, Baden, Achern—Kirchenbücher, 1810–1869 [Part B]
- France, Paris—Registres Protestants, 1612–1906 [Part C]
- U.S., Indiana, Clay County—Marriages, 1811–1959
- U.S., Mississippi—1910 Federal Census
- U.S., Missouri—1910 Federal Census
- U.S., Nevada—1910 Federal Census
- U.S., New Hampshire—1910 Federal Census

U.S., New Jersey—1910 Federal Census

**Current FamilySearch Indexing Projects, Record Language, and Percent Completion**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| <u>Argentina, Balvanera—Registros Parroquiales, 1833–1934 [Parte B]</u>                                        | Spanish    | 9%    |
| <u>Argentina, Cordoba—Registros Parroquiales, 1722–1924 [Parte B]</u>                                          | Spanish    | 8%    |
| <u>Argentina, Santa Fe—Registros Parroquiales, 1634–1926 [Parte A]</u>                                         | Spanish    | 19%   |
| <u>Argentina, Santa Fe—Registros Parroquiales, 1634–1926 [Parte B]</u>                                         | Spanish    | 15%   |
| <u>Belgium, Antwerp—Foreigners Index, 1840–1930</u>                                                            | English    | 88%   |
| <u>Brasil, Pernambuco, Recife—Registro Civil, 1900–1920</u>                                                    | Portuguese | 1%    |
| <u>Brasil, Rio de Janeiro—Matrimonios, 1900–1910 [Piloto]</u>                                                  | Portuguese | 29%   |
| <u>Canada, New Brunswick—Births, 1810–1906</u>                                                                 | English    | 24%   |
| <u>Canada, Ontario—Deaths, 1933–1937</u>                                                                       | English    | (New) |
| <u>Canada, Ontario—Marriages, 1869–1927 [Part A]</u>                                                           | English    | (New) |
| <u>Canada, Québec, Montreal—Régistres Paroissiaux, 1800–1900</u>                                               | French     | 18%   |
| <u>Česká republika, Litoměřice—Matriky, 1552-1905 [část 1] (Tschechien, Litomerice—Kirchenbücher [Teil 1])</u> | German     | 23%   |
| <u>Chile, Concepción—Registros Civiles, 1885–1903 [Parte 2A]</u>                                               | Spanish    | 27%   |
| <u>Chile, Concepción—Registros Civiles, 1885–1903 [Parte 2B]</u>                                               | Spanish    | 5%    |
| <u>Colombia, Bucaramanga—Registros Parroquiales, 1649–1959</u>                                                 | Spanish    | 2%    |
| <u>Colombia, Marinilla—Registros Parroquiales, 1815–1959</u>                                                   | Spanish    | 23%   |
| <u>Deutschland, Baden, Achern—Kirchenbücher, 1810–1869 [Part C]</u>                                            | German     | (New) |
| <u>Deutschland, Mecklenburg—Volkzählung, 1890 [Div 39–69]</u>                                                  | German     | 56%   |
| <u>España, Avila, Naval Moral—Registros Parroquiales, 1530–1935</u>                                            | Spanish    | 79%   |
| <u>España, Lugo—Registros Parroquiales, 1530–1930 [Parte 1]</u>                                                | Spanish    | 36%   |
| <u>España, Malaga—Registros Civiles, 1846–1870</u>                                                             | Spanish    | 18%   |
| <u>France, Cherbourg—Registres Paroissiaux, 1802–1907</u>                                                      | French     | 12%   |
| <u>France, Coutances—Registres Paroissiaux 1802–1907</u>                                                       | French     | 7%    |
| <u>France, Coutances, Paroisses de la Manche, 1792–1906</u>                                                    | French     | 90%   |
| <u>France, Paris—Registres Protestants, 1612–1906</u>                                                          | French     | (New) |

[Partie D]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| France, Saint-Lo—Registres Paroissiaux, 1802–1907                                 | French                    | 54% |
| <u>Guatemala, Guatemala—Registros Civiles, 1877–1900</u>                          | Spanish                   | 1%  |
| <u>Guatemala, Huehuetenango y San Marcos—Registros Civiles, 1877–1900</u>         | Spanish                   | 47% |
| <u>Italia, Napoli, Castellammare di Stabia—Atti di Morte, 1809–1936 [Parte B]</u> | Italian                   | 17% |
| <u>Italy, Trento—Baptisms, 1784–1924 [Part 2A]</u>                                | Italian                   | 4%  |
| <u>Jamaica—Civil Births, 1900–1930 [Part A]</u>                                   | English                   | 15% |
| <u>Mexico, DF—Registros Parroquiales, 1855–1934 [Parte 4]</u>                     | Spanish                   | 5%  |
| Mexico, Jalisco—1930 Federal Censo                                                | Spanish                   | 78% |
| Mexico, Michoacan—1930 Federal Censo                                              | Spanish                   | 51% |
| Mexico, Nuevo Leon—1930 Federal Censo                                             | Spanish                   | 72% |
| New Zealand—Passenger Lists, 1871–1915                                            | English                   | 89% |
| <u>Nicaragua, Managua—Registros Civiles, 1879–1984 [Parte 2A]</u>                 | Spanish                   | 90% |
| <u>Nicaragua, Managua—Registros Civiles, 1879–1984 [Parte 3A]</u>                 | Spanish                   | 7%  |
| <u>Perú, Lima—Registros Civiles, 1887–1921 [Parte A]</u>                          | Spanish                   | 9%  |
| <u>Portugal, Setúbal—Registros da Igreja, 1581–1910</u>                           | Portuguese                | 2%  |
| Russland, Sankt Petersburg—Kirchenbuchduplikat, 1833–1885                         | German                    | 2%  |
| South Africa, Cape Province—Church Records, 1660–1970                             | Afrikaans, Dutch, English | 39% |
| <u>Sverige, Södermanland—Kyrkoböcker, till 1860 [Del 1]</u>                       | Swedish                   | 16% |
| <u>Sverige, Uppsala—Kyrkoböcker, till 1860 [Del 1]</u>                            | Swedish                   | 40% |
| <u>Sverige, Örebro—Kyrkoböcker, till 1860 [Del 1]</u>                             | Swedish                   | 9%  |
| <u>U.K., Bristol—Non-Conformist Registers, Pre-1900 [Part A]</u>                  | English                   | 2%  |
| <u>U.K., Bristol—Parish Registers, 1837–1900 [Part C]</u>                         | English                   | 18% |
| U.K., Cheshire—Parish Records, 1538–1850 [Part 2]                                 | English/ Old English      | 92% |
| <u>U.K., Essex—Parish Registers, 1538–1900 [Part 1]</u>                           | English                   | 4%  |
| <u>U.K., Isle of Man—Parish Registers, 1598–1850</u>                              | English/ Old English      | 4%  |
| <u>U.K., Isle of Man—Parish Registers, 1800–1950</u>                              | English                   | 19% |
| <u>U.K., Warwickshire—Parish Registers, 1754–1900 [Part 1C]</u>                   | English                   | 28% |
| <u>U.K., Warwickshire—Parish Registers, 1538–1900 [Part 2 Adv]</u>                | English/ Old English      | 1%  |

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| U.S., California, San Francisco—Mortuary Records, 1850–1917          | English | 75%   |
| <u>U.S., Hawaii—1920 Federal Census</u>                              | English | 91%   |
| U.S., Indiana, Daviess County—Marriages, 1811–1959                   | English | 48%   |
| U.S., Indiana, De Kalb County—Marriages, 1811–1959                   | English | 6%    |
| U.S., Indiana, Delaware County—Marriages, 1811–1959                  | English | 17%   |
| <u>U.S., Military—1920 Federal Census</u>                            | English | 93%   |
| <u>U.S., New Mexico—1910 Federal Census</u>                          | English | 95%   |
| <u>U.S., North Carolina—1910 Federal Census</u>                      | English | (New) |
| <u>U.S., North Dakota—1910 Federal Census</u>                        | English | (New) |
| <u>U.S., Oklahoma—1910 Federal Census</u>                            | English | (New) |
| <u>U.S., Puerto Rico—1920 Censo Federal</u>                          | Spanish | 1%    |
| <u>U.S., Puerto Rico—Nacimientos Civiles, 1836–1930 [Parte A]</u>    | Spanish | 16%   |
| <u>U.S., Rhode Island—1935 State Census</u>                          | English | 73%   |
| <u>U.S., South Dakota—1945 State Census [Part B]</u>                 | English | 15%   |
| <u>Venezuela, Mérida—Registros Parroquiales, 1654–1992 [Parte 2]</u> | Spanish | 6%    |
| Österreich, Wiener Meldezettel, 1890–1925                            | German  | 9%    |
| Украина, Киев—Метрические Книги, 1840–1842                           | Russian | 87%   |

(\*Percentage refers to a specific portion of a larger project.)

### **Current FamilySearch Partner Projects, Record Language, and Percent Completion**

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| Australia, Victoria—Probate Records, 1853–1989                              | English   | 85% |
| <u>België—Burgerlijke Stand, 1851-1900 [Deel B]</u>                         | Dutch     | 63% |
| <u>Belgique—Registres Civile, 1851–1900 [Partie A]</u>                      | French    | 16% |
| <u>Canada, Ontario, Toronto—Trust Cemeteries, 1826–1935</u>                 | English   | 8%  |
| <u>Deutschland, Westfalen, Minden—Volkszählung, 1880–1900</u>               | German    | 1%  |
| <u>España, Avila, Madrigal y Garganta—Registros Parroquiales, 1530–1935</u> | Spanish   | 43% |
| <u>France, Quimper et Leon, St. Louis—Registres Paroissiaux, 1722–1909</u>  | French    | 11% |
| <u>Norway—1875 Census [Part B]</u>                                          | Norwegian | 7%  |
| <u>Philippines, Lingayen, Dagupan—Registros Parroquiales, 1615–1982</u>     | Spanish   | 11% |
| <u>U.K., Norfolk—Parish Registers, 1538–1900</u>                            | English   | 1%  |
| U.S., Ohio—Tax Records, Post 1825 [Part 3]                                  | English   | 7%  |

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| U.S., Utah, Salt Lake County—Birth Registers, 1890–1908 | English | 45% |
| U.S., Utah, Salt Lake County—Death Registers, 1848–1940 | English | 32% |

**About FamilySearch**

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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| <b>WorldVitalRecords Adds Italian Passenger Lists (April 8, 2010)</b> |
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The Center for Immigration Research created this series to promote access to information about German, Russian and Italians immigrants to the United States. The information was extracted from ship passenger lists in the records of the U.S. Customs Service (NARA Record Group 36).

There are records of passengers who were U.S. citizens or non-U.S. citizens planning to continue their travels, returning to the U.S., or staying in the U.S. Most of the records are of passengers arriving at the Port of New York, although there are some records of passengers arriving at the following ports: Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia. Each of the passenger records may include name, age, town of last residence, destination, and codes for passenger's sex, occupation, literacy, country of origin, transit and/or travel compartment, the name of the ship, the port of departure, date of arrival and the port of arrival.

This series consists of records of 845,368 passengers who arrived at the United States between 1855 through 1900. About 99 percent identified their country of origin or nationality as Italy or one of the following Italian regions: Lombardy, Piedmont, Sardinia, Sicily, or Tuscany. Some records are of passengers who identified their country of origin as England, France, Germany, Spain, or United States.

You can learn more at

[http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/indexinfo.aspx?ix=nara\\_uspassengerarrivals\\_italian](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/indexinfo.aspx?ix=nara_uspassengerarrivals_italian)

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**PERIODICAL NEWS**



## **NGS Magazine**

We have received the January-March 2010, Volume 36, Number 1 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"The Twittering Genealogist: Part 2"**

by Mark Tucker

**"Documenting Death in the Civil War with Union War Department Records"**

By John P. Deeben

**"Following the Trails of Daniel Boone and Other Western Travelers"**

By J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

**"Case Study: Killed Off Too Early: William and Sarah Mason"**

by Charles S. Mason, CG

**"Myron E. Foster, Postmaster: A Case Study in Using Original Records"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

**"Immigration Alternatives"**

by Gary M. Smith and Diana Crisman Smith

**"Review of Kith & Kin Pro 3"**

Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

**"Preserving Your Digital Legacy: Backing Up Your Data"**

by Jordan Jones

**"Mistakes and Why We All Make Them"**

by Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

In this issue you will also find some "articles" on the upcoming NGA Annual conference in Salt Lake City that will occur from April 28 to May 1, 2010.

You will also find material in this issue related to the Incorporation of the NGS as well as its Bylaws. A current listing of Directors of the organization is also provided that is mainly to be used for the election of board members for those that are members of the NGS.

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Immigration Alternatives". The author does a very good job in a relatively short article to provide the reader with many concise things to consider when researching passenger record data.

A researcher's first thought is to think Ellis Island as the one and only port of entry to the United States through which an ancestor would have arrived. This is not true. New York was one of 5 east coast oriented ports of arrival that an ancestor may have arrived through. The other ports to consider are:

- Baltimore
- Boston
- New Orleans
- Philadelphia

It is also possible that a west coast arrival could have happened in Galveston, Texas or San Francisco, California.

If New York is the port of arrival, you can tap into the Ellis Island Data Base or the Castle Garden Data Base. Ellis Island can be found at [www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org). Castle Garden can be found at [www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org).

The author also made this chronological note for researchers:

- From 1820 to 1855, there was no actual immigration station in New York City.
- From 1855 to 1890 immigrants were processed at Castle Garden.
- From 1890 to 1891 immigrants passed through the Barge Office.
- From 1892 to 1897 Ellis Island was used and also again from 1900 to 1924. The Barge Office was used again from 1897 to 1900 when Ellis Island was being repaired after a fire.

Arrivals to the US could have also entered from Canada. French and English steamships often brought passengers to Canada. Those who always intended to enter the US would have to do so through Canada. You would need to research the Canadian Border Crossing Records to find your immigrant. The border crossing records from Canada to the US (from 1895 to 1924) have been consolidated into one "port" – St. Alban's Vermont.

If you are having a hard time finding an arrival record via a US Passenger ship arrival list, consider researching the "emigration" lists that may be available from point where your ancestor may have left. Copenhagen Police Lists exist for 1869-1908 that might include the registration of your ancestor as preparing to leave to the US. There is also a "Wuerttemberg Emigration Index" for those leaving from Wuerttemberg. Check out the Hamburg Passenger List Records, both direct, leaving directly from Hamburg to the final destination, and the indirect lists in which a passenger left Hamburg but then went to another port city before finally arriving at the final US destination.

I thought the entirety of this article is worth making a personal copy of for your research use. It really hit on the major aspects to be aware of when you are doing passenger list/immigration research. Definitely read this article and make a personal copy. It is that good!

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Preserving Your Digital Legacy: Backing Up Your Data".

Most of us have lots of materials we have discovered. Maybe our research goes back to the time before hard drives on computers and flashdrives. In other words, we may have lots of paper documents that are not connected to a file that we can just go and print again. Consider your paper materials as you do your computer files. Take your paper and make another paper copy of the material to be stored off-site from your home. Set up a paper exchange program with a fellow family researcher within your lines. Make your paper copies and give that extra set to a cousin as well as encouraging the cousin to make an extra set that you would keep in your house as an off site backup. Something is going to happen. It is not a question of "if" but rather "when".

The author also notes to make a backup "Local" copy. Burn your files to a CD or DVD. Copy them to an external hard drive. Keep this as a readily accessible copy to use and restore from if your main computer has a problem. I would also keep a copy of this "media" off-site also, so you can retrieve it should a larger catastrophe happen.

The author also notes to consider "remote" backups as a strategy. Often this is viewed today as having online backup of your data. Good services can often give you small amounts of storage for free with the idea that if you like them and feel comfortable you may then upload all of your data to them for an annual fee.

The author mentions the following resources to consider if you want to upload data online:

- Carbonite at [www.carbonite.com](http://www.carbonite.com). You can upload unlimited data for \$54.95 per year. It applies to both Windows and Macintosh. This is on an individual computer basis.
- iDrive at [www.idrive.com](http://www.idrive.com). You can upload 2 GB for free, 150 GB for \$49.50 per year or 500 GB for \$149.50 per year. As you see, there are limits on the amount of data you can upload. It is also for Windows and the Mac. If you took the 150 GB package, it limits you to one computer. If you took the 500 GB package, you can have multiple computers to upload from.
- Memopal at [www.memopal.com](http://www.memopal.com). You can upload 3 GB for free or 200 GB for \$49 per year. You cannot upload unlimited amounts of data. It applies to Windows and the Mac. You can upload from unlimited numbers of computers.
- Mozy at [www.mozy.com](http://www.mozy.com). You can upload 2 GB for free or upload unlimited amounts of data for \$59.40 per year. The cost limits you to one computer per year at the amount noted. The service applies to Windows or the Mac.
- SOS Backup at [www.sosonlinebackup.com](http://www.sosonlinebackup.com). You can get 2 GB for \$19.95 per year, 5GB for \$29.95 per year or 15 GB for \$49.95 per year. You do have limits on the amount of data uploaded. You can upload data from multiple computers. It applies to Windows only.

Once you upload your full amount of material to the above you may find the process is painless after that since new changes may be uploaded to the some of the services while you are online doing other things. Or you can make a conscious choice as to the time interval that material is uploaded to these sites. Don't make it too infrequent!

The author talks about setting up a strategy to make your backups:

- Consider an ongoing process such as with a Macintosh and the "Time Machine" or Windows 7 with the "Backup and Restore Center".
- Have an ongoing remote backup.
- A monthly full local backup to an external hard disk.
- A weekly incremental local backup of only what has changed since the last week.

This is a good article to motivate you to backup your material. It can be lost in the blink of an eye. Save your data both as paper and as files. Keep backups at home and off site. Use the internet to backup your data. It is the ultimate off site location. Take a look

at the full article for other bits of information mentioned by the author. Be safe rather than sorry!

This is a very good issue of NGS Magazine. There are many informative articles on a variety of topics scattered throughout.

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## **Avotaynu**

We have received the Winter 2009, Volume XXV, Number 4 issue of Avotaynu.

Key articles in this issue are:

**“Contemporary Topics in Genealogy: A Conversation with Professor Thomas Jones”**

By Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus

**“Jacobi Absolute Generations Scale”**

by Chanan Rapaport

**“A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames in Bulgaria: A Window on It’s History”**

By Mathilde A. Tagger

**“How the Virtual Shtetl Project’s Website Can Help Genealogists”**

By Edward David Luft

**“Retracing My Grandfather’s Journey: Kovno to Hamburg, Through Hull to America”**

By Howard Wolinsky

**“My New Hobby: How I started to Look for My Relatives”**

by Igal Sokolov

**“From Cracow to New Orleans: How Google Helped Reunite a Family Separated by War and Migration”**

By Arthur J. Wolak

**“Abris Survived”**

by Richard Sobel

**“The Six Lives of Gregory Meisler: Jew, Warrior and Polish Patriot”**

By Valery Bazarov

**"Rocking and Rolling in Cleveland"**

by Alexander Woodle

**"Proving One's Judaism Through the Matrilineal Line"**

by Jan Berlfein Burns

**"Sometimes a Simple Letter Can Find a Cousin"**

by Sandra Greenberg

**"You Can Find Family Anywhere"**

by Sandra Greenberg

**"Surprising Revelations"**

by Paul Stitelman

**"A Secret Family History"**

by Lisa Grayson

**"Connecting with California Cousins: The Joke Is on Me"**

by Jeff Miller

**"Odessa Dreams"**

by Jeffrey Arkin

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Book Reviews". In this section you will find extensive books reviews of some recently published genealogical material that may be of interest to the Eastern European researcher or one who is researching Jewish ancestry.

Books included in this section include the following:

***A Translation Guide to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Polish-Language Civil Registration Documents (including Birth, Marriage and Death Records), 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.***

By Judith R. Frazin

***WANTED! U.S. Criminal Records Sources & Research Methodology***

By Ron Arons

The reviews are quite extensive and are more than just overviews of the book. The reviewers do a good job of highlighting both strong and weak points of the material.

You will also find a section titled "Ask the Experts" in this recent issue. In this section you will find questions posed to the experts seeking help and understanding trying to solve the problem at hand. Some of the questions are detailed and in-depth. Most of the answers are also well presented and offer many good suggestions to the person posing the question on how to go about resolving the question. I think these sections in this journal and other journals is always worth visiting to see what is posed and how the answer can help expand your knowledge in your own research.

I thought that a very good article in this recent issue of [Avotaynu](#) is one titled "Contemporary Topics in Genealogy: A Conversation with Professor Thomas Jones. This

article represents the exchange of questions posed by the interviewer Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus and responses to the question by Professor Thomas Jones.

The first question posed by the interviewer was: *"You have said that the Internet poses some important challenges for genealogists. What do you mean?"*

The professor responded with both a positive and a negative aspect of what the Internet can do for genealogical researchers. Record availability in an instance is an incredible positive. But the availability and the indexing of the material poses many hazards to gathering correct information. Especially if the researcher simply assumes the index of the material is correct. The professor noted that any index, pre-Internet or current Internet is going to have significant problems. Omissions can be common. Misspellings are frequent. Unreadable source data converts to inaccurate indices which convert to an inability to find what we are looking for. Current researchers need to understand that the index is not iron clad. The researcher may simply leave his search at the doorstep of the almighty index and not bother to pursue to go back to the original source data itself. Looking at the totality of the original source is often still the best way to research even if your item is indexed properly. The index and the search of the index only produce that one result. Looking at the entirety of the material either through browsing the database, if possible, or going to peruse the entirety of the original source may be the best way to find not only what you are looking for but to gain a better "big picture" image of all of the data.

The professor also gave a "sample" issue related to a marriage data base search. What if you come up empty handed in your search? We might assume the marriage did not take place at all or it took place in a different locale or maybe the marriage occurred but it was not recorded. However, these might be false assumptions. Perhaps the indexer or database creator may have overlooked, misread, or mistyped the names of the party we seek. Maybe the index is only a "partial" index. Maybe the data is only a part of the total amount of data that actually exists. The data itself needs to be studied and understood as to what is contained in the index. A good data base should have a good detailed description identifying what is contained in the material that is searchable in comparison to the total amount of "raw" data that was accessed. The marriage you seek may be in a year that was not included in the project. But you can find it by looking at the entirety of the raw material.

The professor also mentioned another dilemma we face when using the Internet and the many databases contained therein. If you are searching a cemetery database for a name, your search term may produce results for a person. However, you may not obtain a "bigger picture" view through this method. You will not receive results back of other names that may in essence be family members that are buried in nearby graves. To quote the professor: "People have difficulty seeing what is not there, however, especially when excited about what they do see". The internet does not always give you the "bigger picture" that can be more helpful to your research. You need to create the bigger picture with onsite research or going back to full sets of records.

This is a very insightful series of responses to some very good research questions. I only provided a "sample" of the entire article based on the first question posed by the interviewer. The responses of the professor were very insightful and really apply to any research we would contact on our own.

I strongly urge everyone to take a look at the entirety of this article to become more aware of the pitfalls that exist with our contemporary method of researching using "indexes" only available on the Internet in electronic form. Yes you can obtain great results if you can find what you are looking for from the index. But you may be leaving a lot more

information "on the table" by not getting a bigger and fuller picture of what the original records can really provide to you. An index simply cannot present you with that full picture. This is an outstanding article!

See if any of the above articles in this recent issue of Avotaynu has an appeal that connects to your own personal research. These all appear to be good articles, many written by people like you and I who wanted to share some unique aspect of their own research. You can always pick up some tips from someone else that has overcome a research problem that is similar to one that you face currently.

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### BOOKS IN PRINT

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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MyBlood 1.2



The following announcement was written by

Vertical Horizon:

New version brings advanced web export and bulk of usability innovations,

Antwerp, Friday 2nd of April 2010.

Vertical Horizon, the Antwerp based software company, announces the general availability of its genealogy software MyBlood 1.2. The most eye-catching new functionality in this release is the extension of the export to html capabilities. Genealogy is all about people and the data they represent. Genealogists want to share this precious information with the outer world. This desire inspired us to create in MyBlood the ability to easily export genealogy data in a website structure. Release 1.2 comes with a set of templates, making an up to date family tree website only a couple of clicks away. For the more advanced users there is also the possibility of creating or importing your own template (using straight forward .css files).

Besides this new functionality a number usability issues are addressed in this release; further tweaking the already robust GEDCOM import/export and additional sorting capabilities in a number of screens. Also the integration with Google Maps has been reworked, dramatically improving the 'hit' ratio when trying to find the exact location of places stored in MyBlood.

In this release also the integration with social network sites is introduced. The media (pictures, documents...) stored in the MyBlood media section can now be shared using the Picasa on line service.

Geert Jadoul, head of Product Development Management comments: "I'm happy that 3 months after MyBlood 1.1 we release a new version that introduces really new functionality. This shows to the market that we are serious about the MyBlood product. For instance the integration with a social network site like Picasa is an illustration on how we think about sharing genealogy information in a contemporary way." Jadoul continues: "We release the integration with Picasa in Beta mode, unlike the other new features. Since these communities are very user driven we look forward to receive feedback from them on how this needs to further evolve. The development team is working on integrating MyBlood with other popular social network sites. Consider it as a work in progress."

MyBlood 1.2 is sold on the MyBlood site: www.myblood-line.com. A full functional trial version is available for evaluation purposes. MyBlood runs on Windows (XP, Vista and Windows 7) and on Mac OS X (Intel and PowerPC).

About MyBlood

MyBlood is a genealogy application that targets every level of genealogists. It delivers simple views but deep insights on complex genealogy data, by combining relational database technology under the hood with superior visualization on the outside.

MyBlood supports multiple languages and comes with a free separate program to easily add your own translations and languages if required. MyBlood runs in the exact same way on the PC* as it does on a Mac. With full support for the international GEDCOM format, it produces highly portable data sets avoiding any vendor lock. With out of the box integration with Google Maps for "places" and "locations" it allows to visualize moves, travels, emigrations or any other kind of movements in your family history in an unprecedented way.

MyBlood will also bring a more natural way of working with any kind of media files like tagging people on pictures like many social network sites tend to do nowadays.

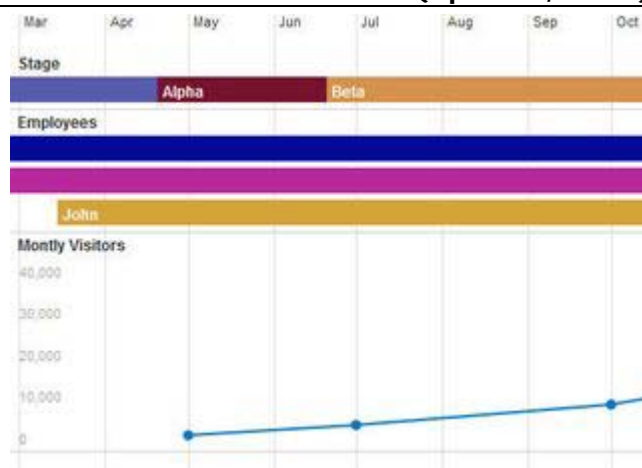
About Vertical Horizon

Vertical Horizon is an independent, Belgium based, start-up company that brings together the power of personal computing with in depth knowledge of genealogy. This resulted in the development of MyBlood, a state of the art genealogy application.

Vertical Horizon was started by seasoned and experienced IT professionals with a passion for genealogy. The Antwerp based company is owned and financed by its management team.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 05, 2010 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

Preceden Makes Timelines (April 12, 2010)



Timelines are great tools for genealogists, historians, and others. You can create multi-color timelines to show events in an ancestor's life, events in a family over several generations, or the historical events of the day during your ancestor's life. When trying to reconstruct families, you can see major events of the

individuals involved, plotted in such a way that you can easily see when relationships were possible. Timelines are also used often in histories, business planning, resumes, wedding planning, employee shift scheduling, employee vacation planning, lesson planning, and many more applications.

Now a free online tool makes great-looking timelines. There is no software to install and configure. Just go online and build the timelines you want. You can then save them, store them, keep them private, or give access to others.

Preceden is a free web 2.0 timeline visualization tool that lets you you make simple, powerful timelines for just about anything. The application is super simple to use. The displays of timelines are simple and yet effective. You can zoom in to seconds or out to billions of years.

When you create a timeline it is private by default, meaning that only you can see it. If you'd like to change this, you can click "change" link above the top right side of your timeline. You have three options:

- **Only Me** - No one except you can see the timeline.
- **Everyone** - Everyone can see the timeline.
- **Restricted** - This lets you control who can see the timeline. Simply specify a password and then give it to whoever you want to give access. When they go to your timeline page (you'll also need to give them the address), they'll be prompted for the password you gave them. This will let them see the timeline.

Preceden creates visual timelines only. That is, the timelines are only meant to be viewed on a screen. You can probably use screen captures to capture the timelines and then print them, but that is not a design goal of the site. Preceden focuses only on screen displays.

Did I mention that Preceden is available free of charge?

Preceden may be found at <http://www.preceden.com>

You can see examples of timelines created by others at

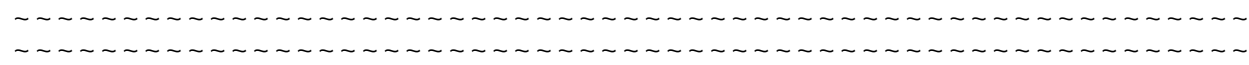
<http://www.preceden.com/examples>

and an even longer list at

<http://www.preceden.com/timelines>.

Hold your mouse over some of the timeline entries to see the pop-up details of each entry.

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 12, 2010 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)



[FUNNY BONE](#)

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

www.alsirat.com/epitaphs/index.html

Rab McBeth

Larne, Ireland

Who died for the want
of another breath

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Samuel J. McKelvey

Mount Pleasant Cemetery,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Getting there is half the fun!

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Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill,

Mount Pleasant Cemetery,
Harwich, Massachusetts

I'll see you in apple blossom time

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- May 11 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2010 PM.
 "20th Century Military Records"
 Presented by Marian Richter Schuetz.
 Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

- May 15 Italian Genealogy Discussion Group.
SAT Pointers in Person North #27 (PIP)
2010 Schaumburg Township District Library
 Rasmussen Room 2nd 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.

- 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.
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
- 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.dcgcs.org.
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Jun 8
TUE
2010 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.
- 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
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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
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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/
Peoria County Genealogical Society @
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
TUE
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"Genealogy and DNA – A Revisit"
Presented by Jeffrey Bassett.
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- *Feb 8
TUE
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"Mining Census Records"
Presented by Steve Szabados.
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- Mar 8
TUE
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