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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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MARCH 8, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering in March 2011. 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.

I would also encourage participants to bring their personal laptop or netbook to these sessions and tap into the internet via our WiFi network. I saw many researchers doing this at our last breakout session and they found it very productive to access internet information while being in one of the groups if they wanted to show something to someone else at the table.

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 March 2011.

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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 139 participants in the group. I have received updates from many of you since our last meeting. You truly are a very sharing group in your willingness to share your personal information with others in the group concerning your research efforts.

The entire group is searching for a total of 1,051 surnames among all of the individuals.

Remember, that I will bring to the meeting a current group report that I would appreciate you reviewing and marking any additions, deletions or changes for your

particular information that you would like me to make onto the report itself. I will leave one updated report by the genealogical material by the Information Desk on the 2nd floor for you to reference in-between meetings. I will make additions/deletions to the participants that will be reflected in the listing of participants contained in the red binder that will be on the shelves at the combined Information/Magazine desk.

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

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

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter January 3, 2011, January 5, 2011, January 10, 2011, January 13, 2011, January 15, 2011, January 20, 2011 and are copyright 2011 by Richard W. Eastman. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Military Museum puts 360,000 Civil War Soldiers Online (January 3, 2011)

The New York State Military History Museum and Veterans Research Center is making capsule histories of 360,000 New York Civil War soldiers available online. The entire roster of New Yorkers who served during the Civil War years, 1861-65, is now available online, as well as the five annual reports issued by the Bureau of Military Statistics from 1864 to 1868 that chronicle the accomplishments of New Yorkers in battle.

The soldiers' military records were recorded from 1893 to 1906 in 17 volumes, based on data from the New York Adjutant General's Office and the War Department, the predecessor to today's Department of the Army. These records have been posted in PDF format and are searchable. You can read more about the new database at

<http://saratogian.com/articles/2010/12/29/news/doc4d1a9e9c68a59541992529.txt>.

The database itself is available at

http://dmna.state.ny.us/historic/reghist/civil/civil_index.htm

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 03, 2011 in [History](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Conquering the Paper Monster Lecture is now Available for Download (January 5, 2011)

The following announcement was written by Elyse Doerflinger:
Learn to Organize Your Genealogy Papers

5 January 2011 - Los Angeles, CA. Elyse Doerflinger - author of the popular e-book *Conquering The Paper Monster Once and For All* - has released a video recording of the *Conquering The Paper Monster* Lecture. Elyse has presented this lecture at various genealogy societies and has finally recorded it for all the world to see!

This video lecture includes the presentation slides synced with Elyse's voice audio to create a lecture that can be listened to in the comfort of your home. Along with the video, customers will receive a .pdf copy of the handout. *Conquering The Paper Monster* Video Lecture is available [here](#) for the price of \$7.99.

In *Conquering The Paper Monster Video Lecture*, you'll learn how to create a custom organizational system that is unique to your needs, wants, and personality. This lecture will walk you through the easy step-by-step process of organizing your genealogy papers. Organization is something nearly every researcher needs help with - and this lecture is perfect to help you finally "conquer the paper monster".

About Elyse Doerflinger

Elyse Doerflinger is a rising young genealogist with a speciality in organization and technology. She is the author of [Elyse's Genealogy Blog](#), where she shares her knowledge and family history. Her love of sharing knowledge with others has inspired her to write for lecture for various genealogy societies and write for genealogy magazines. Connect with her through [email](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#)!

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 05, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Genealogy Newslines Launched (January 10, 2011)

It looks like this newsletter has a new competitor! I'm glad to see another genealogy newsletter available. I think there's room for several more.

My good friend, Leland Meitzler, is well known in the genealogy community as a frequent author, lecturer, and owner of Family Roots Publishing. In past years, Leland founded Heritage Quest in 1985. He was Managing Editor of *Heritage Quest Magazine* from 1985 through 2005, and later held the same position with Everton Publishers, editing *The Genealogical Helper* from 2006 until February of 2009. He is the now co-owner of Family Roots Publishing Company, LLC, and writes daily at [GenealogyBlog.com](#). He has now launched the *Genealogy Newslines*.

Writing in his first edition, Leland states, "This is the first edition of the FREE Genealogy Newslines. It is an outgrowth of the Family Roots Publishing newsletter, and the Everton Newslines, which I once edited for Everton Publishers. The Genealogy Newslines has been in the planning for about six months, and with the start of the new year, I felt now was the time to launch."

The Genealogy Newslines is being launched as a text-only email message. As Leland notes, "Leaving the Genealogy Newslines as text allows me to produce a much longer newsletter, which will download a lot faster than one with a lot of graphics."

To subscribe, go the Family Roots Publishing Company website at <http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/> and enter your email address in the box titled "Signup - Free Genealogy Newsletter" on the upper left hand corner of the site, just under the Family Roots Publishing logo.

Welcome aboard, Leland!

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 10, 2011 in [Announcements](#) | [Permalink](#)

U.K. 2011 Census Forms to be Filled Out Online (January 13, 2011)



The U.K. Census takes place on March 27 when every household is required by law to complete the questionnaire with the information gathered helping to plan and prioritise resources and public spending on housing, education, health and transport services for years to come. Forms, complete with an individual bar code, will be posted to each household and, for the first time, people will be able to complete their details via an online form although online access is not a requirement.

At least one city archivist is asking resident to complete their 2011 Census forms correctly for future family historians.

Peterborough Central Library's archivist Anna Sexton has asked residents to fill the forms correctly to ensure their descendants can compile an accurate picture when detailed information is made public in 100 years time. She said: "Census records are also an essential source of information for people researching their family histories.

"By filling in their 2011 Census form correctly people will be leaving a valuable legacy to future generations who want to research their ancestors.

You can read more at <http://goo.gl/JDbya>

For more information about the 2011 Census visit <http://2011.census.gov.uk>

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 13, 2011 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)

Illinois State Genealogical Society Unveils New Website (January 15, 2011)

The following announcement was written by the Illinois State Genealogical Society:

January 15, 2011 – Springfield, IL. The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) announces the debut of its newly redesigned website available to the public on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

Located at <http://www.ilgensoc.org>, the new ISGS website features links to ISGS projects as well as links to other records and resources throughout Illinois including those individual genealogical home pages with an Illinois connection!

Visitors are invited to explore the new ISGS website and enjoy these features:

- The current issue of the ISGS Newsletter and archived copies back to 2008

- Listings of ISGS events and events for Illinois genealogical societies
- Highlights of various ISGS projects and initiatives
- Free databases filled with information on Illinois ancestors
- A list of Illinois research resources

New Members Section

One of the new features of the ISGS website is a members-only section which will be populated with access to Illinois-related databases for those researchers with Prairie State ancestors. Over the course of the next few months, additional members-only databases will be added.

Stop By and Visit ISGS!

ISGS encourages everyone – ISGS members and the public – to stop by and explore. In addition, visitors are encouraged to leave their feedback with the ISGS webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org.

About Illinois State Genealogical Society

The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) was organized in October of the Illinois Sesquicentennial Year, 1968, and is a non-profit, educational organization. ISGS was established for the following purposes:

- To stimulate an interest in the people who contributed to the establishment and development of the State of Illinois.
- To seek, preserve, and make available data pertaining to individuals, families, and groups who lived in Illinois and to events which took place therein.
- To inform people of the value of, and need for, preserving family and local history for posterity.
- To encourage the formation of local genealogical societies and to coordinate and disseminate information.

The ISGS genealogical collection is located in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield and an administrative office is maintained in the Illinois State Archives. For more information visit <http://www.ilgensoc.org>.

Follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ILgensoc>), Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/ILgensoc>) and on our blog at <http://ilgensoc.blogspot.com>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 15, 2011 in [Societies](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)

Combustible Microfilm Forces Evacuation at LDS Church History Library (January 20, 2011)

Microfilms do not last forever. In fact, older microfilms can self-destruct in the best "Mission Impossible" manner imaginable. Yesterday, a microfilm from the LDS Church History Library in Salt Lake City was taken to a landfill and detonated after patrons had been evacuated from the building.

NOTE: This happened at the LDS Church History Library, not at the nearby LDS Family History Library that is used by tens of thousands of genealogists.

Two floors of the LDS Church History Library were evacuated Wednesday afternoon as a precaution because of decomposing film that posed an explosion risk.

Salt Lake Fire Captain Michael Harp said an alert archivist noticed deteriorating 72 mm film inside a canister at 2:30 p.m. The film contained an unstable element called cellulose nitrate, which Harp says can be flammable or even create a small explosion.

Patrons on the third and fourth floors of the library were escorted out while the film was contained in an archival room.

From there, a company specializing in the removal and transport of such materials picked up the film. After waiting several hours for downtown traffic to taper off, Harp said the film was taken to the local landfill where it was detonated.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 20, 2011 in [Film/Photos](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)

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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, February 15, 2011. The program for the evening is titled "**Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records**". The speaker for the evening will be Ginger Frere.

Ginger Frere, is a librarian at the Newberry Library of Chicago, noted for its genealogical holdings and services. Ginger's basic theme is that people don't always get married where you expect, and therefore the marriage records are harder to find. In particular, people elope to places where restrictions on marriage are easier than those at home. The classic place for this phenomenon is Scotland's Gretna Green, where historically it was easier to marry than in England. **Gretna Green** is now a generic term for easy marriage locales. There were other reasons for not getting married in the home church, such as ease of transportation to other places, tradition, availability of a church of ones preference, trendiness, and/or anonymity.

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.

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

DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that are scheduled for October 2010 through May 2011 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 16, 2011. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Irish Fest"**. The speaker for the program will be Les Murdock of the Illinois Humanities Council.

Also be aware the society is having its Annual Conference on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Hilton Garden in St. Charles, Illinois. The Conference Program Title is "Connecting the Dots". This is an all-day program. This is the 36th Annual Conference of the DuPage County Genealogical Society to be held in its history. Walk-ins are welcome at the last minute. There is usually an un-discounted charge for the conference as a walk-in. You also may not be guaranteed a lunch but there are plenty of restaurants in the very nearby area if you were unable to obtain a lunch from the society. Take advantage of any pre-registration you can do with the material at the website and avoid the uncertainties of not getting a lunch if you walk-in unregistered.

Details for this special Annual Conference can be found at the society's web page listed below. Just look for the link at the top of the first page you encounter that says "Conferences". Click on that link and you will gain access to all of the information concerning this upcoming conference.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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, February 19, 2011 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Hand Held Apps for Family Research"**. The speaker for the program will be John Stryker.

John will show how to put tools and applications to work for family research on your iPad, Android, Blackberry and more.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Geni.com's World Family Tree Surpasses 50 Million People (January 5, 2011)

The following announcement was written by Geni.com:

Geni.com, a world leader in collaborative genealogy, today announced the addition of the 50 millionth person to its World Family Tree, also known as "The Big Tree" within the genealogy community. Among the cutting edge features that allowed this tremendous growth are:

- A Wikipedia-style collaboration environment including more than 50 "Curators", which are the equivalent of a Wikipedia Administrator
- Advanced merging features that allow users with common ancestors to connect their family trees
- An alpha version of the Geni Developer API, which allows automation of some common merging tasks

"We are very proud of this milestone that the Geni community has worked so tirelessly to reach," says Noah Tutak, Geni's President. "Collaboration is the only means by which Geni can reach its goal of creating a single family tree for the world, and the progress our users have made is incredible."

For the past year, Geni has focused on the rapid release of tools and features that empower its users to collaboratively solve the problem of creating a single world family tree. On October 20th, 2010, Geni released the Projects features, which allows users to collaborate on specific branches of interest in The Big Tree such as Rulers of Provence, France, US Presidents and Vice Presidents, or Passengers of the Mayflower.

In addition, Geni users can now follow specific genealogy profiles, Projects, and other users of the site. Users are notified via a Facebook-style news feed when there are updates to profiles or Projects that they follow.

Geni's userbase of nearly 6 million users has created over 90 million genealogy profiles, more than half of which are included in The Big Tree. Geni's Wikipedia-style collaborative environment makes it easy for anyone to connect and contribute to The Big Tree. This crowd sourced approach has created a free resource that everyone can access via Geni's website or its newly released API.

About Geni

Geni is solving the problem of genealogy by inviting the world to build the definitive online family tree. Using the basic free service at Geni.com, users add and invite their relatives to join their family tree, which Geni compares to other trees. Matching trees are then merged into the single world family tree, which currently contains nearly 50 million living users and their ancestors. Pay services include enhanced research tools as well as keepsake products created from family tree data. Geni welcomes casual genealogists and experts who wish to discover new relatives and stay in touch with family. Geni is privately held and based in Los Angeles, California.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 05, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Many Cleveland, Ohio Burial Records Now Available Online (January 12, 2011)

The East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society has created an online burial index of all Cleveland-owned cemeteries. Approximately 70 volunteers from all over the country worked from home putting the index together after 359,000 records were imaged and placed onto CDs. About 40% of the digitized records are from the Highland Park cemetery. The others are records primarily from the west side of Cleveland.

The online records typically include not only when and where the deceased died, but also how the person died, how old they were when they died, where they lived, who the undertaker was, and the date they were buried.

You can read more about the project at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcdrt/clecems/aboutproject.html> while the database itself is available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcdrt/clecems/index.html>

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 12, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the October-December 2010, Volume 36, Number 4 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Now Playing at NGS"

By Arlene V. Jennings, CG

"The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude"

By Debbie Mieszala, CG

"Foreign Images"

By Maureen Taylor

"Seeing Double: Taking Advantage of Double Census Enumerations"

By J. H. Fonkert, CG

"Preserving Our Scouting Heritage"

By Mark Tucker

"How Accurate Are Your Tombstones?"

By Michael J. Dietz

"Developing a Neighborhood of Associates"

By Jean Atkinson Andrews

"Libraryland: Strategies for Navigating Repositories"

By Kim V. Garvey, MILS

"Legacy 7.4"

Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

“Family ChArtist, Version 1.1”

Reviewed by Gary M. and Diane Crisman Smith

“Organizing, Optimizing, and Finding Information in PDFs”

By Jordan Jones

“Foodways and Personal Family History”

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Foreign Images” by Maureen Taylor.

Most of us have plenty of old pictures in our possession. Many are properly identified. Sadly, many are unidentified. These pictures may represent our ancestors taken in the United States. That can still make it difficult to impossible to try to uncover who these ancestors may be in the picture.

Maureen’s article raises the dilemma to another level. What if the pictures you have in your possession are pictures that originated in another country? You now have less familiarity with what is contained in the picture that could possibly help you unravel the mystery. Maureen’s article provides some points we should consider for analysis:

- **Family Traditions** – you have the picture in your possession. What was the chain of possession? How did you get it? Work the chain of possession back to see if you can connect with a family member that could shed more light on the connection and who might be in the picture.
- **Photo Style** – study a photo to determine if it is a daguerreotype, a glass ambrotype, an iron tintype or a paper print. Consider case design if in a case. If paper, consider color and size of the paper stock. Uncover the history of these type of pictures outside of the United States.
- **Photographer’s Imprint** – for formal pictures look to discover the photographer’s name on the print. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to see a complete address for the studio. Researching a foreign photographer can be difficult. Check out material by searching on the Internet. See if city directories exist for the studio location. Through these directories you may uncover the dates when the studio was in business and obviously in what location.
- **Clothing** – you will have to investigate clothing styles outside of the United States. The author suggests you tap into a book titled *Folk Costumes of the World* by Robert Harrold. Another book to look into is one titled *The Complete Costume History* by Auguste Racinet. Focus on finding book and Internet resources on fashion history outside of the United States.
- **Military Uniforms** – if the picture you have is foreign and has subjects in the picture in military uniform then you will need to pay close attention to the details because military dress was by no means standard. A good source of military history can be found at Osprey publishing at www.ospreypublishing.com. Not every person in military dress was in the military. The picture might represent someone in military school.

- **Work or Trade Dress** – investigate if the picture appears to represent someone dressed in clothes appropriate to their occupation. A more distinct occupation shown in the picture can be more helpful than one dressed in general work clothes consisting of a loose shirt, work pants and sometimes hats.
- **Other Evidence** – maybe the picture was a postcard picture that has a postmark on the piece. This postmark can help you get to the geographic location where it was mailed. The stamp itself can lead you to investigate the time periods it was in use and thus narrow down the time event of the picture. Translate any message that was written in a foreign language. That alone could shed a great deal of information as to the picture. If the picture is of an outdoor scene with distinctive views in the background, there may be clues in the architectural styles of buildings or business signage to help you dig deeper.
- **Photo Timeline** – families often took formal photos when they were separating so they would have a memento in case they were never able to get back together, especially at the time of emigration to another country. Once a family or family member arrived safely at a destination another picture may have been taken to send back to the family to show that the member arrived safely.

This is a very insightful article that provides a lot of clues to help you investigate any foreign originated pictures you may have in your possession. Take a look at the full article for other tips and advice on how best to uncover information on any known foreign pictures you may have in your possession.

Another good article in this issue is one titled “Libraryland: Strategies for Navigating Repositories” by Kim V. Garvey, MILS. The author provides some good insights into the types of repositories that exist that the genealogical researcher may encounter as well as how to best use these facilities to get the maximum amount of information.

The author notes that as researchers we should understand at a high level what the “mission or vision statement” is for a particular repository as well as to understand their policies they have to guide their purpose and operating functions. From these statements the user will better understand the following:

- What type of repository it is
- What type of collections they house
- What type of user access is allowed
- What type of user services is provided

Know in advance what the answers are to the above before you embark on a research trip to a facility that may house the answers to your ancestral research. There is nothing more wasteful than visiting a promising repository only to discover that they do not house in their collection material you thought was surely there. Do not find out when you arrive that you needed special referrals to access their materials because they are not a public institution. Check out the basics before you waste your time.

The author notes the following categories of repositories that exist where our research may take place:

- Public Libraries
- Academic Libraries
- Special Libraries
- Archives
- Private Libraries

Traditionally, public libraries collected materials of interest to the general reading public. In our modern times many public libraries have gone beyond this basic goal and now include programs, seminars, games, computer software, movies, talking books, databases and Internet access. Public libraries often save materials of local interest such as phone books, yearbooks, social registers and local newspapers. These may be the resources that may help in your genealogical research. You may not find birth certificates on your ancestors but you may find birth announcements in the local papers of the time that are in the public library collection.

Academic libraries are those affiliated with a college or a university. These may have material cataloged in the Library of Congress style rather than the Dewey decimal often found in public libraries. Don't shy away from an academic library based on that because they may still have important material that can help you. These libraries can be much larger in scope than a public library and have much more detailed material that may not be of general interest as within a public library. You may find material of a more detailed historic nature that can give you a sense of the times your ancestors lived in. Donors of genealogical material often leave material to an academic library because they feel the resources are there to maintain uncommon items. You may also discover original important material in these collections such as state censuses, papers of early settlers, diaries and correspondence.

Special Libraries may be associated with a particular organization such as the Research Center of the National World War I Museum. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is considered a Special Library. You may encounter the Dewey System of Classification or the Library of Congress system or maybe even a unique system for this special library. If a local genealogical society maintains a collection of genealogical material, it can easily be considered a Special Library.

Archives tend to collect unpublished works such as manuscripts, letters and diaries. Libraries tend to collect published book materials. More preparation may be needed in advance to research material at an archive. Direct access to materials may be limited or completely restricted. Materials requested may be brought to you for your review. Looking on shelf units by is generally prohibited. Security of the materials is high. You may be limited by writing materials such as pencils. Your bags may be checked or you may not be allowed to bring bags into the reading room. You may have to look through much material seeking those few golden nuggets. You may be dealing exclusively with original materials although more and more material is being digitized and made available in that fashion so that originals can be preserved.

Private libraries are almost always as they imply – private. You may not be aware of them or have any access to them. Before public libraries came into existence, this method of private collecting was the way it was done. One major private library of interest to genealogists is the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut (www.godfrey.org). We often become aware of private libraries when announcements are made that material from a private library is being bequeathed to a major repository near the end of the collector's life or via his or her estate.

Take a look at the entirety of this article for a more comprehensive view of the various repositories that exist that you may encounter. Some may be more beneficial to you in your research. Know what they have in their collections and determine if you are able to access the material.

You can access this most recent issue of [NGS Magazine](#) on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. There are many other useful articles in this issue for you to review.

Family Chronicle

We have received the January/February 2011, Volume 15, Number 3 issue of [Family Chronicle](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

"Demonyms and Gentilics"

By David A. Norris

David A. Norris explains the difference between a Liverpudlian and a Mancunian.

"10 Tasks To Complete in 30 Minutes or Less!"

By Elyse Doerflinger

Elyse Doerflinger gives you 10 quick tasks that can benefit your genealogy research.

"Searching for the Last Muster"

By Maureen Taylor

Maureen Taylor talks about the photo that changed her life.

"Vintage Catalogs: A Peek into Yesteryear"

By David A. Norris

According to David A. Norris, mail order catalogs can offer a tantalizing look at your ancestors' lives.

"My Ancestor Has No Stone: Now What?"

By Jean Wilcox Hibben

Jean Wilcox Hibben chronicles her quest to mark the grave of her Civil War ancestor.

"US Records of the War of 1812"

By George G. Morgan

George G. Morgan looks at the genealogical records available for this pivotal conflict.

"Murder At the Shingle Mill"

By Richard Jordan

Richard Jordan examines a chilling discovery while researching his family history.

"Crime and Punishment in Upper Canada: A Book Review"

By Elizabeth Lapointe

Elizabeth Lapointe looks at a great new book focusing on Upper Canada genealogy.

"Crime and Punishment in Upper Canada: A Case Study"

By Janice Nickerson

Janice Nickerson looks at law and order in a pioneer town.

"A Week in Dublin with the NEHGS"

By Mary Ellen Grogan

Mary Ellen Grogan chronicles a week in the life of genealogists researching abroad.

"100 Cemeteries and Counting"

By Christine Spencer

Christine Spencer looks at Ed Laput's contributions to genealogists everywhere.

"Heirlooms Can Reveal Family History"

By Mary Hurlbut Cordier

According to Mary Hurlbut Cordier, you should take good care of those old family treasures.

"Discovering Family History Centers"

By Elizabeth Lapointe

Elizabeth Lapointe takes a look at one of the largest collections of genealogy resources.

"The Risk and Reward of Your Old Nitrate Film"

By Anne Moralejo

Anne Moralejo gives advice on storing and handling old nitrate films.

"Personalize Your Research Strategy"

By Donna Murray

According to Donna Murray, personalizing your research strategy is crucial to success.

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Research Resources". In this section you will find recently published material that can be used for further genealogical research. Resources noted in this section for your consideration are:

A Handbook of Scandinavian Names

By Nancy L. Coleman and Olav Veka

The Long Way Home: An American Journey from Ellis Island To the Great War

By David Laskin

Cemeteries of Carter County, Tennessee

By Dianne M. Snyder

I thought that a good article in this issue is one that provides the researcher with a nice simple list of suggested things to do to improve their genealogical research. The title of the article is "10 Task to Complete in 30 Minutes or Less". This sort of goes with the idea of a New Year's Resolution List!

Here are the 10 items suggested by Elyse Doerflinger, the author of the article:

- **Scan and Label 10 Pictures** – we all have plenty of pictures that could be of greater value to us in a digitized mode. Take the time and focus on doing a small amount per day over a long period of time and you won't find yourself overwhelmed. The author suggests scanning and saving the photo in .TIFF format at 400 DPI. These are large files but you can then create another image in smaller size like JPEG if you want to e-mail it from the picture you scanned in TIFF format.
- **Write a Query for a Message Board, Mailing List or Your Blog** – every time you write about an ancestor using one of these vehicles, you expose the possibility of someone seeing it and responding back to you. The more you have out on the Internet, the more you increase your chances of having someone connect to you.
- **Create a List of Genealogy Goals** – no meander aimlessly with your research. Set some specific goals on specific areas of research and focus on that research rather than entering the same surnames into the same databases and expecting different results.
- **Create a Backup of Your Genealogy Data** – if you are using a lineage program like Family Tree Maker or Legacy or Roots Magic, make sure you make a copy of the file that is being created in your lineage program as a backup on an external flashdrive or hard drive or on the "internet cloud" or on a CD or DVD. Your work is worth the simple backup. Whatever you have digitized should be backed up. This includes digitized documents or pictures in your collection.

- **Transcribe a Document and Put the Information Into Your Genealogy Program** – take a look at documents you may have that may be hard to read and transcribe these into our lineage software. Often the act of transcribing will cause you to focus more intently than you may have in the past. New discoveries can occur from this more in-depth review.
- **Create a DVD of Old Family Photos to Share with Relatives** – if you already digitized many of your photos then consider sharing these with other relatives on a DVD. Include some descriptions of the photos so that those that would view them can understand what is being seen. Other eyes viewing these photos may be able to add even more history to the photo or other stories.
- **Upload Some of Your Cemetery Photos to FindAGrave** – you may have taken photos of gravesites in your past research that could be uploaded to FindAGrave.com. Again, more exposure through this wonderful site may get you contacts and inquiries that might expand your research.
- **Order a Record from an Archive, Courthouse, Library etc** – do you have some research because material you might need is not online and readily available through commercial databases or free ones? Fill in the blanks the old fashioned way by submitting requests to obtain death records from counties, or a film from the LDS to search through. Everything is not available via the Internet and you could move your research forward by getting copies of documents the way we used to obtain them in paper format.
- **Set Up a Google Alert for the Name of Your Ancestor** – take advantage of the “alert” capability offered by Google at www.google.com/alerts and be notified in case something new appears on an ancestral name. You can then avoid the constant repetitive re-searching.
- **Be the Ancestor Every Genealogist Wants** – we love to find diaries, letters and journals of our ancestors in paper format. Pick up your pen and start one of these yourself about your favorite memories or stories. Now you can keep it electronically in many ways so that your descendants can discover something on you.

These are some great quick things you can do in a short time to energize your genealogical research. If you feel you are in the genealogy doldrums on your own personal research, then try some of the above to reinvigorate your research!

Take a look at the entirety of this recent issue of [Family Chronicle](#) for all of the other good articles I noted earlier on that are included in this issue. See which articles match to any research you are doing and check out the entirety of that article by looking at this issue.

You can find this most recent issue of Family Chronicle on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.



BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a new book to our circulating genealogical collection titled ***Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy, 4th Edition***. The author of the book is Emily Anne Croom. The book was originally published in 2001 and was updated to this edition level in 2010. It was added to our collection in 2010. The call number of the book is 929.1 CROOM, E. The book is available to check out from our 2nd floor circulating collection.

Chapters in the book are:

Foreword	
Chapter 1	- In the Beginning
Chapter 2	- Charting Your Course
Chapter 3	- Strategies for Winning in Genealogy
Chapter 4	- What's in a Name?
Chapter 5	- Begin Solving the Puzzle with Interviews
Chapter 6	- Hand-Me-Downs: Family Traditions
Chapter 7	- Life History: Beginning to End
Chapter 8	- History As the Family Lived It
Chapter 9	- Family Sources and Beyond
Chapter 10	- Beyond the Family: Federal Census Records
Chapter 11	- Beyond the Family: County and State Sources
Chapter 12	- Beyond the Family: Local Sources
Chapter 13	- Beyond the Family: Additional Federal Resources
Chapter 14	- Where Do I Look for That?
Chapter 15	- What's in a Date?
Chapter 16	- Read It Right: Handwriting of the Past
Chapter 17	- Fitting the Pieces Together: A Case Study
Chapter 18	- Sharing Your Family History
Appendix A	- Glossary and Relationship Chart
Appendix B	- National Archives and Regional Branches
Appendix C	- Federal Census, 1790-1930
Appendix D	- Blank Forms
Bibliography	
Index	

A very nice feature that you find in this book that is so lacking when a new edition is created is a description page of what are all of the changes that were entered in this new edition in comparison to the previous edition. It does appear that you must use this "list" of changes to know of the change because the text on the pages noted in the book itself still reflects material from the previous edition. So If I understand this correctly, the basic text

of the book is still representative of the 3rd edition but the special "change" sheet at the beginning of the book makes note of what the changes are that should be in the text of the book but are really contained in the change sheet!!

Well at least you have some idea of what new things are in the book but you must look at the "change" list early on in the beginning of the book to know what these are.

As long as I have been the genealogy coordinator this book has been my "gold standard" of introductory genealogy research books. The author provides a great roadmap of what a beginning researcher can follow to make great progress in research. The author spends a good amount of time explaining the process of "interviewing" living ancestors and using "family tales" as starting points to further research. This new edition still represents the "gold standard" to use for a beginner to genealogy. I am also a strong believer that even an experienced researcher can benefit immensely from a book like this simply because we may have omitted many aspects of research early on in our own process that can benefit by a revisit to a great source such as this.

The author really makes aware of the process of research and the resources we should consider when we are beginning our research. Follow the methods described in this book and I feel you have tremendously increased your chances of success in ancestral research!!

One Chapter to definitely read is the one titled "Fitting the Pieces together: A Case Study". She puts together a wonderful example on how we should approach researching a family by obtaining initial information and clues from an interview. The "clues" obtained then would lead down the most appropriate paths of research using the categories of records to consider that the author mentions throughout the book. Think logically through the process. Unanswered questions become stepping points for new research and so on and so on. Do not overlook this chapter because it gives you a great roadmap to model your own research after.

Another chapter to visit in the book is the chapter titled "Read It Right: Handwriting of the Past". The author provides some great visuals of handwriting samples in categories she has identified as:

- Quirks in Style
- Deciphering
- Transcribing
- The Older Style
- Numbers
- Marks
- In Documents

Handwriting interpretation is so critical to success that looking at this chapter may give you just enough visual help for you to finally figure out what an important document you may have actually says.

This continues to be the best of the best books to use to begin your genealogy research quest. It is so right on the mark and so wonderfully easy to understand that every beginner should tap into this book and every experienced researcher should consider revisiting the book just to be sure they know they are still on the right methodological path to research their ancestors.

This book should also be in everyone's personal genealogy resource library. It is that good.

You can find this book in our library on the 2nd floor in the circulating collection. The call number of the book is 929.1 CROOM, E. You can check it out.

I don't think you will be disappointed in this book as a great resource.

There was no new second genealogy book added to our collection during this newsletter period.

SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter January 9, 2011 and January 14, 2011 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2011. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

Laptop Security at the Library (January 9, 2011)

I recently spent some time at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and mentioned it in this newsletter. I also wrote about using wireless Internet access and my laptop computer to verify information on various genealogy web sites while seated in the big genealogy library. A newsletter reader sent an e-mail questioning the wisdom of my using a laptop in the library.

The last sentence of his e-mail sums up his question: "I am against it as a matter of principle and security of a prize possession."

Indeed, his concern is real. Laptops frequently get stolen from libraries and other public places. A friend of mine lost his new (and expensive) laptop from a college law library not long ago. He left the table "for just a moment" to retrieve a book from the shelves. When he returned, the laptop and its power cube were gone. I have heard of many other, similar stories. In fact, I am told that laptops have been stolen from various genealogy libraries in Salt Lake City, Boston, and elsewhere. They also can be stolen easily at local libraries, courthouses, and almost any other place where genealogists congregate. Luckily, such thefts are easy to prevent.

If you own a laptop, you need to obtain a cable lock. A cable lock is a very simple device that looks and functions much like the cables and padlocks used to lock a bicycle. The cable typically is a cut-resistant, galvanized steel cable that loops around any secure object, such as a table leg or the leg of a microfilm viewer. The other end of the cable has a

locking device on it.

Did you ever see the half-inch long slot on the back or side of your laptop and wonder what it was for? That is the computer's "lock slot." All of today's Windows and Macintosh laptops have such a slot, designed to accept the locking device on a laptop cable lock. Once the cable lock is attached to your laptop, it is virtually impossible to remove without the correct key.

If you are not familiar with such devices, you can find a lot more information about them by starting at <http://goo.gl/cnRMM>. You will note they are made by a number of manufacturers.

I prefer the devices with a separate key. I keep the cable, lock, and key in my backpack alongside the laptop. However, some people will prefer the devices that have a combination lock instead of a key. Both are readily available at most any computer store or from hundreds of mail order suppliers.

Make sure that you wrap the cable around something that cannot be moved easily. It would defeat the purpose if you wrap the cable around a table leg and then the thief can simply pick up the table a half-inch or so and slip the cable off the bottom of the leg. However, the microfilm viewers and various tables in the Family History Library seem to have cross legs or braces in good places: you can easily loop the cable around something that is very secure. I suspect most other libraries have equally heavy-duty tables and equipment.

Will this stop all thieves? No lock on any device will ever stop a determined thief. After all, a very large and heavy bolt cutter will cut these cables. However, I doubt if any would-be thief will carry a four-foot-long bolt cutter or other heavy tool into the Family History Library. Even if he did, I doubt if he wants to be seen wrestling with your computer lock in the middle of a publicly accessible area. Someone might call security. I have never heard of anyone stealing a laptop with a properly attached cable lock from any genealogy library or archive. Instead, most thieves will continue to look for easier targets. Your laptop with the heavy-duty lock probably will be safe,

Cable locks are available most anywhere for \$25 to \$40 or so. I'd suggest that this is cheap insurance for the investment you made in your laptop, the genealogy software, and the many hours you spent entering the data. (Uh, you do have a backup of the data, don't you?)

Of course, another method is to use a two-pound netbook computer or a one-pound iPad or something similar and simply take it with you in your purse or book bag whenever you leave the table for a minute. I find that to be a bit too risky, however, as I often forget to take the device with me. A cable lock is safer; it remembers for me.

For more information or to order a cable lock for your laptop, click on the above link or stop in at your local computer store.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 09, 2011 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)

Magic with Your Digital Camera: Geocoding Your Images with Chris Bair (January 14, 2011)

Chris Bair is one of the presenters scheduled for the RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City, which is less than 4 weeks from now. His presentation on Friday afternoon will be

on *Geocoding Your Images*. Today, I had a chance to talk with and even see Chris in a two-way video call on Skype. He kindly gave me a sneak preview of his presentation. In fact, he gave me enough of a preview that I am now convinced I want to attend his presentation next month to learn more.

Chris works as a system administrator, making computer networks work at FamilySearch headquarters in Salt Lake City. However, his presentation on geocoding has nothing to do with his employment. It is a personal interest and hobby of his. Chris has become an expert on geocoding and decided to share some of his expertise at the conference.

My first question was, "What is geocoding?" Chris explained that it is the ability to embed information into a photo. That information might include location, date and time the photo was taken, information about camera settings, and even a text description of the image, such as "Our granddaughter Lily at Disneyland."

Most of today's smartphones (Apple iPhone, Android phones, Windows Phone 7) have built-in geocoding capabilities that automatically embed information into photographs taken with the phone's camera. In addition, some cameras – although not the typical low-cost cameras – also have built-in GPS (satellite tracking) capabilities and will also add geocoding information. These smartphones and GPS-enabled cameras typically record the exact latitude and longitude where the picture was taken, plus or minus ten feet or so. They also will record shutter settings and other technical information about each picture. Through the use of external software, text information can even be added to geocoding data at a later time, although typically not at the moment the picture is snapped.

If your camera does not include built-in geocoding capabilities, Chris pointed out that it is easy to add such capabilities with any of a number of "trackers" that are now available in the marketplace. A geocoding tracker might attach to the camera or simply be carried in the photographer's pocket. As long as it is close to the camera when the picture is snapped, the tracker will record all the required latitudes and longitudes.

In fact, Chris also pointed out that you can even add geocoding information to pictures taken with a film camera, assuming you later scan the image and convert it to a digital picture. By using a bit of software in your Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer, you can enter additional information above and beyond what your camera captures automatically. One common use is to add a two- or three-sentence description of the photo, such as "Here is an example of all the rain that fell during our vacation."

Geocoding information is stored with each photograph and stays with it even when the photo is resized or cropped, assuming the image editing software cooperates. Most of the modern products will preserve geocoding information although they do allow you to change the information, should you wish to do so.

Of course, entering geocoding information is useless until you have a method of viewing the stored data. In his talk, Chris will describe and also demonstrate several products that do just that. In fact, most of these products are available free of charge. Some of them are available online on photo sharing sites. Some popular photo sharing sites will even display maps showing where each photograph was taken.

Chris also showed me a method of displaying on Google Earth the path of a recent vacation trip to New York City. The input for the information came from the metadata of each photograph Chris used, including: latitude, longitude, date, and time of each photo. A free piece of software he uses extracted the information and then created a KMZ file.

Entering that file into Google Earth resulted in a high-resolution display of his trip plotted in Google Earth. Not bad for free software!

With six children, Chris assured me he has a lot of opportunities to take pictures! Geocoding helps him remember where each photo was taken, as well as the circumstances, such as "family vacation" or other event. Chris joked that such information is preserved for years and will be available to others, even long after he develops Alzheimer's.

Of course, there are many genealogical applications for geocoding. A couple that pop to mind include recording photos of tombstones, complete with exact location, or perhaps recording a walk around an ancestral village in "the old country," including precise locations.

All in all, this sounds like a great talk. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing Chris Bair demonstrate the use of geocoding for genealogists. He is scheduled to present *Geocoding Your Images* at 1:45 pm on Friday, February 11.

RootsTech runs from February 10 through 12 in Salt Lake City. It promises to be the premier "technology in genealogy" event of the year. I'll be there. Will you?

You can learn more about "Geocoding Your Images" and the many other presentations to be made at RootsTech at <http://rootstech.familysearch.org>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 14, 2011 in [Conferences](#), [Film/Photos](#) | [Permalink](#)

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FUNNY BONE

The following pictures were sent to me within an e-mail from Stan Schmidt who often attends our programs. I thought the pictures of the tombstones are very ironic as they apply to our own guaranteed mortality.

Stan, thanks for sending me the pictures!

I hope all of you will enjoy the irony the pictures reflect relative to the names inscribed.

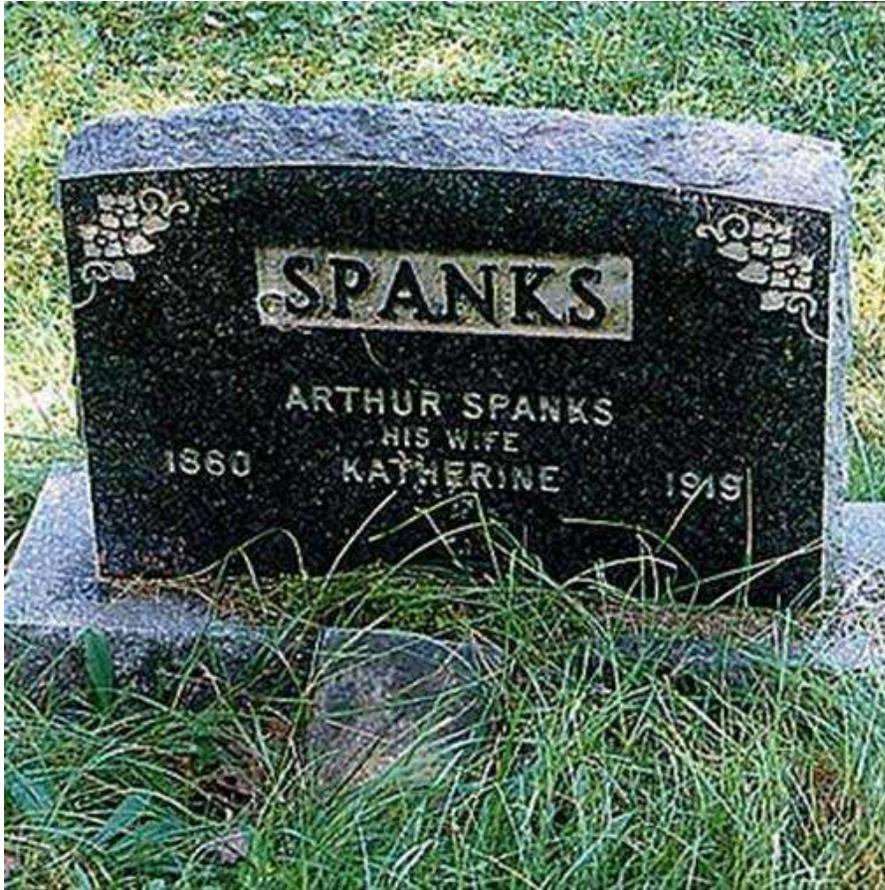
You almost wish someone would have considered a name change but the irony does not lend itself until you see the name on a tombstone!



Yep, that'll kill ya



Speaks for it self



I hope that's not what killed her.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Feb 8 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2011 PM.

"Mining Census Records"

Presented by Steve Szabados.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Feb 15 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, February 15, 2011.
TUE **"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records"**.
2011 Presented by Ginger Frere
Forest View Educational Center.

2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 7:00 PM
Speaker program starts at 7:30 PM
Visit the society website at www.NWSCG.com

Feb 19
SAT
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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 "**Handheld Apps for Family Research**"
Presented by John Stryker
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Mar 8
TUE
2011

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.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Mar 15
TUE
2011

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, March 15, 2011.
"**Military Service Records**".
Presented by Kathryn Barrett

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

*Mar 16
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DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 16, 2011.
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 "**Irish Fest**".
Guest speaker is Les Murdock of the Illinois Humanities Council.
Society website at www.dcgcs.org.
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

Mar 19
SAT
2011

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 "**Annual New Technology Review**"
Presented by Ed Rosenthal
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Apr 12
TUE
2011

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

"Mining for Gold: Online Historical Newspapers"

Presented by Robin Seidenberg.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.
Topic for the meeting "**Census Information**"
Presented by Alan Wilson
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Apr 19
TUE
2011
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, April 19, 2011.
"**Hunting Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals**".
Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin
Forest View Educational Center.
2121 S. Goebbert Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
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6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.
Program title is "**Using Inquest Records to Answer Genealogical Questions**".
Guest speaker is Grace DuMelle.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

May 10
TUE
2011
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"**Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian Or Hungarian!**"
Presented by Dr. Paul Valasek.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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2011
National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference.
Charleston, South Carolina.
Toll Free Phone (800) 473-0060
Email Address conference@ngsgenealogy.org
Web Site www.ngsgenealogy.org

May 17
TUE
2011
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 17, 2011.
"**Uff Da! Researching Norwegian Roots**".
Presented by Caron Brennan
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 18
WED
2011
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 18, 2011.
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 "**Abraham Lincoln Public Library Holdings and Their Use to the Genealogical Researcher**".
Guest speaker is Dennis Suttles, Genealogical Librarian at the Abraham Lincoln Public Library.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- May 21
SAT
2011
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 "**Investigating the Resources at ChicagoAncestors.org**"
Presented by Sandra Trapp
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Jun 14
TUE
2011
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.
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Topic for the meeting "**DNA for Genealogists**"
Presented by Michelle Wilson
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- Jul 12
TUE
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"Who Sank Grandma's Boat: Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"
Presented by Dan Niemiec.
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- Aug 9
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"Searching Online Databases"

Presented by Ginger Frere.
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Sep 13
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Oct 11
TUE
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"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"

Presented by Maureen Brady.
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Oct 15
SAT
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Topic for the meeting **"Cornucopia of Genealogical Mistakes: How They Occur and How To Fix Them"**

Presented by Ted L. Bartlett
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Nov 8
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"So You Didn't find It in the Index"

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.
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Dec 13
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"Social Networking for Genealogists: Family Trees, FaceBook, Blogs and More"

Presented by Caron Brennan.
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Feb 14
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- TUE
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"Program to Be Determined"
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"Understanding the English Census"
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"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"
 Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.
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