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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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**MAY 10, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

Our next program is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 10, 2011. Our program topic for the evening is titled "Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian or Hungarian!". Our guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Paul Valasek.

Are you doing any Eastern European genealogical research? Perhaps you are confused in your research over where exactly your ancestors may have come from. Political changes and the like often contribute to the uncertainty we all experience in really trying to pinpoint where are ancestors actually came from. Dr. Valasek is going to share with us the secrets of this aspect of research so you can improve your own research efforts in tracing down your elusive ancestors and pinpoint them to where they actually originated.

Chicago native Paul Valasek has been interested in his roots as far back as he can remember. As a child he played with his grandfather's WWI Polish military medals from his service in Haller's Army. As an adult, Paul learned that there was not a complete listing of members of Haller's Army, and decided to compile one. It is befitting that same curious boy is now the man who found a way to honor all those who served with his grandfather.

Founder of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois (CSAGSI), Paul has been researching his family over 30 years, and also researches his wife's family. He has traced his roots back to the early 1600's in both Poland and the Czech Republic, and been to Europe 13 times for research.

Paul has lectured throughout the U.S. and Canada. The three-time graduate of Loyola is not only a popular genealogist and speaker, but a D.D.S. as well. Past President of the Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA), Paul is well-qualified to lecture on Polish research.

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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](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 141 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 1,063 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 February 26, 2011, March 3, 2011, March 6, 2011, March 7, 2011, March 10, 2011, March 16, 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>.

### Ancestry.com Boosts Its Subscriber Family By 31% (February 26, 2011)

Who says there is a recession? Investor's Business Daily is reporting that Ancestry.com recently saw subscriber growth even larger than expected. The company reported late Thursday that it ended the year with 1.4 million subscribers, up 31% from Q4 2009, and up slightly from the third quarter. It had forecast 1.38 million subscribers.

Ancestry.com CEO Tim Sullivan is quoted as saying the company has good visibility into subscriber growth over the next few quarters, but it's difficult to predict the ultimate size of the market. "The real question is: Is this a 2 million, 3 million, 5 million or 10 million subscriber category?" Sullivan said in an interview Friday. "We're more optimistic today about this being a potentially very large market opportunity than ever before."

You can read more in an article by Patrick Seitz at <http://goo.gl/MXu2p>

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 26, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

### Accuracy of Genealogy Information on the Internet (March 3, 2011)

**NOTE:** This article contains personal opinions.

Today I read an online message from a reader of this newsletter in which she bemoaned the quality of genealogy information found on the Internet. She went on at some length to say that the information found online is full of inaccuracies, is posted by people who don't know what they are doing, and that "genealogy information found on the Internet should never be trusted."

I was sympathetic to what she wrote until that last part. **NEVER** be trusted?

I will be the first to agree that there is a lot of inaccurate **SECONDARY** information on the Internet. But let's not overlook the fact that the Internet also brings us images of **ORIGINAL** source records as well.

Want to see the record of your great-great-grandparents in the U.S. Census? Click with your mouse and look at the **IMAGE** of the original entry without leaving your home. Want to see a naturalization record? **IMAGES** of many of them are available online. Would you like to see granddad's World War I Draft registration form that lists information about parents? The **IMAGE** of the original document is available online. Want to see an obituary? Several online services provide **IMAGES** of the newspaper obituaries. And how about the Southern Claims records, many of which were never available before on microfilm? **IMAGES** of each record are now available online.

Yes, the Internet certainly is a mix of good and bad news, but let's not condemn everything. Looking at images of original source records on the Internet makes us better genealogists than those of us who used to be limited only to transcribed (secondary) sources. We have much more information available today than ever before. Some of it is good information, such as **IMAGES** of original records. Other information found online is questionable, such as secondary information contributed by someone else. Let's not

condemn everything simply because some of it is bad.

We do have an education problem. We need to educate newcomers as to what information is immediately believable versus what information requires independent verification. This education process must be active on all genealogy sites, including this one, and must continue forever as new genealogists join us. However, I will suggest that this requirement for education should not stop us from looking at images of original records.

There is an old saying that pops to mind, something having to do with babies and bathwater.

Looking forward ten or twenty years, I suspect that eventually all of us will focus primarily on images of original records, as found on the Internet. As millions and millions of additional images come online, the references we all enjoy will continue to improve. I see that as a great advance in genealogy scholarship.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 03, 2011 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **Genealogy Database Identifies Man Living Under an Assumed Identity (March 6, 2011)**

Debra Schafer decided to research the family tree of her new son-in-law. She got a surprise when she found him, including his date of birth and his Social Security Number, on Ancestry.com's Social Security Death Index. Apparently, Ross died in a motorcycle accident in 1982. Yet the man calling himself William Jodee Ross was very much alive. It seems that the her new son-in-law wasn't the person he claimed to be.

When arrested, the man claiming to be William Jodee Ross of Bakersfield, California refused to give his real name. However, police took a DNA sample and soon identified him as Timothy Rodger O'Neil, age 47. Family members of the actual William Ross confirmed he was dead and that O'Neil, whose picture they were given, was not Ross.

O'Neil worked at several jobs, got married, purchased a house and vehicles, and obtained Social Security and other benefits under Ross' name, police have said. He reportedly has a police record, including arrests for spousal abuse, spousal rape, assault with a deadly weapon, battery causing great bodily injury, vandalism, petty theft, and obstructing an officer, the reports filed by the Bakersfield Police Department say.

Timothy Rodger O'Neil, 47, pleaded no contest on Friday to a felony count of unauthorized use of another person's identifying information. A count of marrying under a false name was dismissed. Superior Court Judge Colette Humphrey scheduled O'Neil's sentencing for April 4.

Debra Schafer, attended her son-in-law's hearing on Friday. She said she's not happy with the plea deal. "I was expecting a longer sentence," Schafer said.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 06, 2011 in [Legal affairs](#), [People](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **British Library and findmypast.co.uk to Digitise 5 Million Pages of Family History Records (March 7, 2011)**

The following announcement was written by findmypast.co.uk:  
Selections from the India Office Records and a century of electoral registers will be made available online

The British Library and family history website [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) are to digitise a treasure trove of family history resources held by the Library, making them available online and fully searchable for the first time.

The project will involve the scanning of UK electoral registers covering the century that followed the Reform Act of 1832, along with records of baptisms, marriages and burials drawn from the archives of the India Office. When available online, these collections will enable historians, genealogists and family history researchers to make connections and track down details of ancestors and others at the click of a mouse - work that would previously have necessitated visits to the Library's Reading Rooms and many hours of laborious manual searching.

The British Library holds the national collection of electoral registers covering the whole of the United Kingdom. The registers contain a vast range of names, addresses and other genealogical information.

"Digitisation of the electoral registers will transform the work of people wishing to use them for family history research," said Jennie Grimshaw, the Library's curator for Social Policy and Official Publications. "Printed electoral registers are arranged by polling district within constituency and names are not indexed, so the process of finding an address to confirm names of residents is currently incredibly laborious. Digitisation represents a huge breakthrough as users will be able to search for names and addresses, thereby pinpointing the individuals and ancestors they're looking for."

The other holdings included in the large-scale digitisation are drawn from the archives of the East India Company and the India Office. These records relate to Britons living and working in the Indian sub-continent during the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries, up to Independence in 1948. They include over 1,000 volumes of ecclesiastical returns of births, marriages and burials, together with applications for civil and military service, and details of pension payments to individuals.

Antonia Moon, curator of post-1858 India Office Records said, "These records are an outstanding resource for researchers whose ancestors had connections with British India, whether as servants of the administration or as private inhabitants." The partnership between the British Library and [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) followed a competitive tender process and will see five million pages of UK electoral registers and India Office records digitised over the next year. The resources will become available via [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) and in the British Library's Reading Rooms from early 2012; online access will be available to [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) subscribers and pay-as-you-go customers - access to users in the British Library Reading Rooms will be free.

Simon Bell, the British Library's Head of Licensing and Product Development, said: "We are delighted to announce this exciting new partnership between the British Library and [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk), which will deliver an online and fully searchable resource that will prove immensely valuable to family history researchers in unlocking a treasure trove of content that up to now has only been available either on microfilm or within the pages of bound volumes. The Library will receive copies of the digitised images created for this project, so as well as transforming access for current researchers, we will also retain digital versions of these collections in perpetuity, for the benefit of future researchers."

Elaine Collins, Commercial Director at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk), said: "We're very excited to be involved with this fascinating project. The electoral rolls are the great missing link for family historians: after censuses and civil registration indexes, they provide the widest coverage of the whole population. To have Irish and Scottish records alongside England and

Wales is also a huge advantage. These records will join the 1911 Census, Chelsea Pensioner Service Records and many more datasets available online at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk), which enable people to make fantastic discoveries day after day."

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 07, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

### **New Web Site Lists Professional Genealogy Researchers (March 10, 2011)**

[Geneapro.com](http://Geneapro.com) has launched a new free website designed to bring together experienced genealogy researchers with people looking for accurate historical ancestral records and information. You won't find any genealogy records on the site. Instead, you will find contact information for people who are willing to find the information for you. Most of these researchers do charge fees for their efforts.

The following press release was written by Lisa Kenefick, owner of Geneapro.com: Geneapro.com has launched a new website designed to bring together experienced genealogy researchers with people looking for accurate historical ancestral records and information.

Historically, it has been very difficult to find records from previous centuries and remote locations. While the internet has made this task much easier for those who know where to look, the general population is generally at a loss as to where to even start. Finding resource sites can be a challenge and many of those sites are costly and yet can lead to dead ends. Geneapro.com experts have many years of experience working with a large number of resources and have the knowledge to provide quick and timely results. Membership is free both for experts and those seeking lookups.

Geneapro.com founder Lisa Kenefick started the website to change the process of searching for ancestors and the costs associated with it. "Many years ago I happened upon the LDS Family Search website after years of searching subscription-only websites for my ancestors. It was a revelation; as a beginner I did not know it existed. The information is out there already, these records were not created specifically for the websites that charge membership."

As a former Investigative Genealogist Ancestry.com Expert, Kenefick found herself relying on direct resources; the new website is designed to put together a large index of these resources that are easy to access. Genealogists, historical societies, and genealogical societies, in addition to individual genealogists, can join geneapro.com and make their services available to the general public. There is no charge to join geneapro.com either for those providing or seeking information.

Records that are not digitally archived can also be found by posting a "Lookup" on Geneapro. Professional genealogist listings, lookup service providers and thousands of direct links to digitized archives and published databases are free. Ms. Kenefick's mission is to build one of the world's largest directory of genealogical resources and providers.

To learn more about Geneapro visit <http://geneapro.com> or contact Lisa Kenefick directly via email [info\(at\)geneapro\(dot\)com](mailto:info(at)geneapro(dot)com) or Twitter [@geneapro](#).

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 10, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**



## Mocavo.com Launches as World's Largest Free Genealogy Search Engine (March 16, 2011)

The following announcement was written by Mocavo.com (you can also read my review of this new service at

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2011/03/mocavocom-a-genealogy-search-engine.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/03/mocavocom-a-genealogy-search-engine.html)):

Industry breakthrough provides instant search results for billions of names, dates and places

Boulder, Colorado – March 16 2011 —Mocavo.com™ ([www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com)) a free search engine geared toward genealogists and people interested in learning more about their family history, launches today. Mocavo.com enables the search of more than 50 billion words - including billions of names, dates and places, all within fractions of a second. Mocavo.com fills an important industry need by providing the first large-scale, free search engine for family history research. Coupled with the speed and accuracy by which search results are produced, Mocavo.com represents a major technological breakthrough within the genealogy world.

Mocavo.com has already been met with critical acclaim by several industry experts.

Dick Eastman, writer of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and a top blogger in the field, wrote, "All my future genealogy searches will start on Mocavo.com. I've been using the site for a while during its testing and have been very impressed. I suspect you will always have better luck searching for your own surnames of interest on Mocavo.com than on any other search engine."

Randy Seaver, writer of the popular *Genea-Musings* blog, wrote, "Mocavo.com promises to be a genealogist's dream - a search engine focused on free online genealogy resources." Mr. Eastman's and Mr. Seaver's full reviews can be found at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) and [www.geneamusings.com](http://www.geneamusings.com), respectively.

Starting today, the general public can use Mocavo.com for free. Visitors to [www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com) are simply required to type in the names or words of interest and click on Search. All related results from industry sources such as genealogy message boards, family trees, state and local historical societies, the Library of Congress, National Archives, Ellis Island, Find A Grave, the Internet Archive, various U.S. state archives, and many tens of thousands of genealogy sites built by individuals will be displayed. Similar to other search engines, Mocavo.com honors site owners by linking directly to their content.

Cliff Shaw, founder and CEO of Mocavo Inc., identifies the current trouble for genealogists and the solution that Mocavo.com provides, "Genealogy has always had the problem of information and potential clues being spread across thousands of disparate web sites and sources. Imagine a world where you have all of the Web's free genealogy content at your fingertips within seconds. That is Mocavo.com".

"Mocavo.com has the capacity to index every single piece of free genealogy content found anywhere on the web, and will be growing by leaps and bounds in the coming months", said Mr. Shaw. "We expect Mocavo.com to shortly offer all of the web's free genealogy information, searchable and accessible to all – something that has never been done before. It's set to become the go-to search engine for every family history enthusiast."

Mocavo Inc. is the brainchild of Cliff Shaw. Mr. Shaw is well known in the industry, having created four successful companies and many innovative technologies, including Smart Matching™, the most successful ancestor-matching algorithm. He created GenForum 14 years ago and it quickly grew to become the number one community for genealogists (now owned by Ancestry.com® (NASDAQ:ACOM)). In the early 2000's, Mr. Shaw launched GenCircles and Family Tree Legends, becoming the number two family tree publishing site and number two family tree software package respectively (both are now owned by MyHeritage.com). More recently, Mr. Shaw launched the well-received BackupMyTree.com, the industry's only automatic tree backup solution.

About Mocavo Inc.

Mocavo Inc. operates the world's largest free genealogy search engine, Mocavo.com, giving genealogists access to the best free genealogy content on the web including billions of names, dates and places. Founded by industry veteran Cliff Shaw, and backed by prominent angel investor, David Cohen, (founder and CEO of TechStars), Mocavo.com seeks to index and make searchable all of the world's free genealogy information. While Mocavo.com discovers new sites every day, some of the existing sites searchable on Mocavo.com include genealogy message boards, family trees, state and local historical societies, the Library of Congress, National Archives, Ellis Island, Find A Grave, the Internet Archive, various U.S. state archives, and many tens of thousands of genealogy sites built by individuals. Similar to other search engines, Mocavo.com honors site owners by linking directly to their content. For further information, visit [www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com).

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**LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS**

*Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists*

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

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Tuesday evening, April 19, 2011. The program for the evening is titled "**Hunting Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals**". The speaker for the evening will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillan.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, is a professional genealogist who specializes in German and Midwest American research, as well as reading German script. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a child and has been actively researching her German ancestry for the past nine years, as well as her husband's Chicago Irish. She has attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and has taken college-level German courses. She was the 2007 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Home Study Course,

which she has completed. Teresa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, as well as many local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

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

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

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

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*DuPage County Genealogical Society*

**Please note that meetings that are scheduled for October 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, April 20, 2011. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Using Inquest Records to Answer Genealogical Questions"**. The speaker for the program will be Grace DuMelle, reference librarian at the Newberry Library.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

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

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, April 16, 2011 at the Hanover Park Branch (1266 Irving Park Road in Hanover Park, IL) of the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**Census Information**". The speaker for the program will be Alan Wilson.

This presentation reviews the information available from census data that pertains to genealogy. The decennial US federal census is a popular source of genealogy data. This presentation reviews the federal census data, its interpretation, how it is available, and how to reference the sources for genealogy records. The presentation also discusses census data from Canada and various European countries that is also available for genealogy. The presentation includes examples.

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## **Ireland's Archive Collections Go Online (March 3, 2011)**

Ireland's archive collections have found a new central home online at <http://www.iar.ie>. The web site launched today and allows the public to search a wide range of Irish archives online. Some of the collections featured include the Irish Film Archive, the Guinness family archives, archives from UCC's Boole Library and a large number of city and county council archives.

The Irish Archives Resource site brings together a large number of collections from around the country, preserved by a range of organisations. It includes records from current and defunct government and local government agencies, personal contributions, estate records, clubs, societies, trade unions, religious, cultural, sporting and political organisations. links to wherever these archives are digitised and searchable online. One notable collection includes deeds on properties in Cork city dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

The same web site also carries detailed descriptions of what is in every archive listed and where it can be accessed physically, if the collection is not online. The important thing about the site is that every collection on it is accessible and available to the public. The long-term hope is that it will one day all be digitised, and some archives are going in that direction already. Limerick city archives have been digitising a lot of their material recently.

<http://www.iar.ie>

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

## **Revolutionary War Southern Campaign Pension Application Transcriptions Online (March 7, 2011)**

Newsletter reader James Morgan sent along information about a web site that contains free transcriptions of over 10,000 Revolutionary War Pension Applications. The site is sponsored by the American Revolution Association and currently contains 10,496 pension application and 70 roster transcriptions, all from the Southern Campaign.

Here is one typical pension application as found at <http://southerncampaign.org/pen/#m>:

Pension application of Dan Alexander R88 Sarah fn23SC

Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 5/3/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call

those errors to my attention.]

State of Tennessee, Marion County: Circuit Court April 1833

On the 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Circuit court of Marion County aforesaid being a Court of record now sitting Dan Alexander they resident of Marion County and State of Tennessee aged 69 years who first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: that he entered the service of the United States as a listed [sic, an enlisted] Soldier for nine months in Macklinburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the State of North Carolina some time he thinks in the Spring of the year 1781 under Lieutenant Ezekiel Pope, Captain Peter Burnes, Major Moore, Col. Wade Hampton and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. We joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] near Camden we marched to Camden South Carolina remained for some time from there to Orangeburg in the same State and after marching to several other places in the State met the British at the Eutaw Springs where he was in the battle. After the battle marched to Brown's Old fields on the Congaree River, crossed the Congaree River at McCord's ferry<sup>1</sup> and marched to a place called Dodgester [sic, Dorchester]<sup>2</sup> where they had a skirmish with the British then returned and crossed the same River at the same place also crossed the Wateree River and marched to the High Hills of Santee<sup>3</sup>

He has never seen a record of his age nor does he know that one ever existed. in S. C. while he remained on the high hills of Santee in South Carolina his term of nine months expired and he immediately enlisted for nine months more which was in the fall or winter of the same year on the high hills of Santee South Carolina under the same Officers which are named in the first from there marched to Orangeburg remained at Orangeburg for some time and then was attached to the horse as a horseman under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] for the purpose of recruiting Wayne's troop of Horse and under the Command of General Wayne he marched through South Carolina and then into Georgia and then back to South Carolina and so continued in Active Service until his Other nine months had expired then returned to Orangeburg South Carolina and was discharged by Major Moore (for the whole 18 months). He states that his discharge was burnt in his house which was burnt some time after the War.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He was acquainted with Colonel Polk, Captain Poke, Major Bluford, Colonel Washington, Generals Wayne, Sumter & Greene all of the regulars.

He was born on the 15th of February 1764 according to the best information that he did on the Subject in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina where he had his home during the revolutionary war from there he moved to Burke County and from there to Haywood County of Counties in the State of North Carolina from there to Marion County the State of Tennessee where he now lives and has lived something more than 12 months.

There is no Clergyman in this County with whom he is acquainted living in his neighborhood and he could not get one to certify for him without going back to N. C. which declarant could not do from age and infirmity.

Declarant states that he is known in his present neighborhood to Colonel Ignatius Hall, Colonel John Kelly and Dr. C B Rains who can testify to their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution and to his character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

He states that he served in all 18 months. The first tour of nine months and the second nine.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Dan Alexander, X his mark

[Ignatius Hall, John Kelly & C. B. Rains gave the standard supporting affidavit.]  
[On February 25, 1853, Sarah Alexander [age not stated], filed an application in Dade County, Georgia for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Dan Alexander a revolutionary pensioner pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum, that he died in aid County Georgia on the first day of October 1839.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 18 months service in the revolution as a private.]

- 1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/mccordsfy.htm>
- 2 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dorchester.htm>
- 3 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/highhills.htm>

Posted by Dick Eastman on March 07, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)



## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Family Chronicle**

We have received the March/April 2011, Volume 15, Number 4 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Canadians At War: A Book Review"**  
Reviewed by John D. Reid

*John D. Reid looks at a fantastic new resource for Canadian genealogy research.*

**"Top Websites To Save You Money!"**

by Gena Phillibert Ortega

*Gena Phillibert Ortega looks at the top websites to save you money, genealogy style.*

**"Roots of a Genealogist: David Allan Lambert**

By Elizabeth Lapointe

*Elizabeth Lapointe talks to the author, historian and genealogist.*

**"Become a Brickwall Mechanic!"**

By Michael Hait

*According to Michael Hait, you should diagnose your problems to find a suitable solution.*

**"All in the Family: A Case Study"**

By George G. Morgan

*George G. Morgan recounts his tale of almost becoming a Murphy.*

**"Solving Two Legends with Military Records"**

By Ruby Coleman

*Ruby Coleman chronicles her research quest to prove a long-standing family legend.*

**"Researching Italian Names"**

By Rick Norberg

*Rick Norberg offers some tips and advice for researching the names of your Italian ancestors.*

**"Workhouses: The Last Resort"**

By Alice Marie Beck

*Alice Marie Beck chronicles the resources available if your ancestor worked at a jail for the poor.*

**"Avoid These Hometown Pitfalls!"**

By Leslie Albrecht Huber

*According to Leslie Albrecht Huber, don't let your ancestors' hometown trip up your research!*

**"Getting Kids Hooked on Family History"**

By Judith Eccles Wright

*Judith Eccles Wright looks at American State History Fairs and the National History Day for kids.*

**"England's Hearth and Window Taxes"**

By David A. Norris



*David A. Norris looks at two unpopular taxes that have become useful genealogy resources.*

**"The Search for Elusive Female Ancestors"**

By Leland K. Meitzler

*Leland K. Meitzler gives some advice on finding information on the females in your family.*

**"The Mystery Behind Your "Black Irish" Ancestors"**

By Cindy Thompson

*Cindy Thompson looks at the origins of the term "Black Irish" and how it can help your genealogy research.*

**"Autosomal DNA Testing and Your Genealogy"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy examines a new form of DNA testing and its implications for genealogists.*

**"Be a Smart Genealogist: Cite Those Sources!"**

By Donna Murray

*Donna Murray shows you how to validate your research claims!*

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Avoid These Hometown Pitfalls" by Leslie Albrecht Huber. Leslie shares some tips on how to filter through discovering the real home town of an ancestor that needs to be discovered in order to pursue records that exist for that ancestor within the geographical record-keeping organization for that town.

Geography is everything! You need to be able to pinpoint the birth location of an ancestor to begin the process of uncovering records for that individual that may shed light on other pieces of information about the ancestor to pursue. Sometimes you find a town name but it may still not help you because it may not be the town name for which records were associated.

What could you discover about a hometown name that requires further refinement?

The author suggests the following things to be aware of when you discover a "home town" name:

- **The hometown given is actually the nearest large town** – we do this all of the time ourselves. If we live 20 miles outside of Chicago, we may often tell someone who we know is not familiar with our area that we are "from Chicago". Our ancestors were no different. They may have written down or had documented a town name that is not their true town name but the name of a larger town near them assuming the person hearing this will then have a gauge as to where they live.

- **The hometown is the most recent residence** – if asked “Where are you from” an ancestor may have actually given the name of the town of the most recent residency and not the town name from which they were born or lived a good part of their early life. Further research will be required to dig deeper once you realize this most recent town is not the town of origin where records might exist.
- **The name of the hometown has changed** – this can be especially true for European research where geographical areas were controlled over time by many different governing bodies. This was true for my own personal research for my Polish ancestors. Germany controlled the part of Poland of my ancestral connection. The largest town near my ancestors was Bydgoszcz. I know that today. However, under German control at the time of the births of my ancestors it was known as Bromberg. The location of the town is the same but the name changed not by choice but by governmental control.
- **The town is too small to have records of its own** – you may have actually discovered the “mother lode” of your research but may still have nothing to show for it. This is because the town of origin may not be the jurisdictional town for recordkeeping. That distinction may be for one of the towns nearby in which the records for the town of your ancestor may be kept. Maps can be very helpful in getting a bird’s eye view of what other towns surround the town you found. One of those towns may be the administrative town for which records are kept for the surrounding towns.
- **The name of the town has been translated or Americanized** – this dovetails with point number 3 above to a degree. The town name may have shortened. Perhaps the original town name existed as you have it but over time it was absorbed by incorporation into another city name. Think of the City of Chicago annexing various towns that existed at one time such as Lakeview, Rogers Park etc. You can’t find them now as independent towns but they are now part of the City of Chicago.
  - **The town name is misspelled** – when this happens your best bet is to look at maps for the area or at a gazetteer that would include the town name. You can then browse through the town listings to see if you can discover the town name as it really is in comparison to the town name spelling you may have discovered from a document. You may still discover you are at a dead-end even at this point if you have no luck discovering the town. A mistake could have been made. Maybe the record keeper was not paying attention to the details. Maybe the information got recorded for the wrong person. Maybe your ancestor truly did not know their birth location. You may never know.

Take a look at the entire article. Pinpointing a home location for birth is so very important. Without that information, you will have little success tapping into the resources you need to fully discover information about an ancestor. And even when you think you

may have found it you may be disappointed to discover it may actually a town location of other than the birth of an ancestor.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Top Websites to Save You Money!" by Gena Phillibert Ortega. The author provides some good insights on how you can save your "genealogy" dollars and get the most bang for the buck! The author provides tips on how to save money on your genealogy research, on genealogy travel and on the necessities of genealogy.

Accessing genealogy databases that cost money is expensive. The author points out the following ways to save you some of your cash:

- **Don't forget to visit your local Family History Center (FHC) and take advantage of the genealogy subscriptions they have on their in-house computers.** You may find that the individual center subscribes to many databases such as Ancestry, Footnote and others tht even your local library does not subscribe to. Most public libraries subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest. FHCs may subscribe to even more such as:
  - Godfrey Memorial Library @ [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org)
  - WorldVitalRecords @ [www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com)
  - FindMyPast (British) @ [www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/home.jsp)
  - The Genealogist (British) @ [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)
- **Don't forget to take advantage of accessing library subscribed database products such as Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest.**
- **Don't forget to take advantage of free lineage based programs from major developers to enter in your research such as:**
  - Roots Magic Essentials @ [www.rootsmagic.com/Try/RootsMagic](http://www.rootsmagic.com/Try/RootsMagic)
  - Legacy Standard Edition @ [www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com)
  - GRAMPS Genealogical Research Software @ <http://gramps-project.org>
  - Personal Ancestral File @ [www.familysearch.org/eng/paf](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/paf)
- **Take advantage of free internet genealogy learning classes such as:**
  - Free Courses section of FamilySearch.org @ <https://library.familysearch.org/researchcourses>
  - Brigham Young University free genealogy classes @ <http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/free.cfm>
  - Genealogy.com Learning Center @ <http://genealogy.com/genehelp.html>
- **On your travel trips consider booking a hotel room that has a refrigerator or a microwave and make some of your meals inside.**

- Find cheap hotel room, flights or rental cars at Kayak @ [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com).
- Consider using coupons for just about anything from a coupon book such as The Entertainment Book on your travels @ [www.entertainment.com/discount/home.shtml](http://www.entertainment.com/discount/home.shtml).
- Save money at restaurants on your genealogy travels at Restaurant.com @ [www.restaurant.com](http://www.restaurant.com).
- Consider joining a customer rewards program that provides discounts when you may use office supplies like printer inks, paper, envelopes and things like that.
- Don't forget coupons or be embarrassed to actually consider using them. Scour the Sunday papers for these valuable discounts. Check out Internet coupon sites like Coupon Mom @ [www.couponmom.com](http://www.couponmom.com).

Take a look at the full article for other ways to save your dollars you spend related to genealogy. Make them go a lot farther. You can never save enough money in these more challenging economic times.

There are many good articles in this most recent issue of [Family Chronicle](#). I feel sure that there is an article in here just waiting for you to read from beginning to end. You can find this most recent issue in our library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

Don't forget to visit the publisher's web site for this genealogy magazine at [www.familychronicle.com](http://www.familychronicle.com).

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## **Avotaynu**

We have received the Winter 2010, Volume XXVI, Number 4 issue of [Avotaynu](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"U.S. Citizenship Records: Derivative, Replacement and Repatriation Certificate Files"**

By Zack Wilske

**"U.S. Library of Congress: Researching Jewish Family History"**

By James Sweany and Peggy Pearlstein

**"The Most Powerful Genealogical Research Tool of All:  
Jewish Genealogical Societies"**

By Michael Goldstein

**"Navigating the ELA Database on the Polish State Archives'  
Website"**

By Fay Bussgang

**"Galicia: Land of My Ancestors"**

By Michael Diamant

**"He Left the United States: Where and When Did He Go?"**

By Edward David Luft

**"My Mishpocha Trips"**

By Daniela Torsh

**"Finding a Lost Branch of the Wiesenthal Tree: Paulinka's and  
Racheli's Cousins"**

By Helene Schwartz Kenvin

**"Me? A Litvak?"**

By Rony Golan

**"Finding A Forgotten Past"**

By Silvia Campos

**"A Brazilian Flag Overlooks Ilza Castle: Impressions of A  
May 2006 Trip To Poland"**

By Israel Blajberg

**"The Leo Who Isn't My Brother"**

By Janet Bernd Isenberg

**"A Visit To Rehmsdorf Concentration Camp"**

By Sonja Bile

**"He Was the Czar's Guest"**

By Bill Gladstone

**"Never Stop Looking"**

By Irwin Sagenkahn

**"A One in Two Million Chance"**

By Jeffrey A. Marx

**"Ashkenazic Cemeteries in the Netherlands Digitization  
Project"**

By Jan Sanberg, Reinier Bobbe, Ben Noach

Also included in this issue are some lengthy book reviews for the following books:

***Fighting Back: British Jewry's Military Contribution in the Second World War***

By Martin Sugarman

***Capital Collections: Resources for Jewish Genealogical Research in the Washington, D.C. Area***

by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington

***Forced Out: The Fate of Polish Jewry in Communist Poland***

By Arthur J. Wolak

***Jews in Croatia: Jewish Communities***

By Melita Svob

I thought that a very good "reference" article in this issue is one titled "Genealogical Resources at the National Archives". This article provides the reader with a very nice overview of what a researcher may find at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. In my opinion, this is one of those articles that is worth making a personal copy for reference to what the National Archives is and how to best use it for productive results.

The author provides a nice overview on the basics of how to enter the building, obtain a research ID. It does appear to be complicated but the author provides plenty of material on how the process works. The author points out the basic question that researchers should answer and that is "How did my ancestor interact with the Federal government from which a paper trail may have been created?" The author gives examples such as knowing if your ancestor may have been a postmaster, or an ancestor may have served in the Civil War or did an ancestor serve as a U.S. Marshal, a federal judge or did an ancestor write a letter to the Department of State, Treasury, Justice Department or Immigration and Naturalization Service? If so, there may be a Federal paper trail for which the National Archives may have a record on your ancestor.

The author provides a nice list and summarizes material for that list of key genealogical material of interest such as:

- Census Records
- Passenger Arrival Records
- Naturalization Records
- Passport Records
- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Records
- Military Records

The author also includes two tables of materials on Passenger Arrival Records and Passport Applications.

For Passenger Arrival Records the author includes the following details of what is available:

- Port Name
- Index Year Ranges
- Film Number of Indexes
- Passenger List Year Ranges
- Film Number of Lists

For Passport Applications the author includes the following details of what is available:

- Indexes, Film Number and Year Ranges
- Applications, Film Number and Year Ranges
- Passport Applications, Film Number and Year Ranges

The author provides background on the organization of the material held within the Archives. It is done by Record Group (RG) that is usually associated with some department, bureau or agency within the Federal government.

The author also does a very good job of explaining what is often referred to as "Archives II" located in College Park, Maryland.

All in all, this is a good article to keep for reference if you ever want to see a nice, understandable summary of what our National Archives is and what it has in its vast collection that may be of interest to the genealogical researcher.

Take a look at this recent journal issue and make yourself a copy of this article for future reference. You can find this most recent issue of Avotaynu on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Review the list earlier on of all of the articles contained in this recent issue to see if any of the titles may have some specific interest for your own research.

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

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

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

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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### **Internet Explorer 9 is Now Available (March 15, 2011)**

Late last night, Microsoft officially released Internet Explorer 9 to the public. If you are a Windows Vista or Windows 7 user, you will want to obtain this new version immediately. Microsoft has updated the web browser with several security fixes, faster performance, and bug fixes. One of those bug fixes corrects a major problem for many web sites, including this newsletter's site at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com).

The "Internet Explorer 8 display problem" resulted in many web pages being blank or mostly blank when displayed on-screen. Yet all the other web browsers of today (Firefox, Chrome, Opera, Safari, and others) will display the same web pages perfectly. Microsoft did insert a work-around into version 8 called Compatibility Mode, that did fix the problem on a web-site-byweb-site basis. However, users had to know about the problem, understand it, then find the Compatibility Mode icon and click on it. In fact, many users never found it. The new version 9 of Internet explorer fixes the problem and reportedly displays almost all web pages correctly.

Internet Explorer version 9 operates faster than earlier releases and contains numerous other bug fixes. It also supports a new Do Not Track header that Mozilla proposed earlier this year. If you've blocked a third-party site, it will now be blocked for access in Flash and other ActiveX controls as well. This is a major security improvement, adding protection against sites that deliberately attempt to steal information from your PC.

On the downside, Internet Explorer version 9 will only install on Vista or Windows 7. Users of the older Windows XP are out of luck. Actually, all Windows users, including those using Windows XP, should install one of the better browsers from competitors, namely Firefox ([www.mozilla.com](http://www.mozilla.com)) or Chrome ([www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome)). Both of those products are strong competitors to Internet Explorer version 9, both have even better security, and both of them work properly on Windows XP.

You can read much more about the new Internet Explorer version 9 at hundreds of web sites, including ZDnet's article at <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/bott/internet-explorer-9-is-released-should-you-switch/3058?tag=nl.e539>

You can download the new Internet Explorer version 9 at

[microsoft.com/IE9](http://microsoft.com/IE9)

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 15, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#) [ShareThis](#)**

### **Microsoft Windows 2016 to Look Very Different (March 16, 2011)**

If you have been following the stories recently in this newsletter, you will know that quite a few of them revolve around genealogy applications on handheld computers. These devices include cell phones (or so-called "smartphones"), tablet computers (such as the iPad), and handheld computing devices, such as the iPod Touch. I have long felt these represent the wave of the future. Apparently, Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer agrees.

Speaking at a the Houston Technology Center luncheon in Union Square in Houston's Minute Maid Park, Ballmer told the audience, "Don't get too used to the way Windows



looks." Ballmer says he figures the Windows operating system found on most PCs right now will look a whole lot different in just five years time.

Windows "will look a lot different and it will run different applications," he said.

This expected evolution may have a lot to do with the proliferation of tablet PCs and touch screen displays. It's been said that the next version of Windows, tentatively called Windows 8, will be built from the ground-up with these kinds of technologies in mind. Of course, Apple is already in the lead with these new technologies and Google's new Android operating system is not far behind. Microsoft has found itself in unfamiliar territory: that of being third in what is undoubtedly the fastest-growing segment of the technology world.

Today's handheld operating systems are still quite primitive in comparison to the more developed products already available for desktop and laptop computers. However, technology products can change rapidly in a very few years, as Steve Ballmer pointed out. At the same luncheon, Ballmer said, "By 1997, Apple was almost bankrupt. Now, Apple has turned itself around quite nicely. You see, you can come, go, come and go, and come again."

I suspect the next five years are going to be very interesting for computer manufacturers and their customers. Not only will hardware and software change, but high-speed wireless networks are also becoming commonplace as prices are dropping. Cloud computing is an every-day reality and every tiny smartphone can access terabytes of information within seconds.

Can you imagine what the genealogy software of 2016 will be like?

**Posted by Dick Eastman on March 16, 2011 in [Software](#) | [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.

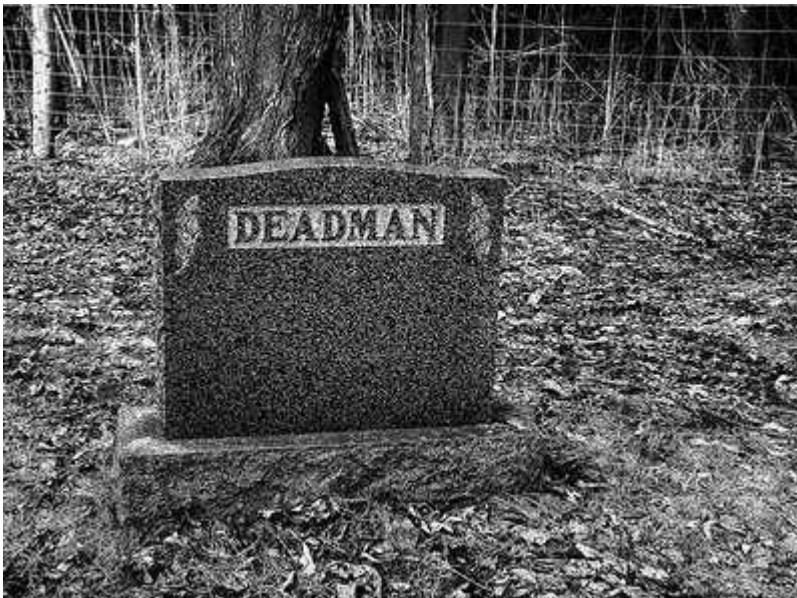
Stan, thanks for sending me the pictures!

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!



Yummy!!



I don't think anything more needs to be said!



Oh yes!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Apr 12            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 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>
- Apr 16            CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT                held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2011                Library.  
                      130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
                      **NOTE: This meeting will occur at the Hanover Park Branch of the  
Schaumburg Township District Library located at 1266 Irving Park  
Road in Hanover Park.**  
                      Topic for the meeting "**Census Information**"  
                      Presented by Alan Wilson  
                      Further information at: [www.caggi.org](http://www.caggi.org) or  
                      P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Apr 19            Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, April 19, 2011.  
TUE                "**Hunting Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals**".  
2011                Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  
                      Forest View Educational Center.

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

Apr 20 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 20, 2011.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2011 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](http://www.dcg.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

May 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011 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>

May 11-14 National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference.  
WED-SAT Charleston, South Carolina.  
2011 Toll Free Phone (800) 473-0060  
Email Address [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org)  
Web Site [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

\*May 14 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2011 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
This is a "special 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday" additional program"  
Topic for the meeting **"On-Line Trees At Ancestry.com"**  
Facilitated by Caron Primas Brennan  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

May 17 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Tuesday, May 17, 2011.  
TUE **"Uff Da! Researching Norwegian Roots"**.  
2011 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](http://www.NWSCG.com)

May 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 18, 2011.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2011 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](http://www.dcg.org).

DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://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  
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- Jun 14  
TUE  
2011
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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- Jun 18  
SAT  
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Topic for the meeting "**DNA for Genealogists**"  
Presented by Michelle Wilson  
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- Jul 12  
TUE  
2011
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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  
TUE  
2011
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**"Searching Online Databases"**  
Presented by Ginger Frere.  
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- Sep 13  
TUE  
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Oct 11  
TUE  
2011

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**"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"**

Presented by Maureen Brady.  
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Oct 15  
SAT  
2011

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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.

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  
TUE  
2011

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**"So You Didn't find It in the Index"**

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.  
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Dec 13  
TUE  
2011

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Jan 10  
TUE  
2012

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**"Social Networking for Genealogists: Family Trees, FaceBook, Blogs and More"**

Presented by Caron Brennan.  
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Feb 14  
TUE  
2012

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**"To Be Determined"**

Presented by To Be Determined.  
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Mar 13

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- Apr 10 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Understanding the English Census"**  
 Presented by Paul Milner.  
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**"Military Service Records"**  
 Presented by Kathryn Barrett.  
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- Jul 10 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"**  
 Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.  
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- \*Aug 14 TUE 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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**"Liven Up Your Family History with Images"**  
 Presented by Mike Karsen.  
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- 2012 PM.  
**"Organizing and Writing My Family History"**  
Presented by Steve Szabados.  
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- Nov 13 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
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2012 PM.  
**"Program to Be Determined"**  
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