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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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NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our guest speaker for the November 8, 2011 Genealogy Program will be Jeffrey Bockman. Jeffrey will present a program titled "Didn't Find It in the Index".

If you didn't find it in the index it only means that you didn't find it in the index. Jeff will share examples from Census, Court, printed, and various online indexes, especially the online Newspaper sites.

Examples include:

- Census records: people without a last name, online indexes, Soundex: the "G" and "H" issues
- Published Family Histories where several "new" generations were added but the index was not updated.
- Court Records, printed indexes, and various online indexes
- Online Newspaper sites showing that the full text may be there while few if any of the words are indexed.

Online indexes are a researcher's "meat and potatoes" of their research effort. But finding what you think is included in the index can be difficult and challenging. Jeff will share his experiences in searching so that your own will be even more productive.

Jeff is a genealogy lecturer and author that with the following accomplishments pertaining to genealogy:

- Past five-term President of the [DuPage County \(IL\) Genealogical Society](#)
- DCGS 2010 & 2011 Conference Chair
- Chairman of the 2006 Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium
- The Local Arrangements Chair for the 2006 NGS Conference
- Prior four-term Vice President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society
- [DuPage County IL GenWeb Project](#) webmaster since Sept. 1996

He has applied his engineering, management, computer, and organizational development background to help with the analyzing, problem solving and organization of records necessary for genealogical research. He has been doing genealogical research since 1987 and has been active in societies, society management, classes, and presenting lectures since 1994.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

to view a Calendar of Events section of the library web page for this program and for many more non-genealogical programs offered by our library.

You can also visit the Genealogy Blog of the library that is authored by Tony Kierna. Visit the blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com> for all things related to genealogy and the genealogy programs at the Schaumburg Township District Library.

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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 148 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 1,117 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.

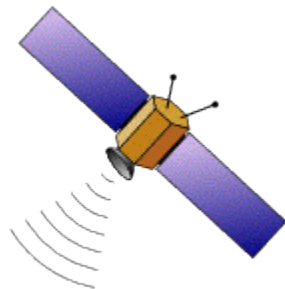
Any feedback from you is welcome concerning the report and the material included in it. I do occasionally make typos or I possibly misread what you provided.

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter September 2, 2011, September 8, 2011, September 12, 2011, September 13, 2011, September 14, 2011, September 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>.

Recording Longitudes and Latitudes (September 2, 2011)



Genealogists have always been taught to record our sources of information. We not only record the name of the book or other source of genealogy information, but we also record the location of the building (repository) where we found it. Typically we record the building's name, street address, city and state.

With today's technology, shouldn't we also be recording the geographic coordinates? With GPS receivers and the plethora of high-quality on-line maps, it is now easy to find the exact latitude and longitude of any address. Unlike street names, the longitude and latitude will never change.

I have written about finding cemeteries and other locations of genealogical interest by using GPS receivers. Shouldn't we be recording the exact latitude and longitudes of those cemeteries into our genealogy databases? Perhaps the cemetery's location alone isn't enough. Should we record the exact location of the ancestor's tombstone?

How about the location of great-great-grandfather's farm? I believe the latitude and longitude of that farm would be a valuable entry in your database so that future genealogists who have access to your data can find that farm's location, even if it has since become covered with weeds or perhaps become a high-rise apartment building. In short, I think we should record the geographic coordinates of every location in our genealogy databases.

You can enter the latitude and longitude of any location as a text note into most any modern genealogy program. However, several of the better genealogy programs have specific database fields for these coordinates.

If you own a GPS receiver, the next time you visit an ancestral site of any sort, you should record its geographic coordinates into your database. You can also find similar information by consulting topographic maps.

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 02, 2011 in [Web/Tech](#) | [Permalink](#)

Now Available: The Insider's Guide to Illinois Genealogy (September 8, 2011)

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



Insider's Guide to Illinois Genealogy

Welcome to the Insider's Guide to Illinois Genealogy -- a view of essential Prairie State resources compiled by members of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Here you'll find everything you need to get started on finding your Illinois ancestors.

Illinois Historical Timeline

- 1699: French settled a mission in Cahokia.
- 1763: French ceded territory to Great Britain during French & Indian War.
- 1778-1784: Illinois was a county of the Virginia colony.
- 1787: Illinois became part of the Northwest Territory.
- 1800-1809: Illinois was part of the Indiana Territory when it then became the Illinois Territory.
- 1818: Illinois became a state on December 3.
- 1825: Erie Canal completed, explosive growth in Chicago.
- 1832: Black Hawk War in 1832, Indians removed to Kansas.
- 1837: Chicago incorporated as a city.
- 1839-1846: Mormons from Missouri and Ohio built and settled in Nauvoo before moving westward.

General Sites and Resources

These websites cover many aspects of Illinois genealogy with many record types and resources.

- Ancestry.com - Illinois
search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Illinois
- Cyndi's List - Illinois
www.cyndislist.com/us/il/
- FamilySearch Research Wiki - Illinois
wiki.familysearch.org/en/Illinois
- Genealogy Today - Illinois
data.genealogytoday.com/contents/illinois.html
- Illinois GenWeb
ilgenweb.net
- Illinois Genealogy Trails

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Debuts New Guide for Family Historians with Prairie State Ancestors

September 8, 2011 – Springfield, IL. The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) proudly announces the debut of the *Insider's Guide To Illinois Genealogy* – a handy reference guide for family historians and genealogists. With the Insider's Guide researchers will find everything they need to get started to find Prairie State ancestors. The *Insider's Guide To Illinois Genealogy* laminated "quick card" contains:

- An overview of Illinois history in a timeline format
- A section on migration patterns related to how Illinois was settled
- Helpful research strategy tips for the beginning genealogist
- Over 130 different links to websites covering different aspects of Illinois genealogy over 26 subject sections including Census Records, Vital Records, Obituaries, Military Records, and more.

The *Insider's Guide* will be available in limited quantities during the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2011 Conference in Springfield, Illinois. Visit the Illinois State Genealogical Society at Booths 205/207 in the Exhibit Hall at the Prairie Capital Convention

Center to purchase your copy or to join ISGS. The guide will be given away **FREE** to the first 100 members who join ISGS.

With a conference special price of \$5 each, the guide is expected to sell quickly. The guide can also be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/ISGSguide> for \$7 which includes shipping and handling.

ISGS Publicity Chair and Webmaster Thomas MacEntee notes: "ISGS is one of the first large genealogy societies to publish a research guide in this popular format. The 'quick card' is laminated, light-weight and can be slipped into a backpack or laptop bag for genealogy research trips."

The *Insider's Guide To Illinois Genealogy* was produced with the help of several ISGS board members who collected links to many online resources. In addition, attention has also been given to archives, libraries and repositories for "in person" research.

Janice Fritsch, ISGS President, states: "One of the purposes of ISGS is to disseminate information about Illinois. The *Insider's Guide to Illinois Genealogy* not only helps ISSG in accomplishing its purpose, but also provides genealogists with an easy-to-use, 'hands-on' tool for finding Illinois ancestors. It is a must-have and will make a great gift for relatives, friends, your society or your library."

About Illinois State Genealogical Society

The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) was formed in 1968 through the cooperative effort and forward thinking of Illinois genealogical society representatives, who envisioned a statewide genealogical organization. ISGS is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian, 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.

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 September 08, 2011 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

Updated Paper on Preserving Your Family History Records Digitally (September 12, 2011)

Nearly a year ago, I published an article about Gray Wright's definitive whitepaper on preserving your family history records digitally. Gary is an employee of FamilySearch. In his paper, he explained the many issues involved with digital archiving, including the pitfalls of digital storage of priceless paperwork and of old family photographs that have been digitized. As he explains, if done right, digital archives will last for decades. If done wrong,

they may not last three years.

Gary has now updated his white paper. Changes in the new version include:

1. Recommendations about using flash drives and cloud backup to preserve family history records
2. Important and exciting news about a new industry partnership that has the potential to create a new de facto standard for archiving storage media
3. Removal of the internet service offering for personal archiving since its launch has been delayed

You can read this important analysis at <http://goo.gl/vDwAZ>

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 12, 2011 in [Web/Tech](#) | [Permalink](#)

1940 U.S. Census Records to be Free (September 13, 2011)

This "news" has been mentioned in previous newsletter articles but I discovered last week at the FGS conference that not everyone has "received the word." Therefore, I'll repeat the news in an attempt to tell even more people.

The 1940 U.S. census records will be released by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration on April 2, 2012. That's less than seven months from now. Best of all, the more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million-plus records will be available to everyone free of charge.

To be sure, not everything will be available on April 2. Not only are the records unavailable to genealogists prior to April 2, those records are also unavailable to indexers and unavailable to the companies that host the records online. **EVERYONE** gains access on April 2. The companies involved in making the records available online will require several months to digitize and index the records and then to make them available online.

I would look for the records to become available online within days but without indexes. The indexes will probably be added around June or July. If you are looking for ancestors in any town or city of significant size, you will want the indexes.

Ancestry.com has already pledged to make the 1940 census records available online free of charge through the end of 2013. One will be able to search more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth.

Other online sites also will offer the same records online, although with different indexes and with different search criteria. FamilySearch will have the records available free of charge forever.

Having different indexes is a great benefit as errors are common in all indexes. Having two or more versions of the records available makes it easy to compare one version against the other version(s), greatly increasing the probability of finding the information you seek.

You can find more information about the release of the 1940 census on the National Archives and Records Administration's website at

www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html

You can also find 1940 census Enumeration Districts, a census street finder, and more at Steve Morse's *One-Step Genealogy* site at <http://stevemorse.org/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 13, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Copyright Myths (September 14, 2011)

Here are a few old wives' tales that I have heard recently:

"I found the information on the Internet, so I have a right to copy it and use it on my own Web site."

"Everything on the Web is free."

"If I attribute where I found it, I can copy it and use it."

"I can use that information as long as I don't charge for it."

"The original records are public domain, so I can legally copy that information from a book, CD-ROM or Web site."

"The information was published by a non-profit organization, so I can legally republish it."

"The information was not labeled as copyright protected, so I can use it."

"You cannot copyright facts, and I am only publishing the facts."

"Well, everybody does it!"

One problem: all of the above reasons are wrong. If you republish information without permission, you may find yourself receiving an unpleasant letter from a law firm.

Under U.S. copyright laws, all content today is copyrighted unless otherwise specified. It makes no difference if the information comes from the New York Times' Web site, from a non-profit society's site, or from cousin Lew's personal Web site: you cannot copy and re-use that information without permission. It also makes absolutely no difference whether you charge money or not. Likewise, attributing the source makes no difference. Publishing someone else's material without permission is illegal.

For further details, you might want to refer to the following:
U.S. Copyright and Genealogy by Mike Goad: <http://stellar-one.com/copyrightgenealogy/>

Copyrights & Wrongs by Mark Howells:

<http://www.oz.net/~markhow/writing/copy.htm>

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 14, 2011 in [Legal affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Free Genealogy Software (September 20, 2011)

A newsletter reader asked about available free genealogy software. I have mentioned each of the programs individually several times, but it has been a long time since I have published a complete list so I decided to publish an update.

None of these free programs are limited trial offers. In fact, just the opposite. Several of the free genealogy programs are very powerful and none of them are "limited trial offers." However, upgrading to the "Plus Editions" of a couple of programs will add even more features.

For **Windows**, look at:

Legacy Family Tree Standard Edition has many, many more features not found in any other free genealogy software: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>. Legacy Family Tree Standard Edition is not limited in any way. Many users of Legacy Family Tree Standard Edition find that it works so well that they never upgrade.

RootsMagic Essentials at <http://www.rootsmagic.com/essentials/> is a free genealogy program that contains many of the core features from RootsMagic Family Tree software.

Ancestral Quest Basics at <http://www.ancquest.com/> is free genealogy software that is a lot like Personal Ancestral File only with many more features. It has all the essential features for working with your family tree.

Family Tree Builder by MyHeritage at <http://www.myheritage.com/page/free-genealogy-software> supports 18 languages and is absolutely free. It features Smart Matching (a fun way to discover new relatives) and provides excellent support for photos, including face recognition technology.

I will also mention a very popular program that is very old-fashioned and hasn't been updated in years. **Personal Ancestral File** doesn't have all the features of the more modern programs and doesn't handle graphics or multi-media scrapbooks. However, hundreds of thousands of users do use the program and most seem satisfied with it, despite the limitations. Personal Ancestral File is available at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp?Page=home/welcome/simplePAFRegistration.asp>.

Macintosh users also can use all of the above programs if using Parallels, Fusion, or VirtualBox.

In addition, Macintosh users will want to look at the free, native Mac program, **Personal Ancestry Writer II**, at <http://www.lanopalera.net/Genealogy/AboutPAWriter.html>. It is a very popular, free Macintosh genealogy program that performs the basics.

Posted by Dick Eastman on September 20, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THIS SOCIETY. THEY ARE CHANGING THE MEETING DAY, MEETING TIME AND MEETING LOCATION FOR PROGRAMS FOR THIS SOCIETY EFFECTIVE WITH THE AUGUST 2011 PROGRAM. THIS SOCIETY WILL NO LONGER BE MEETING ON THE 3RD TUESDAY EVENING OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-MAY AT THE FOREST VIEW EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. INSTEAD, THE SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 1801 WEST CENTRAL ROAD IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. THERE IS A 30 MINUTE ROUND-TABLE HELP SESSION THAT STARTS AT 9:30 AM PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, November 5, 2011. The program for the morning is titled **"Polished Gems: Property Records, Cook County, Illinois"**. The speaker for the morning will be Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG (sm).

Meetings take place at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 West Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 10:00 AM. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 9:30 AM prior to the main meeting that starts at 10:00 AM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

www.NWSCG.com

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

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that are scheduled for September 2011 through May 2012. The September 2011 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October

2011 through May 2012 programs 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, October 19, 2011. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists"**. The speaker for the program will be Thomas MacEntee.

Thousands of genealogists and family historians have discovered new ways to expand and improve their genealogy endeavors using social networking, also called social media networking. Learn the basics of blogging, Twitter, Facebook, wikis and more in an easy-to-follow session that cuts through all the hype and the lingo.

Thomas MacEntee is a genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. Utilizing over 25 years of experience in the information technology field, Thomas writes and lectures on the many ways blogs, Facebook and Twitter can be leveraged to add new dimensions to the genealogy experience. As the creator of GeneaBloggers he has organized and engaged a community of over 1,000 bloggers to document their own journeys in the search for ancestors.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.org

The society also has a blog that you can visit to find out about "this and that" related to the society as well as find genealogical tips. You can visit the DuPage County Genealogical Society blog at:

<http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

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

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Google Earth for Genealogists"**. The speaker for the program will be Ralph Beaudoin.

Learn how to use this free and fantastic mapping tool to solve your genealogical problems. Find ancestral homes, identify where old photographs were taken, locate and view churches and cemeteries and much more.

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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### INTERNET INFORMATION

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## i-Postmortem Keeps Your Website Around Long After You're Gone (September 14, 2011)



i-Postmortem offers two services, one for the living and one for the dead. For \$120 a year, customers who still walk the earth can create their own personal memorials ahead of time, including photos, videos and text that they want to leave to their descendants as well as last wishes and instructions to descendants. This “i-Memorial” is a secure product, so you could include passwords to your computer and email accounts that would only be accessible to your spouse after you pass away.

For customers who have already passed into the great beyond, i-Postmortem will maintain virtual i-Tombs. In exchange for a \$50 per year fee, the company guarantees that these virtual memorials will remain online and accessible, no matter how many times formats, browsers and the underlying technologies change. Are your descendants reading up on you through HTML 10-enabled Chrome version 42 over gigabit intergalactic Wi-Fi? If they've maintained the annual payments, i-Postmortem will maintain your website.

i-Postmortem was inspired by Jacques Mechelany's grandmother who passed away 20 years ago, leaving behind a set of beautiful, leather-bound photo albums from the 1870s. Unfortunately, while Mechelany and his family have photos of their ancestors, they know almost nothing about the people in the pictures.

You can read more at <http://venturebeat.com/2011/09/13/i-postmortem/>

**Posted by Dick Eastman on September 14, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

## findmypast.ie Launches Online Irish Family History Forums (September 25, 2011)

The following announcement was written by findmypast.ie:  
findmypast.ie has announced the launch of one of the first online forums solely dedicated to those researching their Irish family history. The forum is an online community for the Irish diaspora to discuss everything from researching Irish family history and Irish geography, to success stories and what it means to be Irish. Free to all registered users, it represents the findmypast family's first foray into community based chat.

Recognising the inherent difficulties involved in looking for Irish ancestors, the forum gives amateur and professional family historians alike the opportunity to ask their questions to like-minded researchers across the globe. This will enable members to benefit from the experience gained from those who have previously hit brick walls in their research and overcome them.

Brian Donovan of findmypast Ireland and long-time member of the Irish genealogy community commented: "The findmypast.ie forum is another indication of findmypast's dedication to providing the world's best platform for researching your Irish family history. I wish there had been an option like this available to me when I first started in genealogy."

The forums are divided into six different message boards, and any registered user can start a new discussion on the boards. It also allows users to add responses to topics which have already been posted by other users. The six message board topics include *General Discussion, Using the Records, Tracing Specific Ancestors, Places and Geography in Ireland, Your Finds and Success Stories* and *What Does it Mean to be Irish?*

The forum on findmypast.ie allows users to keep track of discussions and posts they've created or contributed to, which enables them to keep up with any discussions they are involved in. Users can also watch discussions which interest them but they are not involved in so that they can go back and read it at any time.

About [findmypast.ie](#):

findmypast.ie is the world's most comprehensive Irish family history website, providing easy-to-search, online access to some of the most significant Irish records that have ever been made available. It allows users to search things such as births deaths marriages records and the 1901 Census Ireland.

This new site is a joint venture between two experts in the field: findmypast.co.uk, one of the leading family history websites and part of the brightsolid family, while Eneclann is an award-winning Trinity College Campus Company specialising in genealogical and historical research and the publication of historical records.

Based in Dublin, findmypast.ie has a dedicated team committed to providing the best experience possible when researching Irish family history.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on September 25, 2011 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **NGS Magazine**

We have received the July-September 2011, Volume 37, Number 3 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"NGS 2011 Awards and Competitions"**

By Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS

**"Ask Granny"**

By Judith F. Russell, Ph.D

**"Genealogy in the Classroom"**

By Elizabeth Drembus

**"Breaking Through the Scholarly Divide: Open Access for Family Historians"**

By Dawn C. Stricklin

**"Protecting Precious Photographic Memories"**

By Gordon Lynn Hufford

**"How Typical Were Your Ancestors? Carl Ludwig Richter and New York City's "Little Germany"'"**

By John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D

**"Fur Trade Permits Granted in the District of Montreal, 1721-52"**

By Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne

**"Who Was Brockbank of the Confederate Submarine H. L. Hunley?"**

By Eric Stroschein

**"Case Study: Kilroy Was Here"**

By Michael Brophy

**"The Lightning Brothers: A Brief Case Study in Union Civil War Research"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

**"Open Access, Public Domain, and Bibliographic Tools"**

By Jordan Jones

**"What Is Family? The Chinese Family"**

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Genealogy in the Classroom" by Elizabeth Drembus. While the article does focus on an actual classroom setting for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, I think it has broader meaning for the rest of us to inspire our own grandchildren to learn about family history research. We can be the teacher to our grandchildren and use this article as the basis for how to go about that task. This article lays out a very good roadmap for how we can "teach" our grandchildren to take interest in and become family historians.

The goals of the author were simple. She wanted to:

- Teach the students the basics of genealogy
- Have them learn about their family history
- Introduce them to organizations and resources available to them



The author indicated that early on it appeared that the boys in the class seem to take on less interest than the girls. Over the time of the class the boys seemed to take on more interest and participated more fully. The children needed to involve their parents in order to gain access to photos in the possession of the parents of family members going back generations.

The author discovered early on in the process that there were a significant number of students that while not being hands on researchers seemed to have already heard many family history stories of previous generations from their own parents. The stories were of interest to the children but they were unclear how they were related to these people from the past.

At the beginning of the class, the "basics" were emphasized to the students as they would be for any new novice researcher. Start with yourself. They were encouraged to understand how they came to be named who they were. They described their own physical characteristics. They identified where they have lived so far in their relatively short life span to date as well as identifying the schools they had been in so far if they had been in multiple schools. They were encouraged to identify any family traditions that they have already been experiencing.

The author noted that the group was most puzzled when they were asked to think about any other family member that they resembled. Most had never thought about it and did not think they looked like any other family member. Interesting observation!

In the second session the author explored the concept of family trees and oral history. Data that they had collected with the help of their parents was now starting to be pieced together. An emphasis was placed on oral histories and obtaining them. And as always the question of who would be interviewed? The students analyzed and often came up with wanting to interview the oldest living relative they had in their families. The same analysis often goes when we are trying to interview someone to get us started with our research. The eldest have a shorter time to still be with us so they and their memories are the most vulnerable to be lost.

The author then focused on documents that would be discovered to help with the unfolding of the family history. Vital records such as birth and death certificates were emphasized. The usual Who, What, When, Where and Why were on the tips of the tongues of the students. The students really seemed excited when documents containing physical descriptions were discovered.

Census records were identified as a key source of family history information to the students. The author discussed the history of the census and why it is done. The author gave the students a blank 1910 Census form and a blank 2010 Census form so differences could be observed between the time periods. Students thought that accessing the 2010 Census data in the future would be easier but they also realized that they will not really be able to get a better feel for what life was like in 2010. The questions for 2010 were too generic in comparison to questions that were asked in 1910. Very insightful students as to the relevant information future researchers will be lacking in the 2010 Census research to be done in 2082 versus the rich questions posed in the 1910 Census.

In the last session presented to the students, the topic was on Artifacts, tangible pieces of memorabilia that families have in their possession from previous generations. The author noted that these family heirlooms could be things as Bibles, toys, clothing, dishes or just about anything that may have a story behind it. Often a baby doll may have been

saved by one of the student's great-grandparents that is still in their family. The children could then visualize a connection to the past because this doll was actually used as a plaything by their great-grandmother just as the student themselves may have played with a doll as a younger child.

The students then put all of the pieces together on a genealogy project using what they had learned from the course. The author was thrilled with the level of zeal shown by the students. Their sense of discovery was infectious. The parents were thrilled with seeing the effort and the results to the point that the author has been invited for a repeat genealogy teaching session next year.

I would recommend using this article as a stepping stone for your own efforts to "teach" your grandchildren about genealogy. It does not have to be done in a formal classroom setting. Keep it simple and be enthused when trying to pique the curiosity of your grandkids, but also consider trying to teach them about genealogy in somewhat of a "teaching" experience as indicated by this article and what the author did.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Protecting Precious Photographic Memories" by Gordon Lynn Hufford. The one thing common to all genealogists is the fact that we often have in our possession hundreds, many even thousands of "paper" pictures in our possession from the past. Some may be recent past, some may very long past, some may even go back to the origins of photography when pictures were put on materials other than paper.

The author notes that among all of those pictures we may have, some may have been taken fairly recently and they look very deteriorated already. Some may be of significant age and yet they look like they were taken yesterday. These differences may be caused due to the variance of technology in photography and photo development at the time. Kodak was the "big player" of the most recent 100 years. They are not so much anymore with the advent of digital photography, which creates its own set of problems for genealogists to be concerned about.

Kodachrome color slide film from about 1938 will retain its colors for about 40 to 50 years if stored in dark conditions. Kodacolor film introduced in 1942 shows noticeable signs of color loss within 5 to 7 years. By the 1960s color prints were showing some improvement but will still lose about 30% of their dye within 10 to 15 years even when stored in average room conditions of 75 degrees and 40% relative humidity.

The author suggests that controlling temperature is the first line of defense to preserve photos. Deterioration will occur no matter what even at the average temperature and humidity for storage because the chemical process is always in play in the dyes used to create the pictures. When you store photos in hot attics, you are in essence accelerating the deterioration process because the dye deterioration is increased with hotter temperatures. So get your pictures you have stored in attics out of there, and do it quickly!

The author suggests the second thing to be concerned about is to avoid excessive dampness. Avoid storage conditions that exceed 50% relative humidity. Higher humidity encourages mold growth and softening of the gelatin that is part of the dye used to produce the image on paper. Once again, where are many of our ancestral pictures stored? Often in our basements that are naturally damp with higher humidity that is not a good condition for preservation of our family histories in the form of pictures. Get your pictures out of the basement!

The author states this fact. Photos stored at an average of 90 degrees and 50% relative humidity will show noticeable deterioration within 10 years. If those same photos are stored at 70 degrees and 40% relative humidity it may take up to 60 years to deteriorate. Reducing the relative humidity to as low as 30% will increase preservation to about 100 years.

The author suggests that scanning and digitizing your "paper" photos may be a very important first step to preserve the material. With scanning and digitization, the software you use will also allow you to improve the pictures even more so that you wind up with an improved digital photo, far superior in appearance than the original damaged original paper photo. The author suggests scanning your photos as TIFF format and then also making a copy of the same picture in JPEG format for general use. The TIFF is a lossless form that does not compress the image. Your files will be very large in comparison to the JPEG image but you will have as pristine of an original photo using TIFF to go back to over time.

The author also suggests preservation of your original paper photos even after digitizing them. Two companies mentioned by the author that are good sources of preservation material used by libraries are:

Hollinger Metal Edge @ [www.hollingermetalede.com](http://www.hollingermetalede.com)

Gaylord Brothers @ [www.gaylord.com](http://www.gaylord.com)

In a normal house the author suggests storing your preservation enclosed photos in a walk-in closet if you have one. There are generally no windows or heating or air conditioning vents in this location so the temperature is fairly constant. If higher humidity is still a problem in this location, add some sort of activated silica gel to the room that houses the photos.

The author suggests that even preserving your photos meticulously does not cover their loss due to fire or water damage. The author suggests that you consider implementing the LOCKSS principal. LOCKSS stands for Lots of Copies Kee Stuff Safe. Get your digital photos created from scanning out into the world of your cousins. They benefit from knowing more about their family history. You all benefit by having what starts out as one paper photo you have now in the hands of many other people all at different locations.

Even after digitizing your material into non-paper files, the author suggests you can then still print onto paper those digital images for family members to still be able to see in paper format instead of on a screen as a digital image.

This is a good article to get a basic understanding of how to go about preserving your photos for future generations to be able to see them with the same awe and wonder you did when you looked at the originals. It is a hefty responsibility you need to take seriously. While you are sleeping, those pictures you have in boxes stored in the attic or basement are slowly, but surely, dying a slow death of their own. Once a critical stage has been reached no CPR will be able to resurrect them in the future. Don't wait another minute. Take some action now.

This was another good issue of NGS Magazine. There are many good articles throughout the issue. Look at the summary of the articles I noted that are in this issue to see if any really pique your interest. I would hope you find an article that may fit well with your own personal research.

You can find this most recent issue of the NGS Magazine on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves. If our library issued you your library card, you will also have the ability to check out back issues of this journal to take home and read at a more leisurely pace. Enjoy this issue!

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**No Second Journal Received This Month**

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**BOOKS IN PRINT**

We have added a book titled ***The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*** to our circulating collection. The author of the book is Lisa Louise Cooke. The book was published in 2011. It was added to our circulating collection in August 2011. The call number of the book is 929.1 COOKE, L. It is available to check out from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating shelves. The book is softbound and consists of 202 pages.

Chapters in the book are:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1 - Caffeine & Search Options Column
- Chapter 2 - Basic and Advanced Search
- Chapter 3 - Search Strategies for High Quality Results
- Chapter 4 - Site Search and Resurrecting Web Sites
- Chapter 5 - Image Search
- Chapter 6 - Google Alerts
- Chapter 7 - Gmail
- Chapter 8 - iGoogle – Your Personal Genealogy Homepage
- Chapter 9 - Google Books
- Chapter 10 - Google News Timeline
- Chapter 11 - Google Translate & Translation Toolkit
- Chapter 12 - YouTube and Google Video
- Chapter 13 - Google Earth Overview
- Chapter 14 - Google Earth – Ancestral Homes and Locations
- Chapter 15 - Google Earth – Organizing, Naming and Sharing
- Chapter 16 - Google Earth – Historic Maps and Images
- Chapter 17 - Google Earth – Plotting Your Ancestor's Homestead
- Chapter 18 - Google Earth – Fun with Images and Video
- Chapter 19 - Family History Tour Maps

## Appendix

Lisa Louise Cooke is more well-known as being the host of her web site, one part of which revolves around her production of genealogy podcasts under the term Genealogy Gems. Now it appears she has also embarked into the realm of authoring books. Lisa is a very knowledgeable genealogist that is evidenced by all things at her web site as well as the in-depth genealogy knowledge she shares to listeners via her own podcasts.

Her book does a wonderful job providing the reader with some very helpful insights into the complex world of Google and all of its tools that it offers that so few of us really take advantage. We simply know and use Google as the “go to” search engine when we are trying to find that little kernel of knowledge we know exists somewhere on the internet. Google generally produces great results that often lead to new discoveries we make in our own genealogical research. But Lisa, through her book, tells us that there is so much more we can use with Google that we must really consider. Her book is an eye-opener to get us past the simplicity of using Google as we do as just a basic search engine.

In the first five chapters Lisa provides us with information on how to maximize Google searches that give us results that are efficient and effective. These are tips that the everyday Google user should definitely read about and become knowledgeable and proficient at using. Why put up with searches that give us 6,000 results when knowing how to effectively use Google searches can give us 5 results that are right on the mark!

In these five first chapters Lisa tells us much about the following ways to use Google:

- Search Options Column on the left side of the Google screen. In this section the user should be aware of :
  - Searching Everything
  - News
  - Books
  - Maps
  - More
  - Any Time
  - The Latest
  - Past Two Days
  - All Results
- Create more effective search strategies:
  - Keep it simple
  - Imagine it and you will find it
  - Use descriptive words
  - Put it all together
  - Use multiple searches
  - Incorporate Operators
  - Learn about the “+” search
  - Use quotation marks
  - Learn about the “words apart” search
  - Learn about the “synonym search”
  - Learn about the “link search”

We can all stand to make better, more effective searches using Google. If you are not aware of how to construct these more effective searches, Lisa's book can be your learning tool to make Google work better for you. You will not need to establish an account with Google to make yourself a better searcher. You will just need to know about the tools that already exist to allow you to make this happen.

Once you get into Chapter 6 of this book and all of the "tools" you will discover after this chapter, the reader needs to understand that this is where you will need to create for yourself a "free" account with Google. This is not a big thing and it will allow you to really be able to take advantage of all of the tools Lisa mentions throughout the rest of her book.

In Chapters 6 through 12, the book describes many of the available tools that those that established an account can use. You will also notice that Lisa writes 6 chapters alone on using Google Earth and learning all of the nice features within this one aspect of Google that can make your research even more fun in expanding the knowledge of your ancestors.

Chapter to chapter the book is full of the "how to" information we are all seeking to learn about the tools described. The author has provided copious quantities of screenshots that show the user exactly what they will see and how to go about using the tools described. The reader will see plenty of insights in how to make the tools work for them.

The author realizes the importance of maps to genealogy and has included much information in the chapters on Google Earth to allow the reader to really take advantage of these Google tools. We often know what an area where are ancestors lived looks like today. In one of the chapters on Google Earth, the author includes a nice handy "how to" that allows the reader to combine historical maps with current maps and include an overlay that better shows where our ancestors were at one time and where that location is today within today's maps. Nice touch for those wanting to really put together some nice map information on their ancestors!

The Appendix in this book is a very nice "quick find" guide that covers key terms within Google and where to find an explanation within the book that describes in detail information about the term. You will see terms like "label", "spam", "icon", "overlay", "placemark", "tour" and many more that will let you hone into the chapter where you will be better able to understand the term.

This is one of those books that should be right at the side of your computer every time you begin searching using Google. We are often comfortable just knowing the basics. I think this book has inspired me to really enhance my search skills by setting up a Google account for myself and learning how to use much more of the sheer power of this wonderful internet search engine. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to search more powerfully, more efficiently, more effectively and produce results in a "neat" way that can be incorporated into our own genealogy research?? It will take some time, patience and learning to overcome our comfort zone of knowing only the basics but isn't it worth it if it makes our research that much better?

This is a nice hefty 200 page book just loaded with the information to allow us to really use Google and all of its powerful tools. Step by step the author tells us how to learn these tools and shows us with screenshots how to make that happen.

I also saw a nice book review on the internet that follows via the link included. Take a look at it and the nice review of this book. You can see this at:

<http://ianhaddenfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/2011/02/book-review-genealogists-google-toolbox.html>

The call number of this book is 929.1 COOKE, L. It is available to check out from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating shelves. Don't pass on the opportunity to really improve your Google search skills. Your research results can be dramatically improved knowing how to use Google as the great search engine it is.

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 August 31, 2011 and September 18, 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>

### **The iPhone: a Scanner in Your Pocket (August 31, 2011)**

Darius J Dow adaabff d Tuftonborough Nov 3, 1893, rec giving names of both parents. A grandson is authority for statement that he was youngest of family, perhaps not accurate. Teacher, cabinet maker and farmer, most of his life was in Tuftonborough; m 1st Mary Ann Osgood b Apr 17, 1817, d Mch 1, 1840, dau of Dudley and Martha (Moore) of London. This, correct in Osgood Gen, badly garbled in Hist Canterbury. Of Newmarket, he m 2nd Dec 8, 1842, Lydia D Lucy of Pittsfield. A 3rd m is surely his: Darwin J b Gilmanton, ae 56, farmer of Tuftonborough, son of Jonathan and Joanna, m Apr 25, 1882, wid Lizzie R Graves, ae 52. If correct, Darwin would come 33 years after marriage. A man invariably lies about his age at 2nd m, but it is, nevertheless, astounding that a man of 71 should say he was 56 and get away with it. Children:

- a Martha m Foss A Burnham of No Berwick, Me
- b Christiania m Webster Wells of Wells, Me
- c Alice d umm d Sidney Jerome b Newmarket July 2, 1846

Sidney J Dow adaabff d, traveling salesman of Boston, d Bridge-water Apr 3, 1908; m Great Falls, N H, June 6, 1868, Elmira Abigail Perkins b Wells, Me, Sept 30, 1853. Children:

- a Fred d in infancy
- b Grace Lillian, now Mrs Forgate of Medford, Mass; letter returned "not found"
- c Charles Pike b Peabody, Mass, June 13, 1877
- d Arthur Francis; now bond broker of Boston and Somerville

Charles P Dow adaabff d became an orange broker and dealer in mortgages in Orlando, Fla, returned to Boston about 1920 and organized the firm of C P Dow & Co, investment bonds. The failure of this firm in 1925 with liabilities well into the millions produced no small sensation, its assets small. Indicted on many counts in the Federal Court, he finally pleaded guilty on a charge of using the mails to defraud and was punished by a fine of \$2,000. That the firm was very recklessly conducted was freely admitted. The penalty indicates that the Court did not find a degree of intentional grossness. A little

The next time you read a document that contains information about your ancestors, wouldn't it be nice to immediately scan an image of it and email the image to yourself? Even better, how about uploading the image immediately to Dropbox or to MobileMe iDisk? If you own an iPhone, you can do that right now by

installing a bit of low-cost software.

Scanner Pro converts your iPhone into a scanner. How well does it perform? Click on the thumbnail-sized image to the right to see a larger picture of a page I scanned today with Scanner Pro on an iPhone 4. The page is from *The Book of Dow* written by Robert Piercy Dow and published in 1929. I think it is a great image for a cell phone camera! Best of all, I always have the iPhone with me so that means I also carry a scanner with me everywhere I go.

Scanner Pro handles any type of documents ranging from simple one page letters to multipage legal documents. It can add, move, delete pages and even combine pages in landscape and portrait orientations. The program first scans whatever you wish and then displays the image on the iPhone's screen. It even features automatic edge detection and advanced image processing. However, if the automatic edge detection doesn't match your needs, tap anywhere on the screen and manually adjust the crop area. I did that with the book shown above as I wanted only a section of the page, not the entire page.

The program stores all images as industry-standard PDF files. Once stored in your iPhone, the image(s) may be exported to Evernote, to Google Docs, to a photo library (such as MobileMe iDisk, Box.Net, Humyo and any other WebDAV enabled online storage system), or sent to any email address. The image is standard PDF and can be used by any Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer as well as by many handheld "smartphones."

Multi-page documents can be scanned and processed together as a single batch. For instance, perhaps you wish to scan ten pages from a book. Once scanned, you can export all the pages at once to Evernote, to Google Docs, to a photo library, or to email.

I have only used Scanner Pro for a short time but have fallen in love with it. I will be taking it to every library I visit from now on. In fact, I always take my cell phone with me everywhere. In the past, I would enter a library and then go looking for a photocopy machine. I was always delighted whenever I found such a machine that created digital images. Not all libraries have digital imaging available. Thanks to the new Scanner Pro software, I now have digital imaging capability with me at all times. Not only can I use the iPhone in libraries, but also when visiting a relative.

Of course, Scanner Pro can be used for thousands of non-genealogy purposes as well. This morning, I had to send an email message to my insurance company about the new license plates on the motorhome. I snapped a picture of the license plate using Scanner Pro and sent it as an email message to the insurance agent.

Ever see a "for sale" sign of interest on the bulletin board at the local supermarket? Snap a picture and send it to yourself or perhaps to a friend who may be interested in the item.

I often write articles about new products and I use them for a day or two. Not this time. This one's a keeper! I plan on using Scanner Pro often for a long, long time.

Scanner Pro costs \$6.99 and is available in the iPhone App Store or you can learn more about it at [http://readdle.com/products/scanner\\_pro\\_iphone/](http://readdle.com/products/scanner_pro_iphone/)

**NOTE:** Any iPhone can snap a picture of a book or most anything else and send it by email. You don't need Scanner Pro for that. However, Scanner Pro adds convenience, the ability to create PDF files, multi-page documents, automatic page edge detection, and image processing. It also adds the capability to add, move, delete pages and even combine pages



in landscape and portrait orientations. You cannot perform those functions with the software included with the iPhone. I'd suggest the program is worth a lot more than \$6.99.

My thanks to newsletter reader Claudia Breland for telling me about Scanner Pro.

**Posted by Dick Eastman on August 31, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

**Genealogy Software Compared (September 18, 2011)**

A great comparison of available genealogy software can be found on... Wikipedia. That's right, the world's largest encyclopedia contains comparisons of genealogy products, including both free and commercial programs. Software compared includes Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and web-based products.

The Wikipedia article begins at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogy\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogy_software) and then you can scroll down the page to find links to a comparison of genealogy software installed locally on personal computers and to a comparison of web-based genealogy software. Explanation of many terms, including GEDCOM, are also available in the article or in articles linked to the article.

I didn't see a listing for genealogy software for handheld computers although some of the web-based programs can be used on handhelds.

You might like to read the article that begins at

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogy\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogy_software)

**Posted by Dick Eastman on September 18, 2011 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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**FUNNY BONE**

The following picture was sent to me within an e-mail from Stan Schmidt who often attends our programs. I thought the picture of the tombstones can be humorous in the eye of the beholder or can really upset people that such a final message can be left!

You be the judge!

Stan, thanks for sending me the pictures!



**GUSTAVA  
GUMERSINDA  
GUTIERREZ  
GUZMAN**

**1934-1989**

**Rest in peace**

**A memory from all  
your sons( except  
Ricardo who did not  
pay any money)**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Oct 11      Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE      130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2011      PM.  
            **"Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin"**  
            Presented by Maureen Brady.

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

Oct 15  
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 **"Google Earth"**  
Presented by Ralph Beaudoin  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Oct 19  
WED  
2011  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, October 19, 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 **"Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists"**.  
Guest speaker is Thomas MacEntee.  
Society website at [www.dcgsg.org](http://www.dcgsg.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Oct 28  
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 **"First Ever CAGGNI Road Trip – The Newberry Library – 9 AM to 4 PM"**  
Contact Elaine Beaudoin for Further Information  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Nov 5  
SAT  
2011  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, November 5, 2011.  
**"Polished Gems: Property Records, Cook County, Illinois"**.  
Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Nov 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.  
**"So You Didn't Find It in the Index"**  
Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.  
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Nov 16  
WED  
2011  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 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 **"Discovering the Naperville Family History Center"**.

Guest speaker is Sandra Trapp.  
Society website at [www.dcgcs.org](http://www.dcgcs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Nov 19  
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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.

Topic for the meeting "**Civil War Surgeon**"

Presented by To Be Determined

**PLEASE NOTE. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY.**

Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Dec 13  
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Jan 7  
SAT  
2012

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

Topic for the meeting "**Second Saturday Workshop Series – Slideshows and Movies**"

Presented by Michelle Wilson

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Jan 7  
SAT  
2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, January 7, 2012.  
"**Organizing and Writing Your Family History**".

Presented by Steve Szabados

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.

Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM

Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM

Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Jan 10  
TUE  
2012

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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.

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

Presented by Caron Brennan.

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- Jan 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 18, 2012.  
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2012 6: 30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**Visualizing Your Genealogical Data: Excel, OneNote, Maps, Blogs**".  
Guest speaker is Jennifer Holik.  
Society website at [www.dcgs.org](http://www.dcgs.org).  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Feb 4 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, February 4, 2012.  
SAT "**Investigating Resources at ChicagoAncestors.org**".  
2012 Presented by Sandra Trapp  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
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- Feb 14 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2012 PM.  
"**Using Railroad Records in Your Family History Research**"  
Presented by Craig Pfannkuche.  
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- Feb 25 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Saturday, February 25, 2012.  
SAT 8:00 AM Refreshments. Programs begin at 9:00 AM.  
2012 DuPage County Genealogical Society Annual Conference.  
Guest speakers.  
Society website at [www.dcgs.org](http://www.dcgs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Mar 3 Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 3, 2012.  
SAT "**To Be Determined**".  
2012 Presented by To Be Determined  
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- Mar 10 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2012 Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM.  
Topic for the meeting "**Second Saturday Workshop Series – Technology Basics for Genealogists**"  
Presented by Skip Bieber  
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- Mar 21  
WED  
2012
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 21, 2012.  
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 "**Breaking Down a Brick Wall: A Case Study in Unlocking My Irish Ancestry**".  
Guest speaker is Nancy Thomas.  
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- Apr 7  
SAT  
2012
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, April 7, 2012.  
"**Searching for Great Grandpa – Find Your Union Soldier**".  
Presented by Jerry Allen  
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"**Understanding the English Census**"  
Presented by Paul Milner.  
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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 "**Finding and Using Sanborn Maps**".  
Guest speaker is Jeffrey Bockman.  
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- May 5  
SAT  
2012
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 5, 2012.  
"**To Be Determined**".  
Presented by To Be Determined  
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TUE  
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**"Military Service Records"**  
Presented by Kathryn Barrett.  
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- May 16  
WED  
2012
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 16, 2012.  
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 **"From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family's Place"**.  
Guest speaker is Jane Haldeman.  
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**"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"**  
Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.  
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**"Liven Up Your Family History with Images"**  
Presented by Mike Karsen.  
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