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Genealogy Group Newsletter

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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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APRIL 10, 2012 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our program speaker for our upcoming April 10, 2012 Genealogy Program will be Paul Milner. Paul will present a program titled "**Making Sense of the English Census**".

The topic of the American Census for 1940 being released is one that has everyone excited. But if your research takes you back to England and English records, don't forget about the English Census records you should use. What better way to become aware of English Census records then to hear a wonderful presentation by Paul Milner.

Paul is a native of northern England, a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is the co-author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2002), and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2000) both published by Betterway Books. Paul has specialized in British Isles genealogical research for 30 years. He was raised in England and settled in the United States in 1975. He holds an advanced degree in Theology and is particularly knowledgeable about the church and its role in record keeping. He speaks on a wide variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles and research methodology. Paul is currently the book review editor for the FGS FORUM and the BIGWILL newsletter, a board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is the past-president of the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL), and a past board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

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 161 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 1,182 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

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Announcing the 8th Annual Wholly Genes Genealogy Conference and Cruise (February 5, 2012)

The following announcement was written by Wholly Genes, Inc.:

The largest family history conference on the seas.

COLUMBIA, MARYLAND -- 5 February 2012 -- Wholly Genes, Inc. announces the 2012 Genealogy Conference and Cruise, September 16-23, 2012, to Alaska's Inside Passage. This annual conference has a reputation for offering lectures by some of the most respected genealogists in the country on topics that are relevant to all researchers, including methodology, standards, repositories, record types, research aids, and technology. With expert presentations aboard a cruise ship plus exciting ports of call, this event offers a major educational opportunity and a unique vacation experience – all at a price that rivals a typical national conference or vacation alone.

This year's conference offers some of the most sought-after speakers on genealogy and technology topics, including:

- Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS: Co-Editor of the NGS Quarterly, past President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert on research in Ireland and East Coast States, especially Georgia and Virginia.
- J. Mark Lowe, CG: Past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), past Vice-President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert in land records, migration, court records, and church records (Baptists, Methodists, and Moravians).
- Debra S. Mieszala, CG: Certified genealogist and expert in forensic genealogy and research in Midwest States, especially Illinois.
- Paul Milner, M.Div.: Professional genealogist and expert in British Isles research, migration, and Lutheran records.
- Craig Scott, MA, CG: Expert in military records, Federal records, Government publications, Scottish records, Quaker records, and book publishing.

- Thomas MacEntee: Expert in using technology and social media for genealogical research.

Although the host company, Wholly Genes, Inc., makes family history software, the 17+ hours of genealogical lectures are completely software-neutral and relevant to all researchers. (Non-competing lecture time is set aside for users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) who want to learn how to make the best use of that software's features and companion products.)

Classroom lectures represent only part of the appeal of this annual conference. One of its most popular features is the opportunity for attendees to meet one-on-one or in small groups with the speakers in order to get expert advice about their specific research challenges. "In addition," said Bob Velke, President of Wholly Genes, Inc., "group discussions, cocktail parties, and other events make the conference a great place to learn new research skills while making new friends who have similar research interests."

The conference will be held on the luxurious Star Princess traveling roundtrip from Seattle, Washington, with visits to Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska, and a brief stop in Victoria, British Columbia.

Unlike many traditional conferences, none of the presentation times overlap, so conference-goers won't have to make difficult choices and miss some lectures. The schedule also avoids conflicts with "scenic cruising time" as the ship sails through Tracy Arm Fjord and between the twin Sawyer glaciers.
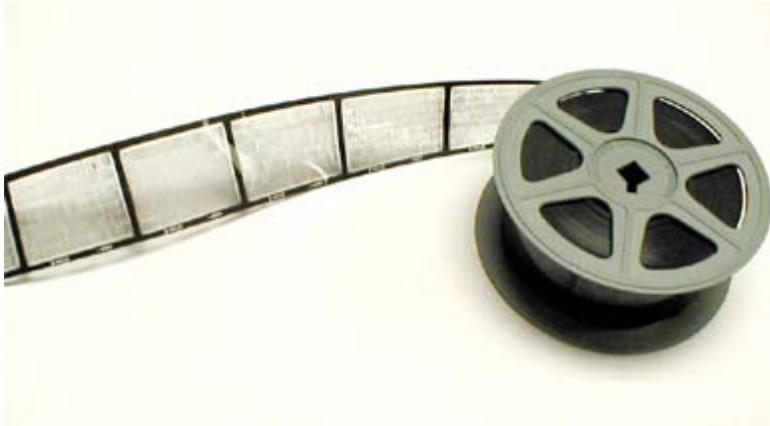
"The cruise ship includes plenty of things for spouses or traveling companions to do while the family researcher is attending the lectures," said Velke, "but families and friends can share meals and have memorable vacation experiences together while the ship is at port."

Prices start at just $979 per person, including the cost of the cruise, food, shipboard entertainment, and attendance at all conference events. A roommate-finding service is also available for those who need it. Complete details can be found at www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm.

About the company: Wholly Genes Software is a privately held corporation founded in 1993 with the goal of providing professional-caliber software tools to family historians. Its flagship product, The Master Genealogist, is among the highest rated family history project managers and is in use in more than 30 countries around the world.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 05, 2012 in Conferences, Travel **|** Permalink

FamilySearch to Raise Prices of Microfilm Rentals by 50% (February 11, 2012)

 This shouldn't surprise anyone: FamilySearch will raise the price of film loans in family history centers as of 15 February 2012. Short-term film loans used to cost $5 U.S but will now cost $7.50. Prices for short-term film loan extensions, extended film loans, and microfiche loans will also increase.

The price of raw microfilm stock has skyrocketed in recent months and now raw microfilms are almost impossible to find as the microfilm manufacturers are shutting down their production lines. FamilySearch is finding it difficult to purchase even enough raw microfilm stock to make duplicates of existing films. Of course, creating new microfilms is essentially impossible so FamilySearch has already converted to all-digital production for all new products and is converting older products to digital images as rapidly as possible.

You can find the full announcement of the price increase at

https://www.familysearch.org/films/.

While not mentioned in the announcement, I am guessing that FamilySearch will be forced to stop producing microfilms completely within a very few years, perhaps within a year or two. Other organizations that traditionally have created microfilms, such as libraries, archives, and genealogy societies, will soon be forced to do the same. When the microfilm manufacturers have all shut down their production lines, where will anyone purchase new film?

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 11, 2012 in Current Affairs **|** Permalink

How NBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Picks Its Celebrities (February 12, 2012)

Writing in the Investor's Business Daily web site, Patrick Seitz has produced an interesting article about how the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' television show picks the celebrities to be featured. In fact, "a lot of the show's research into celebrity family trees doesn't make it on the air. Sometimes researchers either hit a dead end or the stories they uncover don't make for compelling TV."

"We have an amazing team of researchers who pore through documents and censuses and death records, you name it," said executive producer Al Edgington. "For every celebrity who is interested we will find everything we possibly can."

You can read more at http://goo.gl/7Q5wN

Restoring Burned Records in St. Louis (February 13, 2012)

If you are looking for military records from World War I and World War II as well as the years between those wars, you probably are already aware that many of the personnel records were destroyed in a fire on July 12, 1973. The National Personnel Records Center lost approximately 16 to 18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF). No duplicate copies of these records were ever maintained, nor were microfilm copies produced. Neither were any indexes created prior to the fire. A complete listing of the records that were lost is not available.

You can read more about the fire and the records that were lost at <u>http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html</u>.

The near-impossible task of restoring the charred documents that survived continues to this day. Last year, the center fielded 1.5 million requests for documents — requests that demand extracting and delivering accurate information from records charred by fire, soaked with water and often crusted with mold. Six and a half million documents in one form or another have been partially or completely recovered.

You can read ore about this wonderful effort in an article by Steve Giegerich on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch at <u>http://goo.gl/VndXo</u>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 13, 2012 in <u>Preservation</u> | <u>Permalink</u>

U.S. Government Still Pays Two Civil War Pensions (February 14, 2012)

Question: When was the last time the U.S. government paid a Civil War pension payment?

Answer: Would you believe the government is still making payments? Not bad for a war that ended nearly 147 years ago!

According to an article by Lauren Fox published in U.S. News & World Report, records from the Department of Veterans' Affairs show that two children of Civil War veterans, as of September, are receiving pensions from their fathers' service. At that date, both were alive, but in poor health. These payments probably won't last much longer.

Trevor Plante, a reference chief at the National Archives says it's also possible that the beneficiaries were young when their fathers died and had no living mothers to care for them, which would also qualify them for their fathers' pensions.

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

My thanks to Steve White for telling me about this story.

You might also enjoy some of the mysteries of the Civil War published at <u>http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/civilwar/</u>.

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 14, 2012 in <u>Current Affairs</u> | <u>Permalink</u>

Archives.com and National Archives Announce 1940 Census Website (February 21, 2012)

The following announcement was written by Archives.com:

Today Archives.com and the National Archives are revealing the website that will host the 1940 Census beginning April 2, 2012: 1940census.archives.gov. We encourage you to bookmark the website, and watch the informational video providing behind-the-scenes look at the preparations made to publish the 1940 Census.

There are only 40 days until April 2nd, a day eagerly anticipated by genealogists, historians, and academics alike. Archives.com and the National Archives are working diligently to bring you a website that makes it easy to explore the 1940 Census images. This will be the only website hosting the 1940 Census images on April 2nd.

To learn more about the 1940 Census and how you can prepare, visit Archives.com/1940census. Find Archives.com on Facebook or Twitter, and follow the conversation at #1940census.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on February 21, 2012 in** Online Sites | Permalink

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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, April 7, 2012. The program for the morning is titled **"Searching for Great Grandpa: Find Your Union Soldier"**. The speaker for the morning will be Jerry Allen.

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:

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 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, March 21, 2012. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Breaking Down a Brick Wall: A Case Study in Unlocking My Irish Ancestry How I Found the Marriage Record of My Irish Great-Great Grandparents"**. The speaker for the program will be Nancy Thomas.

Learn how listening to family stories can lead you from known facts to the unknown. Newspapers, census records, church records, online indexes, and maps resulted in the breaking down of a major brick wall. This presentation will show the step-by-step process and analysis used to tackle Irish research successfully.

Nancy Thomas is currently President of the DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society. A retired Professor/Reference Librarian at the College of DuPage, Nancy has been searching for her ancestors and her husband's for over 30 years. She published The Roeser Family: Ancestors and Descendants for a family reunion using Family Tree Maker software. Nancy has enjoyed travelling to her ancestral homes in Ireland, England, and Germany, as well as other parts of the world. She is especially interested in pre-fire Chicago history.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.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 (CAGGNI)

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, March 17, 2012 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"What's New in Technology"**. The speaker for the program will be Ed Rosenthal.

2012 promises to be a great year in technology! Come join us for our ever-popular and *only* regular yearly offering.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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brightsolid Enters US Genealogy Market with Pay-as-you-go Site censusrecords.com (February 2, 2012)

I mentioned earlier that brightsolid is about to enter the U.S. marketplace in a big way. Today, at RootsTech, the company released details. The following was written by brightsolid:

brightsolid Enters US Genealogy Market With Ground-Breaking Pay-As-You-Go Site CensusRecords.com

- First pay-as-you-go site offers greater choice and affordability
- Launching later this year, brightsolid's flagship US site findmypast.com

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. brightsolid, a leading online provider of historical and genealogical content, today announces its entry into the US genealogy market with the launch of a ground-breaking, "pay-as-you-go" site: www.censusrecords.com.
The new site will let customers search all US census records from 1790 to 1930 and is the first dedicated to US genealogy by British-owned brightsolid. It will also house the 1940 US census records, when they are released later this year.

What makes it unique to the market, however, is it's the first genealogy site in the US to give customers access to census records on either a pay-as-you-go basis or via the subscription model that is currently the only choice offered by other sites.

"In short, censusrecords.com offers greater choice, flexibility and affordability", says Chris van der Kuyl, CEO of brightsolid, announcing the site's launch at RootsTech 2012 in Salt Lake City. "Those researching their family histories will now be able to choose which payment method best suits their needs and their budget."

The new site is being launched as an early beta version, with brightsolid inviting user feedback and suggestions.

"We want to build on what we have and make it even better" says Joshua Taylor, brightsolid's business development manager. "So, we're asking site visitors to fill out the feedback form and we'll be taking on board their comments as the site evolves."

Every visitor to censusrecords.com will be able to search for free. Customers wanting to view documents, and download them to their computer to keep and access later, will then have the option of either buying a subscription in the conventional way or buying pay-as-you-go credits, starting at $7.95. Pay-as-you-go customers will be able to buy further credits at any time, giving them the freedom to spend as much or as little time and money

on their research as they want.

Taken every ten years from 1790 to the present, the US census provides an historical record of the entire US population. "It is America's largest record set for family history and genealogy", says Taylor. "Our new site brings this vast resource to you online from the comfort of your home."

"The launch of censusrecords.com is just our first offering to the US market", says van der Kuyl. "It will be followed later this year by the launch of findmypast.com, which will be our flagship American brand."

"We know that there is a global demand in family history for the sort of accurate data, innovative search and customer focus that we're known for providing. Indeed, we've already seen significant international demand for our existing findmypast sites, in the UK, Ireland and Australia. We are excited about the big year we have ahead as we look to provide fresh choice and value to Americans interested in researching their family history."

British-owned brightsolid has been at the forefront of technological innovations in family history for over three decades. It hosts over a billion genealogical records across its family of brands and was this month voted Best Genealogy Organization in the online Gene Awards.

It is proud to be part of the 1940 US Census Community Project, a joint initiative with Archives.com, FamilySearch and other leading genealogy organizations, which aims to make the census searchable as quickly as possible after its release this April. The completion of the project will allow anyone to search for their ancestors in the 1940 census for free online.

Its expansion this year into the US follows the recent launch of findmypast sites in both Ireland and Australia and the launch online of the British Newspaper Archive (www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk). The latter is a unique treasure trove for the family historian, containing millions of pages from the British Library's newspaper collection, featuring more than 200 newspaper titles from every part of the UK and Ireland published in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"We have a strong reputation for putting great focus on accurate data for easy search", says van der Kuyl. "Because of this emphasis you can find ancestors you might miss on other sites."

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 02, 2012 in Online Sites | Permalink

Google Reportedly Ready to Launch Online Storage Service (February 9, 2012)

Rumors of a "G-Drive" from Google have been around for years. These rumors have been on-again off-again. The company reportedly will release a product that allows users to store a limited amount of data in the cloud free of charge with larger amounts of disk storage available for modest fees. Such a solution is great for making backups. It is also good for copying data from desktop to laptop computers or from the office to home computers. If proper permissions are put in place, it is also possible to share selected files with friends, relatives, or co-workers.

While rumored for several years, Google has not yet released such a product. Other companies, including Dropbox, Mozy, CrashPlan, Backblaze, Carbonite, Amazon, and even Microsoft have online storage products, but not Google. That seems strange for the company with the most web-connected servers on the planet. Now the rumors are growing again: Google reportedly will release such a service within the next few weeks. Only the name will be "Drive," not G-Drive.

Google Docs already offers free storage for any type of file, with each user given up to one gigabyte of free space, compared to 2 gigabytes from Dropbox. But Google Docs users can purchase an extra 20 gigabytes of storage for only $5 a year, or 80 gigabytes for $20 a year, considerably cheaper than Dropbox rates of $9.99 per month for 50 gigabytes and $19.99 per month for 100 gigabytes.

Other online storage services have higher or lower prices, although Microsoft seems to have the best introductory price with its SkyDrive product offering 25 gigabytes of storage for free if you can put up with the required Windows Live software.

Actually, Google already offers file storage on Google Docs, Gmail, and Picasa at very competitive prices, starting at $5 per year for 20 gigabytes, or $20 per year for 80 gigabytes. Other online storage services generally are much more expensive: Dropbox is $9.99 per month for 50 gigabytes and SugarSync is $4.99 per month for 30 gigabytes. In contrast, Google is 10 times cheaper than the competition. The new Drive probably will use similar pricing although details have not yet been announced. Obviously, Microsoft's Skydrive is cheapest (as in free) up to 25 gigabytes but if your storage requirements specify more than that, Google should be the cheapest.

Google presumably will make these files available to Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and Android operating systems. It may or may not make the files available to those using Apple's iOS operating system on iPhones and iPads. After all, Apple devices are major competitors to Google's own Android operating system.

Google Drive also could be integrated into the Chrome web browser as well as the Chrome OS used by a few laptop computers.

Will Google Drive become popular? I am not certain. Google is usually a leader in most things but this time is late to the game. Other online storage services are already well established and the rumor mill doesn't seem to indicate that Google's new Drive application will have any "killer features" that are missing in the competitors' offerings. Low prices are always attractive, but Microsoft Skydrive is already very, very cheap. Can Google compete?

Before anyone asks, I am using Amazon S3 these days for my own online storage needs. I am presently backing up nearly 100 gigabytes on Amazon S3 at prices that are even cheaper than Skydrive. I use it with Macintosh, Windows, and handheld iPhone and iPad systems and can access any of my files from most anywhere. However, I did find Amazon S3 to be a bit difficult to set up and configure. I don't recommend Amazon S3 for computer novices.

I probably will evaluate Google Drive if and when it becomes available.

If you are interested in learning more about Amazon S3, look at

> http://aws.amazon.com/s3/

A rather good Amazon S3 video tutorial can be found at

> http://www.askmrvideo.com/cam/s3/

Posted by Dick Eastman on February 09, 2012 in Online Sites **|** Permalink

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the February/March 2012, Volume 6, Number 6 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Tablets and Your Family History"
By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the ever-increasing popularity of Tablet PCs and how you can use them for your genealogy research!

"Getting More Than You Bargained For!"
By Susan Groover

Susan Groover documents her research quest to find out more about her black sheep ancestor.

"In Praise of Evernote!"
    By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo discusses a fantastic, and free, notetaking tool for your Genealogy and writing projects.

"Tale of the Hickory Baskets"
    By Constance R. Cherba

Constance R. Cherba chronicles her search for the story behind a priceless family heirloom.

"Genealogy Sources of the American West"
    By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the online resources available for researching in the "Wild West"!"

"Tracking Ancestral Time, Online"
    By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo discusses five web-based timeline tools.

"1000Memories: The Way We Were"
    By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo looks at a new website for sharing and preserving memories and stories.

"MacFamily Tree: A Review"
    By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy reviews Synium software's latest version of this classic family history resource.

"Knocking Their "Eds" Together!"
    By Karen Evans

According to Karen Evans, two "Eds" aren't necessarily better than one!

"Not Just on the Desktop: Webtrees!"
    By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at an innovative way to back up your genealogical data.

"Home Children to Canada: An Introduction"
    By John D. Reid

John D. Reid looks at the online resources available if you're researching an orphaned, abandoned or pauper child that came to Canada from Great Britain.

"Wild About Webinars!
By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo talks with some of the innovators in online genealogy.

For those of you that have Tablet computers, you can see from the above list of article titles that one of the articles in this issue discusses these Tablet computers in depth. Also, as Tablet computers become more and more popular, publishers like Moorshead that publishes this genealogy journal, are also moving into the electronic version of their published material. Moorshead has aslos published "special" issues of this journal devoted to a very specific topic that are stand-alone issues for purchase. Topical issues available for these "special" issues are:

- *Tracing Your Ancestors Using Google ($6.50)*
- *Tracing Your English and Scottish Ancestors ($6.50)*
- *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors ($8.50)*
- *Tracing Your Irish Roots ($6.50)*
- *Life During the Civil War ($8.50)*
- *More Dating Old Photographs ($14.50)*
- *Outlaws and Villains ($6.50)*

I bring this up because these "special" issues are now available in PDF format that can be read on your iPad, Kobo, Nook, Kindle and other mobile devices. Take a look at the website of this journal at www.internet-genealogy.com for further information about these special issues that may match to your research areas of interest.

I thought that a very good and timely article in this issue is one titled "Tablets & Your Family History". The author of this article is Tony Bandy. Tablets are now becoming the rage and the hot technological "toy" to add to our collection of our electronic toys. They are becoming more and more powerful and many have the ability to incorporate "apps" that are geared for your genealogy.

The author does a great job in providing the reader with much information on the tablets that exist today. He groups background information into the following categories to make it easier for us to understand all that is behind what makes a tablet a tablet:
- Hardware
- Screen Types
- Operating System
- Communications
- User Interaction
- Applications

Tablets are often also known as "slate" computers because they are literally one piece of hardware with no other devices attaching to it as with the traditional desktop that has a mouse and keyboard attached. Sizes vary from about 7 inches to about 10 inches measured diagonally across for screen size. Some tablets are known as convertibles and are part of a combined keyboard and screen, the screen being the detachable tablet. Tablets can even have add-ons incorporated such as a keyboard and mouse with special hardware connectors.

The screens of these tablets are also variable. Some are the traditional LCD. Some are what is known as the "E-ink" a screen that provides very long battery life. Most are touch screen. Some even allow you to use a stylus. Generally speaking the larger the screen size the more expensive will the tablet be. Also larger screen size can be associated with more and quicker battery drain, although developers of these devices have remarkably been able to increase battery life time and time again with larger and larger screens.

New operating systems exist for these tablets that are not your standard Windows or Mac OS systems. You will hear tablet OS systems that go by the name of iOS (from Apple) and Android (from Google). Windows Phone OS is also present but is not really a big player. iOS and Android dominate. So often times a Tablet purchase decision may not match to which iOS system you want to go with. Tablets do not run both, so you will have to make a choice often of an Operating System first and then the Tablet that includes that OS.

Many of us operate in a completely wireless environment. We connect at home via our wireless routers. Hard wire connections are more and more a connection process of the past. Even in public, we connect to WiFi which is a public version of our home wireless router. However, if you want universal connectivity even when there is no available WiFi, then you will need to consider a Tablet purchase that will allow you to have internet access via a monthly data plan subscription for which you will pay a monthly recurring charge for this universal connectivity with your Tablet.

Our user interaction with a tablet is by using our fingers and the touchscreen that is a tablet. Most tablets don't just use a one-finger touch approach but rather incorporate intelligence in the process that recognizes multi-touch approaches, swiping of one finger, swiping of multiple fingers etc. In other words, the use of your fingers in a variety of ways is picked up by the touchscreen to create a unique command to the tablet. There is a learning curve for this if your whole computer life has previously been tethered with a keyboard and mouse.

The applications are the heart and soul of your tablet, as was the case with your desktop. Your computer, now tablet, can only do what you want it to do if it has the right software, today known as "apps". Once again, just like in the world of desktop Operating Systems, there are apps for iOS and apps for Android. They are not always the same although developers may build apps separately that will work on either tablet operating system. These are exclusively downloaded from the Internet and are not in physical format that you can purchase and hold in your hand. They are often less expensive than was software for desktops. These "apps" can be free, a few dollars. Some may be as high as $20 but the vast majority are between $1 to $10.

The author provides us with a nice list of what are the major Tablet devices we have to choose from for purchase. Some are familiar to most of us, some are ones that I have never heard of. The author provides the reader with a summary of the device, the producer, the cost, the web site of the producer and a small summary. I am not going to include a recap of the summary because they are longer than I can incorporate into this article summary. Here is a summary:

- Asus Transformer Prime by Asustek. Cost is $500-$600. Website information can be found at http://eee.asus.com/en/eeepad/transformer-prime/features
- iPad by Apple. Cost is $499-$800. Website information can be found at www.apple.com/ipad

- Kindle Fire by Amazon. Cost is $199. Website information can be found at www.amazon.com/kindlefire
- Kindle, KindleTouch, Kindle Keyboard by Amazon. Cost $79-$189. Website information can be found at www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0051QVESA/ref=sv_kinh_0
- Lenovo ThinkPad Tablet by Lenovo. Cost $499-$699. Website information can be found at www.lenovo.com/products/us/tablet/thinkpad
- Lifebook T731 by Fujitsu. Cost $1,200-$1,800. Website information can be found at http://store.shopfujitsu.com/fpc/Ecommerce/buildseriesbean.do?series=T731
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- Nook Simple Touch by Barnes & Noble. Cost $99. Website information can be found at www.barnesandnoble.com/p/nook-simple-touch-barnesandnoble/1102344735
- Samsung Galaxy Tab by Samsung. Cost $399. Website information can be found at www.samsung.com/galaxytab

There is much more in this timely article from Tony Bandy than I am summarizing here. Take a look at the entirety of this article especially if you are thinking of getting a tablet. You can find plenty of information from within this article to give you a better overall view of the tablets that are taking over our computer technology. Tony Bandy provides further insights in the full article about each tablet that I was unable to include simply because there was too much there for me to paraphrase.

Become familiar with the tablets that exist because it will not be too long down the road when this may be our version of our laptops utilizing touch screen technology. Consider getting one now as a complement to your desktop or laptop while you can still transition. It is possible that far less software will be created in the future for desktops and laptops and the majority of software development will be "apps" for tablets and mobile devices.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Tracking Ancestral time, Online!". The author of the article is Lisa A. Alzo.

Timelines are a great tool for genealogists to use on the events of their ancestors. We all have, or will have in the hopefully distant future, a complete beginning and ending timeline. Our birth starts the timeline, and the guy in the black hooded outfit ends the timeline. But we have so much in between those two events that we may have already discovered or need to discover. Gaps in that timeline are great pointers to things we really need to consider researching.

As a simple example, we know an ancestor had descendants from the children we have identified. But maybe we simply have not discovered any marriage record information. A timeline of this person's events, knowing he had children, might lead us in the direction of wanting to discover that marriage record we believe should exist. Timelines can tie into other events in a person's life such as schooling, career, employment, military service, purchasing land becoming ill, dying etc. All these events give us a timeline of that person. Gaps in that timeline point us to things we might want to consider that may have happened during those gaps.

A timeline of a person also can lead us to compare that timeline to a timeline of historical events in general. We can then better see what was going in history during the live and events of this ancestor.

Most lineage software programs today have built-in timeline functionality. You just need to become familiar and discover under which clicks of the mouse that you can create such a report from within the software product you are using. All of what the timeline functionality uses to create its report is based on what you have discovered and already entered in your software. Those events and dates for the events you have discovered are the source for the timeline creation.

The author notes that over and above your own software package you can take advantage of timeline products and services on the internet to view the history of your ancestor. The author mentions 5 sites you should investigate to consider using. Some sites require subscription to that site to get the benefit of the timeline capability. Some sites are direct outgrowths of existing software sites that requires you to have that particular software in order to use the internet set for the timelines. Simply check out the following sites to see if any interest you to the point you would like to create some timelines:

- **Fold3 @ www.fold3.com/pages (formerly known as Footnote.com)** This site has a feature called "Memorial Pages" where registered users can create a free memorial page for an ancestor. This is based on information Fold3 has already created just from searching it and finding material for an ancestor. You can also build a timeline from scratch from what you have already discovered outside of Fold3. You need a personal subscription to Fold3 in order to take advantage of this capability.

- **OurTimelines @ www.ourtimelines.com** This site offers a free web-based timeline generator. This site has a connection to the family software that is used to create the genealogy pages for the family website www.blish.org. You can print your timelines but you cannot save them, but you can save your timeline by copying and pasting the text to some other resource like Word or save it as a PDF file on your system. Try out the "Peers and Contemporaries" at the site to see who your ancestor's peers and contemporaries were.

- **Preceden @ www.preceden.com** You can create private, viewable timelines at this site. You can color-code material here for better visualizations. You can set your timelines so they are viewable by others you choose to see the material by setting up a password. The material created at this site is only meant to be viewed on a screen. If you want to save it, you will have to do a screen capture. You are limited to 5 "free" events per timeline before you will need to establish an account for $29.

- **Timeglider @ www.timeglider.com** The web-based software is built on the Adobe Flash platform. You can view your timelines on any computer via your web browser. You can "grab" your timeline and move it left or right. You can "zoom" in on your timeline. It is free to create an account and it is even free to give it a try without signing up.

- **Time Toast @ www.timetoast.com** You can create interactive timelines that can be shared. It is free and all you need to do is register with your e-mail address. You can look at your timelines in a text view or a timeline view.

You can attach images/documents to your timeline view. You can make the timeline public or keep it private.

Timelines are a great tool to use as part of your own desktop lineage program or to go outside of that and try some of the above web-based timeline creation sites. The web-based sites above allow you to more easily share your timelines with fellow researchers. Timelines focus all of the major known events of an ancestor's life into one, visual, readable view. This one view allows you to better analyze what you have and more importantly what you don't have on your ancestor. Try creating a timeline for your ancestor. You will like seeing your research presented in this manner.

This was another great issue of Internet Genealogy. There are many more great articles in this issue for you to investigate that may apply to your own areas of research.

You can find this recent journal on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Schaumburg Township district Library cardholders can check out older issues of this journal to read at home. The most recent issue cannot be checked out until we receive the next issue of this journal.

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NGS Magazine

We have received the January-March 2012, Volume 38, Number 1 issue of the NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"American Colonies in Cuba"
By Boyd Leuenberger

"Problems Reading German Immigrant Passenger Lists"
By Kathy J. Stickney

"Picture the Past At Your Convenience"
By Smiljka Kitanovic, Ph.D

"Treating the Southern Sick and Wounded: Confederate Hospital Records at the National Archives"
By John P. Deeben

"Case Study: Questionable Marriage Information in Death Certificates"
By Allen R. Peterson, CG

"Compiled Military Service Records Part I: The Records Inside the CMSR Jacket"
By Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

"Online Census Indexes"
        By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

"NeatDesk Scanner"
        Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

"Cloud Computing"
        By Jordan Jones

"Scrapbooks: A Neglected Resource"
        By Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D

Also in this issue you will find some articles about:

- The NGS Family History Conference in Cincinnati
- Celebrating 100 Years of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly
- President's Message from the NGS
- NGS News
- Genealogy News
- Upcoming Events

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Online Census Indexes" by Kathy Petlewski, MSLS. Census data is a hot commodity at this time as we all await the release of the 1940 Census data in April 2012.

The author makes us aware of where census data was found for researchers years and years ago. All of us had to endure the old process of "microfilms". Remember those? That is right. We had access to census data via microfilms that was time-consuming, laborious and painful! Is your hand sore today from hand-cranking the images online today? I don't think so. In the 1960s a process was developed that actually created indexes of census data that was then put into book format. It was still not online but it sure made it easier to look through a book index to see if the name you were interested was there. Turn to the page of interest and there was your ancestor.

The author notes that researchers should consider the following resources for online access to census data:

- Ancestry.com, either the personally subscribable offering at www.ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition that is commonly found within public libraries. Obviously, a personal subscription allows you to access ancestry.com from home. The library version is not allowed to be accessed from home but is available to anyone within the library.

- FamilySearch.org is available to anyone for free from home or anywhere via the web address at www.familysearch.org.

- Heritage Quest, also commonly found in libraries. This product is generally accessible from home by via entering in your library identification number. Heritage Quest is not a personally subscribable product. It is available only through libraries.

Each is unique in its own right. One source may have more census data than another. One source may be more fully indexed than another. One source may have better

images than another. The point is to be aware of all three sources and to consider using all three in your research, especially if you do not find what you are looking for in one of them. Switch to the others and you may find who you seek just by switching resources.

Ancestry.com incorporated into its databases the original "paper" indexing of the early census records from 1790 to 1860 that was created in the early 1960s and is known as the Accelerated Indexing Systems (AIS). These are still good to use. Just because they were done in the 1960s does not mean they are not useful. Like any other indexing projects, errors can and do occur during the transcribing process. Just be creative with your surnames when you do not find material on the census data covering the above years in Ancestry. These indexes are all-name indexes, not just head of household indexes.

Family Search has been creating online census data via the volunteer process. Volunteers receive images via their computer of the census data. They follow guidelines and input what they see from the image to an Excel-like template. Once completed, they are re-submitted back to FamilySearch where that same batch is given to someone else to transcribe. The two transcriptions are then compared for differences. Where differences occur, the data is given to an arbitrator to make the final decision as to what transcribed data is "correct". This methodology gives more assurance of accuracy. These indexes are all-name indexes, not just head of household.

Heritage Quest index is a head of household index. It is not an all-name index. This means you cannot enter in your search the name of a person that would have been a 10 year old child. They would not have been a head of household. You would have to look among all the families for which results are provided to then look for that 10 year within the families presented. It takes a little more work, but you can certainly do it this way. You can find data covering the 1790 to 1920 census. The 1930 census is only available in fragmentary quantities. The project of completing the 1930 census back at the time of the release of the 1930 census was scrapped. Data for 1930 exists for only five states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Texas and Virginia. Heritage Quest is also know for the quality of the data contained in the online census data. These indexes are much more accurate than those created in the 1960s by the AIS project.

The author then spends a good amount of time relaying to the reader some comparisons of actual searches among all three of the products. Some results appeared quicker in some products over others. Some images were "cleaner" in one product over another. Some products require more "filtering" of your results which takes a little more time. Some accurate results appeared higher in some lists among one product than in another.

The author stated that her search test produced the same correct response among all three of the products.

Census research is a core part for anyone doing family history. The three providers of this data can help with your research. FamilySearch is completely free for you to access via computer. Ancestry is "free" if you visit a library that subscribes to the product. Or Ancestry can be personally subscribed to. Heritage Quest is "free" if you have a library card that can be used to input into your library's online database resource. You can access this from home or in the library but you cannot personally subscribe to it.

The 1940 census when it is released will initially not be indexed. The indexing will become available after thousands of volunteers work on the image data to create the indexes from the names on the census. There is no target timeframe when this will be

available but I might guess it could be available in about 6 months. While awaiting the 1940 data, hone your online research skills by accessing the online products described above.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Compiled Military Service Records: Part I: The Records Inside the CMSR Jacket". For anyone having ancestors that may have been in the military from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War, this is a good article to read fully. The Compiled Military Service Records (CMSR) are valuable pieces of information that may contain incredible amounts of information about an ancestor. From a National Archives perspective, these records are part of the Record Group 94, Records of the Adjutant General's Office (AGO), 1780s-1917.

The identifiers on the outside of the jacket contain the following 8 items of information:

- Soldier's Name
- Military Unit
- Rank Upon Entering the Service
- Rank Upon Discharge from the Service
- List of "card" Numbers
- Number of Personal Papers Inside the Jacket
- "Book Mark" Information If Relevant
- "See Also" Cross References If Applicable

Keep an eye open for any indication of personal papers contained with the jacket. Also watch for any "See Also" references that will point you to other pieces of information associated with the ancestor's name you are searching.

The CMSR cards contained in the jacket are abstracts made from actual original records such as muster rolls, returns, pay vouchers, orders and other records. You may also be able to discover other military information on your ancestor such as:

- Muster In
- Muster Out
- Wounds
- Hospitalization
- Absence from the Unit
- Capture and Imprisonment by the Enemy
- Court-Martial
- Death

The personal papers jacket inside the CMSR is an incredible piece of information for the ancestor. Not all CMSR jackets contain this information. The three most common items that might be contained in this personal papers jacket are:

- Soldier's enlistment paper for his first or second enlistment
- Certificates of discharge for disability or death
- Casualty sheet indicating date and place of death or wounding

For Civil War ancestors, several alphabetical name indexes exist for both North and South. All Confederate CMSRs have been microfilmed. Union CMSRs for Alabama, Arkansas, Dakota Territory, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York (1st Engineers Only), North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia have been microfilmed.

Microfilmed CMSRs are available at selected National Archives facilities, libraries and other genealogical research facilities. CMSRs or CMSR indexes are available online at Fold3 (formerly named Footnote.com) or Ancestry.com.

If you know your ancestor was in the military and fit the service dates states earlier, you should really try to track down a CMSR that may exist for that person. The amount of information contained in the CMSR jacket can be astounding.

Take a look at an online resource describing this material from the National Archives at:

www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/rip109.pdf

I would also suggest reading the entire text of the this article to get an even more fuller understanding of what you may uncover in this CMSR "goldmine" that may exist for your ancestor.

This was another very good issue of NGS Magazine. There are many more interesting articles that may appeal to your own areas of genealogical research. They can perhaps be helpful to you and move your research forward.

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

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Families - a Genealogy Application for Android Handheld Computers (January 26, 2012)

In August, 2011, I wrote about Families at http://goo.gl/EyiMj. Families is an application produced by TelGen Limited in England that worked at that time on Apple's iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad systems. The company has since expanded their offerings and now has released a version of Families for Android systems.

The Families app works in conjunction with Legacy Family Tree, a popular Windows-based genealogy software from Millennia Corporation. Legacy family files can be easily transferred from a PC to your iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad or Android device, enabling them to be viewed and edited wherever you are.

On iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad Families requires access to a Wi-Fi network or use of iTunes via a USB connection in order to transfer family files between your device and your PC. USB transfer uses iTunes File Sharing which requires your device to be running iOS 3.2 or above. On Android Families uses a USB connection to transfer family files to and from your Android device's SD card.

Families uses a highly efficient database implementation, allowing very large family files to be supported. Users have successfully displayed and edited files containing over 1 million individuals on an iPhone.

Families requires the use of Legacy Family Tree. Users of other genealogy programs might at first think they cannot use Families. However, if you use Windows, you can always download the **FREE** version Legacy Family Tree at http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/ and install that on your Windows system. You then use your present genealogy program to export a file in GEDCOM format. Exit your original genealogy proigram, launch Legacy Family Tree, and import that GEDCOM file. Once imported, you can re-export your data to Families running on the Adroid device.

Families is available in the iPhone and Android App stores for $14.99. You can learn more at http://www.telgen.co.uk/families/.

My thanks to James McKane for telling me about the new Android version of Families.

Posted by <u>Dick Eastman</u> **on January 26, 2012 in** <u>Software</u> | <u>Permalink</u>

Introducing the Mocavo Genealogy Search Widget (February 19, 2012)

The following announcement was written by Mocavo.com:

We've all been there: You come across a great genealogy site that has pages upon pages of juicy information, just waiting to be tapped. But the realization of sifting through all this data is too daunting to bear. Sure, sometimes you can use the handy "Ctrl + F" find function, but on hundreds of individual pages? If only the page had its own search engine.

Mocavo has a solution: <u>introducing the Mocavo Genealogy Search Widget</u>, designed and developed specifically for genealogy websites and blogs to help your readers get the most out of your data.

Easy to install and completely free, the Mocavo Genealogy Search Widget simply requires you to choose your desired widget from our widget page, copy the code and paste it into the desired spot on your website or blog. Once implemented, you'll have the power of Mocavo's genealogy search engine right on your site, allowing those who visit your site or blog to search your content with ease.

We're very excited about this new feature, and we hope you are too. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at <u>support@mocavo.com</u> and as always, happy searching!

Mocavo may be found at <u>http://www.mocavo.com</u>.

Posted by <u>Dick Eastman</u> **on February 19, 2012 in** <u>Online Sites</u> | <u>Permalink</u>

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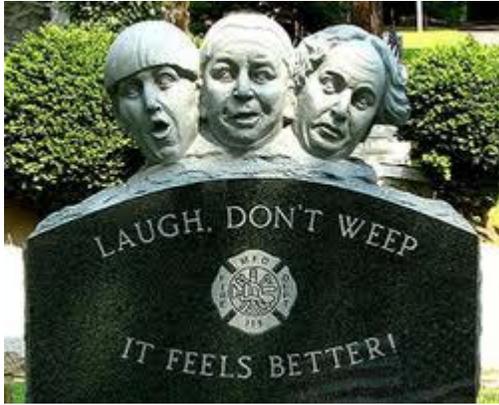~~~~~~

FUNNY BONE

More "unusual" gravestone pictures for your enjoyment!

I found these at the following web site with very little detailed description about the picture itself! Take a look at these and more at:

<u>http://www.google.com/search?q=unusual+gravestones+pictures&hl=en&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=wk0UT8v7NceFsALD__DuAw&sqi=2&ved=0CF0QsAQ&biw=1024&bih=566</u>

LAUGH. DON'T WEEP
IT FEELS BETTER!

GEORGES RODENBACH
1855 -1898

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Mar 13 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Mar 17 SAT 2012	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. (Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have Occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.) Topic for the meeting "**What's New in Technology**" Presented by Ed Rosenthal Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
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. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
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 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
Apr 10 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Understanding the English Census"** Presented by Paul Milner. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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

Apr 14 SAT 2012	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. 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have Occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.) Topic for the meeting "**Second Saturday Workshop Series – Local Resources**" Presented by To Be Determined Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
Apr 18 WED 2012	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 18, 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 "**Finding and Using Sanborn Maps**". Guest speaker is Jeffrey Bockman. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Apr 21 SAT 2012	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. (Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have Occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.) Topic for the meeting "**Setting Up Your Family History Website**" Presented by Panel of CAGGNI Members Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
May 5 SAT 2012	Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 5, 2012. "**Finding Online Newspapers**". Presented by Sarah A. V. Kirby 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
May 8 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Military Service Records"** Presented by Kathryn Barrett. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

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. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
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Jul 10 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Hiring A Professional Genealogist"** Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Aug 14 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Liven Up Your Family History with Images"** Presented by Mike Karsen. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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Oct 9 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Organizing and Writing My Family History"** Presented by Steve Szabados. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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*Nov 13 TUE 2012	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"The "NEW" FamilySearch Website"** Presented by Maureen Brady. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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2013	PM. **"Engaging the Next Generation: Parents and Grandparents Inspiring Children About Genealogy"** Presented by Jennifer Holik-Urban. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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