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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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AUGUST 14, 2012 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

The Genealogy program will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the 2nd floor Classroom. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mike Karsen. Mike will present a program titled "**Liven Up Your Family History with Images**".

Family histories can contain phenomenal research with every event documented and sourced with precision but yet no one is interested in reading it. Because they need to be more than just text, they need to be vehicles for "Time Travel" taking us back to the days when our grandparents and great-grandparents lived and raised their families. We need images to bring them to life. This presentation illustrates how to "liven up" your family history with images of people, places, and events that will make the reader keep flipping the pages to be drawn back in time.

A professional speaker, Mike Karsen is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), and is currently President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. He speaks on family legacy topics locally and nationally, presents conference programs and is on the faculty of Newberry Library and Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. Mike is the author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published articles on genealogy.

He holds an undergraduate degree in mathematics/computer science and a master's in operations research alongside 30 years in telecommunications management.

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 participants are 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 162 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 1,213 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter June 8, 2012, June 8, 2012, June 9, 2012, June 16, 2012, June 22, 2012, June 24, 2012 and are copyright 2012 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>.

New Enhanced Irish Genealogy Service Now Available (June 8, 2012)
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The following news should be very exciting for anyone researching Irish ancestry. The announcement was written by Eneclann:

The joint consortium of **Eneclann** and **Ancestor Network** are delighted to announce that they will provide genealogy services in the National Archives of Ireland and the National Library of Ireland in the coming year, following a competitive tendering process. The consortium has increased the number of genealogy experts delivering the service, to provide a wide and comprehensive range of expertise to anyone looking for help and advice in tracing their family history.

"We look forward to assisting Irish people and overseas visitors alike in tracing their roots especially in the coming year of the Gathering," said Fiona Fitzsimons, Research Director of Eneclann. "We are delighted to partner with Ancestor Network, in our new role - promoting Irish genealogy from within the national cultural institutions." Aiden Feerick, Head of Research at Ancestor Network added, "It is a great privilege to have been selected with Eneclann by the National Archives of Ireland and the National Library of Ireland. We can provide a world class genealogy advisory service and we will share our expertise and knowledge to those tracing their Irish ancestors. We also look forward to working with the staff of the archives and library in adding value to their genealogical services."

Approximately half of the project team in the consortium are members of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (A.P.G.I.). The remainder of the team are graduates of the U.C.D. certificate/diploma in genealogy and/or graduates of the University of Limerick's M.A. in the History of the Family.

Fiona Ross, Director of the National Library of Ireland responded to the news saying: "We are delighted to announce that Eneclann and Ancestor Network have been awarded the contract for providing the genealogy advisory service. They offer an enhanced family history service at a significantly reduced cost to the taxpayer. We look forward to working with them in the coming year."

The new genealogy service will be available to all visitors to the National Archives of Ireland and the National Library of Ireland. Everyone is welcome to avail of this free service commencing Monday June 11.

Genealogy Advisory Service

National Archives of Ireland: Monday to Friday, 10am to 1.30pm

National Library of Ireland: Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 1pm, 2-5pm, Saturday 9.15am to 12.45pm

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on June 08, 2012 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Arlington National Cemetery Goes Digital (June 8, 2012)



I published several articles a year or two ago (at <http://goo.gl/vl8Q1>) describing Arlington National Cemetery's difficulties with record keeping. Burial records were lost and/or misfiled, dozens of burial plots appear on maps as occupied but have no headstone, and some graves that have a headstone are recorded as vacant. The cemetery's administrative staff was fired or re-assigned and a new team was brought in to clean up the mess. Not everything is perfect just yet, but the new team appears to have made a lot of progress.

Amongst other things, the old paper burial records have been computerized and even a new smartphone app due out in the fall will tap into the power of GPS technology and help visitors navigate through the more than 250,000 graves at Arlington, providing military-grade accuracy. The new app will give the public access to photos and maps with plus or minus 3-inch accuracy for each of more than 300,000 individuals buried at Arlington. The system is a first for any federal cemetery and more accurate and up-to-date than anything in the private sector. It is a byproduct of Arlington's effort to move on from the mismanagement scandal.

Only one thing is missing: cell phone signals aren't very strong in the cemetery, making it difficult to use an iPhone or Android phone to retrieve information about locations of the graves.

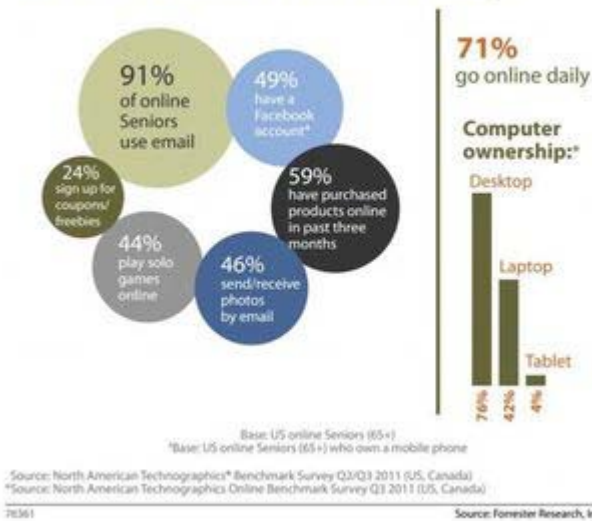
You can read more at <http://goo.gl/dcRVg>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on June 08, 2012 in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Senior Citizens are more Tech-Savvy than You Think (June 9, 2012)

I suspect this applies to a lot of readers of this newsletter:

What are online Seniors doing?



According to a new report by analyst firm Forrester Research, seniors ages 65 and up are probably more connected and tech-savvy than you think. Forrester found that about 60% of U.S. seniors are online. That's about 20 million people and while this obviously means that 40% don't care much about the Internet, those 60% who are online are tech-savvy and happily use technology to connect to their friends and family.

Click on the image on the right to see a larger chart.

Details may be found at <http://goo.gl/A8hXg>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on **June 09, 2012** in [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

DNA Ancestry with Pinpoint Accuracy (June 16, 2012)

Until a few years ago, most ancestry tests for individuals relied on short stretches of DNA in cell-powering organelles called mitochondria, which are inherited through the mother, or on the Y chromosome, which a father passes down to his sons. While providing very accurate information about father/son relationships, these tests were not always so accurate about the geographical origins of earlier ancestors.

For example, a set of Y-chromosome markers called Haplogroup R1b is common among Western European men, but a small fraction of North Africans have it, too. Similarly, "if men have a Y chromosome that is more common in Scandinavia than England, they're convinced they're a Viking", says Mark Jobling, a geneticist at the University of Leicester, UK. But that is not necessarily the case. Such nuances are not always conveyed by the companies that offer such services, notes Jobling. What's more, Y-chromosome or mitochondrial markers trace only one strand in a person's ancestry.

Writing in *Nature* magazine, Ewen Callaway describes the latest surveys of human genetic diversity, including the International HapMap Project and the 1000 Genomes Project. Callaway states that "Individuals may soon be able to trace the geographic origins of their ancestors more precisely. An academic project called People of the British Isles has distinguished the genetic signatures of people from neighbouring UK counties."

You can read more in the latest edition of *Nature* at

<http://www.nature.com/news/ancestry-testing-goes-for-pinpoint-accuracy-1.10785>.

My thanks to Sue Burgess for telling me about the article.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) **on June 16, 2012 in** [DNA](#) | [Permalink](#)

Don't Believe Everything You Read! (June 22, 2012)

Experienced genealogists know that even original records contain errors. I found a perfect example of that today.

The 1940 Census records for the State of Maine has now been indexed and is available online. I had previously searched most of the towns where my relatives lived in Maine by looking at the unindexed images and simply turning the pages manually. Most of my relatives lived in small towns in 1940, so finding them wasn't too difficult.

The one exception was my parents: they lived in a larger town that filled about 200 pages of hand-written records. Since I believe I already know all the information to be found about my parents and my two older siblings who were alive in 1940, I was in no rush to look at those records. Thanks to the new indexes, I had a chance to find the records today and was surprised to find my brother listed by the census taker (enumerator) as a 6-year-old **DAUGHTER** of my parents! Yes, that's an error in the original record, not the index.

I am sure my brother wouldn't be too pleased. He was as macho a man as I ever met, an outdoorsman and a true "man's man." He is now deceased, so I won't have an opportunity to tell him about being listed as a girl. However, I can tell you and I will also ask you to pass on the word to all new genealogists: even the original records can be wrong.

A second problem is the spelling of my sister's name. It is correct in the original, handwritten census records but the indexers mis-spelled her first name. At least that is a modern error, not a problem with the original record.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) **on June 22, 2012 in** [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

Could You Pass a US Citizenship Test? (June 24, 2012)

If you are an American, you probably have several ancestors who became naturalized Americans. American citizenship bestows the right to vote, improves the likelihood of family members living in other countries to come and live in the US, gives eligibility for federal jobs, and can be a way to demonstrate loyalty to the US. Applicants must get 6 answers out of 10 in an oral exam to pass the test. According to US Citizenship and Immigration services, 92 percent of applicants pass this test.

Can YOU pass that test? Could you have qualified for citizenship if you weren't born here? See how many of the 96 questions you can answer correctly at <http://goo.gl/dNOF3>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) **on June 24, 2012 in** [Current Affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, September 8, 2012. The program for the morning is titled "**To Be Determined**". The speaker for the morning will be To Be Determined.

THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2012. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER 2012. I WILL PROVIDE UPDATES ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE

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.

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

DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that are scheduled for 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.

Please note that there will be no meetings of the DuPage County Genealogical Society during the months of June, July and August 2012. Meetings will resume again on Wednesday evening, September 19, 2012.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, September 19, 2012. The program scheduled for that evening is **"To Be Determined"**. The speaker for the program will be To Be Determined.

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, July 21, 2012 at the Schaumburg Township District Library from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree"**. The speaker for the program will be Tina Beard.

Learn what's new in the online genealogy community. This session will be packed with tips for finding information and searching subscription databases and free genealogy websites. Come join us!

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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New Virtual Pin Map Introduces Genealogy Pin (June 5, 2012)
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The following announcement was written by [Uencounter.me](http://uencounter.me):



Philadelphia, PA -- June 05, 2012 -- While travel naturally lends itself to the use of a pin map, the team at uencounter.me recognizes the interest and benefit that comes from having the ability to visualize ancestry migration on a map. Users who conduct Genealogy research for their families can now pin locations where family members have been born, lived, worked, and died in addition to marking other major milestones in a family's lineage.

"We are starting with a straightforward format by simply adding a new 'type' of pin to our basic platform and will add features and/or tweak options once we see how people are using the pin", states Leslyn Kantner, CEO and one of the co-founders. Kantner explains that they use feedback from users to enhance the experience on the site and base many of their revisions on specific requests from users. "We noticed that our users are utilizing uencounter.me to map things other than their personal travels, so we reached out to them and asked a series of questions about what they would like to see". A number of responses indicated a desire to be able to specifically mark family migration and visualize it on a map.

As users begin to build their Ancestry maps and mark locations of historical importance, uencounter.me will become another tool in the Genealogy research market. Each time that a pin is placed on a map, surrounding or nearby pins are presented to the

user. "The mapping platform at uencounter.me is founded on a concept of serendipitous discovery" adds Kantner, "as our user base builds, people may find information about relatives in their own ancestry line by seeing a nearby pin from another user".

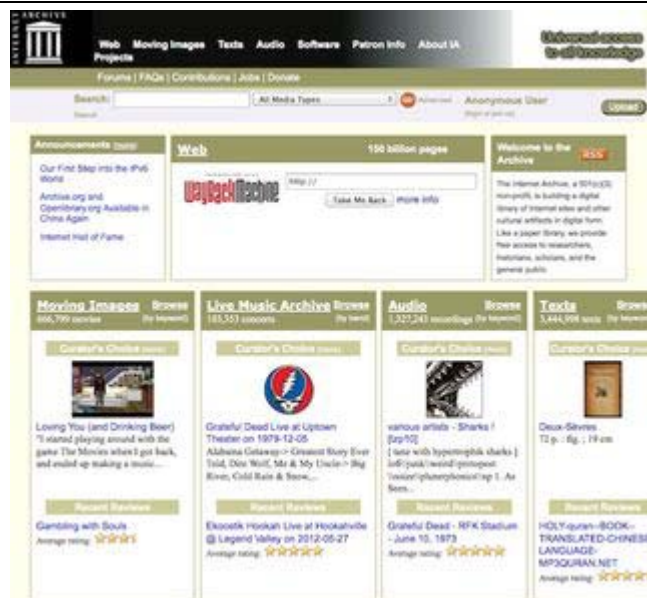
The site launched in November and is slowly accumulating users, many of whom have been mapping personal travel. "Travel is just only one of the many uses for a virtual pin map" suggests Kantner "and we are excited to introduce ideas that help users think of innovative ways to benefit from the map".

Uencounter.me uses a Google map platform and it offers the ability to scroll in close on specific map positions, allowing users to place pins in exact locations. "I was able to add a pin to the map that literally marked the gravesite of my grandmother and then added notes to the pin that are relevant to her death" offers Kantner. "I am then able to add photos and share the information via email or Facebook with other family members. While it does take some time, it is a wonderful visual representation of history for my family".

About: Uencounter.me is a virtual pin map that is social! It was born from an innate curiosity of the interwoven universe in which we reside; the serendipitous nature of our lives, a life time of memories, and a desire to see it in a visual format. CEO Leslyn Kantner coupled a great idea with a lifetime of entrepreneurial spirit and developed a dynamic team to develop and build what is now the only geo-location web application that emphasizes 'people'.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on June 05, 2012 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

The Internet Archive (June 20, 2012)



Is this the world's largest library?

The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of books, papers, recordings, movies, Internet sites, and much more. Like many other libraries, this digital library provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public. This is a great resource for genealogists and many, many others.

The Internet Archive is attempting to store more than just the Internet. In fact, the organization hopes to store either an original or a copy of every book ever published, every movie, every video, every newspaper, every sound recording (and it has some great recordings of Grateful Dead concerts that were never released previously), old time radio shows, and even a broad range of software-related materials including shareware, freeware, video news releases about software titles, speed runs of actual software game play, previews and promos for software games, high-score and skill replays of various game genres, and the art of filmmaking with real-time computer game engines. Whew! In fact, The Internet Archive has thousands of documents of interest to genealogists, including every surviving page of the U.S. Census records from 1790 through 1940. These census records are all available free of charge, as is everything else in The Internet Archive. The census records are not indexed, however, and can only be searched in The Internet Archive by manually going through the records, one page at a time. Thousands of other records of genealogy interest are also available, including many military records, local, state, and federal records, and much more. Many of these documents do not exist elsewhere online and, again, access to everything on The Internet Archive is always free of charge.

Like the aforementioned census records, these records are not indexed, and there is no central search capability. You find information in The Internet Archive in the same manner as most any other traditional library: you search the catalog of items available, find the item you seek, and then search through that item manually. Most of us have done this for years in traditional libraries but have become "spoiled" in recent years by online databases that index every word. The Internet Archive still uses the old-fashioned method.

Not only does The Internet Archive store items in the English language, but it also stores as many foreign language items as possible.

Of course, it will be impossible to store **EVERY** item as some have been lost over the years. The goal of the Internet Archive is to store as many items as possible in order to prevent further losses and then to make those items available to anyone who is interested.

Not everything is stored in digital format. The Internet Archive also has thousands of feet of shelving to store millions of books covering almost every topic imaginable. However, access to these physical books is limited. Where possible, the books have been scanned, and electronic access is available to everyone at no charge. Of course, scanning is a never-ending process. If you do not find what you seek, you might try again in a few months to see if it has been added since your last visit. Keep in mind that items still under copyright generally are not available to the public via the web site although there are a few exceptions where the copyright holders have granted permission.

We are in danger of losing some of our most important historical documents. Books, films, and other means of publishing are notoriously fragile and easily damaged or lost. Many early movies were recycled to recover the silver in the film. The Library of Alexandria - an ancient center of learning that contained a copy of every book in the world - was eventually burned to the ground. The City Archives of Cologne, Germany, including some documents more than 1,000 years old, suffered a building collapse with very few documents ever recovered. The Abruzzo, Italy, State Archives was destroyed by an earthquake in 2009. Most of the surviving documents were also lost when the decision was made to not send in recovery teams due to imminent danger of further collapse of the building. Other floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and similar disasters destroy several paper-based archives every year.

Even now, early in the 21st century, no comprehensive archives of television or radio programs exist.

Without cultural artifacts, civilization has no memory and no mechanism to learn from its successes and failures. And paradoxically, with the explosion of the Internet, we live in what Danny Hillis has referred to as our "[digital dark age](#)." The Internet Archive hopes to provide this memory.

The Digital Library also hosts an archive of web sites, called The Wayback Machine. Would you like to look at a Web page as it existed several years ago? Perhaps you want to look for information that was available on the Web at one time but has since disappeared. The Wayback Machine may be the tool you need. Now you can surf the Web as it was.

The Wayback Machine is named after the famous Mr. Peabody's WABAC (pronounced way-back) machine from the *Rocky and Bullwinkle* cartoon show. This free service makes it possible to surf pages stored in the Internet Archive's web archive. The same service also archives text files, audio, and many video files.

The Wayback Machine was unveiled on October 24, 1996, and has been recording Web pages ever since. I have used it to look at Web pages that I have been maintaining for years, some of which are not connected with genealogy. It was interesting to look at some of my older HTML work. I also looked at some of today's more popular genealogy Web sites. I must say that Ancestry.com has come a long way from their home page of October 28, 1996! It was then known as "Ancestry Search." (See <http://web.archive.org/web/19961028055925/http://www.ancestry.com/>).

The Wayback Machine stores all the text of standard HTML pages. Graphic images may or may not be stored. Fancier Web pages, using XML or Javascript, probably will not be found in The Wayback Machine.

Both The Wayback Machine and its host, The Internet Archive, are among the lesser-used gems that genealogists need to learn about and use frequently. Everything on this huge site is available free of charge. The Internet Archive is funded solely by donations.

You can search The Wayback Machine at: <http://archive.org/>.
WARNING: The Internet Archive is not a simple, easy-to-use site. With millions of items available in many different formats, you will need to spend some time to become familiar with its use. Then again, the same is true of most any large, traditional library. The Internet Archive is no different.

Perhaps you're wondering what the future looks like for this gargantuan project. Brewster Kahle is founder and chairman of the board of The Internet Archive as well as a founder of WAIS Inc. and Alexa Internet. A few months ago, I had an opportunity to interview Brewster Kahle, and our conversation was recorded. Brewster talked about the then-current status of The Internet Archive as well as what he hoped to accomplish in the future. You might want to listen to what Brewster Kahle had to say.

A video recording of that conversation is still available on this newsletter's web site at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/02/video-an-interview-with-brewster-kahle.html and, of course, a copy of it is also available at The Internet Archive at <http://archive.org/details/AnInterviewWithBrewsterKahle>.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the April – June 2012, Volume 38, Number 2 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

“Stop, Thief! A Plagiarism Primer”

By Debbie Mieszala, CG

“The 1940 Federal Census”

By Constance Potter and Diane Petro

“The Threshing Engine: Newspapers Breathe Life Into A Photo”

By J. H. Fonkert, CG

“Confederate Pension Applications: A Resource for 19th Century African-American Genealogy”

By Bryna O’ Sullivan

“Targeted Research Plans”

By Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL

“Compiled Military Service Records, Part II: The Records Outside the CMSR Jacket”

by Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

“An Overview of Immigration Records”

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

“Review of Personal Historian 2”

Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

“Genealogy in Your Pocket”

By Jordan Jones

“Autograph Books: A Neglected Resource”

By Harold E. Hinds, Jr., PH.D

“Rules of Genealogy”

By Susan Zacharias

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Targeted Research Plans". The author of the article is Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL. I think the article can help us to re-focus our research efforts rather than allowing us to just "meander" along an unguided research path.

I am as guilty as the next genealogical researcher. An idea strikes me based on some random thought and soon I am embarking down an undisciplined path of further research. I may get half-way down that path only to think of another idea, abandon the first effort and go down another path. By the end of my thought process and physical effort, do I really have anything more to show for my efforts? Many times, not. This is why we have to give ourselves guidance and an organized path to follow to solve our research dilemmas.

So what exactly is a research plan? According to the author consider the following:

- Set Goals
- Review Information
- Establish Objectives
- Select Documents and Location
- Research
- Analyze and Incorporate Information
- Re-Examine the Plan

Think of a goal as the purpose of our research. According to the author, "a goal needs focus with a clear, understandable, and explicit statement". You can have a vague goal; A broad goal; or a more focused goal. Do not be too vague. Having a goal of finding all of the (Surname A) may send you down a path of uncertainty. Focusing a goal down to a more specific level like "Finding the parents of Person A" is more concrete offering better chances of success.

Review your material. If you just accumulate and do not review you stand the chance of not discovering new links on relationships to the material you have. You may have answers to your research dilemmas right in your own folders of information on the people you are researching. You just have not made the connections because you simply did not know you had the connections without reviewing the data every so often. By reviewing we also can establish data that is missing and still needs to be researched.

Establish an objective after doing your review. Perhaps your review indicated a marriage occurred in 1895 for a family that was still intact in 1900. Establish an objective to search for the marriage record as well as to review the 1900 census to see how the family changed between 1895 and 1900. I would even go a step farther and establish an objective that brings in a target date for you to accomplish the objective. If you don't provide a time interval to yourself it may stay open permanently.

What document can provide you with the missing information? Maybe we have done the obvious such as finding a death certificate to establish a death date. Maybe civil

documents were not established by the state or the county at the time. Think of alternative documents outside of the obvious ones to resolve your problem.

Now you need to do your research. It is a well thought out inquiry into and study of various facts. Don't forget to document what are things you have looked at in your quest. Make note of these items, where you looked and your results because you will undoubtedly go through and repeat needlessly again at some point in the future as your persons being researched increases in numbers.

Analyze and incorporate your information in a meaningful way. Look at ***ALL*** of the information on any document you have. Have a marriage record. Maybe all you captured was the information on the bride and groom. How about the parent's information for the bride and groom? How about the witnesses' names to the marriage? How about where the marriage took place? How about who officiated at the marriage? There can be so much more on any one document we look at that provides so much more information for us to catapult further research.

At the end we need to re-examine the plan in its entirety. It all boils down to the question of "Did we solve our dilemma?" If we honestly met our goal, move on to the next one. Or are there still further questions? Review, review and review!

A plan will give us the focus we need. Stop your meandering routes research that is ineffective and will not accomplish our goals. Being disciplined in research with a clear-cut targeted research plan just makes our time spent more effective and productive. Break the bad habit of unfocused research.

I recommend reading the entirety of this article to absorb all of the good parts provided on the author to create your own personal targeted research plan.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "The 1940 Census". The authors of this article are Constance Potter and Diane Petro. The article provides some background material on the 1940 Census in general but in particular provides information on new pieces of information that were captured during this event. The researcher should be aware of this new data and be aware it exists to help further in their research.

The obvious rage at the moment for genealogists is the just released 1940 census that was made available online in April 2012. Census data is released after a 72 year interval in the United States. Thus, the 1940 Census has been released after fulfilling that time interval when the data is private. Previously, census data was released via microfilms. Researchers had to go through laborious processes that were labor intensive to research the data in this format. This is the first Census release in which the images of the census pages were immediately released as digitized images available for free via the Internet. Volunteers throughout the country are in the process of transcribing the data into a format that will allow for indexing by surname and many other data fields once completed. The population in 1940 was approximately 132 million people.

The authors noted that respondents to the Census were asked thirteen questions on employment. This was important because the United States was still in the throes of an economic slowdown following the Great Depression that started in 1929. Don't overlook these responses from your ancestors.

The authors also noted that the 1940 Census asked supplemental questions for only two people on pre-selected lines of the census questionnaire. Do not overlook these supplemental responses. They may be from your own ancestors.

Also noted is the fact that the Enumeration Districts for the 1940 Census were smaller in size than previously. The average Enumeration District (ED) equates to about 50 to 60 ledger pages. So once you determine an ED of an ancestor, your quest of looking for the details should be found quicker because the data is smaller in overall size within the ED.

Here are some of the highlighted pieces of data the genealogical researcher should review:

- Column 7 – This is actually the Name field where a person’s name is identified within the census. Look in this column for a “circled x”. The census taker was to note who provided the information for the family unit by making this mark next to this person’s name in this column. Now you can blame “Aunt Mary” for giving you information that your own research may show to be inaccurate.
- Column 14 – This is the Education – Highest Grade of School Completed question. This is the first time the census asked for the highest grade completed. Now you will have a good insight into how much education your ancestor received. Children will probably reflect a higher amount of education than even their parents.
- Column 16: Citizenship of the Foreign Born? This is an additional question than occurred in previous censuses. It takes into account American citizens that may have been born abroad or at sea. This can provide the researcher with some interesting pieces of information for those unusual citizenship inquiries that may apply to your own ancestor.
- Column 17 – 20: In What Place Did This Person Live on April 1, 1935? What a great way to look at responses on where people were 5 years previously. This question acts like a mid-term state census question that was often asked in between Federal decennial censuses. The Census Bureau indicated that about 80% of respondents noted they lived in the same place 5 years previously. But now for the other 20%, you will now have another geographic location noted that you may not have been aware of to pursue further research. How great is this piece of information?
- Columns 21 – 33: Employment Status? Respondents to this question had to be at least 14 years old. Except for columns 27 and 31, the answers apply to week of March 24 to 30, 1940. You will now be able to see information on money, wages, salary received by the respondent. Many respondents may show zero dollars because they were self-employed and did not receive wages or a salary.
- Column 22: Public Emergency Work? Did your ancestor participate in some form of public emergency work program? Here is a great place to see if they did. Again, the responses apply to the week of March 24 to 30, 1940. This may indicate participation in the Works Program Administration (WPA), National Youth Administration (NYA), Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) or

state or local work relief agencies. Now you may be able to determine if an ancestor was involved in any of these emergency work programs.

- Columns 35 – 50: Questions on the Supplemental Schedules? Two people on pre-selected lines of the initial census ledger were asked to respond to further questions. That amounted to about 5% of the population being asked these questions. **DO NOT FORGET TO LOOK HERE TO SEE IF YOUR ANCESTOR WAS ON A PRE-SELECTED LINE TO RESPOND TO THESE SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS.** In these supplemental questions respondents were asked to provide information on the birthplace of the parents of the respondent, military service and if a person had deductions for Social Security or Railroad Retirement taken from wages. Social Security had only been in place since August 1935. The respondent was asked if the person had a Social Security Card. Veterans were asked if they had served in the World War (I), Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion. If the respondent was in a regular military establishment, was asked whether peacetime service only or another war or expedition.

The 1940 Census provides a great deal of information. Don't overlook it and just look at the basic information for your ancestor. Take note of the above highlighted fields of data that are new, different and in some regards unusual. Your ancestor may have given you another insight into their lives of April 1940. You can find some interesting insights about your ancestors if you take the time to look at the 1940 Census responses fully, ancestor by ancestor. It sounds like we would all take the time to really analyze what was said by our ancestors. But sometimes we get wrapped up in the moment of just seeing their name and a few other things. We move on too quickly to other ancestors and don't get all of the details that are staring us in the face that provide us with so much more.

The authors did a great job in this article of making us aware that so much more exists in this 1940 Census that we should not overlook. Many of us are still waiting for the indexing of the data to be completed before we make these discoveries. But for other researchers, they did their pre-release preparation and are now taking advantage of finding their ancestors by enumeration districts. Once found this way, you can then scroll through the ED and find your ancestor and open up the treasure trove of information that applies to them months in advance of seeing them through the indexing process when completed.

I recommend that you read the entire article. There are many more insights mentioned that apply to being able to fully use the 1940 Census data that exists.

You can find this most recent issue of [NGS Magazine](#) on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Look at the summary I provided earlier on of the Table of contents of the various articles that were included. See if any article really applies to your own personal research. Take a look at the magazine read the article of interest. Jumpstart your research by reading some of the great information in this journal.

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## **Avotaynu**

We have received the Spring 2012, Volume XXVIII, Number 1 issue of [Avotaynu](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Introducing LeafSeek: A Free, Open Source Genealogical Search Engine in A Box"**

By Brooke Schreier Ganz

**"Navigating Immigration and Naturalization Service Subject, Policy, Correspondence Files: Board of Special Inquiry Appeal Files"**

By Zack A. Wilske

**"U.S. Bureau of Investigation Files Yield Genealogical Gems"**

By Martin Fischer

**"How and Why Galician Jewish Refugees Became Stateless After World War I"**

By Gershon Lehrer

**"Two Hundred Years of Scottish Jewry: A Demographic and Genealogical Profile"**

By Neville Lamdan and Michael Tobias

**"Jabotinsky Is Dead"**

By Michael Goldstein

**"Remembering Steve Siegel (1947 – 2012)"**

By Arthur Kurzweil

**"Paris, July 2012: A Place for Sephardic History and Genealogy"**

By Lawrence Abensur-Hazan

**"How the Paris Conference Will Be Different"**

By Georges Graner

**"Genealogy of Bukharan Jewry: Genealogical Sources and Issues"**

By Albert Kaganovitch

**"Cemetery Land Records as A Genealogical Resource"**

By Dianne Feldman

**"The Gubernia Military Police Department"**

By Iwona Dakiniewicz

**"Methodology: How I solved the Auntie Rosenbaum Mystery"**

By Francois Delage

**"Landsmanshaftin Research Part I: Inside the YIVO Landsmanshaftin Collection"**

By Avrohom A. Krauss

**"Landsmanshaftin Research Part II: Identifying Ancestral Towns And Landsmanshaftin"**

By Avrohom A. Krauss

**"Landsmanshaftin Research Part III: Where and How to Find Landsmanshaftin Records"**

By Avrohom A. Krauss

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Book Reviews". The books that were extensively reviewed in this section are titled:

***Jewish Lives in New Zealand: A History***

Editors Leonard Bell and Diana Morrow

***Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos 1933-45: Volume 2 – Ghettos in German Occupied Eastern Europe***

by Geoffrey P. Magargee, General Editor and Martin Dea,  
Volume Editor

You will also find a section in this issue titled "From Our Mailbox". In this section you will find some rather lengthy questions/comments posed by readers to the journal and other readers. There are no responses by the staff, but the length and depth of the letters is very impressive and worth taking a look at.

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

I thought that an interesting article in this issue is one titled "U. S. Bureau of Investigation Files Yield Genealogical Gems" authored by Martin Fischer. Sometimes databases small in scope containing a limited number of years of information often yield interesting results to the genealogical researcher. This particular database mentioned in the title is actually the precursor agency to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This database covers a small amount of overall years from 1908 to 1922. This information can be accessed from within the subscribable website at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com). The data includes "documents concerning World War I era draft evasions investigations, deportation and immigration cases, as well as transcripts of federal agents' interviews with suspected radicals, witnesses and informants."

Sounds to me like a goldmine for genealogical researchers to get the real dirty stories on ancestors! The fact that there may immigration related data contained therein is also of interest to researchers, although one may think if data is there about our ancestors it must be related to "bad things" our ancestors did since this agency is the precursor to the FBI!

The article notes that this database may be of interest to Jewish genealogists because there are transcripts from agents related to the arrest of radicals arrested in the "Red Scare" raids of January 1920. It has to do with arresting recent immigrants who were seeking to overthrow the U. S. Government. Think of the "Red Scare" as connecting to the Bolshevik revolution that had just recently occurred in Russia and the status of Lenin at that time in the formation of the communist state of Russia.

The article basically provides extensive amounts of information that were uncovered in this database about two people, Julius Polansky and Harry Feinberg. It sounds like this is all about "Big Brother" watching over the rest of us and trying to separate the good from the bad.

I am always fascinated in the not so "good" stories of our ancestors. The reality is that all of our ancestors were not perfect by any means. This is a small database of data covering a limited number of years. But it sounds like the data to be uncovered here is juicy to say the least! Because it is so small, the chances of finding something on your particular ancestor may be small, but good stories are worth pursuing. Here is a link to the actual database from Fold3 for you to look through and maybe give it a try to find something not so good about an ancestor. You can see more about this database at:

[http://www.fold3.com/page/93\\_investigative\\_case\\_files\\_of\\_the\\_bureau/](http://www.fold3.com/page/93_investigative_case_files_of_the_bureau/)

Take a look at the entirety of this article especially if you want to see more details about the two particular cases mentioned in the article concerning Julius Polansky and Harry Feinberg. These two were two were obviously highlighted because of the extensive amount of information contained in this database about them.

Take a look at the listing above of all of the articles contained in this recent issue of Avotaynu to see if any have a more direct connection of interest to your own personal research. You can find this most recent issue of Avotaynu on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

We have just added an interesting and different genealogy oriented book to our circulating collection. The title of the book is ***From the Family Kitchen: Discover Your Food Heritage and Preserve Favorite Recipes***. The author of the book is Gena Philibert-Ortega. The book was published in 2012. It was added to our circulating collection in April 2012. The book is about 205 pages in length. The call number of the book is 641.5 PHILIBERT-ORTEGA, G. Please note that the book is cataloged in the 641 section which generally is considered for cookbooks. But be aware that there is a good amount of genealogical information contained in the book.

Chapters in the book are:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1 - Food Heritage
- Chapter 2 - They Brought Their Food with Them'
- Chapter 3 - Oysters, Peacocks and Green Jell-O
- Chapter 4 - Food Throughout Time
- Chapter 5 - Cookbooks and Menus
- Chapter 6 - How To Find Your Ancestors' Recipes
- Chapter 7 - Decipher Old Cooking Terms

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| Chapter 8                  | - | The Arts of Dining and Cleaning |
| Chapter 9                  | - | Historical Recipes              |
| Templates                  |   |                                 |
| Bibliography and Resources |   |                                 |
| Index                      |   |                                 |

One thing I noticed right away to orient you to the pagination contained is that you will need to look on either the middle of either the left-side page or the right-side page in the open sidebar page to find the page number. The page number is contained in a graphic and may not at first be visible to you. If you use the index to find page numbers you might have originally said as I did "Where in the heck is the page number?"

I will also say that you should be prepared to see a rather small type-font used for printing. The words do look small on the page. Be prepared to adjust your eyes to small type font size.

The author of this book is a familiar name if you routinely read Family Chronicle or Internet Genealogy. She has contributed many articles to these genealogy journals. So a book like this will have a genealogy connection and will not just be a recipe/cook book.

The author sets the stage for the fullness of the book by giving us some background about food and how that connects to our ancestors. She notes that there is a social history to food and our ancestors. There is a history of food traditions within our ancestral connections. The author also states a good case that knowing about any food histories or traditions we may have heard about or even experienced ourselves makes for the more interesting stories over and above birth, marriage and death information. This is perfect scrapbook, family cookbook, Blog, Wiki information we should consider to make the lives of our ancestors that much more interesting.

The author provides all kinds of background in a geographical manner on the food interests you may find in the U.S. She mentions background information on food as you may find it in New York, the Midwest, the South, the Southwest, California, the Pacific Northwest. She provides some references to some old (1880) recipes that are not to be read by the squeamish (page 47 – Turtle Soup and Mock Turtle Soup).

Chapter 4 gives us insights into how technological advances affected our food preservation and processes and ultimately our own lives. Such things as cast iron stoves, refrigeration, railroads, canned foods, salting, pickling, smoking and how even world wars affected us with foods.

Chapter 5 gives us the insights into what is all about cookbooks. Today, we may be losing even the connection to actual cookbooks and substituting the internet into the equation as our modern day cookbooks. But knowing the history of the cookbook and how it became and how it has evolved is fascinating to see and understand. In this chapter the author also mentions restaurants and the menus they presented to diners. On pages 76-77 the author even includes an 1856 menu from Congress Hall in Saratoga Springs, New York! You gotta take a look at this interesting menu!

Chapter 6 brings us the broader connection of food to genealogy. Here is where you will find out about how to track down and capture food/recipe information about our ancestors. She mentions the Home Sources to consider. She mentions how we can discover this through our interviews of living relatives. The author even provides us with a nice list of food oriented questions we can ask our living relatives when we do our interview. Not to be forgotten but the author also provides us with great tips on how we can use

Google to discover food related research that pertains to our ancestors or the times and locations of our ancestors. This includes accessing the Google News Archive, Google Timeline, Google Books and Google Blog Search.

In Chapter 7 the author provides us with a nice historical glossary of food/cooking terms. They all look French to me!! Dry and liquid measurements are discussed. Cooking temperatures are noted. This is a fascinating chapter that gives us the details that our ancestors of 100 years or more ago would have been much more familiar with. Now we get to better understand what they did to cook then through this book.

Chapter 9 presents us with a series of historical recipes dating back to 1894. How about:

- Clear Ox-Tail
- Brains
- Kidney Stew
- Haunch of Venison
- Ham bones
- Squirrels
- Johnny Cake
- Fairy Ginger Bread
- Mutton Pot Pie
- Stuffed Eggs
- Oyster Pie
- Rice Pie
- Beef Loaf

There are many more recipes to peruse through (and try today) in this chapter.

This is the kind of book and subject that is worth turning to if you are having a hard time getting through your ancestral brick walls. The lives of your ancestors may be even more livened up through a topic like this rather than discovering the date of their marriage!

I also found some online reviews of this book that I want to include. Here are the links to some other observations of this recently published book:

<http://www.amazon.com/From-Family-Kitchen-Discover-Heritage/dp/1440318271>

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14618500-from-the-family-kitchen>

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2012/05/explore-the-food-your-ancestors-ate-in-a-new-book-by-gena-philibert-ortega.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/05/explore-the-food-your-ancestors-ate-in-a-new-book-by-gena-philibert-ortega.html)

<http://genalines.blogspot.com/2012/05/preserving-your-food-heritage.html>

We now have this fascinating book on our shelves. You can check it out from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating collection. The call number of this great book is 641.5 PHILIBERT-ORTEGA, G. (Remember, it is in the cooking/recipe section of our library, not the genealogy section).

I think you will enjoy it and just be fascinated with tidbits of information you will discover on the food of our ancestors.



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

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| <b>Google and Quickoffice to Compete with Microsoft Office (June 6, 2012)</b> |
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**Quickoffice®**  
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This should be fun to watch: two industry giants will slug it out, trying to dominate one of the most profitable segments of Microsoft's catalog of applications.

Yesterday, Google announced that it is acquiring Quickoffice, an office suite of programs (word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation programs) that run on iPhones, iPad, Android, Android tablets, and Symbian devices. Google already has a complementary product, called Google Docs, that is cloud-based and runs on almost any computer, including Windows and Macintosh. Adding Quickoffice gives Google a quick addition of non-cloud applications. I am guessing that Quickoffice can also easily be ported to Windows and Macintosh, although that is not available today.

Microsoft makes millions of dollars of profit from the sales of Microsoft Office and the encroachment by Google Docs has already hurt Microsoft financially. Google Docs is free to individual users and also is available at very low prices to corporations. It's tough for Microsoft to sell an office suite for \$120 or more when its biggest competitor has a similar product that is free or almost free. Now the addition of Quickoffice should provide even more competition for Microsoft.

**NOTE:** Google has not yet announced the pricing for Quickoffice. The previous owners have been selling Quickoffice for free to \$19.99, depending upon the version being purchased. Google could easily change those prices, although it is doubtful that Google will raise the prices.

To be sure, Microsoft is already preparing Office 15 (also known as Office 2013). Add this to the soon-to-be-released Windows 8 for desktop, laptop, and Windows Tablet

computers. Microsoft should be able to upgrade most of its present customers, gaining millions in sales. However, a strong new competitive product could significantly reduce the sales of Office 15, even if Windows 8 does sell well. While sales to private individuals are important to Microsoft's bottom line, the bulk of the profits come from sales to large corporations.

Some analysts believe that Office, and not Windows, has become the lead cash cow at Microsoft. In contrast, Google has millions (or billions?) of dollars to spend in product development and in advertising.

Microsoft Office has become "bloated" over the years as Microsoft has tried to add in every conceivable option and feature. The office suite runs slowly on all but the most powerful computers. In contrast, Quickoffice is highly regarded as a "lean and mean" product that runs quickly, even on low-powered handheld devices.

Microsoft still has one sales ploy that Google cannot touch: Microsoft can offer bundle deals to computer manufacturers to pre-load both Windows 8 and Office 15 on all new computers sold. I am sure Microsoft will do exactly that. I am guessing that Microsoft will sell a lot of copies of Office 15, regardless of what Google does. However, Microsoft needs to do more than sell "a lot of copies" in order to turn a profit; it needs to totally dominate the marketplace, as it has done in the past. That may be more difficult with a strong new competitor selling a similar product at much lower prices.

This should be fun to watch.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on June 06, 2012 in [Off Topic](#) | [Permalink](#)

### Calibre for e-books (June 10, 2012)

Do you need to catalog and keep track of the many e-books you have obtained? How about creating your own e-book version of a book or other document you have created or downloaded in some other format? That way, you can read the newly-created e-book in your own reading device.



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**Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on June 10, 2012 in [Books](#), [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)**

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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:

[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=OCFOQsAQ&biw=1024&bih=566](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=OCFOQsAQ&biw=1024&bih=566)





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An “\*”)*

- Jul 10            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2012            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>
- Jul 14            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 – 12:00 PM.

(Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have Occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.)  
"2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workshop Program)

Topic for the meeting "**Writer's Workshop – Part I**"

Facilitated by Nancy R. Thomas

Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or

P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

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Topic for the meeting "**Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree**"

Presented by Tina Beard

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Aug 12  
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Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA)

984 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, IL

Polish Museum of America

2:00 PM

Program Title is: "**To Be Determined**"

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Visit the Society's website at [www.pgsa.org](http://www.pgsa.org)

for further information on the society and the program.

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TUE  
2012

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**"Liven Up Your Family History with Images"**

Presented by Mike Karsen.

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Topic for the meeting "**Atlas of County Boundaries and HistoryGeo.com**"

Presented by Sandra Trapp and Kathy Kult

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2012

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, September 1, 2012.

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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)

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Topic for the meeting "**Getting the Most Out of the Allen County Public Library Road Trip**"  
Presented by Elaine Beaudoin, Caron Brennan, Ken Kirkland, Susan McConville  
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Topic for the meeting "**To Be Announced**"  
Presented by John Stryker  
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- Oct 9  
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**"Organizing and Writing My Family History"**  
Presented by Steve Szabados.  
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Topic for the meeting **"Flip-Pal Workshop (Portable Scanner)"**  
Facilitated by Mary Hoyer  
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Topic for the meeting **"What's New At Family Search"**  
Presented by Susan Anderson  
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**"The "NEW" FamilySearch Website"**  
Presented by Maureen Brady.  
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**"Ancestry Primer: Ancestry.com"**  
Presented by Caron Primas Brennan.  
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**"Engaging the Next Generation: Parents and Grandparents Inspiring Children About Genealogy"**  
Presented by Jennifer Holik-Urban.  
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**"Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals"**

Presented by Teresa S. McMillin, CG.  
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