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## September 11, 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our September 11, 2012 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

Prior to this "new" process, our program handouts would actually be paper handouts that were based on me often printing up the first page related to a web site that I wanted to mention. Then on the paper for the web site I would handwrite what things of importance are associated with the web site that the researcher should know. Maybe it was a new web site or maybe an important date related to a significant event or maybe a new database was released. Whatever it was I noted it on the paper of the first page of the web site.

The source for the vast majority of what is in the Handouts is the monthly Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter. From within this larger document I extract information on upcoming genealogy programs local to our area, important items from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Blog, as well as I summarize some key periodical articles of interest that I think are important to be aware of. The Handouts simply provide me with the opportunity to focus in on what I consider are important genealogical bits of information important to the researcher as well as to share my own personal thoughts on why it is of note.

You will also see a small redesign of the PDF Handout package. You will now see a Table of Contents on Page 1 listing what the following "handouts" are by topic. Within the Table of contents you can quickly access the handouts by using the hyperlinks and bookmarks that will get you quickly to your handout of interest. You will no longer have to scroll through the entire package of handouts to get to the one you want.

I also plan on use the "yellow highlight" tool within Word and highlight certain areas of these notes that I think are important to note. The visual highlighting will take your eyes to areas of importance to note. Please let me know if you think this OK or if it may be a distraction? I thought I would give it a try.

Going forward I plan on creating this document on a monthly basis that will include my notes regarding a web site of interest and a link to the web site itself.

The reader of this "handout" list can themselves then read my overview summary of the site and then link to the site directly themselves to get more details or print out what they want from site.

I will clearly identify my own comments when the handout is a combination of material that came from some other source such as Dick Eastman's blog as well as my own comments. I will indicate my comments in Italics, clearly marked so the reader can distinguish between the original verbiage and my own comments. If a handout item was completely created by me then you will see that noted at the top.

In this case, the entirety of the handout was created by me and will not be shown in Italics.

This program "Handout" information will then be uploaded to the Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Blog that is titled "Genealogy with Tony". This blog will be accessible from the library's main web site page at [www.schaumburglibrary.org](http://www.schaumburglibrary.org). Select "Local History and Genealogy" at the top of the page, then look for the icon on the Local History and Genealogy page that says "Tony's Genealogy Blog". Open the blog link and then look at the right hand sidebar of the blog and you will see the "Handouts" information. The direct web address for the blog I author is <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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**Handout #1 – VISIT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY GENEALOGY BLOG**

I will continue to remind participants of our library’s new genealogy blog. You can access it through our library home page at [www.SchaumburgLibrary.org](http://www.SchaumburgLibrary.org) by scrolling across the top of the first page and look for the tab that says “Local History and Genealogy”. Click on that tab and look on the right side for our library genealogy blog on the right side that says “Tony’s Genealogy Blog”.

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

You will find postings on upcoming programs, both at our library, and elsewhere in the area. You will also find a myriad of other kinds of postings, especially those that I offer on “Genealogy Tips” to help make your research efforts more productive.

You will also find our Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter and our “Program Handouts” at the blog as PDF files for you to view online, or download and save to your own computer for future referral.

Please remember that the blog will be the place to retrieve the newsletter and the “handouts”. I do not plan on making paper handouts of these available for distribution at the program or for mailing to individuals.

Try to visit the blog frequently to see what is going on. Subscribe to the blog via RSS (Really Simple Syndication) and you will receive notices when a new post or comment has been made at the blog. Or, just click on the WordPress icon in the lower right part of your screen that simply states “Follow”. By clicking on the “Follow” link you will subscribe to the blog and will receive follow-up e-mail notices when I publish a new post.

Our blog is the way of the future and the future is here now!

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**Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS ON OCTOBER 6, 2012**

**THE SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 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, October 6, 2012. The program for the morning is titled **"Skeletons In Our Closets"**. The speaker for the morning will be Robin Seidenberg.

Robin Seidenberg, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in French from the University of Chicago and fulfilled most of her Ph.D. requirements at the University of Illinois. As a former college French teacher, she has used her linguistic skills to translate family records from Polish and old Cyrillic. Robin serves as executive vice-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois and president of the Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts, and is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Meetings are held at the Arlington Heights Senior Center at 1801 West Central Road in Arlington Heights. They begin at 10:00 AM with a Round-Table discussion/mingling time starting at 9:30 AM. They encourage people to bring their research problems, achievements or interesting tips to share with each other during the time prior to the program start. The main portion of the meeting begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Donations are always welcome! Coffee is available to attendees for a charge.

You may visit the society web page at for any further details on the program as well as on the society:

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

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**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT SOCIETY PROGRAM ON 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 **“Skeletons in Our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal”**. The speaker for the program will be Robin Seidenberg.

Robin Seidenberg, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in French from the University of Chicago and fulfilled most of her Ph.D. requirements at the University of Illinois. As a former college French teacher, she has used her linguistic skills to translate family records from Polish and old Cyrillic. Robin serves as executive vice-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois and president of the Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts, and is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

This meeting will take place at the Wheaton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room. The address of the Library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. The meeting room opens at 6:30 PM. Refreshments are available at that time. The program starts at 7 PM and will conclude by no later than 9 PM.

You may visit the society web page to find out further information about this program and other future programs the society has on their schedule at:

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

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**Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGG-NI) NEXT PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY**

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, September 15, 2012 at the Schaumburg Township District Library from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Genealogist's Electronic Toolbox"**. The speaker for the program will be John Stryker.

CAGGNI's highly popular technology speaker, John Stryker, is back with an impressive and extensive array of tools to aid the genealogist in their research. Don't miss this exciting offering!

Join us for this informative and enjoyable historical geography presentation.

You may visit the organization web page to find out further information about this program and other future programs the society has on their schedule at:

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

Visit the group's web site noted above for information about this program as well as what CAGG-NI is all about.

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**Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 9, 2012**

Our next Genealogy Program will take place on Tuesday evening, October 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening is Steve Szabados. Steve will present a program titled **“Organize and Share Your Family History”**.

Steve Szabados will present his process and format to help make your research efforts more efficient and the results easier to read, digest and share. Your information will “come alive” for everyone. Please note that this presentation is not a How-To on publishing a book or organizing your file cabinet. Instead, it will discuss how to organize the information extracted from your documents and oral histories. The program will also cover some non-traditional sources of information that can add rare treasures to your family history.

After some initial successes while researching his family’s history, Steve developed a passion for genealogy research and now wants to share his research experiences with others. He has given a number of presentations on his experiences to local genealogy societies and workshops for the Champaign Historical Archives. Steve is also a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. His roots are Polish and Hungarian plus he has also researched German, Irish, English, Scottish, Slovenian and Bohemian records. He has been able to trace one branch of his Polish family back to the 1730s, his wife’s Slovenian and Bohemian ancestors back to the 1750s and his son-in-law’s Bohemian ancestors back to about 1650.

You may visit the library’s web page at:

[www.SchaumburgLibrary.org](http://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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## Handout #6 – COULD “WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?” RE-APPEAR ON TV IN 2013?

*The following was found at Dick Eastman’s Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated August 16, 2012.*

Dan Bucatinsky posted the following on his Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DanBucatinsky>:

**“WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?” on DVD ! And Season 3 coming soon. Look for an all new season in 2013!!! on an all new network!**

And who is Dan Bucatinsky? and why would he know? **Dan was the co-executive producer (along with Lisa Kudrow) of the recently-canceled U.S. version of “Who Do You Think You Are?” on NBC.** I would think he should know.

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*Based on the Facebook post noted from the above Dick Eastman news item, is it really possible that “Who Do You Think You Are?” will be resurrected on another TV network for another new season of star-studded genealogy stories??*

**In May 2012 the well-received TV show was suddenly and unexpectedly axed from NBC where it had called home for three TV seasons.** *It appeared the show was gaining strength in viewer audience over each year. The cancellation did come as a surprise in light of the success the show was generating.*

**Dick Eastman does note that the comment on Facebook was left by someone that has an extraordinary connection to the show itself. Someone that may in fact know a lot more about what is going on behind the scenes regarding the show. As Dick notes Dan Bucatinsky is the co-producer of the show itself and not someone unaffiliated with the show making some “teasing” comments.**

*So I guess only time will tell whether “Who Do You think You Are?” returns to TV with new episodes. It may still return to TV in “encore” mode (reruns!) since there are about 30 episodes that can be replayed.*

*Now I guess the genealogy community will be parking at the doorstep of the Facebook account of Dan Bucatinsky to see what other “bombshells” he drops over time regarding the re-emergence of the show or reporting on the “final nail in the coffin” of the popular show.*

**I personally would like to see the show return with new episodes. The stories were good. The stars were interesting.** *The show could certainly give a boost to someone new to the world of genealogy and send them on the research trail they perhaps would not follow had they not seen the show.*

*The show generally made its appearance in the February timeframe of the year. Shows like this generally have a full season of shows “in the can” awaiting release. **So it is not that unlikely that there are already at least 12 new shows awaiting***

*distribution.* So let's hope the show can find a new home so we can continue to enjoy new stories about celebrity ancestors.

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## Handout #7 – NO NEW VERSION OF FAMILY TREE MAKER FOR 2013

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated August 17, 2012.*

Ancestry.com has quietly announced there will be no major upgrade for Family Tree Maker this year. However, the company does plan to add numerous improvements to the present version: Family Tree Maker 2012. The following is an email message I received from Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com normally announces the newest version of Family tree Maker around this time of the year. Instead we have decided to make several key updates to the existing software, and give those updates away for free. We will be working hard this year to improve the current product and you will see these bonus features throughout the year.

Remember, you will need to upgrade to Family Tree Maker 2012 before you can download the bonus features. Since Family Tree Maker 2012 was released last fall, a number of updates have been sent out that include improvements and new features. Here's a list of just some of these great changes:

- Numerous enhancements to TreeSync so syncing your tree to Ancestry.com is faster and more reliable
- A new Family View Report that displays a person's ancestors, spouse, and children together (similar to the Family View in the People workspace)
- A new Undocumented Facts Report that lists people's facts that have no source documentation
- The ability to merge info from multiple versions of the same fact
- New source templates for the 1940 U.S. census and improved support for city directories
- Dozens of report enhancements including performance improvements and new options in the relationship chart, family group sheet, Individual Report, Notes Report, Data Errors Report, Outline Descendant Report, Media Item Report, photo albums, Media Usage Report, Documented Facts Report, and calendar

And there are more enhancements to come in the next bonus update—so stayed tuned.

**UPDATE:** The above comments also apply to Family Tree Maker for Macintosh.

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*WOW! That is a first that there is really going to be no new version of Family Tree Maker appearing under the Christmas Tree this year. Like clockwork, Family Tree Maker pumped out new versions as a stand-alone release year after year after year! Now it appears updates are going to be made available to the existing 2012 version "for free" rather than including these "updates" in a new version.*

*One thing I would often tell my readers is that you never did have to purchase the new version of the software year after year. Your existing version would continue to work fine on your existing machine once it was there. The "new" annual version often was just the same software you had but it incorporated know "problem" fixes that may have been minor overall in the update process.*

*This announcement actually seems to reflect that outlook of simply making these corrections available for free during the upcoming year. Family Tree Maker also identifies new features that will be included for free in addition to the "bug" fixes.*

*I wonder where this change of heart is coming from? Could it be from feedback from its own customers? Was Family Tree Maker 2012 a roaring success or a tepid success? Could it be from competition from other software developers for genealogy lineage programs such as Roots Magic, Legacy Family Tree, Master Genealogist? Could it be from more and more software existing in the "cloud" that does not require a user to actually purchase and install on their own machine the software. Maybe Family Tree Maker just needed to shake itself up?*

*I guess we will never know the reason. For those of you that own Family Tree Maker 2012, you appear to be positioned in a good spot to receive a lot of "bonus" software upgrades for your program throughout the year, including what might be some nice new functionality as noted from the above list reported by Dick Eastman.*

*Just having a new "1940 Census Template" as one of the goodies to incorporate into your program is a nice touch. The 1940 Census data is a hot topic for all of us researchers so being able to incorporate something that new into your program rather than waiting is a nice gesture.*

*The updates and "bonuses" also apply for the Macintosh version of the same program. This is nice that Apple product users will not be left out in the dark with this process. It often happens that Windows lineage program often get updated with features before the same features are made available in the Apple/Macintosh world. So Mac users will not be left behind in this process from within Family Tree Maker.*

*Those of you with the 2012 version of Family Tree Maker, sit back during the next year and start collecting your "bonus" updates without having to spend another dime for this annually revised product.*

*Enjoy your treat!*

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## Handout #8 – ONLINE COURSES – POWER SEARCHING WITH GOOGLE

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated August 18, 2012.*

Want to become a Google Expert? There is one organization that will show you how: Google.

Google used to conduct occasional live "webinars" that taught the finer points of using the search engine. In the past, you had to be seated at your computer at a designated time to participate in the live seminars. The company has now "canned" those lessons and made them available at any time of the day or night. There are six 50-minute classes, free for anybody to try.

The lessons include:

- Class 1 - Introduction
- Class 2 - Interpreting results
- Class 3 - Advanced techniques
- Class 4 - Find facts faster
- Class 5 - Checking your facts
- Class 6 - Putting it all together
- Power Searching with Search Experts Video
- Hang Out with Search Experts Video

The lessons are available as a video, in text, or as a slide show (in Google Docs, of course).

I'd suggest you take a look at the lessons. You'll be pleased at how much easier it is to find what you're looking for once you learn a few tricks.

"Power Searching with Google" is available at

<http://www.powersearchingwithgoogle.com/course>

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*I am a big believer in learning as much as you can about electronic tools to help in your genealogy research. Google has always been at the top of my list as being one of those electronic tools to rely on in my research. But we may think we are skilled at using a tool such as Google. Often when you dig deeper into a product you discover there are still so many untapped resources we are simply not familiar with.*

*Dick Eastman's news item above really made that clear to me. There is always so much more to really learn. And what better way to learn about Google as a tool than from online training videos to help you really understand what you are missing in using Google.*

*There are 6 Classes (videos) mentioned in the above article plus there are two additional videos. Each of the "class" videos runs for approximate 6 to 8 minute*

session and the additional two videos looks like each runs for about 35 to 40 minutes.

I believe it will be well-worth a time investment of about 90 minutes to spend some time looking at these nice training sessions. Seeing is believing, so when you can see an instructor describe a function of Google and then be able to see the process on how you activate it, the process seems to stick with me easier than just experimenting yourself.

I did a quick look at the video on Finding Facts Quicker (Lesson 4). I learned quickly that you can actually input an "image" into the Search Box of the Image search for Google. You do not have to enter in text at all. The narrator used an example of a picture of some mountains, a road and other contents in the picture. He dragged the image to the search box and then Google determined as best a guess as possible for what it would consider the search term. The picture turned out to have been taken by his colleague. It was from the Las Vegas area. The results of the image search produced an actual match to the actual picture. How neat is that??

It sounds like you can take images you may have of ancestors, input it to the Google Image search and see what you discover. Let Google attempt to determine a search term. Maybe you might get a match to some other relative that has actually placed the exact same image online. Maybe you find it, find information where it exists and make a connection to a long-lost relative!! Who knows?

Make yourself a better researcher. Learn more about Google if that is your main search engine that you use. Get better results and quicker discoveries by knowing more about the power of Google and how to tap into that power.

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## Handout #9 – 50+ WEBSITES FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the August/September 2012, volume 7, Number 3 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

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I thought that a very interesting article in this issue is one titled "50+ Websites for Genealogy Research" by Tony Bandy. I thought that I would give you the list of the 50+ sites mentioned in the article. Each site in the article is identified by Name, Location (web address), Type and a small Details summary. I won't be able to provide you with all of the secondary information, but at I am going to give you the 50+ web sites mentioned in the article for you to explore and see if in fact they are "top" sites to be aware of for your genealogy research. The author did break the sites out in categories. These are the categories identified:

- Museums-Digital Archives
- Library Collections
- Governmental Collections
- Commercial Sites
- Personal Site/Blog

Here are the websites based on the categories:

### **Museums-Digital Archives**

Delaware Heritage Collection @  
<http://cdm16397.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm>

Europeana 1914-1918 @  
[www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en](http://www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en)

Old Maps Online @  
[www.oldmapsonline.org](http://www.oldmapsonline.org)

JewishGen @  
[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org)

University of Vermont Center for Digital Initiatives @  
<http://cdi.uvm.edu/collections/index.xql>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission @  
[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

### **Library Collections**

Allen County Public Library/Genealogy Center @  
[www.genealogycenter.org](http://www.genealogycenter.org)

Center for Jewish History @  
[www.cjh.org](http://www.cjh.org)

Columbus Memory @  
[www.columbusmemory.org](http://www.columbusmemory.org)

Denver Public Library Digital Collections @  
<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm>

Direct Me NYC 1940 @  
<http://directme.nypl.org>

Midwest Genealogy Center @  
[www.mymcpl.org/genealogy](http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy)

Milwaukee Neighborhoods @  
[www4.uwm.edu/libraries/digilib/Milwaukee/index.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/digilib/Milwaukee/index.cfm)

Pittsburgh Iron & Steel Heritage Collection @  
[www.carnegielibrary.org/eCLP/ironsteel](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/eCLP/ironsteel)

HathiTrust @  
[www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org)

Internet Archive @  
[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

FamilySearch @  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

FamilySearch – Family History Books @  
<http://books.familysearch.org>

Fox Movietone News: The War Years @  
<http://library.sc.edu/digital/collections/mvtnwarfilmsabout.html>

Library and Archives Canada @  
[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html)

Milwaukee County Marriage Certificates @  
<http://content.mpl.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/MCMC>

Northern New York Historical Newspapers @  
<http://news.nnyln.net>

National Library of Israel @  
<http://web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/Pages/default.aspx>

San Francisco Public Library Historical Photograph Collection @  
<http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0200000301>

University of Iowa Yearbooks @  
<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/yearbooks>

World Digital Library @

[www.wdl.org/en](http://www.wdl.org/en)

Texas State Library and Archives @  
[www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html)

### **Governmental Collections**

American Memory @  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

National Jukebox @  
[www.loc.gov/jukebox](http://www.loc.gov/jukebox)

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers @  
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Philadelphia City Archives @  
[www.phillyhistory.org/PhotoArchive](http://www.phillyhistory.org/PhotoArchive)

USDA National Agricultural Library @  
[www.nal.usda.gov](http://www.nal.usda.gov)

Veteran's History Project @  
[www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets)

### **Commercial Sites**

Ancestors At Rest @  
[www.ancestorsatrest.com](http://www.ancestorsatrest.com)

British Newspaper Archive @  
[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

MyHeritage @  
[www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

FamilyOldPhotos @  
[www3.familyoldphotos.com](http://www3.familyoldphotos.com)

Find the Best – Genealogy @  
<http://genealogy-software.findthebest.com/>

Genealoger @  
[www.genealoger.com](http://www.genealoger.com)

GenSoftReviews @  
[www.gensoftreviews.com](http://www.gensoftreviews.com)

Google Books Project @  
<http://books.google.com>

Cemetery Registry @  
[www.cemeteryregistry.us](http://www.cemeteryregistry.us)

Treasurenet @  
[www.treasurenet.com](http://www.treasurenet.com)

Ancestry.com @  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

**Personal Site/Blog**

Casefile Clues @  
<http://blog.casefileclues.com>

Circus Historical Society @  
[www.circushistory.org](http://www.circushistory.org)

FreeBMD @  
[www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)

Genealogy Resources on the Internet – Mailing Lists @  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen\\_mail.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html)

Genealogy Canada @  
[www.genealogycanada.blogspot.com.br/](http://www.genealogycanada.blogspot.com.br/)

Historical Directories @  
[www.historicaldirectories.org/hd](http://www.historicaldirectories.org/hd)

Past Voices: Letters Home @  
[www.pastvoices.com](http://www.pastvoices.com)

Oral History Primer @  
<http://library.ucsc.edu/reg-hist/oral-history-primer>

The Overland Trail @  
[www.over-land.com](http://www.over-land.com)

The Russian Genealogist @  
<http://russianmemory.org>

So there you go! You have plenty to explore. Some of the website names are intuitive and give you an idea what you may find (such as GenSoftReviews.com). Some are anything but intuitive (what in the world is HathiTrust? It is somewhat similar to Google Books and can contain many digitized family histories). Take a look at the full article in the journal if you want to see a small description of what each of the sites is all about before you explore. Or just “click” away at the above links and discover for yourself what is at the other end! I can guarantee you that there are plenty of sites you have never heard of and many that some may become bookmarked for your frequent return.

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## Handout #10 – 20 GROUPS YOU SHOULD FOLLOW ON TWITTER

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the August/September 2012, volume 7, Number 3 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

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In keeping with the spirit of giving you a lot of links in this review of this journal, I discovered another article titled "20 Groups You should Follow on Twitter!" in this issue. The author of the article is Gena Philibert-Ortega. In full disclosure mode, I myself am not on Twitter. Maybe someday, but not yet. This article also presents me with the ability to provide you with many links (or is it accounts?) from the world of Twitter that can connect you to important aspects of genealogy.

The full article itself provides a good summary per each of the sites mentioned to hook up with on Twitter. Read that from the journal to get the full overview. I will just give you the Twitter connection address for these sites. There was just a little too much to include in this overview. So I leave it to you to take a full look at the copy of this journal to read through the full article. Or just try being curious and connect yourself to the mentioned Twitter accounts to see for yourself what the account is all about.

So for all of you Tweeties (?) or is it Twitterers (?), here is another nice list of important genealogical Twitterers you may want to consider following if you are already a Tweetie yourself! You will know more about the address formation to get to the following Tweepers. I am just going to show the Twitter address as it is shown in the article.

Here are your top 20 Twitterers you may want to consider to follow:

### Libraries

Newberry Library@NewberryLibrary

The Library of Congress@librarycongress

New York Public Library@NYPL

### Archives

The National Archives (USA)@USNatArchives

National Archives UK@UKNatArchives

### Websites

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter@dickeastman

History Pin@Historypin

GenealogyIndexer@gindexer  
In-Depth Genealogy@indepthgen

Newspaper Abstracts@NewsAbs

Click Americana@click\_america

Two Nerdy History Girls@2NerdyHistGirls

Retronaut@theretronaut

**Subscription Services**

[Ancestry.com@Ancestrydotcom](http://Ancestry.com@Ancestrydotcom)

Fold3@fold3

My Heritage@MyHeritage

GenealogyBank@GenealogyBank

Accessible Archives@accessarchives

British Newspaper Archive@BNArchive

WikiTree@Wikitreeonline

If you are already on Twitter as an avid genealogist, then you may want to discover more Twitter accounts to follow by asking your friends about genealogy Twitter accounts they are following. Become a follower of some of the sites they follow if they look worthwhile.

In the world of Twitter you will become familiar with the term "Hashtag". It has to do with a "#" sign preceding the information you are seeking. Consider looking for hashtags that take on the form of "#genealogy" or "#familyhistory".

If you are visiting genealogy websites that you like, then look for the Twitter icon at that site and become a follower via Twitter of that site's Tweets.

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