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PLEASE NOTE

The statements in this newsletter cited as quotes from other newsletters, quarterlies, etc., are quotations and not necessarily fact. I try not to reproduce statements that have been denied as being true and also those statements that are "old news" and have been quoted over a few years.

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of all newsletters are filed at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor along with the "handouts" summary sheet. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular program will be contained in a folder specifically for that program date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for program on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each program 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:

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Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the **Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390. I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library. The FAX number in Extension Services is 847-923-3389.**

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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NOVEMBER 13, 2012 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our program for Tuesday evening, November 13, 2012 is titled **"The "New" FamilySearch Website"**. Our guest speaker for this evening will be Maureen Brady.

So much is happening so fast at the FamilySearch website that I thought it would be a good idea for Maureen to bring us up to date with all that is going on there. Just keeping up with the massive digitization project at FamilySearch is a tough task. New databases are constantly being added, either as standalone Image Browseable or Fully Indexed and being able to be name searched. FamilySearch is a genealogist's go-to website to keep current with not only data but also many research aids that can help you move deeper into your own research.

Maureen Brady, a former school librarian and computer educator, has over twenty-five years experience with family history research and is now a professional genealogist. She has traced her own Scottish roots back to the end of the 17th century and beyond, and has also pursued Chicago area, the trans-Allegheny U.S., Irish and Swedish research. She is the co-director and trainer for the Crystal Lake (IL) Family History Center. Maureen has made numerous presentations to Illinois and Wisconsin genealogical societies, conferences and workshops, as well as presenting at the 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States. Her topics include Chicago and Cook County research, Scottish research, Internet sources, and using a Family History Center.

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 164 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 1,256 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 August 29, 2012, August 31, 2012, September 5, 2012, September 11, 2012, September 14, 2012, September 16, 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>.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Announces New Website (August 29, 2012)

The following announcement was written by the Federation of Genealogical Societies:



More Than a New Look . . . An Engaging New Site for FGS Members and the Genealogy Community

August 29, 2012 – Austin, TX. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announces the debut of its newly revamped website to better serve FGS member societies and the genealogical community. The new site, accessible at <http://www.fgs.org>, is ready in time for the upcoming FGS 2012 Conference in Birmingham, Alabama August 29 – September 1, 2012.

Based on the EasyNetSites platform (<http://www.easynetsites.com>), the new website ensures that FGS will be able to deliver timely and relevant content to its FGS member society leaders related to society management and trends in the genealogy industry.

Features include:

- Content organized based upon the FGS tagline "Learn, Connect, Succeed."
- Members-Only content including back issues of *FGS FORUM* and Discussion Boards for genealogy society leaders to ask questions and exchange ideas about a variety of society management issues.
- Access various members-only review programs to review society by-laws, websites and newsletters.
- Free downloads including the *FGS Voice* archives as well as the *Society Strategy Papers* in PDF format.

In addition, FGS will implement a new on-line voting system later this year via its new website for the FGS Annual Elections.

FGS President Pat Oxley, in reviewing the improvements and added features, states: "There is an emphasis on providing more features for our members in the Members-Only Area. This includes the ability to submit events to the FGS Events Calendar and using the

new Discussion Boards to exchange ideas on how to improve genealogy societies. I know that our members will be happy with not only the new layout and organization of the site, but the access to content and programs that FGS has always been known for in relation to genealogy society management."

FGS members and the public are encouraged to visit <http://www.fgs.org> and explore the new FGS website.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, FGS Forum magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on August 29, 2012 in [Societies](#) | [Permalink](#)

Legacy Genealogy Cruise 2013 Announced, will include the Panama Canal (August 31, 2012)



This sounds like a great time: a long cruise and an opportunity to learn about genealogy at the same time! One of the most enjoyable learning experiences possible is to take genealogy classes at sea.

The following was written by the producers of Legacy Family Tree, a popular genealogy program for Windows:

The 10th annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise, to be held September 22 through October 7, 2013, starts in San Diego, California and ends in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and will feature speakers Megan Smolenyak, Karen Clifford, Geoff Rasmussen, Randy Seaver and others. It will visit the following ports:

San Diego, California
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Panama Canal (cruising)
Colon, Panama
Cartagena, Columbia
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Genealogy Classes at Sea

While at sea attend classes taught by some of genealogy's finest educators, Legacy Family Tree webinar speakers, and Legacy developers:

Megan Smolenyak
Karen Clifford
Geoff Rasmussen
Randy Seaver
Steve Salisbury
Dave Berdan
Ken McGinnis
Luc Comeau

In addition to the classes, you will benefit from the small-group sessions and lots of time to learn from each other.

The Ship

Luxurious accommodations and intuitive service consistently place Celebrity Millennium at the top of the rankings among large cruise ships. A favorite of many vacationers, Celebrity Millennium was "Solsticized" in May of 2012 and emerged with many award-winning Solstice® Class features. She's been renewed with spa-inspired AquaClass® staterooms, the AquaClass signature restaurant, Blu, and the addition of verandas to her chic Celebrity Suites. We can't think of a better way to experience the exotic beauty of the Panama Canal than aboard Celebrity Millennium. Out of the ordinary? Definitely.

Reservations or questions

Prices begin at \$1,443 per person, based on double occupancy. The price includes:

Genealogy classes
Shipboard accommodations
Ocean transportation
Meals
Some beverages
Most onboard entertainment

Port charges

Airfare, gratuities, government fees/taxes, and optional tours are extra.

[Click here](#) to securely book your cruise online.

To reserve a cabin, or ask questions, contact our travel coordinator, Christy, at 1-888-505-6997 or send an email to info@trekalot.com?subject=Legacy%20Cruise%202013.

More Information

For class descriptions, frequently asked questions, descriptions of the places we'll visit, or pictures of our past cruises, visit "[Legacy Genealogy Cruise 2013 announced! Panama Canal.](#)"

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on August 31, 2012 in [Travel](#) | [Permalink](#)

Illinois State Archives Unveils New Electronic Database (September 5, 2012)

The following announcement was written by the Illinois State Archives: Illinois Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White (D) has announced that a new online database describing the documents and records maintained at the Illinois State Archives is now available.

The database, called Archon, is a searchable finding aid for use in locating important historical information.

"As state archivist, it is my mission to make Illinois records available and as easily accessible as possible," White said. "With the use of the Internet, individuals can easily search for records held at the Illinois State Archives. I am proud to make these important historical documents easily accessible with the use of this advanced technology."

Archon is an open source archival management system that was developed by archivists at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is now used in more than 50 institutions across the country. It provides both a way for staff to record descriptive information about collections and a means for the public to view, search and browse that information in a fully-functional website.

Archon's public interface shows the most current information that is available to researchers because it is updated automatically once records are received by the Archives. Once information has been entered, it is instantly accessible, searchable and browseable. The new electronic database can be found at <http://archon.ilsos.net>.

This new electronic database replaces a printed guide called *Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois*.

Comment by Dick Eastman: This new database apparently does not contain any images or transcriptions of original documents. It is strictly a **CATALOG** of the collections available in the Illinois State Archives. You can search the catalog online but, to obtain copies of the original documents, you will need to contact the Illinois State Archives or travel there yourself.

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

New Digital Family History Books Available at FamilySearch.org (September 11, 2012)

Writing in the FamilySearch blog, Nathan W. Murphy reports that nearly 1,200 digital family history books were uploaded to Family History Books during the month of July (which apparently is the last month for which statistics are available). These books are now accessible to everyone for free at Family History Books.

In addition to 700+ family genealogies, several printed English parish registers, dozens of Texas and Missouri local histories, issues of the periodical *Pilgrim Notes and Queries*, Michigan military records, marriage abstracts from several Kentucky counties, 5 volumes of the Adjutant General of Illinois records from the Civil War, and *Latin for Local History: An Introduction*, as well as many other titles were all digitized in July.

You can read Nathan Murphy's full report at <http://goo.gl/KaC1F>. That web page also has pointers to the complete list of books uploaded during July.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 11, 2012 in [Books](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

An Online Petition to Halt the Closure of the Georgia State Archives (September 14, 2012)

As mentioned in yesterday's newsletter at <http://goo.gl/4IDLq>, the Georgia State Archives in Morrow, GA will be closed to the public starting November 1, 2012. Georgia will then be the only state not to have archives open to the public.

A group of concerned Georgia genealogists, historians, and others have started an online petition asking for reconsideration of this drastic plan. The goal is to gather 10,000 signatures. At this time, nearly half that number has already been collected but more signatures are needed. You can sign the petition at <http://www.change.org/petitions/the-governor-of-ga-leave-our-state-archives-open-to-the-public>

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 14, 2012 in [Current Affairs](#), [Legal affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Announcing GenerousGenealogists.com (September 16, 2012)



Several new websites have been launched recently that hoped to replace the popular RAOGK (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness) site that went off line last year, following the death of its founder, Bridgett Schneider. So far, none of these new sites have managed to attract a large crowd of enthusiastic volunteers. Still another site has recently been launched and this one possibly could become the replacement for RAOGK.

The new group is led by Mark Rabideau who did the organizing and programming. GenerousGenealogists.com is brand-new and only has a handful of volunteers so far. However, the new site is inviting others to look at the site and, if interested, to join in. As you would expect, GenerousGenealogists.com provides services completely free of charge. Voluntary donations are appreciated, however. Donations may be made by PayPal.

I took a look at GenerousGenealogists.com and am impressed. To be sure, it is almost a "skeleton" at this moment as it is brand new. I didn't expect to find many volunteers listed and I was right. However, the site is well designed and looks like it could succeed. The site has discussion forums with separate sections for many different countries. Most of the sections are empty at this time. The web site also has a section for "Free Genealogy Coaching" that provides "how to" information about a number of topics.

I suspect there are a few bugs or "rough spots" in the GenerousGenealogists.com web site. After all, it is brand new. You cannot reasonably expect it to be perfectly smooth and polished just yet. However, any such rough spots undoubtedly will get smoothed out as experience is gained.

For both accuracy and privacy reasons, the original RAOGK's volunteer database was not used. Even if you were listed on the old site, you will need to sign up on the new site as a volunteer.

I'd suggest you check out the new GenerousGenealogists.com and, if interested, add your name to those who have volunteered to help fellow genealogists. You can find the site at <http://www.generousgenealogists.com>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 16, 2012 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

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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, November 3, 2012. The program for the morning is titled "**Genealogy 101: From Seed To Tree**". The speaker for the morning will be Jacquie Schattner.

Meetings take place at the 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 2012 through May 2013. The September 2012 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2012 through May 2013 programs are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the new times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 9 PM when the library closes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, October 17, 2012. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Advanced Search Techniques: A Case Study of An Online Search"**. The speaker for the program will be Steve Szabados.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.org

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

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

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGI)

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, October 20, 2012 at the Schaumburg Township District Library from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The program scheduled for this day is "What's New At FamilySearch". The speaker for the program will be Susan Anderson.

Susan Anderson is visiting CAGGNI once again with the latest news and helpful hints from FamilySearch.org. If you haven't visited this free site lately, you're missing out! Come see the wealth of genealogical materials that FamilySearch has to offer.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Finding Genealogy Records and Books on eBay (September 1, 2012)
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I purchased two genealogy books this morning. The books are both about my family name, although not about my direct ancestors. I have seen both books previously in libraries and am quite familiar with the contents. Today, I

purchased my own copies on CD-ROM disks to keep on my computer as well as in my own private area "in the cloud."

Both books provide background information which interests me as well as may provide answers when other people contact me about their Eastman ancestry. Since I will copy both disks to my own password-protected area in the cloud, I will have them with me at all times. I can access them from home, from a laptop when in the motor home, at the gate at an airport, from the iPad from most anyplace, and even from my "smartphone" when at the grocery store. Admittedly, reading books on a tiny cell phone screen does offer a few challenges but reading them on a laptop, tablet, or other ebook reader is often more convenient than reading similar information on paper.

Best, of all: I am delighted with the price: \$10.95 for one and \$7.95 for the other. Those prices are much, much cheaper than purchasing reprinted books on paper (typically \$35 to \$200 and occasionally even more).

These books also will be easier to store, easier to access, and much more convenient to read wherever I am. For instance, later this morning I am going to the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. I won't be able to access these books for a few days until after I receive them. However, at future conferences when I meet a possible cousin, it will be possible to show the contents to that person within seconds on my laptop computer, iPad, or cell phone. Even better, it only requires a few seconds to copy-and-paste a few paragraphs or even a few pages into an email message and send that information to my new-found cousin. I can even do that while standing in the convention center at a genealogy conference!

In short, I carry my personal library with me at all times. Try doing that with printed books!

Perhaps one of the greatest overlooked genealogy resources is the huge "online garage sale" at eBay. For years before the invention of the Internet, I scoured flea markets and yard sales looking for old books, hand-written records, family Bibles, photographs, and anything else that would assist my search for ancestry. So, why not do the same with the online equivalent of yard sales and flea markets: eBay?

Indeed, old records and genealogy books are available by the hundreds on eBay. You can go to <http://www.ebay.com> and search for almost anything. I did a search on the word "genealogy" and found 61,677 items listed. Some eBay sellers apparently cannot spell too well: I also did a search on the misspelled word "geneology" and found another 362 items listed for sale!

Used book dealers who specialize in genealogy materials are finding that eBay is perhaps the best market for their goods. They can scan out-of-copyright books and then sell the books worldwide on eBay. Millions of people will have access to these books with a simple search, far more potential customers than will ever enter a store or even read a printed catalog. Best of all, out-of-copyright books can legally be scanned once, then sold multiple times to multiple customers. The result is far more profit for each bookseller.

To be sure, the quality of genealogy material on eBay varies greatly, just like the items you find in yard sales and flea markets and even in used book stores. You can find books of all sorts, including printed books as well as books that have been scanned and are now sold on CD-ROM disks. A few digitized books are even available for direct online downloads within seconds after you make the purchase although CD-ROM distribution is still

much more common.

You can occasionally even find original records. I once purchased the original 1907 tax records for the town of Corinna, Maine, hand-written by the municipal tax collector at that time. It shows my grandfather's farm listed with real estate valued at \$400 plus a personal estate of \$92. It states that grand-dad paid real estate taxes that year of \$10, personal estate taxes of \$2.30 and a poll tax of \$3. It also shows that his next-door neighbor never paid his assessed taxes, at least not in the year 1907. I hope that he paid them in arrears the next year.

By the way, I have no idea how official tax records of a town end up on eBay, or in a garage sale for that matter. I would assume that the records still belong to the town. In the case of the Corinna tax records, I scanned the pages that interested me and then donated the original book to the town.

As when searching through garage sales and flea markets, be prepared to sift through a lot of junk in order to find the gems of interest. You will find books, reprints of books, scanned books on CD-ROM disks, reprints of *Virkus' Compendium* (a series of pseudo-genealogy books printed from the 1920s through 1940s and generally considered to be worthless), genealogy software (always verify that you will receive a legal software license), family Bibles, and more. One of the greatest treasures I ever found was a handmade coverlet made about 1840 by a man in my extended family tree, not a direct ancestor but a great-great-great uncle. The quilt included a handwritten letter from the man's granddaughter written in the 1930s describing her grandfather and how she came to inherit the coverlet.

I have also found listings of CD-ROM disks that contain scanned images of all sorts of books, including a few that are still under copyright. Of course, selling copyrighted material is a Federal offense. Anyone doing so risks receiving an unpleasant letter from the copyright holder's attorneys. If you see such disks listed, you might drop a note to the seller. I have done that and have always received pleasant "thank you" messages in which the seller claimed that he or she did not know that the copyright was still in effect.

Scanning through other items listed on eBay shows that most everything genealogy-related can be found there. In fact there are so many genealogy-related items that there are too many to find by using a simple one-word search of "genealogy." Luckily, there is an easy solution: narrow the search down for specific terms by using more words.

I found my books this morning by performing an eBay search for "Eastman genealogy," which specifies the results to show any listings that have both those words in the titles. I found 43 items listed. Some were of interest while others were referring to items previously mentioned in this newsletter. However, searching through 43 items is much easier than searching through thousands.

Of course, you can search for other words. I have an interest in Penobscot County, Maine, genealogy, so I conducted a search for "Penobscot genealogy" in both titles and descriptions. (Four items were found.) You can use your imagination to find the items that interest you. You might also try searching for combinations of two, three, or more words.

Too busy to go to eBay every few days to find items of interest? There is an answer for you as well. eBay will automatically conduct daily searches for any words or combinations of words that you are looking for. If found, eBay will send an e-mail to you, listing the item(s) found. You do not even need to visit eBay at all until you find something

to bid on. You can find more information at <http://pages.ebay.com/buyandsell/myebay>.

Of course, just like flea markets and garage sales, you have to be careful about what you purchase. Money back guarantees may or may not be present; so, read the entire description to find out. eBay has a strong policy about accurately describing the items to be sold and enforces it rigorously. However, with several million sellers active at any time, it is impossible to enforce those policies everywhere.

One of the best things that eBay did was to invent a rating system in which the buyers rate the honesty and timely shipments of the sellers. If you see a seller with a high rating, you know that previous buyers of his or her products were satisfied with the results. Always read the rating of a seller before bidding. You can read more about the rating system at <http://pages.ebay.com/help/confidence/know-seller-stars.html> and at <http://pages.ebay.com/help/policies/hub.html>.

I must say that I have been an eBay devotee for years. I have purchased probably several hundred items on eBay, including dozens of genealogy books, one tractor, two automobiles, and several computers for myself and my friends. I have also sold numerous items on eBay, again including two automobiles, with one of them shipped to a buyer in the Virgin Islands! I have been quite satisfied with the results.

Out of all my purchases, I can only recall one disappointment, and even that one was handled to my satisfaction. I once purchased an item for \$200 that, upon receipt, seemed to be a bit more "used" than the seller's description indicated. I contacted the buyer, and he immediately said, "Send it back." I did so, and a week later my credit card was credited for the full amount, including shipping. While I am a satisfied eBay shopper, I still closely evaluate every seller's feedback rating before bidding on anything new. I only purchase from sellers who have a high positive feedback rating, typically looking for ratings that are close to 100% positive feedback.

I also always pay with PayPal because of the extra protection offered. The credit card companies all provide insurance against fraud on purchases made with their cards. PayPal then adds an extra layer of protection above that offered by the credit card companies. In effect, PayPal purchases have double insurance protection.

In a few rare instances, the seller may not accept PayPal. If so, I never purchase anything from that seller. I will only make payments with PayPal (although I once paid with a certified check when I purchased an automobile from a seller who lives near me when I picked the auto up in person and drove it home).

eBay is, indeed, the world's largest garage sale. It can provide many items of interest that would be nearly impossible to find elsewhere. Yes, even rare genealogy books and other items can often be found at <http://www.ebay.com>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 01, 2012 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

Announcing CensusGenie.com (September 7, 2012)

CensusGenie

Genealogists have multiple web sites available that contain indexes and images of U.S. census records. However, a new web site hopes to extend the

capabilities by adding high-tech tools to find those difficult-to-locate records. This site only searches the U.S. census records, nothing else.

The following is an extract from an email message I received from Joe Dolinak: We've got a website started, <http://censusgenie.com>, which you or some of your followers may find useful. The website will house many tech-inspired tools for the researcher to use in their searches. Some of these tools will allow the user to be more specific in their searches, some tools will allow the user-interaction to be more enjoyable, and some tools will show results in a new perspective.

The website is initially geared to the 1940 census. Other websites have created indexes, but only a certain percentage of households have been transcribed accurately (or even initially recorded correctly by the census taker). For those hard-to-find families, our tools can be used.

Some of the nice-to-have search tools are: search by family size, search by ages and genders within the family (e.g., when you suspect the family name has been misspelled), search within a certain number of miles of a location (e.g., to search western PA, but not include Philly), etc.

Some of the nice-to-have presentations of the census images are: being able to scroll through the forms mimicking the scroll of a microfilm roll, looking at colorized images rather than black- and-white images, etc.

Another nice-to-have is the ability to input a modern day street address, and get back a colorized map of the block and enumeration districts for that address. I believe this may be the only block-number tool available today.

The website will become subscription-based in a few weeks, as we bring more tools online, make more accurate those tools which are already online and correct a few bugs. Currently some of the areas are grayed out for this purpose.

You can learn more at <https://www.censusgenie.com/>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 07, 2012 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the July-September 2012, Volume 38, Number 3 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

"Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes: Dissecting Early

Century Compiled Genealogies"

By D. Joshua Taylor

"Estate Laws and Their Effect on Families"

By J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

"Researching Nineteenth-Century African American Women"

By Pamela Lyons Brinegar, CG

"Compiled Military Service Records: Part III: The Record of Events"

By Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

"Online State Resources for Genealogy: Beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch"

By Michael Hait, CG

"George Teeling: A Story Researched and Retold"

By Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG

"Education Breaks Down Brick Walls"

By Barbara Schenck

"Understanding and Using Naturalization Records"

By Kathy Petlewski, MLS

"Hawaiian Genealogy: Stateside and Island Resources"

By Darcie M. Hind Posz

"Starting and Maintaining A Pioneer Descendants Program"

By C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

"Browsers and Plug-Ins"

By Jordan Jones

"Cluster Genealogy, Prosopography, and Yearbooks"

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

"Forgetting Your Census"

By Susan Zacharias

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Online State Resources: Beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch". The author of this article is Michael Hait, CG.

Many of us researchers already know of Ancestry, either as a personal subscription or as the product available to libraries where access is provided by the library free to users on site. FamilySearch is also a very dominant participant in Family History research with its massive microfilm digitization project of its 2.4 million reels of microfilm.

While these two dominant resources are great to access, the researcher should not get lulled into just believing that these are the **ONLY** resources to consider using. There are so many other resources. State archives are making documents, records and other material available online in digitized format for the researcher to access.

The article listed several websites for the researcher to consider to find online digital resources for the state repositories. Some of those mentioned for you to check out and see what may be available for the states of interest to you are:

State Archives Collections Online etc @
www.statearchivists.org/arc/education/online_coll.htm

State Digital Resources: Memory Projects etc. @
www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/statememory

Digital State Archives @
www.digitalstatearchives.com/home

Terry Abraham's site – Repositories of Primary Sources @
www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/special-collections

Once you even access the above sites you may find that each is different from each other. Some may look more organized than others. Some may look pretty good and easy to use.

We are in a very productive era of digitization that is being accomplished today because digitizing fits the mission statement of many of these organizations. They have a dual mission to “preserve” and “provide access”. Providing access via digitization allows for access 24 hours per day, 7 days per week versus access on site for limited time periods. We as researchers benefit from these organizations following the mission statements. Digitization, though in electronic format, does allow for literally allowing “infinite” preservation of the original via electronic means. Once again the researcher benefits from all that archives are doing today to fulfill their mission statements. I don't think many of us complain that we can only access an electronic image instead of looking at the actual paper document!

Think of all the expense we are saving through digitization. Travel costs, gasoline savings, meal costs, copying costs etc. by being able to look at digitized media online. And not just local costs, but worldwide costs also!

The article does point out that you should consider some of the following tips to make your searching experience more pleasant on the sites. Here are the tips to maneuver on the sites:

- Look for the key words ***digital*** or ***online*** in reference to resources, collections, records or indexes.
- Thoroughly explore the sections designated for researchers, especially any online research guides or finding aids. Look for hyperlinks to these resources.
- Don't forget to search the websites of originating county governmental offices. County clerks, recorders of deeds, probate courts and other agencies have instituted search engines to access their online material.

- The most useful digital collections on university libraries can often be found on the library's "Special Collections" page.
- Public libraries generally hold links to their resources on a "Genealogy" page.

Digitization is wonderful but it is not, nor will ever be, everything when it comes to doing your research. There are always going to be documents of interest for your own research that will still be in their original format. Do not just limit yourself to the digital world when so much exists that is still not digital.

I thought this article really put the digitization process into focus outside the scope of Ancestry.com and FamilySearch. Do not become lazy and make the above two providers your ***Only*** resources that you search through. Yes, you do need to revisit the sites frequently to see if new additional databases apply to your own research. But do not forego archives and repositories completely in your genealogical quest.

I thought that another good article in the recent issue of this journal is one titled "Browsers and Plug-Ins". The author of this article is Jordan Jones.

Your "browser" is your window to the Internet. There are many browsers out there to use. Your computers often come pre-loaded with a "browser" often placed on the computer because of an agreement between the computer manufacturer and the software developer. You may be like most of us. You use the browser that was on your machine and maybe have never used another browser. For me, I am a Mac user at home and am familiar with the Mac version of a browser called Safari. At work, I am more inclined to use Internet Explorer or Firefox.

The article made me aware of some interesting statistics about these browsers that I thought I would share as part of the article. In fact, the article states that 97% of users are using the following 4 browsers:

- Google Chrome – used by 33% of Internet users. Available for Windows, Mac OS, Linux, Android and iOS. One of the key benefits is the speed of page loading.
- Internet Explorer – used by 32% of Internet users. Available for Windows and Windows Phone.
- Firefox – used by 25% of Internet users. Available for Windows, MacOS, Linus, and Android.
- Safari – used by approximately 7% of Internet users. Available for MacOS, Windows and iOS.

You have these choices. You can choose what you want to use that fits your system needs. You can use more than one. You do not have to lock yourself into using just one. It is a matter of personal preference.

The author notes that if nothing else be sure you understand how to browse in "Private" mode, especially if you are using someone else's computer or are using computers in a public setting such as a library. You need to set your browsing session to "private" so as not to leave a trail of your searches and other tidbits of information that could be available for the next user to pick up if they use the same computer.

In addition, the author makes note of Plug-Ins that are associated with the various Plug-Ins. These Plug-Ins are like additional mini-programs that work with the browser allowing you to gain added functionality with the browser or make your searching easier and even more efficient and productive. The author notes that the Plug-Ins mentioned in the article are highly recommended for genealogists to activate within their browser of choice. Here are the Plug-Ins mentioned:

- **Evernote** (Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari) – this plug-in allows you to gather the content of web pages, as well as files, into a digital database you can search. It's most powerful feature is the optical character recognition (OCR) of text and even handwriting. There is even a standalone Evernote product to consider that runs outside of the functionality of a browser.
- **NoteFuser (Chrome)** – winner of the 2012 RootsTech Challenge (<http://notefuser.herokuapp.com>). This Plug-In connects Evernote with the new FamilySearch.org and Geni.com person records. It allows you to write research notes about the people you are researching in Evernote and then view these notes in context while browsing through material at FamilySearch and Geni. To use NoteFuser you will need Chrome, an Evernote account and the NoteFuser Plug-In.
- **Ancestry Family Search (Chrome)** – uses the vital information from an Ancestry.com Family Tree to search FamilySearch.
- **Screen Capture (Chrome)** – this Plug-In from Google captures a region of a web page as a PNG or JPG graphic. It allows you to edit the image before saving it, adding text or redacting the image. The image can then be saved to your computer or uploaded to Google's Picasa or to Facebook.
- **DownThemAll (Firefox)** – this Plug-In helps you download all the files that are downloadable on a page. It not only donloads the multiple files but does at about 400% faster than normal. Saving lots of time and repetitive keystrokes.

Check out the above browsers and Plug-Ins for the appropriate browsers. It sure does look like Google's Chrome can really be a good choice for genealogical researchers simply because of the amount of Plug-Ins that work with Chrome for genealogical research.

The article itself does provide more detail descriptions on each of the browsers and the Plug-Ins. Check out the full article for more detailed information.

This is another great issue of NGS Magazine. There are many more articles of interest in this issue over and above the two that I commented on. Review the Table of Contents of the articles contained in the issue to see which may have more of a connection to your own research.

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



Family Chronicle

We have received the September/October 2012, Volume 17, Number 1 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

"A Genealogical Journey"

By Brian Godfrey

Brian Godfrey helps one lady to discover the missing pieces from her past.

"Book Review: Tracing Our Roots, Telling Our Stories"

Reviewed by Melody Amsel-Arieli

Melody Amsel-Arieli reviews a collection of stories from members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto)

"Where Did They Work? Your Ancestors' Occupations"

By Ed Storey

Ed Storey looks at the various record types that help you learn about your ancestors' employment.

"Finding Your Ancestors in Hotels and Boarding Houses!"

By David A. Norris

David A. Norris sheds light on which records are best for locating your ancestors' hotel stays.

"What's in A Name?: Understanding UK Place Names"

By Anthony Poulton-Smith

Anthony Poulton-Smith takes us on a tour of United Kingdom place name origins.

"Where To Find Scottish Records Online"

By Alan Stewart

Alan Stewart looks at the records available online for researching your Scottish ancestors.

"Daniel Webster Morris: Utah Indian War Veteran"

By Gordon Wright

Gordon Wright explores the history of the ancestor's Utah Indian War Veterans' Association Ribbon

"The Search for the Mysterious Lizzie Jaynes"

By Richard Jordan

Richard Jordan looks at the mysterious life of an elusive ancestor.

"Patience Brings Joy: Anna Maria Fuller Smith"

By Bev Vorpahl

Bev Vorpahl feels like the luckiest genealogist alive after almost giving up on finding her great-grandmother.

"Finding Ancestors in the Scottish Highlands"

By Amanda Epperson

Amanda Epperson offers some tips on how to locate your Highland ancestors.

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Research Resources". This section highlights recently published genealogical resources that can help the researcher. This issue's highlighted resources include 6 new books. Each book included has a small description and review to give the researcher some idea of the material and its potential value. The books mentioned in this section are:

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, 4th Edition

By John Grenham

Family Matters: A History of Genealogy

By Michael Sharpe

Researching Your Irish Ancestors At Home and Abroad

David R. Elliott

Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 5th Edition

Edited by Michael J. LeClerc

Irish Nationalists and the Making of the Irish Race

By Bruce Nelson

A Primer for the Master Genealogist, 2nd Edition

By Terry Reigel

For those of you that have Scottish ancestry, I thought that a good article in this issue that can be of great help to you is the article titled "Where To Find Scottish Records Online". The author of the article is Alan Stewart.

The author notes that the Scottish government has actually set up the official genealogy website you may already be familiar with that helps you research your Scottish ancestry. The website is called ScotlandsPeople. You can find it at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk. The site has been around since 2002, making it easy for Scottish ancestral researchers from around the world to dig deep into data that can help them answer their questions.

The site is a pay-per-view site. You pay around \$11 to purchase 30 credits. Viewing a page of about 25 search results uses 1 credit. Viewing/Downloading actual images of the records will make you use 5 credits.

You should be able to find the following kinds of records at the site:

- Vital Records (births, marriages, deaths)
- Protestant Church registers (baptisms, burials and marriages)
- Roman Catholic church registers (baptisms, marriages and burials)
- Census returns
- Wills and inventories
- Coats of arms
- Valuation rolls (landlords and tenants)

Vital records exist from a starting point of 1855 to 1911, for births, to 1936 for marriages and to 1951 for deaths. Scottish birth certificates are helpful by including the date and place of the parents ' marriage, while marriage certificates give the names of both parents of the bride and groom (including the maiden names of the mothers).

The article provides a good summary of the background of each of the above bulleted items mentioned as to the records provided.

The article does include a long list of a variety of web sites that can also help the Scottish online researcher. They are identified as being a category called Locality-Based Websites as well as in a category called More General and Scottish Websites.

Locality-Based Websites

Am Baile ("the village") History and Culture @
www.ambaile.org.uk

Ayrshire Ancestors (\$) Gravestone Inscriptions and Newspaper Extracts @
www.ayrshireancestors.com

Ayrshire Roots @
www.ayrshireroots.com

County Sutherland @
www.countysutherland.co.uk

Friends of Dundee City Archives @
www.fdca.org.uk

Graven Images (Caithness Graveyards) @
<http://graven-images.org.uk>

Libindx (200,000 names from Moray) @
<http://libindx.moray.gov.uk>

Mull Genealogy @
www.mullgenealogy.co.uk

Roots Hebrides @
www.rootshebrides.com

Ross & Cromarty Roots @
www.rosscromartyroots.co.uk

Watt Library (Greenock) Family History Intimations @
www.inverclyde.gov.uk/education-and-learning/libraries/local-and-family-history/family-history/intimations

More General and Scottish Websites

British Newspaper Archive (\$) @
www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

Census Finder @
www.censusfinder.com/scotland.htm

Cyndi's List @
www.cyndislist.com/uk/sct

Deceased Online (\$) @
www.deceasedonline.com

Electric Scotland @
www.electricscotland.com

Find A Grave in Scotland @
www.findagraveinScotland.com

Scottish Emigration Database @
www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration

Scottish Military Research Group @
www.scottishmilitaryresearch.co.uk

Scottish Mining @
www.scottishmining.co.uk

Scottish Register of Tartans @
www.tartanregister.co.uk

Scottish Marriage Index @
www.anglo-scots.mlfhs.org.uk

Statistical Accounts of Scotland @
<http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot>

Talking Scot @
www.talkingscot.com

Tour Scotland @
www.fife.50megs.com

Check out the entirety of the article for more details on online search advice to help with your Scottish ancestry. The above links can really give you many more insights into Scottish research if you were not aware of most of the sites. Explore the sites. See what you can discover that can help with your research.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Where Did They Work?: Your Ancestors' Occupations". The author of the article is Ed Storey. The author notes that knowing an occupation of an ancestor can add so much more to the life story than just knowing the vital statistical information such as birth and death dates. Sometimes just from our family history folklore we may be aware of what our more immediate ancestors may have done for a living. Sometimes, going too far back in time may just leave us with the proverbial name of an ancestor and the vital statistics with no understanding of a career path they have engaged in.

The author includes in the article a small table that identifies an occupation and then tells you what resource to consider to look into to possibly more information or just corroborating evidence to support the occupation you think was with then ancestor. Here is the table of the occupation category and the resource to research:

- Apprentice – Census is one source
- Young Adult – CCC Applications
- Trade or Profession – City Directories
- Details of Work Locations – Fire Insurance Maps
- Farmers in England – County Directory
- Farmers in US – State Farm Census
- Recent Immigrants – Naturalization Records
- Trade or Profession – Draft Records
- Clues to Employer – Uniforms, buttons, tools
- Details of Workplace – Old Photos
- Documents Around Home – Papers with a letterhead
- Inventor – Patent Abstract
- Principals of Company – Google Books and City Directories
- Clues to Employer – Geography
- Trade or Profession – Vital Records
- Licensed Professionals – State Archives

The author notes that an apprenticeship of an ancestor could be discovered in census records since the "apprentice" might very well be living with his "master" and his family during the time of apprenticeship. The apprentice might be noted as an apprentice, boarder, lodger etc. and will not be related to anyone in the household. Discover your ancestor as the apprentice and you may very well discover an occupation or profession he is studying by seeing what the "master" is noting for his profession in the census description.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) may be a source for an recent ancestor of yours. Many younger individuals got involved with this newly formed agency during the Depression the US experienced in the 1930s. The civilian the entered this program could already have had a rich occupational history that will be noted in the applications submitted to enter into the CCC. Look for these CCC records to see if you can uncover any of your research mysteries pertaining to ancestral occupations.

City Directories can be a very rich source of occupational information. These directories made it routine to indicate the profession or occupation of the person listed in the directory. Unfortunately, as with my own ancestors, you may see the proverbial LAB indication noted. This stood for "laborer" without any further details. But at least you will know that an ancestor was not a Doctor if you see LAB! Always be sure to find the "legend" in the directory that gives you the explanations for these shortened occupational terms so you can be sure you know how your ancestor was noted.

If you find some indication of occupation from the City Directories, you may want to take the research to the next level when you may have actually identified the actual business name or work location associated with the ancestor. Look at the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and find the business location for even more details about the business your ancestor was engaged in. The type of building will be noted (wood vs. brick), neighbors, fire protection and materials noted.

Draft Records can be a very good source for discovering occupations because the person who filled out the form is the one that noted the job engaged in and the location where worked. It is always nice to see such material provided by the ancestor and not as second-hand information from another informant. Look at both WW I and World War II draft records.

The article notes to go through documents you may already have in your possession from an ancestor. Maybe you just have not sorted through and looked at these documents. Maybe you will discover old company identification badges, paycheck stub records, employee magazines, retirement gifts or even tools an ancestor used for a particular company on which the company name is stamped. Asking how your ancestor came into possession of a company tool is its own discussion!!

If perhaps you had a real "inventive" ancestor, it may be worth doing a patent search under his name. Maybe you will discover a brilliant ancestor that is associated with some astonishing inventions for which he was given a patent. Google Patents is a good source to search for something like this. Google Books is also a good place to look for business material in which you may discover an ancestral name in a business book or business journal.

Don't forget to check with your State Archives looking for the possibility that an ancestor may have been a "professional" who was required to obtain and renew a "license" to practice the profession. Professions such as teachers, nurses, hairdressers, doctors and countless other occupations deemed by the state to warrant "professional" status exist for you to search through to see if you can find an ancestor on these wonderful lists.

I would definitely read the entirety of the article to get a complete picture of all of the nice resources that exist if you want to uncover more about your ancestor other than a birth date and a death date. The "occupation" trails are potentially there for you to uncover. Occupational titles of the past may not be the same as today. Research in historical context to determine the job as it was known in the past. Occupations of times

past may not even exist anymore today. Your ancestors may have been unique for their times being in a job that disappeared 50 years after their involvement, mainly due to production increases and modernization. But it would still be nice to make these discoveries.

The article really provides you a lot of resources to pursue to find the elusive occupational lives of our ancestors. It may not be as daunting as it would initially appear to be. Give it a try. Read the entire article.

This is another very good issue of Family Chronicle. There are many other good articles in the issue. Check out the Table of Contents I noted at the beginning of this review to see if any other articles match well with your research interests.

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

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BOOKS IN PRINT

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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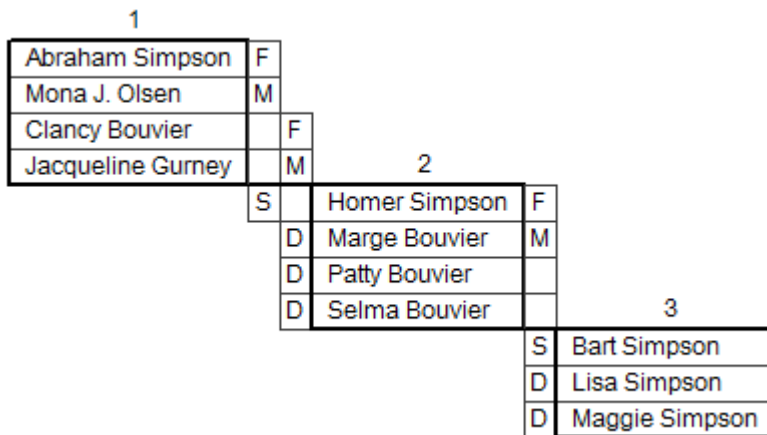
**Update: Version 4 of the Ancestry.com App for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch (August 29, 2012)**



Ancestry.com has released a major update of the popular iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch application that communicates with family trees on Ancestry.com. Details are available on the Ancestry Blog at <http://goo.gl/4mDYU> while the app itself can be downloaded by starting at <http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry-app>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on August 29, 2012 in [Online Sites](#), [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

**Progeny Software Introduces Trellis Charts - the Chart with Everyone on It (September 6, 2012)**



Progeny Software is a well-known name in the genealogy charting business (you see my past articles about Progeny Software if you start at <http://goo.gl/rZ5Mk>). The new chart is called a **Trellis Chart** and is a great method of showing everyone in the family tree in one chart. This is not a free-standing product. Instead, it is a new option being added to Progeny Software's already-popular Charting Companion programs for Windows.

Unlike traditional box charts, the Trellis can show all the people in your tree, even those who are not in the direct bloodline. Your ancestors and descendants are listed by rows within their generation. Members of a family are grouped by columns.

However, as they say on those late-night infomercials, "But wait! There's more." I cannot describe the full Trellis chart in words so I will invite you to look at the examples and read the text at <http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/trellis.aspx>.

Gee! Those names look familiar!

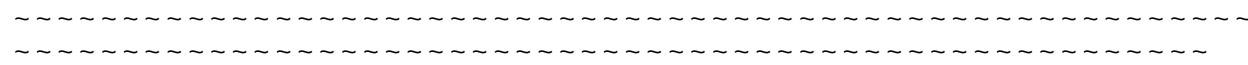


The Trellis chart is available now in the Charting Companion programs for customers who use Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestral File, Legacy, and Ancestral Quest. Trellis for MyHeritage, Geni, FamilySearch are promised to be available soon. For everyone else, Family Publisher reads GEDCOM files.

The Trellis is based on GeneaQuilts, as described in an earlier article in this newsletter at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2010/11/geneaquilts-a-system-for-exploring-large-genealogies.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/11/geneaquilts-a-system-for-exploring-large-genealogies.html).

The prices of the Charting Companion programs vary, depending upon which genealogy program you use in your computer. Details may be found at <http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/buy-now.aspx>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on September 06, 2012 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)



## 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.flickzzz.com/2008/08/unusual-tombstones.html>





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Oct 9                    Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
TUE                    130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2012                    PM.  
                          **"Organizing and Writing My Family History"**  
                          Presented by Steve Szabados.  
                          Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
                          Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Oct 13                    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.)  
Special "2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workshop"  
Topic for the meeting "**Flip-Pal Workshop (Portable Scanner)**"  
Facilitated by Mary Hoyer  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

- Oct 17  
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2012  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, October 17, 2012.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**Advanced Search Techniques: A Case Study of An Online Search**".  
Guest speaker is Steve Szabados.  
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- Oct 20  
SAT  
2012  
CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.  
(Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have Occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.)  
Topic for the meeting "**What's New At Family Search**"  
Presented by Susan Anderson  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Nov 3  
SAT  
2012  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, November 3, 2012.  
"**Genealogy 101 – From Seed To Tree**".  
Presented by Jacquie Schattner  
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  
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- Nov 13  
TUE  
2012  
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"**The "NEW" FamilySearch Website**"  
Presented by Maureen Brady.  
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- Nov 14  
WED  
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DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 14, 2012.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is "**Archivist's Notebook: Who Will Look At Your Genealogical Collection?**".  
Guest speaker is Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana.



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- Dec 11  
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- Jan 5  
SAT  
2013  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, January 5, 2013.  
**"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Hanover Military Records"**.  
Presented by Teresa S. McMillin, CG  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
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**"Where Did I Put Great-Grandpa – Organizing for Genealogists"**  
Presented by Caron Primas Brennan.  
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- Jan 21  
WED  
2013  
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 16, 2013.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"Engaging the Next Generation"**.  
Guest speaker is Jennifer Holik.  
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- Feb 2  
SAT  
2013  
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, February 2, 2013.  
**"Cemetery Research"**.  
Presented by Tina Beaird  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
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- Feb 12  
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**"Engaging the Next Generation: Parents and Grandparents"**

### **"Inspiring Children About Genealogy"**

Presented by Jennifer Holik-Urban.

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- Feb 23  
SAT  
2013
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Saturday, February 23, 2013.  
Annual Conference. **"Discovering America's Early Roots"**  
Registration 8:00 AM. Programs begins at 9:00 AM.  
Programs Topics Are "Highland Scots".  
"Colonial Germans", "American Indian Ancestry", "Colonial Women"  
"Technology Track"  
Guest speakers are Lloyd Bockstruck, Billie Stone Fogarty, Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, Jennifer Holik.  
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- Mar 2  
SAT  
2013
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 2, 2013.  
**"Polish Genealogy – Where To Start"**.  
Presented by Steve Szabados  
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Program title is **"Family Tree Tours: Travel Back To Your Roots (Germany, Ireland)"**.  
Guest speaker is Kathy Wurth.  
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- Apr 6  
SAT  
2013
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, April 6, 2013.  
**"How To Prepare For Your Research Trip"**.  
Presented by Dan Wertz  
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- Apr 9  
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**"Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals"**  
Presented by Teresa S. McMillin, CG.  
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- Apr 17  
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- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 17, 2013.  
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6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted"**.  
Guest speaker is Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.  
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- May 4  
SAT  
2013
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 4, 2013.  
**"Medical DNA"**.  
Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass  
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- May 14  
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**"Free Digital Books: More Than Just Google"**  
Presented by Sarah A. V. Kirby.  
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- May 15  
WED  
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- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 15, 2013.  
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments. Program begins at 7:00 PM.  
Program title is **"What Is the "Cloud" and Why do I Care?"**.  
Guest speaker is Jane Haldeman.  
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**"Skeletons in Our Closet: Researching A Family Scandal"**

Presented by Robin Seidenberg.

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Aug 13  
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**"New Tools for Finding "Old Stuff""**

Presented by Ginger Frere.

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**"Compiling Your Medical Family Tree"**

Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass.

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**"Using Maps in Genealogical Research"**

Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.

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