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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:

**akierna@stdl.org**

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

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

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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**FEBRUARY 12, 2013 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

The program for our February 12, 2013 program is titled **“Engaging the Next Generation: Parents and Grandparents Teaching Children About Genealogy”**. Our guest speaker for this program will be Jennifer Holik.

This presentation will look at ways that parents and grandparents can instill the love for family history research into the next generation of family history researchers. Encourage children to join you as a family history researcher. Jennifer will share how we can best connect living generations in the pursuit of family history.

Jennifer Holik is a genealogical research professional and the owner of Generations and co-founder of The In-Depth Genealogist. Jennifer has over twenty years of research and writing experience. She has authored articles for local and national genealogical publications; authored and published a set of kids' genealogy curriculum books in 2012; is an Expert Author for Archives.com; and writes for several blogs.

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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**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](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 172 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 1,272 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.

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**SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI**

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 26, 2012, December 7, 2012, December 11, 2012, December 11, 2012, December 21, 2012, December 22, 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>.

### **Family Tree Service on FamilySearch.org Coming Soon (November 26, 2012)**

The FamilySearch Blog has an article by Steve Anderson that says (in part), "Within the next few months, FamilySearch will make Family Tree available to everyone on its website. The first of many updates planned for FamilySearch.org, Family Tree will provide a free and engaging way to discover, preserve, and share your family history. Family Tree will also offer specialized tools to make temple work for your ancestors even easier and more convenient."

"Family Tree will enable you to:

- "Save family information into a genealogy tree
- Easily submit the names of ancestors for temple work
- Edit and delete incorrect data, including relationships
- Connect and collaborate with others on shared family lines
- Show where information came from. You can even link to online photos and documents"

You can read more at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/family-tree-service-familysearchorg-coming/>.

You also may want to view a rather nice video, *Introduction to Family Tree*, available at <http://goo.gl/v9xA1>. I was especially interested in the comments saying that you will be able to link your online data to online sites (presumably both inside and outside of FamilySearch.org) to serve as source citations to provide verification of your records.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on November 26, 2012 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

## Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records (December 7, 2012)



Joe Beine has created a great site for genealogists. The "Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records" contains no databases on the web site itself. Instead, it points to dozens of other web sites that do contain data.

Looking for death records in Indiana or West Virginia or Vermont? The Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records can point you to the best resources.

The website is a directory of links to other websites that contain online death indexes. The listings are arranged by state and county. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices & registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery & burial records. You can also find information here about searching the Social Security Death Index online.

The web site is super simple to use. After all, it is simply a list of links. In this case, "simple" is a good thing. If you can use any web page, you can use the Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records web site.

The Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records web site has been available for some time but continues to grow and add new records. This is a web site that needs to be in every genealogist's bookmarks. Take a look at <http://www.deathindexes.com>.

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

## Finding a Few Hundred Cousins (December 11, 2012)

The Wall Street Journal has published a short article by Anne Tergesen that serves as an introduction to the use of DNA in genealogy. She writes, "As recently as 2007, such tests cost as much as \$1,000. Today, they generally run between \$100 and \$300 and offer users more information."

The article quotes Megan Smolenyak, Kelly Wheaton, Ugo Perego and CeCe Moore and mentions 23andMe, Family Tree DNA, Ancestry.com and National Geographic. It also



explains some of the terminology encountered in DNA.

You can find the "Finding a Few Hundred Cousins" article at <http://goo.gl/rEY5H>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 11, 2012 in [DNA](#) | [Permalink](#)

### ISGS Raises Over \$40,000 During War of 1812 Records Preservation Campaign (December 11, 2012)

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



Preserve the Pensions Project to Digitize Important Pension Records and Provide Free Access to the Public

December 11, 2012 – Springfield, IL. The Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) is proud to announce that it has completed its recently launched \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge with strong support from ISGS members as well as the genealogical community.

On June 18, 2012, the 200th anniversary of the declaration of the War of 1812, ISGS announced its \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge. ISGS made a commitment to match any contribution (up to the first \$10,000) made to the Preserve the Pensions project before December 31, 2012. In addition, Ancestry.com announced that it would also match all monies donated during the campaign, resulting in all contributions being quadrupled. **A total of \$40,000 to be donated to the Preserve the Pensions project** will result in 88,888 additional pages of the War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files being digitized over the next few months.

The Preserve the Pensions campaign (<http://www.preservethepensions.org>), sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (<http://www.fgs.org>) along with Ancestry.com, Fold3 and the National Archives, seeks to raise over \$3.7 Million needed to digitize the War of 1812 pension files that are currently stored in the National Archives and make them freely available online. With over 180,000 Pension files in this historic record set and over 7.2 million pages, access to these records will benefit not only genealogists and family historians, but a variety of researchers. In addition, the digitization project will help preserve and halt further damage to these historical documents. The files are being digitized as funds become available and many files are already viewable by visiting <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>.

ISGS President Jane Haldeman notes: "The ISGS board made a strong commitment to the preservation of the War of 1812 Pension Records when it issued the fundraising challenge earlier this year. ISGS thanks all who contributed, especially those members of the genealogy community who are not members of ISGS. Digitizing these records will

benefit ALL genealogists and hopefully result in more people locating information about their ancestors."

### About Illinois State Genealogical Society

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

- To stimulate an interest in the people who contributed to the establishment and development of the State of Illinois.
- To seek, preserve, and make available data pertaining to individuals, families, and groups who lived in Illinois and to events which took place therein.
- To inform people of the value of, and need for, preserving family and local history for posterity.
- To encourage the formation of local genealogical societies and to coordinate and disseminate information.

Follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ILgensoc>), Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/ILgensoc>) and on our blog at <http://ilgensoc.blogspot.com>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 11, 2012 in [Societies](#) | [Permalink](#)

### **Ancestry App for Windows 8 (December 21, 2012)**



Writing in the [Ancestry.com Blog](#), Duff Wilson describes a new easy way to view and share your family tree right from your desktop. Ancestry for Windows 8 provides an attractive and innovative way to experience and show off your tree. Editing in the app is not supported yet, so to edit or build your tree, there are launch points that take you to Ancestry.com on the web. Any changes you make to your online tree on Ancestry.com will show up back in the desktop Ancestry application.

This strikes me as the future, not only of genealogy information, but almost everything else in our daily lives. We now are seeing desktop, mobile, handheld, and web-based, or "cloud," applications all merge into one. Take your information with you wherever you are. You can have easy access to information that is important to you at any moment you want it.

You can read Duff Wilson's article about the new Ancestry App for Windows 8 at <http://goo.gl/FBDFY>.



Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 21, 2012 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

**"History Harvests" Online (December 22, 2012)**

Since 2010, scholars and students at Nebraska and at James Madison University have organized a series of "History Harvests" — community events where families share their artifacts and stories with students, who document and digitize them. The idea is to make visible histories and materials that otherwise would be largely invisible, and to share them more broadly online. Scholars benefit, and so do students, who learn to apply their disciplinary skills in real-world situations.

The web site contains pictures of numerous family mementos and keepsakes. According to says Patrick D. Jones, co-director of the History Harvest project, "We have all sorts of historical material held in families and in communities. It's not government-created material. It's not the White House papers. It's the social experience of people."

Sam Eneman told me about this project and he described it by writing, "it combines family history, oral histories & genealogy."

You can find the interesting article at <http://goo.gl/F9qOS>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 22, 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, February 2, 2013. The program for the morning is titled "**Cemetery Research**". The speaker for the morning will be Tina Beaird.

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

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

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

**Please note that meetings that are scheduled for September 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, January 16, 2013. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Engaging the Next Generation"**. The speaker for the program will be Jennifer Holik.

As genealogical researchers we often do our research alone. Sometimes we become lucky and work collaboratively with others on our genealogical mysteries. At best, these collaborative efforts are with our distant cousins who share the love with genealogy as we do.

Yet we often do not tap into some of those that mean the most to us --- our living children and grandchildren! Wouldn't it be nice if we could share our love for family history with them and become their mentors in this great hobby. Jennifer is going to share with the group how we can encourage our own children and grandchildren to work with us in unraveling genealogical mysteries. Jennifer has published some books that provide us as researchers with a road map on how to involve our children and grandchildren in the pursuit of family history.

Jennifer Holik, is a professional genealogist, lecturer, house historian, and author with over 15 years of experience. She has a Bachelor's degree in History and believes history must be incorporated into genealogical research to fully understand the lives of our ancestors. Jennifer lives in the suburbs of Chicago and specializes in DuPage and Cook County, Illinois, genealogy. She enjoys a good mystery and the thrill of tracing the history of old homes.

Jennifer is the author of ***To Soar with the Tigers***, a book about Flying Tiger Robert Brouk. She authors several blogs including Chicago Family History, Family History Research, and Genealogy for Kids. In addition to blogging, she has written for local Chicago area genealogical society publications, the National Genealogical Society Magazine, and published several genealogy tip sheets and how-to guides on the Nook and Kindle.

She recently began lecturing in the Chicago area and has booked several engagements for early 2012.

Jennifer is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), the National Genealogical Society and the DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society (DCGS). She is the current web master and social media person for DCGS. She will serve as one of the Official Bloggers for the FGS 2011 Conference in Springfield, IL.

Also be aware the society is having its Annual Conference on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Hilton Garden in St. Charles, Illinois. The Conference Program Title is "Discovering America's Early Roots". This is an all-day program. This is the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the DuPage County Genealogical Society to be held in its history. Walk-ins are welcome at the last minute. There is usually an un-discounted charge for the conference as a walk-in. You also may not be guaranteed a lunch but there are plenty of restaurants in the very nearby area if you were unable to obtain a lunch from the society. Take advantage of any pre-registration discounts before February 11, 2013 you can do with the material at the website and avoid the uncertainties of not getting a lunch if you walk-in unregistered.

Details for this special Annual Conference can be found at the society's web page listed below. Just look for the link at the top of the first page you encounter that says "Conferences". Click on that link and you will gain access to all of the information concerning this upcoming conference.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 19, 2012 at the Schaumburg Township District Library from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The first program

scheduled for this day is **"Hidden Gems At Ancestry.com – And How To Find Them!"**. The speakers for the program will be Lou Szucs and Juliana Szucs Smith.

This program is also being co-sponsored by the Schaumburg Township District Library.

The CAGGNI organization will conduct a short business meeting starting at 10:30 AM that should last no more than about 20 minutes. The main program will start after that and should last until no later than 12:30.

With billions of records at Ancestry.com, some of the richest treasures are sometimes overlooked. This presentation is designed to spark new ideas by highlighting some great collections that don't surface immediately in a general search. Come and discover new databases and learn how to use Ancestry.com most effectively so that you can get the most out of your research time.

After the main program that is expected to end by 12:30 PM, the Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group within CAGGNI will conduct their program from approximately 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM.

Those who participate in the first part of the program do not have to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part with the special Interest Group unless they have a desire to do so.

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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## **INTERNET INFORMATION**

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## Ancestry.com Launches New Web Site Newspapers.com (November 29, 2012)

This should be interesting! Ancestry.com has a major new offering. The following was written by Ancestry.com:

*Online Newspaper Web Site Offers a High-Quality Collection of Digitized and Completely Searchable U.S. Newspapers Dating Back Centuries*

(PROVO, Utah) – November 29, 2012 – [Ancestry.com](#) Inc. (Nasdaq: ACOM), the world's largest online family history resource, today announced the launch of [Newspapers.com](#), a powerful and affordable new web site designed to offer a historically rich collection of more than 800 U.S. newspapers dating from the late 1700s into the early 2000s.

Comprising more than 25 million pages, Newspapers.com offers a trove of historical and present-day newspapers ranging from the New York Times to treasured small town and local newspapers throughout the United States.

Interested users will find centuries of amazing [news articles](#) and photos now captured online when browsing hundreds of years of breaking news headlines, searching for information about an ancestor or reading how the media addressed moments in history like the day Charles A. Lindbergh flew over the Atlantic, the opening of Disneyland or news from the fronts during World War I and World War II.

"We're extremely excited about the launch of Newspapers.com because it offers historical value for people of all ages and areas of interest," said Brian Hansen, General Manager of Newspapers.com. "Searching newspapers is like searching the Facebook footprint of the past. Not only can you find information on births, marriages and deaths, but you can also get a glimpse into what life was like during a specific era. We hope our users have fun making their own discoveries in this great newspaper collection that will continue to grow over time."

The search capabilities on Newspapers.com are specifically designed for newspapers enabling users to easily search by keywords, location, time period and newspaper name. From the 1784 Newport Mercury newspaper to a 2009 edition of The Gettysburg Times, users may find old advertisements or job listings, laugh at comics, retrieve family history clues or learn about famous events through the eyes and words of the time period.

The user experience is also enhanced by an image viewer that serves up crisp, high-quality images of the newspapers. Once discovered, newspaper images can easily be clipped, saved and shared via social outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Google+.

Within this growing [newspaper collection](#) are a myriad photos and stories that provide unique perspective on history. Examples include:

- **Abraham Lincoln** – Abraham Lincoln's death is noted as "Our Great Loss" in the April 16, 1865 edition of the New York Times
- **Interesting People** – The first baby picture of John Jacob Astor VI, whose father perished on the Titanic, is posted among other photos including one of Andrew Carnegie in the 1914 New York Times section labeled "Interesting People Seen Through the Camera's Eye"

- **Price Changes** – See how costs have changed over time, for example the New York Times cost one cent back in 1852, a paper that today costs \$2.50 for its weekday edition
- **Marilyn Monroe** – A Parade article featuring an exclusive interview with Marilyn Monroe in 1952 talked about how the famous actress saw herself
- **Man on the Moon** – In 1969, the first U.S. astronaut on the moon as highlighted in the Iowa Estherville Daily News
- **St. Valentine's Day Massacre** – The day after the 1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago, articles all across America followed the story including The Daily Independent

In addition to the historical view this newspaper collection provides, it also peers into the pop culture of American history. Learn about Lita Grey's marriage to Charlie Chaplin on November 24, 1924 in the *Ohio Zanesville Times Signal*. Skim vintage advertisements, such as those by Sears, offering customers the opportunity to trade in old tires for a credit toward new ones in a 1952 advertisement in the *Arizona Sun Times*. Read your favorite comic strip from years ago, like Peanuts, Hi and Lois and even a 1947 Lil' Abner comic strip where Daisy Mae laments not being a comic strip character.

Newspapers.com provides an affordable glimpse into the past with a yearly subscription rate of \$79.95 for subscribers and \$39.95 for Ancestry.com or Fold3.com members. Newspapers.com also offers a 7-day free trial that can be activated at [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com).

#### [About Ancestry.com](#)

Ancestry.com Inc. (Nasdaq: ACOM) is the world's largest online family history resource, with approximately 2 million paying subscribers. More than 11 billion records have been added to the site in the past 16 years. Ancestry users have created more than 41 million [family trees](#) containing more than 4 billion profiles. In addition to its flagship site, Ancestry.com offers several localized Web sites designed to empower people to discover, preserve and share their family history.

#### [Forward Looking Statements](#)

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include the benefits we expect subscribers to obtain from the Newspapers.com collection and our ability to grow the collection. Risks and uncertainties include our inability to attract subscribers; our ability to satisfy customer's expectations as to the content of the collection, now and in the future; and our ability to make the products and services easy to use. Information concerning additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, and in discussions in other of our SEC filings. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date and we assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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## New: Google+ Genealogy Tech Community (December 7, 2012)



A new Genealogy Tech Community has been formed on Google Plus. In fact, it is so new that it is almost empty right now but I suspect this "community" has the capability to grow and become very active. With more than 500 million people already using Google Plus, a lot of genealogists could be joining the new community. The key word here is "could." Obviously, there has to be content in the community to attract people. The content isn't there yet, however.

Google announced yesterday the formation of communities. With Google+ Communities, there's now a gathering place for your passions, including genealogy or most any other topic that interests you. Google+ Communities provide:

- Public or private membership to support all kinds of groups—from topics and interests to local neighborhoods to regular poker nights
- Discussion categories to find the conversations you care about most
- The option to start hangouts and plan events with community members
- The ability to share with your community from any +1 button across the web

To give it a try, just click on the new "Communities" icon, then create or join your favorite community. It's only a preview and is a bit rough around the edges right now. Google will be smoothing out some of those rough edges as the company obtains feedback from users. The communities are formed by Google+ users like you, not by company employees.

The Google+ Genealogy Tech Community may be found at

<https://plus.google.com/117740324364023421354/posts/eaKe3cRdApB>.

Click on "Preview community" to view the community in action. Again, you won't find much there today but that could change within a few days.

You can also create your own Google+ Community, if you care to do so. You might create one for West Virginia Ancestry or for the Sons of the American Revolution or for Classic Mustang Autos or for Amiga Computers or for any other topic of interest. You can learn more about Google+ Communities at <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2012/12/google-communities-and-photos.html>.

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## PERIODICAL NEWS

### **NGS Magazine**

We have received the October – December 2012, Volume 38, Number 4 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"In Memoriam: John Thomas Humphrey, CG"**

By Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS

**"Tracking Generations with German *Familienbuch* and *Sellenbuch*"**

By Kathy Stickney

**"The Sicilians of South Louisiana"**

By Beth A. Stahr, CG

**"Lost Causes As Genealogical Opportunities"**

By Harold Henderson, CG

**"Family Data Circulars of 1898 and 1915"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

**"If Living Were A Crime ... Evidence Your Ancestor Left At the Scene"**

By Sharon Tate Moody, CG

**"Small Miracles Unite A Family"**

By Carol L. Tefft

**"From Their Hearts: How Our Female Ancestors Told Their Stories in diaries and Letters"**

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

**"Review of Family Historian 5"**

By Barbara Schenck

**“Is There An ancestor in the House? Or the Senate?: Researching Legislative Ancestors”**

By B. Darrell Jackson, Ph.D, CG

**“Using Technology To Prepare for a Research Trip”**

By Jordan Jones

**“Account Books”**

By Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D

**“Checking for Vitals”**

By Susan Zacharias

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Using Technology to Prepare for A Research Trip”. The author of the article is Jordan Jones.

Are you planning on taking a genealogy trip to a research facility, library or archive? Traveling can be challenging all unto itself. Travel by car at least allows you to be able to take “bonus” and “extra” items with that you can stow away in the car. Travel by air is much more challenging with space limitations and just the physical challenge of carrying lots of stuff both to and from the airport.

The author notes that technology today can certainly help you minimize all of the “stuff” you want to cart around. Electronic equipment is today both smaller in size, lighter in weight and yet even more powerful than traditional desktop equipment.

Here are some points of interest that we should take into consideration with our technological equipment we definitely want with us on research trips:

**Lightweight Computers**

Most of us probably have a laptop computer. For some the laptop computer has in essence replaced our desktop computers because we have portability not only within our house but also the ability to pack up a laptop and take it with us on our research trips. The author notes that today there is a subgroup of laptops often known as “ultralights” that often weigh half as much as laptops of 3 or 4 years ago. Some laptops can weigh in at 5 or even 6 pounds. If you try carrying that laptop along as well as all the supporting cables, mouse etc. you will soon find that what sounds like a small weight will really tire you out soon when you have to carry that around.

Today’s laptops offer you the chance to actually buy one that now weigh-in at 4 pounds. One pound difference can make a substantial weight difference when you carry it around. The “ultralights” are remarkably even smaller in weight. Some by Apple weigh in at about 2.38 pounds for an 11 inch screen version with no hard-drive but with a solid state drive and no DVD burning or viewing capability.

Many of these ultralight laptops are still very pricey. Apple’s 11 inch ultralight clocks in at about \$999. If price is your main issue you may have to settle for a slightly heavier Windows version laptop that costs about \$399. If you have a 5 year old laptop, even a regular replacement laptop will be lighter than what you may have. But at least you now have a choice of incredibly very lightweight and extremely powerful laptops to choose from although at a little higher price than you may feel comfortable with.

## **Tablet Computers**

Who hasn't heard of an iPad? In the case of Tablet computers, you still have two major Operating System players. You have Apple with its iOS Operating System. You also have Google with its Android Operating System.

These tablets are still considered powerful computing devices that are small in size and easy to hold and carry. Screen size runs from about 7 inches on the diagonal to about 10 inches. So you do not have nearly as much screen real estate in a Tablet as you do on a laptop (13 to 17 inches) or on a desktop (21 to 27 inches).

Internet access on these tablets is available via WiFi or Cellular. If you choose one with WiFi that will mean you will have Internet access only where you have a "Hot spot" of another WiFi network, as in your Public Library or you can default your WiFi access to your own home network. With Cellular service on these Tablets, you gain access to the Internet anywhere you can access cell phone towers for that provider. There is also a monthly "data" cost from the provider that covers the cost of you accessing the Internet. This can be fairly low (\$20 per month for 1 GB of data) or rather high if you are a heavy user of Internet data (\$50 per month for 5 GB of data). Once you leave your own WiFi home network environment and rely on Cellular access, your costs rise rapidly.

Tablets also are much smaller in solid state drive capacity. You may be able to have only the equivalent of 64 GB of storage directly on the device. Some come with memory slots you can use to store data. Most of the tablet manufacturers are steering users to the "cloud" where your data can be stored instead of on a hard drive. Once again, small amounts of storage may be available for free on the cloud, or you can have larger amounts for a monthly or annual charge.

The Tablets are powerful. Your genealogy research can easily be stored on these devices. They can take pictures and videos. Screens are often in ultra high resolution so that small text can easily be read. Pictures are incredibly crisp and beautiful.

A Tablet may be your "go-to" technology for your genealogy research trips.

## **Smart Phones**

More and more of us are replacing our "dumb" cell phones that are really geared just for that, making and receiving calls, with "smart" phones that are in essence mini-computers in your hand that allow you to access and interact with the Internet anywhere you have a cell signal. At this time about 50% of cell phone users have "smart" phones. Of that amount using these "smart" phones, 80% are running Google Android or Apple iOS operating systems.

In the case of "smart" phones we are talking screen size real estate in the area of 3.5 inches on the diagonal to about 5 inches on the diagonal. Portability does have its trade-off in screen size and readability. Combine the small screen size with "virtual" keyboards and you can see that you are not going to be able to easily do a lot of fast typing on these devices. You almost always have to type with one finger, hoping your large finger does not accidentally touch another key.

It truly feels that the purpose of a cell phone today is more for data access to the Internet and that voice conversations are just an afterthought. Why talk anymore when you can access FaceBook or Twitter and communicate that way. Why just talk with words

when you can Skype and have a video call at the same time or use FaceTime and routinely have video calls.

As you can see, we now have many choices to take along light weight technological tools on our genealogy research trips. Our data can always be with us on these devices or on the "cloud".

We also have other non-electronic tools to help us with our plans for a genealogy research trip. There are some wonderful online tools to help with planning. Consider using Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>) to create a private or shared map about your destinations. You may be able to obtain visuals of the Courthouse or the cemetery you plan on visiting. Find your accommodations and even restaurants in the area you would like to visit.

Also consider some record gathering, note-taking, or task organization tools for your research trips. Consider using Evernote ([www.evernote.com](http://www.evernote.com)), Springpad ([www.springpad.com](http://www.springpad.com)), or One Note ([www.microsoft.com/office/onenote](http://www.microsoft.com/office/onenote)) to make inventories of the records that you may want to find on your trip.

Do you like to make "To Do" lists? Consider using Wunderlist ([www.wunderlist.com](http://www.wunderlist.com)), or Things (<http://culturecode.com/things>) for the Mac or iOS, Astrid (<http://astrid.com>) on Android or iOS.

Use some of the above online tools to document your research. Note both successful discoveries and unsuccessful ones.

Lightweight, powerful computing tools are everywhere for you to purchase. Maybe some are more appropriate for you than others. Maybe you want all of it if you have unlimited funds to purchase all of it! But it is obvious the days of being tethered to an unmovable desktop are long gone for your computing power. You have many choices are varied price points to allow you to be completely portable when you are on your research trips. Don't forget to include the variety of data-keeping software to include on your portable devices so you can use that to document your research efforts.

Christmas is coming soon, so ask Santa for something noted above to enhance your offsite research trips.

I also thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Is There an Ancestor in the House? Or the Senate?". The author of the article is B. Darrell Jackson, Ph.D, CG.

You may be aware that genealogical research may uncover the not so good side of our ancestors. Perhaps you have discovered robbers, murderers, deserters or the like in your research. Some of you may cringe at these discoveries, others may relish the discovery. You decide yourself. The author notes in this article that perhaps you may discover the more famous ancestor in your research. Perhaps you may even discover that an ancestor has a connection to being a political figure and was even elected to a legislative body.

Discovering legislators in your ancestral trail may be uncommon but it is far from rare. After all, there are now 50 states of legislators as well as those federally elected legislators. Many legislators in years past may only have been elected for one or two terms and not "for life" as we seem to see more of today! So there may be a larger pool of past legislators over time than you actually think exists. Your ancestor may be one of them.

The author indicated he himself has discovered 10 ancestors in his research that were in fact legislators, some going back to colonial times.

You should also be aware that many of our famous political figures started their aspirations in their local state legislatures. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were in the Virginia House of Burgess. Abraham Lincoln was an Illinois legislator as was Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New York.

Legislative bodies produce their own kind of records. These are rarely widely distributed or read. But a paper trail can exist in volumes in these cases for legislators. The author suggests the researcher consider the following sources of documents to uncover information about an ancestor that may have been a legislator:

### **Legislative Journals**

These journals contain the names of the members. Committee assignments, committee reports, voting records are key discoveries. You may be able to discover these resources from the actual Legislative Library for that state.

### **State Laws**

Look for laws that may have been initiated by your legislator ancestor or the identify of the legislator as a co-sponsor. Look for these in law, history and university libraries.

### **Legislative Papers**

Look for these in the state archive of interest. You may find other tidbits of information about the legislator that did not apply directly to any legislation, such as expense reports, bills that did not pass and various forms of communication. You might even find copies of amendments offered by your legislator that perhaps did not pass.

### **Newspaper Accounts**

Early newspapers gave extensive coverage to legislative happenings. You might even find speeches given by your legislator. Look through the variety of online digitized newspaper data.

### **Official State Manuals**

States often publish a volume listing state agencies and the people on staff. Photographs are often found here. You can often find quite a bit on the biographies of the legislators that are serving in that particular legislative session. In Illinois, look for a book called the "blue book". That may be a similar title for other states.

The author provided some lengthy examples of his own research. Discoveries were noted on what information was discovered about that particular legislator. A lengthy chronology of the time served in sessions can be discovered, with both descriptions of mundane activities and perhaps the involvement with major changes impacting the entire state or country.

For most of us we will probably discover nothing of a legislative connection with our ancestors. But for some, you may discover an incredible amount of detailed biographical



information and legislative historical information on your ancestral legislator. So while there is the dark side of ancestors you may perhaps discover the very notable side of an ancestral legislator.

You may want to review many of the articles contained in this recent issue of NGS Magazine. Look at the titles I noted at the very beginning of this article as to what is included. Perhaps there is an article just for you that might advance your own research!

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

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### **No 2<sup>nd</sup> Journal Reviewed This Month**

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### **BOOKS IN PRINT**

Our library has added ***The Companion Guide To Family Tree Maker 2012*** to our circulating collection. The author of the book is Tana L. Pedersen. The book was published in 2011. It was added to our circulating collection in October 2012. The call number of the book is 929.1072 PEDERSEN, T. The book is 317 pages in length.

Chapters in the book are:

- Chapter 1 - Installing Family Tree Maker
- Chapter 2 - Family Tree Maker Basics
- Chapter 3 - Creating A Tree
- Chapter 4 - Entering Family Information
- Chapter 5 - Documenting Your Research
- Chapter 6 - Including Media Items
- Chapter 7 - Using Maps
- Chapter 8 - Researching Your Tree Online
- Chapter 9 - Creating Family Tree Charts
- Chapter 10 - Running Reports
- Chapter 11 - Creating A Family History Book
- Chapter 12 - Working with Trees
- Chapter 13 - Tools and Preferences
- Chapter 14 - Family Tree Problem Solver
- Troubleshooting Computer Issues
- Glossary
- Index

## About the Author

Family Tree Maker has been around for quite some time. New and updated versions of the program have generally been issued on an annual basis. Often times the update may be referred to as Version XYZ or now Family Tree Maker has tended to indicate a new updated product by naming it associated with a year, as in the case of this update where it is referred to as Family Tree Maker 2012.

The book itself makes note of the following as being new in the 2012 version of the product:

- A new TreeSync feature is now available that will make it possible to have the same version of your research work in the product be “in sync” between a desktop version of your work and any online version you may have. So whichever one you look at you should have the same identical work contained in each.
- Easy-to-understand combined family view that helps you know in “blended” families whether a child is one from the mother or the father or from both parents.
- Simplified interface for new users in which the software detects whether you are upgrading from a previous version (version 16 or earlier). If you are, a simplified user interface looks more like the older versions of Family Tree Maker.
- Improved Smart Stories that now includes facts about the individual and his or her spouse and children.
- New and improved reports. The version contains 2 new reports. There is a Notes Report and an Index of Individuals Report. You can also now customize the descriptive fact sentences used in genealogy reports and Smart Stories.
- New chart options to help you better understand the relationships of the individuals in the chart. You can also personalize charts by adding your own text.
- New and updated tutorials.

I am glad that this book contains highlights of what is “new” in the product over and above the previous version. Previous books did not make note of this and I felt the reader had no idea what was new.

I find it so much easier to have a book of this kind to refer to for these kind of products. Yes you can “wing” it sometimes by just experimenting with the tabs and pull-down menus within the product, but I feel I need a better road map to navigate and simply be aware of features and functionality within the program that I perhaps might never discover by just exploring within the program.

Throughout the book you will find many “screen prints” from the product that will provide you with a better visualization of what you can expect to see for the various functions described.

The concept of the Smart Stories is a nice feature of the program. As you enter in fact after fact or event after event on any individual, the Smart Story concept takes all of the data you entered in and intelligently can convert that data to a readable story for that individual, incorporating all of the data into the story. This is a feature you may want to investigate in this product because it sure can make your family history writing goal within reach using software functionality built into the program.

When you install a product like this that allows you to input all of your research, you often cross your fingers and hope all goes well. No matter how good you are, there will be times that something will “hiccup” with the data you enter in relation to other data or to the capabilities of the product. Chapter 14 is a very nice chapter that identifies some of the potential problems you might encounter and provides insight as to what the corrective action might be. Some of the noted “problems” the user might encounter relate to the following:

- Merging Duplicate Individuals
- Removing An Individual from Your Tree
- Removing a Marriage
- Detaching a Child from the Wrong Parents
- Attaching a Child to a Father and Mother
- Using the global Spell checker
- Using the Find and Replace Tool
- Running the Data Errors Report
- Resolving a Single Place Name
- Resolving Multiple Place Names
- Finding a Single Missing Media Item
- Finding All Missing Media Items

This chapter really provides good insight into potential problems or situations you may encounter that are problematic or unfamiliar to you. Don't panic! We all get them. Dig into the book and perhaps your problem is noted with the solution clearly described.

Tutorials, in addition to a book, are always nice to visit and review. Seeing is still the best way to learn even if you are reading the book. I did take a quick look at the Family Tree website and found a nice link to a series of tutorials they have at the site for Family Tree Maker 2012.

You can see these tutorials at:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/Learn/Tutorials>

If you have Family Tree Maker 2012 then this is probably a good book to not only check out from us for a review, but to consider purchasing a personal copy for reference by you as you use the product.

Family Tree Maker is a very popular product used by many, many genealogists. Knowing how to best use it is really an important part in your research if you have the product. Start with a book like this and you will be on your way to learning more about the

countless software power you may have at your fingertips that you may not even be aware of.

This book is available to check out from our library. The call number of the book is 929.1072 PEDERSEN, T. It is available to check out form the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the tall circulating shelves.

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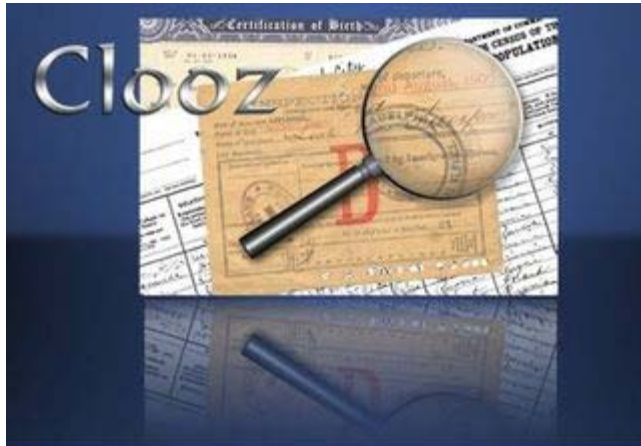
No new 2<sup>nd</sup> book was added to our collection during this report period.

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### SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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<b>Announcing a Clooz 3 Update (December 15, 2012)</b>
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Clooz for Windows is a research tool to help you keep track of the scraps of information that you find in your efforts to uncover genealogy data. It is a database for systematically storing all of the clues to your ancestry that you've been collecting over the years. You might think of it as an electronic filing cabinet that assists you with search and retrieval of important facts you've found during the ancestor hunt. Did you already find a particular person in the census records? Clooz can tell you. What records have you already searched? What documents have you already found that mention a particular person? Again, Clooz can help. The value of Clooz becomes most apparent as you begin to gather data on hundreds or even thousands of people; the program easily stores information, sorts and filters the information as needed and then displays only the results that you seek.

You can see my earlier articles describing Clooz if you start at <http://goo.gl/Cfq3d>. Now a new version is about to be released. Here is the announcement written by Joe Bissett, Clooz CEO and Richard Thomas, Clooz COO and lead software engineer:

Clooz 3 has excited its user base with many new and important features. This is the first new version of the genealogical research utility under the new Ancestral Systems, LLC ownership. Users have consistently stated that it is a marked improvement over the previous version (last updated in 2007).

Clooz is based on a concept of displaying templates for extracting information from documents into a database, where people are then linked to their associated details in the document. Reports can then be generated from the data. Document templates are provided for commonly available national censuses, directories, tax records, vital event records, naturalization and passenger records, to list a few.

Joe Bissett, CEO of Ancestral Systems, LLC, states that he and Richard Thomas, COO and head of software development, as dedicated Clooz users themselves, recognized that significant issues remained from the 2007 release of Clooz 2.1. The team embarked on a rigorous program to clear these issues from the previous version and to improve the Clooz user experience.

Joe enthusiastically states that Ancestral Systems achieved the key Clooz 3 goal of improving user interaction and usability and significantly improved the user experience. Joe also notes that the company strives to maintain a rapid response to user requests for support, and has received a very favorable response to their efforts. Using a web-based update capability, several improvements to the program have been released since Clooz 3's initial debut in August, providing users with additional features and modifications in response to their requests.

Ancestral Systems has added a host of new enhancements, improvements and features, including:

**Improved data entry sequence:**

The sequence for entering documents containing references to people not already in the database has been streamlined. This supports Clooz's use for collecting information about people who might possibly be related, without having to make that determination in advance. Once the user has later determined the persons mentioned in different documents are actually the same person, the records can then be merged. Richard says this is an important capability for elevating Clooz as a research tool, versus merely a digital filing cabinet.

**Faster source information capture:**

Many users tend to avoid the sometimes tedious activity of recording a citation to the source of their information. Clooz addresses this with a new Quick Capture text box that allows easy capture of bulk source information. Source information, such as in an online data repository web site, can be highlighted and dragged (or cut/paste) from a browser directly into Clooz. It can later be further dissected into its component parts for proper entry as a valid source if the document under study proves to be useful.

### **Improved data import and export capabilities:**

A new data transfer manager gives users additional capabilities to control information transfer between Clooz and other lineage-based software packages. Clooz now supports direct import of people and source information from the latest versions of Legacy Family Tree, Roots Magic, and The Master Genealogist databases, as well as GEDCOM files from other programs. User control over individual data items is available to prevent duplication. A merge function provides the capability to combine two Clooz files. Clooz can also export the same information out to Legacy Family Tree databases.

### **Better digital file and URL handling:**

Multiple text or image files, or URLs (Internet website addresses), can be attached to a single document or source record. Richard notes that attaching the files and URLs to a Clooz document couldn't be easier. Clooz supports drag and drop mouse operations for files stored on one's computer, or web page URLs found in on-line research

### **Improved tools for identifying and locating people:**

The main display list of people now contains a column that is populated with the various spelling variants or maiden names associated with a given person. The list is automatically maintained by Clooz based on the original spelling of the person's name in the document details.

A new search toolbar was added to the main window of Clooz allowing entry of multiple search criteria to either find a desired person or to filter the list to show only a subset of the data.

### **Training Videos:**

Eight different online training videos available through the Clooz web site. These videos are available for anyone to view at <http://clooz3videos.ancestralsystems.com>. Users can see and understand the new capabilities being demonstrated in these 3 to 10 minute training segments.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 15, 2012 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)

### **VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand with AutoFeed Dock PDS-ST450-VP (December 20, 2012)**

Genealogists use handheld scanners more often than almost any other group I can think of. We scan documents at the local courthouse, old newspaper articles at the library, and photos while visiting a cousin's house. One of the more popular handheld scanners for genealogists is the VuPoint "Magic Wand." I own one and use it frequently. You can see my earlier articles about the VuPoint Magic Wand if you start at <http://goo.gl/A4cwM>.

I noticed today that M. David Stone has written a review of the brand-new VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand with AutoFeed Dock PDS-ST450-VP. This unit consists of two pieces: the first looks almost identical to the older Magic Wand handheld scanner but the second box is a dock that turns the first device into a manual-feed scanner.



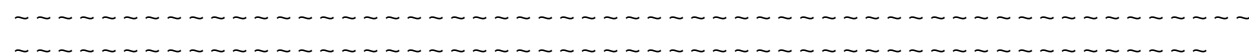


This new device will allow the user to operate the 6.3 ounce handheld device separately (without the dock) as a normal handheld scanner. In addition, it becomes a manual-feed scanner when you mount it in its 1.4 pound dock. In both cases, the scanner works alone with no computer attached. All scanned images are stored in a small, plug-in memory card. You can later copy the newly-scanned images to any Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer by removing the memory card from the scanner and plugging it into the computer (if it has a slot for a memory card) or into an adapter that plugs into the computer (if there is no built-in memory card slot in the computer).

You can read the review of the brand-new VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand with AutoFeed Dock PDS-ST450-VP in PCMag.com's web site at <http://goo.gl/AW3d6>.

The VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand with AutoFeed Dock PDS-ST450-VP costs \$159.95 at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 20, 2012 in [Hardware](#) | [Permalink](#)




## **FUNNY BONE**

Here is a change of pace from the past "unusual" gravestones.

I found the following "genealogy humor" at the following web site. Take a look at these and more images at:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=genealogy+humor&hl=en&tbo=u&tbm=isch&source=univ&sa=X&ei=wQm-UK3rGla9yAH0uoG4Cw&ved=0CDEQsAQ&biw=1024&bih=639>

# Prof. Ahnentafel's Patented Genealogy Grout



“ I guarantee that this product will seamlessly hide the gaps in your family tree, so that not even a professional genealogist will be able to spot them! ”

# Prof. Ahnentafel's Headstone Scanner



The Headstone Scanner can save you time and effort on your next visit to the cemetery. It can also help to eliminate transcription errors. Simply place a headstone into the automatic feeder, push the "Scan" button and then stand back while the machine does all the work! The patented StoneGuard system will protect the headstone during the scan process.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Jan 8  
TUE  
2013
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**“Where Did I Put Great-Grandpa – Organizing for Genealogists”**  
Presented by Caron Primas Brennan.  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Jan 19  
SAT  
2013
- 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.  
This program is also being co-hosted by the Schaumburg Township District Library.  
(Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have

occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.)  
Topic for the meeting **"Hidden Gems At Ancestry.com – And How To Find Them"**

Presented by Lou Szucs and Julianna Szucs Smith  
Further information at: [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Jan 21  
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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.  
Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Feb 2  
SAT  
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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.  
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:30 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at [www.NWSCG.com](http://www.NWSCG.com)

Feb 12  
TUE  
2013  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Meeting.  
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
PM.  
**"Engaging the Next Generation: Parents and Grandparents  
Inspiring Children About Genealogy"**  
Presented by Jennifer Holik-Urban.  
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Feb 16  
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Topic for the meeting **"Cemetery Sleuthing"**  
Presented by Kathy Kult  
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P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

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.

Society website at [www.dcgcs.org](http://www.dcgcs.org).

Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Mar 2  
SAT  
2013

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 2, 2013.

**"Polish Genealogy – Where To Start"**.

Presented by Steve Szabados

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

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

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

Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM

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

Mar 12  
TUE  
2013

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Topic for the meeting **"What's New in Technology?"**

Presented by Ed Rosenthal

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Mar 20  
WED  
2013

DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 20, 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 **"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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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals"**  
Presented by Teresa S. McMillin, CG.  
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- Apr 17  
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2013
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 17, 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 **"Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted"**.  
Guest speaker is Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.  
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Topic for the meeting **"18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century English Parish Records"**  
Presented by To Be Determined  
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P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- 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  
TUE  
2013
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**"Free Digital Books: More Than Just Google"**  
Presented by Sarah A. V. Kirby.  
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- May 15  
WED  
2013
- 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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Jul 9  
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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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Presented by Skip Bieber

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Oct 8  
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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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**"An Archivist's Notebook: Who Will Look At Your Genealogical Material?"**

Presented by Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana.

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