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March 12, 2013 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our March 12, 2013 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS ON APRIL 6, 2013

THE SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 1801 WEST CENTRAL ROAD IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. THERE IS A 30 MINUTE ROUND-TABLE HELP SESSION THAT STARTS AT 9:30 AM PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, April 6, 2013. The program for the morning is titled **“How To Prepare For A Research Trip”**. The speaker for the morning will be Dan Wertz.

Before you go running off to some nearby research facility or plan on going overseas to research the place of origin of your ancestors, it would be wise for you to take a deep breath and prepare yourself NOW rather than later for the trip. Sure part of the trip may be booking airline tickets, or hotels, or finding out what the local sights are for the particular area. But what about your research needs? Are you just going to show up at the research facility and start making great discoveries? What if the facility is not open when you show up? OOOOPs! Maybe had you checked in advance for such things you would not be losing two days of research until it does re-open. Research preparation is necessary before you ever set foot on the plane or get behind the wheel.

Dan Wertz is a retired CPA and lives in Buffalo Grove with his wife Sheila. They have two daughters. Dan has been actively involved in the pursuit of genealogy and his family tree since 1987. His paternal line has been traced as far back as 1530 in Bretten, Baden, Germany. His immigrant ancestor came to America in 1732 and built his family home in Quincy, Franklin County, PA in 1747. Dan and his wife toured that home in 2003. Sheila also has an active interest in genealogy, spending numerous annual genealogy vacations in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana with Dan. He holds memberships in the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists (NWSCG), the Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGG-NI), Illinois State Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and the German Interest Group – Wisconsin.

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

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

www.NWSCG.com

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**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT
REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON MARCH 20, 2013**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, March 20, 2013. The program scheduled for that evening is **“Family Tree Tours: Travel Back To Your Roots (Germany, Ireland)”**. The speaker for the program will be Kathy Wurth.

This presentation is a primer for preparing for a Heritage tour to visit your ancestral hometowns in Germany or Ireland , whether on your own or with a group. We first discuss how to use U.S. records to find your ancestral hometown. We then will discuss pre-trip preparation and what you can expect from a FamilyTree Tour vacation.

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

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

www.dcgs.org

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGG-NI) NEXT PROGRAM ON MARCH 16, 2013 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, March 16, 2013 at the Schaumburg Township District Library starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"What's NEW In Technology?"**. The speaker for the program will be Ed Rosenthal.

2013 promises to be a great year in technology! Come join us for our ever-popular and *only* regular yearly offering. Ed Rosenthal will be back with another jam-packed session featuring the latest electronic must-haves and applications too! You won't want to miss this program.

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

www.CAGGNI.org

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

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Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON APRIL 9, 2013

Our guest speaker for our April 9, 2013 Genealogy Program is Teresa S. McMillin, CG. Teresa will present a program titled "Hunting for Henry: A Case Study in Sibling Research".

Henry Steren was a German immigrant who lived in Quincy, Illinois. The United States records that were created about him indicate only that he was from the Province of Hanover in Germany. This lecture will detail how his town of origin and parents were identified, in spite of the lack of records naming him. Carefully researching each of his associates and correlating all available evidence reveals the origins of Henry. Use of the Genealogical Proof Standard is demonstrated. Complicating factors in this case are:

- Very few records available for the person in question
- Multiple people with the same given and last names
- Steren is often confused with the common surname Stern

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin is a Certified GenealogistSM who specializes in German-American and Midwest research, as well as reading German script. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a child and currently has many pleased clients. She presents quality genealogical lectures for local societies and national conferences.

Teresa was the 2007 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Home Study Course, which she has completed and for which she is now a grader. She is a multi-year attendee of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy; and has taken college-level German courses. Teresa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, as well as many local genealogical societies. She is a co-president and webmaster of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists in Mount Prospect, Illinois.

Teresa lives in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. She is happily married and has two junior-high-aged children: a boy and a girl.

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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Handout #6 – FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CHANGE IN POLICY FOR PHOTOCOPIES

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 5, 2013.

The [FamilySearch Blog](#) has a new article that states:

"Please note the following change in the policy for patrons who are requesting copies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email to information to patrons.

"If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center."

Further details, including information on how to place an order for this free service, may be found at <http://goo.gl/EVMUQ>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on February 05, 2013 in [Announcements](#) | [Permalink](#)

Comments by Tony Kierna

The above policy change does not surprise me. In fact, I wonder why it has taken them so long to make the switch to e-mail mailings of material via PDF files or the like. The Family History Library functions at a very high technological state. Everything for them has become digital and digitization.

The vast majority of requests they receive are from researchers that are too connected to the digital age with e-mail and the knowledge to be able to receive material as attachments in e-mail that represent images of copied material.

If you want to make a request to them for something they can find for you in their vast collections, then from now on if you have an e-mail address you will now be receiving the material electronically. I don't think that is a burden to you the recipient. How much easier could it be? Your electronic data can now be saved electronically along with all of the material you already have in that format in your own genealogical collection.

I do like the fact that even still the Family History Library is bending over backwards to at least send the electronic images to a local Family History Library in the area of the requestor of the data. The image can be then downloaded and printed onto paper at that local Family History Center for pickup by the requestor.

For the vast majority of us, this is a no-brainer. You send them a request via e-mail for some help and they respond back to electronically via e-mail with what they found for you.

For most of us the announcement represents nothing different than we were already doing.

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Handout #7 – 1921 CANADA CENSUS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON JUNE 2, 2013

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 8, 2013.

The Canada 1921 Census was a detailed enumeration of the Canadian population taken on 1 June 1921 when the total population of Canada was about 8.7 million people. Census returns remain at Statistics Canada until 92 years after the taking of a census and are not available to the public.

On 1 June 2013, the 1921 Census will be transferred to Library and Archives Canada and will be made public shortly after that date. Estimated availability dates haven't been published yet. I wouldn't expect the Canadian 1921 census to be available on the morning of June 2, but it should appear on the Web within a few months after that date.

You can learn more in a new Wikipedia page started by Helen Riding at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_1921_Census. That page also contains links to several other web sites. Of course, as with everything on Wikipedia, if you have more details than what is already posted there, you are invited to add your information.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on February 08, 2013 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Comments by Tony Kierna

Census to the left of me! Census to the right of me! Census straight in front of me!

While still basking in the release of the United States 1940 Census in April 2012, Canada is now proud to acknowledge that its own 1921 Census will be released and become available to the public on June 2, 2013.

As Dick Eastman notes, while the data will be released on June 2, 2013, do not expect to see the data the next day. Just as in the US there will be scrambling and transcribing going on with the data to prepare it for viewing on the internet. Because the total population of Canada in 1921 was so relatively small at 8.7 million people, it can also be assumed the data might be transcribed rather quickly with such a small number of individuals in the data overall. In comparison, the 1940 census for the United States had about 132 million individuals in the 1940 census. That amount was completed within about 5 months. As portions were completed, those were released for viewing and access. I would assume the same would hold true for the 1921 Canadian data.

We in the United States should consider ourselves very lucky to this day. Our own Federal Government has deemed that our census data be out of the public eyes until 72 years has passed. To us as researchers, that still feels like eternity.

But for all of you that can't wait for the release of the 1921 Canada Census, your waits for census data stretch out to the tune of 92 years instead of the 72 years for the census data from the United States. It can even be worse in Europe, where their census data often has to collect dust for a minimum of 100 years before it sees the light of day to be accessed by rabid researchers!

Somewhere in my bones I just feel that our release of census data using a 72 year interval will somehow change in the future. The change will not be a speeding up of the release interval but rather a lengthening of the interval to who knows what. With our citizens living longer well past 72 years in age, I can just see someone in Washington will deem it necessary to protect our citizens privacy even more by suggesting that our census release interval increase to perhaps what Canada is doing, a 92 year interval. On the surface that just makes sense as our population lives longer and privacy protection is so important in our society.

We have a long way to go until the release of the 1950 data under today's standard 72 year interval. I am sure there are plenty of people in Washington, D.C. that will start something between now and then to stretch out and increase the interval to something higher than what it is.

So enjoy the interval we have been used to here in the United States. Let us hope that no one wants to make a name for them self by proposing we increase the interval to a larger interval than what exists.

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Handout #8 – WHY WAS ONLINE INFORMATION FROM FAMILYSEARCH REMOVED?

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 9, 2013.

A newsletter reader posted a comment expressing dissatisfaction that a set of images of Cook County, Illinois, birth records has been removed from FamilySearch.org. Indeed, removal of any online records of genealogical value is sad, but not unusual. Changes such as these are quite common on FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, Fold3, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, and most all other online sites that provide old records online. Removal of datasets has occurred dozens of times in the past, and I suspect such things will continue to happen in the future. I thought I would write a brief explanation.

In most cases, information of genealogical value obtained from government agencies, religious groups, and other organizations is provided under contractual agreements. The contracts specify what information is to be provided, how it is to be made available, and what price the web site has to pay to the provider for the records. All contracts also have a defined expiration date, typically 2 years or 3 years or 5 years after the contract is signed. In this case, Cook County obviously had a contract with FamilySearch.org.

When a contract nears expiration, the two parties usually attempt to renegotiate the contract. Sometimes renewal is automatic, but more often it is not. Maybe the information provider (in this case, Cook County) decides they want more money, or maybe they decide they no longer want to supply the data to the Web service. For instance, in the time the information has been available online, the information provider may have learned just how valuable the information really is. The information provider may decide to ask for more money or may even refuse to provide the information any more since the provider may have a **NEW** plan to create their own web site and offer the same information online on their new site for a fee.

Sure, that stinks for those of us who would like to have free information everywhere; but, it makes sense to most everyone else. I am sure the budget officer at Cook County thinks it makes sense.

Every contract renegotiation is different, but it is not unusual to agree to disagree. The contract ends, and the web site provider legally **MUST** remove the information from their web site. In this case, the web provider was FamilySearch, but the same thing also happens to all the other online sites that provide old records online.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on February 09, 2013 in [Legal affairs](#), [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

Comments by Tony Kierna

I touched bases on the above at our most recent genealogy program that was held on February 12, 2013. I also made a blog post about the very subject that you can

find at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/2013/02/05/images-for-cook-county-illinois-birth-marriage-death-records-etc-no-longer-available-at-familysearch-org-new-agreement-established-between-familysearch-and-cook-county-il-description-of-change/>.

I am glad that you also get to read some of the comments from Dick Eastman included in his own above post.

It is still hard to accept the fact that what once was a treasure trove of images to all of us that do Cook County research is no longer there. I only hope that you were able to have accessed all of these images as part of your own Cook County, IL research efforts. They were truly amazing and they were for free!

But in the blink of an eye, what was once "giveth" was then "taketh away".

Always remember that the world of "genealogy" is still a "business". In this case the business was a contractual relationship between Cook County, IL and FamilySearch that was operating under a contract that allowed for the ability to provide these wonderful Cook County, IL images via the FamilySearch website for the indexed data that existed within FamilySearch. The contract had a life. That life came to an end. New contractual terms were negotiated. What you no longer see is the result of a new contract with new terms that prohibits FamilySearch from showing the images that were previously so common.

Genealogy at this level of indexed files and linked images is a business. Do not ever forget that! Sometimes the business model works in our favor, sometimes it works against us.

Cook County, IL has its web site at www.cookcountygenealogy.com. They have an indexed online system that allows users to register with them, search birth, marriage and death records, and can then give you a copy of the document you seek for a nice hefty fee of \$15. Even here, you can see the handwriting on the wall. Let's see, Cook County, IL has a site at which they sell copies of images of vital records. They had a contract that allowed FamilySearch to provide these images for free. Contract runs out and if I am Cook County, would I still be partners in a contract that allows free access to data I control when the Cook County business models is in place to charge for accessing these images? The answer that we now see is "NO". Cook County controls the data. Under new terms the images cannot be shown for free. Researchers can get these images for \$15 from Cook County, IL. Case closed.

I am sure as our own net of research crosses many different kinds of records among many different organizations through FamilySearch, that it is likely we will see more images of the above turn into "no images" unless we are willing to pay a hefty fee per image.

It is what it is! Cherish the records and images you can obtain for free because one day as we have seen from the above they may just disappear.

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Handout #9 – 10 TIME MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR GENEALOGISTS

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the February/March 2013, Volume 7, Number 6 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that a good article in this issue that can really help you with time management issues for your genealogy research is one titled “10 Time Management Tools for Genealogists”. The author of the article is Lisa A. Alzo.

Do you often sigh the comment “So many ancestors – so little time?”. Sound familiar. **Work smarter, not harder!** As the author notes, the proliferation of smartphones, tablets and the like for our electronic gadgets is real. Many of us have pitched the desktop computer for a good deal of our work. We rely on our smartphones and tablets for more now than ever. These devices can pair with “apps” that can do just about anything today. Certainly, you have heard the phrase “there’s an app for that!” How true that is.

The author highlights and provides a small summary for each of what he believes to be some wonderful “apps” that are identified as Time Management Tools. Some of us may still rely on the paper aspects of time management. We keep folders, schedules, research logs etc. in the paper format. It may still work well for us. But for those of us that are more on the cutting edge, maybe an “app” will be our savior to help us manage our research time constraints.

Many of the noted apps may be for Android and not for iOS. Some may be for both. Some may still be for your desktop only. Some may be for free. Some may have a cost. You may want to look at the detailed description provided by the author on the app and the details. It looks like every app has at least a web site address for you to visit and read up more about it.

Time Management Tools as noted in the article are:

- **ANY.DO** @ www.any.do The author notes it is available for both Android and iOS and is free. It is a simple “to-do” list app. Allows you to synch up all of these to-dos among your various devices. Will set tasks up for Today, Tomorrow, This Week and Later. Also allows you to speak to make audio items for yourself.
- **DOIT.IM** @ <http://doit.im> Free version and also chargeable version with more functionality. For Android and iOS and Web platforms. Four step method of Collect, Process and Organize, Review, Pick Next Action and Do.
- **CLEAR** @ <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/clear/id493136154?mt=8> For iOS only. Costs \$.99. Developed by RealMacSoftware at www.realmacsoftware.com/clear. Simple and elegant list-making app.

- **FHNOTEBOOK** @ www.familyhistorynotebook.com/apps/mobile 100 files or 1 GB free storage. Additional premium offerings with cost. More storage options equals more cost. Up to \$60 per year for 20 GB of storage. Similar to app called Evernote. Can securely store notes, documents, videos, audio files "in the cloud". Can also get a connection to your desktop if needed.
- **GOOGLE CALENDAR, DRIVE AND OTHER OPTIONS** @ www.google.com. Free but requires an account with Google. Use Calendar and Drive for your time and data management. Lots of customization features available. Check out Awesome New Tab Page (aNTP) from within Google for its features for Chrome at <http://goo.gl/rHiim>.
- **IDONETHIS** @ <http://idonethis.com> Free personal version but \$3 per month per collaborator version for use with collaborators. E-mail based productivity log. Keeps a calendar of your completed tasks. You get an e-mail everyday from the service asking you "What'd you get done today?" You can reply and it will take you to a template for you to complete.
- **REMEMBER THE MILK** @ www.rememberthemilk.com Free basic account; \$25 per year premium account. Available on Android, iOS, Google Calendar and Twitter. Simple app. Can manage materials off-line. "Remember the Milk" blog with tips at <http://blog.rememberthemilk.com>.
- **TRELLO** @ www.trello.com Free. Web-based, Android, and iOS devices 4.2 and later. Can organize your whole project at a single glance. Very flexible. You set up "boards". Boards have collections of lists, and lists contain cards. Keeps track at big picture level as well as at detailed level. If you like index card organization then this app may appeal to you. You can add other participants to your works.
- **WORKFLOWY** @ <http://workflowy.com> Free. Web-based at the moment. No app yet available. Simple and powerful for your thoughts and to-do lists. Breaks things down into smaller pieces. Puts small pieces back together for a bigger view. Good for note-taking and brainstorming. Keeps a journal of important things. You must be connected to the internet to use the application.
- **WUNDERLIST** @ www.wunderlist.com Free. Cloud synchronization for Windows, Mac Android, iOS. Can set a due date for every task and with iOS can set an e-mail reminder or a push reminder. Can reorder tasks with "drag and drop". Identify "high priority" items. You can keyboard controlled shortcuts to move around faster. You can print your lists and share them via e-mail.

Check out the above apps at the mentioned sites. Make your task management more efficient and effective by managing to-do things via your smartphone, desktop and tablet gear. The free price for most is good. Those with a price seem relatively inexpensive. Think about seeing what some of these tools may be like and if any may actually be a good match for the way you manage your research time.

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Handout #10 – ARE YOUR BRITISH DECEASED ONLINE?

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the February/March 2013, Volume 7, Number 6 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Are Your British Deceased Online?" The author of the article is John D. Reid. The author notes that the data described in the article pertains to municipal cemeteries in Great Britain. Further, the article notes that about 40% of the information about British dead originates from the London and nearby vicinity area.

Municipal cemeteries really took off in Great Britain about mid-19th century. Finding the final resting place of a deceased ancestor has often been a very important personal aspect of genealogical research. Being able to discover and visit the final resting provides so much more meaning and connection to the deceased. Just walking a cemetery in Britain may not be the most effective way to make a discovery. That is no different than here. You cannot believe how tiring and frustrating it is to walk a challenging lay of the land and not find the loved one. And that may even be if you know the location of the final resting place.

The author notes that there are about 3,000 burial authorities in Great Britain and nearly 250 crematoria. Each of these authorities maintains burial registers. It is from these burial registers that much of the information about the deceased in Britain's municipal cemeteries originates from. In the age of digitization, it is these burial authorities and the registers they have that has been the source for being able to make available this valuable information on where ancestors may be buried. The organization that does this is Deceased Online. You can find them online at www.deceasedonline.com.

The site was launched in July 2008. By the end of 2012, there were 6 million individuals in the database. There were 15 million records available. The database is free to search. You can search by Surname, First Name, and by Year Range of the Death. Free is good here because you can discover not only the name of the individual you seek, but a tiny bit of burial information, including the date and location. However, you can obtain further details of the burial records for the individual for a fee. The fee is modest, about \$2.40 U.S. Grave details and a burial register scan are what is available for you to view when you establish an account and fill up your "credits". You do not have to pay a large up-front fee for a year's service. You do "pay-per-view" so you can limit your costs to obtain only that which you find and what more information.

The service has great benefit for researchers but also for cemetery management. Their own costs can be scaled down because the data, once scanned and digitized by them, becomes available online. They can be removed from answering many questions they previously handled about burial information.

Deceased Online expects to double the data they have online in 2013. They are also thinking of offering a full subscription-based service for the data. The article was not clear if the “pay-per-view” would continue.

If you are researching Great Britain ancestors then it is important for you to be at least aware of this service offered via www.deceasedonline.com. But remember, it covers municipal burials in municipal cemeteries. That means that you will not find a deceased person if they were buried in a church cemetery or non-municipal cemetery. But the numbers of what this service has in its database sure looks large and will be doubling to about 12 million individuals in 2013.

The article in this journal included a sidebar that mentioned a series of other online resources to consider finding an ancestor’s burial location in Great Britain. Some mentioned were:

- FamilySearch @ www.familysearch.org has digitized microfilm images for 7 cemeteries in and around Oldham, Lancashire for 1797-2004.
- FindMyPast @ www.findmypast.co.uk recently added records for Doncaster’s Hyde Park Cemetery, 1856 to 1937.
- FindMyPast @ www.findmypast.co.uk also has a large collection of nearly 13 million burial transcriptions in the National Burial Index that are very useful even if you do not see an image of the document.
- Ancestry.com @ www.ancestry.co.uk has a substantial collection of London, England Deaths and Burials for 1813 to 1980.
- Origins.net @ www.origins.net has over 169,000 burials for Middlesex and the City of London for 1560 to 1909.
- Consider www.cemeteryscribes.com
- Consider www.findagrave.com
- Consider www.gravestonephotos.com
- Consider www.interment.net
- Consider www.genuki.org.uk
- Consider CyndisList at <http://cyndislist.com/uk/eng/cemeteries>

If you have ancestor burials in Great Britain, you may want to read the entire article above mentioned in the noted journal. Definitely try out Deceased Online as well as check out the various additional pieces of information that could help you noted in the above links.

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