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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 "Ask Us" 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 Reference is 847-923-3335.**

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Reference Office 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 11, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next program will take place on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2014. The program title will be **"First Contact – Interacting with Newly Discovered Relatives"**. The guest speaker will be Barbara Peterson.

Have you reached out to your newly discovered living "cousins" as a result of your genealogical research? It can be challenging because you don't know how you will be viewed by these "family members". All genealogy researchers that "reach out" will face this unknown connection effort. Will you be "rebuffed" and told to "leave us alone"? Maybe! Or, will you be embraced by the curiosity of these newly discovered "cousins". Maybe!

Barbara Peterson is an avid and tenacious genealogy researcher who almost always is seated in our genealogy program each month listening to our monthly program just like you. She is one of you! She wants to share her "highs" and "lows" of trying to connect to newly discovered living cousins. She has discovered some methods on how to interact with them to increase the chances of making a good, solid, friendly connection that can propel the family research even further with new items of information that can be shared.

So listen up to Barb before you make that "cold" call or send that first e-mail to someone who probably does not know you from "Adam". Hear the experiences from Barb and the tips she can offer to you before you make that next important "contact" you will embark on.

You can visit the blog of the speaker for further information about herself and her genealogy research at:

<http://thelastleafonthisbranch.blogspot.com/>

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

to view a Calendar of Events section of the library web page for this program and for many more non-genealogical programs offered by our library.

You can also visit the Genealogy Blog of the library that is authored by Tony Kierna. Visit the blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com> for all things related to genealogy and the genealogy programs at the Schaumburg Township District Library.

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

Glad you could join us as you embark on a rather adventurous journey into the unknown and far-reaching past! Please see me so I can get to know you and the details of the "journey" you plan to take. Make sure you receive from me a special "newcomer" package of materials that will help you take your first big steps.

I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to fill out and return to me a simple questionnaire that I use to better understand areas of research into which you may delve as well as your having access or not to a home personal computer.

Please feel free to become acquainted with the Genealogy Collection at Schaumburg Township District Library. Our book material is generally located in the 929.1XXXX to 929.3XXXX sections of both the Circulating Collection as well as the Reference Collection. The library also has a Video, Audio and Microform Collection of Genealogy material located in the AV-Department. The materials in AV are also identified in the same Dewey number range as the printed material. These are two great browsing areas for you to review introductory material.

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook also by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to check these out.

If you have access to the Internet, you may want to check out a Getting Started web page that appears at the National Genealogical Society web site. The address is:

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org//cs/getting_started

Our participants are a great group of friendly people who are willing to help each other in their quest to discover their ancestors. Don't be shy to mingle!! You may be sitting next to a long, lost relative!?

Welcome to the group!

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WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE LOOKING - FOLLOW-UP

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 182 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 1,376 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 "Ask Us" 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 "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor for the material. Also check for this binder at my desk in the Reference Office if you do not find it at the "Ask Us" 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 24, 2013, November 25, 2013, November 26, 2013, December 11, 2013, December 12, 2013, December 15, 2013 and are copyright 2013 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>.

A Little-Known Government Genealogy Service (November 24, 2013)

A little-known program of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides genealogy information that may be difficult or impossible to obtain elsewhere. The records include naturalization files, visa applications, and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files.

Under the USCIS Genealogy Program, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. The government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files. The fee for a record copy from microfilm identified as (M) is \$20 per request. The fee for a copy of a hard copy file identified as (HC) is \$35 per request. More information about the fees associated with each file series may be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/historical-records-series-available-genealogy-program>.

The documents typically include immigration information, often (but not always) including exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. The files often have information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Many times it is useful to obtain the records of your uncles, aunts, and cousins who also immigrated from "the old country."

If the immigrant applied for American citizenship, the details are also included in these files. For anyone of Japanese, German, or Italian origin who lived in the United States during World War II, the documents often include FBI reports about the person's activities, including friends, family, and political activities.

For more information about the program, check out <http://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on November 24, 2013 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)

23andMe Receives an FDA Warning Letter (November 25, 2013)



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning to the popular 23andMe genealogy testing company concerning that company's popular Personal Genome Service (PGS). That letter states, in part:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is sending you this letter because you are marketing the 23andMe Saliva Collection Kit and Personal Genome Service (PGS) without marketing clearance or approval in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act).

This product is a device within the meaning of section 201(h) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 321(h), because it is intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, or is intended to affect the structure or function of the body. For example, your company's website at www.23andme.com/health (most recently viewed on November 6, 2013) markets the PGS for providing "health reports on 254 diseases and conditions," including categories such as "carrier status," "health risks," and "drug response," and specifically as a "first step in prevention" that enables users to "take steps toward mitigating serious diseases" such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, and breast cancer. Most of the intended uses for PGS listed on your website, a list that has grown over time, are medical device uses under section 201(h) of the FD&C Act. Most of these uses have not been classified and thus require premarket approval or de novo classification, as FDA has explained to you on numerous occasions.

You can read the entire letter on the FDA's web site at <http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/WarningLetters/2013/ucm376296.htm>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on November 25, 2013 in [Legal affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

National Library of Ireland is now Sharing Pictures on Google (November 26, 2013)



An online collaboration between the National Library of Ireland and Google could be the first step in the creation of a virtual Irish museum. The National Library has digitised items from three of its past photography exhibitions and made them available free online on the Google Cultural Institute.

Katherine McSharry, head of services at the library, said the library intends to make significantly more items available: "The National Library has 5.3 million photographs so that's definitely the tip of the iceberg; the plan is to facilitate as much of the material as

possible, ultimately millions and millions of items.”

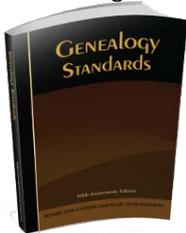
You can read more in the Irish Times at <http://goo.gl/vL81Hc>. That article does not list the URL but it appears that the collection is at

<http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/collection/national-library-of-ireland>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on November 26, 2013 in [Online Sites](#) | [Permalink](#)

BCG Genealogy Standards Updated in New Manual (December 11, 2013)

The following announcement was written by the Board for Certification of Genealogists:



Washington, DC, December 12, 2013 - In honor of its fiftieth anniversary, the Board for Certification of Genealogists® (“BCG”) has issued *Genealogy Standards*, a manual for best practices in research and assembly of accurate family histories. This revision completely updates and reorganizes the original 2000 edition of *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*.

“Accuracy is fundamental to genealogical research,” writes editor Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CGSM, CGLSM, in the introduction. “Without it, a family’s history would be fiction. This manual presents the standards family historians use to obtain valid results. These standards apply to all genealogical research, whether shared privately or published.” The 83 specific standards cover the process of researching family history and the finished products of the research. Based on the five-part Genealogical Proof Standard, the standards cover:

- documenting (standards 1–8);
- researching (standards 9–50), including planning, collecting, and reasoning from evidence;
- writing (standards 51–73), including proofs, assembly, and special products;
- teaching and lecturing (standards 74–81); and
- continuing education (standards 82 & 83).

The 100-page book includes appendices: the genealogist's code, a description of BCG and its work, a list of sources and resources where examples of work that meets standards are regularly published, a glossary, and an evidence-process map distinguishing the three kinds of sources, information, and evidence.

“We are delighted to provide this new edition, which is meant for all genealogical researchers and practitioners as a way to recognize sound genealogy,” said BCG president Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL. “We appreciate the many hands that helped bring this new edition to fruition and look forward to its widespread usage in the field.”

SAVE 20%! To place a specially-priced, pre-publication order with delivery in the first part of February 2014, visit <http://www.bcgcertification.org/catalog/index.html>. Regularly

priced at \$14.95, the pre-publication price is \$11.95 before January 27, 2014.

Board for Certification of Genealogists. Genealogy Standards, 50th anniversary edition. New York: Turner Publishing Co., 2014. 100 pp., paper, ISBN 978-1-63026-018-7, \$14.95.

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New Congressional Bill Proposes to Limit Access to the Death Master File/Social Security Death Index (December 12, 2013)



Unfortunately, this is no surprise. The genealogy community has been watching the trends to stop access to public records and Congress has been pressured for some time to restrict one of the more important tools for genealogists. Sadly, if this bill passes, identity thieves will find it easier to steal money than ever before. (See my earlier article about that at <http://goo.gl/z8vHFx>.)

The Records Preservation and and Access Committee, a joint committee of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, has been watching this issue for years. The committee reports:

The Bipartisan Budget Bill 2014 includes a revenue –generating provision that limits access to the Death Master File/Social Security Death Index. The provisions are identical to bills IAJGS and the genealogical community have been opposing in submitted statements to the US Congress for several years as there are no provisions to permit genealogists to have immediate access nor the special categories of genealogists that the genealogical community have agreed are to be given immediate access while the rest of us may wait a few years. The budget bill includes penalties for violations \$1,000 per violations with a cap of \$250,000 per person violator which is included in the revenue generating provisions.

You can read much more about this in the Records Preservation and and Access Committee blog at: <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/2013/12/11/budget-bill-includes-the-access-limitations-for-death-master-files/di/>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 12, 2013 in [Legal affairs](#) | [Permalink](#)

Deliberately Mis-Spell "Genealogy" to find eBay Bargains (December 15, 2013)



All true genealogists know how to spell the word "genealogy." However, not everyone else knows how and sometimes that can work to your advantage. I use this trick often when looking for bargains or to find overlooked items for sale on eBay and elsewhere.

For instance, perhaps you are looking for some genealogy books or records for sale concerning ancestors in the state of Maine. Normally, I would go to eBay and search for: genealogy Maine

That should find all genealogy-related items relating to Maine that presently are for sale. However, that only works if the seller knows how to spell. Many times, they do not.

I just went to ebay.com and found the following items for sale: Searching for "genealogy Maine" (the correct spelling) found 418 results.

Searching for "genealogy Maine" found one item, a book about a family in a town where my ancestors lived for several generations although the surname listed in the book's title does not appear in my family tree. However, I wouldn't be surprised if my family might be mentioned someplace in that book.

Searching for "genealogy Maine" found one result, a book about a French-Canadian family that is in my own family tree.

To expand it a bit further:

Searching for "genealogy" (the correct spelling) found 44,902 results.

Searching for "genealogy" found 547 items although only a few of those results were related to genealogy.

Searching for "genealogy" found 126 results.

I used eBay in this example but the same thing is true when searching on Google, Yahoo, Mocavo, and other search engines. Experiment with all sorts of spellings, not only for "genealogy" but also for surnames and place names. After all, how many people outside of New England know the proper spelling of "Worcester?"

The moral of this story is: "Don't overlook all possibilities. Just because you know how to spell properly does not mean that everyone else does the same!"

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on December 15, 2013 in [Genealogy Basics](#) | [Permalink](#)



LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, February 1, 2014. The program for the morning is titled **"From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family's Place"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Jane Haldeman**.

There are numerous sources that give our ancestor's legal land description; where are they and what do they mean? Learn where to look and how to convert section and range into Google Earth to see how that property looks today.

Jane's passion for genealogy began in 8th grade with a school assignment. Her other passion is technology which lead her into theater as a stagehand. Today she has blended her love of family history and technology and shares that love with others. Jane lives in the suburbs of Chicago and her lectures focus on technology as applied to genealogical research. She is owner of "It's Relative," www.itsrelative.net; President, Illinois State Genealogical Society; Immediate Past-President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; past Registrar Fort Payne Chapter, NSDAR; and past Design and Technical Editor, Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly Journal.

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 9:00 AM prior to the main meeting that starts at 10:00 AM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

www.NWSCG.com

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

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2013 through May 2014. The September 2013 program will

occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2013 through May 2014 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 8:30 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 15, 2014. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Stories of the Lost**". The speaker for the program will be **Jennifer Holik**.

We will explore the records available to tell the stories of those who lost something due to the war, never returned from war or returned, but didn't fully return. Each of them has a story that needs to be told.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

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

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### *Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)*

The next meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 18, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**French Genealogy Is Easy – Merci Napoleon**". The speaker will be Jacquie Schattner.

In the late 1700's, Napoleon's new laws created changes that help make today's French genealogy research easier. Curious to find out why? You will not only learn that but also about websites both French and American which will help locate your family in the countries where Napoleon ruled (France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherland and surrounding

areas). Links to over 30 web sites. Document translations, French genealogical terms, and other aids will be presented. Come join us! *Bienvenue!*

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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### **MyHeritage Adds Millions of Nordic Records (December 11, 2013)**



If you have Scandinavian ancestry, you will want to check this out. MyHeritage, the exclusive sponsor of this newsletter, today added more than 32 million records from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland, dating back to the early 1600s.

Additionally, MyHeritage is investing millions of dollars to digitize more Nordic historical content and has signed new agreements that will result in a wealth of Nordic historical records to be added during the next few years.

Here is the official announcement from MyHeritage:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden & OSLO, Norway & COPENHAGEN, Denmark & HELSINKI, Finland & TEL AVIV, Israel -- [MyHeritage](#), the popular family history network announced today a market expansion initiative focused on the Nordic countries. Millions of families can now search digitized Nordic records dating back to the 17th century to discover more about their ancestors and the lives they led.

In addition to the significant content added today, MyHeritage is investing millions of dollars to digitize more Nordic historical content and has signed new agreements that will result in a wealth of Nordic historical records to be added during the next few years.

MyHeritage is already the family history market leader in the Nordic region and is the only major company providing services in Norwegian, Danish and Finnish. With more than 470,000 registered users in Sweden, 350,000 in Norway, 300,000 in Denmark and 200,000 in Finland, MyHeritage has amassed the largest Nordic user base and family tree database in the market. MyHeritage users can now enjoy a more comprehensive family history experience that combines family trees and historical records, to paint a more detailed and colorful picture of their ancestry.

MyHeritage has also launched today dedicated social media channels for Norway, Denmark and Finland including local blogs and Facebook and Twitter accounts, to complement its existing popular Swedish social media presence. Followers will be notified about additional record collections as they are added and enjoy tips and tricks for family history research and more information about MyHeritage's services.

The Nordic historical record collections added today include birth, death, marriage, baptism and other records, covering more than 90 million names. This comes in addition to more than 70 million profiles in 730,000 family trees created by MyHeritage users from the Nordic region, and many more contributed by users with Nordic ancestry. The records and the public profiles are available for searching via [SuperSearch](#), MyHeritage's search engine for historical records. MyHeritage users also enjoy powerful matching technologies that research their family trees automatically and notify them whenever records relevant to their family are found. This makes discoveries easier and quicker than ever before.

For **Sweden**, MyHeritage has added 11 million records with 31 million names. These collections include baptism documents dating back to 1611, marriage documents dating back to 1630 and burial documents dating back to 1649. Visitors can find more information about the collections from Sweden and search them at [www.myheritage.se/svenska-samlingar](http://www.myheritage.se/svenska-samlingar).

For **Norway**, MyHeritage has added 10 million records with 30 million names. These collections include baptism documents dating back to 1634, marriage documents dating back to 1660, burial documents dating back to 1666 and the Norwegian national census from 1875. Visitors can find more information about the collections from Norway and search them at [www.myheritage.no/norske-samlinger](http://www.myheritage.no/norske-samlinger).

For **Denmark**, MyHeritage has added 5.5 million records with 14 million names. These collections include baptism documents dating back to 1618, marriage documents dating back to 1635 and burial documents dating back to 1640. Visitors can find more information about the collections from Denmark and search them at [www.myheritage.dk/danske-samlinger](http://www.myheritage.dk/danske-samlinger).

For **Finland**, MyHeritage has added 5.5 million records with 16 million names. These collections include baptism documents dating back to 1657, marriage documents dating

back to 1682 and burial documents dating back to 1725. Visitors can find more information about the collections from Finland and search them at [www.myheritage.com/suomalaiset-kokoelmat](http://www.myheritage.com/suomalaiset-kokoelmat).

"We're delighted to add this vast collection of historical records to our fast growing database and are excited about the new family connections that our users will make and the family stories they will reveal", said Gilad Japhet, Founder and CEO of MyHeritage. "This is a treasure trove not only for people in the Nordic countries but for everyone whose family originated from this region. We look forward to enhancing our leadership in the Nordic region and in many additional countries over the next few years – watch this space!"

With a diverse user base, spanning every country and continent, MyHeritage is a gateway to a massive variety of family histories from different cultures, religions and ethnic backgrounds. MyHeritage offers a private and secure environment for sharing and researching family history, and users can choose which information they wish to share. MyHeritage has ranked #10 in Deloitte's 2013 Fast 500 list of the 500 technology companies with the fastest revenue growth across all of Europe.

### **About MyHeritage**

MyHeritage is a family history network helping millions of families around the world discover and share their legacy online. As technology thought leaders and innovators in the space, MyHeritage is transforming family history into an activity that's accessible, exciting and easier than ever before. MyHeritage empowers its global community of users with unique social tools, a massive library of historical content and powerful search and data matching technologies. The service is available in 40 languages. For more information visit [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com).

### **Social media links**

#### **Sweden**

Blog: <http://blog.myheritage.se>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MyHeritageSverige>

Twitter: [twitter.com/myheritagese](https://twitter.com/myheritagese)

#### **Norway**

Blog: <http://blog.myheritage.no>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MyHeritageNorge>

Twitter: [twitter.com/MyHeritageNorge](https://twitter.com/MyHeritageNorge)

#### **Denmark**

Blog: <http://blog.myheritage.dk>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MyHeritageDK>

Twitter: [twitter.com/myheritagedk](https://twitter.com/myheritagedk)

#### **Finland**

Blog: <http://blog.myheritage.fi>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MyHeritageFI>

Twitter: [twitter.com/myheritagefi](https://twitter.com/myheritagefi)

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**Online Database Lists Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers (December 16, 2013)**



The Civil War **Soldiers and Sailors System** (CWSS) is a computerized database created by the National Park Service that contains very basic facts about servicemen who served on either side during the Civil War. Genealogists, historians, and Civil War buffs can now go to a single source to find 6.3 million service records of Union and Confederate soldiers.

The most popular database of the CWSS is the Names Index Project, a project to enter names and other basic information from 6.3 million soldier records in the National Archives. The facts about the soldiers were entered from records that are indexed to millions of other documents about Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers that are maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Other information includes histories of regiments in both the Union and Confederate Armies, links to descriptions of 384 significant battles of the war, and other historical information. Additional information about soldiers, sailors, regiments, and battles, as well as prisoner-of-war records and cemetery records, are also being added over time.

Searching the free database for soldiers is simple: go to the Web site, and click on FIND A PERSON, then select the appropriate choice from a pulldown menu: soldiers, sailors, regiments, cemeteries, battles, prisoners, Medals of Honor, or monuments. A new screen appears with blanks for entering search criteria. For instance, selecting SOLDIERS produces an entry screen asking for Last Name, First Name, Union or Confederate, State of Origin, Unit, and Function. You fill in as many blanks as possible, leave any unknown information blank, and click SHOW RESULTS. Within seconds, a new list appears showing all the entries in the database that match the criteria that you specified.

The data for each soldier usually is very brief, primarily giving a reference where information may be found on microfilm. For instance, here is one typical entry:

Eastman, Albert P.  
Regiment Name: 1st Regiment, Maine Heavy Artillery  
Side: Union:  
Company: A,M  
Soldier's Rank In: Corporal  
Soldier's Rank Out: Second Lieutenant  
Alternate name:  
Film Number: M543 roll 6  
Notes:

With the above information, I know that I can view the original record on the National Archives and Records Administration's microfilm number M543, roll 6.

The Web site's data is not restricted to information about military personnel. It also has sections for politicians, activists, spies, religious leaders, regiments, battles, prisons, and more, as well as lengthy descriptions of the social, economic, political, and military aspects of the war as it impacted all Americans.

Historians generally accept 3.5 million as the number who served in the War Between the States. So, why does the database contain 6.3 million soldiers? "There are duplicates, mostly because of men who served in more than one unit and name-spelling variations," explained John Peterson of the National Park Service. The service manages 13 national cemeteries related to Civil War battlegrounds.

This is a great database! The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a cooperative effort by the National Park Service (NPS), volunteers from the Mormon Church, Federation of Genealogical Societies, and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

You can access the free Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System at:

<http://www.civilwar.nps.gov>

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **NGS Magazine**

We have received the October-December 2013, Volume 39, Number 4 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"A Map is Nice But a Local is Better"**

By Cari A. Taplin

**"The Catholic Church in the American Southwest"**

By David McDonald, DMIN, CG

**"I've Looked Everywhere. No, You Haven't"**

By Cyndi Ingle

**"Using Mitochondrial DNA for Genealogy"**

By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

**"Estate Law and Family Complications"**

By J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

**"Native Americans on the Trail of Tears: Part II – Emigration Lists and Reservation Applications, 1817-1857"**

By John P. Deeben

**"Pension Office Correspondence with Special Examiners,  
1887-1931"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

**"You Found Grandpa Where?"**

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

**"Family Historians Can Promote Acceptance and Fight  
Prejudice"**

By Scott Phillips

**"Review of Ancestral Quest 14"**

Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

**"Technology Roundup for the Holidays and the New Year"**

By Jordan Jones

**"Ancestral Chicken Scratch"**

By Susan Zacharias

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "I've Looked Everywhere. No, you haven't." The author of the article is Cyndi Ingle.

I can relate to the title of this article. As the genealogy coordinator, I often hear similar comments from those I help who are researching family history.

The author indicated she can get very upset when she hears someone suggest that they have tried looking everywhere for a sliver of information. The author feels that there is an opportunity to educate researchers on the "search process" and "where to look, how to look and how to think about searching."

Quoting from the author: "If your expectations are that you will find a specific record in a specific place, for a specific date, and for a specific ancestor, you will certainly be disappointed in one or more of those expectations".

Quoting again from the author: "You need to learn to think outside of the expectation box. Rearrange your thinking to be less specific and to allow in a little bit of gray area."

The author is basically suggesting that we leave some "wiggle room" in our expectations. We should change our view of a fact and create that view with different expectations. Don't just say "My ancestor had 4 children". Rather, say something like "As of my current researching I have discovered that my ancestor had 4 children so far". That paints the facts with some gray area allowing you to possibly discover a 5<sup>th</sup> child or an infant born previously that died shortly after birth.

Another example used by the author relates to an ancestor who lived in the Elkhart County, Indiana area in the 1860s. Over time the author could trace the ancestor through the 1860, 1870 and 1900 census but could not find the family in the 1880 census. If you phrase your parameter by saying my ancestor lived in the Elkhart County, Indiana area all

of his life, then you shut yourself off from considering that your ancestor may have actually moved away for a time period and returned again later. Assuming he lived there all of his life does not allow you to be open minded for searching for him somewhere else between 1871 and 1899.

The author's strongest point to help you in your research is that we need to stop making assumptions. Because you cannot find your ancestor in the 1880 census in the locale you expect does not mean he is there but you just can't find him. That is an assumption that should not be made considering that there are other plausible explanations that may be present outside of your rigid belief the ancestor lived there all of his life!

The author also used Vital Records and their required creation as another trap for beginning researchers. We cannot think of today's mandated requirement to capture Vital Records to the time period of our ancestors. So when you indicate you can't find a vital record while assuming it exists, you are setting yourself up for a failed search. Perhaps you can't find it is because the state/county of origin was not required to capture it until 10 years after the event date you have in mind. By educating yourself to these facts you will be a smarter researcher. There is no official template that applies universally for when Vital Records began being captured. You simply have to know that dates of origin for capturing this data vary by State and by County.

The author also uses the searching of online databases as another area where the researcher needs to know facts. The author suggests that you should first search from the database itself of interest rather than using the universal search template that covers all of the databases? Why is this? Because if you look for the database of interest itself and find it, you will discover that there should be a good description of what the database is all about and what is contained in it. So when you search it and discover that your ancestor born in 1864 is not in the database you will readily know that the database contains birth information starting in 1875. That database may not be of immediate help to you but at least you know to keep searching in other resources for what you seek. But saying to yourself "I searched it and I did not find anything" is not a valid answer. You would never have been able to find anything because the database simply did not contain it because of the date limitations.

The author also suggests the researcher take advantage of online tools to learn more about a resource. At FamilySearch you want to tap into the "Learn More" link and get to the FamilySearch Wiki. You can get to this great online resource at <https://familysearch.org/ask/researchWiki>.

The author also clearly states that everything you may seek is not online. Do not make that research mistakes and think everything you need is at Ancestry.com or at FamilySearch. Maybe someday, but not now and not by a long shot.

In the article, the author has provided a nice "research checklist" that she uses when trying to discover ancestral information. Here is the "shortened" version of her list. You may want to read the article and make copies of it and the full-version checklist to begin using yourself:

- Go to FamilySearch and browse the list of the Historical Record Collections as well as browsing the online catalog and holdings of the Family History Library.
- Go to Ancestry.com and use the Search menu at the top to narrow down to a record type and also access the Card catalog to peruse their databases.

- Locate each of the genealogical and historical societies at the county, state, region and country for the area in which your ancestor lived.
- Locate the archives, libraries, courthouses and other record repositories in the area where your ancestor lived.
- Look through catalogs for books and publications available either online, through a library or for sale.
- If military records are involved, check with the national archive for that country. In the United States also check [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com).
- If land records are involved for the United States, check the Bureau of Land Management at [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov).
- If newspapers are involved check GenealogyBank.com at your library, Ancestry.com, NewspaperArchive.com at your library etc.

If you can't find something you think exists, especially if you have only looked online, then don't say "I've searched everywhere". There are likely many more places to look, especially many that are not online.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Ancestral Chicken Scratch". With a title like how could it not be an interesting article. The author of the article is Susan Zacharias.

So what do you think "Chicken scratch" is referring to?? Well, if you guessed handwriting, you are right on the mark.

In today's online internet searching, we access material that may have already been reviewed by a series of volunteer transcribers who were asked to look at a handwritten document and then transcribe the words they believed appeared. More often than not because we think we got a match on the transcribed material, we may not even bother to look at the image of the original handwritten document. Please, please, please do not fail to look at the handwritten document! The results you think that are for your ancestor may in fact not be for that ancestor. Transcribing is an art not a science and an art that is loaded with luck, both good and bad.

Good researchers are not going to be able to avoid reading handwritten documents. No researcher is immune from crossing paths with the chicken scrawl documents that sometimes seem to exist everywhere. Just remember, everything you research has not been transcribed and uploaded to the internet by someone else. Sometimes material that is uploaded to the internet has not been indexed yet. You may need to simply browse through available images at your fingertips and in essence transcribe the record for yourself if you find an image applicable to an ancestor.

The author notes that you have a chance to be able to handle the chicken scrawl writing of our ancestors with the help of some online tutorials. For all I know there may even be an App for that!

The article includes some links to some various online handwriting tutorials that you may want to jump into to help you analyze your own documents.

One site the author notes in a bad way is at:

<http://www.dietandweightlossreview.com/google/old-english-handwriting-letters>

The author notes that the site is just not visually helpful and is poorly designed, yet it does offer some handwriting analysis help.

The author does a good job on providing many helpful handwriting analysis sites in this article. Sites mentioned are:

Helium.com @ [www.helium.com/items/2408245-tips-for-reading-old-handwriting](http://www.helium.com/items/2408245-tips-for-reading-old-handwriting)

wikiHow.com @ <http://wikihow.com/read-old-handwriting>

Script Tutorials @ <http://script.byu.edu/>

Archives.com YouTube video titled "Deciphering Chicken Scratch: Tips and Tricks for Reading Old Handwriting (22 mins) @ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMUJ3eBUo\\_0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMUJ3eBUo_0)

The author ends this light and informative article by pointing the finger back at you the reader. What if ***YOU*** are one that is guilty of chicken scrawl writing? She indicates there is a growing movement on Facebook to help you change your tune that "I don't have bad handwriting. I have my own font!"

Check out the Facebook site at <http://tinyurl.com/pbp6rm4>.

This is a short, humorous and informative article well worth a complete read.

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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## **Avotaynu**

We have received the Fall 2013, Volume XXIX, Number 3 issue of Avotaynu.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Restriction of Access to Records Is Increasing Threat to Genealogical Research"**

By Jan Meisels Allen

**"A Convert Discovers She Was Jewish All Along: Researching Jewish Roots in Spain and Portugal in Catholic and Inquisition Records"**

By Genie Milgrom

**"Finding Jewish Fermoselle"**

By Genie Milgrom

**"Editorial: Collaborative Genealogy: Some Cautions on an Exciting and Useful Advance"**

by Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus

**“Concerns about Geni and Other “Collaborative Genealogy” Websites”**

By Israel Pickholtz

**“Connecting to the Great Rabbinic Families Through Y-DNA:  
A Case Study of the Polonsky Rabbinical Lineage”**

By Jeffrey Mark Paull

**“When DNA Helps the Genealogist”**

By Lawrence Abensur-Hazan

**“Thirteen Hundred Reasons”**

By Michael Goldstein

**“Archival Resources in Western Ukraine 1918-1939”**

By Alex Dunai

**“Shtetl Travel Through Ukraine”**

By Alex Dunai

**“History and Geography as Crucial Factors in Determining Where  
to Look for Baltic-Area Archival Records – with Emphasis on Latvia”**

by Martha Lev-Zion

**“Jewish Surnames from Pre-Expulsion Spain: Names That Survived”**

By Mathilde A. Tagger

**“Errors in the Genealogies of Two Chief Rabbis from Metz”**

By Neil Rosenstein

**“A Curious Error: Substitution of N for Kh”**

By Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled “Book Reviews”. In this section you will find extensive book reviews of some recently published genealogical material that may be of interest to the Eastern European researcher or one who is researching Jewish ancestry.

The books included for review in this section are the following:

***My 15 Grandmothers***

By Genie Milgrom

***Mastering Genealogical Proof***

By Thomas W. Jones

The reviews are quite extensive and are more than just an overview of the books. The reviewers do a good job of highlighting both strong and weak points of the material.

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

This journal also contains a section titled "From Our Mailbox". It is here that interesting comments on a variety of articles and topics are provided by readers of Avotaynu. I always enjoy perusing these sections if they exist in various journals. The thoughts provided by readers are generally detailed and well written. You often come away with an even deeper understanding of a topic that is being commented on.

See if any of the above articles in this recent issue of Avotaynu has an appeal that connects to your own personal research. These all appear to be good articles, many written by people like you and I who wanted to share some unique aspect of their own research. You can always pick up some tips from someone else that has overcome a research problem that is similar to one that you face currently.

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

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

No new genealogy book reviewed for inclusion in this newsletter issue.

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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| <b>Mocavo Announces a Major Step Forward in Automated Handwriting Recognition (November 20, 2013)</b> |
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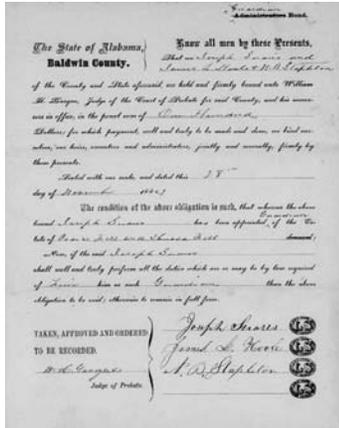
[Mocavo](#) this morning announced a major improvement in the long-dreamed-of goal of computer recognition and conversion of hand-written text. It is not yet a product that is available to you and me but the future possibilities are mind-boggling.

The following is the announcement from Cliff Shaw, CEO of [Mocavo](#) (click on any image to see a larger version):

A little over a year ago, Mocavo acquired ReadyMicro and the incredible mind known as Matt Garner. One of Matt's lifelong passions and curiosities is to enable computers to read historical handwritten documents to bring genealogy search to the next level. It's well known in the genealogy industry that historical handwriting recognition is the Holy Grail – the single largest technological advancement that would enable more content to become accessible online (except for maybe the invention of the Web). For the past year, we've

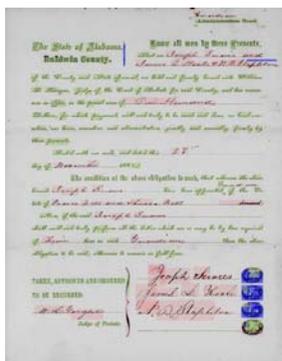
joined with Matt to tackle this very hard problem, and have finally made enough progress that we can begin to report on it.

Let me start by explaining the problem. Ask a computer to read the page below and it will stumble all over place.



OCR (optical character recognition) technology could read some of the typewritten text – but would be confused by the handwriting (and invent typewritten letters that it thinks it sees inside handwritten text). To make matters worse, this page has multiple typewritten font types, including one that looks like cursive handwriting.

The first process we had to develop was a way to perfectly separate handwriting from typewritten text. If we could do this, the OCR could read the typewritten text, and Matt's code could attempt to read the handwritten text. We call this process Handwriting Detection, and we figured that if the system couldn't detect the presence of handwriting, how on Earth would we hope to decipher the marks into words? In the example below, you can see how our system marks typewritten text in green and handwritten text in red – with blue to denote what it believes are graphics or images. It's not 100% perfect, but hopefully you agree that it's headed in the right direction.



Now that we've detected where the handwriting is, we can start having some fun. Let's go back 130 years and change the ink from black to blue.



Now, this is just handwriting detection (where we don't understand what's written – we just know that handwriting is there).

Let's talk recognition.

Historical handwriting recognition is one of the toughest technical challenges to solve. First, penmanship is entirely unique to the individual. Second, because it's historical handwriting, it's in cursive. All the letters run together, adding another layer of complexity. Third, the way we wrote cursive in the 1700's is different than the cursive we write now. There are even variations between decades. Our mind has an incredible capability of seeing through incomplete sets of data (a missing character stroke, poor handwriting, an A that sort of looks like an O, etc). Our brains do all of this for us and we don't even notice it. When you think about how to describe this to a computer, you begin to lose your mind! I believe some of the greatest problems mankind can solve are those that someone would never have started if they had known how hard the challenge was ahead of time. Matt fooled himself just enough to start on the problem and now he's making real progress from which we are all going to benefit.

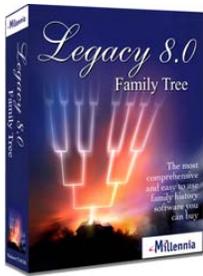
Here's the exciting part: Our recognition technology is starting to work. With limited vocabularies (potential answers), we're achieving 90-95% accuracy. Sometimes, the technology is able to read things we're convinced are unreadable (but after getting the answer back from the computer, you realize what was actually written). We grow closer to the Holy Grail every day and can't wait until we can use the technology to bring more content online, free forever.

Matt and I will keep you updated on our progress over the coming weeks and months, which should hopefully make for some exciting news in genealogy.

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### Legacy Family Tree 8.0 is now Available (November 26, 2013)

One of the most popular genealogy programs for Windows now has a major new release available. As before, Legacy Family Tree 8.0 is available in two versions: a free Standard Version and also a \$29.95 Deluxe Version. The following announcement was written by the Millennia Corporation:



SURPRISE, Arizona, November 26, 2013. Millennia Corporation, a leader in family history software, today announced the release of Legacy Family Tree 8.0. The new release contains dozens of significant new features and enhancements, including migration mapping, instant duplicate checking, origins and migration reports, potential problem alerts, and shared events.

In one software package, Legacy Family Tree 8.0 provides tools to help users record their family's history, organize their pictures, perform their research, and share their findings.

"Legacy Family Tree 8.0 continues to raise the bar of family history software," said David Berdan, president of Millennia Corporation. "Its new source quality tool, source labels, citations on Pedigree Charts and shared events give serious researchers the tools they need, while the new reports, charts, and family statistics get the entire family excited about their history."

The following new and updated features add to Legacy's list of robust capabilities:

- **Origins Report** - See where you came from and the percentage of "blood" you have from your countries of origin with the new Origins Report.
- **Migration Report** - See how far and wide a person's descendants spread out in the world with the new Migration Report.
- **Migration Mapping** - Legacy animates the ancestor's movement through time. Watch how they migrated from place to place. View their migration in street, aerial, or 3D modes. Hover over the balloon to see what happened in each location.
- **Instant Duplicate Checking** - As you are adding new individuals to your tree, Legacy instantly checks to see if perhaps they are already in your family file, helping you avoid inadvertently adding duplicates.
- **Potential Problem Alerts and Gaps** - Typos and accidental misinterpretation of data are now a thing of the past. The warning symbol is displayed immediately next to info that contains a potential problem. Unusual gaps of time are detected that you may have not previously noticed (like too many years between the births of the children).
- **Shared Events** - Save time and avoid errors by sharing an event amongst all the individuals who participated in the event. You can specify each person's role in the event.
- **Family Bow Tie Chart** - Displays the ancestors of both the husband and wife, as well as their children.
- **Descendant Chart** - Now available in left-to-right formatting.
- **Source Quality** - Now record the quality (original vs derivative, primary vs secondary, etc., direct vs indirect) of each source as you attempt to prove your conclusions.
- **Source Labels** - Now print Source Labels to attach to the top of your documents. You will never again lose the citation when making a photocopy for someone else.

- **Source Clipboard** - The Source Clipboard has been expanded to load up to five different citations that can be assigned at the click of a button.
- **Pedigree Citations** - Add source citations to your Pedigree Charts, and attach the complete bibliography.
- **FamilySearch Integration** - Share, discuss, download and interact with FamilySearch's Family Tree (optional).
- **Wall Charts** - Duplicate lines can now be suppressed, saving room for more photographs and captions.
- **Chronology View** - Now view the parent's, grandparent's, children's, and grandchildren's vital events in your ancestor's timeline.
- **User Interface** - Enjoy Legacy's modernized look-and-feel, new color schemes, and new ribbon menu bar. Add two additional custom buttons on the new My Toolbar.
- **Tagging** - View up to 9 tags at once. Advanced Tagging now shows the counts of each tag.
- **Automatic Sorting** - Children, marriages, and events are now automatically chronologically sorted as they are added. New global sorting tools are also now available.
- **Statistics** - Understand your family in new ways with dozens of new statistics: births by era, longest living individuals, average lifespan, longest marriages, families with the most children, most popular given names, most popular surnames, most popular locations and more.
- **Media Relinker** - It is easier than ever to locate missing or unlinked pictures. Moving from one computer to another is simpler to do.
- **Media Gatherer** - Got pictures all over your computer? The new Media Gatherer will help you copy or move your genealogy pictures to one common folder, making it easier to share your family file with another computer or family member.
- **Web Links** - Found evidence of your ancestor online? Easily add a web link to their media gallery to organize a list of their online presence.
- **Color Coding** - You can now color code from two starting points (one for you and one for your spouse, for example) and track the eight great-grandparents' lines.

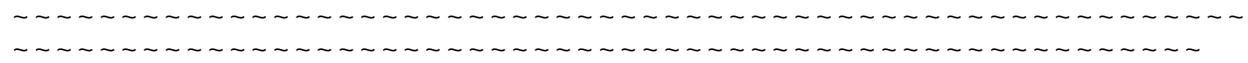
### **Pricing and Availability**

Legacy 8.0 is now available at [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com), for just US \$29.95 for the download-only version or US \$39.95 version which includes the 336-page printed user's guide, installation CD, and beginner's training video. Discounted upgrade pricing is also available for users of previous editions of Legacy Deluxe. The free, Standard edition can also be downloaded from [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com).

You can watch a *What's New Video* at

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/whatsnew8.asp>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on November 26, 2013 in [Software](#) | [Permalink](#)



**FUNNY BONE**

The following "epitaphs" were found at:

[http://www.costumediscounters.com/csc\\_inc/html/static/articles/epitaphs-humorous.html](http://www.costumediscounters.com/csc_inc/html/static/articles/epitaphs-humorous.html)

Do I know they are real? Nope!

But they sound interesting nonetheless!

Enjoy!

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Beneath this stone, a lump of clay  
Lies Uncle Peter Daniels  
Who early in the month of May  
Took off his winter flannels

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Short was her sickness, severe her pain  
To rest in peace is now her gain  
Dry up your tears and weep no more  
She is not lost, but gone before

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At rest beneath this slab of stone  
Lies stingy Jimmy Wyatt  
He died one morning just at ten,  
And saved a dinner by it

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Planted here beneath sod,  
At peaceful rest lies brother Claude

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Lived a life of stress and worry  
Rushing through it in a hurry  
Didn't stop to smell the roses  
But now he feeds them as he decomposes

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Jan 14
TUE
2014
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
- “An Archivist’s Notebook: Who Will Look At Your Genealogical Material?”**
Presented by Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- Jan 15
WED
2014
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 15, 2014.
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM.
Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
Program title is **“Stories of the Lost”**.
Guest speaker is Jennifer Holik.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Jan 18
SAT
2014
- CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
(Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.)
Topic for the meeting **“French Genealogy Is Easy – Merci Napoleon!”**
Presented by Jacquie Schattner
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Feb 1
SAT
2014
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, February 1, 2014.
“From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family’s Place”.
Presented by Jane Haldeman
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 9:00 AM
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
Visit the society website at www.NWSCG.com
- Feb 10
MON
2014
- Casa Italia Genealogy Program. Monday, February 10, 2014.
Italian Cultural Center
3800 Division Street
Stone Park, IL 60165
708-345-5933
Program presentation 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Program title is **“To Be Determined”**
Guest speaker is To Be Determined
Casa Italia Genealogy Program info @

<http://casaitaliachicago.wordpress.com/2013/08/14/genealogy-group-begins-in-september/>

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"First Contact: Making Connections to Newly Discovered Relatives"
Presented by Barbara Peterson.
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- Mar 1
SAT
2014
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, March 1, 2014.
"French Genealogy Is Easy – Merci Napoleon!".
Presented by Jacquie Schattner
Arlington Heights Senior Center.
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
847-398-1884 or 847-593-8160.
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
Visit the society website at www.NWSCG.com
- Mar 10
MON
2014
Casa Italia Genealogy Program. Monday, March 10, 2014.
Italian Cultural Center
3800 Division Street
Stone Park, IL 60165
708-345-5933
Program presentation 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Program title is **"To Be Determined"**
Guest speaker is To Be Determined
Casa Italia Genealogy Program info @
<http://casaitaliachicago.wordpress.com/2013/08/14/genealogy-group-begins-in-september/>
- Mar 11
TUE
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- Mar 15
SAT
2014
CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
(Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.)
Topic for the meeting **"What's New in Technology?"**
Presented by Ed Rosenthal
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Mar 19
DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

- WED
2014
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM.
Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
Program title is **"Tech Toys for Genealogists"**.
Guest speaker is Nancy Thomas.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Apr 5
SAT
2014
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, April 5, 2014.
"Preserving Your Family History Materials".
Presented by Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana
Arlington Heights Senior Center.
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
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- Apr 8
TUE
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"Researching At Appomattox Courthouse – Genealogy Through the Lens of the Civil War"
Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard.
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- Apr 14
MON
2014
Casa Italia Genealogy Program. Monday, April 14, 2014.
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708-345-5933
Program presentation 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
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- Apr 16
WED
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DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 16, 2014.
Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM.
Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
Program title is **"Mining Census Records – Information to Enrich Your Heritage"**.
Guest speaker is Steve Szabados.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- May 3
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 3, 2014.

- SAT 2014 **"Have You Ever Thought About Joining a Lineage Society?"**.
 Presented by Joan E. Murray
 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 9:00 AM
 Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
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- May 12
 MON 2014 Casa Italia Genealogy Program. Monday, May 12, 2014.
 Italian Cultural Center
 3800 Division Street
 Stone Park, IL 60165
 708-345-5933
 Program presentation 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
 Program title is **"To Be Determined"**
 Guest speaker is To Be Determined
 Casa Italia Genealogy Program info @
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- May 13
 TUE 2014 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Using Non-Population Census Schedules"
 Presented by Matt Rutherford.
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- May 21
 WED 2014 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 21, 2014.
 Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM.
 Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
 Program title is **"La Famiglia – Beginning Italian Genealogy Research"**.
 Guest speaker is Jennifer Holik.
 Society website at www.dcfgs.org.
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
 DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Jun 10
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- Jul 8
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"Using the Internet Archives in Your Family History Research"
 Presented by Kristin Newton McCallum.
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"Miracles, Mysteries & Mayhem: Online Family Trees"

Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.

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"Advanced Search Techniques – A Case Study of Online Research"

Presented by Steve Szabados.

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