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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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MARCH 11, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on March 11, 2014. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our "breakout" groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

> Polish Researchers
> German Researchers
> Czech Researchers
> Irish Researchers
> Italian Researchers
> British Researchers
> Scandinavian Researchers
> Colonial Americans Researchers
> Sharing Your Printed Family Histories/How To

I also will have a Beginner's Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

I would also encourage participants to bring their personal laptop or netbook to these sessions and tap into the internet via our WiFi network. I saw many researchers doing this at our last breakout session and they found it very productive to access internet information while being in one of the groups if they wanted to show something to someone else at the table.

Please remember that the group's composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in another ethnic group of interest if that is also in your research interests or join me at the Beginner's Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session on March 11, 2014.

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 183 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 1,379 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 December 19, 2013, December 20, 2013, December 27, 2013, December 28, 2013, December 30, 2013, January 16, 2014 and are copyright 2013/2014 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*.*

Oral Family History can be Lost in Three Generations (December 19, 2013)

Aaron Holt, archives technician at the National Archives Fort Worth, said it is not unusual for genealogists today to have conflicting stories about an ancestor if oral history was not passed down in a deliberate way through the generations.

"I tell people all the time that it only takes three generations to lose a piece of oral family history," Holt said. "It must be purposely and accurately repeated over and over again through the generations to be preserved for a genealogist today."

If that piece of oral history is about an ancestor's death, Holt said the chance of the truth being lost is even greater.

You can read more, including Holt's recommendations, in an article by Judy Everett Ramos in the Examiner at http://goo.gl/MhJra5.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 19, 2013 in** Genealogy Basics **|** Permalink

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Video: The Basics of Paper Conservation (December 20, 2013)

I watched a video today that is an excellent tutorial: *Basics of Paper Conservation.* I wish every genealogist and every other person concerned with preserving paper documents would view this. If this information had been common knowledge years ago, many of the problems I have described in past newsletter articles never would have happened.

In the 33-minute video, Illinois State Archives conservator Dottie Hopkins-Rehan discusses simple techniques that archivists and others can use to preserve and repair documents. Topics include how to humidify, flatten, clean and properly store documents. The video is aimed at genealogists, archivists in small historical repositories and students.
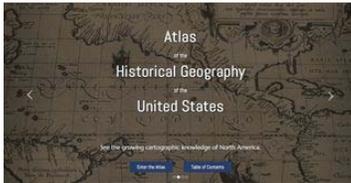
Hopkins-Rehan has been a conservator at the State Archives for more than 30 years.

The *Basics of Paper Conservation* video was filmed by Secretary of State staff in the Illinois State Archives' conservation laboratory. You can view the video at

http://goo.gl/2u5svi

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 20, 2013 in** Preservation, Video & Television **|** Permalink

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Online, Animated Version of the Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States (December 27, 2013)

Charles O. Paullin published his monumental *Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States* in 1932. It contains nearly 700 maps covering seemingly every facet of the country's social, economic and political life, including maps, then novel, showing county-by-county results for presidential elections going back to the beginning of the Republic.

Now, modern bells and whistles have also come to Paullin's atlas. A souped-up online version has just been released by the University of Richmond's Digital Scholarship Lab, bringing what some historians still consider a work of unsurpassed scope into the age of the iPad.

"Paullin's maps show ordinary people making a living, moving across the landscape, worshiping at churches, voting in elections," said Robert K. Nelson, the director of the Digital Scholarship Lab. "They covered so many topics that there's really something for everyone."

You can read more in an article by Jennifer Schuessler in the New York Times at http://goo.gl/KhdlWR. The online, animated version of the *Atlas of the Historical Geography*

of the United States is available at http://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas.

My thanks to newsletter reader Holly Hendricks for telling me about this online resource.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 27, 2013 in** History, Online Sites **|** Permalink

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One Success Story about Restoring Old and Damaged Videotapes (December 28, 2013)

Saving videos on tape creates storage and longevity problems but those issues usually can be fixed. For instance, while the vast majority of the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation's testimonies can be viewed at 48 sites all over the world, some of the 235,005 tapes that make up the *Visual History Archive* have been rendered unwatchable – a consequence of faulty recording and 20-year-old technology. But thanks to the efforts of a few of USC Shoah Foundation's Information Technology Services (ITS) staff, that's about to change.

The nearly 52,000 testimonies were made from interviews with Holocaust survivors. Ryan Fenton-Strauss, video archive and post-production manager at ITS, said, "It seemed terribly unfortunate that after a survivor had lived through the Holocaust and poured his or her heart into a testimony, that parts of it would be lost due to a technical problem during the recording process."

The Information Technology Services staff completed its Preservation Project in June 2012, in which all 52,000 testimonies, originally recorded on Betacam SP videotapes between 1994 and 1999, were digitized into a variety of commonly-used formats. The ITS staff then embarked on the Restoration Project, which aims to perform additional repairs on the approximately 5 percent of tapes that have audio or visual problems. The project will be complete around July 2014.

You can read more at http://sfi.usc.edu/news/2013/12/technology-staff-develop-new-video-restoration-software.

My thanks to newsletter reader Sam Eneman for telling me about this story.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 28, 2013 in** Preservation **|** Permalink

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SSDI Access is Now Limited (December 30, 2013)

Judy Russell, author of *The Legal Genealogist* blog, has written about the new restrictions now in place on the Security Death Master File — also known as the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). Her article is available at http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/.

There is both bad news and good news:

Bad News: there are new restrictions on what was public domain information that can be useful to genealogists.

Good News: the restrictions apply only for records of individuals who died within the past three calendar years. I don't like that but suspect most genealogists can live with the restriction.

You can read more at http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/12/30/ssdi-access-now-limited/.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 30, 2013 in** Legal affairs **|** Permalink

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More New York City Vital Records Going Online (January 16, 2014)

More than 10 million New York City birth, death and marriage records spanning nearly a century -- from 1866 to 1948 -- go online Thursday in a partnership between Ancestry.com and the New York City Department of Records/Municipal Archives. Best of all, the City's records will be available free of charge on Ancestry.com, an unusual offering.

In addition to the city archives available beginning Thursday, Ancestry.com also announced it has added to its New York State Census Collection to include the census of 1855, 1875 and 1905. It earlier put online the 1892, 1915 and 1925 New York State Census.

The New York City records, available for free, can be accessed at Ancestry.com/NewYork, where users can browse through not only the 10 million-plus birth, death and marriage records, but gain entry to the vast collection of the city's Municipal Archives.

You can read more in an article by Olivia Winslow in the Newsday web site at http://www.newsday.com/news/new-york/more-nyc-vital-records-going-online-1.6809740.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on January 16, 2014 in** Online Sites **|** Permalink

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, March 1, 2014. The program for the morning is titled **"French Genealogy Is Easy – Merci, Napoleon"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Jacquie Schattner.**

Jacquie Schattner has been actively researching her family's ancestors since 1996. She volunteered at the Family History Center, Schaumburg for 15 years, teaches genealogy for District 214 Adult Ed, teaches beginning genealogy at area libraries and is active in several genealogy societies, including CAGGNI and Northwest Suburban Genealogists. Jacquie received her B.S. degree from the University of Illinois. She works as a school secretary, allowing her free time in the summer to pursue new information. Living in Palatine, she has been happily married for 34 years to Fred, has three grown children, two son-in-laws and two adorable grandchildren.

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, Netherlands and surrounding areas.) Links to over 30 websites. Document translations, French genealogical terms, and other aides will be presented. Come join us! *Bienvenue!*

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, March 19, 2014. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Tech Toys for Genealogists"**. The speaker for the program will be **Nancy Thomas**.

Come see a demonstration of some useful hardware and software "toys" that will help you"play" in today's genealogical sandbox.

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, February 22, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library starting at 10:30 AM. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!** The program scheduled for this day is **"Planting Your Family Tree Online – (Setting Up Your Family History Website, Part II)"**. Panelists will include Larry Olson, Everett Butler and Alan Wilson**.**

This is a follow-on to the April 2012 panel, where five panelists discussed their experiences with setting up a family history website. Sites where family trees can be posted are many and varied. This panel will present the pros and cons of posting family trees on several of the following sites (specific sites to be determined)

FamilySearch
WikiTree

Webtrees
MyHeritage
MyFamily
MyTree
Rootsweb

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Historical Birth, Marriage and Death Records Go Online on ScotlandsPeople (December 31, 2013)

The following announcement was written by the folks at ScotlandsPeople:

The Marriage of a Lion-tamer and a Poet

Dec. 31, 2013 - Scottish records of births from 1913, marriages from 1938 and deaths from 1963 will go online for the first time tomorrow (1 Jan 2014).

Almost 222,000 images of birth, marriage and death records will be made available to family history researchers, including those of well-known people and unusual stories.

There were 38,716 marriages in 1938, including that between German circus performer and lion tamer Alfred Kaden, then 35, and Vera Hüsing (née Lüdtke), 25, the poet daughter of a German landowner. At the time a Glasgow newspaper described Hüsing as "vivacious, flaxen-haired and handsome" and said she had "won distinction by her poems and songs."

The records show that in 1938, the average age for women to be married was 26.7 and for men was 29.7. In 2012, the average age for women was 34.8 and for men was 37.2, and there were 30,534 marriages.

In 1913 the population was 4,73 million and there were 120,516 births. By contrast, in 2012 there were 58,027 births and a total population of 5.31 million people.

The records also show the change in babies names over the past century. In 1913 only three baby girls were named Sophie, whereas 580 girls were registered with the name in 2012. Likewise, while in 1913 only three boys were called Jack, over 500 boys were named Jack in 2012. In 1913, the most popular names for baby girls were Mary, Annie and Agnes, and John, James, Robert and William for boys.

The newly-released images include entries for 65,521 deaths in 1963, which compares to 54,937 in 2012. The life expectancy of Scots has risen during the last 50 years, as the growing number of growing number of centenarians shows. In 1963, only 28 people died at or over the age of 100, but in 2012 the equivalent figure was 389, or almost 14 times as many people, and well ahead of the increase in Scotland's population.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop said:
"These new images, and the stories they tell about Scotland's history, demonstrate the rich variety of information we have in our records.

"The new images of records being made available to the public from tomorrow (1st JANUARY 2014) represent a new chapter of Scotland's story now available to the public. I'd urge anyone who is interested in finding out more about their history, or that of their family or the place where they live, to have a look at the wealth of records now available as part of our wonderful online resources."

Tim Ellis, Registrar General and Keeper of the Records of Scotland, said:

"The records that National Records of Scotland holds are crammed full of fascinating stories about Scotland's people and history, and I know that people will find the latest additions to our online resources very useful for family history and other research. If someone out there recognises the story of the lion-tamer and the poet, we would delighted to learn what became of them."

Annelies van den Belt, Chief Executive of DC Thomson Family History, who enable the ScotlandsPeople website for National Records of Scotland, said:
"We always enjoy the colourful personal stories that are revealed when the images for the statutory births, marriages and deaths records are added to the ScotlandsPeople website. In

particular, we loved the story about the German poetess who married a lion tamer in Glasgow in January 1938.

"We also enjoyed finding out about the society weddings that took place the same year. We think many other fascinating stories will emerge when people start viewing these records."

Background

Alfred Kaden, a 35 year-old German circus performer, had specialised as a lion-tamer with lions, married Vera Hüsing in Glasgow on 5 January 1938. She was the daughter of Albert Lüdtke, a landowner, and Natalie Zielinski. The parties were both divorcees, and were married by declaration in a Glasgow lawyer's office, under a licence of the Sheriff of Glasgow. One of the two witnesses at the marriage was John Smith Clarke, a radical politician and newspaper editor based in Glasgow, who had begun his career as a lion-tamer. On 10 December 1937, when travelling to Glasgow, Vera Hüsing escaped unscathed from the railway crash at Castlecary Station, in which 35 people were killed and 179 people were injured.

The digital images of the official statutory records are of birth, marriage and death records that were registered more than 100, 75 and 50 years ago.

The new images will be available on the ScotlandsPeople website (www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk), at the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh, and at local family history centres in Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Hawick and Inverness.

Posted by Dick Eastman **on December 31, 2013 in** Online Sites **|** Permalink

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Google Alerts - a Great Tool for Genealogists (January 13, 2014)

How would you like to have a "servant" that monitors the web for you, 24 hours a day, looking for any new mentions of things that interest you? In fact, you already have that available today. Best of all is the price: **FREE** of charge.

Google Alerts is a service that sends an email to you to inform you of the latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your queries. Once configured, you don't have to do anything for the new information to reach you, other than check your email in-box from time to time.

I use Google Alerts to watch for any reference to a mysterious ancestor of mine with an unusual name. Any new mention of him in a web page, a blog, a message board, on Facebook, or most anyplace else on the Internet will result in an email message to me. That message will include a link that I can click to view the original reference.

You can do the same. For instance, you can go to Google Alerts and specify a search for great-uncle Rufus Smith who lived in a small town in Ohio. Within 24 hours or so, you

will receive an email message containing links to the existing articles that mention him, if any.

Disclaimer: This works unless there are hundreds of such references. In that case, Google Alerts will only show the first few dozen links. As with any web search, it will not find mentions of your search term that are inside a database, such as FamilySearch or Ancestry.

Even better, Google Alerts will continue to monitor the web for the information you supplied. Any new mention of great-uncle Rufus in almost any web site will soon appear in your email in-box. Google Alerts also sends you notices only one time. If a particular reference on a web page was already sent to you earlier, you will not receive a new notice about the same web page again at a later date. Each email message you receive contains only newly-found entries.

Keep in mind that Google searches for whatever you specify. If you look for "John Smith," you may be overwhelmed with results. You need to think of appropriate words to narrow down the search.

I am fortunate in that my mother's maiden name is unique. It is actually a corrupted spelling of a common French-Canadian surname. Everyone I have ever found whose last name has identical spelling to that of my mother's family has always turned out to be a relative. I use a Google Search of one word: her maiden name. I frequently receive updates about all my cousins' marriages, new babies, and various relatives whose names appear in local court news. I also found that a couple of my younger cousins are great high school athletes, and their names appear frequently in the sports pages of local newspapers in Maine. Google Alerts helps me keep track of what family members are up to.

My own surname, however, is not as simple to find in Google Alerts. Not only is it a rather common name, but several corporations also have the same name. (I guess my distant relatives have been prolific business people.) A simple search for that surname results in thousands of references found every day.

Instead of searching only for the name, I have to add other terms to narrow the results. For instance, I am looking for any information about Washington Harvey Eastman, who lived most of his adult life in the small town of Corinth, Maine. In Google Alerts, I specified a search of:

"Washington Harvey Eastman" Corinth Maine

Placing his full name in quotes specifies that I only want to receive notices that spell out his full name in exactly the same manner that I specified. I also only want to see results that include his name along with the word "Corinth" and the word "Maine." Of course, this is imperfect. I will not receive any Google Alerts of new entries of "Washington H. Eastman" (notice the middle name is slightly different) nor will I receive any entries that include the word "Exeter" in place of "Corinth." (Exeter is a town adjacent to Corinth.) If this man's name appears in a web site that mentions residents of the adjacent town, Google Alerts will not notify me since that is not the search I specified.

In short, I have to get creative with my search terms. Luckily, Google Alerts allows for multiple searches. I can create one search for the exact words shown above and then perhaps another search that omits his middle name plus another search that mentions the adjacent town plus another search that omits the town entirely but does mention the county

name.

Even though Google Alerts is not a perfect genealogy search engine, it is still far better than searching manually every day.

Of course, Google Alerts are not limited to genealogy uses. After all, Google searches for **WORDS** of any sort; it is not limited to names and locations. Some handy uses of Google Alerts include:

> monitoring a developing news story
> keeping current on a competitor or industry
> getting the latest news about a celebrity or event
> keeping tabs on your favorite sports teams

I can offer another example. I used to own a Saab Sonett sports car, a rather limited edition automobile manufactured by Saab in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Parts for these cars are nearly impossible to find today. I created a Google Alert for "Saab Sonett" and often received notices of parts for sale as well as for notices of various car shows and Saab enthusiasts' get-togethers around the world. I suspect you can think of additional uses for Google Alerts.

Using Google Alerts is easy. Go to http://www.google.com/alerts and enter a search query you wish to monitor. You will see a preview of the type of results you'll receive. Enter your email address, and also specify how often you wish to receive alerts (immediately, daily, or weekly). Then sit back and let Google work for you.

Your first attempt at searching probably will not be perfect. Your search might be too narrow and produce no results, or it might be too broad a search, giving thousands of results. Either way, return to Google Alerts by clicking on the link at the bottom of any email message you receive for that search term, and then modify the search term as you feel appropriate. With a bit of practice, you can probably specify exactly what you seek.

Google Alerts is useful, free, and available to you now. Try it yourself at http://www.google.com/alerts.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 13, 2014 in Online Sites | Permalink

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the December/January 2014, Volume 8, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"What Did They Do and How Did They Do It?"

By Mary Kircher Roddy

Mary Kircher Roddy looks at Cornell University's HEARTH website; a great Way to add context to your family history writing.

"Remembrance: World War I Centenary"
        By Carol Richey

Carol Richey looks at several resources that will help you research your WW I ancestor.

"The State of Scanning: 2014!"
        By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at what is new in scanning technology and suggests ways to maximize your productivity.

"Distraction Free Family History Writing"
        By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo reviews Write.app – new web-based tool for writing in the cloud.

"Map Your Photographs: HistoryPin.com"
        By Maureen Taylor

Maureen Taylor looks at a popular website for genealogists and history buffs.

"Case Study: Tracing Frances Lamb Mims Wilson"
        By George G. Morgan

George G. Morgan shows that even with good online sources, you should use original records whenever possible to confirm your results.

"Latin 101 for Genealogists"
        By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at common Latin terms and abbreviations found in family history.

"British Record Societies' Publications Online"
        By Alan Stewart

Alan Stewart goes all out to point out many online sources for British Record Societies.

"Scapple: Your Virtual Family History Sketchpad"
        By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo reviews a new tool to virtually sketch out your research and writing ideas.

"Candy for the Genealogist"

By Dave Obee

Also included in this journal is a section titled "Net Notes". This section highlights with lengthy description websites of note for the genealogy researcher. Diane L. Richard, the author of this section, provides a good amount of text description of the sites to give the reader some good insights on what can be found there that may help them with their research. Sometimes you just take a look at some of these interesting sites even if there is no direct connection to your own research. They are just interesting on their own!

Sites mentioned in this section are:

NARA – Virtual Genealogy Fair @
www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair

Urlist @
http://urli.st

The Rivers of America Map @
http://nationalatlas.gov/streamer/Streamer/streamer.html

Canadian Census Records – One Stop Shopping! @
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx

Gesher Galicia – Cadastral Maps @
www.geshergalicia.org/projects/cadastral-map-and-landowner-records

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Map Your Photographs: HistoryPin.com". The author of the article is Maureen Taylor, the "Photo Detective".

There is one thing we genealogists have in common. Geography! What is one of the most important things to know as we do our genealogy research? Places! If you do not have some idea of a geographical connection to an ancestor it becomes almost impossible to find the records of your ancestor. They left the paper trails in the local areas of their life. That is how we find about them. We like to look at maps to gain a bird's eye view of where are our ancestors had their feet on the ground.

The author does a good job of making us aware of taking facts about our ancestors in certain geographic areas and converting that information to the internet via a new web site called HistoryPin.com. We can now mark the spots of interest to us on the virtual maps of the world for others to discover. You can upload photos of places or even videos and "pin" it to a map. You can add content to the picture and share it with the world.

You can visit this new site at:

www.historypin.com

The author notes the site is UK based but there is still plenty of "pins" that are applicable to the United States and other worldwide locations. The author notes there are about 300,000 "pins" so far. The site is also free.

You will also find the following at the site from the Menus selection:

- Map

- Projects
- Channels
- Tours and Collections
- Get Involved
- Blog

You will also encounter "Pin of the Day" on the main web page. I thought it was rather interesting that when I looked at the site itself as I was composing this overview, that the pin of the day was a picture of Niagara Falls when it was frozen! I am writing this on January 7, 2014 when the temperature was -10 degrees and the day before the temperature was -16 degrees! Thinking of a frozen Niagara Falls is certainly a possibility based on our recent sub-zero freezing temperatures.

You can use the "map" function to enter in an area of interest to see if anything has been "pinned". My suggestion is to enter in high-level locations like Chicago or other cities. It will present with a Google map overview of the area in which you can see if there are any pins. You can also move the map around to see the surrounding towns and villages to see if there are pins in the area. I entered in "Chicago" and it gave me an overview. I could then "move" the map to the Northwest suburbs and found pins for Schaumburg, Arlington Heights and Elgin.

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If you add a picture of a place how it looks today versus how it appeared before from a picture that already existed at the site, it is known as a "repeat". You can always click on a picture to enlarge it.

When looking at a picture, if you see the yellow person icon in the corner of a picture, you can go to Google Street View to see what the view looks like today.

Take a look at the "channels" part of the site. Here is where you can find a list of contributing organizations that have uploaded material. Contributors to the site range from libraries to archives to individuals. You will discover such contributors such as Historic New England to Archives New Zealand. I even saw one group called President Abraham Lincoln's Assassination that contained images of historical documents as well as some Lincoln funeral images.

When you open up a channel you will be able to get some statistical overview of what you may encounter. You will see how many channel views there have been, how many "pins" have been uploaded, whether there is a "tour" created for parts of this channel.

Also, check the "Tours and Collections" part of the site. Tours lead you step-by-step through a series of pieces of content, telling a story, exploring a place or walking through time.

The site is well-worth a visit. An exploration is a must, especially if you are the kind of researcher that loves to see "old" images, sometimes whether they have any connection to your research or not. It certainly looks like this is a great site for organizations that may have many images of old photos and documents that are related to a geographical area that can be pinned. Yet many of the "pins" I perused were contributions by individuals. So you can participate and not feel like contributions are only made by large-scale organizations.

The article sure piqued my curiosity to check out what I could discover. You too may also find some interesting material at the site and might even consider participating for free and making some contributions of your own material linked to a geographic area.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Latin 101 for Genealogists". The author of the article is David A. Norris.

The author notes that while we may think of the Latin language as being ancient, we in fact may need to understand it because we are more than likely going to cross paths with the language. Where are we going to see Latin?? More than likely you are going to see the Language in many of the documents you discover connected to your ancestors.

Many of our modern languages have their roots in Latin. Law, medicine, science, religion, history and geography keep many Latin words alive in daily use. Latin often served as a universal language that provided some common ties among the fragmented countries and peoples of medieval and later Europe, even though their native languages were evolving.

Think of it this way. Latin to us is equated with height of the Roman Empire in 300 AD. Yet, when we may be looking at documents of our ancestors from the 1700's, we may easily encounter Latin terms scattered throughout the document. Roman Catholic parish records may well have been written in the language of the local church, but you may find it still filled with Latin terms describing contents of terms used in the document. Unless you have some basic insight into what those terms are, you may not discover deeper information about that particular ancestor from the document.

Terms such as "nativity", "illegitimate", "morbus", "mater", "pater" etc. may all be encountered when looking at a baptism record of an ancestor. The researcher will encounter all kinds of impediments to deciphering a document connected to an ancestor simply based on lack of language knowledge. You may not even know you are encountering Latin based words! And even worse, many of the Latin words used in these church documents may be abbreviated! You may not even realize that the abbreviated word on a documented that appears as "nat." may very well stand for "nativitiy" or as we would know it in English as "birth".

The author does provide some good resources to consider using to help you decipher these unknown words. Some of those mentioned are:

- **German-English Genealogical Dictionary** by Ernest Thode

- **The Record Interpreter: A Collection of Abbreviations, Latin Words and Names …** by Charles Trice Martin. You can find this on the Internet Archive at www.archive.org.

- **The Hospital Steward's Manual** by Joseph Janvier Woodward is helpful to decipher Civil War Latin terms and prescriptions. Also available online at the Internet Archive at www.archive.org on pages 278-284.

- FamilySearch has a document in their Wiki titled "Latin Genealogical Word List" that you can find at http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List

- Great Britain's National Archive offers several resources. You can find the "Beginner's Latin" page at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners/default.htm

The author also provided a nice small list of tips for us to have Latin become our friend. Here is that short list:

- "ae" is pronounced like a long "e", as in "Greek".

- The ancient Roman alphabet did not include the letters "J", "U" or "W". It was not until late antiquity that "X", "Y" and "Z" were added to the end of the alphabet to allow the use of Greek words.

- The letter "I" was used in place of "J" and the "V" was also used in a word where we might use the letter "U".

- "Monumental" style letters resemble modern capital letters and are easy to distinguish. Most manuscript Latin in ancient and medieval times, though, was written in various styles of lower-case letters that can be difficult for the modern reader to recognize.

The author also included in this article a small list of some often seen Latin words you might yourself in some of the documents you are researching on your ancestors. Here are some of those words and their meaning:

- "adoptactitus"   -   adopted

- "annus"   -   year

- "conjugatus"   -   married

- "febris"   -   fever

- "iunioris"   -   junior

- "recto"   -   front side of page

- "variola"   -   smallpox

When you are looking at documents that may be 200 years old, you may very well encounter Latin terms scattered throughout. These may be embedded among words of the language of that document that may be Polish or German or English. Don't just gloss over these words. Those words may really give you that key piece of information as to what the document really means applicable to your ancestor. Use the above resources to best decipher the meaning of the Latin word or abbreviation.

The author leaves you with his own whimsical Latin phrase that really applies to all of us that do genealogy. Thank goodness the author kindly translated the meaning of the phrase.

"Sic friat crustulum". "That's the way the cookie crumbles!"

I leave you with my own Latin phrase from my days in high school Latin.

"Veni, vidi, vici". "I came, I saw, I conquered".

There are many other good articles in this recent issue of Internet Genealogy. Take a look at the article names I noted at the beginning of this write-up to see which articles may be ones you may want to take a good look at for your own personal research.

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

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BOOKS IN PRINT

No new book reviewed for this during this newsletter month.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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GenSoftReviews Announces the Top Genealogy Software Awards for 2013 (January 2, 2014)

The following announcement was written by the folks at GenSoftReviews:
The 5th annual Users Choice Awards have been determined at the GenSoftReviews website.

29 programs were eligible having a minimum of 10 reviews and at least one review in 2013. Of those, 17 programs achieved a user-assigned average score of at least 4.00 out of 5, and were awarded a GenSoftReview Top Genealogy Software award for 2013.

The Winners include:

- 9 Windows programs: Ancestral Quest, Ahnenblatt, Personal Ancestral File, Brother's Keeper, Clooz, Family Historian, Family Tree Builder, RootsMagic, and Genbox Family History,
- 3 Mac programs: iFamily for Leopard, Heredis for Mac, and Reunion
- 1 Unix program: Gramps
- 3 Online programs: Famberry, The Next Generation, and Family Echo
- 1 Handheld program: Heredis for iOS

The top program for 2013 was Ancestral Quest with an almost perfect user rating of 4.98 out of 5 based on 18 reviews. A new online program, Famberry, received many positive reviews late in the year to finish second with a 4.94 rating. Ahnenblatt, a program from Germany, continued receiving excellent ratings during 2013 and was 3rd with 4.91.

New to the list of winners for 2013 were Family Tree Builder who received much better ratings from their users during 2013, and the Unix version of Gramps, which was rated much higher once it was separated on GenSoftReviews from its Mac and Windows versions.

Programs that dropped off the list from 2012 include Legacy Family Tree and Family Tree Maker (Up to Version 18) who had poorer reviews that averaged less than 4.00 in 2013, and also XY Family Tree, My Great Big Family, and GenSmarts, who did not have a single review in 2013 and therefore did not qualify.

GenSoftReviews uses a time-weighted average score. The weight of every user rating goes down 50% every year, so newer opinions will be better reflected in the average score.

Congratulations go to all the 2013 winners. Their users speak highly of their programs. GenSoftReviews hopes all genealogy software developers will use the feedback they receive from these reviews to improve their programs for their users.

For more information and a complete listing of current and past winners, see the Users Choice Awards page.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 02, 2014 in Software | Permalink

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What to Do With Floppy Disks? (January 10, 2014)

Do you or someone you know have lots of files saved on floppy disks? A lady contacted me recently and asked how she could read her old floppy disks that she had saved from many years ago. It seems her present computer does not have a floppy disk drive in it. I suggested she do something NOW to save the disks. Before long, floppy disks will be about as useful as buggy whips.

Actually, there are **THREE** separate problems:

The first problem is that floppy disks were never designed for long-term storage for years and years. The manufacturers usually stated ten to twenty years' life expectancy for floppies if they were stored in ideal conditions. A typical residence isn't ideal.

In addition, floppy disks have always been highly sensitive to dust, condensation and temperature extremes. As with any magnetic storage, it is also vulnerable to magnetic fields. If the disk isn't stored in optimum conditions, the data will disappear because of these vulnerabilities. In many cases, data will disappear from floppies in much less than ten years.

The second problem is the one my correspondent mentioned: she no longer owns a floppy disk drive. In fact, the manufacturers stopped including floppy disk drives on new computers years ago. Luckily, you can still purchase floppy disk drives today although they are becoming rare.

If possible, see if someone you know owns an older computer that includes both a floppy disk drive and some method of copying information from floppy disks to some other media. Possibilities are to transfer across a network, transfer on the Internet, copy to a flash drive, or maybe to "burn" to a CD-ROM.

If you cannot find an older computer, you can purchase an external USB floppy drive that plugs into the USB port of most any modern Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, or

Windows 8 computer. The drives typically cost $10 to perhaps $30. You can see a selection of USB 3 1/2-inch floppy disk drives for sale today at http://goo.gl/Krtc1.

If you have an even older 5-1/4-inch floppy, your search will be more difficult. Very few of the older disk drives were ever manufactured with a USB connection. However, if you are willing to open the computer and bolt in an internal floppy drive, you might still be able to find a few by beginning at http://goo.gl/re08QM or on eBay.

The third, and possibly the biggest, problem of all is the information stored on the disk. Even if the data has not disappeared, and even if you can copy the files to more modern media, can you find a program today that will read the files created by a program ten or twenty years ago? For instance, if you have files created by Roots 3 (a popular genealogy program of the 1980s), you will have difficulty finding any program today that will read information stored in that old format. To my knowledge, Roots 3 files can only be read by Roots 3 or later versions of the same program. Unfortunately, no program today can read Roots 3 files. The same is true for data saved in old versions of Personal Ancestral File, Family Tree Maker, or genealogy programs that have since disappeared from the marketplace, such as The Family Edge or Generations Grande Suite.
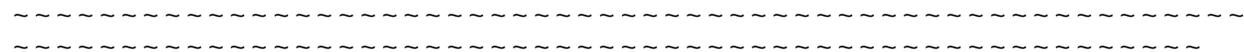
My advice:

1. Copy the files NOW! Whatever is stored on a floppy disk may disappear at any time. Save it while you can. Copy the files to modern media.

2. Attempt to open the files with a modern word processor or genealogy program or even a simple ASCII file viewer, such as Windows Notepad. If you are lucky, you may be able to read the information.

3. If you cannot read the files, post messages on online forums asking for assistance from anyone who still has an old computer with the old software installed. For instance, if you find someone who still has Roots3 installed on a computer someplace (and if they also have the optional Roots 3 program that creates GEDCOM files), they could import your data and then export it in GEDCOM format. The information then can be read by any modern genealogy program.

For more information about GEDCOM files, see my "GEDCOM Explained" article at http://goo.gl/3eDo6.

Whatever you do, don't get trapped in the obsolescence problems again. Copy your data often to whatever new media has recently become available.

Posted by Dick Eastman on January 10, 2014 in Hardware | Permalink

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FUNNY BONE

The following "epitaphs" were found at:

Do I know they are real? Nope!

But they sound interesting nonetheless!

Enjoy!

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1890 - The light of my life has gone out.
1891 - I have struck another match

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Farewell friends and parents dear,
I am not dead, but sleeping here.
Prepare for death, for die you must
And with your Laura, sleep in dust.

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Weep not for me, mother & brothers dear
It is God's wish that I am here
At my sweet age I swallowed a bone
That sent me to a happy home.

+ +

All you that do behold my stone,
Consider how soon that I was gone
Death does not always warning give
Therefore be cautious how you live
Repent in time - do not delay
In my youth, I was called away

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Warm summer sun, shine kindly here
Warm southern wind, blow softly here
Green sod above, lie light, lie light
Good-night, dear heart,
Good-night, good-night.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An "")*

Feb 11 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"First Contact: Making Connections to Newly Discovered Relatives"** Presented by Barbara Peterson. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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/
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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 WED 2014	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 19, 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.dcgs.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. 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
Apr 8 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Researching At Appomattox Courthouse ─ Genealogy Through the Lens of the Civil War"** Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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May 3 SAT 2014	Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, May 3, 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 Visit the society website at www.NWSCG.com
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Aug 12 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Miracles, Mysteries & Mayhem: Online Family Trees"** Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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Nov 11 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Program to Be Determined"** Presented by To Be Determined. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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