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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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AUGUST 12, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

The Genealogy program will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the 2nd floor Classroom. The guest speaker for the evening will be **Jeanne Larzalere Bloom**. Jeanne will present a program titled "**Miracles, Mysteries & Mayhem: Online Family Trees**".

We want to build on the research of others but those online family trees often contain miracles, mysteries and mayhem. Does the tree need to be pruned? Learn effective techniques to determine if branches on a tree are diseased or if they are healthy.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, problem solving, and multi-generational family histories. She conducts research projects for government agencies, attorneys, authors, newspapers, heir-search firms, professional genealogists, family researchers. Jeanne writes articles for scholarly journals and society publications and is a frequent lecturer at conferences, workshops, and institutes.

Jeanne researched the ancestry of actor-comedian Jason Sudeikis, for the television series, "Who Do You Think You Are?", and appeared in that episode that first aired in May 2012. In April 2012 she was interviewed by National Public Radio about the release of the 1940 U.S. census.

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 189 participants that have returned a filled-out questionnaire to me. 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 attending our genealogy program concerning your research efforts.

From the filled-out questionnaires that have been returned to me, the numbers show that they are searching for a total of 1,438 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.

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter June 1, 2014, June 2, 2014, June 5, 2014, June 7, 2014, June 12, 2014, June 14, 2014 and are copyright 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>.

Use D/2 Biological Solution to Clean Gravestones (June 1, 2014)
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 1, 2014](#) · [Preservation](#) · [8 Comments](#)



Genealogists and anyone else interested in preserving cemetery tombstones and other objects exposed to the weather should become familiar with D/2 Biological Solution. It is useful for cleaning tombstones without causing any damage to the stone.

The solution is safe for use and does not harm the tombstone. Even the highly-respected Association for Gravestone Studies recommends the product in the organization's FAQs (Frequently-Asked Questions) at <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/knowledge-center/faq-s#faqnoanchor>:

"Treat a wet gravestone with D/2 Biological Solution, scrub into a lather using a plastic bristle brush, and smooth the lather into the inscription to make the letters more readable. Afterward, rinse the stone thoroughly."

Further details may be obtained from *A Graveyard Preservation Primer, 1st Edition*, by Lynette Strangstad and published by the Association for Gravestone Studies at <http://goo.gl/xM4Qx4>.

D/2 Biological Solution is even used to clean the outside of the White House and also recently won a Veterans Administration contract to supply cleaner for over 3.5 million headstones and another contract to clean Civil War monuments at the Chickamauga battlefield. (Details may be found at <http://d2bio.com/news>.)

D/2 Biological Solution is a biodegradable, easy-to-use liquid that removes stains due to mold, algae, mildew, lichens and air pollutants. It is effective not only on tombstones, but also on marble, granite, limestone, brownstone, travertine, masonry, terra cotta, concrete, stucco, wood, and other architectural surfaces, including monuments and sculptures.

D/2 Biological Solution is easy to use. Apply it to the surface to be cleaned, preferably by using a soft-bristle brush. Wait 10 to 15 minutes, and then scrub the surface to be cleaned, again by using a soft nylon or natural bristle brush to loosen most biological and air pollutant staining. Never use a stiff brush or anything abrasive on a tombstone or other stone surface! Be sure to bring a watering can or other water source along so that you can rinse the solution off the cleaned surface when you're done.

D/2 Biological Solution:

- is biodegradable
- will not harm plants, stone, animals or people
- contains no acids, salts, or chlorine
- is pH neutral
- will not etch metals or glass
- is not a hazardous material and requires no special handling or protection
- is used full strength with no in-field mixing required
- contains no carcinogenic compounds as defined by NTP, IARC, or OSHA
- is considered essentially non-toxic by swallowing
- requires no special ventilation during use
- has a shelf life of 5 years

D/2 Biological Solution is available in 1-gallon and 5-gallon containers and 55-gallon drums.

All in all, I'd suggest this is a good product used to clean many surfaces, including tombstones. You can learn more about D/2 Biological Solution at <http://d2bio.com>. It can be ordered from a number of distributors with a list available at <http://d2bio.com/buy-d2>. I also found it available in 1-gallon containers from Amazon at <http://goo.gl/LfebAH>.

Irish Genealogical Research Society Launches 1901 Townland Database (June 2, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 2, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [2 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the Irish Genealogical Research Society:

The 1901 *Index to Townlands* is the key to identifying all land divisions in Ireland, and it is for the first time being made available online as a searchable database. It will quickly prove to be a resource that genealogists will come back to again and again as their research progresses.

This new database has been made possible through the hard work of two Australians: historian Perry McIntyre and genealogist Terry Eakin, both IGRS members. They spent two years carefully inputting all of the data from the original 1901 hardcopy publication.

There are just over 64,000 townlands in Ireland. They are Ireland's most basic – and ancient – land divisions, measuring from just a few acres to several hundred. From the mid-19th century, just before the period of the Great Hunger, Irish land divisions became standardised through the introduction of the Poor Law System in 1838. Although the Poor Law was abandoned in the 1920s, the same system of land division is still in use to this day.

Allowing for population density, the Poor Law System bundled together groups of townlands to form District Electoral Divisions (DED), which in turn were united to form Poor Law Unions (PLU). The residents of each DED paid the poor rate and elected the poor law guardians. As the 19th century progressed, PLU boundaries and subdivisions were also used in the administration of civil registration, census enumeration, health care provision, compilation of electoral rolls, the creation of pension boards under the *Old Age Pension Act 1908*, land valuation, property registration and local tax collection.



Given that the first *Index to Townlands* – published in conjunction with the 1851 Census of Ireland – did not note DEDs, the 1901 edition is all the more valuable given that it also records the DED number required to access data from the 1901 census returns, the earliest complete census for Ireland.

The new database can be used to either locate a particular townland and the various land divisions it forms part of, or to identify the names of all townlands which fall into a given District Electoral Division or Civil Parish.

Helpful hyperlinks in the 'Search Hints & Tips' section also allow researchers to identify the locality on a set of maps dating from 1935 which denote the various land division boundaries. In addition, Ordnance Survey Map numbers are noted.

Steven Smyrl, IGRS chairman, said: *"We are incredibly grateful to the generosity of Perry and Terry for providing the Society with this invaluable new resource. For the first time, genealogists will be able to identify a townland even where they have only a garbled spelling; better still, they will be able to establish the names of the townlands surrounding it, which was just not possible with the original hardcopy index."*

"This is yet another resource being made available to genealogists through the IGRS website IrishAncestors.ie, and one which I know for sure will be of immense help to all Irish family historians for years to come."

This database is being made available free to members and non-members alike on the IGRS website. Click here IrishAncestors.ie or click on the tab "Resources – Unique Resources" on the Homepage.

Ancestry.com to Drop MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia and the Y-DNA and mtDNA Tests (June 5, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 5, 2014](#) · [Business News](#) · [58 Comments](#)



Major industry news: MyFamily, MyCanvas, Mundia and the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests will be shut down. In addition, the Genealogy.com web site will undergo major changes but will remain as an available product.

Below is the announcement from Ancestry.com V.P. Eric Shoup as posted on the [Ancestry.com Blog](#). For details concerning the changes to each service, click on the links at the end of Eric's announcement:

We're proud of the variety of products we've created over the years that enable people to discover, preserve and share their family history. We recognize that there are a lot of ways that we, as a company, can make family history easier, more accessible and more fun for people all over the world. And we're continually innovating to make it a reality. We're always looking to focus our efforts in a way that provide the most impact, while also delivering the best service and best product experience to users. To that end, we've decided to retire some of our services: MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia and the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests.

We will note that the AncestryDNA (autosomal) test will continue to be available for purchase. Only the y-DNA and mtDNA tests will be retired.

Starting September 5, 2014, these services will no longer be available to access. Genealogy.com is the exception to the rule, and will continue in a slightly different form. If you are an active member or subscriber to one of these services, you will be contacted directly with details of how to transition the information you've created using these services.

We know these services have provided value to you. We think they're pretty cool too, which is why this wasn't an easy decision for us to make. In the end, it came down to priorities and we think our core offerings are a great place to spend our time and resources.

So here's to revolutionizing family history, focusing on providing the best product experience we can offer and to the limitless possibilities that lie before us.

If you have any other inquiries, here are some frequently asked questions that might help:

[Genealogy.com](#)

[MyFamily](#)

[MyCanvas](#)

[LegacyDNA](#)

[Mundia – English](#)

The National Personnel Records Center Fire of 1973: Not Everything Was Destroyed (June 7, 2014)
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 7, 2014](#) · [Preservation](#) · [26 Comments](#)

One of the big losses to genealogists and to many others occurred on July 12, 1973, when a fire destroyed many records at the National Personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. The records storage facility was operated by the National Archives and Records Administration and housed military service records. The fire destroyed approximately 16 to 18 million official military personnel records. While that is a staggering number of records, it still represents only about one-third of its 52 million official military personnel files.



Sadly, the records had not yet been digitized for long-term preservation nor even copied to microfilm, the standard method of preserving paper documents at that time. The records existed only on fragile paper and were susceptible to fire, flood, mildew, and other dangers. The building was essentially a large warehouse, filled with filing cabinets. There were no firewalls or other fire-stopping devices to limit the spread of fire. No heat or smoke detectors were installed in the building, nor was there a fire sprinkler system to automatically extinguish a fire.

The exact cause of the fire was never fully determined. However, the fire investigation later reported that cigarettes were present in several trash cans, obviously displaying a hazard in a building full of paper. Another possibility was spontaneous combustion. The same report noted that the floor where the fire started had seen extremely high temperatures in the St. Louis summer with little or no ventilation.

When the fire broke out, it spread rapidly and destroyed the only copies of millions of records. The fire destroyed the entire 6th floor of the National Personnel Records Center. Water damage destroyed many more records on the 5th floor, and additional water damage was spread throughout the building. Another problem was mold that was observed within days in the hot, humid summer weather. Officials sprayed thymol throughout the building to control any mold outbreak.

For any genealogist looking for an ancestor's personnel record, this was a great loss. It became an even bigger loss for the men and women whose records were destroyed as it became difficult to prove military service when applying for benefits. Indeed, many people assume "all the records must have been destroyed in the fire, so I won't even bother to check." While millions of records were destroyed that day, this is unfortunate since not all of them went up in flames. In fact, many of the records did survive and are available today.

No indexes had been created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available.

The National Archives reports the following losses:

80% loss to records of U.S. Army personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960

75% loss to records of U.S. Air Force personnel discharged September 25, 1947, to January 1, 1964, with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.. The records of Air Force personnel with names occurring earlier in the alphabet survived.

Some U.S. Army Reserve personnel who performed their initial active duty for training in the late 1950s but who received final discharge as late as 1964.

There were no losses to the records of Navy and Marine Corps military records.

You can read more about the fire and the records that were lost at

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html>.

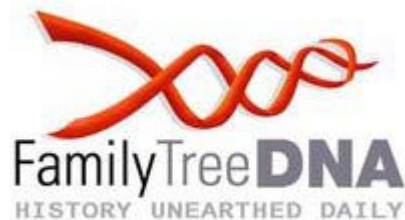
In May 2011, the National Personnel Records Center completed construction of a new facility, located at 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri. Surviving records have been moved to the new building that is equipped with the latest fire prevention technology.

While many records were indeed destroyed by fire, you should realize that not all of them went up in flames. Study the list of available records carefully. You may be surprised to find that the record you seek is still available.

Family Tree DNA Reaches a Historic Milestone: More than 1,000,000 DNA Tests Processed (June 12, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 12, 2014](#) · [DNA](#) · [4 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at Gene By Gene, Ltd.:



Family Tree DNA, the genetic genealogy arm of Gene by Gene, and the world leader in the field, announced today that it has processed over 1,000,000 DNA test kits results for genealogy and anthropology purposes.

This historic amount includes [Family Tree DNA's](#) tests as well the processing of public participation samples for National Geographic's Genographic Project (www.genographic.com). Family Tree DNA is the Genographic Project's genetic testing partner.

The million-test milestone was reached this week during the company's Father's Day sale, which includes the Family Finder test currently discounted at the affordable price of \$79.

The Family Finder test [finds relatives](#) within 5 generations, and gives a detailed geographic breakdown of where one's ancestors came from, by comparing a person's DNA to the DNA of other users in Family Tree DNA's massive database.

Family Tree DNA offers the widest range of [DNA testing](#) services in the field of genetic genealogy. The company prides itself on its commitment to the practice of solid, ethical science. Family Tree DNA has the largest database in the world for matching purposes, which means increased chances of finding long lost relatives. In that regard, Family Tree DNA is an important resource for the three million people in the United States who either were adopted or descend from adoptees.

About Gene By Gene, Ltd.

Founded in 2000, Gene By Gene, Ltd. (<http://www.genebygene.com>) is a CAP-accredited and CLIA-registered genetic testing company that serves consumers, researchers, and physicians. Gene by Gene offers a wide range of regulated clinical diagnostic tests, as well as research use only (RUO) tests. The Family Tree DNA division (<http://www.familytreeDNA.com>) of Gene by Gene is a pioneer and leader in DNA testing for genealogy and ancestry. The company operates the largest genetic genealogy database in the world and has provided more than 5 million discrete genetic tests. Gene by Gene is privately held and headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Who Do You Think You Are?'s Fifth Season on U.S. television Premieres on July 23 (June 14, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 14, 2014](#) · [Video & Television](#) · [No Comments](#)

TLC Network has signed on for another season of Shed Media US-produced *Who Do You Think You Are?*, will return with six new episodes this summer. The series, which delves into the ancestral history of public figures and celebrities, will feature contributors including Valerie Bertinelli, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Lauren Graham, Kelsey Grammer, Rachel McAdams and her sister Kayleen McAdams, and Cynthia Nixon.

The fifth season premieres on July 23 at 9 p.m. EST/PST. Check your local listings for the channel near you.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2014. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER 2014.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will take place on Saturday morning, September 6, 2014. The program for the morning is titled **"Truth or Fiction? – Unraveling a Family Yarn"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG** .

Meetings take place at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 West Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 10:00 AM. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 9:30 AM prior to the main meeting that starts at 10:00 AM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

www.NWSCG.com

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

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*DuPage County Genealogical Society*

**Please note that there will be no meetings of the DuPage County Genealogical Society during the months of June, July and August 2014. Meetings will resume again on Wednesday evening, September 17, 2014.**

**Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2014 through May 2015. The September 2014 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2014 through May 2015 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, September 17, 2014. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Beyond the Begats: Adding Biographical Detail to Your Genealogy"**. The speaker for the program will be **Sarah A. V. Kirby**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

[www.dcgsg.org](http://www.dcgsg.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 regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, July 19, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**New Tools for Finding Old Stuff**". The speaker will be **Ginger Frere**.

Technology is changing the face of genealogy. Come take a look at some new online tools and techniques for finding our elusive ancestors. Smartphone apps, software "to-go", current maps overlain by historic maps, online classes, digital libraries, wikis and more! Learn how these tools can enhance your genealogical bag of tricks.

Ginger Frere, a life-long Chicagoan, has been involved in family history for over 20 years. She has an extensive technical and training background with years of experience introducing people to technology. In addition to working with private clients, speaking and teaching seminars, Ginger is a reference librarian in the Genealogy and Local History Section at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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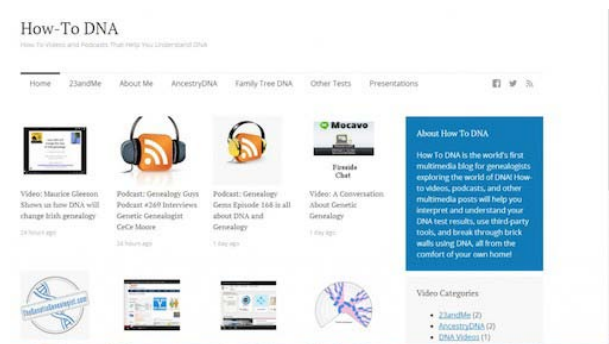
## INTERNET INFORMATION

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### **Announcing "How-To DNA" – A Multimedia How-To Guide for Genetic Genealogy (June 20, 2014)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 20, 2014](#) · [DNA](#), [Online Sites](#) · [One Comment](#)

Blaine Bettinger is a genealogist and a DNA expert with a Ph.D. in biochemistry with a concentration in genetics. He is a frequent author and lecturer with a focus on DNA. He has now announced the creation of a new online how-to guide for genetic genealogy. The site will include short instructional how-to videos for beginners, as well as presentations and webcasts for the advanced genealogist.



How-To DNA ([www.howtodna.com](http://www.howtodna.com)) will also provide links to the latest videos, podcasts, and other instructional material created by DNA experts. You can learn more in Blaine's announcement at <http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2014/06/20/announcing-dna>. The site is live now at <http://howtodna.com>.

### **Another Sad Story about DDOS Attacks (June 20, 2014)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 20, 2014](#) · [Current Affairs](#) · [11 Comments](#)

The big news this week has been the outage of web servers at Ancestry.com and several other web sites that are subsidiaries of the same company. The outages were caused by a DDOS (Distributed Denial of Service) attack. In short, a criminal managed to

overload the servers, rendering them inoperative, then demanded a ransom to stop the attack. I am sympathetic to the problem. This newsletter's hosting service suffered a DDOS attack a few months ago that lasted for many days and that hosting service still is dealing with remnants of the attack. I moved the newsletter to a different hosting service to escape the problem although the move does not provide insurance against future attacks. See <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/04/21/this-newsletter-has-been-moved-to-a-temporary-host/> for a short report about my actions to escape the attack.

A sadder story has become public this morning. Code Spaces (a web hosting service) has been under DDOS attacks since the beginning of the week. The attack apparently started at about the same time Ancestry.com was attacked. The outcome was radically different, however. The attacker managed to delete all Code Spaces' hosted customer data and most of the backups. The managers of Code Spaces have now announced that they are shutting down business.

Today's announcement states, "In summary, most of our data, backups, machine configurations and offsite backups were either partially or completely deleted."

After some detailed explanations, the company's managers then wrote:

"Code Spaces will not be able to operate beyond this point, the cost of resolving this issue to date and the expected cost of refunding customers who have been left without the service they paid for will put Code Spaces in an irreversible position both financially and in terms of ongoing credibility.

"As such at this point in time we have no alternative but to cease trading and concentrate on supporting our affected customers in exporting any remaining data they have left with us."

All this came from a professionally managed company that has suffered DDOS attacks before and has always been able to neutralize them. However, this week's attack was orchestrated by a person or person who was able to first infiltrate the company's servers and was well prepared to delete even the backups.

You can read the sad story at <http://www.codespaces.com/>.

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Family Chronicle**

We have received the May/June 2014, Volume 18, Number 5 issue of Family Chronicle.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Planning a Family History Research Trip to Ireland?"**



By Joe Grandinetti

*Joe Grandinetti offers some advice for making the pilgrimage to the ancestral Irish homeland.*

**"The Cause of Death Was ..."**

By George G. Morgan

*George G. Morgan sheds light on four possible places where you might find information relating to your ancestor's death.*

**"Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2014 Preview"**

By Sandra Crowley

*Sandra Crowley invites us to join the FGS for "Gone to Texas", August 27 – 30, 2014!*

**"Herbert Hilton: Lost and Found"**

By Jackie Feldman

*Jackie Feldman finds a picture of a young man in a policeman's uniform and sets out to prove his place in her family history.*

**"Getting the Dirt on the Family Farm"**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at how soil maps can help in your genealogical research.*

**"Correcting Long-Accepted Research in the Internet Age"**

By John Laird

*John Laird looks at the challenge of correcting misinformation in online family trees.*

**"Eliminating the Boundaries of Time and Place"**

By Marianne Perry

*"How do I get to know my godfather when he died before I was born?". Marianne Perry looks at the various ways you can still connect with your ancestor through genealogical research.*

**"Beyond the Book, Part Three: Calendars and Planners"**

By Janice Nickerson

*Janice Nickerson looks at innovative ways to share your family history.*

**"Researching the Age of a Family History Treasure"**

By George Matheson

*George Matheson uses carbon dating techniques to research the age of the home in Guernsey where his grandfather was born.*

**"So Much in a Name!"**

Book Review by Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard reviews Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck's "The Name IS the Game: Onomatology and the Genealogist".*

**"Filling in the Blanks"**

By Dave Obee

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Research Resources". In this section you will find descriptions of newly available book research resources. In this issue the following new books are described:

***Northern Neck Wills, Inventories & Other Records 1800-1825***

By Robert K. Headley, Jr.

***Kingston Parish Register: Mathews, Gloucester and Middlesex Counties, Virginia***

By Martha W. McCartney

***Tracing Your Ancestors' Childhood***

By Sue Wilkes

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "The Cause of Death Was ...". The author of the article was George G. Morgan.

Researching death data on our ancestors is one of the prime vital statistics genealogists strive for. Sometime we hit a homerun and find it supported by good documentation. Sometimes it is elusive. Sometimes we get varied information that does not give us clearly what we seek.

The author does a good job of revisiting many of the basic resources we can tap into to make these discoveries. He also identifies many that may not normally be on our "radar" screens.

Here are the categories we should consider using in our quest to discover the "cause of death" of our ancestors:

- Death Certificates and Civil Registration Records – are relatively recent in time as a document source; in the US, required document did not start until 1870s and many states did not implement until 1920s; much of what is included still needs to be researched and verified e.g. parent's place of birth, mother's maiden name etc.; civil registration common in other countries.
- US Federal Census Mortality Schedules – available for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1885 (special for states or territories that disputed the 1880 census with the states paying 50% of the cost), 1890 and 1900 US Federal Census (did not survive for 1890 and 1900 due to destruction; Mortality Schedule noted who died in the year preceding the decennial census for the years noted; presence on Mortality Schedule helps explain not finding them in the regular census.
- Cemetery Interment Records – cemetery records may note cause of death even with the lack of death certificate in their possession; look for "Interment Books" often referred to as "Day Books"; can also use "cemetery lot" information that refers to the geography aspects of the burial location,

ownership, purchased date etc. and the "primary marker" information that may shed light on the gravestone, mausoleum information for the deceased; files of the individuals buried should also exist that may include death certificate, transit permits to transfer body, burial permit, correspondence related to opening up the grave etc.

- Home Sources Materials – consider discovering family bibles, letters, journals, diaries, newspaper clippings for obituaries etc.; also think of medical bills from a final illness, diagnostic tests and medical procedures.
- Newspaper Stories – there may be a detailed account in a local newspaper of the cause of death of an ancestor, especially if the death was sudden; if death was the result of an accident or an act of violence, there may be a news story.

The author also provides some advice on how to discover the real cause of death by being able to interpret the "medical" terms used by the doctor on the death certificate or other documents that describes it.

Medical terms describing cause of death have changed over the times. You need to understand the term used at the time of death and then translate it to what it may refer to today under terms used now. As an example, the author notes we may see the term "consumption" in the death description of an ancestor. The term used today to describe the situation today is "tuberculosis". Another term used previously was "palsy". Today, you would expect to see the term "paralysis".

The author provides some other "older" terms we might discover and the associated new term that medical professionals use today to describe the same conditions. Here is that list:

- Old term "dropsy"; new term "edema"; often associated with fluid accumulation and swelling tied to congestive heart failure.
- Old term "brain fever"; new term "encephalitis" or "meningitis"; inflammation of the brain.
- Old term "lung fever"; new term "pneumonia".
- Old term "Bright's Disease"; new term "nephritis" or "renal disease"; kidney disease.
- Old term "Yellow Jacket" or "Yellow Jack" new term "yellow fever".

As you research multiple generations within the same family line, keep your eyes open for similar illnesses, diseases and cause of death in the documentation. The author has noted that his research seems to indicate recurrences of kidney disease in four generations, coronary disease in five generations and various cancers in three generations.

I thought that another article in this issue is one titled "Correcting Long-Accepted Research in the Internet Age". The author of the article is John Laird.

John lays the case for trying to correct incorrect information that can so easily be put out there in online trees.

The author notes that the problem he discovered with his research traces back to a family history book that was published in 1976 titled *The Descendants of Timothy*

***Carpenter of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York*** by Charles L. Carpenter. The book describes the descendants of Jeremiah Carpenter. It is within the descendant line of Jeremiah that the author has discovered errors contained within the original book.

A quick lesson to be learned is that well-intentioned and masterfully constructed family history books from years past can still contain errors. Working within the technology of the original publishing and the research methodologies of the time can still create errors that find their way to printing just as errors can be created in an all-electronic research process today. An error is an error whether it intentional or accidental. And those errors can just get duplicated over and over even more so today in today's digital age of electronic processing.

Researchers today cannot assume all is correct or accurate whether it was found in electronic versions or in published books formats from days past. If a work has citations then these citations must be checked out by repeating the process. If a work does not have citations, be suspicious from the start. Use the material as a starting point to verify the stated relationships in the family tree.

The author has redone original research and has discovered errors with the children of Jeremiah Carpenter. With the help of other descendants of Jeremiah the goal was not only to correct the original errors but also to share what the corrections in fact are for descendants of Jeremiah Carpenter. The author looked at the creation of this article in this journal as one of the steps to get the corrected word out to other researchers.

Since much of the original research was done using censuses of 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820 one can be somewhat suspect of information discovered. These censuses that applied to this family only listed the head of household and did not name anyone else in the family. Only tabulations by age-ranges for children is included. Thus, exactness of births of children is uncertain. In addition, relationships to head of household are not identified in these censuses. Thus nieces, nephews, grandchildren that are unnamed in these censuses might be assumed to be the children of the head of household when they are in fact not. Researchers can begin to see how things can go awry early on if published material indicates a child as a son or daughter when that child is actually a niece or granddaughter. And the error is multiplied out with each additional generation.

Another answer discovered in this article also relates to research methodology that is critical. Citing your sources is absolutely necessary. The author feels that this project showed him firsthand how documenting resources is important. Using genealogical software to enter all of the research also helped show omissions that could then further be researched and filled in with correct information.

The author plans to post the correct descendant information for his family line online. He will also work the message boards to state the corrected history to those readers. He will even go as far as having libraries include the newly correct version in their materials where the family line is described. Those having online trees that include the incorrect information will also be contacted in order for them to be aware of the corrected material to now include in their own uploaded family trees.

The author does not diminish the work of the original family history author back to 1976. Other resources used by that original author also included errors that were brought into the original publication. The article notes that an error in transcription from an original document to a book document led the original author to include material that was incorrect. The article states that something as simple as a transcription error where the name that the

name "Giles" was in error transcribed as "Silas" led to the path of errors multiplied through the generations.

I thought the article really provided a great learning lesson. Just because you find material in printed books does not guarantee the information is accurate. You need to take that information as a starting point and work it backwards with the hope you can create the same results as the original author using the same cited sources. And the author has taken a correction discovered to a further level of spreading the correction out into the genealogy community and not just keeping the correction to themselves.

This article is well-worth a complete read so that researchers can understand the importance of questioning what online material you may encounter that looks good to include in your own research. Check it out! Do not assume it is accurate!

This is another good issue of [Family Chronicle](#). Many varied and good articles are included for your various aspects of research. See which ones look good to you.

You can find this most recent issue of [Family Chronicle](#) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## **NGS Magazine**

We have received the April – June 2014, Volume 40, Number 2 issue of [NGS Magazine](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"NGS 2015 Family History Conference"**

By Janet L. Powell

**"Where Will the field of Genealogy Be in 2024?"**

By David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA

**"Connecting Your Genes at the Burton Historical Collection"**

By Dara Tolbert Brooks

**"Using High School World History to Ignite Interest in Genealogical Research"**

By Sharon Kelley

**"Finding American Women's Voices through the Centuries"**

By Jane E. Wilcox

**"Women Homesteaders"**

By Gail Blankenau

**"Sutlers of the Civil War"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

**“Where Do You Go for Help When Starting Your Family History?”**

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

**“Using Autosomal DNA for Genealogy”**

By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

**“Review of Heredis 2014”**

Reviewed by Barbara Schenck

**“Electronic Resources to Enrich Your Understanding of History”**

By Jordan Jones

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Where Will the Field of Genealogy Be in 2024?”. The author of this article is David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA.

I always find it interesting to dust off the crystal ball and have someone take a look into the future. David Rencher is embarking on that journey with this article. He mentions that 5 years into the future is often too short, 20 years often too long. So he has selected the sweet spot of 10 years out into 2014 to “guess” what genealogists may expect to encounter at that time.

Here are the 11 items the article focuses on that I will expand on after the bullet points:

- Online Family Trees
- Commercial Support
- Cloud Computing
- Social Media
- Genealogical Societies
- Mobile Devices
- Digital Capture of Historical Records
- Search Functionality
- Voice, data and facial recognition
- DNA Technology
- Certification and Accreditation

**ONLINE FAMILY TREES** – the author notes that online family trees are not for everyone mainly due to questionable data that often appears. It may not be necessary to discard everything there but it should be used as a starting point for validation. More and more capturing of living memories, stories and photos will be occurring over the next 10 years. Uploaded family trees will continue to mature. More and more direct collaboration will occur between researchers to minimize errors in these trees. Constant comparisons of tree information to other uploaded information will become routine to indicate discrepancies. Owners of trees with discrepancies will be notified. Tools of today will be used in the future

to make contacts with tree owners easier to facilitate corrections e.g. Skype, Face Time, MeetingPlace etc.

**COMMERCIAL SUPPORT** – the genealogical community will be sought by global technology, marketing and hospitality partners. Genealogical growth will occur through new recruitment channels and marketing campaigns. This expanded genealogical industry will engulf the genealogical community in members, resources, and productivity, driving the creation of data resources and the metadata that surrounds the historical record set.

**CLOUD COMPUTING** – online trees will only continue to grow. Literally the possibility exists for a true “single tree” that all of our individual trees will connect to. Vocal criticism of new genealogical contributors’ material may need to be tempered. Everything uploaded is not perfect. Criticism could scare new participants away so they avoid the criticism. More trees will be available on the cloud accessible via any kind of device.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – virtual family organizations will flourish through the use of both social media and mobile technology. Genealogical societies and historical societies will connect even better with members. “Flash mobs” will be virtual “flash mobs” that gather on specified days to perform genealogical research in real time. Social media will become the best source for adoptees to connect with birth parents and vice versa.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES** – societies will be pressured to adapt to an interconnected world or fail. A society’s greatest strength is knowledge of a particular locality, set of records, ethnicity or lineage. These will be the key points for societies to consider on how they will adapt to the future consumer.

**MOBILE DEVICES** – literally everything will be mobile 10 years from now. Youth will be driving more accomplishments through social media and mobile technology. Desktops as we know them today may be around in a modified way in the future for large screen reading capability. Large screen portability may be capable. The author even includes a “preview” for you to better understand this future development that you can reach at <http://www.dell.com/us/p/xps-18-1810/pd>. More and more will be integrated into our cars, glasses we wear and mobile devices. The totality of historical records is a fixed set. Once imaged and indexed they can be used as evidentiary evidence about that person in the human family.

**DIGITAL CAPTURE OF HISTORICAL RECORDS** – record availability online will continue to grow at unprecedented rates because of the increasing numbers of cameras and scanners capturing data. Thousands of small archives, libraries, churches, universities etc. will themselves be digitizing their own records. Individual genealogists with smartphone technology will be their own mobile one person digitizing effort. Recording technology is improving immensely. Records will be captured in color allowing online viewing to seem like the document is in your hand. Image capturing will still exceed indexing capability of the images. Commercial indexing will exceed volunteer indexing. “Crowd sourcing-like” attempts may be tried to capture and index data. Preserve the Pensions is an ongoing volunteer effort to capture 7.2 million images of the War of 1812 Pension Records. Government/Volunteer/Commercial joint efforts may be the norm to accomplish such large-scale projects.

**SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY** – consolidation of profit and non-profit companies will continue because of the massive amount of data that will exist. Search functionality will adapt to emulate the mind of the researcher making the inquiry, thus increasing success of the search.



**VOICE, DATA AND FACIAL RECOGNITION** – handwriting recognition software capabilities may be able to automatically do indexing when image capturing is occurring. Voice recognition will make data entry on mobile devices easier to facilitate uploading of online tree information and indexing applications. Facial recognition software improvements could tie into being able to identify those mysterious photos we all have.

**DNA TECHNOLOGY** – this will become standard for conducting the business of governments and uniquely identifying individuals. Security and safety will be the driving factors and an individual's right to anonymity will become lessened even more. DNA information of the child and the parents will become part of birth records. The number of alleles used in testing DNA will increase even more providing even more accuracy.

**CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION** – it is expected that at least one major university will award certification or accreditation relative to genealogical studies. The critical thinking aspect of genealogists is causing evaluation as to whether the science of genealogy rises to the level of scholarship it deserves.

There you go. The crystal ball has been used by the David Rencher, author of this article. I like these kinds of articles. I highly recommend taking a look at the full article and even making a copy. Of course, in 10 years, you will want to be that person to compare the “predictions” of the article to the “realities” of the times in 10 years to see how accurate the author was.

I thought that another very good article in this issue is one titled “Electronic Resources to Enrich your Understanding of History”. The author of this article is Jordan Jones.

As genealogists we have a responsibility to understand the historical context of the research that we do. “Understanding the cultural and historical context in which our ancestors lived can help us understand their possible motivations, challenges and opportunities.” What can we use to learn about these things? Traditional books are still the main resource for us to tap into and learn these historical pieces of information during the time of our ancestors. However, the author notes that more and more “resources” are finding their way other media formats such as Online, Audio Books and E-Books.

The article provides some insights into each of the three categories of resources that are growing in size to provide historical aspects related to our genealogical research of the times of our ancestors.

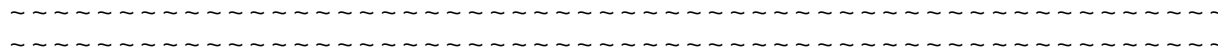
- Online History Resources
  - Khan Academy @ [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
  - iTunes U @ [www.apple.com/education/ipad/itunes-u](http://www.apple.com/education/ipad/itunes-u) includes a good amount of free content with strong offerings in history.
  - Academic Earth @ <http://academicearth.org/online-college-courses/history> has a few free courses
  - National Genealogical Society @ [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/online\\_courses](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/online_courses)
  - Cyndis's List @ [www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars](http://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars)

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  - Apple iBooks @ <http://www.apple.com/ibooks/>; books generally run about \$9.99; not as much genealogical material but copious amounts of history and biography
  - Google Play; books generally run about \$9.99; not as much genealogical material but copious amounts of history and biography; public domain books available in many formats
  - Oyster Books @ [www.oysterbooks.com](http://www.oysterbooks.com); claims 100,000 titles; only for iOS
  - Scribd @ [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com); claims 300,000 titles; for iOS and Android

All of the above resources will add to the “portability” factor for you to learn more about the historical context of the lives of your ancestors. You won’t have to be tied down to a physical book unless of course that is the only available format for you to learn the historical context. You can learn through the resources that can be placed on your portable devices. And you might even be able to save a few dollars if there is a cost since the material is being made available in electronic format.

This is another good issue of [NGS Magazine](#). There are many good and varied topics of articles in this issue for you to consider to review.

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## **BOOKS IN PRINT**

No new book added to the collection during this newsletter period.

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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| <b>The Scanner in Your Pocket or Purse (June 14, 2014)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 14, 2014](#) · [Software](#) · [10 Comments](#)



Genealogists have lots of uses for scanners. We like to make digital images of information from books, court records, old maps, and even records found on microfilm. High quality portable scanners are inexpensive these days, typically \$50 and up. You can occasionally find them at even lower prices if you watch the sales. However, convenience is always an issue. Do you really want to carry a portable scanner with you at all times just in case you happen to encounter something you want to digitize?

Actually, you probably already have such a scanner with you every time you leave the house.

Today's Apple and Android smartphones typically have excellent, high-quality digital cameras built in. These make terrific scanners. Need to digitize a record in the deed books or the receipt you just received from a fast food restaurant? Make sure you have good lighting and snap a picture of it. I have been doing that for years and find it works well.

The handheld cell phone's camera may not create images that look as good as those produced by a good flatbed scanner. You might not want to scan documents or photographs you later wish to publish in a book. However, the images are always more than "good enough" for my personal notes. I also travel a lot and I used to collect all sorts of pieces of paper as receipts from restaurants, taxi cabs, shuttle buses, and more. Keeping paper receipts for tax purposes results in a mountain of paper receipts of all shapes and sizes. I find it much easier to store and retrieve the receipts electronically. I snap a picture, file it, and then throw the paper copy away. I have read that the Internal Revenue Service actually prefers digital images when doing an audit. The IRS auditors also do not like to wrestle with hundreds of pieces of paper, they find digital images easier to work with.

For some time, I simply snapped pictures and saved them to various folders in my desktop computer's hard drive, along with backup copies in the cloud. However, using a specialized app installed in the cell phone results in additional convenience and often also results in higher quality images. Some have automatic page edge detection so that all you

save is the paper, not the surrounding background. Others create PDF files as well as the more common JPG images. Some even feature direct upload to Dropbox, Google Drive or Evernote so that the user doesn't have to remember to do that manually at a later date.

Best of all, using a cell phone camera to digitize images does not harm the paper being digitized. Most other scanners require placing the old or delicate piece of paper into the scanner and, worst of all, some scanners move the document being scanned through a series of rollers. Never attempt to do that with anything fragile! Even sending a photograph through rollers that bend the item being scanned can result in damage to the photograph. Using a cell phone's camera avoids those problems as the cell phone never touches the item being digitized.

All of today's "cell phone scanning" apps are much cheaper than buying an additional scanner. All the apps I am about to describe are available in the Apple iPhone and iPad App Store or in the Google Play Store for Android systems.

### **iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch**

Of all the available cell phone "scanning" apps, my favorite is **TurboScan** for the iPhone. This \$1.99 product allows the user to create multiple-page PDFs, as well as JPEGs. It provides edge detection and adjustable contrast settings for the camera's settings. The images of color photographs captured by TurboScan are not high quality but does create excellent black-and-white reproductions of documents and even of faded cash register receipts. It includes a "SureScan 3x" feature which merges three exposures, an excellent tool for use in low-light situations. The results typically are much better than the simple photographs you snap without using specialized software.

### **Scanner Pro**

For iPhone and iPad is probably the "top of the line" portable scanning app. It is the most expensive of the apps I have seen with a price tag of a mighty \$6.99. (Do you really still want to buy a scanner for \$50 or more?) Scanner Pro includes real-time border detection for better framing as well as iCloud sync for keeping your scans backed up and in sync with your devices and direct upload to Dropbox, Google Drive and Evernote. If you need an app that does everything, Scanner Pro is probably it.

### **CamScanner+**

It is a \$4.99 app for iPhone and iPad that allows the user to fax scans directly (for a fee), tag entries, collaborate, identify text and even set a passcode to secure your private documents. There's a free version available that uses advertisements and watermarks your scans, among other limitations. I believe it works well but I abandoned FAXing years ago so I don't use CamScanner+ . However, if you still use a FAX machine, CamScanner+ may be a good choice for you.

### **Android**

#### **CamScanner+**

It is also available for Android devices. A free version is available that watermarks your scans and limits some of the app's more useful features. In effect, the free version is

useful as a free trial but not something you would want to keep and use regularly. Who wants scanned images with watermarks prominently displayed? You can try out the free version and, if you decide you like it, then pay \$4.99 for a full-featured version without watermarks.

### Mobile Document Scanner

It is also known as MDScanner, sells for \$4.99. It features multi-page support. That is, instead of having to take 10 pictures of a 10-page document and then having to store them as 10 separate files, Mobile Document Scanner allows the user to take the 10 different pictures and then stores the result in one larger file that contains all 10 pages. It also includes edge detection of each document and a range of processing options for making text, pictures or whiteboard drawings stand out. I believe the Android user will find Mobile Document Scanner to be an excellent choice for digitizing all sorts of documents you encounter while out and about.

### Summation

Whatever your choice of software, using a cell phone's camera provides a lot of capability in a convenient package you probably already have with you. On your next trip to a library or archive that allows scanning or picture taking, try using your cell phone's camera. I suspect you will like the results.

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| <b>FamilySearch Certifies More Third-party Software Products (June 20, 2014)</b> |
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Dick Eastman · June 20, 2014 · Software · No Comments

FamilySearch has announced that [ST ViewScan Premium](#) and [MagiPhoto for Windows Phone](#) are now Tree Access Certified. [Find-a-Record Research Assistance](#) is now Tree and OrdinanceAccess Certified . "Certified" means the product is compatible with FamilySearch.org and has features that conforms to FamilySearch's strict standards of quality.

Details may be found in the FamilySearch Blog at

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/partner-newsjune-2/>.

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### 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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He had no friends because everyone hated him  
Except for the worms, because they ates him.

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Beneath this plot lies little Ned  
He caught a cold and now he's dead

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Poor little Lily - Now food for worms  
She didn't use soap and caught some germs

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As a stranger she did die,  
In strange lands she doth lie  
Here by strangers was laid  
And her funeral charges paid.

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Throughout his life he kneaded bread  
And deemed it quite a bore  
And now six feet beneath earth's crust  
He needeth bread no more.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For An Even More Comprehensive List of All Kinds of Genealogy Programs Being Offered Locally and Even Nationally, Please Visit My Blog I Write for the Library and Look At My Page Titled "Calendar of Local Genealogy Events".

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/calendar-of-local-genealogy-events/>

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

- Jul 8
TUE
2014
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
“Using the Internet Archives in Your Family History Research”
Presented by **Kristin Newton McCallum**.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- *Jul 19
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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 **“New Tools for Finding Old Stuff”**
Presented by Ginger Frere
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- Aug 12
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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**.
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- *Aug 16
SAT
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Topic for the meeting **“Where Did I Put Grandpa?; Organizing for Genealogists”**
Presented by Caron Primas Brennan
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
- *Sep 6
SAT
2014
- Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists. Saturday, September 6, 2014.
“Truth or Fiction – Unraveling a Family Yarn”.
Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG
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

- Sep 9
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- Sep 17
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- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, September 17, 2014.
DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley 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 **"Beyond the Begats: Adding Biographical Detail to Your Genealogy"**.
Guest speaker is **Sarah A. v. Kirby**.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- *Sep 20
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Topic for the meeting **"Getting the Most Out of InternetArchive.org"**
Presented by Kristen McCallum
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- Oct 14
TUE
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"Genealogy Research – Beyond the Basics"
Presented by **Steve Szabados**.
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- *Oct 18
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Topic for the meeting **"Dating Photographs through Costume"**
Presented by Ellie Carlson
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- Nov 11
TUE
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- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Swab Your Cheek: How To Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results"

Presented by **Marsha Peterson-Maass**.
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Topic for the meeting "**Share, Show and Tell: CAGGNI's 2014 Holiday Social and Potluck**"
Presented by CAGGNI Members
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Dec 9
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Jan 13
TUE
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"An Archivist's Notebook: Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera"
Presented by **Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana**.
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Feb 10
TUE
2015
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory"
Presented by **Teresa Steinkamp McMillin**, CG.
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*Feb 21
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Topic for the meeting "**Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives: What Is In It? Everything!**"
Presented by George Findlen
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Mar 10
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- *Mar 21 SAT 2015 CAGG-NI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library
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 Topic for the meeting **"What's New in Technology?"**
 Presented by Ed Rosenthal
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- Apr 14 TUE 2015 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Using FamilySearch.org in Your Family History Research"
 Presented by **Sandra Trapp**.
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- May 12 TUE 2015 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Finishing the Story: Researching World War I Military Records"
 Presented by **Jennifer Holik**.
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- Jun 9 TUE 2015 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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- *Jul 14 TUE 2015 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Chicago Cemetery Research"
 Presented by Dan Niemiec.
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- *Aug 11 TUE 2015 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Start Your Digging in 1940: Examine the 1940 Census for Clues and Information"

Presented by **Jeff Bockman**.
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*Oct 13
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"Sound Research Practices: Sources and Citations"
Presented by **Ginger Frere**.
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Nov 10
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"Stories of the Lost; Researching World War II Military Records"
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