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## August 12, 2014 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our August 12, 2014 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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**Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY (NEW NAME – FORMERLY KNOWN AS NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS) ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**

***THE SOCIETY WILL BE MEETING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 1801 WEST CENTRAL ROAD IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. THERE IS A 60 MINUTE ROUND-TABLE HELP SESSION THAT STARTS AT 9:00 AM PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM.***

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (formerly known as 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 9:00 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](http://www.NWSCG.com)

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

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

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**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT  
REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

**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.**

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**.

Please note that this program will take place at the DuPage County Historical Museum and **NOT** the Wheaton Public Library.

You may visit the society's web page at:

[www.dcgcs.org](http://www.dcgcs.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/>

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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**Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGG-NI) NEXT PROGRAM ON AUGUST 16, 2014 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY**

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, August 16, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"Where Did I Put Grandpa? Organizing for Genealogists"**. The speaker will be **Caron Primas Brennan**.

Organizing your genealogy information so that you can find what you want when you want it can be a daunting task. **Get tips on how to keep records in both digital and print-based formats.**

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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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## Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

We will have another “break-out” session for our gathering on September 9, 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 September 9, 2014.

You may visit the library's web page at:

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

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

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

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## Handout #6 – “WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?” NOMINATED FOR EMMY AWARD

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated July 11, 2014.

The following announcement was written by the TLC Network:



TLC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* was honored with its second Emmy nomination for Outstanding Structured Reality Program for the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards. The series takes some of the most well-known names in America on a journey into their personal family histories, mining their surprising pasts to reveal unknown details about themselves and their families. The featured celebrity contributors share how the eye-opening revelations they uncover about their backgrounds impact their lives today.

“We’re all so thrilled to have *Who Do You Think You Are?* recognized with another Emmy nomination. It was our first season on TLC, and every department was truly wonderful to work with. We’re thrilled with every episode we get to shoot, taking someone on a historical trip through their ancestral past, so this is a much appreciated nod to all the people who worked so hard to make it happen. We are thrilled that our audience has found the show and continued to appreciate it in our new collaboration with TLC,” said Executive Producers Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky.

A brand new season of the series premieres July 23 at 9/8c on TLC. This year’s line-up of participants includes Valerie Bertinelli, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Kelsey Grammer, Rachel McAdams and her sister Kayleen McAdams, and Cynthia Nixon.

The series is produced for TLC by Shed Media US and Is or Isn’t Entertainment. Executive Producers are Lisa Kudrow, Dan Bucatinsky, Alex Graham, Pam Healey and Al Edgington. For TLC Executive Producers are Howard Lee, Timothy Kuryak and Amy Winter.

### Comments by Tony Kierna

By the time you read this, the new season of “Who Do You Think You Are?” will have already started on Wednesday evening, July 23, 2014, at 8 PM Central time. Hopefully, you have had your ears attuned to the likes of Dick Eastman, TLC and even myself making note of the start of the new season. If you miss any, you should be able to catch up viewing the missed shows “online” at TLC. (Please note

though that there is some uncertainty on my part regarding the ability to view the "online" episodes "for free". A previous post by Dick Eastman clearly made mention that the episodes can be viewed "online" for a \$1.99 charge through accessing the show via iTunes. If so, this would be a very big change from previous seasons when the material was made available for "free" online a few days after the initial airing of the episode on TLC. Only 5 minute snippets of last year's shows are available for free and I did not see anything on the TLC site that tells you how to gain access to the full episodes. So I guess I will just need to see how this unfolds. Perhaps, if you are a Comcast cable customer, or any other cable customer, you should hopefully be able to view the show through their "ON Demand" feature. I sure hope so! You might even try searching on YouTube for the show title. I was finding the full episodes for some of the US produced shows as well as for the British versions of the show for viewing for free!)

Did you even know there was an award for "Outstanding Structured Reality Program"? Now you do and this show received that nomination. In fact, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination for the show in this category. Here is wishing them luck on gaining the award when they are awarded.

I personally am somewhat concerned over the declining number of episodes being offered with each successive year. When originally broadcast on NBC, there were about 12 episodes. When the show moved to TLC last year, the number of episodes dropped to 9. For 2014 you will only see 7 episodes. For me that simply does not paint a healthy picture of this show for the following years.

But then we are at least able to see 7 new shows this year.

So let's all get on the train for the new season and a possible new Emmy for the show.

Congratulations "Who Do You Think You Are?". Hang in there. We want you around for a long time to come!

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## Handout #7 – CITING YOUR SOURCES

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated July 14, 2014.*

One thing that genealogists need to do is to always cite their sources. I well remember my early days of family tree searches. I would record new information into three-ring notebooks. (This was long before the invention of the personal computer.) I would write down names, dates, places, and perhaps a bit more information that I was lucky enough to find.

Unfortunately, in those early days I did not write down where I obtained the information. Nobody told me that I needed to do this, and I wasn't smart enough to figure it out for myself. I simply assumed that everything I found was accurate. After all, it was printed in a book, wasn't it?

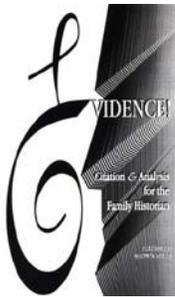
As time passed, I frequently found new information that contradicted what I found earlier. When I discovered these discrepancies, I needed to determine which piece of information was more accurate. The question that arose time and again was, "Where did I find that information?" Sadly, I often did not know.

The better solution would have been to always write down where I found the information along with the data itself. This is known as citing your sources. To quote author Elizabeth Shown Mills in her excellent book, *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*: "Any statement of fact that is not common knowledge must carry its own individual statement of source. ...Source notes have two purposes: to record the specific location of each piece of data and to record details that affect the use or evaluation of that data."

I am older now and, hopefully, wiser. I have spent many, many hours weeding out incorrect data, and now hopefully I have documented all my sources of information. I wish that someone had told me years ago about the need for source citations; that one step would have saved me many, many hours of backtracking. I hope that, by writing this article, I can influence some genealogy newcomers to have better habits than I did.

Of course, citing a source is not as simple as writing down the name of a book. You also should record the book's author, publication date, the page on which you found the data, and even the name of the library or other repository where you found that book. Serious genealogists will also record the library's call number.

Of course, not all genealogy information is found in books. You also find information in hand-written records in courthouses, as well as in family Bibles, on microfilm, on Web pages, in e-mail, and other places. Each source of information may have unique requirements for recording the source references.



My favorite reference for finding out how to record genealogy sources is the book I mentioned earlier: *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown Mills (Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997, ISBN#: 0806315431, available from the publisher at [http://www.genealogical.com/item\\_detail.asp?ID=3846](http://www.genealogical.com/item_detail.asp?ID=3846) as well as from Amazon at <http://goo.gl/7uX1Fb>.

Elizabeth Shown Mills also has released a shortened *QuickSheet: Citing Online Historical Sources* available from the publisher at <http://goo.gl/YD2BPI> as well as from Amazon at <http://goo.gl/oN7Ptr>. This, too, is a big help.

If you or someone you know is in the early stages of their genealogy quest, I urge you to start recording your sources according to the guidelines of such excellent works as these. The more time passes, the happier you will be that you did so.

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*None of us is perfect. I can guarantee that for every fact we think we have gathered in our genealogical research we do not have a corresponding citation. We should but we don't.*

*But we all know better now.*

*Perhaps we were shaken by days of old when we were in High School and College and had to do "term papers" that were supposed to be full of formal sources where we found the material we wrote about. Well, the good groundwork was laid down back there but we somehow did not connect the dots to carry it forward to our genealogical research because we were no longer in school!*

*So don't be too hard on yourself. You, me and our fellow genealogy researchers are not perfect.*

*But we can actually go back and start citing much of what we have researched. Perhaps we made copies of pages of material from the books we researched. You can always try to reconstruct the source from online catalogs that provides all of the detail information about the book e.g. title, author, publisher, publication date. The page number is probably on the paper copy of the page you probably made when you were handling the book to make your page copy.*

*Once a citation has been created, you may find that much of your material applies to the same citation. It then becomes a matter of "copy" and "paste" to create a*

*citation for another piece of information, just modifying small pieces from one citation to another.*

*We can start citing our newly discovered materials going forward within the lineage programs we are hopefully using to house all of our research. Not using a lineage program on a device? Perhaps you are uploading your material to online trees. Same thing. Cite your services in your "cloud" material. We can take advantage of the automated citing embedded in various software programs like Legacy Family Tree and Roots Magic and others. Many of these programs have actually incorporated the Elizabeth Shown Mills methodology directly into the lineage programs.*

*In fact, more and more of our material may be coming from non-traditional book sources and may be coming from online sources. These must also be cited. The book by Elizabeth Shown Mills will help you tremendously as a guide for you to create citations for out of the norm material you research. Her book is an 885 page masterpiece to help you cite material you obtained online, by e-mail, by handwritten letter, from CDs, maps, leaflets and just about anything that might be a source for genealogical information.*

*I am actually seeing more and more online materials clearly noting and providing how you would cite the material into your research. The citation is there. You just need to grab it and include it in your material.*

*Still not into citations! At least consider entering information into the "Notes" fields within your lineage program describing citation-like material for you to go back to and refresh your memory. If you are doing your "lineage program" online, do it there. Just do it for whatever media you are storing your research material.*

*The most important part for citations is that you have to admit that you won't be around forever. Accept that. Whoever picks up your research where you left off will be immensely appreciative that you did in fact cite your sources for all the research they will inherit. It just makes it that much easier for everyone to follow a trail of citations and prove convincingly that your research is accurate.*

*It is easier now than ever to cite your sources. Take the few seconds that are needed to incorporate this most important step into your research. You won't regret. Your descendants won't regret. You want your hard-worked research to shine with a flawless trail connecting all the dots.*

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## **Handout #8 – FAMILYSEARCH INTRODUCES TWO NEW MOBILE APPS**

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated July 16, 2014.*

FamilySearch has released two new mobile apps that will make it easy to take your ancestors with you. With FamilySearch Tree and FamilySearch Memories you can add memories and sources of your relatives on the go. Everything you add will sync with FamilySearch.org, so information will be accessible from any device and will be preserved for future generations. Both apps are free.

### **FamilySearch Tree**

FamilySearch Tree is a mobile companion to FamilySearch.org. This app makes it easy to add photos, stories, and audio recordings to ancestors in the tree. Adding or updating ancestor details like names, dates, and relationships is not currently available, but is coming soon.

- Browse your family branches and see portraits of relatives you've never seen.
- Discover facts, documents, stories, photos, and recordings about your ancestors.
- Easily add memories and records about your relatives.
- Preserve and share those old photos and documents that are hidden away in storage.
- Available for iOS 7+ and Android 2.3+

You can learn more in the FamilySearch Blog at

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-introduces-moble-apps/>

as well as in the Apple iOS App Store at

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/familysearch-memories/id885970971?ls=1&mt=8>

and the (Android) Google Play Store at

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.familysearch.mobile>.

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*Choices, choices and more choices!*

*As a researcher you are often faced with the dilemma regarding jumping in with both feet and working with Ancestry.com with a subscription cost or working with FamilySearch at no cost. Through each service we can upload our Family Trees and make our research that much more visible to be discovered by unknown cousins. But do not think it is a choice of either one or the other. You can always participate with both and upload your material to each service.*

*I find it amazing how similar both services are. So you do not lose all that much even if you do only choose one to upload your research material.*

*Even in the case of "apps" you will find that each provider makes available similar "apps", both for iOS (Apple) and for Android (Google). These "apps" allow you to be able to do your research away from your desktop (if you still have one) and to access your material on your smartphone or tablet wherever you may be. These apps also "synch" all of your data among all of your devices so that you have a current copy of your material fully updated on whatever device you are working on.*

*So when you visit your cousins you are collaborating with for further family history research, all of your research is at the tip of your fingers with your smartphone or tablet product. Even if your collaborating cousin uses an Android product and you use an Apple iPhone/iPad product, these apps should still allow you to exchange information via built-in GEDCOM exchange capabilities regardless of the operating system or the lineage program you are using.*

*If you are using FamilySearch to upload your research material, you now have some new apps you can consider adding to your smartphone/tablet desktop screen. Factual data related to an ancestor is your "meat and potatoes" discoveries. Many of these new apps allow you to add photos, stories and audio recordings of your ancestors if you are lucky enough to have these precious items. These add-ons can really add a great deal to the life of your ancestor. Other researchers will also be able to maybe see an image of an ancestor they do not have or hear a recording of the voice of an ancestor they now know nothing about.*

*If you live in a truly mobile world with a smartphone and/or tablet, keep in touch with the Ancestry.coms and FamilySearches of the world to see what new products they are offering for your mobile devices to enhance your research even more. We are no longer tethered to our desktop anymore!*

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## Handout #9 – “GENEALOGY SOFTWARE 2014 UPDATE”

*The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the June/July 2014, Volume 9, Number 2 issue of Internet Genealogy.*

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I think that a good article in this issue is one titled “Genealogy Software 2014 Update”. The author of the article is Tony Bandy.

I will say that one of the most frequent questions I receive is about what genealogy software to use. I find myself often referring to maybe the top 5 lineage programs as I know them. However, when I see an article like this I am amazed at how many more lineage products exist over and above Family Tree Maker. The author does seem to create an article like this yearly with his observations and updates on the variety of software. And now that we are so focused on mobile apps, he does include a good amount of information on what the mobile genealogy apps are to consider as an adjunct to a desktop version.

As to the “desktop” versions of genealogy software, the author focuses on what is available for the “Windows” operating system. So for you Mac users, you will not be able to find out in this article what exists as desktop lineage programs for your consideration. However, in the “mobile” category of software, the author does include what are iOS “apps” for genealogy that will work on your iPhone or iPad. And since there appears to be a decline in “desktop” computer use with a transition to “mobile” use, maybe the iOS descriptions will be a good substitute for you if you are “mobile” and work solely on an iPhone or iPad.

I have created a “summary” table of all of the software the author mentions in the article. In this table you will find the following pieces of information for each product:

- Name of the Product
- Web Site for the Product
- Price Range of the Product
- Operating Systems for the Product
- Desktop or Mobile Designation of the Product

One thing I have not been able to include in the table is the author’s description of the product under his title “What to Know”. Literally for each product the author provides at least a full paragraph product description providing current information about the product, its strengths and weaknesses and any quirks in general the author observed with the various products. He also provides personal observations on how the product performed. Unfortunately, because these “What To Know” sections are lengthy, I was unable to incorporate them into the table that follows.

My suggestion is to use the following table to become familiar with the product web site and the product but still consider making a personal copy of the article to actually read the very informative descriptions of the product itself.

Here is the Genealogy Software Table I created using the products described in the full article:

Name	Web Address	Price	Operating System	Desktop or Mobile
RootsMagic	<a href="http://www.rootsmagic.com">www.rootsmagic.com</a>	\$19 to \$30	Windows 2000, Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Master Genealogist	<a href="http://www.whollygenes.com">www.whollygenes.com</a>	\$30 to \$60	Windows 2000, Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Family Tree Maker	<a href="http://familytreemaker.com">http://familytreemaker.com</a>	\$28 to \$39	Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Family Tree Builder	<a href="http://www.myheritage.com">www.myheritage.com</a>	Free (Subscription plans also available)	Windows 2000, Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Behold	<a href="http://beholdgenealogy.com">http://beholdgenealogy.com</a>	Free, \$40	Windows 2000, Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Ancestral Quest	<a href="http://www.ancquest.com">www.ancquest.com</a>	Free, \$19 to \$29	Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
FamilyHistorian	<a href="http://www.family-historian.co.uk">www.family-historian.co.uk</a>	Free, \$28 to \$45	Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Heredis	<a href="http://www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2014">www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2014</a>	Free, \$19 to \$40	Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Legacy Family Tree	<a href="http://legacyfamilytree.com">http://legacyfamilytree.com</a>	Free, \$30 to \$60	Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8	Desktop
Gramps	<a href="http://gramps-project.org">http://gramps-project.org</a>	Free	Windows/Linus/OS X	Desktop
Treehopper (and Treehopper+)	<a href="http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/apps">http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/apps</a>	Free	Windows 8	Desktop
Ahnenblatt	<a href="http://www.ahnenblatt.com">www.ahnenblatt.com</a>	Free	Windows	Desktop

BillionGraves	<a href="http://billiongraves.com">http://billiongraves.com</a>	Free	Android, iOS	Mobile
Find A Grave	<a href="http://www.findagrave.com/mobileapp">www.findagrave.com/mobileapp</a>	Free	Apple iOS	Mobile
StoryPress	<a href="http://www.storypress.com">www.storypress.com</a>	Varies	Android, iOS	Mobile
FamilyGTG	<a href="http://familygtg.com">http://familygtg.com</a>	Free to \$3	Android	Mobile
RootsMagic	<a href="http://www.rootsmagic.com/App">www.rootsmagic.com/App</a>	Free	Android, iOS	Mobile
MyHeritage	<a href="http://www.myheritage.com/mobile">www.myheritage.com/mobile</a>	Free	Android, iOS	Mobile
Ancestry	<a href="http://www.ancestry.com/cs/us/ancestry-app">www.ancestry.com/cs/us/ancestry-app</a>	Free	Android, iOS	Mobile
Heredis	<a href="http://www.heredis.com/en/heredis-iphone-ipad">www.heredis.com/en/heredis-iphone-ipad</a>	Free	iOS	Mobile
Legacy Mobile	<a href="http://www.legacymobile.com">www.legacymobile.com</a>	Free	iOS	Mobile

The author also acknowledges that the focus of the article was about Windows lineage programs and Android and iOS Apps. He does acknowledge that there are other operating systems such as Blackberry and Windows Phone 8 for Mobile, but that genealogy software is really being created mainly for the Android and iOS systems.

The author mentions that perhaps you yourself will still be searching for genealogy software products over and above what are included in the above table. He notes that a good place to use to uncover and discover even more could be through the use of genealogy blogs. Mentioned in the article are genealogy blogging sites such as Genebloggers at [www.genebloggers.com](http://www.genebloggers.com) and Genea-Musings at [www.geneamusings.com](http://www.geneamusings.com) and Dear Myrtle at <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com>. Much may be written about genealogy software that can be discovered through the blogs.

Also mentioned by the author are genealogy software review sites that may be more referable than just a Google search that could provide you with what look like legitimate review sites that are no more than "spam" sites. Two review sites mentioned are GenSoftReviews at [www.gensoftreviews.com](http://www.gensoftreviews.com) and FindTheBest at <http://genealogy-software.findthebest.com>.

The author even mentioned that you can order back issues of Internet Genealogy for previous genealogy software review articles at [www.internetgenealogy.com/online\\_backissue.htm](http://www.internetgenealogy.com/online_backissue.htm). I did not see the ability to search through back issues to find previous articles on genealogy software reviews so knowing what to order does not seem possible unless you already know the article title and when it was published. I also did not see the ability to at least see the Table of Contents of a previously published issue.

So use the table above to get the "lay of the land" as to what exists for genealogy software in the Windows, Android and iOS world. Use the included website addresses to get you directly to the producer's site for the product. More importantly, consider making a personal copy of the full article in order to capture the lengthy descriptions provided by the author for each product mentioned. There was far too much there for me to capture and include with this write-up. At least I have you pointed in the right direction if you were trying to find genealogy software either for your desktop, or Android device or iOS device.

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## Handout #10 – “THE DUST BOWL MIGRATION OF THE 1930s”

*The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the June/July 2014, Volume 9, Number 2 issue of Internet Genealogy.*

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I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled “The Dust Bowl Migration of the 1930s”. The author of the article is Carol Richey.

Wouldn't that be a fabulous discovery in your genealogy research to discover an ancestor that was actually a migrant from a Midwestern state during this harsh time. I personally do not have any ancestors that I am aware of that would be considered as dust bowl migrants. The article caught my eye and it really made me much more aware of this very difficult time of American history. Plus, we may have become even more aware of this time while reading “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck. It was fiction, but we did get a sense of what families suffered and endured during this time.

It sure appeared that a “double whammy” of not only the Depression being a contributor but the Midwestern drought and poor farming methods helped contribute to the inability of families to make a go at it in their Midwestern states.

The migrants themselves were given nicknames such as “Dust Bowl migrants”, “drought refugees” and “Okies”. Okies is really a misnomer because not all migrants came from Oklahoma which would be the connection to the nickname “Okie”. Most of the migrants came from the following affected states:

- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Kansas
- Arkansas
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- North Dakota
- South Dakota

By 1940 approximately 2.5 million Americans would choose to flee the plains.

These were some of the reasons also given for why this massive migration took place:

- Prolonged drought
- Soil depletion
- Farm mechanization
- Commercial agriculture
- Overproduction
- Crop restrictions
- Economic hardships
- Declining work opportunities

The article also mentions that a similar migration also occurred within the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. There was actually a net migration out of Canada of 250,000 people.

The migration did seem to take on the appearance of previous United States migrations. It was a general westward migration within the same latitudes of the migrants original homes e.g. northern plains migrants went from the Dakotas to Washington, Oregon and Idaho. It also seemed that migrants that settled in larger California metropolitan areas originated from larger metropolitan areas in their home states. They were not all farmers.

While the "Grapes of Wrath" may give you the impression that the move took a long time, in reality, it was quick and uneventful. Many migrants took Route 66 to get to their final destinations.

Other books mentioned by the author that are good reads to learn even more about this unique migration are:

- *California and the Dust Bowl Migration* by Walter Stein
- *The Canadian Prairies: A History* by Gerald Friesen
- *American Exodus: The Dust Bowl Migration and Okie Culture in California* by James Gregory

The author also included a section within the article that noted genealogy resources to uncover more about your Dust Bowl migrant. Here are some of those resources:

- Census Information
  - 1940 census at <http://1940census.archives.gov>. This is valuable because it asked whether a family had been living in the same house in 1935. A move might have been indicative a Dust Bowl migrant.
- City Directories
  - Los Angeles online city directories at <http://rescarta.lapl.org>
  - San Francisco online city directories at <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=2000540401>

- o American and Canadian directories online through the Online Historical Directories Website at <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home> or through Cyndi's List at [www.cyndislist.com/directories](http://www.cyndislist.com/directories)
- Local Historical Societies, Genealogical Societies and GenWeb Sites
  - o 1933 Unemployment Relief Census for Oklahoma has been transcribed and shows 100,000 Oklahomans from 27 counties at [www.okhistory.org/research/reliefcensus](http://www.okhistory.org/research/reliefcensus)
  - o Oklahoma GenWeb includes out-of-state obituaries for native Oklahomans at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okbits/native.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okbits/native.html)
- Oral Histories
  - o Oklahoma's State University's oral history project "Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry: Oklahoma Women and the Dust Bowl Oral History Project" at [www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/dustbowl](http://www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/dustbowl)
  - o California State University's Dust Bowl Migration Digital Archives at [www.csub.edu/library/SpecialCollection/Dustbowl/index.html](http://www.csub.edu/library/SpecialCollection/Dustbowl/index.html)
  - o Library of Congress American Life Histories : Manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1940 at [www.loc.gov/collection/federal-writers-project/about-this-collection/#overview](http://www.loc.gov/collection/federal-writers-project/about-this-collection/#overview)
- Documentaries/Images
  - o Kern Burns documentary film "Dust Bowl" at [www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl](http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl) or its precursor "The Plow that Broke the Plains" at <https://archive.org/details/PareLorentz-ThePlowThatBrokeThePlains>
  - o 175,000 images in the Library of Congress Farm Security Administration – Office of War Information Photographic Collection at [www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/fsa](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/fsa)

This was a fascinating article combining both historical perspectives as well as genealogical resources to help you uncover the possibility you have a "Dust Bowl" migrant in your own genealogical ancestry. As you can see I was able to provide you with many links that were included in the article.

The author also included a side table in the article providing even more book resource material to consider to research to get an even further understanding of these difficult times.

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