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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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NOVEMBER 11, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, November 11, 2014. Our guest speaker for this program will be **Marsha Peterson-Maass**. Marsha will present a program titled "**Swab Your Cheek - How To Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results**"

"Swab Your Cheek: How to Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results" will help you make sense of today's three commercially available DNA tests (mtDNA, Y-DNA and Autosomal-DNA), which ancestral lines of descent each test applies to, and what your current options are for networking to find DNA kinship matches (including the accredited method for preparing your Pedigree Charts to share on those networking databases). We'll even take a look at real life DNA results and the kinship networking opportunities they have revealed.

Topics are covered from the Fundamentals of Genealogy(R): Medical Family Tree Workbook and Fundamentals of Genealogy(R): Basics for Everyone . . . textbooks are distributed before the lecture so participants can peruse them during the lecture and can optionally purchase to take home for $20/each (this price is a 20% discount).

Marsha Peterson-Maass got her first formal training in genealogy at the Newberry Library-Chicago, in the beginner's class that she now teaches called "Fundamentals of Genealogy: Basics for Everyone" (with accompanying textbook she wrote). This is a 13-hour class that Newberry offers for three consecutive Saturdays every March, as part of Newberry Adult Education Seminars. Today, along with teaching and lecturing on a wide range of genealogy topics, Marsha has a thriving forensic genealogy practice.

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 190 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 1,445 surnames among all of the individuals.

Remember, that I will bring to the program a current group report that I would appreciate you reviewing and marking any additions, deletions or changes for your particular information that you would like me to make onto the report itself. I will leave one updated report by the genealogical material by the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor for you to reference in-between meetings. I will make additions/deletions to the participants that will be reflected in the listing of participants contained in the red binder that will be on the shelves at the combined Information/Magazine desk.

If you are in the library and need to review please ask someone at the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor for the material. Also check for this binder at my desk in the Reference Office if you do not find it at the "Ask Us" Desk.

Any feedback from you is welcome concerning the report and the material included in it. I do occasionally make typos or I possibly misread what you provided.

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

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Saving Your Family History Securely in the Cloud (August 25, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [August 25, 2014](#) · [Conferences](#), [Web/Tech](#) · [10 Comments](#)

Many of us have pictures or information that we want to keep on our home computers or devices, but in case of fire or other disasters, we want to be able to keep them safe. Pre-Cloud users kept copies of pictures and information on CDs or DVDs and hard drives in bank vaults or other safe storage. They also gave copies to others and sent discs or memory sticks to interested parties. When we put our data into cloud storage, though, we keep the original information at our home, and store the data in a format that can be used by others in facilities in different places in the world. Now, everyone can have access to this data, with permission, in a much easier way.

The FamilySearch Blog has an article that describe's Scott Allen's presentation at the recent 2014 BYU Family History Conference into the mysterious realms of the "Cloud" and explained what that means. Scott Allen is from the Utah Education Network and knows his subject well.

You can read the article in the FamilySearch Blog at

https://familysearch.org/blog/en/saving-family-history-securely-cloud/.

2015 Legacy Genealogy Cruise (September 9, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 9, 2014](#) · [Travel](#) · [No Comments](#)

Genealogy cruises are a delightful way to relax, visit exotic ports of call, and to learn more about genealogy, all at the same time. Several companies produce such cruises. The Legacy Family Tree cruises have been popular for some years and the 2015 cruise looks to be equally good. The following was written by Dave, Ken, and Geoff of Legacy Family Tree:

The 2015 Legacy Genealogy Cruise – an annual event in its 12th year – is pleased to announce that Lisa Louise Cooke, producer and host of the popular Genealogy Gems Podcast (and popular webinar speaker at FamilyTreeWebinars.com) will be joining the event as its featured speaker. The genealogy cruise takes place beginning June 20, 2015 and visits the Western Caribbean on the luxurious Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Sea ship.

During the seven-day period, Lisa's presentations will be focused on getting quality genealogical results, quickly. In her sessions you'll receive loads of strategies and tips you can start using right away, from high tech solutions to busting brick walls. What an opportunity you will have to learn in person from such an expert! She will join Legacy Family Tree's Geoff Rasmussen and others who will offer classes on Legacy and other genealogy technology.

The cruise starts and ends in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and visits Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; and Cozumel, Mexico.

For more information, or to register, visit http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2015.asp. Or call our travel coordinator, Christy, at 1-800-557-8601 or send an email to LegacyFamilyTreeCruise@gmail.com. Not only will you have the vacation of a lifetime, but you will do so in good company with other genealogists.

Hope to see you all there,

Dave, Ken, and Geoff

With Genetic Testing, I Gave My Parents the Gift of Divorce (September 10, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 10, 2014 · DNA · 19 Comments

DNA testing can be a wonderful thing. It solves family mysteries, brings families closer together, and more. Sometimes…

A stem cell and reproductive biologist had his own DNA tested. After all, he is a DNA expert. He even teaches a college course about the genome. He recently gave DNA kits to both his mother and his father and was anxious to see the results. As he wrote, "I was very interested in confirming any susceptibility to cancers that I heard had run in my family, like colon cancer. I wanted to know if I had a genetic risk."

He received a surprise, to say the least. It seems 23andme found a close relative, closer than anyone had expected.

If you have an interest in DNA, you will want to read the story by George Doe (an obvious pseudonym) at http://goo.gl/8RMztZ. You might want to think about this story before ordering DNA kits for your close relatives.

My thanks to newsletter reader Scott Tilden for telling me about this story.

Use CensusReporter to Learn About Your City and Census Tool to Dig Through Decades of Data (September 11, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 11, 2014 · Online Sites · One Comment

An interesting article by Justin Pot in the MakeUseOf web site describes a couple of tools that can make U.S. census data even more useful.

With **CensusReporter**, you can type in the name of your town and you can start scrolling through all kinds of census data. You'll see charts that let you absorb the information at a glance, along with comparisons to regional and state numbers. Scrolling through the information offered by default is a great start, but you can also search for other reports.
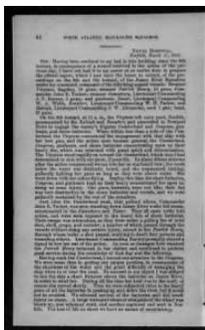
Have you ever wondered about the people who used to live in your house? **Census Tool** may be able to help. You can find your old house in the 1940 and earlier U.S. census records and then discover a little about what life was like for its former residences. You'll see their name, what they did for a living, even how much money they make.

You can read more at http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/town-story-heres-census-data-can-help-see.

My thanks to newsletter reader Frank Henderson for telling me about these great resources.

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies Now Online (September 20, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 20, 2014 · History, Online Sites · 2 Comments

Fold3.com has added a new title: the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies.* Like its name suggests, this collection contains the two navies' official reports, orders, and correspondence from the Civil War. If you're interested in the Civil War, this is the go-to title for contemporary, first-hand information about the Northern and Southern navies.

Originally compiled by the Navy Department, the Official Records of the Navies are organized into two series: Series I, with 27 individual volumes, and Series II, with 3 volumes and an index. Series I documents all wartime operations of the two navies, while Series II deals with statistical data of Union and Confederate ships, letters of marque and reprisal, Confederate departmental investigations, Navy and State department correspondence, proclamations and appointments of President Davis, and more.

You can read more in an article by Trevor Hammond in the Fold3 Blog at

http://blog.fold3.com/official-records-of-the-union-and-confederate-navies.

German Digital Church Book Portal is Now Online (September 21, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 21, 2014 · Online Sites · 4 Comments

Newsletter reader Ernie Thode wrote to say that an announcement of a new online site was made at the German national genealogy conference in Kassel on September 13. The beta test of the German digital church book portal is now available.

Of about 140,000 individual church books in Germany, the records of about 35,000 (25%) have been digitized thus far. Most of the German Protestant regional church bodies are participating, others and Catholic archives and civil registrations may be joining in later. There will be a fee.

I used Google Translate to display much of the introductory text in English. This may be an imperfect translation:

From the parish register portal to Archion: start of the beta test

The beta test of the church book portal is launched on the German Genealogentag in Kassel on 13 September. More information about the Beta test follow.

The Church Literature Portal GmbH will operate their web portal under the name "Archion". In "Archion" will find the words archive and online again. A reduction of the project on two essential concepts. But the word "arché", ancient Greek for beginning and origin is included. We find that fits perfectly with the concept of genealogy, more about the question "Where did I come from?", Ie the origin out.

The vision of the Church Literature Portal GmbH is to open up next to the church records and other sources for genealogical research. The term "church book portal" is clearly designed for church books. If z. B. State Archives or municipal archives participate and want to represent civil registers online, the name is too restrictive. One should also keep open to make other archival materials online. "Archion" as a neologism is simply free in its possibilities, it is limited not only by her name.

The entire web site is in German. You can access the site at

http://www.kirchenbuchportal.de and at
http://www.kirchenbuchportal.de/inhalt.htm.

Payment information is available (in German) at

http://www.kirchenbuchportal.de/bezahlen-im-internet.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (formerly called Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists)

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (New Name) will take place on Saturday morning, November 1, 2014**.** The program for the morning is titled **"Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian Nor Hungarian!"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Dr. Paul Valasek**.

Discussions on the state of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Europe's second largest, and the make-up of numerous ethnic minorities who legally belonged to the Empire but ethnically were neither Austrian nor Hungarian. Covering Austrians, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Rusyns, Ukrainians, Jews, Croatians, Slovenians, Bosnians, Silesians, Serbians.

Paul Valasek is a three time graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, earning his Doctorate in Dentistry in 1984. Born and raised in Chicago, he and his wife Andrea have always been interested in their ancestries and where their families came from in Europe. Paul's first of numerous trips to Europe was in 1974 with his immigrant grandfather Joseph Valasek, a major turning point in his life. Formal participation in genealogy began with his

Presidency of the Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA), founder and treasurer/editor of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois (CSAGSI), founding member of the Moravian Historical Society, and a founding member of the popular Polish American website, www.PolishRoots.org. He has also served as a Director and Second Vice-president on the Illinois State Genealogical Society's Board as well as sitting for multiple terms on the board of the Polish Museum of America. Currently he is a Director of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, (CGSI).

This meeting will take place at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Rd., 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/program 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.

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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DuPage County Genealogical Society

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, October 15, 2014. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree"**. The speaker for the program will be **Tina Beaird**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, October 18, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL starting at 10:30 AM.   The program scheduled for this day is **"Dating Photographs Through Costume"**. The speaker will be **Ellie Carlson.**

"Some people are married to their jobs, Ellie dates costumes." Family photographs are hard to date once the generation pictured has passed away. Determining an approximate date for an unidentified photo may help you to know whether the woman is your grandmother or your great-grandmother. This is where costume dating can be helpful. Fashion, especially women's fashion, was very distinctive in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Becoming familiar with certain popular silhouettes enables one to assign a date range to a photograph, thus helping to identify those pictured. Basic facial recognition will also be covered which will help identify the same person in several photos over time. There are some good, easy tricks which you will learn in this workshop-format presentation. Please send photographs you want "dated" to programs@caggni.org and Ellie will try to date them for you using the techniques outlined in the presentation.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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TellMeBye (September 4, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 4, 2014 · Online Sites · 3 Comments

You made out your will, correct? Once you depart this earth, your heirs will be informed of your wishes for disposition of the insurance money, the house, the family heirlooms, and the other various items you have accumulated in your life. However, what about your genealogy data? How about the collection of tweets or the posts on Facebook? How about your digital images and videos? How about your Bitcoins that are stored only in electronic format? Who should be able to look at your email messages? If you don't take positive action **NOW**, all those electronic items can vaporize with no one to look after them.

TellMeBye is an online tool for everyone who would like to plan the inheritance of their entire digital legacy and, therefore, make it easier for others to receive their documents, messages, memories, or content. You can also disclose your final wishes and provide information to help your family members with formalities after your death, such as details of your insurance policies, a PDF copy of your will, what to do with your body, people to be told, final wishes, and much more.

TellMeBye even offers free accounts although with very limited storage space for the information to be passed to others. I suspect that most users will experiment with a free account first; then, if they want to continue the service, they will pay a modest amount of money for increased space.

Here are the major features of TellMeBye:

If you have important files in clouds such as Dropbox, iCloud, or Google Drive and don't want them to be lost, TellMeBye lets you designate heirs to them.

Social networks: Receiving birthday notifications or people still posting on your wall after your death is not pleasant for anyone. Avoid situations like this, and exercise your right to be forgotten in a fast, efficient, and practical way.

Online bank accounts, investment accounts, or digital wallets such as Paypal, Google Wallet, or Amazon, where we can use virtual money, are increasingly common. With TellMeBye you can ensure your money isn't lost.

Games, books, and music bought online: Buying music, e-books, or low-cost online games is increasingly common on sites such as iTunes, Steam, and Appstores. Just like physical purchases, we own what we buy online and should make sure it isn't lost when we pass away.

Send email messages after you are gone: There's nothing more moving or considerate than writing messages to your friends and family to bid them farewell with words of love and support. Of course, those might not be words of love that you send to your boss or to your mother-in-law. Your choice!

Advance Directive (also known as an Advance Healthcare Directive or a living will): Reveal your wishes in advance so that they are fulfilled when you are no longer able to express opinions about your own healthcare and treatment.

State your final wishes: Stating your final wishes either in public or in private will guarantee they are fulfilled as far as possible. It's not the same that just your partner knows you wanted your ashes scattered in New York as letting all the people you select know.

Send memories: We all have loads of memories with friends and family through photos and videos. You can send your thoughts, along with pictures and videos, to help your loved ones through the mourning period.

Send an electronic diary, if you have created one, to the person or persons you designate.

You can choose the settings in Profile Information or System Options. You can choose not to leave any item to one or more people, or even make it public. As always, you are in control.

TellMeBye does all this with dignity.

One possible drawback of the TellMeBye service is that you do have to inform someone that you have created a TellMeBye account and that it is to be activated after your death or (optionally) when you become incapacitated and unable to manage your own affairs. The managers of TellMeBye recommend you notify three trusted people and tell each of them how to notify TellMeBye of your passing. You should only select people you trust and are close to you.

TellMeBye will know you have passed away only when one of your three trusted contacts lets the company know. The notification process of a user's passing contains several steps in order to avoid human error, and in each one it is very clear that the information is accurate. The other two individuals are first queried for verification.

Additionally, TellMeBye will email the deceased person to say that somebody has communicated their passing, allowing 48 hours to rectify the notification and avoid all content being released. Assuming the deceased person does not reply within 48 hours with a message similar to, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," TellMeBye will release the information as previously specified by the deceased.

TellMeBye uses industrial-grade encryption techniques to keep all the information safe and secure. Prior to death, only the person who created the account will be able to access the information. Following that person's demise, the death is first verified, and then the information is released only to those designated by the now-deceased person. One option is to release some or all of the information publicly. However, nothing is ever made available to others except in accordance with the deceased person's instructions. Further details about the security methods used may be found near the bottom of the FAQs (Frequently-Asked-Questions) at https://tellmebye.com/en/legal/faq.

Each trusted person is treated like another person and will only receive what you have left for that person. For instance, your favorite child might receive information about the life insurance while the mother-in-law might receive only a personal message containing whatever you wish to say as "one last word." The person who created the account is in full control.

Once the user's death has been verified, the company will do the following:

- Inform the deceased person's designated contacts by email and display a black notification within the dashboard.

- Release all the information as programmed by the user after 48 hours, to allow for any margin of error.

- Deliver a phonebook to the deceased's trusted contacts with a list of people to be informed.

- Deliver the deceased's final wishes to their trusted contacts. This part is the only one which occurs immediately. In the event of a wish being public, it will be visible to everyone immediately.

If you are one of their trusted contacts, you will be able to send messages to all the deceased's contacts.

Once all the legacy information has been delivered, the account will remain active for 1 year, during which each heir will have had sufficient time to make a back-up copy of their legacies.

TellMeBye offers three levels of accounts:

Free account

- 10 Documents
- 10 Messages
- 10 Wishes
- 10 Networks
- Memories / 1GB

PRO Account 5 Euros ($6.56 U.S.) per year

- 50 Documents
- 50 Messages
- 50 Wishes
- 50 Networks
- Memories / 5GB

LIFETIME Account 50 Euros ($65.60 U.S.) one-time payment

- 100 Documents
- 100 Messages
- 100 Wishes
- 100 Networks
- Memories / 10GB

Only free accounts feature online advertising. The other accounts, PRO and LIFETIME, are advertising-free.

The company promises to keep the account information for years until the death of the user, even for those using a free account. A free life-time account is unusual; most companies that offer free accounts for an online service (Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Dropbox, Google Drive, and more) only promise to keep the information for as long as the user accesses it frequently. In contrast, TellMeBye promises to keep the user's data until the person's death. Once all their legacy information has been delivered, the account will remain active for 1 additional year, during which each heir will have had sufficient time to make a back-up copy of their legacies.

Of course, the first question that arises is, "How long will the company be around?" In fact, there is no guaranteed answer. Of course, the same is true for many other companies, including funeral directors and attorneys.

Prices for TellMeBye vary from free to 50 Euros ($65.60 U.S.), so the financial risk isn't great. Another option is to sign up for the PRO Account at 5 Euros ($6.56 U.S.) per year. If the company stops sending annual bills, it wouldn't take long to visit the web site and confirm the company is still in business. You also would want to log in with your user name and password to verify that your information is still stored there. Once you are satisfied the company is still operational, you probably will want to pay the renewal fee.

TellMeBye is listed as still in beta. However, I wouldn't hesitate to use it. The company is based in Spain, and the online service is available in English, Spanish, and Catalan (a language popular in Andorra, northeastern Spain, and adjoining parts of France).

TellMeBye is an interesting and probably useful service. I say "probably useful" as I have no way of testing its usefulness until after my demise. I don't plan on that particular test anytime soon! I did create an account for myself, but any "final review" describing the effectiveness of TellMeBye will have to be written by my heirs.

You can learn more about TellMeBye at https://tellmebye.com as well as in a video at http://vimeo.com/78045791.

New Images Added to PERSI (September 14, 2014)

Dick Eastman · September 14, 2014 · Online Sites · No Comments

The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. It is an index to more than 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications. Most of PERSI's articles are from periodicals covering the United States and Canada, but you can also find thousands of genealogy and local history entries (in both English and French) from Britain, Ireland and Australia.

Created by the staff of the Allen County Public Library Foundation and the ACPL's Genealogy Center, PERSI is widely recognized as a vital tool for genealogical researchers. For years, PERSI was available in a series of books but now is available online at the FindMyPast web site. PERSI is updated frequently. Now FindMyPast has images to the indexes, allowing the user to access articles, photos, and other material that might be difficult to find using other research methods. PERSI's titles may be searched free of charge although viewing the contents found requires a paid FindMyPast subscription.

According to the FindMyPast Blog, the list of images added to periodicals in the past month include:

> Aberdeen Journal Notes and Queries, 1908-1914
> Ancestor, 1903-1905
> American Historical Magazine/Americana With V.4n.4, 1906-1909
> Americana, 1909-1923
> American Colonial Tracts Monthly, 1897-1898
> American Heraldic Journal, 1901-1902
> American Irish Historical Society Journal, 1898-1900; 1904-1907; 1909-1922
> American Quarterly Register / Quarterly Register and Journal of the American Education Society, 1827-1843
> Biennial Report of the Department of Archives & History, 1904; 1915
> Cayuga County Historical Society Collections, 1879; 1882; 1889-1890
> Collectanea Topographica Et Genealogica, 1834-1838; 1840-1841; 1843
> Connecticut Historical Society Annual Report, 1890-1923
> Cork Historical and Archaelogical Society Journal, 1896
> Curio, 1887-1888
> Deutsche Pionier, 1869-1873
> Dutchess County Historical Society Year Book, 1914-1916; 1918-1919; 1921

You can search PERSI at http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the July-September 2014, Volume 40, Number 3 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"New Corps of Discovery: NGS 2015 Family History Conference"
By Janet L. Powell

"No Federal Pension File for a Pennsylvania Revolutionary War Soldier?"
By Sharon Cook MacInnes, Ph.D

"The Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (and Navies)"
By Diane Florence Gravel, CG

"Border State Divided Families During the Civil War"
By Rebecca Rector, MLS

"Did Your Union Army Civil War Ancestor Apply for a Pension?"
By Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL and Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

"Just How Vital Were Those Vital Records?"
By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

"Rich, Poor and All the Rest: Why Class Matters to Genealogists"
By Stefani Evans, CG

"Black Sheep Ancestors and Their Records"
By C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

"Using X-DNA for Genealogy"
By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

"A Genealogist's Guide to Digital Estate Planning"
By Jordan Jones

You will also find some short pieces of news and information that are part of each issue of this journal. Take a look at the following:

The President's Message – **Genealogists' Declaration of Rights**
By Jordan Jones

Editor's Column – **"Reassessing Priorities"**
By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG

NGS Genealogy News

Books by Our Members

"NGS Awards, Competitions and Recognition"
By Charles S. Mason Jr., CG

NGS Hall of Fame Inductee

Browse through some of the non-article material to see what all is going on with the National Genealogical Society.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Did Your Union Army Civil War Ancestor Apply for a Pension?". The authors of the article are Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL and Claire Prechtel-Kluskens.

Receiving pensions for military service has been a tradition that goes back to the formation of our country when those who served in the Revolutionary war often received bounty land warrants and pensions. If you are lucky to possibly have an ancestor that served in the Civil War for the Union, then you might want to become familiar with 4 main resources noted by the author that can help you uncover that fact.

There is an index of records that is most frequently referred to as the T288, the alphabetical index that is most often used by researchers. It is a National Archives Microfilm Publication *T288, General Index to Pension Files, 1861 – 1934* (544 rolls). It is commonly but inaccurately known as the Civil War Pension Index since it also includes veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and Regular Army Service between the wars. This resource is available online at Ancestry.com and at FamilySearch.org.

The resource was originally a series of cards containing the name of the veteran, hence the alphabetical name for the resource, then in order by state from which the veteran served. Data on the cards contains aliases under which a veteran might have been known. You can also find the name of the veteran's widow and guardian of his minor children, if any. No matter how many file numbers are listed on the card, there is only one file per veteran.

A veteran can have two or more index cards, but there is still only one pension file. There could be a card for the original application. There could be a card for the widow of the veteran when she filed for his pension.

Expect to see cryptic acronyms on these cards. Here are some of the acronyms and their meanings:

- SO – Survivor's Original – used when veteran first applied

- SC – Survivor's Certificate – used when veteran pension was approved

- WO – Widow's Original – used when widow first applied

- WC – Widow's Certificate – used when widow pension approved

- Other Dependents – if there were claims made on behalf of minor children, or

dependent mothers, fathers or sisters.

- Gdn – if a child was assigned a guardian and the who the guardian was
- C or XC – if the veteran or widow lived into the 1920s the file was given a new number and the pension became age-related rather than disability based

Another resource to use to track down a possible Civil War Pension record is the T289, the organization index. The second most commonly used index is the National Archives Microfilm Publication *T289, Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900* (765 rolls). The title is also somewhat inaccurate because it includes veterans who served as late as World War I. T289 is available online at Fold3.com with images of the index cards and on FamilySearch.org without images of the cards.

T289 is arranged by branch of service, then by regiment, company and finally in alphabetical order by name of the veteran. There are similarities and differences between T288 mentioned earlier and T289. T289 does not include Navy veterans, the names of the widow or guardian of minor children, or the state from which the application was filed. Why use T289? Perhaps your ancestor was not found in T288 because his name might have been spelled differently in that resource. Also, T288 might contain an erroneous pension file number or one that is too difficult to read. You have an alternative resource to make a discovery. Also, if you are researching a known military unit of an ancestor, this might be the resource to consider. Also rolls 627 to 765 of T289 contain Spanish-American veterans, including Philippine Insurrection veterans, some World War I veterans, Indian Scouts, Philippine Scouts, hospital corps, quartermaster corps, medical departments and other units.

A third Civil War Pension resource to consider using is referred to as A1158, a numerical index. It is National Archives Microfilm Publication *A1158, Numerical Index to Pensions, 1860-1934* (359 rolls). It provides a way to connect to a veteran when you know the pension file number. It is available online at Fold3.com.

It is arranged numerically from number 1 to 1,737,997. Most cards identify up to 4 veterans who are connected to that number. The lowest numbered cards can connect you with up to 34 veterans. This index can be useful if a published source connects a person with a common name to a pension file number without any military unit or other helpful identifying information.

The fourth Civil War Pension resource to consider is the M1785, remarried widows' index. It is National Archives Microfilm Publication *M1785, Index to Pension Application Files of Remarried Widows Based on Service in the Civil War and Later Wars and in the Regular Army After the Civil War* (7 rolls). M1785 is available online at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. It is arranged alphabetically by the widow's remarried name. The index card provides her deceased former husband's name, military unit in which he served, her widow's original number, date of her application and any remarks.

This index can be helpful if a widow was known to have a previous spouse who was a veteran but the name is unknown. The index does not include all remarried widows unless they provided information making the change known.

Now you have checked the index and found an ancestor. To get a copy of the pension file you can:

- You can view the file online if it is one of the WC files that have been digitized and uploaded at Fold3.com.

- You can travel to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to examine and copy the file if it has not been digitized. You can hire a professional to make a copy of the information from the National Archives.

- You can have the National Archives make a copy by making a request of them through the Order Online system at https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline by mailing a completed NATF Form 85 to them. The form can be downloaded at http://www.archives.gov/forms/pdf/natf-85.pdf . The cost of a full Civil War pension Application file is $80 for the first 100 pages and $.70 for each additional page. For a Pension Documents Packet (a small portion of the file) the cost is $30.

It is nice to know that if you have a problem finding an ancestor that might have been a Civil War veteran who had a pension in the T288 series, you now have 3 other resources to consider to use to make that discovery. Better yet, sometimes it is beneficial to check for your Civil War ancestor in all of the resources rather than just the first if you find him because you could discover so much more and possibly uncovers errors in one source but find corrections in the other sources.

I would definitely consider reading this article in full if you have a Civil War veteran in your ancestral trail. Perhaps you may not have even started to pursue obtaining pension information for that veteran. This article will really help you in those efforts.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Black Sheep Ancestors and Their Records". The author of the article is C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL.

For most of us we might make the occasional discovery of a "Black Sheep" ancestor just through the normal course of our research. Some of us may be embarrassed with such discoveries. Some of us may actually embrace the discovery of such information. Many of us may not have yet even researched a "black sheep" ancestor because we are only at the family history story stage. Perhaps an aunt or uncle or grandparent may have let out the story of an ancestor from generations before that might not have been the most perfect of ancestors. We all have these ancestors in our family lines. Those are just the facts of doing good research. These discoveries will be made.

Sometimes we have to consider using resources that can support the discovery of a "black sheep" ancestor. You probably won't find these in census records or vital records. The author notes the resources to consider focusing on because they are the records where "black sheep" information can be found in abundance. The author suggests the following resources to consider:

- Court Records – what better place to look for criminal records, divorce records and the like than within this category of record.

- Coroner's Records – perhaps an ancestor met an unfortunate end of life. Maybe there was a murder. Maybe there was a serious accident. Maybe an ancestor was just discovered deceased without anyone knowing what happened. All of these conditions warrants the involvement of the local county coroner or often known as the medical examiner. Their job is to

determine all of the information that can be gathered when their ism an untimely or unexpected death. Autopsy reports, testimonies and the findings of the coroner's jury can provide incredible amounts of detailed information on an ancestor.

- Military Records – perhaps an ancestor was in the military. You might discover muster rolls that note he is absent without being authorized to do so. Perhaps he became a prisoner of war. Perhaps he was wounded. Perhaps killed in action. Perhaps an ancestor was court-martialed for dereliction of duty. Military records can be a treasure trove of heroic information as well as not so heroic information that can paint a "black sheep" quality on an ancestor.

- Convicts – preceding and during our American Revolution, England sent more than 52,000 convicts to America. England also sent more than 65,000 convicts to Australia between 1783 and 1868. Those actions created records for you to consider as a source.

- Prison Records – consider local jail records from towns, cities and counties in addition to prison records themselves. Federal prison information could be found at the prison itself or from even the National Archives.

- Wild West and Notorious Characters – many famous gangsters have web sites devoted to them and have had books written about them. Don't just think of characters that were violent. Expand your view tom include anti-war individuals and civil rights individuals.

- Newspapers – probably the best source for stories of events inn which our "black sheep" ancestors were mentioned. With so much of older newspapers being digitized, your search may be one of the easiest to discover a "black sheep" ancestor. Plus newspapers of years ago wrote lengthy coverage of murders, accidents when "political correctness" was not prevalent as it is today. Stories do not just have to be about murders and court proceedings. Simple robberies identifying the culprits might contain the name of an ancestor. Maybe teen pranks that got out of hand might mention an ancestor. What better place to find a picture or an artist's rendering of an ancestor.

Chances are you will make these "black sheep" discoveries whether you are looking for them or not. Just normal research, either in the form of documents or in the form of family stories may make your "black sheep" visible. But if you really want to increase your chances of such discovery, tap in to the above kind of records to see what you can find. It may not be for the faint of heart, but it is simply going to be the facts of your research.

This is another very good issue of NGS Magazine. There are plenty of good articles that may dovetail to your own research efforts. Take a look at the Table of contents of articles I mentioned previously to see if any hit home for you. Read those articles of interest fully.
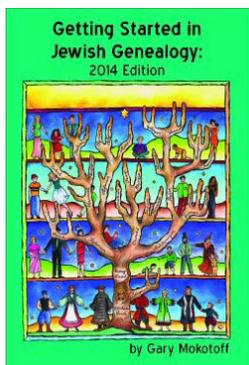
You can find this recent issue of NGS Magazine on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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No 2nd journal was reviewed during this period.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

The following book is being ordered to add to our circulating collection. Our current copy of the book is way out of date and needs updating. The title of the book is **Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy**. The author of the book is Gary Mokotoff. The book has been updated in 2014 by the author. The descriptive information of the book was found at Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter dated August 5, 2014.

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Gary Mokotoff has come up with a good idea that I wish other genealogy authors would emulate.

It could be argued that genealogical reference books are obsolete the day they are published. That is because we are in an environment where resources for family history research are every growing (and sometimes contracting). Gary Mokotoff, author of "Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy," has come up with a novel solution to the problem: he produces a new edition of his book every year.

Mokotoff has been updating the book every year since 2010. His publishing house, Avotaynu Inc, just published "Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy – 2014 Edition." It includes new sections on Geni, MyHeritage and the American Joint Distribution Committee, institutions that were not that important to genealogical research five years ago. Illustrations can become obsolete, especially web pages which are constantly improved by their designers. The home page of FamilySearch today is significantly different than it was in 2010.

Each year Mokotoff rereads the entire book—now 104 pages—to see if previous content needs to be changed. The most obvious changes are statistics on the size of databases. The 2010 version stated FamilySearch had 2 billion names. They now claim 3.5 billion.

Information about the book, including its Table of Contents can be found at

http://www.avotaynu.com/books/GettingStarted.htm.

The book sells for $14.50.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Ancestry App Launches With New Features (August 30, 2014)

Dick Eastman · August 30, 2014 · Software · 5 Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at Ancestry.com:

We just re-launched the Ancestry App on version 6.0 for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch devices. This isn't just a re-launch on a new system, we've worked hard to add some solid new features that we think you'll enjoy.

Prioritized Hints View

We've added a new section to the application which allows you to view all the hints for a given tree from a single place. We've added a prioritized sort order to the hints in this section so that your very best hints automatically bubble up into view. In addition to a priority sort, we've made it possible to view hints based on recency, with the newest hints at the top of the list. Near the top of the new hints view you will find sort order controls titled "best" and "latest" which allow you to toggle between these two sort orders to meet your needs. We've also included some filtering capabilities for the hints in this section which will allow you to filter hints by the last name of the person the hint is for, or to filter hints by type (photo, story or record). When you see a hint that you'd like to learn more about,

simply tap; the details of the hint will come into view and you will be able to accept or ignore the hint from right there.

Comments

Every day thousands of photos and stories are added to Ancestry by users of the website and the Ancestry App. When one of these pieces of great content might be associated with a relative of yours you will get a photo or story hint and you get to share this content and benefit from the work of other Ancestry users. Now you will have the ability to comment on these shared pieces of content directly from the mobile app – just like you can on the website. When viewing a photo or story you will notice a new comment area within the mobile app, here you will see comments from others and be able to leave comments of your own.

Comments View

The new comments section provides a running history of the new comments that have been left on photos and stories I your tree, making it easy for you to keep up to date on the latest comments. When you see a comment that you would like to see in full context or respond to, silly tap; you will be taken to the photo or story that the comment was made on and be able to review the entire comment thread associated with the content.

Badges

You may notice a new red badge with a number in it that shows up on the Ancestry app icon. This lets you know that you have new hints or comments to review. We have also included badges on the icons representing the hint and comment sections which allow you to know exactly where the new content can be found.

Notifications

If you have enabled the Ancestry App to send you push notifications you will now be notified when the very best new hints or comments are available. When you are ready to view the new hint or comment, simply tap; the app will open and you will be taken dirtily to the hint or comment.

Tree Viewer Enhancements

In addition to family and pedigree views, you can now view your family tree in a list view. From this view you can filter the list of tree persons by name or using a number of useful filters (Direct Ancestors, End of Line, Living Relatives, People with Hints, and People

with Recent Hints). We've also added a dedicated person search within the pedigree and family views. Tapping on the search icon In the top left corner of the tree viewer will allow you to enter the name of the person you are looking for. When you see the person you are looking for, simply tap; the tree will be refocused on this person and you will be taken directly to his or her profile details.

Navigation

We've simplified and updated the navigation within app. You will notice prominent tabs along the bottom of the app for Hints, Comments, Tree, DNA, and Settings. Getting around the app will now be quicker and easier than ever.

In addition to the major updates highlighted above we have worked on smaller touches within the app that enhance the overall experience. As you use the app in more depth you will likely notice other changes like: quick links to web content, side-by-side comparisons between tree and record data, quick access to profile information from hints and updated colors and styling. We hope that the new version 6.0 app experience will be a good one, and that the Ancestry Mobile App will become an ever more integral part of your Ancestry experience. If you have ideas, thoughts or questions please feel free to submit feedback by tapping on the "Feedback" tab within the Settings section of the app.

The Ancestry Mobile Team

MacBridge for RootsMagic 6: Run RootsMagic on Your Mac without Windows (September 8, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 8, 2014](#) · [Software](#) · [No Comments](#)

The RootsMagic team has announced a major product announcement that will interest many Macintosh owners: A new, low-cost piece of software will allow Macintosh owners to run RootsMagic without installing a copy of Microsoft Windows. The following is a copy-and-paste from the RootsMagic Blog:

One of the most common questions we are asked is, "When will RootsMagic run on a Mac?" With today's release of MacBridge for RootsMagic 6, the answer is "right now". MacBridge for RootsMagic 6 allows you easily install and run RootsMagic on your Mac in mere minutes with almost no additional setup or configuration.

MacBridge for RootsMagic is different than other solutions you may be familiar with. For starters, it does not install Windows on your Mac. It also does not create a slow and bulky virtual computer. It runs right on your Mac, using your Mac file system. You can even put the RootsMagic icon on your dock for easy one-click access! So while we are busily working on an actual native Mac version of RootsMagic, MacBridge for RootsMagic 6 gives you the ability to work on a Mac today.

You can read more in the RootsMagic Blog at: http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2217.

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FUNNY BONE

I found another interesting site that makes mention of "unusual" names that were found in the various censuses. I got this lead by looking at Cyndi's List under her category of "humor" which led me to the site of GeneaMusings, a blog authored by Randy Seaver.

Do I know they are real? Have I looked at the Census? Nope!

But they sound interesting nonetheless!

Enjoy!

You can find these and others at:

http://www.geneamusings.com/2006/10/more-census-whacking-strange-but-true.html

Would William Killjoy (1880, Cook County IL) spoil the fun of Valentine Killer (1900, Dupage County IL)? Or maybe he would find Desire Lovejoy attractive? But would she?
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That leaves Marion Headless (1900, Wayne County IL) getting together with Hugh Brain (1900, Winnebago County IL). Who would have thought of it?

The next 3 funny census related names on ledgers were found at Randy Seaver's site at:

http://www.geneamusings.com/2006/05/more-census-whacking-pg-rating.html

These are all from the 1900 US Census head-of-household index on Heritage Quest Online. Some are funny/strange/sad given names, some are funny/strange/sad surnames, and most are a funny/strange/sad combination of given and surnames.

Smart Rich -- Hampton county, SC
Pros Folker -- Pottawatomie County, KS
Mary Mother -- Fillmore County, MN
Valentine Hunk -- Ellsworth County, KS

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Slow Walks -- Chouteau County, MT
Doctor Play -- Moore County, NC
Jack Ripper -- Rockland County, NY

King Solomon -- Washington County, MS

Ding Dong -- San Francisco, CA

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Golden Bastard -- Jefferson County, AR

Elmer Ghoul -- Tioga County, PA

Lord Z. Demon -- Lawrence County, OH

Kid Dude -- Issaquena County, MS

Puke Goodbar -- Davidson County, TN

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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 "")*

Oct 14 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Genealogy Research – Beyond the Basics"** Presented by **Steve Szabados**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Oct 15 WED 2014	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree**". Guest speaker is Tina Beaird. Society website at www.dcgs.org.

Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

Oct 18 SAT 2014	CAGGNI. 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 "**Dating Photographs through Costume**" Presented by Ellie Carlson Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
Nov 1 SAT 2014	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, November 1, 2014. "**Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian Nor Hungarian**". Presented by Paul Valasek Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
Nov 11 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. "**Swab Your Cheek: How To Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results**" Presented by **Marsha Peterson-Maass**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Nov 15 SAT 2014	CAGGNI. 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 "**Share, Show and Tell: CAGGNI's 2014 Holiday Social and Potluck**" Presented by CAGGNI Members Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
Nov 19 WED 2014	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Chicago Genealogy 101**". Guest speaker is Grace DuMelle. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

Dec 9 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jan 3 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, January 3, 2015. "**Preparing to Publish Your Family Book"** Presented by Regina Yuill Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
Jan 13 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"An Archivist's Notebook: Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera"** Presented by **Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jan 21 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Italian Genealogy**". Guest speaker is Karen Bogdan. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Feb 7 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 7, 2015. "**Evernote for Genealogy"**. (Live Webinar) Presented by Thomas MacEntee Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
Feb 10 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory"** Presented by **Teresa Steinkamp McMillin**, CG. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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Feb 18 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Holy Cow! Where Are My Chicago Catholics Now?**". Guest speaker is Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Feb 21 SAT 2015	CAGGNI. 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 "**Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives: What Is In It? Everything!**" Presented by George Findlen Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
Mar 7 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 7, 2015. "**Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine**". Presented by Paul MIlner Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
Mar 10 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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Apr 4 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 4, 2015. **"Swab Your Cheek: How to Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results"**. Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
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**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Apr 15 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Cemetery Sleuthing Leads to Lessons Learned**". Guest speaker is Pat Biallas. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
May 2 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 2, 2015. "**Researching Colonial American Ancestors**". Presented by Jane Haldeman Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org
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**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
May 20 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Program title is "**Marriage Records: How to Write Your Love Story**". Guest speaker is Cynthia M. De Bock. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

Jun 9 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jul 14 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Chicago Cemetery Research"** Presented by Dan Niemiec. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Aug 11 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Start Your Digging in 1940: Examine the 1940 Census for Clues and Information"** Presented by **Jeff Bockman**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 8 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Oct 13 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Sound Research Practices: Sources and Citations"** Presented by **Ginger Frere**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Nov 10 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Stories of the Lost; Researching World War II Military Records"** Presented by **Jennifer Holik**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Dec 8 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**.

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