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PLEASE NOTE

The statements in this newsletter cited as quotes from other newsletters, quarterlies, etc., are quotations and not necessarily fact. I try not to reproduce statements that have been denied as being true and also those statements that are "old news" and have been quoted over a few years.

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of all newsletters are filed at the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor along with the "handouts" summary sheet. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular program will be contained in a folder specifically for that program date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for program on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each program date will have its own folder. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file binder. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

More importantly, electronic PDF copies of the Newsletter and the "handouts" summary for our monthly program can be obtained electronically as PDF files from our Library's Genealogy Blog called "Tony's Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library". This is a WordPress blog that you can reach directly at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Look on the right side of the blog for links within the "Newsletter" category and the "Program Handouts" category. You can read the material online, download as a PDF file to your computer or print it from the blog.

If anyone needs to contact me via e-mail, you may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library at:

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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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DECEMBER 9, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on December 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 December 9, 2014.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

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

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

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 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

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter September 28, 2014, October 2, 2014, October 7, 2014, October 9, 2014, October 17, 2014, October 19, 2014 and are copyright 2014 by Richard W. Eastman. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Petition Launched for Early Release of England & Wales Birth, Marriage, and Death Records (September 28, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 28, 2014](#) · [Legal Affairs](#) · [4 Comments](#)

A campaign has been launched to enable greater public access to historical English and Welsh birth, marriage and death records, and your help is needed.

e-petition

Petition to open historic registers

Responsible department: Home Office

We ask that historic birth marriage & death registers be open to public inspection at county record offices or the National Archives

Until 1973 registers of BMD held at superintendent registrar's offices were open to public inspection

Today's technology available allows the registers to be digitized and made available as facsimile copies protecting the original from damage

Commercial concerns are willing to scan the registers and make them available online under license at no cost to the public purse
A new accurate index of BMDs could be compiled by volunteers thereby complying with the 1836 legislation for the first time in 177 years

The benefits include taking pressure off Superintendent Registrars and the GRO enabling them to concentrate on the core task of recording & administering current registrations.

Revenue would be created for the County Record Offices or the National Archives swelling the government coffers.
All at no cost to the taxpayer or government.

Sign this petition

Alona Tester has published an article in the (Australian) Genealogy & History News that says, in part:

“Guy Etchells, the man who is behind the push to get the 1911 Census released early, for which we are all eternally grateful, has now started an online petition asking for the UK's civil registration records ... to be made open for public inspection, online and at local record offices. Sounds awesome doesn't it?

“Currently the main way that English and Welsh BDM records can be accessed is by certificates posted out by the General Register Office (GRO) – a process that costs £9.25 per certificate, and obviously takes time in the mail, anything from a few days to weeks.

“According to Mr Etchells this whole process could be alleviated if historic registers were made available, as other historic records are, through the National Archives – as instant downloads. “

You can read more in Alona's article at

<http://www.gouldgenealogy.com/2014/09/download-uk-bdm-records-maybe/>

and in Guy Etchells' online petition site at

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/62779>.

My thanks to newsletter reader W David Samuelson for telling me about this online petition.

Genealogists Shouldn't Need Town Hall Appointments (October 2, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 2, 2014](#) · [Legal Affairs](#) · [14 Comments](#)

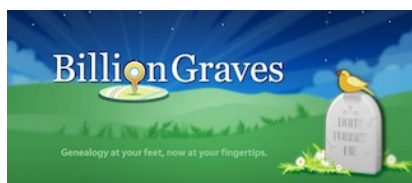
An interesting editorial in the Hartford (Connecticut) Courant describes a legislative proposal to give town clerks the option to require genealogists to make appointments for research. The bill never made it out of committee in the last session but probably will be re-introduced in the next session. If it passes, it will be bad news for genealogists and others and also will provide government employees one more opportunity to provide less and less service to the constituents who pay the salaries of the same government employees.

This article should be required reading for all genealogists as well as all government employees. The article may be found at <http://goo.gl/YjiRHS>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Jan Meisels Allen for telling me about the story.

BillionGraves Introduces 5 New Features (October 7, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 7, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)



BillionGraves now claims to have the world's largest collection of GPS tagged headstones. Its competitor, Find-A-Grave, still has more headstones catalogued, but the majority of those do not have GPS locations. In a small cemetery, the GPS location of an individual headstone may not be important but in larger cemeteries it can be a critical piece of information for anyone seeking to visit the tombstone.

BillionGraves also has announced Map It, BillionGraves.com Ad Free, an enhanced Virtual Walk-through, new Record Notifications to be sent to you via email, and BillionGraves Priority Support. Details on these new features and more may be found at

<http://blog.billiongraves.com/2014/10/billiongraves-introduces-5-new-amazing-features/>.

The Plan to Digitize the Vast Holdings of the National Archives (October 9, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 9, 2014](#) · [Preservation](#) · [5 Comments](#)

Writing in his blog, David Ferriero, the Archivist of the United States, describes a simple, but audacious initiative: to digitize the analog records of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and to make them available for online public access. He writes:

"We have over 12 billion pages of records, so yes, this is our moon shot.

"To achieve this goal, we know we need to think in radically new ways about our processes, and we have started by creating a new digitization strategy. From the time we published our 2008 digitization strategy through today, we have scanned over 230 million objects. This is a huge number, but we have a long road ahead. Our new strategy pushes us further."

The strategy is officially called, the *National Archives and Records Administration Strategy for Digitizing Archival Materials for Public Access, 2015-2024*.

NARA cannot accomplish the Herculean plan alone. Instead, Ferriero writes that NARA will "continue to collaborate and build on efforts with private and public organizations to digitize records, as well as branch out to citizen archivists, other federal agencies and institutions worldwide."

David Ferriero's brief comments may be found in his blog at <http://blogs.archives.gov/aotus/?p=5717> while the longer and much more detailed *National Archives and Records Administration Strategy for Digitizing Archival Materials for Public Access, 2015-2024* may be found at: <http://www.archives.gov/digitization/strategy.html>.

Find A Grave Adds a New Upload and Transcribe Beta (October 17, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 17, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [8 Comments](#)



The folks at Find A Grave have just launched a new Upload and Transcribe beta at Find A Grave. With this new feature, you can upload a whole trip's worth of cemetery headstone photos and transcribe them in either new memorials, or attach the photos easily to existing memorials. The new software allows users to upload multiple photos at once, easily transcribe uploaded photos, get help, help others, and to provide feedback.

Details may be found in the Ancestry.com Blog at:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/10/17/new-find-a-grave-upload-and-transcribe-beta-available>

Barry Fleig Builds an Online Database of Burials in Cook County Cemetery in Dunning, Chicago, Illinois (October 19, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 19, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [One Comment](#)

With over 38,000 burials spanning some seventy years, the Cook County Cemetery in Dunning, Chicago, Illinois, was a potters field serving the poor and indigent of the county. Those buried in the cemetery included deceased individuals from the County Poor house and farm opened 1854, the Insane Asylum opened 1869, the infirmary opened 1882, and the Consumptive hospital (TB), opened 1899. The cemetery received bodies from the Cook County Hospital, the city morgue, many Chicago area hospitals, and many city social institutions. About 120 bodies from the Great Chicago Fire in October 1871 were buried at the Cook County Cemetery in Dunning.



Records of those interred in the cemetery have been difficult to access. The vast majority of the records of who was buried at Dunning were destroyed in the 1960s when a storage room was flooded. Some records do remain but have not been conveniently available to the public. Barry Fleig, the former cemetery chairman of the Chicago

Genealogical Society saw a need. He wanted to preserve the remaining records electronically before another disaster destroys the remaining fragile paper records.

As stated in the newly-created web site built by Barry Fleig:

"We who believe that every life is sacred, must continue to remind ourselves and society that in this world and after death, God cares for us. Our fellow human beings have gone before us to face the realities of eternity. We make no judgments, but commend them to the mercy of our loving Creator. We may not have known them personally, but they were someone's Mother, Father, Grandparent, or neighbor. It has been written: To live and die alone is a human tragedy, but not to be remembered and mourned...after earthly life...is an ugly blemish on human dignity. These persons, though their earthly lives ended in loneliness and poverty, in unique ways unknown to us, they did share in the divine creation and eternal destiny that is common to our humanity.

"Preserving Cook County Cemetery and continuing research will help to insure that those persons who were homeless in life will not be homeless in death."

The database is a work-in-progress, not yet complete. The hope is to record about 10,000 names in it, far short of the 38,000 people believed buried in Dunning. The other records probably have not survived.

Fleig said the project has "consumed" five years of his life.

The web site is available at <http://cookcountycemetery.com> with the home page providing a lot of history about the cemetery. The database itself starts at <http://cookcountycemetery.com/database.aspx?x=45&y=124>.

You can learn more about the project in an article by Heather Cherone in the DNAinfo Chicago web site at <http://goo.gl/jclEIn>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Gloria Ishida for telling me about this online resource.

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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, January 3, 2015. The program for the morning is titled "**Preparing To Publish Your Family Book**". The speaker for the morning will be **Regina Yuill**. (Please note that there is no program offered by the society during December 2014.)

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:

<http://www.nwsgenealogy.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.

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.

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, November 19, 2014. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Chicago Genealogy 101"**. The speaker for the program will be **Grace DuMelle**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.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, November 15, 2014 at the Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is "**Share, Show and Tell: CAGGNI's 2014 Holiday Social and Potluck**". The speakers will be **CAGGNI's Presenters**.

Join CAGGNI members as they share their stories on various topics and in various media formats at our annual November meeting and social. Come and get inspired to develop your own stories!

Continuing our November tradition, we will also be hosting our annual Holiday Potluck. Members - bring a small holiday favorite to share - egg dishes and breakfast foods, as well as the holiday treats, are all good choices and much appreciated.

See you all there for our festive and fabulous Holiday 2014 event!

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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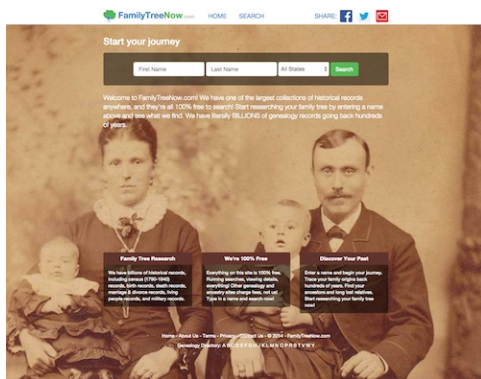
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Introducing a New Genealogy Site: FamilyTreeNow.com (September 29, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 29, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [25 Comments](#)

A new genealogy site has appeared within the past few days at FamilyTreeNow.com. It is billed as being completely free for everything. The site is in beta and claims to have “billions of historical records, including census (1790-1940) records, birth records, death records, marriage & divorce records, living people records, and military records.”

I took a look at the site and was impressed. It doesn't have everything that the well-established commercial web sites have, but the price tag of free will appeal to many.



I performed a few searches of the U.S. census records, death records (all apparently are from the Social Security Death Index), and marriage records. I found all the records that I expected to find, namely for records I had already found on various for-pay web sites. In all cases, it appears that the transcribed records are available on FamilyTreeNow.com but I could not find images of the original records.

The search seems to always start with a name. To perform a search, you must first enter the name of the person whose information you seek. Experienced genealogists know that when searching for an elusive ancestor you often start by not looking for a name but by looking for records from a particular county or perhaps military records or some other record collection. That is very useful when you are suspicious that the transcribed version may have not spelled a name correctly. I did not see the capability to search by record set on FamilyTreeNow.com.

I was surprised to see many listings for living people online, including myself. The records I could identify were from telephone books, birth records, and other public information. I am not an attorney but I believe that information is already in the public domain and therefore is legal to publish. (I'll invite contradictions from anyone with a legal background. Please comment at the end of this article.)

The site has no advertising at this time, something unusual for a free online service. I wouldn't be surprised to see advertising added at a future date. After all, the owners have to pay the bills somehow!

I do not see any names listed for the owners although the "About Us" page states, "FamilyTreeNow.com was launched in 2014 by some technology veterans who like taking services that typically cost money and making them free so everyone can use them. We have great offices in Roseville, CA where we draw up new features on our giant whiteboard wall and generally try to have a good time while also working really hard."

An aggressive search on Google does uncover the web site's owner, however. It is not a name I recognized as a person who has long been active in the genealogy community.

All in all, I did find quite a bit of useful information on FamilyTreeNow.com. As a brand-new online site that is still in beta, you can expect it doesn't have everything available yet and lots of improvements and additions will probably be added in the future as users offer their feedback.

You can see for yourself at <http://www.FamilyTreeNow.com>.

FamilySearch and GenealogyBank Announce a Massive Online US Obituaries Project using Volunteers (October 1, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 1, 2014](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [25 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

In celebration of Family History Month, FamilySearch International (FamilySearch.org) and GenealogyBank (GenealogyBank.com) today announced an agreement to make over a billion records from historical obituaries searchable online. It will be the largest—and perhaps most significant—online US historic records access initiative yet. It will take tens of thousands of online volunteers to make GenealogyBank's vast U.S. obituary collection more discoverable online. Find out more at FamilySearch.org/Campaign/Obituaries.



The tremendous undertaking will make a billion records from over 100 million US newspaper obituaries readily searchable online. The newspapers are from all 50 states and cover the period 1730 to present. The completed online index will be fairly comprehensive, including 85% of U.S. deaths from the last decade alone. The death collection will easily become one of the most popular online genealogy databases ever, detailing names, dates, relationships, locations of the deceased, and multi-generational family members.

Obituaries can solve family puzzles, tell stories, dispel myths, and provide tremendous help with family history research. A single obituary can include the names and relationships of dozens of family members. For example, Alice E. Cummings' obituary (See above) sheds light on where she lived during her lifespan, her personal history, and it

provides information connecting five generations of ancestors and descendants in her family tree—14 people in all.

Dennis Brimhall, CEO of FamilySearch, explained that obituaries are extremely valuable because they tell the stories of our ancestors' lives long after they are deceased. He invites online volunteers to help unlock the "treasure trove" of precious family information locked away in newspaper obituaries.

"Billions of records exist in US obituaries alone," Brimhall said. "The average obituary contains the names of about ten family members of the deceased—parents, spouse, children, and other relatives. Some include much more. Making them easily searchable online creates an enormously important source for compiling our family histories. The number of people who will benefit from this joint initiative is incalculable."

GenealogyBank has over 6,500 historical U.S. newspapers and growing, spanning over 280 years. The death notices in these publications go beyond names and dates. They can provide insightful first-hand accounts about an ancestor that simply are not available from censuses or vital records alone.

"Obituaries, unlike any other resource, have the ability to add incredible dimensions to an individual's family history research. They contain a wealth of information including facts and details that help capture the legacy of those who have passed on," said Dan V. Jones, GenealogyBank Vice President. "The unique life stories written, dates documented, and generations of family members mentioned are often only found within an obituary, which makes them such an invaluable resource. Obituaries have the unique power to both tell a story and enable individuals to learn more about their family relationships. GenealogyBank is proud and excited to partner with FamilySearch in bringing these obituaries to researchers all over the world."

Volunteers Are Key

The success of the massive US obituary campaign will depend on online volunteers. The obituaries are fairly simple to read, since they are digital images of the typeset, printed originals, but require human judgment to sort through the rich, historic data and family relationships recorded about each person. Information about online volunteering is available at FamilySearch.org/indexing. A training video, indexing guide, detailed instructions, telephone and online support are available to help new volunteer indexers if needed.

FamilySearch.org volunteers have already indexed over one billion historic records online since 2006, including all of the available U.S. Censuses, 1790 to 1940. In 2012 volunteers rallied in a record-breaking effort to index the entire 1940 U.S. Census in just four months. Today, the US censuses, 1790 to 1940, are the most popular online databases for family history research. Indexed obituary collections can be searched online at FamilySearch.org and GenealogyBank.com.

About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit,

FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

About GenealogyBank

GenealogyBank.com is one of the largest exclusive collections of newspapers and historical documents for family history research. It provides information on millions of American families from 1630–today. Over 6,500 newspapers provide first-hand accounts of your ancestors' lives that simply can't be found in other genealogy resources: obituaries, birth and marriage notices, photographs, hometown news and more. Over 380,000 historical books and documents from 1749-1994 include military records, widow's claims, orphan petitions, land grants, casualty lists, funeral sermons, biographies and much more. Discover the stories, names, dates, places and events that have shaped your family story at GenealogyBank.com.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Family Chronicle

We have received the September/October 2014, Volume 19, Number 1 issue of [Family Chronicle](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

"Searching for Joseph Ernest Goddard"

By Barry Forbes

Almost 100 years later, Barry Forbes unveils the mystery surrounding his grandfather's death in the Great War, and discovers his maternal grandmother's identity in the process.

"Tracing My Irish Roots"

By Myriam Moran and John Christopher Fine

Myriam Moran and John Christopher Fine set out on a journey of discovery that took them from Ireland to Guatemala.

"Beyond the Book, Part Five: Family Games"

By Janice Nickerson

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

"Making Connections in 5 Steps"

By Carol Richey

Carol Richey shows you how to build historical context to get a better understanding of how your ancestors lived.

"Making Their Mark"

By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at signatures on ancestral documents.

"The English in Canada"

By Ed Storey

Ed Storey shows us some uncommon sources you might encounter when searching for Canadian ancestors with ties to the United Kingdom.

"I Knew There Was a Word for That!"

By David A. Norris

From Griffonage to Technomania, David A. Norris finds there's a word for every genealogical peril and perplexity.

"The Man in the White Hat"

By Colleen Callahan Wells

Colleen Callahan Wells researches one bigger-than-life ancestor whose life she traced through a variety of sources.

"Book Review: *Stories of the Lost*"

By Jennifer Holik

Reviewed by Lisa Alzo

Discovering the Story of Our Heroes through Genealogy.

"Preservation Practices for the Home Archivist"

By Kyla Ubbink

Kyla Ubbink shows you how to look after those important documents, photographs, and other heirlooms that are so important to family historians.

"Where is Woollen?"

By Robbie Gorr

Robbie Gorr says knowing a little history helps when you research the past.

"Keeping Things in Perspective"

By Dave Obee

Keeping things in perspective is important for family history researchers.

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

1864 Census for Re-Organizing the Georgia Militia

By Nancy J. Cornell

***Baltimore County Marriage Evidences and Family Relationships
1659-1800***

By Robert W. Barnes

The Jewish Presence in Early British Records 1650-1850

By David Dobson

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Making Connections in 5 Steps". The author of the article is Carol Richey. Her main theme of the article is that we need to see a broader perspective when we do our genealogy. You don't want to lose the big picture by only looking at the smallest grain of sand. According to the author "to tell a full story of our ancestors, we must examine their relationship to the larger society and culture in which they lived." Another message from the author is that "we must search for meaning as well as memories."

The author then provides us with 5 steps on how we can use historical inquiry to investigate the many connections our ancestors had to the world about them. Here are her 5 points:

- **Ask Questions** – in order to put all of the captured events of the life of an ancestor into some relationship to their world, you need to ask questions. On any document you may have discovered, ask the basic questions of who, what, when, why, and how. The author recommends a book titled ***Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You*** by Kyvig and Myron Marty. This book includes an extensive list of questions to help guide you historically. For documents the book suggests some of the following questions to ask yourself:
 - Who created the document?
 - Were they directly involved with the event?
 - Was it hastily recorded or routinely recorded?
 - Was the document intended for personal use or for others to read?
- **Learn Some History** – the best way to learn history is to read history. Did your grandparents live through the Depression in the United States just after 1929? Maybe you do not have personal stories from them. However, you can read some books about what life was like during those Depression years for families in the U.S. Also think of local community colleges and even online history courses.
- **Search the Internet, and Then Search Beyond It** – sure, you are using the internet plenty to find online library catalogs and the like for further historical information. Believe it or not, there are more than just a few occasions where the full holdings of a library are not in their online catalog for whatever quirky reasons. There may be gold mines of information that can only be found offline. There is plenty online but be aware there may even be more offline. For some good online material of historical context think of places like:
 - The Library of Congress at www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy

- Do a place name search at FamilySearch for local history at <http://familysearch.org/catalog-search>
- Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library at www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx
- The Newberry Library at www.newberry.org/genealogy-and-local-history
- Wisconsin Historical Society at www.wisconsinhistory.org
- **Verify Your Information** – it is best to remain skeptical on any discoveries of local history information until you can verify it with other sources. Did you discover a nice story about an ancestral family in a County History Book? Be careful, the families often donated book to have the book published with the story they supplied. Perhaps all of what is in their life story may be stretching the truth! Yes, to do a good job, you will have to verify your discoveries to be sure of the accuracy of the facts.
- **Incorporate What You've Learned** – find a way to incorporate historical context into your family history. Consider national and worldwide events into your family history over and above the local history for the time of your ancestors. By including broader historical contexts you will create a more compelling family history to pass down to descendant generations. Think broader than just the names, dates and events that were specific to your ancestor. Incorporate what else was going on at the time of your ancestors both locally, nationally and worldly.

Think bigger as you research your ancestors. Don't just collect names and dates. Try to collect their actual lives they lived when they lived them.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "Preservation Practices for the Home Archivist". The author of the article is Kyla Ubbink. Kyla shares with the reader how to protect for future generations all of the documents, photographs and other heirlooms you may have in your possession from past generations.

Hopefully, if you are just starting your genealogy research, you may have already encountered some documents or other material that led you to begin your research request. If you are a seasoned researcher, then you may actually find yourself overwhelmed by just how much you have in your possession from and about previous generations!

The goal is to make sure that what you have now and what you will discover over time will stay in as best of shape as possible so that it can be passed on to future generations.

The author describes that there are several agents of deterioration that can impact artifacts in your possession:

- Direct Physical Force such as mechanical damage like tears, creases, breaks and losses caused by handling
- Damaging pollutants from the atmosphere as well as skin contact from us to the materials. This form of destruction leads to chemical deterioration of the artifact and document at a molecular level causing brittleness, discoloration and eventual crumbling.
- Pest and mold infestations
- Flooding or fire

The author then provides insights into how to go about protecting our precious materials. Safeguarding items is best accomplished through the following:

- Purchase and use acid-free boxes and folders for your document materials.
- Choose a place in the home where temperature and humidity are steady for storage. Do not store your artifacts or documents in attics or basements, even if you are putting the materials into archival storage containers. Indoor closets are good places. Attics allow extreme temperatures; basements allow higher levels of humidity and may also be prone to water incursion and damage to your materials. If you still choose a basement for storage, make sure archive boxes are elevated at least 12 inches above the floor. Also consider dehumidifiers for the basement if material is stored.
- When handling your artifacts or documents wear gloves to prevent transfer of oils from your hands to the material. Consider making copies of materials that can be copied and use the copied materials to use when needing to show or handle. Consider digital copies of materials that can be easily shared with relatives via e-mail and websites. If scanning to digitize, consider creating files in .tiff format which is the highest quality available.
- If the worst happens and your materials are affected by flood or fire or pests, seek out the advice of a conservator. Freezing is one method of preventing mold in water damaged materials. It is best to not try this on your own. Seek help from a professional conservator.

This was another good issue of Family Chronicle. There are many good articles among a variety of genealogy research topics. It is likely there is something in here for you to read and learn from to advance your own research.

You can find this most recent issue of Family Chronicle on the 2nd floor on the magazine shelves.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

We have received the Volume 102, No. 3, September 2014 issue of National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Key articles in this issue are:

“Goggins and Goggans of South Carolina: DNA Helps Document the Basis of an Emancipated Family’s Surname”

By Morna Lahnice Hollister

The government seemed to be in a almighty hurry to have us get names. We had to register as someone so we could be citizens.

“Finding a Father for Isaac Young: A Virginia Native in California”

By Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG, FNGS

Tracking networks of extended family and friends may lead to a research subject’s parents or origin.

"The Origin of Peter and Jane Sandham of Thornsett, Derbyshire"

By Allen R. Peterson, CG

Perhaps the genealogist's most difficult problem . . . is to trace the place of birth of an ancestor who appears at a certain place without giving any indication as to whence he came.

"Captain George Markham's Militia Company: Virginia Not Connecticut"

By Craig Roberts Scott, CG

Compiled military service records are not always based on original records.

In this issue you will also find a variety of pages that contain a small, half-page genealogical item of interest. They are not full stories, just little tidbits of genealogical interest. National Genealogical Society Quarterly identifies these as "Sidelights". These often contain a bit of humor in them. Don't forget to take peek at these as you peruse the journal.

"Sidelights" items noted in this issue are:

- "A Mug of Punch" p. 200
- "MERCURY" p. 230
- "TAKEN up" p. 230

Also included in this issue are a significant number of lengthy reviews of newly published genealogical matter. The reviews are extensive and often critical allowing you to gain a better understanding of the quality of the material.

Reviews included in this issue are:

Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques

By George G. Morgan and Drew Smith
Reviewed by Eve Bressette, CG

Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians and Other Researchers, 2nd Ed.

By Richard Hite
Reviewed by J. H. Fonkert, CG

Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact from Fiction in Family Legends

By Richard Hite
Reviewed by J. H. Fonkert, CG

Descendants of Gov. Thomas Welles of Connecticut And His Wife, Alice Tomes, Vol. 1, 2nd Ed.

By Barbara Jean Mathews
Reviewed by Frederick C. Hart Jr., CG, FASG

The Forgotten People: Cane River's Creoles of Color

By Gary B. Mills
Reviewed by Loren Schweningen, Ph.D

Mastering Genealogical Proof

By Thomas W. Jones
Reviewed by James W. Petty, AG, CG

The Name Is The Game: Onomatology and the Genealogists

By Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck alias Niederbockstruck
Reviewed by Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG

Research in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County

By NGS Research in the States Series
Reviewed by Willis H. White, Ph.D, CG

This journal is one to take a look at just to see the very detailed and documented articles that are published. You will often see very quickly that the supporting documentation of endnotes or footnotes is often time larger in print space than the article itself. This is the standard for articles to be published in this journal. Your own documentation of your discoveries should always occur in such detail so that your research can always be re-traced and proven out by any future family members that will inherit your work. It is also simply the correct thing to do.

The articles are often very "nixed" as a very specific topic. So the average genealogy researcher may not feel they will benefit by reading the article because there is not an obvious "How To" approach being written by the author. But if you try reading an article, you will see copious amounts of "problem-solving" efforts in the article that you can take in account to solve your own research problems.

Give an article a try! Stick with one from beginning to end. You will walk away with some problem-solving aspect of research that you can apply to your own research difficulties.

You can find this most recently published issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves. Read through some of the uniquely documented articles in this issue where the citations aspects of the articles are often larger in scope than the article itself.

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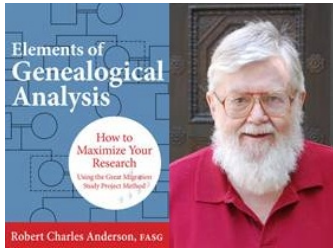
BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a new genealogy book to our circulating collection. The title of the book is ***Elements of Genealogical Analysis: How To Maximize Your Research Using the Great Migration Study Project Method.*** The author of the book is Robert Charles Anderson, FASG. The book was published in 2014. It was added to our circulating collection in September 2014. The call number of the book is 929.1 ANDERSON, R. It will be available to check out from our adult circulating shelves on the 2nd floor of the library.

There was a recent posting in Dick Eastman's Online blog on September 25, 2014 that provided some information about the book and the author. The information was provided by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. I thought it would be helpful for you to be able to gather some background on the book. The blog post information about the book follows after the separator line:

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The following announcement was written by the folks at the New England Historic Genealogical Society:



How to Maximize Your Research Using the Great Migration Study Project Method

September, 23, 2014 – Boston, Massachusetts – New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announces the publication of the latest work by renowned author Robert Charles Anderson, FASG. Detailing the author's process, the work consists of 124 pages of genealogical expertise and principles used throughout his illustrious career.

In his new book, Robert Charles Anderson presents his step-by-step process for solving genealogical problems—a methodology thirty years in the making. Developed by Anderson and perfected through his work as director of the Great Migration Study Project at NEHGS, this systematic approach considers each source, each record, and each possible linkage before making a genealogical conclusion. Clearly defined tools, checklists, and logically ordered steps throughout the book help make this method both accessible and effective. Examples of actual research problems and continuing case studies, accompanied by easy-to-follow diagrams, walk you through steps of effective genealogical analysis.

In the preface, Anderson notes: "I have had this little book in mind for more than thirty years, and would like to record at this point my state of mind in the late 1970s and early 1980s, when it was first conceived. I was at that time quite new to genealogy, and had in the prior decade or so tried my hand at two other 'careers,' military intelligence and molecular biology. These two pursuits, seemingly quite distant from genealogy, provided both the basis for my genealogical skills and the impetus for the writing of a book on methodology."

Robert Charles Anderson is the director of the Great Migration Study Project. He was educated as a biochemist and served in the United States Army in electronics intelligence. In 1972 he discovered his early New England ancestry and thereafter devoted his time and energies to genealogical research. In

1983 he received a master's degree in colonial American history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1978. Anderson was coeditor of The American Genealogist from 1993 to

2012, and he has been an editorial consultant to *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* since 1989.

To order *Elements of Genealogical Analysis*, call NEHGS's Sales Department at 617-888-296-3447, or visit the Society's bookstore website,

<http://www.americanancestors.org/store/>

SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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RootsMagic Adds Direct TMG Import (September 25, 2014)

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The Master Genealogist (TMG) has long been a popular genealogy program for Windows. Unfortunately, on July 29th 2014, Wholly Genes Software announced that they would be discontinuing "The Master Genealogist". See my earlier article at <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/07/29/the-master-genealogist-to-be-discontinued> for details.)

TMG will not stop working without the company's support. However, no new features will ever be added and, in case of a technical difficulty, the company will no longer be able to offer support. Sooner or later, some new version of Windows probably will break the software in The Master Genealogist. The prudent TMG user should start planning now to migrate to another product. There is no need to rush into the migration but I would suggest having a plan NOW to migrate whenever the need does arise.



One option is to convert from TMG to RootsMagic, a popular and powerful competitor to TMG. While data can be transferred to RootsMagic via GEDCOM, TMG loses many details as it exports to GEDCOM including witnesses, roles, source templates, and more. However, a better capability has just been announced.

RootsMagic now has a direct TMG import. That is, RootsMagic can now import data directly from The Master Genealogist without requiring a GEDCOM transfer. The result should be fewer errors. The direct import not only imports basic genealogical information from TMG like names, events, notes, and media, but also imports witnesses (with roles),

source templates, and sentence templates. In fact, RootsMagic has the most complete TMG import available anywhere.

The announcement from RootsMagic does caution, "Of course, due to different data models and template languages, no import can be 100% perfect. But we have prepared a guide to make the transition as smooth as possible."

RootsMagic is also offering TMG users the full version of RootsMagic at the upgrade price of only \$19.95.

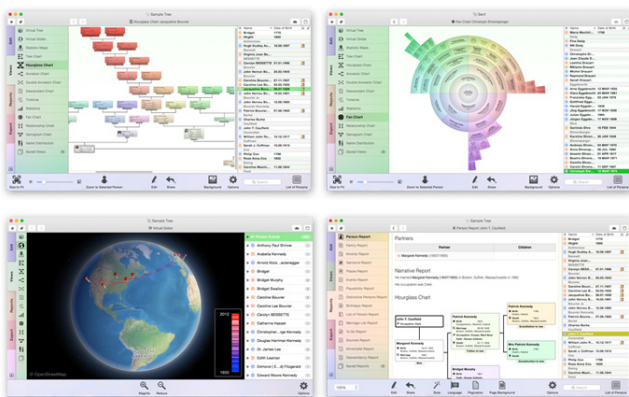
Details may be found at <http://rootsmagic.com/tmg>.

MacFamilyTree and MobileFamilyTree Receive Updates (October 17, 2014)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 17, 2014](#) · [Software](#) · [No Comments](#)

Synium Software has announced updates to both MacFamilyTree for Macintosh and MobileFamilyTree for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch systems.

MacFamilyTree version 7.3 is optimized for Apple's new operating system and adapts Yosemite's sleek styling. MacFamilyTree 7.3 matches OS X Yosemite's new look and will speak to you with a clear visual language and enhanced navigability, making your genealogical research yet more convenient and fun.



MobileFamilyTree 7.3 has been updated to match the capabilities within MacFamilyTree version 7.3. According to Synium Software's announcement, "If you wish to use your iPhone to continue a project you started on your Mac or vice versa, go right ahead! Edit any one person in MobileFamilyTree on your iPhone or iPad, and the same view will open in MacFamilyTree. MacFamilyTree and MobileFamilyTree are in perfect sync! Handoff requires a recent iPhone or iPad with iOS 8 installed, and a recent Mac running OS X Yosemite."

MacFamilyTree 7.3 is a free update for all customers who bought MacFamilyTree 7.0, 7.1 or 7.2. The price for new customers is US\$ 49.99. Also, MobileFamilyTree 7.3 is a free update for all customers who bought MobileFamilyTree 7.0, 7.1 or 7.2. For new customers, the price is US\$ 14.99.

You can read more about these programs at

<http://www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree> and at

<http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree>.

FUNNY BONE

Dick Eastman had a post in his online blog dated September 26, 2014 in which he wanted to share with readers his discovery of a rather unique obituary. It is lengthy, humorous, biting, and irreverent, touching and perhaps written in a manner you might want to consider as your own "send-off" statement when you are no longer present.

Your words cannot be conveyed unless you author them yourself. Or you have to rely upon someone that really knows you and can put great words together on paper for all to read.

You can read it directly below or go to the following link if you want to read it online.

Food for thought on your own last words!

WARNING!! THERE IS STRONG LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE OBITUARY. IT MAY NOT BE FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE EASILY OFFENDED.

RAYMOND ALAN "BIG AL" BROWNLEY

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BROWNLEY, RAYMOND "BIG AL" ALAN
December 30, 1931 - September 21, 2014

Raymond Alan Brownley of Pittsburgh (Ingram Boro), Pennsylvania, died on September 21, 2014, at the age of 82, but his larger-than-life persona and trademark stubbornness will not be forgotten.

He was born on December 30, 1931, in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest son of the late William Franklin Brownley (born on October 28, 1894, in Newtown, Virginia, and died October 1, 1977, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) and Lucille Beverly Fautleroy Brownley (born February 14, 1896, in King William, Virginia, and died October 8,

1956, in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania).

Affectionately known as Big Al by his family and many friends, he was a plumber by trade, a tremendous gardener and avid hunter. He also enjoyed fishing and proudly displayed the stuffed barracuda he caught back in 1965, much to the dismay of his wife, Agnes Bargo Brownley, to whom he was married to for 24 years.

He despised canned cranberry sauce, wearing shorts, cigarette butts in his driveway, oatmeal, loud-mouth know-it-alls, Tabasco sauce, reality TV shows, and anything to do with the Kardashians.

But Big Al had many loves, too. He loved his wife, Agnes Bargo Brownley, who preceded him in death in 1990. He also dearly loved his children and grandchildren. Famously opinionated and short-tempered, Big Al handed these qualities down to his daughter, Jill Ann Brownley of Phoenix, Arizona, a sharp-tongued character in her own right. Attending trade school to be a plumber instead of going to college, Big Al's strong work ethic and keen sense of wisely saving and investing his money live on with his son, Jeffrey Allen Brownley (Jill Shafranek Brownley), of New York. He took extreme pride in his two adorable grandchildren Derek Brownley (5) and Alexis Brownley (3), who affectionately called him Grandpa Al. He also loved milk shakes, fried shrimp, the Steelers, the Playboy channel, Silky's Gentlemens Club, taking afternoon naps in his recliner, hanging out at the [VFW](#), playing poker, eating jelly beans by the handful, and his hunting dogs-his favorite being Holly Hill Rip Van Winkle, a loyal beagle that answered to the nickname of Rip.

Big Al was world-renowned for his lack of patience, not holding back his opinion, and a knack for telling it like it is. He was highly proficient at cursing. He liked four-letter words just about as much as four-wheel drive pick-up trucks. He was a connoisseur of banana cream pie and a firm believer that ham sandwiches should only be served on Mancini's bread. He always told you the truth, even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear. He was generous to a fault, a pussy cat at heart, and yet he sugar-coated absolutely nothing. To quote Winston Churchill: "He was a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma."

His fondness of spaghetti Westerns was only surpassed by his love of bacon, beer and butter pecan ice cream. He fondly reminisced about good friends, good drinks and good times at the Tri-Valley Sportsmens Club in Burgettstown. He was a long-time member of the [Elks Club](#) in McKees Rocks where he frequently bartended and generously donated his tips to charity. Quite a teller of tales, Big Al's elaborate stories often were punctuated with the phrase, "And that's when I kicked his ass." He enjoyed outlaw country music: Waylon, Willie, Hank, Johnny. He was also on a first-name basis with the Four Horsemen of liquor: Jack, Jim, Johnnie and Jose.

Big Al had strong beliefs in which he never waived: dog shit makes the best garden fertilizer; Heinz ketchup does not belong on a hotdog; and PennDOT should be embarrassed of the never-ending construction, detours and potholes on Route 28.

With his love for gardening and passion for hunting, Big Al was locally sourcing his food for decades long before it was the "in thing" to do. While a necessity in his youth growing up during the Depression, this passion for being self-sufficient was carried throughout his whole life. This Depression baby was ahead of his time with "being green," as evidenced by the approximately 87 "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" containers stacked neatly in his kitchen cupboard. The biggest challenge was actually finding the butter in his refrigerator with 13 containers of leftovers that all looked the same.

Big Al was known for his timeless words of wisdom, including "Life is hard; but it's harder if you're stupid" and "Don't be a jackass." He had a life-long ménage à trois with his homemade chili and Gas-X. He had a great fondness for sardines on crackers, stuffed cabbage (which he lovingly called hunky hand grenades), making turtle soup, and eating BLTs. And his famous holiday eggnog had enough whiskey to grow hair on your chest.

Also known as the Squirrel Whisperer, he communicated with the local red-tailed squirrels and fed them peanuts out of his hand. He took pride in his time served in the Navy on the USS San Marcos during the [Korean War](#), often waxing nostalgia that the worst meal he'd ever eaten was Shit on a Shingle (creamed chipped beef on toast). His mantra of a girl in every port often led to a fight in every port. With a stink eye towards organized religion, Big Al was more spiritual than religious and enjoyed reading the Bible before bed each night and watching "church on TV" every Sunday morning.

What he lacked in stature, he compensated with an over-abundance of charisma, charm and feistiness. Big Al took fashion advice from no one. With his trademark white, v-neck t-shirts and strategically coiffed comb-over, his comfort far outweighed any interest in the latest fashion trends. He was well-stocked with white shoe polish to keep his tennis shoes looking pristine for prime rib dinners at Longhorn Steakhouse.

In the last few years, Big Al's short-term memory loss was getting the best of him. On December 29, 2012-the day before his 81st birthday-he had a stroke that was a turning point in the decline of his health. His devout feistiness and stubbornness had served him well throughout his life. And even in his waning months, he was a model of strong will and sheer determination right up until the end of his journey here on earth. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, and bun heads.

Also preceding Big Al in death were his older siblings: William Franklin Brownley Jr., Robert Fauntleroy Brownley, Richard Leonard Brownley, Virginia Lee Brownley Barnes, and Louise Beverly Brownley Kindle.

Tremendous heartfelt thanks go to Stacey Schaeffer and Barb Casey, truly compassionate and exceptional hospice nurses at ViaQuest Hospice, as well as Laniece Butler, who provided much more than just comfort for Big Al, but also provided a sense of humor, peace and tranquility during his transition from this life into the next. Many thanks also to the wonderful staff at Asbury Heights Nursing Home in Mt. Lebanon.

Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Schepner-Mcdermott Funeral Home, Inc., 165 Noble Ave., Crafton, where the Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday with interment to follow, with full military honors, in Mount Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks. In lieu of the traditional Irish Wake, Family and friends are cordially invited to Downey's House Restaurant, 6080 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Twp., PA 15136, for a Celebration of Life Luncheon at Noon for a mandatory shot and a beer, in a final toast in Big Al's honor, the greatest Dad in the world.

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-alan-brownley-big-al&pid=172561140&fhid=9852#sthash.8lvGSZBf.dpuf>

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 "")*

- Nov 11 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2014 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 CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings
SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District
2014 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 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 19, 2014.
WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
2014 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 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2014 PM.

Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.

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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.

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*Jan 17
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 **"The Day That Lived in Infamy: Navigating World War II Military Records"**

Presented by Jennifer Holik

Further information at: www.caggni.org or

P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

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.dcgcs.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

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- 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.
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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.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Feb 21
SAT
2015
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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
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- Mar 10
TUE
2015
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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- Mar 21
SAT
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Topic for the meeting **"What's New in Technology?"**
Presented by Ed Rosenthal
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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
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Apr 14
TUE
2015
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Using FamilySearch.org in Your Family History Research"
Presented by Sandra Trapp.
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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.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

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Topic for the meeting **"Where Did I Put Grandpa? – Organizing For Genealogists"**
Presented by Caron Primas Brennan
Further information at: www.caggni.org or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

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
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- May 12
TUE
2015
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Finishing the Story: Researching World War I Military Records"
Presented by Jennifer Holik.
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- *May 16
SAT
2015
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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
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Topic for the meeting **"Researching at Appomatox Courthouse: Genealogy through the Eyes of the Civil War"**
Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard
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- 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.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Jun 9
TUE
2015
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- 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.
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- 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.

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Sep 8
TUE
2015

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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.

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Nov 10
TUE
2015

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Stories of the Lost; Researching World War II Military Records"

Presented by Jennifer Holik.

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Dec 8
TUE
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