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## December 9, 2014 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our December 9, 2014 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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**Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY (NEW NAME – FORMERLY KNOWN AS NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS) ON JANUARY 3, 2015**

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

(Please note that there is no program offered by the society during December 2014.)

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**.

Does publishing your family history book seem like a daunting task? This talk will help you overcome your fears of writing and publishing your book. Discussion will cover how to generate ideas, find your target audience, set up the book, find publishing companies and how to use Microsoft Word to add special features that may otherwise be overlooked.

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.

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**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT  
REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON JANUARY 21, 2015**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 21, 2015. The program scheduled for that evening is **“Italian Genealogy”**. The speaker for the program will be **Karen Bogdan**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

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

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**Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON JANUARY 17, 2015 AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER (NOT AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY AS IT NORMALLY IS)**

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 17, 2015 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Rd., Arlington Heights IL starting at 10:30 AM. The program scheduled for this day is **"The Day That Lived in Infamy: Navigating World War II Military Records"**. The speaker will be **Jennifer Holik**.

**All the records did not burn!** Learn the basics of how to begin researching your World War II military ancestors. We will explore numerous military records, books, photographs, and family stories.

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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

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**Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON JANUARY 13, 2015**

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, January 13, 2015. Our guest speaker for the evening is Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana. Laura will present a program titled "Archivist's Notebook: Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera".

All of us have some oral history passed to us. Is it true? Maybe, maybe not. Maybe in parts. Maybe with embellishments. Laura's story was "someone went to Brazil to work for the King." She spent years researching that ancestor but it wasn't until she realized she had a physical piece of 'evidence' that gave credence to that 'crazy' story that she was able to break down the wall. The end result is that researchers look at family 'memorabilia' as potential clues to move research forward. It can be pretty much anything from china to buttons to embroidery to furniture; we just have to open our eyes to the possibility.

Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana is a Consulting Archivist, Genealogist, Writer and Lecturer. She earned a BA in Art History with a Certificate in Museum Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Since 2006, she has worked as a Consulting Archivist in a wide variety of Archives from Shure, Inc. to the Union League Club of Chicago where her interest in genealogy was resurrected as she assisted researchers in their efforts to locate information about their relatives. Laura's passion for Archives and Genealogy have combined both through her blog, The Last Leaf On This Branch (<http://thelastleafonthisbranch.blogspot.com/>) and her business From Roots to Leaves (<http://www.fromrootstoleaves.com>), where she provides the services and education to help you research, organize, describe and share your family history materials.

You may visit the library's web page at:

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

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

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

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## Handout #6 – SMART PDF SCANNER PRO FOR IPHONE

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated November 15, 2014.



You can find a dozen or more apps for the iPhone as well as for Android cell phones and tablets that can be used as replacements for desktop scanners. Some of them can save the images as PDF files. I have several such apps installed on my iPhone and have been pleased with them. However, a new product called Smart PDF Scanner Pro claims to be the best of the bunch.

Obviously, almost every new product claims to be better than any of its competitors. However, I installed Smart PDF Scanner Pro on my iPhone and, after an hour or so of testing, I must say it is a good one. This would be a good app to take with you on your next visit to a genealogy library or archive.

The Smart PDF Scanner Pro app features "Advanced Image Processing" that automatically detects the page edges and corrects for perspective. Pick full-color scans, grayscale, or black-and-white for maximum legibility. FlashAssist can take perfect scans even in poor lighting conditions. You can even change the correction and enhancement settings later.

Image processing works on the max 8MP images on the iPhone 5 and newer, and at 1080HD resolution on the older iPhone 4S.

Smart PDF Scanner Pro for iPhone will normally sell for \$4.99 although the announcement shown below says it is on sale for \$2.99 USD at launch. I was surprised when I looked at the iPhone App Store today and found that the app is available free of charge. I have no idea how long it will remain free but I grabbed it immediately just in case the price goes up soon.

Here is the announcement (complete with a claim that the app costs \$2.99) from the producing company, Orayon:

Seattle, Washington – App studio, Orayon today is proud to announce the release and immediate availability of Smart PDF Scanner Pro 1.0 for iOS, its new business app that turns your iPhone into a portable document scanner and organizer. Snap a picture of your document, and Smart PDF Scanner Pro creates a cross-platform

compatible PDF file you can instantly print or send to your colleagues. Use the App to store and organize documents, articles, or travel receipts separately from the Photo Library. Don't worry about your contract forms getting mixed in with vacation photos.

#### Advanced Image Processing:

Smart PDF Scanner Pro makes crystal clear scans. Even full-page articles come out tack-sharp and easy to read. It automatically detects the page edges and corrects for perspective. Pick full-color scans, grayscale, or black-and-white for maximum legibility. FlashAssist can take perfect scans even in poor lighting conditions. You can even change the correction and enhancement settings later. Image processing works on the max 8 MP images on the iPhone 5 and newer, and at 1080 HD resolution on the older iPhone 4S.

#### More Ways To Share:

Export scans as PDFs or images, and email or print directly from the App. Files can also be shared via AirDrop (iOS7 or OSX Yosemite required), or sent to another App. Use this to easily upload to Dropbox, Google Drive, and other cloud services with the corresponding third party App.

#### Easy Color-Coded Organization:

Smart PDF Scanner Pro has an easy-to-use yet powerful tag-based filing system. File scanned documents under custom color-coded categories with just a couple taps. Browse and sort files by category. No need to wrangle with complicated folder systems on your phone. It's the way filing should work.

#### For All Your Scanning Needs:

- Quickly scan and send contracts and forms
- Keep scans of important documents in your pocket, separate from the Photo Library
- Scan all your travel receipts for easy expense reports
- Keep digital copies of your notes and sketches
- Scan articles and send them to iBooks to read on the go
- And more

#### Pro Apps For Professionals:

Smart PDF Scanner Pro uses the latest technologies packed into the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, but is designed to be as easy and fast to use as possible. Intelligent image processing eliminates the need for fiddling with complicated controls. That way, you can focus on getting the job done, and doing what you do best.

#### Device Requirements:

- Designed for iPhone, including iPhone 6 and 6 Plus
- Requires iOS 8.0 or later
- 5 MB

### Pricing and Availability:

Smart PDF Scanner Pro 1.0 is on sale for \$2.99 USD at launch (or equivalent in other currencies) and available worldwide exclusively through the App Store in the Business category.

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### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*The miracles of technology are all around us. The above is just another one of them.*

*I take comfort now that I am about to embark on getting more technologically connected. I always pride myself on keeping up with the "technological Jones'" but for some reason I actually do not yet have a smart phone that would complete the circle for me and my own technology loop. That will soon change as shortly I expect to be the proud owner of a new iPhone 6 Plus. Finally, I will be a smartphone owner.*

*It is interesting that I did come across a recent statistic noting that of all cell phone users today, fully 60% are smartphone users. Yikes! Was I that far behind? I could tell just from interacting with many of you at our monthly programs or visits in my office. Most of you would show me something related to genealogy and it would be on your smartphones, be they iPhone or Android.*

*The time was now right for me to take the plunge. A new large screen iPhone with a newly released iOS system. The time is now and I am ready to join the ranks of so many of you that have been there ahead of me for years.*

*And yes, these new super iPhones and Android phones do have remarkable capabilities that can help us in our genealogy research. Apps like the one mentioned above that allows an iPhone to have a super scanner capability right at your fingertips. Whether you are doing your research at an archive, library, repository, Family History Center, you can just use your smartphone with scan capable apps to take those images of original documents, pages of books, microfilm images or the like.*

*For you more recent iPhone purchasers and users the above App looks tremendous for the newer phones. Yet it also looks like it will work back to the iPhone 4 at a different scale.*

Whether the App above is "free" or \$2.99 or \$4.99, it is a real bargain. Gone will be the days when you will be relying on taking books to a copier and bending the book open to barely get a good copy. Or you might be on a microfilm reader/printer that is not functioning for printing. Or you might be in an archive for which you can only look at an historical book with no ability to make physical copies of pages.

I can't wait to get my new iPhone and all of the capabilities it will begin to offer to me. I waited plenty long to get to this stage. No longer.

For those of you that have been like me in holding off on getting a smart phone, I would encourage you to think that now may be the time for you to switch over just like it was for me. I now look to my soon to be smartphone capabilities in a way as if I have just discovered digital images online versus looking at microfilms on an overhead projector. I may now do so much more research because I will be able to scan what I am looking at with the click of a smartphone button!

Thanks to all of those that were leading the way down this path. I saw how easier things were for your genealogy data and research using the smartphones you often showed me. Thank you for your example. I am soon to be one of you from the Apple iPhone side of the equation.

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## Handout #7 – SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS ISSUED BY WOOLWORTH!

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated November 7, 2014.*

The following article is from <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/misused.html>:



The most misused Social Security Number of all time was

078-05-1120.

In 1938, wallet manufacturer the E. H. Ferree Company in Lockport, New York, decided to promote its product by showing how a Social Security card would fit into its wallets. A sample card, used for display purposes, was inserted in each wallet. Company Vice President and Treasurer Douglas Patterson thought it would be a clever idea to use the actual Social Security Number of his secretary, Mrs. Hilda Schrader Whitcher.

The wallet was sold by Woolworth stores and other department stores all over the country. Even though the card was only half the size of a real card, was printed all in red, and had the word "specimen" written across the face, many purchasers of the wallet adopted the SSN as their own. In the peak year of 1943, 5,755 people were using Hilda's number. The Social Security Administration acted to eliminate the problem by voiding the number and publicizing that it was incorrect to use it. Mrs. Whitcher was given a new number. However, the number continued to be used for many years. In all, over 40,000 people reported this as their SSN. As late as 1977, 12 people were still found to be using the SSN "issued by Woolworth."

Mrs. Whitcher recalled coming back from lunch one day to find her fellow workers teasing her about her new-found fame. They were singing the refrain from a popular song of the day: "Here comes the million-dollar baby from the five and ten cent store."

Although the snafu gave her a measure of fame, it was mostly a nuisance. The FBI even showed up at her door to ask her about the widespread use of her number. In later years she observed: "They started using the number. They thought it was their own. I can't understand how people can be so stupid. I can't understand that."

The New York wallet manufacturer was not the only one to cause confusion about Social Security numbers. More than a dozen similar cases have occurred over the years — usually when someone publishes a facsimile of an SSN using a made-up number. (The Whitcher case is far and away the worst involving a real SSN and an actual person.)

One embarrassing episode was the fault of the Social Security Board itself. In 1940 the Board published a pamphlet explaining the new program and showing a facsimile

of a card on the cover. The card in the illustration used a made-up number of 219-09-9999. Sure enough, in 1962 a woman presented herself to the Provo, Utah, Social Security office, complaining that her new employer was refusing to accept her old Social Security number — 219-09-9999. When it was explained that this could not possibly be her number, she whipped out her copy of the 1940 pamphlet to prove that yes, indeed, it was her number!

**Comments by Tony Kierna**

*I wanted to include this article to add some levity and also to make the point about how the world has turned upside down since 1938.*

*Can you believe that a wallet manufacturer executive thought it would be a great idea to include the likeness of someone's actual Social Security in one of their wallets to showcase how such a card would show through the plastic sleeve for pictures and other various cards. Even today I think we will still find pictures of strangers in our new wallet purchases although not as much as in the past.*

*A publicly identified Social Security number back in 1938 certainly did not have the impact as it would today for identity theft.*

*I think what was more amazing is that by 1943 fully 5,755 people were actually using the Social Security number of Hilda Schrader Witcher who's number was actually used in the wallet insert in 1938. I guess these people thought it was too good a thing to pass up. They did not have to apply for their own number. The card in the wallet sold by Woolworth looked pretty good, even though it said "specimen" and was never intended for actual use. But it did not matter how the made-up card in the wallet looked, it had a real Social Security number on it.*

*Soon after Social Security voided the number and gave Hilda a new number and correctly identified her entitled benefits to the new number. Did that solve the problem?? Even after voiding the number, statistics showed that over 40,000 people had adopted that number for their own use. In fact, as late as 1977, there were still 12 found to be using it!!*

*In a non-computer automated society of the time of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s it is clear that there were no crosschecks like we have today to make these kinds of discoveries more quickly.*

*I love a story like the one above. Innocence and stupidity shown together through one real Social Security number. Try that today and see what havoc you will cause. But it does go to show that no matter how you try to identify something as just an example, someone out there will still not comprehend that either from an innocent point of view or a malicious point of view and will try to "buck the system".*

*I hope you had a chuckle reading this as well as scratching your head thinking who would actually do something so stupid.*

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## Handout #8 – INDIANA TO DIGITIZE 13 MILLION BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS

*The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at [www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) dated October 24, 2014.*

The Indiana Commission on Public Records has approved a contract with Ancestry.com to digitize more than 13 million birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage records, Gov. Mike Pence announced Thursday. The birth and death certificates date back to the early 1900s, according to a news release, and the state's marriage records are from 1958 through 2005.

The digitized versions of those records older than 75 years will start becoming available to Hoosiers in 2015, the release said, with completion expected by 2016.

This partnership saves the State of Indiana more than \$3.2 million—the cost to index, scan, and make accessible the materials, and would have taken the state more than a decade to complete. It also provides another mechanism to both access the records and preserve the remaining originals from excessive use and degradation, and provides an additional copy in case original copies are destroyed. The effort represents the largest online collection of state materials ever digitized, officials said.

The online records will eventually be available free through the State Archives but not initially. There is a three-year embargo so Ancestry.com can recoup its costs, the governor's office said. However, the State Archives will be able to provide public access to the records at its Indianapolis location once the records are digitized.

You can read Gov. Mike Pence's announcement at <http://goo.gl/F712im>.

### **Comments by Tony Kierna**

*For those of you doing Indiana genealogical research, your research ship has "almost" come in. A partnership with Indiana and Ancestry.com will lead to the digitized creation of 13 million birth, marriage and death records. Birth and Death certificate records will go back to the early 1900s and older while the marriage records will be from 1958 to 2005.*

*I get a better picture on how this partnership works. Indiana notes they will save 3.2 million dollars by working with Ancestry.com who will do the actual work. Ancestry.com benefits and recoups its own internal costs to digitize the data by making the data available only through Ancestry.com for 3 years. After 3 years, the data will become freely available through the Indiana State Archives. It does sound like the Indiana State Archives will make available the digitized records as soon as they are available but only at the Indianapolis location of the facility for those doing onsite research.*

*Personal subscribers to Ancestry.com will have access to the data as it becomes available through their subscription. Our library should also have it available through our own Ancestry Library Edition.*

Based on the estimates, increments of the data will start becoming available in 2015 with completion targeted for 2016. *I am always still in amazement as to how 13 million records will take only about 1 year to complete!* I believe that Ancestry.com has this down to a science both from a technology point and also from a negotiating point between them and the agencies they work with to obtain the data. *Note, what Ancestry is targeting for completion in 1 year, the state of Indiana notes it would take itself 10 years or more to digitize!* Of course, they don't mention the cost to them but maybe it would also have cost them 10 times more than what Ancestry negotiates for.

So I say let Ancestry do the work if it is more efficient and cost-effective. Let them recoup their costs by delaying public access for a relatively short 3 year window. *It is also good to see that Ancestry will still make the data available to the Indiana State Archives in Indianapolis as the data becomes available.*

For all of you "Hoosier" researchers 2015 is right around the corner to start seeing some of this data either in your personal Ancestry subscription, a library subscription or in Indianapolis. Your data is almost here!

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## Handout #9 – “GENEALOGY ON THE GO; THE FALL 2014 ROUNDUP OF APPS FOR YOUR RESEARCH”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the October/November 2014, Volume 9, Number 4 issue of Internet Genealogy.

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I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Genealogy on the Go: The Fall 2014 Roundup of Apps for Your Research!” The author of the article is Tony Bandy. Tony is frequently noted with his articles in “Internet Genealogy” as being a technology expert. He frequently provides nice articles throughout the year on many aspects of technology and how that technology interacts as tools to consider for your genealogy research.

This is his annual write-up on this topic.

The article provides information on mobile apps to consider using for your genealogy research. He has divided the information among 3 major categories:

- Creation
- Research
- Non-Traditional

Within each identified app in each category, tony provides the readers with the following pieces of information about the app:

- Name of the App
- More Information about the App such as web address where information can be found.
- Price Range from “free” to dollar cost
- Mobile Environment such as what operating system the app is intended for use e.g. Android, iOS, Windows etc.
- What to Know about the App e.g. a small paragraph or so description of information about the App

For purposes of brevity and transcription, I plan on providing you with the name of the App, website for further info, operating system and cost. This will give you an overview of where to get further info via a website where you can find out more about the App. Short of that, I would encourage you to access this journal and make a personal copy of the article itself for all the full details.

Here are the lists as Tables:

### Creating Your Family History Apps

Name of	More Information	Price Range	Mobile
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App			Environment
Bamboo Paper	<a href="http://www.wacom.com/en/us/everyday/bamboo-paper">www.wacom.com/en/us/everyday/bamboo-paper</a>	Free	Android, iOS, windows Desktop
CamScanner	<a href="http://www.camscanner.com">www.camscanner.com</a>	Free to \$50 per year; subscription	Android, iOS
Day One (Journal and Diary)	<a href="http://dayoneapp.com">http://dayoneapp.com</a>	Free	iOS, OSX
Hi-Q MP# Voice Recorder	<a href="http://www.hiqrecorder.com">www.hiqrecorder.com</a>	Free to \$3.99	Android
Microsoft Office	<a href="http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/mobile">http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/mobile</a>	Free to Subscription	Android, iOS
Pixlr Express	<a href="https://pixlr.com/mobile">https://pixlr.com/mobile</a>	Free	Android, iOS
StoryPress	<a href="http://storypress.com">http://storypress.com</a>	Free	iOS

### **Researching Your Family History**

Name of App	More Information	Price Range	Mobile Environment
BillionGraves	<a href="http://billiongraves.com/pages/help/mobiledevice.php">http://billiongraves.com/pages/help/mobiledevice.php</a>	Free	Android, iOS
FamilySearch Family Tree	<a href="http://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-introduces-moble-apps">http://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-introduces-moble-apps</a>	Free	Android, iOS
MobileFamilyTree	<a href="http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree">http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree</a>	\$14.99	iOS
MyHeritage	<a href="http://www.myheritage.com/myceleb?mode=site">www.myheritage.com/myceleb?mode=site</a>	Free	Android, iOS
RootsMagic	<a href="http://www.rootsmagic.com/app">www.rootsmagic.com/app</a>	Free	Android, iOS
Shoebox	<a href="http://shoebox.ancestry.com">http://shoebox.ancestry.com</a>	Free	Android, iOS
TombFinder	<a href="http://www.tombfinder.com">www.tombfinder.com</a>	Free	iOS

### **Non-Traditional Sources**

Bomb Sight	<a href="http://www.bombsight.org">www.bombsight.org</a>	Free	Android
HistoryPin	<a href="http://www.historypin.com/app">www.historypin.com/app</a>	Free	Android, iOS, windows Phone
Pinterest	<a href="http://blog.pinterest.com/post/75810798876/a-more-mobile-pinterest">http://blog.pinterest.com/post/75810798876/a-more-mobile-pinterest</a>	Free	Android, iOS
Today's Document	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/social-media/mobile-apps.html">www.archives.gov/social-media/mobile-apps.html</a>	Free	Android, iOS

The author also included a small listing of website locations to visit that can provide you with information about new Apps in general as they are created. Within these sites you can see new developments as they occur rather than in a "once in a year"

review as the author has done with this article. Sites mentioned by the author to check throughout the year were:

- Lifehacker @ <http://lifehacker.com/tag/mobile-apps>
- The Next Web @ <http://thenextweb.com/apps>
- Mashable @ <http://mashable.com/category/mobile-apps>

I encourage you to look at the full article and make a personal copy for this nice listing of current mobile Apps that help you in genealogy research regardless of you using an Android phone or an iPhone. There may be something out there for you that you are not even aware of. Unfortunately, there was simply too much information for me to incorporate in this small review of the article other than the key points I included in the above tables to get you to further information.

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## Handout #10 – “PERSI’S NEW HOME”

*The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the October/November 2014, Volume 9, Number 4 issue of Internet Genealogy.*

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I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled “PERSI’s New Home”. The author of the article is Carol Richey.

PERSI stands for PERiodical Source Index. It was created by the Allen County Public Library. The product makes available information to genealogical journals from around the world that are in the collection of the Allen County Public Library. It allows a researcher to search the database by Surname, Location and Keyword. Results that are found correlate to an article in a genealogical journal that is in the possession of the Allen County Public Library. The researcher sees that a search term is available in a journal title or other abstract information about the journal article. The search is not an all-word search within the text of the article.

You can obtain a copy of the full-text article directly from the Allen County Public Library for a fee of \$7.50 for up to 6 articles. As an alternative you may want to see what local library to you might have the journal. You can then visit that library and make your own copy. Another alternative is to have your local library Interlibrary Loan person obtain a copy of the article for you through their interlibrary loan system.

The PERSI system has sort of been under the radar over the last few years. It had a presence formerly on Heritage Quest for online access. Then it moved to Ancestry.com. Years ago it disappeared from Ancestry.com and has simply not been visible with any online database of late. Now it has announced a partnership with FindMyPast.com and will soon be visible via that online database at <http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>.

An initial drawback of this new partnership is that FindMyPast is a subscribable site. In order to get access to the details of your searching of PERSI material you will need to have a subscription to FindMyPast. It does appear that you can “Pay As You Go” at the site and not necessarily subscribe on a monthly or yearly basis to obtain material. Using this method, you can sign up for “100” credits at \$13.95 that are good for 90 days. It looks like PERSI article access when not subscribed to FindMyPast is 5 credits per image and/or 5 credits per transcribed PDF image.

Another complication initially is that FindMyPast does not offer a commercial subscription product to libraries. Only individuals can subscribe to the service. However, FindMyPast has recently announced that it will be developing a commercial product for libraries in the future. This would mean that we could subscribe to its service at a future date that would allow access to their data, including PERSI, at some point in the future. Unknown at this time is whether any commercial product development would allow access from home for users or access from only within the library similar to Ancestry.com. We will just have to wait and see.

On the plus side of PERSI now being associated with FindMyPast is the development that the researcher will be able to have access to digital images of the actual journal articles where "hits" are made. This is by no means an across the board access as all of the material has to be digitized and included in the PERSI database. Most researchers will see small access to material initially and more being made available digitally over time. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is working with FindMyPast and the Allen County Public Library to have its members involved digitize the materials that exist. Digitized image access to PERSI has not existed in the past. You had to ask for a copy of the image at a cost directly from the Allen County Public Library or find the journal yourself and make your copy or work with your Interlibrary Loan Librarian at your local library. Being able to see your results almost instantly as digitized images of journal articles is an incredible development within this product that will take some time to complete. At that time you can get instant gratification and see the articles of interest to you rather than wait weeks to obtain paper copies of the articles from outside sources.

FindMyPast is also developing more search options and the inclusion of filters to include in your search to minimize extraneous hits. FindMyPast also plans on updating PERSI on a quarterly basis with new materials. Routine timely updates do not seem to have been happening of late within PERSI.

This news is definitely promising. It will even be better if libraries will have the ability to purchase a subscription to FindMyPast in the future. And digitizing all of these articles is also something to really look forward to. Subscribing to FindMyPast is not necessary to access PERSI material. You can use the Pay As You Go feature at the site and minimize your costs in that manner rather than with a monthly subscription of \$9.95 or a yearly subscription at the rate of \$8.29 per month.

Give the "new" PERSI a try at its new home. You can still search it and see if any hits look promising to you. You will at least know the journal name and issue of something that looks good to you and you can still try to obtain a copy of the article in the manner you would today as noted above.

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