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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:

#### akierna@stdl.org

Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390. I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library. The FAX number in Reference is 847-923-3335.

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Reference Office should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township Dis	strict Library
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# JANUARY 13, 2014 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

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

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 <a href="http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com">http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com</a> for all things related to genealog	у
and the genealogy programs at the Schaumburg Township District Library.	

# 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 <u>Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy</u> by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow <u>Unpuzzling Your Past</u> is <u>The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook</u> 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!?

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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.

#### SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter October 24, 2014, October 29, 2014, October 30, 2014, November 7, 2014, November 10, 2014, November 11, 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 <a href="http://www.eogn.com">http://www.eogn.com</a>.

Indiana to Digitize 13 Million Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates (October 24, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman · October 24, 2014 · Current Affairs · 5 Comments</u>

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 <a href="http://goo.gl/F712im">http://goo.gl/F712im</a>.

Research at DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Library Now Free to the Public (October 29, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman · October 29, 2014 · Current Affairs · 14 Comments</u>

The following announcement was written by the folks at the DAR Library:

The DAR Library, one of the country's premier genealogical research facilities, is now FREE to all researchers. In October, the entrance fee for use of the Washington, D.C. family history library was eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.

"We are so pleased to be able to now offer the DAR Library resources free of charge," says Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. "We invite and encourage anyone who may have been deterred in the past by the usage fee to come visit and explore our vast holdings. You never know what you may be able to discover about your family at the DAR Library."

From novices to professionals, the DAR Library offers a wealth of unique materials for researchers of all levels. Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.

Further details may be found at:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Proposes to Expand Requests for Tombstone Markers on Behalf of Deceased Veterans (October 30, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman</u> · <u>October 30, 2014</u> · <u>Current Affairs</u>, <u>Legal Affairs</u> · <u>6 Comments</u>

On October 1, 2014, the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published, in the Federal Register, a proposed rule to amend the existing definition of eligible applicants by expanding the types of individuals who may request headstones or markers on behalf of decedents. The amendment addresses concerns that the existing applicant definition is too restrictive and results in identified Veteran gravesites going unmarked.

Those wishing to review and comment on the proposed changes are encouraged to do so by searching for "National Cemetery Administration" or "2900-AO95" at www.regulations.gov. Comments must be received on or before December 1, 2014.

Details may be found at <a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/features.asp#2">http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/features.asp#2</a>.

My thanks to newsletter reader GR Gordon for telling me about the proposal.

### Social Security Cards Issued by Woolworth (November 7, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman · November 7, 2014 · Legal Affairs · 6 Comments</u>

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



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!

#### Announcement: The Surname Society (November 10, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman · November 10, 2014 · Announcements, Societies · 2 Comments</u>

A new society has just been announced: **The Surname Society**. It sounds like a competitor to the already-existing Guild of One-Name Studies. It should be interesting to see if the new organization grows and becomes popular.

Here is the announcement:

#### NEW SOCIETY LAUNCHES at <a href="http://surname-society.org">http://surname-society.org</a>

The founder members are delighted to announce the launch of The Surname Society – the online society for individuals, groups and associations with an interest in surname studies, regardless of their location in the world, the surname they are studying, or their level of research expertise.



Focusing on single surname studies, the society meets the needs of researchers in the world of family history and genealogy as it evolves in the 21st century. The Surname Society's vision is to connect like-minded people by providing facilities which enable members to share knowledge, data and good practice with others. The society allows members to register both worldwide and limited studies and is entirely online. Collaboration is facilitated and encouraged as it is the core ethos of The Surname Society.

Surname researchers collect data relating to all name bearers, either on a global or restricted basis. The society does not mandate study methods and members are encouraged to develop their own approach to the investigation of their surname to advance their knowledge and expertise in areas such as etymology, DNA, name collection and family reconstruction. The Surname Society will help and advise inexperienced members on ways to conduct their study and how to avoid the pitfalls which can occur!

A truly global organisation from the outset, the committee members are located around the world from Australia to England, Spain and Canada and in the first week since its announcement to those who completed the online questionnaire, the society has almost one hundred new and enthusiastic members.

The cost of membership to The Surname Society is just £5 per annum with no hidden extras. You can register as many names as you want on either a restricted or worldwide basis, collaborate with others, share in the educational opportunities offered and a plethora of resources in the Members' area of the website including a fascinating quarterly e-newsletter and the School of Surnames, with many other developments in the pipeline in due course.

So, what are you waiting for? Take a look at the website and if you are interested, join!

Find Your Family's World War I Veterans in New, Free Military Collections Online on FamilySearch (November 11, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman</u> · <u>November 11, 2014</u> · <u>Online Sites</u> · <u>2 Comments</u>

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

Family Search
SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 10, 2014 — Veterans' Day is a time to recognize the veterans in our lives—to honor their service for our country and show them that we appreciate their sacrifices made in our behalf. "The Great War," World War I, began 100 years ago and later ended on November 11, 1918. In commemoration of Veteran's Day, FamilySearch.org has announced the addition of three free World War I collections containing information on the millions of American and British citizens who served and registered for military service between 1914 and 1920. These vital genealogical resources were made available in collaboration with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington DC, The National Archives in Kew, Surrey, England, and findmypast.com.

These resources include the free <u>United States World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918</u>. This collection "acts like a national census," notes FamilySearch collection manager Ken Nelson, "because it includes over 24 million records representing almost half of the male population of the United States at the time." Out of those who registered, approximately 4.8 million served and 2.8 million were drafted.

"Included in the draft registration cards," said Nelson, "we can find such notables as Babe Ruth, entertainer/musician George M. Cohan, immigrant Metropolitan tenor Enrico Caruso, and silent film star Charlie Chaplin, answering the call to arms alongside our own ancestors."

FamilySearch has also made two additional significant WWI collections available online for free with the help of The National Archives in Surrey, England, and findmypast.com. These resources include the <u>United Kingdom WWI Service Records 1914-1920</u> collection and the <u>United Kingdom WWI Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Records 1917-1920</u> collection. These two collections combined add more than 43 million images to FamilySearch's growing military databases while allowing users a unique glimpse into their connection to The War to End All Wars.

#### 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.

# LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

<u>Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society</u> (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 Yuil. (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, January 21, 2015. The program scheduled for that evening is "Italian Genealogy". The speaker for the program will be Karen Bogdan. (Please note that there is no program offered by the society during the month of December 2014.)

You may visit the society's web page at:

#### www.dcgs.org

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

# http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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#### Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 17, 2015 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, 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. (Please note that there is no regular program offered by the society during the month of December 2014.)

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

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#### FamilyTreeNow Adds Several New Improvements (November 5, 2014)

<u>Dick Eastman</u> · <u>November 5, 2014</u> · <u>Online Sites</u> · <u>One Comment</u>

I wrote a month or so ago about a new web site called <u>FamilyTreeNow</u>. 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." You can read my earlier article at <a href="http://goo.gl/kuMe1p">http://goo.gl/kuMe1p</a>. Now the owners of the web site have added a lot of new functionality, including:



<u>User accounts</u>. You can login with a local account, or for more convenience, you can also login securely with your Facebook or Google account.

<u>Save Records</u>: You can now save individual records and view them in your account manager.

<u>Search History</u>: If you are signed in we automatically save all of your searches. You can view your searches (and delete them) in your account manager. Once you start digging into a particular individual it becomes really easy to run lots of searches or go off on tangents. Pretty soon you may lose track of what you were doing. This will help you stay more organized.

Added "Related Records": This is a powerful new feature that can help automatically find other records for this individual. When you are viewing a record detail, just click the related records button and it will return other records that are most likely to be for the same person. This really helps you find all the records for a person without having to do tons of manual searches or scroll through endless lists of results. An example usage scenario: You are viewing a census record for an individual and click related records. It will bring up all census records for this person from other census decades, birth records, death records, and even living people records if there are any.

Added the ability to filter census records by census decade.

Added better source information for census records. The FamilyTreeNow web site will now show the source all the way to the sheet and line number in many cases. The web site has all the original images for the 1940 Census available for viewing.

Added Puerto Rico and Guam for census and living people searches.

Improved the census search so now more records will be surfaced. If you were having trouble finding certain people give it a try now, there's a good chance they will be returned now.

Improved birth year search: The change automatically expands the birth year by +/1 year to account for people who don't know the exact birth year. Plus there are quite a few census records where the birth year is just an estimate (and wrong) so expanding the range will help find those types of records. The results are sorted with best matches at the top.

<u>Print button on all record details</u>. You can now more easily print records with the click of a button.

FamilyTreeNow may be found at http://www.FamilyTreeNow.com.

#### How to Find a Lot of Personal Information about Anyone (November 13, 2014)

Dick Eastman · November 13, 2014 · Current Affairs · 23 Comments

Subtitle: How Anyone can Find a Lot of Personal Information about You

**NOTE:** This article is being cross-posted both here and in my new <u>Privacy Blog</u> as this subject seems applicable to both.

Numerous online sites have been available for years that sell personal information about you or about anyone else in the United States. However, one site seems to take this "service" to new heights: <a href="InstantCheckmate.com">InstantCheckmate.com</a>. The service isn't free, but it is low-cost. The service is available to anyone with a credit card and an Internet connection.

Instant Checkmate collects and sells an amazing amount of information about U.S. residents, including criminal records, court appearances (even where the person was judged innocent or if the case was dropped), charitable contributions, sex offender databases, information you provided on social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and many more), professional and business licenses, real estate transactions, and even appraisals of real estate owned, voter registration records, employment records, marriage records, birth records (including birth records of the children of the person in question), residential addresses, and more.

When I did a search on my own name, Instant Checkmate found all sorts of information about me, including my FAA-issued pilot's license.

Question: Do you want others to know all about you?

Instant Checkmate also provides the names and addresses of sex offenders who live near the person in question. Yes, you can pay for a search on yourself to see what information Instant Checkmate has about you, and the company will then provide the names and addresses of sex offenders who live near you. Of course, sex offender information is available elsewhere (free of charge) at the U.S. Department of Justice web site at <a href="http://www.nsopw.gov">http://www.nsopw.gov</a> as well as on a number of other web sites as well.

So where does Instant Checkmate obtain all this information? The answer is "from legal sources as all of it is collected from public records." If you post information or a picture of your newly-born child on Facebook, that information is available to everyone, including to Instant Checkmate and other companies that collect personal information. Court records are public, as are real estate transactions, birth records, marriage records, death records, and much more.

**NOTE:** There may be a discussion about birth and marriage records. Some government agencies may restrict access to governmental records of births and marriages for a number of years, but anyone can still legally obtain the same information from newspaper announcements and other sources. Some states even restrict access to the states' death records, but funeral homes usually submit the same information to newspapers and to Legacy.com and other publishers of obituaries. Anyone, including Instant Checkmate, may legally obtain the information from these publicly-available sources even without access to government records.

In short, Instant Checkmate compiles reports from millions of public records, including social media web sites, newspapers, all sorts of web sites, and also from federal, state and local governments. All of the information contained in Instant Checkmate's reports is part of what is referred to as the "public record."

As you might expect, obtaining a report from Instant Checkmate costs money. However, there appears to be no way of obtaining a single report for a one-time fee. Instead, Instant Checkmate requires the user to sign up for a subscription. That is, the user gets charged every month and, in return, can obtain a number of reports about different people every month. The monthly fees are:

- \$22.86/month provides reports about an unlimited number of people for one month.
- \$14.86/month provides reports about an unlimited number of people for 3 months.
- \$9.86/month provides reports about an unlimited number of people for 6 months.

Sound confusing? Here is the statement from the payment page on the Instant Checkmate web site:

"To get unlimited reports, select a one-month membership for \$22.86, a three-month membership for \$44.58 (\$14.86/mo), or a six-month membership for \$59.16 (\$9.86/mo). Your membership will automatically renew for the same term unless you cancel before the start of the next term. Instant Checkmate will charge the recurring membership fee of \$22.86, \$44.58, or \$59.16 (depending on the membership option you select) to the same card you use today until you cancel. To cancel, call 1-866-490-5980 24 hours a day."

A different page on the same web site says:

"Your five day \$1.00 trial lasts until [5 days from today]. If you would like to cancel before the trial ends, you may do so for any reason and you will not be charged again. Simply call 1-866-490-5980 to speak with one of our Customer Service Representatives 24 hours a day. Otherwise, your trial membership will end on [5 days from today], at which time you will be charged the standard monthly rate of \$29.63. Your membership will automatically renew every 30 days thereafter until you cancel."

I find it interesting that the pricing on the web site says a one-month subscription costs \$22.86 but on a different page on the same web site states, "...at which time you will be charged the standard monthly rate of \$29.63."

So... If I sign up now, Instant Checkmate will charge my credit card every month forever and ever until I call them on the phone to cancel? Does the company make it easy for a caller to cancel? Or are they like AOL, which makes it almost impossible to cancel? I have no experience with Instant Checkmate, but I well remember the experience with AOL: being routed all over the company by transfers from one department to another, listening to music on hold for extended periods of time, and eventually being sent to voice mail from which I never received a call back.

Again, I have no experience with Instant Checkmate. However, based on my previous experiences with other companies that make it almost impossible to cancel an automatic renewal on my credit card, I am always suspicious. I gave Instant Checkmate a "virtual credit card number" that allows for a maximum charge of \$30 and also expires next month. The company will not be able to renew the charge without my approval. You may or may not want to do the same.

**NOTE:** I will write in the near future about how to easily obtain a "virtual credit card number" that expires on the date that you specify and will have a maximum charge amount that you specify.

Is Instant Checkmate worth the money? I suspect the answer will vary from one person to another. The company certainly provided a lot of information for the money I paid. However, I consider the method of automatically-renewing credit card charges to be a shoddy business practice. I only do businesses with companies like that when I can use a "virtual credit card number" where I control all future charges.

I certainly am not comfortable with the fact that all my information is available to anyone who can spend \$22.86. How about you?

# **PERIODICAL NEWS**

# Internet Genealogy

We have received the October/November 2014, Volume 9, Number 4 issue of <u>Internet Genealogy</u>.

Key articles in this issue are:

### "Finding Your Dutch Ancestors Online"

By Yvette Hoitink

Yvette Hoitink shares websites and tips to help you find your ancestors from the Netherlands.

# "Genealogy on the Go: The Fall 2014 Roundup of Apps for Your Mobile Research!"

By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the latest crop of Apps to help you manage and collect your family history data on those mobile devices.

### "PERSI's New Home"

By Carol Richey

Carol Richey updates us on the PERiodical Source Index, available on FindMyPast.com.

#### "Chasing Poncho Villa"

By David A. Norris

David A. Norris examines genealogical records of the 1916 Mexican border campaign.

#### "Tattoo You: Social Security Number Tattoos"

By Gena Philibert Ortega

Gena Philibert Ortega examines the practice of using tattoos to record Social Security numbers during the 1930s and 1940s.

# "One Man Bands - Playing Another Genealogical Tune"

By Karen Evans

Karen Evans examines some useful websites in the UK that can help you add depth to your ancestor's life.

#### "Deciphering Old Script"

By Carol Richey

Carol Richey looks at resources for helping genealogists to overcome the numerous challenges faced when examining old documents.

#### "oTranscribe"

By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard looks at a handy tool that makes transcribing audio or video recordings a breeze!

#### "In Search of an Australian Ancestor"

By Gabrielle Morgan

Gabrielle Morgan scours the pages of Australian newspapers to uncover the Story of her grandmother's brother, The Reverend Thomas Moore Campbell.

#### "A Closer Look: Heredis 2014 for Windows"

By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at the latest Windows-based release from an established genealogy software.

#### "How Careful Are You with Your Information?"

By Dave Obee

Also included in this journal is a section titled "Websites Worth Surfing". This section highlights with lengthy description websites of note for the genealogy researcher. David A. Norris, the author of this section, provides a good amount of text description of the sites to give the reader some good insights on what can be found there that may help them with their research. Sometimes you just take a look at some of these interesting sites even if there is no direct connection to your own research. They are just interesting on their own!

Sites mentioned in this section are:

Research and "Visit" Historic and Modern Bridges @ <a href="http://Bridgehunter.com">http://Bridgehunter.com</a>

For Civil War and Railroad Enthusiasts @ www.csa-railroads.com

A Database of American Boats @ www.boatinfoworld.com/searchindex.asp

Maps and More from Great Britain @ <a href="http://visionofbritain.org">http://visionofbritain.org</a>

Finding Fonts @ www.myfonts.com/WhatTheFont/

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 to use 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 App	More Information	Price Range	Mobile
			Environment
Bamboo	www.wacom.com/en/us/everyday/bamboo-	Free	Android, iOs,

Paper	paper		windows Desktop
CamScanner	www.camscanner.com	Free to \$50	Android, iOs
		per year;	
		subscription	
Day One	http://dayoneapp.com	Free	iOS, OSX
(Journal and			
Diary)			
Hi-Q MP#	www.hiqrecorder.com	Free to \$3.99	Android
Voice			
Recorder			
Microsoft	http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/mobile	Free to	Android, iOS
Office		Subscription	
PixIr Express	https://pixlr.com/mobile	Free	Android, iOS
StoryPress	http://storypress.com	Free	iOS

Researching Your Family History

Name of App	More Information	Price Range	Mobile Environmen t
BillionGraves	http://billiongraves.com/pages/help/mobiledevice.php	Free	Android, iOS
FamilySearch Family Tree	http://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch- introduces-moble-apps	Free	Android, iOS
MobileFamilyTre e	http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree	\$14.9 9	iOS
MyHeritage	www.myheritage.com/myceleb?mode=site	Free	Android, iOS
RootsMagic	www.rootsmagic.com/app	Free	Android, iOS
Shoebox	http://shoebox.ancestry.com	Free	Android, iOS
TombFinder	www.tombfinder.com	Free	iOS

**Non-Traditional Sources** 

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

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 @ <a href="http://lifehacker.com/tag/mobile-apps">http://lifehacker.com/tag/mobile-apps</a>

- The Next Web @ <a href="http://thenextweb.com/apps">http://thenextweb.com/apps</a>
- Mashable @ <a href="http://mashable.com/category/mobile-apps">http://mashable.com/category/mobile-apps</a>

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.

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 <u>PER</u>iodical <u>Source Index</u>. 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 <a href="http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index">http://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index</a>.

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.

This is another good issue of Internet Genealogy. It is filled with many varied
articles some of which can help your own personal research. Look at the article titles Inotec
above to see what interests you. You can find the full journal on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of our library
on the magazine shelves.

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#### **BOOKS IN PRINT**

We have added a newly published genealogy book to our circulating collection. The title of the book is *Guide to Hanover Military Records*, *1514–1866*, *on Microfilm at the Family History Library*. The author of the book is Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG.

Teresa has been a speaker at some of our genealogy programs over the last few years. Her specialty area of genealogy knowledge is Germanic genealogy.

The book was published in 2014 and was added to our collection in October 2014. It is available to check out from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor circulating collection. The call number of the book is 929.1 MCMILLIN, T. The book consists of 468 pages.

If your own Germanic research connects to the Hanover area of Germany, you may want to at least be aware that this resource exists for you. Your Hanover ancestors may have been involved in the military of this area in the past. The book can identify for you all of the microfilms in the possession of the Family History Library that could be resources for you for that Hanover military ancestor.

The following announcement about the book was written by Lind Street Research, the genealogy business that Teresa is affiliated with:

INVERNESS, ILLINOIS, August 1, 2014 – Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Certified Genealogist<sup>SM</sup> and German research expert, is proud to announce the publication of *Guide to Hanover Military Records*, *1514–1866*, *on Microfilm at the Family History Library*. Military records for the former Kingdom of Hanover in Germany can include a soldier's date and place of birth, his father's name, and widows' pensions. This publication is the only English-language guide to this gold mine of information for genealogists. With this guide, a researcher can quickly determine all available records for a regiment and time period and know where to find them in the Family History Library's (FHL) microfilm holdings in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The records in this collection span 130 rolls of FHL microfilm and go beyond simply listing names of soldiers. In addition to the typical details in the muster rolls, transfers to and from other companies provide clues to additional muster rolls to review. The many other types of records in this collection include regimental journals, pension data, marriage consents, field church books, and even horse muster rolls, including physical descriptions of the horses and the names of the soldiers who rode them, and much, much more.

Easy to use, this guide is organized chronologically and includes brief historical overviews at the beginning of each major section. The book explains the history of the former Kingdom of Hanover and includes a detailed explanation of how to use this guide, demonstrated with examples.

This guide book is a must-have for anyone researching ancestors from the former Kingdom of Hanover in Germany.

"McMillin has produced a thorough, detailed guide to the soldiers' records, geography, and military history of the Kingdom of Hanover. Her book is the key that unlocks the puzzle of which microfilm your ancestor's military record is found among the 130 Hanover military microfilms at the Family History Library." — **Ernest Thode** 

"Until now this collection has hardly been touched by family historians, mostly because of the difficulties associated with locating the...microfilms. It's an incredibly helpful work." – **Baerbel Johnson** 

"The 400+ pages of this guide will save any genealogical or historical researcher dozens of frustrating hours trying to find valuable information in this collection. Although painstakingly detailed, it is ridiculously easy to use." — **Michael Lacopo** 

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Certified Genealogistsm has had a life-long passion for genealogy. In 2006, Teresa founded Lind Street Research, a company dedicated to helping clients trace their German ancestry. Since then, she has helped many people discover their family history. Teresa also writes family history books and is a popular speaker for local and national genealogical societies, sharing her knowledge with the genealogical community.

# **SOFTWARE/HARDWARE**

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 7, 2014 and November 15, 2014 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2014. They are republished here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <a href="http://www.eogn.com">http://www.eogn.com</a>

# Announcing GEDCOM File Finder (November 7, 2014)

Visit www.hanovermilitary.com for more details.

<u>Dick Eastman</u> · <u>November 7, 2014</u> · <u>Software</u> · <u>4 Comments</u>

Louis Kessler writes:



I am releasing a freeware program I am calling GEDCOM File

Finder. You can find it at: <a href="https://www.beholdgenealogy.com/gedcomfilefinder">www.beholdgenealogy.com/gedcomfilefinder</a>.

It's a nice little program that does just one thing: It finds and classifies all the GEDCOM files (or GEDCOM variants) on your computer. It is simple and only has one screen, allowing you to set the starting directory, filter the filename and include files that contain some desired text. Then it displays important information about the files it finds, and allows you to load any file with your default program that opens .ged files (usually your genealogy software), or let you use your default text editor to view the GEDCOM file directly.

You'll find it useful if you have more than a few GEDCOMs on your computer. ... or if you forgot where on your computer you put some of them.

You might be surprised and find a few files you didn't even know you had.

You can read Louis' full announcement at

http://www.beholdgenealogy.com/blog/?p=1424.

#### Smart PDF Scanner Pro for iPhone (November 15, 2015)

<u>Dick Eastman · November 15, 2014 · Software · 4 Comments</u>



Click on the image above to view a full-size PDF image of the same page

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. Click on the image to the right to view a full size PDF image created with the new app. 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, Qrayon:

Seattle, Washington – App studio, Qrayon 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.

#### <u>Advanced Image Processing:</u>

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 form 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.

#### <u>Device Requirements:</u>

- 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.

Orayon
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#### **FUNNY BONE**

Here is some genealogy humor I found at:

http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~families/halsey/humor.html

Genealogy: where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." .. Chinese Proverb "He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." .. Old English Proverb If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance. -- George Bernard Shaw "Adam and Eve must have found genealogy very boring." When I go to the other side and meet my ancestors, I am going to ask them, "Now just where did you go after the 1880 census" Genealogists diet: "Fiche and Ships topped with tantalizing Sources." The black sheep keeps the best info on the family. Whoever said Seek and Ye shall find was NOT a genealogist! What do you mean my grandparents didn't have any kids?

# **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 "\*")

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Dec 9 TUE 2014	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <a href="http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com">http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com</a>
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 <a href="https://www.nwsgenealogy.org">www.nwsgenealogy.org</a>
Jan 13 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  "An Archivist's Notebook: Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera"  Presented by Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana.  Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <a href="http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com">http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com</a>
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: <a href="www.caggni.org">www.caggni.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.dcgs.org">www.dcgs.org</a> .

Society blog at <a href="http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/">http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/</a> DuPage County History Museum website at <a href="https://www.dupageco.org/museum">www.dupageco.org/museum</a>

Feb 7 Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 7, 2015. "Evernote for Genealogy". (Live Webinar) SAT Presented by Thomas MacEntee 2015 Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at www.nwsgenealogy.org Feb 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 2015 "Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory" Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <a href="http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com">http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com</a> Feb 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. WED 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. 2015 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 <a href="https://www.dcgs.org">www.dcgs.org</a>. Society blog at <a href="http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/">http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/</a> DuPage County History Museum website at <a href="https://www.dupageco.org/museum">www.dupageco.org/museum</a> Feb 21 CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District SAT 2015 Library 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. (Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.) Topic for the meeting "Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives: What Is In It? Everything!" Presented by George Findlen Further information at: www.cagqni.org or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567 Mar 7 Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 7, 2015. SAT "Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine". 2015 Presented by Paul MIIner 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 4 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 4, 2015. "Swab Your Cheek: How to Make the Most of DNA Kinship Results". Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at <a href="https://www.nwsgenealogy.org">www.nwsgenealogy.org</a>
Apr 14 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  "Using FamilySearch.org in Your Family History Research" Presented by Sandra Trapp. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <a href="http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com">http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com</a>
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 <a href="www.dcgs.org">www.dcgs.org</a> . Society blog at <a href="http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/">http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/</a> DuPage County History Museum website at <a href="www.dupageco.org/museum">www.dupageco.org/museum</a>
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#### For Genealogists"

Presented by Caron Primas Brennan

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May 2 Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 2, 2015.

SAT "Researching Colonial American Ancestors".

2015 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 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

2015 PM

"Finishing the Story: Researching World War I Military Records"

Presented by Jennifer Holik.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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May 16 CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings

SAT held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District

2015 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 "Researching at Appomatox Courthouse:

Genealogy through the Eyes of the Civil War"

Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard

Further information at: <a href="https://www.caggni.org">www.caggni.org</a> or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

May 20 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

WED Wheaton Public Library (Lower Level) 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

2015 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 <a href="https://www.dcgs.org">www.dcgs.org</a>.

Society blog at <a href="http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/">http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/</a>

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

Jun 9 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

2015 PM

Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.

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Jul 14 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

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

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