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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 1:00 PM in the Reference Office should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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OCTOBER 13, 2015 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, October 13, 2015.

The topic for this program is titled "Sound Research Practices: Sources and Citations". The presenter for this program is Ginger Frere.

If you're a beginning genealogist or have ever scratched your head trying to identify a document in your old research files, this session is for you. Learn the basics of evaluating a document and the information it contains. Find out how to cite sources appropriately. Resources to guide you in becoming a better genealogist will also be discussed.

A life-long Chicagoan, Ginger Frere MBA, MLIS, has been involved in family history for over 20 years. She has an extensive technical and training background with years of experience introducing people to technology.

In addition to working with private clients, speaking and teaching seminars, Ginger is a reference librarian in the Genealogy and Local History Section at the Newberry Library in Chicago, where her responsibilities include providing reference services and working on digital projects. She is co-director of ChicagoAncestors.org, a free website for finding and sharing historical information about Chicago.

Ginger has attended the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) as well as the Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

She is a member of the Chicago Genealogical Society, the Illinois Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

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

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

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 200 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 1,607 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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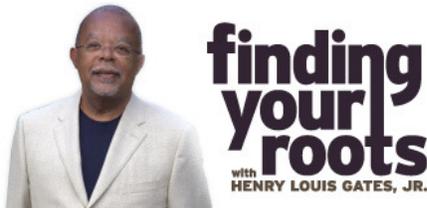
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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter June 29, 2015, July 2, 2015, July 6, 2015, July 8, 2015, July 10, 2015, July 15, 2015 and are copyright 2015 by Richard W. Eastman.   They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com.

'Finding Your Roots' will Return on PBS for Third Season (August 3, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 3, 2015 · Video & Television · 14 Comments

"Finding Your Roots" will return for season three, but whether the celebrity genealogy series that buried an uncomfortable fact about Ben Affleck's ancestor continues after that remains in doubt, PBS' chief executive PBS President and CEO Paula Kerger said.

PBS conducted a "very thorough investigation" and is working with the show's producers to ensure that its content is accurate, according to Kerger. You can read my earlier article at http://blog.eogn.com/2015/06/25/finding-your-roots-on-pbs-postponed/ for details.

PBS' review found that co-producers violated standards by allowing improper influence on the show's editorial process and failed to inform PBS or then-producing station WNET New York of Affleck's efforts to affect the program's content. Changes were made, including adding another researcher and an independent genealogist. Series host and executive producer Henry Louis Gates Jr. has issued an apology, saying he regretted forcing PBS to defend the integrity of its programming.

While the third season has been confirmed, the exact dates and times of broadcast have yet to be scheduled.

Conservationists Preserve Tennessee Land Records (August 4, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 4, 2015 · Preservation · 9 Comments

For decades, heaps of land records laid untouched in the state Capitol's attic before being moved to the Tennessee State Library and Archives when it was built in the 1950s. Now workers there are preserving the documents that detail land ownership and exchanges as far back as 1779. Carol Roberts and Kat Trammell are delicately piecing together Tennessee history.

Roberts, the archives' head conservationist, says the pieces of paper filled with hand-drawn sketches and detailed descriptions of property boundaries are dirty and fragile, with some left as brittle as dried leaves.

To restore them, Roberts and Trammell, an intern hired with funding provided by a recent Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society grant, must put every document through an extensive preservation process.

You can read more about this effort in an article by Macaela J Bennett in The Tennessean at http://goo.gl/rACuC5.

My thanks to newsletter reader Jeanne Martin for telling me about this story.

British Movietone Digital Archives Online (August 11, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 11, 2015 · History, Online Sites · No Comments

Quoting from the Movietone web site: "*British Movietone is arguably the world's greatest newsreel archive, spanning the period 1895 – 1986. Shot on 35mm film, this global archive contains many of the world's enduring images and is rich in coverage of news events, celebrities, sports, music, social history, science, lifestyle and quirky. It was the first newsreel to include sound, the first to use colour film, the first to break many exclusive stories, and is your first and last stop for newsreel footage. The collection is fully digitized and now available from AP Archive.*"

The web site allows the user to search:

- ABC News
- AP
- AP and Partners
- British Movietone
- Celebrity Footage
- SNTV Archive
- TV-am

You can view over 10,000 hours of digitized video on the website and that number is growing every day. All of the videos may be viewed for personal use in a small video screen at no charge. Commercial use of the requires a paid license. Details may be found at http://www.aparchive.com/HowWeWork.

You can learn more about the British Movietone Archives at http://www.aparchive.com/partner/British%20Movietone. The Associated Press Archive includes all the British Movietone Archives and much more, beginning at http://www.aparchive.com/.

My thanks to newsletter reader Ernie Thode for telling me about this new online resource.

Online Petition to Save the "OLD" Ancestry.com "Classic" User Interface (August 11, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 11, 2015 · Current Affairs, Online Sites · 60 Comments

An on-line petition has been started that is directed to Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com. The petition pleads for the retention of the Classic/Old interface, at least as a permanent option for people who prefer it.

The online petition states (in part):

Save "OLD" Ancestry-com~"Classic"

Dear Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer, CEO@ Ancestry.com:

We, the undersigned, hereby sign this petition to acknowledge that we, do not like the look, style, color, and format and prefer the use of Ancestry.com "Classic" versus NEW ancestry.

We the undersigned who have signed, liked or shared the following are NOT resistant to change. The recent change of Ancestry.com "Classic" to NEW ancestry is the worst change that ancestry.com has ever made to its website. HELP SAVE Ancestry~com "Classic"!

We have been informed that Ancestry.com "Classic" will soon be deleted for use by members. We are not pleased with NEW ancestry, and prefer using Ancestry.com "Classic" versus the NEW ancestry.

HELP SAVE Ancestry~com "Classic"

Changing the name on the ancestry website from "Classic" to "OLD" does not change anything.

DAMAGE CONTROL to stop the NEW COKE comparison does NOT change anything.

"OLD" or "NEW" Ancestry-com~"Classic" is the real genealogy research thing!

You can read the full petition and possibly sign it yourself at:

http://www.thepetitionsite.com/600/803/575/save-ancestrycom-classic.

As of this afternoon (11-August-2015), 1,168 people have signed the petition.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Breaks Ground for First-of-Its-Kind St. George FamilySearch Library (August 17, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 17, 2015 · Announcements · 3 Comments

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

FamilySearch ST. GEORGE, UT (AUGUST 15, 2015)—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its nonprofit subsidiary FamilySearch International broke ground today on a first-of-its-kind facility in St. George, Utah. When complete, the state-of-the-art St. George FamilySearch Library will offer incredible free ancestry research services and fun, family-friendly experiences that invite personal and family discovery. Elder Allan F. Packer of the Church's First Quorum of the Seventy presided over the groundbreaking ceremony along with local civic and faith leader guests. The new facility is projected to open in the fall of 2016.

"Today family history research and telling, sharing, and preserving family memories through stories, photos, and technology are engaging a growing number of individuals of all ages like never before," said Dennis Brimhall, CEO of FamilySearch International. "Youth want to discover themselves and their family's history in fun, exciting ways, and adults want to strengthen family connections and leave enduring legacies. The discovery experiences provided by this facility will help do just that," Brimhall added.

The 13,500-square-foot St. George facility will be state of the art—designed from the ground up with the entire family in mind. It will deliver personal discovery experiences through interactive technologies and activities that can be continued in the home. Think of it as a dynamic, ever-unfolding "museum of me."

Patrons will have access to the most current research resources available online and personal guidance from 150 very knowledgeable staff members. In addition, 4,700 square feet of the facility will offer new, fun, interactive, family-friendly activities that enable patrons of all ages to discover themselves through their personal family stories (see more about the FamilySearch Discovery Center in Salt Lake City).

The official opening of the new St. George facility is scheduled for late fall of 2016, and admission will be free to the public.

The current St. George FamilySearch Library is located at 162 North 400 East, Bldg. B Suite 200, and will remain open until construction of the new facility is completed.

About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. 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.

FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,800 family history centers in 132 countries, including the renowned Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

More than 82,000 FamilySearch Volunteers "Fuel the Find" for People Worldwide (August 18, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 18, 2015 · Current Affairs · One Comment

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH–A total of 82,039 volunteers helped to "Fuel the Find" during FamilySearch's Worldwide Indexing Event, held August 7-14, 2015. Though short of the goal of 100,000 participants, the effort produced a number of remarkable achievements, among them an 89% increase in non-English language indexing activity. Volunteers produced more than 12.2 million indexed (transcribed) and 2.3 million arbitrated (reviewed) records during the weekly event (See infographic). As with all records indexed by FamilySearch indexing volunteers, those indexed during the global event will be made freely searchable at FamilySearch.org.

For the Worldwide Indexing Event, FamilySearch sought volunteers who could decipher records recorded in a variety of languages, with a focus on French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Volunteers from all over the world exceeded expectations by processing over 2,183,212 non-English records including 1,380,684 in Spanish, 147,568 in Portuguese, 226,734 in French, and 116,835 in Italian.

"We are thrilled with the number of people who are fluent in a non-English language who accepted the challenge to index records in that language," said Courtney Connolly, FamilySearch digital marketing manager. "If volunteers will keep up this rate of non-English indexing and arbitration, we'll soon see people everywhere experiencing the same success in finding their ancestors that English-language researchers enjoy."

The #FueltheFind name is derived from the way indexing helps people find family information in collections of searchable historical records online. Indexed records are like the fuel that gives genealogical search engines like FamilySearch.org the power to connect people to their missing ancestors. Committed FamilySearch volunteers online know that

every name they index adds another drop of precious fuel that can help someone else discover the missing members of their family tree and learn their stories.

This year's week-long event had an international focus. Most online indexing volunteers are native English speakers and lean toward indexing English language record collections. Currently FamilySearch.org offers twenty times more searchable records in English than in all other languages combined. "There is a huge and growing need for English speakers who are fluent in a second language, and native speakers of non-English languages to learn how to index. Tens of thousands of new volunteers are needed to keep up with the opportunity to index the world's records," said Connolly.

FamilySearch heartily thanks all of the volunteers for their contributions and dedication and encourages anyone interested in participating to join the ongoing indexing initiative at FamilySearch.org/Indexing.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

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

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (New Name) will take place on Saturday morning, October 3, 2015. The program for the morning is titled **"Cemetery Sleuthing"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Kathy Kult**.

Have you ever been "cemetery sleuthing?" Come along with Kathy as she shares tips for searching for your departed ancestors in cemeteries and effectively recording what you find. Find out what to take in your "cemetery toolkit" and learn all about cemetery etiquette and safety. Kathy will share information for when the best time is to capture gravestone photos, what to do (and not do) for those hard-to-photograph markers, and several ways to share what you find.

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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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that there will be no meetings of the DuPage County Genealogical Society during the months of June, July and August 2015. Meetings will resume again on Wednesday evening, September 16, 2015.

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2015 through May 2016. The September 2015 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2015 through May 2016 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 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, September 16, 2015. The program scheduled for that evening is **"The Eastland Disaster: An Unparalleled Disaster"**. The speaker for the program will be **The Eastland Historical Society**.

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, September 19, 2015 at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL starting at 10:30 AM.   The program scheduled for this day is **"Photoshop and Document Restoration with Adobe Photoshop"**. The speaker will be **Eric Basir.**

Watch while Eric demonstrates efficient techniques for restoring various types of documents. This includes newsprint, certificates, photo copied records and others. Audience members are encouraged to bring documents for this demonstration.

Eric Basir owns a photo retouching studio in Evanston, IL. He has served the genealogical community since 2002 as a teacher and author of three books and multiple videos about digital photo preservation and restoration.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Unearthing the Dead with Mobile GPS (July 29, 2015)

Dick Eastman · July 29, 2015 · Cloud Services · 10 Comments

The following announcement was written by Ryan Vinson:

The dead shall never be forgotten – not if a certain smart American software engineer and genealogist has anything to do with it.

Ryan Vinson has developed an app that will excite genealogists worldwide by potentially unearthing long dead ancestors. He's also hoping his Here Lies project will encourage users to explore local cemeteries and learn a little about their town or city – or those of a place they're visiting.

The app works by getting individuals to catalogue gravesites around the world using mobile GPS data. Ryan is looking for anyone who uses the app to upload a pic of their favourite tomb or gravestone (or as many as they like). They should also add a name, date of birth and even any comments. By making a digital recording, that burial plot will remain recorded for ever – even if the markings on the stone fade from view over time. This, in turn, will make ancestors much easier to find, including those buried in long-forgotten small family graveyards.

The idea for the app – which works with both iPhone and Android phones – came to Ryan when he and his brother attempted to find the graves of their own long-dead ancestors.

He said: "When the Internet took off in the 1990s I used its early resources to help my brother and I hunt down the rumored burial locations for some of my ancestors. The road trips were fun, but locating burial sites often proved difficult. Some of the grave were in small family cemeteries not easily located, for instance, while others did not even have clear markers. It became very frustrating at times.

"If something like this app had existed then, and my ancestors final resting place had been recorded, our search would have been so much easier, and shorter."

Los Angeles-based Ryan is conscious that many small graveyards become neglected when the land is bought over and that further deterioration could make gravestones impossible to identify.

He added: "While visiting other countries, I have seen small family gravesites with no names or designation.

"Solo gravesites are the loneliest though. Maybe 100 years ago someone buried their partner under a tree on their farm. What happens when the family generations later sells the farm? Who will be left to know who that person was?"

Another advantage of the app is that those searching for a particular stone in a large graveyard would not have to wait until the cemetery office opened in order to locate it – because the app would guide them via GPS technology.

Ryan hopes that individuals who encounter small family graves – or other interesting plots – while on a camping, hiking holiday etc might also feel like uploading them onto the app, making them easier for a curious ancestor to locate.
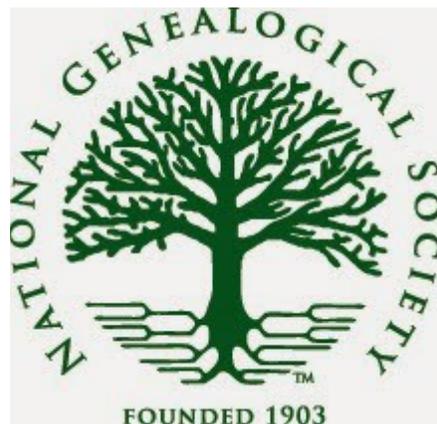
At present there is a small number of gravestones on the app but Ryan hopes that with the help of volunteers around the world, it could grow substantially within a matter of months. Those looking to add tombstones can download the app at http://herelies.io/.

Meanwhile those wishing to help with funding the project, which is currently financed solely by Ryan, can contact him via email on ryan@herelies.io.

NGS Announces a New Course in the American Genealogical Studies Series: Beyond the Basics (August 17, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 17, 2015 · Education · No Comments

The following announcement was written by the (U.S.) National Genealogical Society:

ARLINGTON, VA, August 17, 2015: The National Genealogical Society proudly announces the release of its newest American Genealogical Studies course, *Beyond the Basics*. This course joins *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* in the series of online courses developed by NGS to help those interested in discovering their roots.

Beyond the Basics offers advanced genealogical training. During the course, you will learn how to conduct a more systematic genealogical investigation as you build your family tree. Its modules are designed to challenge you as you learn how to read, write, decipher, and cite numerous genealogical documents. You will expand your proficiency by collecting, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating genealogical information. You also will hone your skills as you write genealogical reports.

The course contains five modules that contain information, videos, examples, self-correcting quizzes, a glossary, a topic reference list, and a final written assignment, which is graded by a professional genealogist. The modules are:

- Module 1 – Evidence Analysis
- Module 2 – The Library: A Research Repository
- Module 3 – The Federal Population Schedules
- Module 4 – FamilySearch.org
- Module 5 – Civil Registration Records

Beyond the Basics is the third course in the American Genealogical Study series. Registration requires students to successfully complete both *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* within the year before signing up for *Beyond the Basic*s.

Beyond the Basics is available for $175.00 for members and $200.00 for non-members. *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* are available individually or as a bundle. For further information or to view the syllabus, visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ags_beyondthebasics .

The courses of the NGS **American Genealogical Studies** are presented through an online cloud-based learning management system. To take advantage of this system, you need either a computer or tablet with an internet connection and an updated standard browser. Please refer to the NGS website for specific computer and software needs.

Founded in 1903, the National Genealogical Society is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists. Please visit the NGS Pressroom for further information.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the August/September 2015, Volume 10, Number 3 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Rich Resources: Online State Archives"
By Carol Richey

Carol Richey reveals the wealth of resources you can uncover in online archives.

"Seven Resources for World War II Reunion Groups and Associations"
By Jennifer Holik

Jennifer Holik shares her findings on websites that carry on the memory of those who fought in the US Military in WWII.

"Digitization Project: Snapshots from the Korean War!"
        By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy examines a great resource for anyone researching Korean War ancestors.

"Uncovering the Bairnsfather Story"
        By Gabrielle Morgan

Gabrielle Morgan discovers a link to her family in an historic Australian newspaper article that leads her to uncover the real story behind her aunt's marriage.

"National Folklore Collection of Ireland: Schools' Collection"
        By Joe Grandinetti

Joe Grandinetti shows how a 1930s homework assignment in Ireland captured the words and wisdom of elders for posterity.

"The Wellington Boulder"
        By Constance R. Cherba

Constance R. Cherba digs down to find the secrets behind a unique gravestone.

"Know Your Historical Societies and Find Your Ancestors"
        By Amanda Epperson

Amanda Epperson reveals that there is much more to historical societies than you think.

"Highlights of the Published and Digital Record Sources of the Revolutionary Era: A State-by-State List"
        By David A. Norris

David A. Norris gives us a peek at some of the resources available for researching Revolutionary War ancestors.

"Top Four Essential Keys for Genealogy Backups!"
        By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy reminds us that there is nothing more important than preserving your research work with a diligent backup plan.

"Never Give Up On a Difficult Ancestor!"
        By Dave Obee

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Know Your Historical Societies and Find Your Ancestors". The author of the article is Amanda Epperson.

As stated by the author, an historical society is an institution that collects, preserves, and makes available historical documents and artifacts. Some of these societies have very focused goals related to a narrow topic such as New York Central Railroad. Some may focus on an entire state being the historical society of that state. Each society creates a mission statement which drives its goals and what it does. Knowing these mission statements is important for the researcher to know because it can make the research that much more productive for the researcher. The author notes that most of these societies do not collect material for their collections with the genealogist in mind. But that does not minimize their importance for the genealogist.

The author notes that you can easily find historical societies that are representative of an entire state. These could be societies like the Ohio Historical Society (www.ohiohistory.org), the Virginia Historical Society (www.vahistorical.org), and the California Historical Society (www.californiahistoricalsociety.org). These focus on their own state historical aspects. You may encounter a state historical society like the Massachusetts Historical Society that while having a state focus may actually have materials more relevant to the entire country. This may be due to it being one of the founding states of the country and having historical materials that equates to national interest.

These large size societies often have a very large presence on the Internet via their websites. Some of them may even have subcategories for genealogy on their site. Unfortunately, the genealogy sub-sites may not often be easy to find on these large sites. In fact, you may not even see the word "genealogy" identified for these sites. Look for links associated with "family history" or "local history" that may in fact have genealogical information within. Sometimes you still may not be able to find this by directly exploring the site. If so, just try a Google search using a phrase such as "genealogy at the X (fill in the blank) historical society".

You may find regional historical societies such as the Chicago History Museum at www.chicagohistory.org. The Western Reserve Historical Society at www.wrhs.org is another example of a regional society. One more is the Heinz History Center at www.heinzhistorycenter.org. These are not quite national in scope or fully statewide but have a more defined yet larger geographical range.

You may still discover small size historical societies that can still hold a treasure trove of information. They may have a web presence but it may not be as rich and full of information as the state organizations or the national organizations. These societies run on small budgets with limited hours and volunteers instead of paid staff that maintains web sites.

The author also notes that you will encounter national religious historical societies. An example of this is the Presbyterian Historical Society (PCUSA) at www.history.pcusa.org/resources/genealogy. They often serve their members with religious materials that can fall right in line with genealogical research. The author also mentions The Historical Society of the United Methodist Church at www.historicalsocietyunitedmethodistchurch.org/genealogy. Consider the American Baptist Historical Society at http://abhsarchives.org/for-researchers/genealogy/.

If your research has been able to document a religious affiliation for an ancestor then you want to consider these religious historical societies as a resource to possibly obtain copies of religious records noted for your ancestors. This is especially true if your ancestor was a religious leader or official within that particular faith.

Many societies are formed on an ethnicity basis for historical record and artifact keeping. The author notes the Ukrainian Museum and Archives in Cleveland, Ohio at www.umacleveland.org. They would appear to have a national focus but in fact may have very modest funding that does not help them support their national image.

Whenever you discover an historical society be sure to note its mission statement and its collection focus. The name of a society may seem like a fit for your own research but the details of its mission and collection may not match with your needs. Better to know early on rather than to get frustrated trying to get material from an organization that simply does not have it within their structure. If everything looks promising and good, work through online materials they may offer. Ultimately, if all of the initial research components look promising, it may be time to actually visit the location and see resources they may have that are able to be viewed only onsite at their location.

I thought that another interesting article in this is one titled "National Folklore Collection of Ireland: Schools' Collection". The author of the article is Joe Grandinetti.

Back in the late 1930s in Ireland, the Irish Folklore Commission gave an assignment to schoolchildren. About 50,000 students among 5,000 primary schools were given the task of collecting and documenting local stories from their parents, grandparents and older community members. This was done in the days before television and computers as we know it today. Families actually sat around together and interacted. Stories were bountiful of current and past family history. Many of the stories went back deep in family history time.

Over an 18 month period these stories were collected from the students. It appears that part of the assignment was a handwriting exercise. Students had to not only capture the stories but write them down in their best handwriting. Topics that might have been captured were:

- Folklore

- My Home District

- Local Happenings

- Customs

- Proverbs

- Poems

- Superstitions

- Cures

- Food

- Place Names

- Landlords

- Graveyards

- Old Houses

The project collected 740,000 pages of information that are currently being digitized and indexed. The data is available free of charge with no registration required at:

(Then click on "Schools' Collection)

At the home page you can select to search by "People", "Places" and "Surnames". Take a look at these. The "Places" map is very detailed and shows that most of the data came from the West coast of Ireland in addition to pockets of data from Dublin and Waterford. You can click your cursor over a spot on the map to see what town it is and who the teacher was and what was captured.

You can look at a list of the counties for which data is being processed. It appears you can obtain information from County Dublin, Kildare, Kerry, Donegal, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Waterford and Sligo. There is a goal to have a "significant" part of the data available online by the end of 2016.

The material is searchable by "place", "School", and "person". Make sure you click on "More Details" for the area to see the details of the names of individuals that have been identified. Click on the name and it will take you to the location in the writing where the name appears.

There is much to explore at the site both geographically and within the various categories of data you might find. I did find this fascinating to explore. The handwriting for the most part is absolutely beautiful and neat and more importantly, readable!!

In the big picture of data this data is small in quantity. However, I thought the project as expressed by the author of the article was so interesting you might ask yourself why this hasn't been done routinely in schools throughout the world and especially here at home in the US.

This was a fascinating article about a very fascinating kind of data! Definitely check out the site even if you are not researching Irish ancestry just to see what could be done as a school assignment.

This was another great issue of <u>Internet Genealogy</u>. There are plenty of articles many of which may be of interest to you. Check out the article titles I noted above to see which ones pique your curiosity.

You can find this most recent issue of <u>Internet Genealogy</u> on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

I noticed the following Book Review in Dick Eastman's blog on **Evidence Explained**. We do have the 1st Ed. of this book in our Reference Collection at R 907.2 MILLS, E. We also have the 2nd Ed. version of this book on our circulating shelves at 907.2 MILLS, E. I am in the process of requesting purchase of this new updated 3rd Ed. version to replace our 1st Ed. version that is in our Reference collection. This book is considered the "bible" to help researchers properly document their sources and citations for genealogical discoveries of
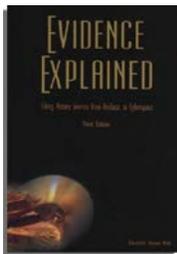
data as well as for artifacts. The book is especially helpful to know how to cite your sources for online discoveries pertaining to your research on your ancestors. Take a look at our current copies of this valuable resource while we move forward to obtain the 3rd Ed. copy of this work for Reference.

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Book Review: Evidence Explained

<u>Dick Eastman</u> · <u>August 17, 2015</u> · <u>Books</u> · <u>6 Comments</u>

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

Evidence Explained
Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace
by Elizabeth Shown Mills
892 pages. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co. 2015.

Boy, is it ever tough to bear the genealogist who slaps online family genealogies into his or her genealogy program and calls it good. Thank goodness I have *Evidence Explained* to come home to. Not just for the citation models, but for the reasoning, the rationale, and the script when I have the opportunity to discuss (*stay calm, stay calm*) the merits of citations to my Download The Genealogy friends.

Ms. Mills' first citational guide, *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* is 124 pages long, published in 1997. Next came *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, 884 pages and first published in 2007. Now we have the Third Edition, 892 pages long, and Ms. Mills should finally be able to take a well-earned rest.

The first two chapters are introductory ones, describing the fundamentals of evidence analysis and the fundamentals of citation, must-read enlightenment every time you pick up the book.

Next chapters cover the citations that the standard style guides miss (and the most important reason to own *Evidence*): the surfeit of government documents that we look at. Three chapters (166 pages) cover the local and state records: courts & governance; licenses, registrations, rolls & vital records; and property & probates. Other chapters cover:

- archives & artifacts
- business & institutional records
- cemetery records
- census records
- church records
- national government records

- publications: books, CDs, maps, leaflets, videos, legal works and government documents, periodicals, broadcasts, and web miscellania

The format is typical: informational material accompanied by models for the citations of specific sources. Source List Entry defines the bibliographic entry, First (Full) Reference Note is the first full citation, and the Subsequent (Short) Note is the style for subsequent footnotes.

There is expanded coverage for genetic citations and layered citations.

And in case that's not enough for you, check out https://www.evidenceexplained.com. This appears to be the online home for Evidence, with several interesting features: Quick Lessons, a comment section for researchers with still more questions, and other useful tabs of interest.

Evidence Explained, the most recent volume in a lineage of preëminent reference guidebooks, needs to be within easy reach at all times.

Evidence Explained – Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace by Elizabeth Shown Mills is available from the publisher, Genealogical Publishing Co., at http://goo.gl/MTcVB9 as well as from Amazon at http://goo.gl/ET1Pte.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Explore Your Family Tree with FTAnalyzer 5 (July 30, 2015)

Dick Eastman · July 30, 2015 · Software · 12 Comments

Genealogy sites MyHeritage.com and Ancestry.com as well as genealogy programs like RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, AncestralQuest, Family Historian, and many others are great for presenting family trees, displaying your data in a straightforward graphical form. However, one Windows program allows you to really understand your tree, to spot problems, links, and patterns you might have missed.

FTAnalyzer is an open source tool for Windows which imports your data in the form of a GEDCOM file, then analyzes it by

using a number of useful reports, providing details you might not have uncovered any other way.

To use FTAnalyzer, you have to export your family tree from your present genealogy program or online service as a GECDCOM file. (If you are unfamiliar with GEDCOM files, read my *GEDCOM Explained* article at http://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/24/gedcom-explained/.) All modern genealogy programs and the leading genealogy web sites all do that although instructions will vary from one such service to another. In most programs and online family tree web sites, you need to find the command to EXPORT your family tree and then follow the menus.

FTAnalyzer produces many reports, including:

- Listing individuals, families, surnames, locations, occupations and more.
- "Data Errors" looks for possible mistakes in the data (birth date after the mother's death, married before the age of 13, and 20+ others), while the "Duplicates" report intelligently checks your tree for people who appear more than once.
- "Census" report takes this a step further with a choice of 16 reports highlighting issues with US, UK, Canadian, Irish and other census data. To take a single example, one click will show you everyone you've not located for a given census year, very helpful in understanding where to research next.
- "Occupation Lists" showing all the occupations in your GEDCOM – double clicking on an occupation shows the lists of people with that occupation.
- "Facts" allows you to view the various fact types in your GEDCOM see who has a particular fact also shows a count of how many sources a fact has. Double clicking on a fact shows the detailed sources for that fact.
- "Sources" shows all the sources in your GEDCOM along with a count of the number of facts for each source. Double clicking on a source lists all the facts that have been sourced by that source.
- "Data Errors List" shows various types of data errors in your GEDCOM such as events happening before someone was born or after they died, etc.
- "Census Lists" permits listing everyone in your file that should be alive on a census at a particular date and for whom you have not yet found a census entry.
- "Loose Death list" shows all details where you have death date info for an individual but you haven't updated the death record for that individual.
- "Lost Cousins Report" shows you everyone you have already found on a census so you can check if you have entered them at Lost Cousins.
- "Maps" reads your GEDCOM locations, geocodes them, and presents the results on Google-sourced maps.
- "Timeline" highlights your ancestor's locations on a map, for instance, then graphically shows how they've moved around over the years.

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Perhaps best of all, no installation is required. Simply download the file, unzip it, move all its files to a new subdirectory you create (there are a lot of files!), and then click on the FTAnalyzer.exe file to run the program. You also can save Family Tree Analyzer and all its files to a USB flash drive or other portable storage device, then run it on any other Windows computer with no need for installation. It does not create new entries in the Windows Registry or Start menu, leaving the disk clean after removal.

Unfortunately, FTAnalyzer 5 runs only on Windows; there is no Macintosh version.

FTAnalyzer 5 is available free of charge at https://ftanalyzer.codeplex.com. The users manual may be found at https://ftanalyzer.codeplex.com/documentation.

When I looked at FTAnalyzer 5, the web site was agonizing slow and took several minutes to display a web page. While waiting, I opened another window and checked other web sites and they all worked normally so I know the problem was not in my Internet connection. I don't know if the problem was in the codeplex.com web site (very possible). If so, it may be a temporary problem. I checked https://ftanalyzer.codeplex.com again a couple of hours later and performance was better but still much slower than most other web sites.

MacFamilyTree 7.6 and MobileFamilyTree 7.6 Have Been Released (August 14, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 14, 2015 · Software · One Comment

Synium Software has released a major new version of MacFamilyTree 7 and MobileFamilyTree 7. Both offer a new source management, the person analysis report, and a new fractal ancestor chart. In addition to these new features, version 7.6 also comes with lots of other improvements.

According to the announcement:

 MacFamilyTree 7.6 is a free update for all customers of MacFamilyTree 7 and can be downloaded or updated at the Mac App Store. For new customers MacFamilyTree 7.6 is offered with 50% and sells for just US$24.99 until August 30th. Same applies to MobileFamilyTree 7.6, which is a free update for all MobileFamilyTree 7 customers and US$7.99 for new customers.

Buy MacFamilyTree for US$24.99:

https://itunes.apple.com/app/macfamilytree-7/id572280828?ls=1&mt=12.

Buy MobileFamilyTree for US$7.99:

https://itunes.apple.com/app/apple-store/id609547919?pt=11889&ct=MOFT76NL&mt=8.

New source management (Mac & iOS)

Managing your sources becomes even more versatile and functional in MacFamilyTree 7.6. Add notes to source citations, rate the quality and evidence of a source, or browse your sources by using the much-improved source overview. See all sources attached to family or person events at a glance. You can also copy and paste source citations if you want to use them for multiple entries.

Person Analysis Report (Mac & iOS)

The person analysis report comes in handy for answering specific questions or seeing group traits: How many persons share the same occupation, eye color, or place of residency? MacFamilyTree gathers pieces of information from 18 different data sources in your family tree and presents the results in a comprehensive report. The report will also display some general statistics about your family tree.

Fractal Ancestor Chart (Mac & iOS)

Let MacFamilyTree 7.6 display all ancestors of a person in your family tree in a particular compact way. Just like all reports and views in MacFamilyTree, the new ancestor chart can be configured to your liking, too.

Further improvements

– Greatly enhanced performance of person, family, source, and place edit sections
– Automatically assign place, county, state, and country names when searching for coordinates of places
– Improved sorting and display of dates B.C.

System Requirements

MacFamilyTree 7.6 requires a Mac with OS X 10.7 Lion or later. Some features, for example Statistics Maps, are only available on OS X Yosemite.

MobileFamilyTree 7.6 requires an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch running iOS 5 or later. iOS 8 is fully supported.

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FUNNY BONE

Here is some genealogy humor I found at a blog called GeneaMusings (www.geneamusings.com) that is authored by Randy Seaver. I have searched through his

blog using the term "funny names". I have previously included "funny" names of people. This time I found he has some links to what are "funny" names of towns in England.

The link to Randy's post on the inclusion of all of the "funny" names of towns of England can be found at:

http://www.ashton-under-lyne.com/placenames.htm

Some names I happened to see in the list are under "C" and "D":

C

- California, Birmingham (also one in Norfolk).
- Cambo, near Morpeth, Northumberland.
- Cargo Fleet, Middlesborough.
- Catbrain, near Cribb's Causeway, north of Bristol.
- Catchem's Corner, near Coventry.
- Chaldron Herring, near Lulworth Cove.
- Chapel en le Frith, near Buxton, Derbyshire.
- Chignall Smeally, near Chelmsford, Essex.
- Chipping Sodbury, east of Bristol.
- Chemistry, near Whitchurch, Shropshire.
- Chequerbent, Bolton.
- Cheslyn Hay, near Cannock, Staffordshire.
- Chew Magna, near Bristol.
- Chewton Mendip, near Wells, Somerset.
- Christmas Common, near Watlington, Oxfordshire.
- Chuckery, Walsall.
- Clapton-in-Gordano, near Portishead, Somerset.
- Clatter, west of Newtown, Powys.
- Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire.
- Clenchwarton, near King's Lynn, Norfolk.
- Clink, near Frome, Somerset.
- Clock Face, near St. Helen's, Merseyside.
- Cocking Causeway, near Midhurst, Sussex.
- Cocklick End, near Slaidburn, Lancashire.
- Cockup Bottom, near Bassenthwaite, Cumbria.
- Coffinswell, near Torquay, Devon.
- Cold Blow, near Tenby, Pembrokeshire.
- Compton Dando, near Bath.
- Compton Pauncefoot, near Yeovil.
- Constable Lee, near Rawtenstall, Lancashire.
- Cop Street, near Sandwich, Kent.

D

- Dead Cow Point, Lundy Island.
- Dent, near Sedbergh, North Yorkshire.
- Dial Post, near Worthing, Sussex.
- Dippertown, near Launceston.
- Dirt Pot, Allendale, Northumberland.
- Dirty Gutter, near Leek, Staffordshire.

- Dog Village, near Exeter.
- Donkey Town, near Camberley, Surrey.
- Dove Holes, near Buxton, Derbyshire.
- Downdinner Hill, near Loftus, North Yorkshire.
- Diggle, east of Oldham, Greater Manchester.
- Droop, near Dorchester.
- Dukinfield, Tameside, Greater Manchester.
- Dull, near Pitlochry.
- Dungy Head, near West Lulworth, Dorset.
- Duntisbourne Leer, near Cirencester.
- Durdle Door, near West Lulworth, Dorset.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For An Even More Comprehensive List of All Kinds of Genealogy Programs Being Offered Locally and Even Nationally, Please Visit My Blog I Write for the Library and Look At My Page Titled "Calendar of Local Genealogy Events".

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/calendar-of-local-genealogy-events/

(Additions Since Last Newsletter Indicated With An "")*

Sep 8 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 16 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**The Eastland Disaster: An Unparralleled Disaster**". Guest speaker is **To Be Determined**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Sep 19 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 "**Photoshop and Document Restoration**"
Presented by Eric Basir
Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

Oct 3 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, October 3, 2015. "**Cemetery Sleuthing**". Presented by Kathy Kult 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
Oct 13 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Sound Research Practices: Sources and Citations"** Presented by Ginger Frere. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Oct 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 "**Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted**" Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
*Oct 21 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Navigating the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives**". Guest speaker is **Raymond Johnson**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Nov 7 SAT 2015	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, November 7, 2015. "**Time Travel with Google Earth**" (Live Webinar). Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/

Nov 10 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Stories of the Lost; Researching World War II Military Records"** Presented by Jennifer Holik. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
*Nov 18 WED 2015	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Introduction to Polish Genealogy**". Guest speaker is **Jason Kruski**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Nov 21 SAT 2015	CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. (Check CAGGNI website for meeting location. Meeting locations have occurred at other locations than Schaumburg Library main location.) Topic for the meeting "**Visit with Ben Franklin**" Presented by Terry Lynch Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
Dec 8 TUE 2015	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jan 9 SAT 2016	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, January 9, 2016. "**Using Facebook to Break Down Genealogical Brick Walls**" Presented by Katherine Willson (Live Webinar) 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
Jan 12 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.

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"Chicago Genealogy 101"
Presented by Grace .
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

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*Jan 20 WED 2016	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Transporting Your Dead**". Guest speaker is **Mark Hayes**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Feb 6 SAT 2016	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 6, 2016. "**Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine**" Presented by Paul Milner Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
Feb 9 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Finding Your Ancestors in Ireland"** Presented by Paul Milner. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
*Feb 17 WED 2016	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Advanced Polish Genealogy**". Guest speaker is **Jason Kruski**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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

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Mar 5 SAT 2016	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 5, 2016. "**Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory**" Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
Mar 8 TUE 2016	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.
Apr 2 SAT 2016	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 2, 2016. "**Get the Scoop: Interviewing to Gather Family Stories**" Presented by Diane Dassow 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
Apr 12 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"What's the Buzz About BillionGraves?"** Presented by Debra Dudek. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
*Apr 20 WED 2016	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Genetic Genealogy**". Guest speaker is **Robert Sliwinski**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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

May 7 SAT 2016	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 7, 2016. "**Researching at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives**" Presented by George Findlen 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 http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
May 10 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Mapping Your Migrating Ancestors"** Presented by Tina Beaird. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
*May 18 WED 2016	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM. Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Program title is "**Colonial American Ancestors**". Guest speaker is **Jane Haldeman**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Jun 14 TUE 2016	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.
Jul 12 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Using Ancestry.com Family Trees"** Presented by Caron Primas Brennan. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Aug 9 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch"** Presented by Dan Niemiec. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 13 TUE	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

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Oct 11 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"To Be Determined"** Presented by To Be Determined . Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Nov 8 TUE 2016	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Using Fold3 to Research World War I and II Military Records"** Presented by Jennifer Holik. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Dec 13 TUE 2016	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.

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