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Genealogy Group Newsletter

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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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NOVEMBER 10, 2015 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, November 10, 2015.

The topic for this program is titled "Stories of the Lost: Researching World War II Military Records". The presenter for this program is Jennifer Holik.

A continuation of "Finishing the Story," we will explore the records available to tell the stories of those who died in service. We will also discuss those who took care of our Soldier Dead, the Graves Registration Service men. Learn about their job and the reasons it took so long to have our soldiers repatriated and what happened to the personal effects during the course of recovery and repatriation.

Jennifer Holik is a genealogical research professional and the owner of Generations and co-founder of The In-Depth Genealogist. Jennifer has over twenty years of research and writing experience. She has authored articles for local and national genealogical publications; authored and published a set of kids' genealogy curriculum books in 2012; is an Expert Author for Archives.com; and writes for several blogs.

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 <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!?

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

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Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center's Renovation to Begin in Early November (August 31, 2015)

Dick Eastman · August 31, 2015 · Current Affairs · 6 Comments

The Allen County Public Library's board of trustees has approved a $138,541 contract to reconfigure about 2,000 square feet of the downtown library's second-floor Genealogy Center.

Staff members say that the space, as originally designed, no longer meets the needs of the way family history researchers do their work today. New technology means that more family history research is being done online with digitized records resulting in less need to access the same records on microfilm.

About half of an area that now houses microfilm and microfiche readers will become a meeting room, where programs for the public can take place and staff members can meet with small groups of researchers to acquaint them with the center's resources and layout.

The second part of the project will transform an area now used for orientation into a glass-walled setting for oral history interviews.

You can read more in an article by Rosa Salter Rodriguez in *The Journal Gazette* at http://goo.gl/3CqKjN.

Limerick DNA Project to Help Decode Irish Family History (September 4, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 4, 2015 · DNA · 2 Comments

A genealogical project pioneered by Limerick's Mary Immaculate College that uses DNA to trace the genetic history of Limerick families may serve as an inspiration to other Irish communities on how to engage with their heritage, according to Minister Jimmy Deenihan.

The aim of the project is to bring together the historical and genealogical research already collated by the many Limerick experts in these areas, and to examine them in the context of the latest discoveries in Y-chromosome DNA to research the genetic history of Limerick families and communities both here and abroad.

Y DNA tests play a very important historical tool which, according to Dr Swift, "can help rewrite our entire history as a nation."

She explained: "Y DNA tests can help show how our island population grew, intermarried with newcomers and dispersed across the globe, bringing you past the 'brick wall' circa AD 1800 when many genealogical sources dry up."

You can read more about this project in an article by Kathy Masterson in the *Limerick Post* at http://goo.gl/o0KHPW.

Privacy Issues for Family Historians (September 7, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 7, 2015 · Current Affairs · 10 Comments

The MyHeritage Blog has published an article I wrote: *Privacy Issues for Family Historians*. It discusses some of the things genealogists need to be aware of before publishing their family trees online. As I wrote at the beginning of the article:

"Genealogists often face conflicting requirements. We want to publish our own family information online in hopes that others will see it and recognize connections to their own family. Those other genealogists then can contact us, and we can collaborate to expand the known family trees of each of us. The problem is that today's news is full of alarming articles about identity theft, fraud, and similar illegal acts. While some of the news articles describe real threats, others are published as "scare tactics" that magnify smaller issues to sound as if there are imminent dangers for all of us. Alarmist articles often strike unnecessary fear into the hearts of those who do not understand the difference between major and minor threats."

You can read the entire article at http://blog.myheritage.com/2015/09/privacy-issues-for-family-historians/.

1906-1912: Ellis Island Portraits (September 8, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 8, 2015 · Photography · 3 Comments

Ellis Island in New York harbor processed more than 12 million immigrants before being closed in 1954. At the station's peak in 1907, more than one million immigrants passed through in a single year, with 3,000 to 5,000 entering every day, mostly from Europe and its periphery.

Augustus Francis Sherman was the chief registry clerk at Ellis Island, and an avid amateur photographer. He had special access to the immigrants who were temporarily detained while waiting on escorts, money or travel tickets. Sherman persuaded many of these immigrants to pose for his camera, encouraging them to put on their finest clothes or national dress. A collection of his photographs are now available online at http://mashable.com/2015/09/07/ellis-island-portraits/. A larger collection can be seen in person at the New York Public Library.

There is a very slight chance that you may find a picture of your ancestor in this collection. However, it may provide a glimpse of the clothes that immigrants from your ancestor's homeland may have worn.

Check out the photographs at http://mashable.com/2015/09/07/ellis-island-portraits/.

Have Your Entire Genome Sequenced for $250 (September 23, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 23, 2015 · DNA · 2 Comments

This offer is only available in the U.K. and in South Africa. However, the fact that anyone can provide your entire genome sequence for only $250 is news. I suspect similar prices will soon be available elsewhere although the laws in some countries could be an issue.

Customers of South African health insurance provider Discovery Health will soon be able to have their entire genome sequenced by Human Longevity Inc., which genomics pioneer Craig Venter cofounded last year. The deal between Discovery and Human Longevity marks the first agreement struck between an insurer and a personal genomics company aimed at offering wide access to genetic information. Discovery insures approximately 4 million people in South Africa and the U.K.

Human Longevity will share the genetic information it gathers—which will come from 20,000 genes, including BRCA1/2 and key colon cancer and heart disease genes—with patients' doctors or genetic counselors rather than with individuals. According to Venter, his firm will also keep a deidentified copy of each participant's genetic information along with access to their medical and insurance records.

There is one chilling bit of information in the announcement, however: "Clients should be aware that the information may impact on their insurability in future," said Jonathan Broomberg, chief executive of Discovery Health. "We cannot guarantee that it will have no impact."

An abbreviated story is available at http://goo.gl/XvEJUn with a longer article in the *MIT Technology Review* at http://goo.gl/CWjLTZ.

My thanks to newsletter reader Patrick L Coleman for telling me about this article.

An Interview with Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist (September 25, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 25, 2015 · DNA, Podcast · No Comments

Blaine Bettinger has a Ph.D. in biochemistry with a concentration in genetics and is extremely interested in the recent developments in genetic genealogy. He has been using traditional genealogical research to learn more about his ancestry for almost 20 years. In 2003 he used an autosomal DNA test from one of the first companies offering this type of testing. Since then he has been writing and lecturing extensively about how to apply DNA to your genealogy research.

I had a chance to talk with Blaine at the recent New York State Family History Conference in Syracuse, New York. Blaine talked about his involvement in DNA and he gave great advice for newcomers on how to get started.

You can listen to our 14+ minute conversation by clicking on the link below.

The services, books, and web sites mentioned in this interview include:

- Blaine's blog at TheGeneticGenealogist.com
- GRIP – Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh at http://www.gripitt.org/
- SLIG – Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy at http://ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?eid=16
- IGHR – Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at http://samford.libguides.com/ighr
- Excelsior College's (future) online course about Genetic Genealogy – http://onlinecourselearning.com/excelsior/
- *Trace Your Roots with DNA* by Ann Turner and Megan Smolenyak – http://goo.gl/YNOcTE
- *NextGen Genealogy* by Dave Dowell – http://goo.gl/jfKjpc

Click here to listen to the interview.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

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

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (New Name) will take place on Saturday morning, November 7, 2015**.** The program for the morning is titled **"Time Travel with Google Earth (Webinar)"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Lisa Louise Cooke**.

Get ready to experience old historic maps, genealogical records, images, and videos coming together to create stunning time travel experiences in the free Google Earth program. We'll incorporate automated changing boundaries, and uncover historic maps that are built right into Google Earth. Tell time travel stories that will truly excite your non-genealogist relativesl You've never seen anything like this class!

Lisa Louise Cook is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app, and free toolbar.

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.

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

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, October 21, 2015. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Navigating Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court"**. The speaker for the program will be **Raymond Johnson**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, October 17, 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 **"Lost Children: Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted"**. The speaker will be **Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.**

As the views of society toward children evolved, the types of records and where these records might be located changed.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom is a Certified Genealogist specializing in Illinois problem solving and compilation, particularly Cook County.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Ancestry Launches Largest Online Collection of Wills and Probate Records in United States (September 2, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 2, 2015 · Online Sites · 11 Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at Ancestry.com. Please note that the new collection will be available **FREE** of charge for the next few days:

More than 170 million documents from 1668-2005 now available exclusively on Ancestry; New collection provides a wealth of deeper stories about ancestors' lives

 (PROVO, Utah) — September 2, 2015 — More than 170 million pages from the largest collection of wills and probate records in the United States is now available online exclusively on Ancestry. With searchable records included from all 50 states spread over 337 years (1668-2005), this unprecedented collection launches a new category of records for family history research never before available online at this scale the United States.

Until now, these records have only been available offline. Ancestry spent more than two years bringing this collection online, working with hundreds of different archives from individual state and local courts across the country and making a $10M investment to license and digitize the records. The documents cover well over 100 million people, including the deceased as well as their family, friends and others involved in the probate process. Ancestry expects to continue to grow the collection, with additional records available over the next several years.

"Ancestry has worked hard over the past decade, to make available a variety of collections that can help the most seasoned family history expert and novices alike learn more about their ancestors," said Todd Godfrey, Vice President of Global Content. "Ancestry's vast collection of billions of unique historic records makes it the only place online that can give people such a comprehensive view into their family's unique history."

Today, state and federal census records are the most commonly searched collections in family history research, offering a variety of information that is important for building out your family tree. Wills however are one of the most desired types of records, as they can be a treasure trove of information that provides insight into your ancestors' lives, loves, land, and possessions.

"Wills can offer an incredible view into the lives of your ancestors, going beyond names and dates, and providing insight into their personality, character, achievements, relationships, and more," said Godfrey. "Reading these records you will find a deeper level of understanding about who your ancestors were, who they cared about, what they treasured, and how they lived."

There is something for everyone in the new U.S. Wills and Probate collection on Ancestry, whether you are an experienced family historian or new to the pursuit. Some examples of what can be found in the collection include:

- **Rich Stories** – A deeper level of understanding is possible when you learn about the more intricate details of your ancestors' lives through their eyes; details that can tell new or more compelling stories of their everyday existence, and perhaps, shed light on their character and personality, as well as important subtext that can reflect the type of lifestyle, education, and status an ancestor may have had through language or possessions.
- **New Discoveries** – Whether valuable heirlooms, sizable estates, or meager but treasured belongings to pass down, the riches of your ancestor's lives can be found in a will. Family research can be fun when you "follow the money" and see who wound up with what or even, to which charities or organizations a person's estate was entrusted.
- **Friends and Family Members** – Many additional names can be found in a will in addition to the deceased. Wills can reveal new family members you didn't know about, and identify new connections, and tell more about the relationships between people mentioned in the will. Intriguing controversies can be seen as you read about those close to them who were included in the will, and those who were cut out.

With a collection that begins with wills from the mid-17th century running through the early 21st, last wishes and estates of notables citizens that helped shape the nation over the past three hundred years can be found in this new collection of Wills and Probates, including past Presidents, businessmen, entrepreneurs, sports legends, famous entertainers, artists and writers, scientists, and much, much more.

To celebrate the launch of the new U.S. Wills and Probates collection on Ancestry, the collection along with all U.S. birth, marriage and death records, will be available to explore for FREE, September 2 (12pm MT) through September 7 (10pm MT).

About Ancestry

Ancestry is the world's leading family history brand. Ancestry.com is the world's largest online family history resource with more than 2 million paying subscribers across all its websites. More than 16 billion records have been added, and users have created more than 70 million family trees on the core Ancestry websites, including the flagship site http://www.ancestry.com and its affiliated international websites. Ancestry offers a suite of online family history brands, including Archives.com, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, as well as the AncestryDNA product, sold by its subsidiary, Ancestry.com DNA, LLC, all of which along with its core Ancestry websites, are designed to empower people to discover, preserve and share their family history.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the company's control. In particular, such risks and uncertainties include the company's ability to add tools and features and provide value to satisfy customer demand. Information concerning additional factors that could cause events or results to differ materially is contained under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the company's parent, Ancestry.com LLC, for the period ended June 30, 2015, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2015, and in discussions in other of Ancestry.com LLC's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date and we assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements.

How to Make a Book Available to Everyone (September 21, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 21, 2015 · Books · 2 Comments

Do you own an out-of-copyright genealogy or family history book? Perhaps your local library or genealogy society owns such books? If so, would you like to make the books available to everyone?

A newsletter reader sent an email message to me and described a genealogy book she had found in a collection of items inherited from a recently-deceased relative. She wanted to make the book available to a member of the family described in the book but wasn't sure how to find an interested descendent of that family. My suggestion: Don't give the book to just one person who might read it and then put it on the shelf, hidden from all the other descendants. Instead, give it to everyone.

You can find a number of organizations that accept book collections and digitize them. However, the majority of these organizations are set up to accept dozens, if not hundreds, of books at one time. The receipt of a single book is not practical when the scanning process is geared for accepting, cataloging, and scanning large numbers of books at once.

Archive.org is an exception.

The well-known and highly respected 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization accepts one book, hundreds of books, or even thousands of books at one time. Each book is digitized and made available online at no charge. Anyone can use Google or other search engines to find books on Archive.org and elsewhere. For instance, a Google search for "Jingleheimer Schmidt genealogy" will find online genealogy books for the Jingleheimer Schmidt family. Clicking on the link within Google will immediately transfer the user to a digital image of the book.

Archive.org adds about about 1,000 books every day in 30 different scanning centers in eight countries around the world. As a result, individuals download roughly 20 million books each month from the Archive.org web site. By contributing your book to Archive.org, you make it available to a huge audience. The book you contribute becomes permanently available for the next generation.

Perhaps the best method is for the person who has the book to scan it and upload the scanned images, if possible. Obviously, that person needs to have a scanner and some knowledge of using it. The advantage is that, once completed, the person keeps the book and can either shelve it or give it away, as he or she pleases. However, if a scanner is not available, the book can be sent to Archive.org and will be digitized and made available by that organization.

Books may be sent to:

Internet Archive
BOOK DONATIONS
300 Funston Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118

Again, all this is available at no charge although Archive.org does accept donations. See https://archive.org/donate/ for details. There is no charge to the person who contributed the book and no charge to the person who searches for and finds the book in the future.

You can learn more about Archive.org at http://archive.org and especially at http://goo.gl/Ry7MgL.

You can learn more about contributing books, music, videos, pictures and more at http://archive.org/about/faqs.php#Texts_and_Books.

You might also want to read *Digitize the Planet*, a wiki that describes how anyone can turn their old pamphlets and other ephemera into something that's safe, open, and searchable by the general public. See http://digitize.archiveteam.org/index.php/Main_Page.

Finally, you can watch my interview of Brewster Kahle, the founder of Archive.org, that is available on the Archive.org web site (naturally!) at https://archive.org/details/AnInterviewWithBrewsterKahle.

In the words of the founder of Internet Archive, Brewster Kahle, "Universal access to all knowledge can be done, and I think it's the opportunity of our generation."

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PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the July-September 2015, Volume 41, Number 3 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Biblical Breakthrough! How I Came to Love the NGS Online Bible Collection"
By Diane Florence Gravel, CG

"Why Would Mom Keep That Cracked Tea Cup?"
By Jennifer M. Alford

"Going Underground: Mining Industry Records"
By Jen Baldwin

"Introduction to Research in Latin America"
By Debbie Gurtler, AG

"Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933"
By Claire Prechtel-Kluskens

"A Genealogist's Approach to Privacy"
By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

"Which Way Did the Census Taker Walk or Ride His Horse?"
By Stephen B. Hatton

"Why Is My Cousin Not on My DNA Match List?"
By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

"Wearables: The Next Intersection of Genealogy and Technology"
By Thomas MacEntee

I thought that an interesting article in this issue is one titled "Why Would Mom Keep that Cracked Tea Cup?". The author of the article is Jennifer M. Alford.

For genealogists, much of our research deals with records and the paper trails left by our ancestors. We may know much about an ancestor from the various civil records of births, marriages and death or the accompanying church records that may exist for such events. We may also trace down census records, military records, naturalization records, military records and so many more kinds of records. But what about the "things" that might have been associated with a particular ancestor?

The author notes these may be known as "heirlooms". Always remember that what might be an heirloom to a particular researcher might very well not be an heirloom to another researcher. So, you may always have to contend with that distinction. The author provides her own definition for herself as to what an heirloom is. The author states "Anything that you find of special meaning and you have a story that goes with it."

The article notes certain categories of heirlooms as:

- Photographs and other papers of significance

- Handmade items

- Historical items

- Gifts from special people

Heirlooms need a story to make them significant for family history. Without a story it is just a "thing".

Once you have identified what to you is an heirloom the author poses questions that need to be asked about the item in order to put the story together. These questions are:

- Who gave it to you?

- When did you get it? Was it a special occasion?

- Is there a special story or memory associated with it?

- How old is it?

- Who would be interested to know you have it (i.e. who would appreciate it)?

The author suggests you now have to face a very difficult part of working with heirlooms. You need to put yourself in the mindset of a curator for a special collection. No easy task especially if you are dealing with a very large collection of items. If materials are photographs you may want to stick with photos that are of sentimental value and of particular significance. Now is the time to non-curate blurred pictures or unknown images of scenery. If perhaps you have the only picture known of a departed ancestor, then that is one that may be of significant importance to not only yourself but to all of the family members associated with your research and curation. That one picture is one to scan and digitize and get into as many hands as possible.

Documentation of what you have in your possession as an heirloom is critical. Again, think of the who, what, when, where and why questions as guidelines to describe those heirlooms. The author also suggests you assess what you have in your possession on a room-by-room basis using the following checklist:

- Start room by room of your own home and make a list identifying items you feel are worthy of documenting.

- After you make the list of your rooms, start with the shortest list for a particular room.

- Photograph that item and complete the form created to detail the story behind the item along with a physical description of the item.

- If the item is not to be displayed, store the item in a climate controlled location and use archival methods whenever possible.

- Share your photo and information with your relatives whenever possible. The stories and photos will inspire them to document their own treasures.

- Repeat the process room by room.

The author states that now you have to think in terms of preservation of these heirlooms. She provides the following tips:

- Keep your heirloom items out of direct sunlight and at moderate temperatures and humidity levels. Ideal temperature is 68 degrees with a 40% humidity level.

- Don't attach anything to the heirlooms that could damage them. No pins, post-it notes, tape or glue.

- Keep similar items together to avoid conflicts in materials. Don't mix together acidic newspapers with photographs that could be damaged.

- Avoid touching any photos with bare hands. Have a pair of archive quality gloves for handling your photos

One of the more important aspects of having documented heirlooms in your possession is to have a plan in place for succession of the materials to other family members upon your death. Communication is important among family members prior to your demise. If other family members have expressed an interest in inheriting various heirlooms in your possession then document those desires via a codicil to your will identifying who gets what heirloom upon your death. The author notes that Denise Leveneck has published a very helpful book titled *How to Archive Family Keepsakes: Learn How to Preserve Family Photos, Memorabilia & Genealogy Records*. You can connect with this book at her website at http://www.thefamilycurator.com/archive-family-keepsakes/.

Documents and data are one part of your research. Heirlooms can be another important part of your family history research. Consider incorporating such materials into your research and collection. Let other family members know what you have. Document what you have and share all of that information. And yes, plan for the eventuality of your death and be sure these heirlooms have a place to go after your death.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "A Genealogist's Approach to Privacy". The author of the article is Kathy Petlewski, MSLS.

We are living in an age when data about ourselves is everywhere and available to everyone for public information. Just think, prior to the Internet, which is only about 20 years old for the general public, you had to work hard to obtain information about people. Now, it is all available at your fingertips. Carry that data over to genealogical information, and you will see that family trees abound everywhere on the internet, especially those family trees that have been designated as "public" by the researcher that uploaded them.

Many of us cringe over how much data exists for each of us from public sources. And then we even cringe more when we realize that researchers like ourselves are uploading their research information that may include material about us and our children and grandchildren while we are still alive. So where does this leave you what to do with your research material? Upload it or not? The answer for many of us is both "yes" and "no". Not a good answer!

The author notes that even before the internet the Federal government put limitations of data captured by them through the US Federal Censuses over the years. In 1952 a law was passed that denied access to any US Federal Census until 72 years had passed. This was done with the expectation that the privacy of an individual would remain intact assuming the individual would have died before their inclusion in a US Census would be made known. When the law was passed, average life expectancy was 65.8 years for men and 71.6 years for women. So a 72 year window of closure would have worked. Unfortunately, from a researcher's point of view, it may only be a matter of time that the 72 year census withholding window for census data might at some point be increased to reflect the longer life expectancy we experience. Genealogists would not like that but the reality of longer life is what it is and privacy concerns are even more important today.

If we are going to upload our family trees researchers must be aware of the need to safeguard the rights of their living relatives that may very well be included in these family trees. Living individuals should not be included in these public trees and if for any reason that they are they must be masked to protect the privacy of these living individuals. In fact, if you are going to include living individuals even in a masked manner, you need to contact that individual and obtain their permission for you to include them in an uploaded family tee if even they are masked and made to look as unidentified!

The author does a great job of identifying the key websites for family trees can be uploaded. So even if you have done your due diligence in your own family trees and have protected the privacy of individuals, it is critical for you to know what the "privacy levels" are for any site that you choose to upload the data. First of all, you should be able to choose between uploading a family tree as either "public" or "private". You control the choice, but if you choose public and then at some time change back to private be aware that during the time of it being public all of that data has been out on the internet. Changing back to private will not make the material previously made public disappear. If you upload as private you can still let your fellow family researchers have access to that data without it being discovered inadvertently in a public status.

Here are the privacy levels for the following sites:

- WikiTree.com – By default any child under the age of 13 in your family tree must be "unlisted". WikiTree also has a mechanism in place for disputes among family members as to how much data should be made public. For living person, the information must be removed immediately. For deceased nuclear family members, if another member requests it be removed, it is

taken down. For more distant ancestors, their policy is "In general, err on the side of sensitivity, caution and courtesy."

- Ancestry.com – If a person that uploads family data has the family members as living, then that person is marked on the family tree uploaded as "Living". If the status as to death is unknown, Ancestry.com calculates to see if the birthdate is less than 100 years ago. If it is, that person is marked as "Living". Ancestry.com members who do not have permission to view living members in the tree will see it as "Private". In Ancestry.com you can mark the entire family tree as private and ask that potential relatives contact you via e-mail in order to gain permission to view the data.

- FamilySearch.org – Has very stringent guidelines for how living people are displayed. If you have included a living person in your tree, there will be a "Private Person" banner displayed that says "Living and confidential people are managed in a private space. Only you will be able to to see and modify this person." Even photos, documents and stories for this kind of person are screened. FamilySearch has two rules for determining if a person should be considered living for reasons of display. First, if the person was born 110 or fewer years ago, married 95 or fewer years ago, or had a child born 95 or fewer years ago. The second rule is that if the record contains no information in the area marked for a death date.

You can see that if you use the tools provided by the developers of the sites, there is reasonable expectation of having the privacy of living family members as well as confidential deceased ancestors' information kept secure. But you, the researcher, needs to do your part with the data you enter into the family trees, both on your own family trees in your lineage software as well as what you provide for uploads.

The author also leaves the reader with two other sources to reference on privacy concerns for family tree information. You can look at the guideline offered by the National Genealogical Society titled *Standards for Sharing Information with Others* at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/standards_for_sharing_information.   You can also take a look at the *Genealogical Privacy Project* blog at www.genealogicalprivacy.org.

You would not want private information about yourself included in any online family trees uploaded by others. Consider them when thinking of including material in any online trees you want to upload. Read the standard from the National Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Privacy blog above. Know the "Privacy" levels from the within the organization that you wish to upload your data to. Be informed. Be sensitive.

This was another very good issue of <u>NGS Magazine</u>. There are plenty of good articles to browse through and see which pique your interest or match to your own research interests. Take a look at the full list of articles I included at the beginning of this write-up.

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

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BOOKS IN PRINT

We did not add a new genealogy book to our collection during this report period.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Add a Printer to your Android Device, iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Chromebook, Windows or Macintosh Computer (September 7, 2015)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 7, 2015](#) · [Hardware](#) · [No Comments](#)

Google Cloud Print is a great service that allows you to connect printers (anywhere in the world) to Android and Apple mobile devices as well as to Chromebook and traditional Windows and Macintosh computers. Several of these devices can even share one printer. I often see things on the screen of my cell phone or tablet computer or Chromebook that I would like to print. However, you cannot simply plug a printer into those devices. Google Cloud Print solves the problem.

When traveling with a Windows, Macintosh, or Chromebook laptop computer, I normally do not carry a printer with me. How can I print something? Most hotels offer business centers that have printers available, and I do use those often. However, when at a coffee shop or a restaurant or even on an airplane, I don't have access to a local printer. Instead, I occasionally want to print something on the printer back home, where it will be available to me when I return. Again, Google Cloud Print solves the problem.

A printer using Google Cloud Print does not need to be located adjacent to the computer. While it is possible to use a printer connected to your home wi-fi network, even that is not a requirement. As long as the printer and network being used are powered up and operational, the computer user might be anywhere in the world as long as he or she has permission to use the printer via Google Cloud Print. With this method I can print to my home printer even if I am traveling overseas. Also, many hotel business centers make Google Cloud Print-connected printers available for use by hotel guests, and many schools do the same for the printing needs of students.

In addition, Google Cloud Print can also print to any FedEx Office location in the US without any setup. Choose "Print to FedEx Office" as the Google Cloud Print destination, and you'll receive a retrieval code you can use to print out your job at more than 1,800 FedEx Office locations. That is a great feature when traveling! I have used FedEx Office printers several times during my trips.

Google Cloud Print is a new technology that connects your printers to the web. Using Google Cloud Print, you can make your home and work printers available to you and to anyone you choose. It works with all the applications you use every day. Google Cloud Print works on your phone, tablet, Chromebook, Windows, or Macintosh computer.

Perhaps the best feature of Google Cloud Print is that it allows Android and Apple smartphones and tablets as well as Chromebook laptops to print. The printer might be right beside the handheld device or possibly thousands of miles away. I am always impressed when my tiny handheld device can print one, two, or even dozens of pages to a printer with no connecting cable between the handheld device and the printer. The same functionality is available for Windows and Macintosh laptop and desktop computers as well.

All access is controlled by user names and passwords so you never need to be concerned that someone will accidentally print something to your printer. Then again, if you want someone to print a document on your printer, you can give him or her the information required to access the printer.

Google Cloud Print works with all printers, but for the best printing experience it is recommended that you use a "Cloud Ready" printer. That includes many of the recent printers manufactured by Brother, Canon, Dell, Epson, Hewlett-Packard, Kodak, Samsung, Ricoh, Lantronix, Oki, Konica, Minolta, Lexmark, and Xerox. The printer does have to be powered on and connected to the Internet. Instructions for configuring a "Cloud Ready" printer are always in the user's manual for the printer. The manual probably was included with the printer when it was new. If not, or if the manual has been lost, all the manufacturers of "Cloud Ready" printers also have their user's manuals online as PDF files on the manufacturer's web site.

If you do not have a "Cloud Ready" printer, you probably can still use your older or non-compatible printer. However, it will have to be connected to a Windows or Macintosh computer that has the Google Chrome web browser installed. Both the printer and the computer must be powered on in order to print. The computer also must be connected to the Internet.

You will need to install some software in your computer or handheld device to enable it to print on a Google Cloud Printer. A list of the required software for Windows, Macintosh, Android, or Apple iOS (iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch) devices may be found at http://www.google.com/cloudprint/learn/apps.html. On some operating systems you will have a choice of several different applications. Choose any one of them from the list, not all.

If you do not know which application to select and you have a Windows system, I would suggest using **Google Cloud Printer for Windows**, available free of charge at https://tools.google.com/dlpage/cloudprintdriver. For Macintosh users, I might suggest **Cloud Printer**, available from the Macintosh App Store for $1.99. See https://itunes.apple.com/app/cloud-printer/id463448876 for more information.

I have used both of these products and they work well for me. The other Google Cloud Print products on the list also may work well, but I cannot speak from experience.

Configuring the Google Cloud Print service is not difficult, but step-by-step instructions do need to be followed. Those instructions may be found at https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/1069693?hl=en. Do not skip a step (as I did). Follow the instructions exactly, and the printer should become operational in Google Cloud Print within 3 or 4 minutes.

Printing from a cell phone or handheld tablet computer is a great convenience. Remote printing from a Windows or Macintosh system also can be handy at times. I suspect you will soon learn to appreciate the Google Cloud Print service.

Forever.com Promises to Preserve Photos, Files 100 Years Beyond Your Death (September 28, 2015)

Dick Eastman · September 28, 2015 · Preservation · No Comments

Are you concerned about preserving your genealogy database and digitized family photographs for future generations? One company says it has the solution, using technology that will last much longer than paper, magnetic tapes, flash drives, or CD-ROM disks.

Glen Meakem has launched Forever.com, which Meakem says is the world's first permanent online media storage and sharing service.

Forever claims to offer you one home for all your stories and special moments. The web site makes it easy to store, organize, share and print your family photos for generations. The web site also offers a "Forever Guarantee."

Your Guaranteed Storage is backed up in multiple places across multiple regions, ensuring you will never lose any of your photos. Over time, Forever.com will even migrate your files to newer formats as old formats become obsolete.

The Forever Guarantee provides assurance that your important information will be preserved, protected, and available for your lifetime plus 100 years, with a goal of keeping your content safe for many generations beyond. When you buy Guaranteed Storage, most of your payment is deposited into the Forever Guarantee Fund. The money is invested so that it increases in value over time and pays for the recurring maintenance and preservation costs of your Guaranteed Storage.

The money in The Forever Guarantee Fund is fully restricted, meaning that the owners of Forever.com can only withdraw a very small amount from the Fund each year and the money withdrawn must be used to continue the preservation of your Guaranteed Storage.

This business model is similar to that used by insurance companies. Those companies use carefully managed reserve funds to make sure they can always pay claims. Universities use carefully managed endowments to ensure they're protected for hundreds of years. In the same way, Forever.com uses The Forever Guarantee Fund to protect your content for your lifetime and generations beyond.

Information stored in Forever.com's disk drives will be converted to new formats as they become popular. For instance, if you have thousands of .JPG photos and the digital world moves to .TIFF or some newer format twenty years from now, your .JPG will be converted to the new format for you, without your involvement. All documents and pictures will always be available on whatever storage media or download method that is popular at that time. All this will be done for you even if you are incapacitated or deceased.

While most people store their memories in haphazard fashion — a box of video tapes in the closet, Mom's old recipes in a rarely opened desk drawer, old photo albums stashed in the attic — Forever is a one-stop online service where users can organize their video recordings, photo albums, documents and audio files. Just put everything in a box, ship it to Forever's offices, and workers scan in the content.

Unlike social media or other online storage sites, Glen Meakem promises that security and privacy are very important. Many other sites mine your personal data to sell to

advertisers. With Forever, Meakem said, clients' information is not for sale and the site is triple backed-up and highly encrypted.

Forever.com's starts at $5 a month for 10 gigabytes of Permanent Storage. $10 a month provides up to 50 gigabytes of storage while $15 a month provides 100 gigabytes of permanent storage. That should be enough for most families. However, Forever.com will provide even more storage space for anyone who needs it.

The Forever.com web site promises:

- Your memories are guaranteed to be preserved for your lifetime plus 100 years.
- The ability to easily pass on your stored pictures and data to future generations.
- Long term file migration keeps your digital content accessible.
- Full resolution saving means you can always print or reproduce your media.
- Your memories are triple backed up and encrypted.
- You have complete control of the privacy of your account – always know who you're sharing with or keep it totally private.
- No data mining or advertising. Ever.
- Permanent digital rights – you, and only you, own your content.
- The Forever.com apps make it easy to get organized and creative with image editing, albums, tags and slideshows.
- Your custom subdomain gives you a permanent personalized home on the web.
- Unlimited uploading and downloading.
- Use Forever on the web or enjoy on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

You can learn more at https://www.forever.com.

My thanks to newsletter reader Mark Begeman for telling me about this new service.

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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 "E" and "F":

E

- Easter Kinkell, near Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty.
- Elephant and Castle, South London.

- Eccup, north of Leeds.
- Esh Winning, near Durham.

F

- Ferwig, Cardigan.
- Farrington Gurney, near Radstock, Somerset.
- Fazakerley, Liverpool.
- Fingringhoe, near Colchester, Essex.
- Flash, near Buxton, Derbyshire. Claims to be the highest village in England.
- Fogo, near Coldstream in the Borders.
- Four Forks, near Bridgwater, Somerset.
- Frenchbeer, on Dartmoor.
- Friendly, near Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire.
- Frisby-on-the-Wreake, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
- Friskney Eaudike, near Boston.
- Football Hole, near Embleton, Northumberland.
- Fortnighty, near Nairn, Highland.
- Four Throws, near Sandhurst, Kent.
- Funzie, Fetlar, Shetland.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

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

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

Oct 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	CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings

SAT 2015	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. **"Chicago Genealogy 101"** Presented by Grace . Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jan 16 SAT 2016	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 "**Publishing Your Book: Tips and Tricks for the Writer**" Presented by Regina Yuill Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
*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
Feb 20 SAT 2016	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 "**Uncle Jakes's Farm: Federal Land A to Z**" Presented by S. Elizabeth Ross Further information at: **www.caggni.org** or P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567
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	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

2016	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/ 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 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.
*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. **"Find Your Roots in Naturalization Records"** Presented by Steve Szabados. 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
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