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

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of newsletters from the recent 2 months are filed at the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor along with the most recent "handouts" from the last 2 months. 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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JANUARY 12, 2016 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, January 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Grace DuMelle. Grace will present a program titled "Chicago Genealogy 101". This program will take place in the Rasmussen Room South rather than the Classroom because the Classroom will be undergoing renovation at this time. The Rasmussen Room south is literally right next door to the Classroom.

Learn the challenges of searching for Windy City relations, such as address and street name changes and scores of unindexed newspapers. Then discover some resources family historians often overlook: fire insurance maps, inquest records, and probate cases. Grace will offer copies of her book, Finding Your Chicago Ancestors, after the program.

Grace DuMelle has been a professional researcher since 1995, helping clients from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Her firm, Heartland Historical Research Service, has assisted the United States Department of Justice and Graystone Communications (parent company of The History Channel), among others.

Heartland's projects have taken Grace to the Library of Congress and the National Archives as well as facilities throughout the greater Chicago area.

Since 2001, Grace has also been on staff at the Newberry Library in Chicago, one of the country's foremost genealogical libraries. Guiding beginners to discoveries about their families is something she greatly enjoys. Her experience on both sides of the reference desk -- as a staffer and as a researcher -- influenced the very practical, hands-on approach of her book, Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History in the City and Cook County. It has received state, regional and national awards for instructional nonfiction, and is now in its second printing from Lake Claremont Press in Chicago.

Grace is an alumna of Rosary College (now Dominican University) and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. Media appearances include WGN Radio, WLS TV, WGN TV, Chicago magazine, Real Simple, the Wall Street Journal, and USA Weekend. Conference appearances include Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 2013, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society 2014, and National Genealogical Society 2006.

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 201 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 1,612 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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FamilyTreeWebinars.com Unveils Next Generation of Online Genealogy Education (October 27, 2015)

Dick Eastman · October 27, 2015 · Education · 3 Comments

Millennia Corporation, best known as the producers of Legacy Family Tree software, has now introduced a new web site for online genealogy education. Here is an excerpt from the announcement:

New mobile-responsive site with new playlist, searching, browsing, and indexed jump-to features now available for all 275 genealogy courses

SURPRISE, Arizona; October 27, 2015—Millennia Corporation, a leader in family history software, today announced the release of a brand new responsive, mobile-friendly website for FamilyTreeWebinars.com, the leading source for online genealogy education. The new site makes it easy to find topics of interest among the now-275 courses in the library. Genealogists will now be able to watch courses on their smartphones, tablets or other mobile devices.

See what's new in the quick video tour.

The full announcement may be found at http://goo.gl/k5rY6q.

Could New European Digital Privacy Laws Hurt Holocaust Genealogy Research? (October 28, 2015)
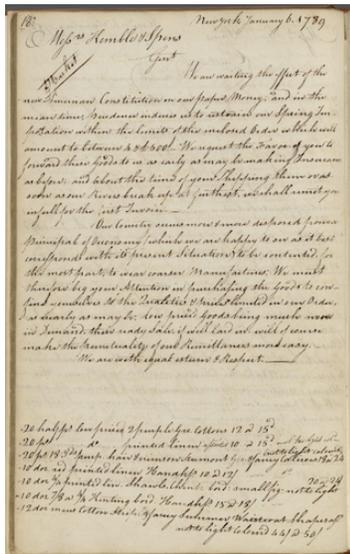
European draft legislation aimed at protecting citizens' private data in the digital age may pose a threat to Holocaust research, according to an international body tasked with promoting remembrance of the Holocaust. The EU's preliminary General Data Protection Regulation, which is expected to pass into law this year, is part of a comprehensive European push for privacy protection that has included initiatives such an online "right to be forgotten" and efforts to keep the digital lives of Europeans on local servers.

While such efforts would not seem to bear any relevance to Holocaust studies, which generally involves searching through yellowing paper documents in old-fashioned archives, the General Data Protection Regulation has, in fact, begun negatively impacting researchers, according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

You can read more about these concerns in an article in the *Jerusalem Post* at http://goo.gl/FkCPBv.

NYPL's Early American Manuscripts Project (November 10, 2015)

Here is a valuable online resource for genealogists, historians, students, and probably many others as well. The New York Public Library is currently digitizing upwards of 50,000 pages of historic early American manuscript material.

Quoting from the Project's web site: "…to revisit major political events of the era from new perspectives and to explore currents of everyday social, cultural, and economic life in the colonial, revolutionary, and early national periods. The project will present on-line for the first time high quality facsimiles of key documents from America's Founding, including the papers of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison. Drawing on the full breadth of the Library's manuscript collections, it will also make widely available less well-known manuscript sources, including business papers

of Atlantic merchants, diaries of people ranging from elite New York women to Christian Indian preachers, and organizational records of voluntary associations and philanthropic organizations. Over the next two years, this trove of manuscript sources, previously available only at The Library, will be made freely available through www.nypl.org."

This collection may or may not contain references to your Colonial-era ancestors but it certainly is worth a few minutes to find out. If you don't find any such reference, check back in six months or a year or so as the collection is constantly growing.

The New York Public Library's Early American Manuscripts Project is found at http://www.nypl.org/node/302658.

You can also keep track of new additions and other news in the Early American Manuscripts Project Blog at http://www.nypl.org/blog/division/5216.

Rediscovered Leather Trunk Contains Thousands of Letters From the 17th Century (November 11, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 11, 2015 · History · 3 Comments

Talk about the Dead Letter Office! A 300-year-old linen-lined trunk filled with over 2,600 letters that were mailed out—but never received—between the years 1680 and 1706 has recently been discovered in The Hague, Netherlands. The extraordinary collection contains letters from all manner of society, including aristocrats, merchants, lovers, actors, musicians, and even spies. At least 600 of the 2,600 letters have never even been opened. Historians are now taking a closer look.

An international team from Leiden, Oxford, MIT, and Yale are taking part in this project. You can read more about the historians' study of the letters in a web site called *Signed, Sealed, & Undelivered* at http://brienne.org and especially at http://brienne.org/press-kit.

Harvard's Digital Portrait of Colonial Life (November 16, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 16, 2015 · History, Online Sites · No Comments

Harvard University has launched a new website called the Colonial North American Project. It includes 150,000 images of diaries, journals, notebooks, and other rare documents from the 17th and 18th centuries. Many more documents are planned to be added in the coming months.

**Colonial North American Project
at Harvard University**

Part of the University's endeavor to digitize all its collections and make them available free of charge, the *Colonial North American Project* contains material scattered throughput 12 repositories — from Houghton Library to the Harvard University Archives to Loeb Music Library. When complete, the project will make available to the world digitized images of all known archival and manuscript materials in the Harvard Library that relate to 17th and 18th century North America. These documents reveal a great deal about topics such as social life, education, trade, finance, politics, revolution, war, women, Native American life, slavery, science, medicine, and religion.

For example, Harvard mathematics Professor John Winthrop kept account of all the deaths, in a "bill of mortality," in Cambridge between 1759 and 1768. He wrote there were "235 deaths in 10 years." Among the most common causes, he noted, were accidents, fever, consumption, and dysentery.

In addition to reflecting the origins of the United States, the digitized materials also document aspects of life and work in Great Britain, France, Canada, the Caribbean, and Mexico.

With 150,000 images, the *Colonial North American Project*, supported by the Arcadia Fund and the Sidney Verba Fund, is one-third complete, said Megan Sniffin-Marinoff, University archivist. Work is ongoing at several libraries to digitize the remaining 300,000 images of Colonial North American manuscripts in 1,654 collections.

You can access the Colonial North American Project at

http://colonialnorthamerican.library.harvard.edu

My thanks to the several newsletter readers who wrote to tell me about this important new collection.

Possible Method to Validate "Family Legends" and Other Questionable Claims (November 20, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 20, 2015 · Genealogy Basics · One Comment

Most families have "legends," claims of ancestry that have been handed down from generation to generation. Examples include claims of an ancestor who was a Cherokee princess, three brothers who immigrated together then later split up to go to three different locations, and claims that the family name was changed at Ellis Island.

NOTE: Almost all these claims turn out to be bogus.

Dave Jack of Timaru, New Zealand, is devising a framework for assessing claims of family links, including how DNA samples could be used to verify them.

Jack is working on a research proposal for a Master's thesis at the University of Strathclyde. He says, although the internet provides researchers with plenty of information,

as well as many unfounded rumours which spread "like a virus" through cyber space. He hopes a system of accreditation for genealogists could help sort credible ancestries from rumours.

You can read more about Dave Jack's methods in a brief article by Jack Montgomerie in *The Timaru Herald* at http://goo.gl/qXZXS6.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

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

Please Note: There is no program offered by the society during the month of December 2015.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (New Name) will take place on Saturday morning, January 9, 2016**. The program for the morning is titled **"Using FaceBook to Break Down Genealogical Brick Walls (Live Webinar)"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Katherine Willson**.

Facebook is quickly becoming a favorite resource among genealogical researchers for its vast networking capabilities. With the formation of many thousands of regional and surname-specific genealogy groups, Facebook is breaking down brick walls that have blocked researchers for years - often within 24 hours of posting a query! This presentation will introduce members to Facebook as a genealogy tool and will guide the participants through the process of creating an account, joining groups, managing notifications, and efficiently utilizing Facebook for their specific genealogical needs. Participants will be given handouts as well as a link to a free downloadable PDF file listing 5,000+ genealogical pages & groups on Facebook.

Katherine Willson, of Ann Arbor, MI is a professional genealogist, educator and public speaker. She started researching her family tree as Junior Girl Scout working towards a "My Heritage" badge, and her passion was fueled when, in her 20s, both her mother's and father's relatives gave her binders containing generations worth of family information.

Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps Katherine's audience fully engaged and actively participating in her energetic and entertaining presentations. Participants leave with the tools necessary to do their own research, as well as the inspiration to do it! Katherine is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Great Lakes Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild (newsletter columnist), the Federation of Genealogical Societies (Membership Committee), the National Genealogical Society and multiple regional and state genealogical societies.

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.

There is no scheduled meeting/program for the society during the month of December 2015.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, January 20, 2016. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Transporting the Dead"**. The speaker for the program will be **Mark Hayes**.

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)

There is no regular meeting from the society during December 2015.

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 16, 2016 at a location to be determined as of this writing starting at 10:30 AM.   The program scheduled for this day is **"Publishing Your Book: Tips and Tricks for the Writer"**. The speaker will be **Terry Lynch.**

Does publishing your family history book seem like a daunting task? This talk will help you overcome your fears of writing and publishing your family book. Discussion will cover how to generate ideas for your book, finding your target audience, setting up the book, finding publishing companies and how to use Microsoft Word to add special features to your book. If you've ever considered putting your words to paper for posterity, you won't want to miss this informative and engaging meeting.

CAGGNI member Regina Yuill is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and several other societies. Regina has over 30 years' experience as a real estate paralegal and has researched extensively in county courthouses, libraries and archives, both in the US and Ireland. She has recently published a 528 page book on her mother's family, "Climbing the Irish Shamrock: Phillip and Mary (Sexton) Carolan Family History, 1834 to 2005", and is currently writing a second book covering her father's line.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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National Digital Newspaper Program (October 26, 2015)

Dick Eastman · October 26, 2015 · Online Sites · 9 Comments

I have written before about the National Digital Newspaper Program, but not for some time. The program continues to grow and expand, so perhaps it is time to go back and look at it again.

The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress have partnered to enhance access to historic newspapers for many years with the National Digital Newspaper Program. This long-term effort has developed an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. Best of all, the information on the National Digital Newspaper Program is available free of charge. Millions of newspaper pages are available.

The National Digital Newspaper Program is the replacement for the earlier, successful United States Newspaper Program that ran from 1982 to 2009. That was a project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities which, with technical support from the Library of Congress, organized the inventory, cataloging, and selective preservation on microfilm of at-risk newspaper materials. While useful to many historians, students, genealogists, and others, the earlier program captured only a limited number of newspapers. The microfilms are not easily available to everyone, especially in rural locations. In addition, microfilm readers are now becoming harder and harder to find. Another problem is the production of microfilm copies for distribution to libraries and other repositories; duplicating microfilms is becoming more and more difficult as vendors exit the business due to a lack of customers. Finally, microfilms cannot be quickly and easily searched for every word the way computer databases can be searched.

The National Digital Newspaper Program has now digitized all the earlier microfilms and also has embarked on an ambitious program to scan and preserve many more newspapers. As a result, many more people now have easy access from home to this

valuable information. The new Program also provides an opportunity for institutions to select and contribute digitized newspaper content, published between 1836 and 1922, to a freely accessible, national newspaper resource.

Since 2005 the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded grants to state libraries, historical societies, and universities representing states in the national program. These awards are projected to generate more than 5.6 million newspaper pages to be deposited at the Library by the end of 2013, with many more states and territories to be included in the coming years. Over 4 million of these pages are already available through the Chronicling America website.

To access this wealth of information, go to the Chronicling America website at http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/. Once there, you will find a simple search method along with an Advanced Search and a third search method, simply labeled as "All Digitized newspapers 1836-1922." I suspect most people will immediately use the simple search shown on the home page to search for names or locations of interest.

Simple search works well for the following:

- Information on persons, places, or events;
- Specific topics or news of the day;
- Concepts or ideas;
- Unique passages of text, such as the source of a frequently-quoted phrase.

Indeed, you may be lucky enough to find what you want by using the simple search. However, the real power of the Chronicling America website becomes apparent only when using the **Advanced Search**. Advanced Search is more flexible and is better for the following:

- To limit your search to particular geographic area by selecting one or more States.
- To limit your search to a particular newspaper or several newspapers by picking from the list of titles currently available in Chronicling America.
- In addition or alternatively, you can search the entire date range available (default), or select a specific date that will limit your search to a specific year, month, or even day, using the begin date and end date lists provided. (Note: Selecting the same beginning month/day/year and ending month/day/year will provide links to every page available for that specific date.)
- In addition or alternatively, enter a specific search term or terms in the Keyword boxes provided. The operators provided will influence the results of your search significantly and can be used in separate searches or in conjunction within a single search.

To use Advanced Search, you can start by first specifying a state (also available in simple search) and then perhaps a specific newspaper. Another option is to search all newspapers at once although that may be too broad a sweep for most searches, especially for common names. The Advanced Search then provides many other options:

- Years (any year(s) from 1836 through 1922)
- Search only front page(s) or entire newspapers
- Language (The National Digital Newspaper Program contains many foreign-language newspapers published within the United States.)

- Several Boolean search options (search only specific words, search for ALL words, search for specific phrase, or search for words within close proximity). For any options that do not apply to your search, you simply leave the search boxes blank.

A third search option is called "**All Digitized newspapers 1836-1922**." While that sounds like a duplicate of simple search, it does add one important difference: the ability to search by ethnicity. Many newspapers were written for specific ethnic groups, including African-American, American Indian, Irish, Jewish, Latin American, Mexican, Pacific Islander, and Spanish. Those ethnic groups are best searched by using the "All Digitized newspapers 1836-1922" search option.

Newspaper pages may be viewed online as well as downloaded and stored or printed locally. The images may be stored in either PDF or JPEG200 format.

When a newspaper page is displayed, you will see the image of the original page. You can also click on "View Text" to display machine-generated text that is produced by Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. OCR is a fully automated process that converts the visual image of numbers and letters into computer-readable numbers and letters. Computer software can then search the OCR-generated text for words, phrases, numbers, or other characters. However, OCR is not 100 percent accurate, and, particularly if the original item has extraneous markings on the page, unusual text styles, or very small fonts, the searchable text OCR that generates will contain errors that cannot be corrected by automated means. Digitization of microfilmed newspapers inherently includes a wide range of image quality in the content (quality derived from the original newspaper, the original newspaper when it was microfilmed and associated deterioration, or the film itself.)

The person viewing the newspapers also needs to be aware that spellings and abbreviations have changed over the years. The newspapers always used whatever was common in their areas at the time of publication, not what is used today. For instance, newspapers in Massachusetts often abbreviated that state as "Ms" in the 1800s and well into the 1900s. Newspapers in Mississippi also used the same letters, "Ms," as their commonly-used abbreviation for that state. The current abbreviations of MA for Massachusetts and MS for Mississippi became standardized only when the Post Office introduced ZIP codes in 1963. Even then, the abbreviation for Nebraska was changed again in in 1969, from NB to NE. ("NB" is now the commonly-accepted abbreviation for the Canadian province of New Brunswick.)

Another thing to remember is that newspapers of many years ago did not follow today's "politically correct" words and euphemisms. Do not be surprised if you see words and phrases published that would raise eyebrows today. Even common words and phrases changed over the years. Today we might say "gas station" but older newspapers would refer to them as "filling stations." Today we probably would say "voting rights" but older newspapers always referred to the same thing as "suffrage."

All the newspapers in the National Digital Newspaper Program are recorded with the abbreviations, words, and phrases as originally published. When searching, try to always use the historic terms, not today's lingo.

The National Digital Newspaper Program does not cover all newspapers from all states. However, new additions are being made frequently; if you don't find what you want today, you might return again in a few months to perform the same search(es) again.

The National Digital Newspaper Program is a great research tool for genealogists, as well as historians, students, and many others. If you have not yet used it, I suggest you go to http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ and see for yourself. You certainly cannot beat the price tag: **FREE**!

Steve Morse adds 1921 Canadian Census to the One-Step Web Pages (November 5, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 5, 2015 · Online Sites · One Comment

Dr. Stephen Morse is the originator of the very popular One-Step Search Tools, a collection of search tools that simplify searching of information on the major genealogy databases on a variety of other web sites. He allows anyone to use these "One Step Webpages" at his website, http://www.stevemorse.org, without charge as a public service.

Searching the 1921 Canadian Census in One Step
Stephen P. Morse, San Francisco

Free 1901 Canadian Census British Census US Census My Other Webpages
You will get more detailed results if you have an ancestry.com subscription and are logged on

PERSON (any or all fields in this section can be left blank)

First Name ○ is exactly ○ starts with   Middle Initial   Last Name ○ is exactly ● starts with ○ sounds like ○ best matches

Birth Year between ___ and ___   Birth Month ___   Age ___
1911 only   *1851, 1906*

Birthplace ___   Sex ___   Marital Status ___

Relationship ___   Tribal ___   Year of Immigration ___ +/- ___
1851, 1901, 1911   *not before 1901*

Nationality ___   Religion ___   Occupation ___
1901, 1911, 1921   *1891 and 1901*   *1901 only*

RELATIVES (any or all fields in this section can be left blank)

	First Name	Last Name (1921 only)	Birthplace (1891 and 1921)
Father			
Mother			
Spouse			
Siblings (1921 only)		Use commas to separate multiple siblings	
Children (1921 only)		Use commas to separate multiple children	

GEOGRAPHIC REGION (any or all fields in this section can be left blank)

Province ___   District select province first

Sub-District select district first DO NOT WRITE HERE

Sub-District Name ___   Street Address ___
not 1901   *1911 and 1921*

Municipality ___
1921 only

Start search at entry 1   hits/page 50   Keywords ___

submit reset all

Steve has now added a search method for the 1921 Canadian Census that simplifies finding the data you seek. The data being indexed is from Ancestry.com. Steve simply created alternative methods of searching the information on Ancestry.com. While you enter

the search parameters at http://www.stevemorse.org, clicking on SUBMIT then redirects you to the Ancestry.com web site to see the results.

To try the search for yourself, go to http://www.stevemorse.org and click on "Canada/UK Census."

While you are on the stevemorse.org web site, make sure you look around at all the other excellent software tools that Steve has created!

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the October/November 2015, Volume 10, Number 4 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Ancestry Academy: Genealogy Education at Its Best"
By George G. Morgan

George G. Morgan looks at the growing offerings for online genealogy education from Ancestry.com.

"Find It! Creating Your Own Genealogy Database"
By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy explores a resource for building your own family history database.

"Irish Catholic Parish Registers"
By Joe Grandinetti

Joe Grandinetti looks at the National Library of Ireland's release of the Catholic Parish Registers.

"Two for Review: Updates to iFamily and MacFamily Tree"
By Tony Bandy

Tony Bandy looks at what is new with two popular Mac-based genealogy programs.

"Online Jewish Genealogy Resources"
By Melody Amsel-Arieli

Melody Amsel-Arieli gives an overview of several valuable websites to assist you in researching your Jewish ancestors.

"Soldiers' and Sailors' Widows' Homes"
      By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at the genealogical records left behind by the wives of soldiers who served in the Civil War and other conflicts.

"Expanding World War II Military Service with Digitized Books, Records and Archival Collections"
      By Jennifer Holik

Jennifer Holik guides you on how to reconstruct military service through many other web-related resources.

"North Carolina — No Longer a Rip Van Winkle State When It Comes To FREE Online Research"
      By Diane L. Richard

In part one of two, Diane L. Richard looks at some of the free online resources available for researching North Carolina ancestors.

"Your Next Discovery is Only a Spitting Distance Away!"
      By Dave Obee

I thought that a good article in this issue is titled "Ancestry Academy: Genealogy Education at Its Best". The author of the article is George G. Morgan.

I am a big believer in using the power of online video courses and online webinars to advance your genealogical research skills. Yes, you can use YouTube and find many online tutorial videos there for genealogy. Many are quite well done and share good amounts of information to help you learn.

Ancestry Academy provides tutorials that have been created in a more professional manner than many others that you can find online. These productions appear to be created in a studio having many electronic bells and whistles to make the production a very polished production.

While we may start out focusing on very few research techniques as our research builds over time, we will ultimately begin to branch out (no pun intended) to want to learn many other aspects of genealogy. Perhaps we start with basic Census research of our local area and then discover that an ancestor noted they were born in another state. Now we may switch gears to want to learn about researching that state. Perhaps we discover that an ancestor was in the military, we may now want to pursue military research. Maybe we saw that an ancestor was from our original ethnic line, like Polish, and discover that a marriage took place between our original Polish ancestor and an Irish spouse. Perhaps we may want to now learn about researching Irish ancestry.

Yes, our original digging into genealogy is straight and narrow but can soon expand to much more than just that. This is the beauty of tapping into these online video resources that can educate you about these new resources you will explore.

Laura G. Prescott is the Director of Ancestry Academy. She is a well-respected professional genealogist knowledgeable about all that Ancestry Academy provides. Ancestry

Academy is a subscribable Ancestry product that also offers many "free" videos to watch. If you are already an Ancestry World Explorer Plus subscriber, you have access to "all" that is included in Ancestry Academy for no additional cost to you. If you do not have the full subscription to Ancestry.com, you can subscribe to the Academy for $11.99 per month or for $99.99 per year that will give you access to "all" of the videos. As an Ancestry.com subscriber in some form, you can at least access the "free" videos of the Academy that are available. These change, so over time you will have access to many more "free" videos just by being an Ancestry subscriber. If you are not an Ancestry.com subscriber, then you will not be able to access any of the material, even the "free" material since it is technically "free" to existing Ancestry.com subscribers to some degree. You will see all that is available by title, but if you try to open a "free" video for viewing, you will be asked to sign into your Ancestry.com account.

Here   is a link to get you to the home page of the Academy:

https://www.ancestry.com/academy/

The article notes that each course is generally between 30 to 90 minutes. Each course is divided into modules that address one aspect of the course. This means you can quickly get to an aspect of the course very quickly for a quick review. These aspects might run for a few minutes. Closed captioning is also available for the hearing impaired. You can watch a module as many times as you like.

The module almost always provides a collection of resources. You may see class handouts, forms, images of articles and graphics.

Another interesting component is that there are a set of questions that you can test yourself on to see how much you have retained from the learning module. Your answers are electronically graded so you receive quick feedback. Each question has a link to the part of the video that you can review to better retain the information.

The article also provides a nice listing of who are the instructors that you will see among the myriad of videos offered. The lists provided note that a certain set of speakers are Ancestry.com employees while another list provides the names of speakers in the Academy that are not employees of Ancestry.com. There are 9 Ancestry.com employees noted as speakers. There are 19 non-Ancestry.com speakers noted in the article. Just from the above there is a vast pool of knowledgeable experts being used to create these very informative courses.

Among the "free" (free to at least an Ancestry.com subscriber) course titles you can discover are:

- "Your Family History Online: Laying the Foundation"
- "Seek and Ye Shall Find: Become an Ancestry Search Expert"
- "You Found What in the 1940 Census?"
- "DNA 101: An Insider's Scoop on AncestryDNA Testing"
- "Getting the Most Out of Family Tree Maker"
- "Finding Your Military Veterans on Fold3"
- "Newspaeprs.com: Getting the Scoop on Your Ancestors"

- "Digging for Ancestors with FindAGrave"
- "Cousin Bait: Make Social Media Work for You"

Currently, just browsing within the Academy, I see that there are a total of 41 courses available to view in total, some free to Ancestry.com subscribers in some fashion, the rest available as a subscriber to the Academy.

I heartily recommend at least visiting the Ancestry Academy web site and exploring the variety of courses they offer. If you are a full Ancestry.com subscriber, you will have access to this material. If you are an Ancestry.com subscriber in a lesser capacity, you will have access to the "free" courses offered by Ancestry. If you are not a personal subscriber to Ancestry.com, you will not be able to view any of the courses offered.

I truly enjoy learning more about a topic that can help me in my research. To view these professionally created learning experiences is even better. Check out the Academy link up above and explore and experiment with what you see that is available.

Another wonderful article in this issue is the article titled "Irish Catholic Parish Registers". The author of this article is Joe Grandinetti.

If you are doing Irish research, then your ship has come in to be able to access this new resource. Those doing Irish research should become aware of this new available resource. In recent years, many Irish resources have become available for the online researcher. The property focused Tithe Applotment Books and the surviving Irish Censuses have been made available by the National Archives of Ireland at www.nationalarchives.ie. Ask About Ireland has made available the property focused Griffith's Primary Valuation records at www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation.

On July 8, 2015 the National Library of Ireland released nearly 375,000 digitized images of Catholic parish registers. The records are available online and for free at http://registers.nli.ie. The records cover baptisms, marriages and to a lesser extent, deaths from nearly 1,100 parishes across the whole of Ireland from the mid-1700s to the 1880s.

These records have been spoken of as being "the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 census". Obviously, all of this new data helps you if your ancestors were Irish Catholics! It is estimated that during these time periods, Catholics represented about 75% of the total population of Ireland.

The most important thing to know about these online records is that they have not been transcribed. To make the most use of these images, it is important that your research has at least pointed you to a County of origin and a more specific town of origin that would be associated with a parish. The author does note that at a future date it is likely this material will be transcribed into index format allowing name searching. But that is uncertain and even more uncertain as to whether the data would be for "free" or only through a "subscribable" service.

The author also notes that the quality of the original is challenging, with numerous blotches, shadows and tattered pages being reflected in the images. The data itself may have time intervals missing as well as some entries might only have been put to paper in Latin.

When you begin searching by selecting a parish name, the available microfilmed images are shown as indexed into baptisms, marriages and deaths, also identified by the

years covered. You can filter through the images by using a given month and/or year. The images can be scrolled, zoomed, adjusted for brightness and contrast, downloaded and printed.

The author notes that the researcher should be cognizant of parish boundary changes over time which makes it well worth searching neighboring parishes to the one that you may have started searching. Also, according to the author, be aware of different notes that may have been made on the original documents in the various categories of births, marriages and deaths. You find notes on illegitimacy in births, dispensations in marriages related to cousins being married.

You can also consider the Family History Library as an alternative for a source for this material. The author indicates that about 40% of this material is in the microfilms of the Family History Library. Some of the material in the Family History Collection was filmed separately than what was made available by the National Library of Ireland. Different filming might mean better quality and inclusion of more possible data.

Quoting from the article on how to go about to best prepare and use this data:

"Don't just take a blind leap of faith. Effective use of the records involves preparation and diligence. Gather information on your subjects from as many sources as possible, consider the LDS microfilms, and educate yourself on the geography of ancestral parishes. Then bestow a little forgiveness if your parish registers' appearance is less than divine."

This is a great newly released resource for Irish researchers. Visit the site above and explore all that is there about how to use the site in the most effective manner possible. Remember, it is not indexed. You cannot enter in the name of an ancestral surname. You need to have some idea of location of an ancestor from your research. Learn about the parishes.

This is another good issue of Internet Genealogy. There are lots of good articles from which you may see something of interest towards your own personal research. Check out the article names from the above Table of Contents I made as an overview above.

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

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BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a book titled **Historic German Newspapers Online** to our circulating collection. The author of the book is Ernest Thode. The book was published in 2014. It was added to our circulating collection in October 2015. The call number of the book is 929.1016 THODE, E. The book consists of 233 pages. It is currently categorized as "NEW" and will reside on the "NEW" books standalone shelves on the 2nd floor of our library near the "Ask Us" desk for 6 months until approximately April 2016.

I did happen to see a review of the book that follows below that appeared in Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter/Blog on April 27, 2015. The review was created by Bobbi King and follows after the following separator line.

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The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

 Historic German Newspapers Online
Compiled by Ernest Thode
Genealogical Publishing Co., 2014. 223 pages.

Ernest Thode is a name readily recognized in the German-researching community. His big, red, softbound *German-English Genealogical Dictionary* is likely on every German researcher's bookshelf. I took it to Salt Lake City one year to help me transcribe microfilmed German church records, and it was a great help.

In *German Newspapers Online*, in the introductory pages, Mr. Thode writes, "...I contend that any search for a German or Eastern European ancestor is incomplete without looking in German-language newspapers for that area....There are now thousands of titles online, many scanned with OCR software, some full-text searchable, and others viewable by going chronologically and page by page (like the olden days of cranking a microfilm reader)." Newspapers of 50 years or older are the subject of his book, with some more current editions noted for their genealogical value.

Mr. Thode includes descriptions of more than 20 significant websites hosting Germanic historic newspapers. Most are freely accessible, with collections placed online by universities, libraries, and museums.

The first section of the book lists the country of origin for newspaper publications, where the newspaper was published, the title of the newspaper, and his notes. This country-list is unexpectedly widespread: there have been German newspapers published in Australia, France (more than 60), Czech Republic, Germany (with the largest number of listed newspapers, more than 1200), Poland (about 140), Switzerland, and U.S.A.

The second section lists newspaper titles, the years of publication available, and the website for accessing the papers.

I don't see an e-book version of *German Newspapers*, which could have been convenient to download and click on active links.

I'm not complaining. This is a terrific resource for German research. Mr. Thode, with a Master's degree in German from Stanford University, and author of a long-running column

called "Ask Ernie" in *The Palatine Immigrant*, has given us another much-appreciated resource.

Historic German Newspapers Online Compiled by Ernest Thode is available from the publisher, Genealogical Publishing Co., at http://goo.gl/n6DEmL as well as from Amazon at http://goo.gl/pNA3Ry and from many other retailers that sell genealogy books.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Progeny Genealogy Adds RTF Output Format Option to Reports (November 17, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 17, 2015 · Software · 3 Comments

I have written several times in the past about the beautiful charts produced by Progeny Software's products. (See https://goo.gl/em7R4h for my past articles.) Now the company has added Rich Text Format (RTF) to the available options for output. Now you can now save Ancestor, Descendant, Hourglass and Bowtie charts in RTF format, to view in a word processing document. The Progeny Genealogy web site (at http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/rtf.aspx) states:

The benefits of RTF are:

- You can merge the RTF chart into an Ancestor Book or Descendant Book.
- You can create a single document containing multiple different charts.

- Vector images look better. The quality is consistent regardless of which device is displaying them (screen, printer).
- You can print an RTF chart.
- You can zoom in/zoom out while preserving the sharpness of the lines.
- RTF charts can include photos.
- You can email and share RTF charts.
- RTF images are more compact than the raster equivalent. RTF charts are easier to email, faster to download.
- The RTF files are self-contained, including the thumbnail photos: you don't have worry about uploading or attaching a bunch of image files.
- You can convert the RTF chart to the word processor's native format: .DOC or .DOCX for MS Word; .ODT for Open Office; .WPD for Word Perfect, etc.

You can learn more at http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/rtf.aspx. While on the site, you also might want to look at the company's many genealogy products by starting at http://progenygenealogy.com.

A Windows Laptop for $150 (November 20, 2015)

Dick Eastman · November 20, 2015 · Hardware · 2 Comments

I have often written, "the price of hardware keeps dropping," and that has never been more true than today. Lenovo, a well-respected manufacturer of laptop and other computers, has just announced a Windows laptop with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of $199. Of course, retailers are always able to discount retail prices, and BestBuy has done just that. The **Lenovo IdeaPad 100S is available from BestBuy for only $149.99.** The BestBuy web site lists that laptop as "on sale" but does not list a sale ending date.

This is not a Chromebook or some stripped-down tablet computer. It is not a refurbished computer. Instead, it is a full-sized Windows 10 laptop, capable of running any Windows genealogy program available today and probably most other Windows program as well. It is available today from BestBuy.

I haven't had a chance to use the new Lenovo IdeaPad 100S just yet. After all, I don't need another laptop computer. However, if I were in the market for a Windows laptop of modest power, I'd look closely at this one. It also might make a great gift under the Christmas tree for a family member.

At this price, you won't get a top-of-the-line powerhouse computer. Indeed, the Lenovo IdeaPad 100S has an Intel Atom processor, not one of the more powerful multi-core processors. It should be powerful enough to run most Windows programs, but I wouldn't expect it to run the graphics-intensive games, nor would I use it for engineering or for architecture design. I suspect it won't be very fast at editing images in Photoshop. The

laptop only has 2 gigabytes of memory, so you probably won't be multi-tasking, running 3 or 4 programs at once. The 32-gigabyte "hard drive" (actually a flash memory device) will not store huge databases, but it should be sufficient to store a genealogy database of 50,000 people or more. The laptop includes all the other items you would expect: a webcam, a built-in microphone, an HDMI connector so that you can display the laptop's video on that big television set in your living room, and high-speed 802.11n wi-fi networking.

Like many of today's laptops, the Lenovo IdeaPad 100S does not include a CD-ROM drive. It has two USB 2.0 ports, not the newer, high-speed USB 3.0 ports. It is available in just one color: fire engine red.

The screen is a bit smaller than normal at 11.6 inches, measured diagonally. I've been using laptops with 11-inch screens for years and have no problems with that size, but I know some people with vision problems will want a larger screen. The keyboard is full sized. The laptop weighs just 2.2 pounds. Finally, the battery should last about 8 hours in normal use before needing to be recharged.

As if all the hardware wasn't enough to impress you with a $150 laptop, take a look at the included software. Windows 10 is pre-installed, the same as all other Windows laptops these days. However, the system also includes a one-year subscription to Office 365 Personal (normally $69.99 a year), which includes all the Office programs (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more) along with a terabyte of cloud storage, something that normally costs $70 a year. While the laptop's internal drive is only 32 gigabytes, you can save an addition terabyte (1,000 gigabytes) safely and securely as encrypted files in the cloud. This is the equivalent of buying $139.99 of software and online storage in the cloud, and Lenovo then throws in a laptop computer for only another $10!

While this system admittedly has modest computing power, it will be more than good enough for anyone who wants to run one Windows program at a time. I suspect it will be a very good tool for a genealogist, especially one who would like a laptop as a low-cost "traveling computer" to supplement the big and powerful desktop computer at home. This could be your second computer, one you don't worry about dropping or losing.

The Lenovo IdeaPad 100S is available today from BestBuy, either online or in the store, for $149.99, and that even includes free shipping for online purchases. However, you probably will have to pay state tax on the purchase.

I doubt if you can find a Windows 10 laptop anywhere else at this price… until the next manufacturer announces something new next week. Again, as I have often written, "the price of hardware keeps dropping."

You can find the Lenovo IdeaPad 100S online at http://goo.gl/TNvwMn or in person at your nearest BestBuy store.

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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 "H" and "I":

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- Halfpenny, near Kendal, Cumbria.
- Hamsterley, near Bishop Auckland (also Consett) Durham.
- Haselbury Plucknett, near Yeovil.
- Haseley Knob, near Kenilworth, Warwickshire.
- Heanton Punchardon, near Barnstaple. (Might cause this page to be rejected by certain software!)
- Hearts Delight, near Sittingbourne, Kent.
- Heckmondwike, east of Halifax, West Yorkshire.
- Heglibister, on the Mainland of Shetland.
- Helions Bumpstead, near Saffron Walden.
- Hen Poo, near Duns, west of Berwick-upon-Tweed. (name of lake)
- Henlade, near Taunton. It must be an egg, as the next village is called Ham.
- Hinton Blewett, between Bath and Weston super Mare.
- Hinton-in-the-Hedges, near Banbury, Oxfordshire.
- Hole in the Wall, near Ross-on-Wye.
- Honeystreet, near Devizes, Wiltshire.
- Honey Tye, near Colchester, Essex.
- Hopton Wafers, east of Ludlow.
- Horrabridge, near Plymouth, Devon.
- Horrid Hill, near Gillingham, Kent.
- Howle, north of Telford, Shropshire.
- Hoyland Swaine, west of Barnsley.
- Huish Episcopi, near Langport, Somerset.

I

- Idle, near Bradford. (Idle Working Men's Club?)
- Indian Queens, near Newquay, Cornwall.
- Inkpen, near Newbury, Berkshire.

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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/*](http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/calendar-of-local-genealogy-events/)

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

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	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

2016	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	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE	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	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 2, 2016.
SAT	"**Get the Scoop: Interviewing to Gather Family Stories"**
2016	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	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE	130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2016	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	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday
WED	Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
2016	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	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 7, 2016.
SAT	"**Researching at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives"**
2016	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	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE	130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2016	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.

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