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**PLEASE NOTE**

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

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of 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:

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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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**FEBRUARY 9, 2016 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Paul Milner. Paul will present a program titled "Finding Your Ancestors in Ireland".

This program provides a good overview of procedures to follow in performing Irish research. Lots of examples illustrate the wide variety of records that can be utilized in the research process.

Paul Milner, a native of northern England, is a professional genealogist and internationally known lecturer with 30 years' experience, specializing in British Isles research.

Paul is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois.

You may visit the library's web page at:

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

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

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

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## 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](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

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 30, 2015, December 10, 2015, December 11, 2015, December 11, 2015, December 14, 2015, December 16, 2015 and are copyright 2015 by Richard W. Eastman. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

### Why the Mormons are So Interested in Genealogy (November 30, 2015)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 30, 2015](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#) · [12 Comments](#)

**Disclaimer:** This article was written by Dick Eastman who is not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Statements in this article do not reflect the Church's official views.

Most of us know the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly referred to as the Mormons, are very interested in genealogy. The Church spends millions of dollars annually digitizing records and making them available online and in thousands of Family History Centers all over the world, free of charge. Mormons and non-Mormons alike are always invited to use these resources. (See <https://familysearch.org/locations> to find your nearest Family History Center.)

The Mormon Church's web site has an explanation of the current reasons the Mormons are so interested in genealogy, found at <https://discover.mormon.org/en-us/landings/1/family/001>. That explanation states, "Strong family ties help us create precious moments that can turn into long-lasting memories." It also states, "Family ties are a strong force for good. And, in God's plan, family ties last forever." Details may be found at <https://discover.mormon.org/en-us/landings/1/family/001>.

While the [mormon.org](http://mormon.org) web site does describe today's views, an article by Doug Gibson in the (Ogden, Utah) *Standard-Examiner* explains the history involved, starting with the Church's Law Of Adoption written in the 1840s through various modifications and changes that eventually led to today's large-scale church temple ordinances for the deceased.

If you have an interest in how the concept of eternal salvation eventually led to today's huge support of genealogy for church members and non-members alike, you might want to read *Temple adoptions were part of an LDS evolution toward genealogy work* by Doug Gibson at <http://goo.gl/fdFwcf>.

### More Information on the Decision to Retire Family Tree Maker Desktop Software (December 10, 2015)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 10, 2015](#) · [Business News, Software](#) · [30 Comments](#)

Ancestry VP Kendall Hulet has responded to some of the comments, questions, and criticisms that have been posted online following the company's decision to "retire" Family Tree Maker. He writes:

Following the last Family Tree Maker desktop software announcement, we've seen your outpouring of comments, questions and the concerns you have raised. I've read

through many of your comments personally, and I want you to know that we truly value you as customers and your feedback.

Here are three key things I'd like to re-assure you of after reading through your comments:

1. We are fully committed to supporting Family Tree Maker through at least the end of 2016 with all available support from member services, including technical issues, product issues, updates and attention to the product. You will be able to use the software, exactly as you do now, including TreeSync, for at least the next year.
2. We are exploring possible relationships with other desktop software solutions that would make it possible for their products to integrate with Ancestry.
3. We are exploring options to bring more reports and related functionality from Family Tree Maker into the online service. Stay tuned for updates on this over the coming year.

We've put together an FAQ to address many of the other questions you've raised. Our member services team is also available for further questions.

You can read Kendall Hulet's full article at:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/09/more-information-on-family-tree-maker-desktop-software>.

## U.S. 2020 Census Will Be Done by Internet (December 11, 2015)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 11, 2015](#) · [Legal Affairs](#) · [10 Comments](#)



# iCensus2020

Technology is replacing a lot of things: landline phones, television armoires, pocket pagers, election paper ballots, and now paper census forms. The U.S. Census Bureau expects to use the Internet — plus smart phones and perhaps some other technologies yet to be invented — for the next decennial census, in 2020. Welcome to iCensus2020!

The primary reason for the change is to save money. The 2010 Census cost taxpayers \$96 per household, including the American Community Survey that has now replaced the old long form. The cost of taking the census has more than doubled in two decades, up from \$70 per household in 2000 and \$39 as recently as 1990. The 2020 Census undoubtedly would cost more if it relied on paper forms.



The savings are potentially huge, said Frank Vitrano, associate director for the 2020 Census. "It reduces the cost of printing, the cost of postage and the cost of data capture off paper forms," he said. "And we see it as more convenient for the public." Vitrano said other cost-cutting options also are being studied for the 2020 count.

While the decision to move to online census forms has been made, millions of details have yet to be worked out. Final plans are expected to be completed in 2017 or 2018. While the overwhelming majority of Americans now have access to the Internet, manual methods will still be used for the minority who do not have or do not know how to use Internet-based data collection.

The current version of the Census 2020 Operational Plan may be downloaded from <http://goo.gl/Ocd8cT>.

### Protecting the 2020 Census from Fraud (December 11, 2015)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 11, 2015](#) · [Scams](#) · [3 Comments](#)

# United States Census 2020

The U.S. national census in 2020 will be the first to rely primarily on the Internet for collecting census data, thereby creating new avenues for fraud and disruption. A new report from the JASON scientific advisory panel describes the problem and outlines some solutions.

The report says, "Several distinguishable types of fraud against the census must be considered, including: hacking the census for fun or bragging rights; social media attempts to discredit the census and reduce cooperation; mimicry of the census forms or apps for purposes including phishing; city or district-level attempts to changes population numbers or distributions; large scale attempts to affect apportionment of the House of Representatives; individual mischief and anti-government protest."

The JASON report, prepared for the U.S. Census Bureau, included several technical and procedural recommendations to impede fraudulent activity, to facilitate its detection, and to mitigate its consequences. The report is available at <http://fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/census.pdf>.



My thanks to newsletter reader Ashley Odell for telling me about the report.

### **Ancestry.com is Now Moving All Customers to the New Ancestry (December 14, 2015)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 14, 2015](#) · [Business News](#), [Online Sites](#) · [17 Comments](#)

The move to the “New Ancestry” web site was announced several months ago and has created some controversy ever since. Now the company is making it official. In an article today in the Ancestry Blog, Kendall Hulet, Senior Vice President of Product Management at Ancestry, wrote:

*Over a year ago, based on extensive research into our members’ wants and needs, we set out to build a better website that reinvents the way Ancestry helps you discover and tell your family story. On December 15, we will complete the final transition worldwide to the new Ancestry site.*

You can read the full announcement on the Ancestry Bog at

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/14/all-members-now-moving-to-the-new-ancestry>.

### **The Glass Files to Privately Protect a Family’s Memories (December 16, 2015)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 16, 2015](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [8 Comments](#)



The Glass Files is a web site designed for families who wish privately protect family memories and yet to also make them easily available to other family members who are invited to see and even contribute to those memories. The website, tag-lined *a place for history on the Internet*, is set to launch early next spring along with a mobile app.

The business primarily markets to families wishing to upload archives from their past in any medium, whether video, photo, or any other type of documentation. In a prototype of the site, developer Sarah Poyet presents video footage of her grandfather’s interview alongside documents from his arrival to the U.S. to tell his story. The website allows users to attach information to their material and tag items to a particular point of history, which relates a personal story to major events of that time period. The Glass Files is private by default. Poyet says she believes a collection from a family’s history should be intimate and safe from inappropriate use.

More than 700 families around New York City have already signed up to use the service for free as a promotional pre-launch for the site. Other family groups will be charged a monthly fee.



The Glass Files is available at <http://signup.theglassfiles.com> although there isn't much to see there. After all, the site is still in development. The first 1,001 families who sign up get eternal access for free.

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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, February 6, 2016. The program for the morning is titled **"Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Paul Milner**.

This talk is a good overview of procedures to follow in performing Irish research. Lots of examples illustrate the wide variety of records that can be utilized in the research process.

Paul Milner, a native of northern England, is a professional genealogist and internationally known lecturer with 30 years of experience, specializing in British Isles research.

Paul has been designing genealogy workshops, writing books, and lecturing for over 35 years. He holds an advanced degree in Theology and is particularly knowledgeable about the church and its role in record keeping. As a genealogist he speaks on a variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles, migration to North America and research methodology. He is currently the book review editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies FORUM, and the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois Newsletter. Paul is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois.

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, 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](http://www.dcgs.org)

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

<http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 16, 2016 at the Bloomingdale Public Library at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingdale, IL. The program scheduled for this day is **"Publishing Your Book: Tips and Tricks for the Writer"**. The speaker will be **Regina Yuill**.

Does publishing your family history book seem like a daunting task? This talk will help you overcome your fears of writing and publishing your 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 U.S. 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](http://www.CAGGNI.org)

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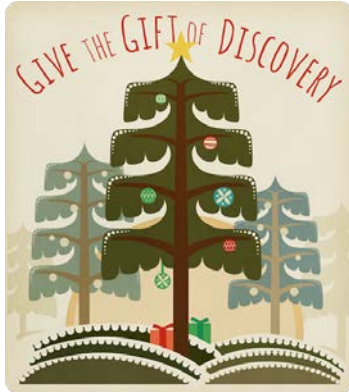
## INTERNET INFORMATION

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**Give The Gift of Discovery with FamilySearch Indexing (December 8, 2015)** *(Please note that this article is appearing in the Newsletter "after" the Christmas Holidays. However, I think it is an important one that I wanted to share because the message for indexing is timeless.)*

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FamilySearch is well-known for organizing thousands of volunteers who index records for the benefit of thousands of other volunteers. This crowd-sourcing project benefits all of us and certainly qualifies as a free “gift” to the genealogy community. Now FamilySearch is suggesting that a perfect Christmas “gift” is to help others find their ancestors.



The suggestion is to take a few minutes this holiday season to index so families worldwide can experience the thrill of discovery all year long. Volunteer indexing has already made more than a billion records easily and freely searchable on FamilySearch.org—and your help is needed! Your gift of indexing will help bring year-long cheer to researchers in need around the world.

When looking at the information supplied by FamilySearch’s new campaign, I realized there is an extra benefit for the indexers: detailed information about how to use the FamilySearch databases to find your own ancestors. Here are some of the instructions to indexers that I suggest all of us should know when looking for data on FamilySearch:

- Type names as they were written, excluding punctuation, except hyphens or apostrophes when they are part of the name.
- When a place-name was misspelled and you can determine the correct spelling, correct the mistake, unless otherwise directed in the project instructions or field helps. (NOTE: I think most professional genealogists will disagree with that instruction. The instructions I have always heard is to “record it literally as it was written.” However, when using any online database, I do want to know if the data is written in some format other than what I expect.)
- When information was crossed out and replaced, type the replacement information.
- When information was crossed out and not replaced, but the original information can be read, type the crossed-out information.

There is a lot more; the above is only a sample of the instructions given to the indexers as listed at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/help>.

I would suggest this is a win-win suggestion: if you index records, it will help many more genealogists in the future, and you will also gain education that you can use in your own searches.

You can read more about this worthwhile effort at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/give-the-gift-of-discovery>.

Some other helpful web pages include:

**Overview** at <https://familysearch.org/indexing>

**Basic Indexing Guidelines** at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/help>

**Find a Project** at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/projects>

**My Indexing** at <https://familysearch.org/indexing/my-indexing>

<b>How Building Your Family Tree on Famberry Could Help You Claim an Inheritance (December 18, 2015)</b>
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 18, 2015](#) · [Software](#) · [3 Comments](#)

This may be a first for any genealogy software product: an automated method of looking for an inheritance. The following announcement was written by the folks at Famberry:



**London, England (December 18th, 2015)** – Famberry ([www.famberry.com](http://www.famberry.com)), the private collaborative family tree builder, is pleased to announce the release of a new innovative Family Tree Builder with technology to help you claim an unknown inheritance. Building your photo family tree on Famberry has never been easier with new innovative controls, artistic themes that allow you to customize the look of your family tree and a whole host of other features, including; timelines, personal photo albums and messaging. With Famberry, building your family tree and preserving your family history is truly a family activity.

The new family tree builder gives members the chance to claim a real inheritance that could be worth millions. Each day we check your Famberry family tree against the UK unclaimed estates list and notify the relevant family member if we find indications that they may be entitled to an inheritance. Each inheritance could be monetary, possessions or property and could be worth thousands or millions of pounds.

The free new service is provided as part of complete re-write of the popular family tree builder, which also boasts an innovative family photo album, shared family organiser and a private family social network making it an ideal and cost effective place to preserve and share your family history.

*“We have worked hard to innovate in the area of family tree building by talking to users to find out what really matters to them. We believe that our family tree builder is the simplest to grasp on the market.” said Steve Bardouille, co-founder of Famberry.*

Famberry’s photo album functionality looks set to bring the family album into the 21st century. Not only can you store up to 2Gb (that’s thousands of photos) for free; your whole family can collaborate to collate and share their photo albums. Full browser screen display of your photo albums, photo swiping, photo tagging and drag and drop re-ordering

of your photos means that you not only store your photos but more importantly you can share them with the people you care about automatically.

Not stopping there, Famberry's flagship family social network has also been re-imaged to allow families to stay in contact with each other, without worrying about prying eyes. Family members can share messages, photos, videos and documents on their own completely private family social network.

Famberry's free service has no restrictions on functionality and gives a generous 2Gb of photo space to start you storing your family history with your family. For those who want even more for their families, Famberry has introduced new upgrade options. Members can upgrade to a premium account to share up to 50Gb of space with their family and a whole host of additional features for only \$7.99 a month or \$77 for a yearly subscription. Professional family historians have the option to store up to 1Tb of photos and build unlimited client and personal family trees on Famberry for only \$30.99 per month.

"If you have ever been given a family heirloom, you know how precious it is; full of history and significance. Famberry is your family's digital heirloom, useful today, but even more precious in the future. Start capturing your family story together with your family today."

### **About Famberry**

Famberry, based in London, England was started in 2013 by families who were frustrated with the lack of privacy and controls on social networks and wanted a place that their family life could be documented, without being sold or shared with unknown third parties. With award winning customer service, Famberry lets you access your family tree, photos and keep in contact with your family anywhere that you have access to the Internet.



## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **NGS Magazine**

We have received the October-December 2015, Volume 41, Number 4 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Back to School for Genealogists"**

By Jordan Jones, President of NGS

**"Genealogical Writing"**

By Darcie Hind Post, CG, Editor's Column

**"NGS 2017 Family History Conference Call for Proposals: Family History Lives Here Raleigh, North Carolina"**

By NGS Staff

**"2015 Volunteer List"**

By NGS Staff

**"Hotel Reservations Open for NGS 2016 Family History Conference: Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time"**

By C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

**"Utilizing Outlining for Strong Genealogical Writing"**

By Paul Graham, AG, CG

**"Genealogical Numbering Systems: History and Reasoning"**

By Melinde Lutz Byrne, FASG

**"Building Citations While Writing"**

By Michael Hait, CG

**"*Scrivener*: An Organizational Tool for Genealogical Writers"**

By Melissa A. Johnson, CG

**"In Their Own Words: Family Stories in the National Archives"**

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens"

**"Tips for Initial Contact with a Match"**

By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

**"Learning Basic Genealogy Using Online Research Products"**

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

**"Getting the Most from Case Studies in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*"**

By Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS

**"In the Footsteps of Ancestors"**

By B. Darrell Jackson, PhD, CG

**"Publishing Your Family History"**

By Jordan Jones

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Learning Basic Genealogy Using Online Research Products". The author of the article is Kathy Petlewski, MSLS, a librarian who writes article for the [NGS Magazine](#). The article does coincide to some of the activities I do in helping researchers become familiar with online genealogy resources that are part of our database collection at the Schaumburg Township District Library.

This article describes the observations of the author on the questions posed by new genealogy researchers and their uncertainty on how to begin their genealogical research. She offered some hands-on classes and discovered that there seemed to be four recurring common questions posed by the students in the class. I thought that the questions she received were almost always the same kind of questions that I often receive from new researchers. I think, whether you are new to genealogy research or are a seasoned



researcher, that it is worth noting what these top four questions are being posed by researchers.

Here is what they said:

- **Variations of Name Spelling** – many researchers simply believed that their spelling of the surname being searched was in fact **THE** way they were researching. Researchers were not taking into account that their name could take several “wrong” turns to appear in the online databases being used. As we become more knowledgeable as researchers we somehow discover this. But new researchers often simply discount the results of their search for names that are not spelled exactly as they think it should appear. Yes, they may discover some ancestors where the name does appear as they expect, but so many other ancestors with different appearing names are being left un-selected for further research. The author used her own research name as an example. The name she seeks is PETLEWSKI, John, born in Poland in 1854, living in Calumet, Michigan in 1900 with his wife and family. Using that name spelling from within Ancestry Library Edition (Soundex, not exact spelling search only), that particular person did not seem to appear under PETLEWSKI. The author did note that by scrolling through the hits she did discover that there was a BETHEWSKI, Vincent that seemed to match some of the other conditions. This was her PETLEWSKI that was either misidentified on the original writing of the document or was not readily readable by the transcriber and consequently entered in as the wrong spelling. Be flexible with the spelling of your name and your expectations. Use Soundex searching also and look through the list of hits looking for similarities to other facts you may know about your ancestor.
- **Organizing the Data** – once data was being discovered by these researchers, their next question seemed to be how do I organize it? The author noted that this question often arose when it was discovered that so few of the early researchers were not using any lineage software to enter the data. Once the early researchers were made aware of software products that can help, they all seemed eager to take the next step to begin working with these lineage programs to help in organizing. Lineage software has changed so much over the years because what was only kept on our personal computers has now been migrating to online family trees. Your software choice should have online uploading capability built in. As librarians we cannot just tell someone to use a particular brand of software. We can make them aware of the variety of products that exist and give them information where more can be found about a particular product for them to make the selection. These products could be Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, Heredis, MacFamilyTree and many others. It was also emphasized that what is put into a lineage program needs to be copied and duplicated as a backup into some other media source. As your lineage database grows, you do not want to leave to fate your hard worked data accumulation by having something happen to the only source where it resides.
- **Online Upload** – many of the early on researchers were eager to upload their discoveries. However, as the author pointed out, when using the databases from the libraries, you will discover that these commercial databases do not allow uploading of your data. If you were a personal subscriber to a database such as Ancestry.com or Fold3 or American

Ancestors, then you would be able to upload your material. But that privilege does come with an expense to you of a personal subscription. There are other online products that are not the equivalent of these commercial library products. Some are WikiTree, Mocavo and FamilySearch. The author notes that in all cases in it is critical that before uploading any data to any database, the researcher must read the Privacy Policies of any of these sites. While putting your own data up there might not bother you, it could very well bother your brother or sister who is still living to discover that their names are in your database. The safest approach to take when uploading any data is to keep it to known deceased individuals. It is also important for the researcher to know what becomes of his data should he subscribe to a site and then want to leave that site. Can he remove his data? Probably not. You do not want to lose control of your data.

- **Resource Choice** – the author felt that the most frequent question received was which library resource database should the researcher use? The answer to that question can come from knowing your own research direction and knowing what any given database offers. It is always best to read the descriptions of the databases as to what is contained and the timeframe covered. Every database you choose is not the same as every other one regarding content. The example used by the author was that if your family history has so far seemed to indicate ancestors coming from Ireland in about 1840 to Chicago then it is highly unlikely you will make discoveries in American Ancestors database that focuses on individuals in New England during the early colonial time period. Or as another example, if you want to do Census research at home and you do not personally subscribe to Ancestry.com, you can use another library resource database as Heritage Quest which is available to library cardholders at home instead of Ancestry Library Edition that is not made available to home library users.

I thought it was interesting that the author's experience with new genealogy researchers has been similar to my own. These are good questions!

Perhaps if you are a new researcher these questions have also been your own questions. Check out the full article for even more details. Keep in touch with genealogical journals such as this one for current news on a variety of genealogical topics. Check out genealogy societies local to your area. Watch for programs offered by your local library. Check out You Tube for online genealogy teaching videos.

Another good article in this issue is one titled "Publishing Your Family History". The author of this article is Jordan Jones.

The author notes that publishing a book today is different than from years past and can be done in a way where massive investment dollars does not need to happen. The traditional publisher route of a hard bound book printed and assembled by a publisher is still an option. But other e-book formats and self-publishing are also viable options today. Book publishers can provide publicity on the book as well as design of the cover. But for most of us that may want to write a family history we just don't have the same "gravitas" as if JK Rowling is writing another Harry Potter book!!

Self-publishing may be the best option for any one of us to write and publish our family history. With self-publishing it will be up to you to design your interior and exterior cover, edit your work and get some publicity going. The author focuses much of this article on the process of self-publishing.

From the start, as the budding author, may be working with Microsoft Word to put your thoughts into words. The author actually suggests that you give some thought to using a product titled *Scrivener* that costs about \$40. There is both a Windows version and a Mac version. This product is set up to help you capture and organize information for long writing projects. If you are more familiar with Word, the author notes there is a relatively steep learning curve to begin using *Scrivener*.

The author notes that after you have put your thoughts to word and are ready to publish you will have to decide on one or more delivery formats. These choices are on paper, as a Kindle or other e-book, or as a PDF or a combination of all three.

If printing, the author suggests a desktop publishing program such as Adobe InDesign (By subscription only for \$19.99 per month at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).) It is used around the world to design books. The author notes it is used by the creator of the very NGS Magazine. Using it is not intuitive so there will be some investment of time to learn it.

If using a PDF format, your design efforts may still be similar to Adobe InDesign. You can consider using a PDF format of less than 600 dots per inch that is still readable on a screen where the PDF will be viewed. Once you have a PDF, you can decide to sell it directly through a website of your own or through PDF sales websites such as *Scribd* (<http://www.scribd.com>).

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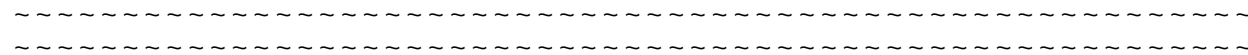
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If interested in writing your family history, this is a well-worth article to read through and to make a personal copy for future reference.

This is another very good issue of NGS Magazine. Look at the article titles I noted above to see if there is one that matches your own research interests. Consider taking a look at it and make a personal copy for yourself.

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



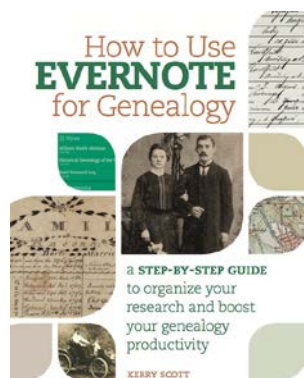
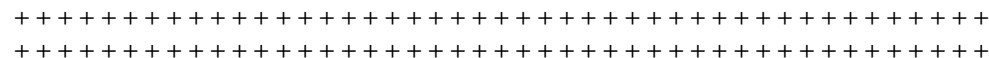
## BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a new book to our genealogy circulating collection. The title of the book is ***How To Use Evernote For Genealogy***. The author of the book is Kerry Scott. The book was published in 2015 and was added to our circulating collection in November of 2015. The call number of the book is NEW 929.3 SCOTT, K. (The NEW designation means this book will be on the “New” releases shelves that are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library near the Ask Us desk for about 6 months before the “New” designation is removed and it will be on the normal circulating shelves.) It is available to check out as a circulating book.

Evernote is a note-taking app that has great applicability for genealogy use.

I also noticed that there was an online book review of the book that I found at the Geneabloggers website. The review was done by Thomas MacEntee a well-known genealogy speaker as well as being the founder of Geneabloggers. Here is the website address where the review was found <http://www.geneabloggers.com/review-how-to-use-evernote-for-genealogy/>.

Here is the text from the blog describing the book.



Are you intimidated by technology, but feel like you are “missing out” when friends and family rave about a brand new app or program? Have you heard about Evernote and always wondered how others are using it for genealogy research? In the new book *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy*, author Kerry Scott employs an approachable and comfortable writing style to “demystify” the Evernote product, cut through all the hype, and show you how to get up and running with the most popular note taking product currently on the market.

Scott is a skilled writer who can cover all the “getting started” basics as well as advanced features and make the reader feel confident enough to start using Evernote. I loved the various “personal observations” Scott has included in each chapter; you can tell from all of these real-life experiences that the author is a serious Evernote user who has figured out a way to leverage the program for genealogy research success.

*How to Use Evernote for Genealogy* is not another technical book that you will review once and then never use. Most likely, you will be consulting various chapters and sections for days and weeks as you build your Evernote skills and find new ways to use the program for genealogy.

***Evernote Templates that ROCK!***

Lately there has been a dearth of free Evernote e-books on the Web, but they really don't solve problems encountered by genealogists and family historians. *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy* has three different appendices at the end of the book, filled with useful Evernote templates.

Not only can you review each template, there is a convenient link to a text version so you can start creating your own Evernote forms for genealogy. These include Census Extraction Templates for the US Federal Census, Genealogy Conference Planner (to plan your classes when attending a genealogy conference), and Research Worksheets and Templates, including a family group sheet.

***Structured to Get Things Done!***

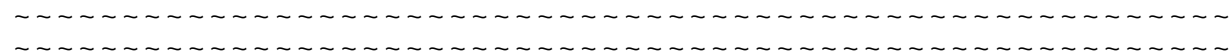
I'm a bit of a “techie,” and perhaps this is a “guy thing,” but I usually don't read the directions or knowledgebase when I start using a new product. Instead, I like to “kick the tires” and “poke around.” Well if this is how you learned Evernote, I recommend using the **Keys to Success** segment at the end of each chapter of *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy*. Review each item and make sure that you are familiar with each concept before you move on to the next chapter.

Also, don't forget that there are checklists, templates and “value added” features at the end of each chapter as well.

***Conclusion: A Must Have Guide for Evernote Users***

You name it, author Kerry Scott has covered it when it comes to using Evernote for genealogical research. This includes the use of audio and video files from interviews, synchronizing data between multiple devices, using photos with Evernote, creating tables and more.

With *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy*, you can be up and running with Evernote as your personal genealogy virtual assistant. In addition, after a few hours, you will wonder how you ever got by without Evernote all these years!




## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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

### Ancestry to Retire Family Tree Maker Software (December 8, 2015)

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## Family Tree Maker

by  [ancestry.com](#) If you are using Family Tree Maker, you probably need to start looking for another genealogy program. Kendall Hulet, Senior Vice President of Product Management at Ancestry, posted an article to the Ancestry Blog today stating, **"We've made the tough decision to stop selling Family Tree Maker as of December 31, 2015."**

The announcement is available at

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/08/ancestry-to-retire-family-tree-maker-software>.

This announcement shouldn't surprise anyone. For several years, Ancestry.com has supported **TWO** interfaces: a web interface at <http://ancestry.com> that looks at the company's online databases plus the Family Tree Maker software installed in Windows and Macintosh computers that looks at the same online databases plus allows the user to add more information with the option to keep the new information private or to share it online. In effect, Ancestry.com's biggest competitor for some time has been Ancestry.com! It's tough when you compete with yourself.

Next, Ancestry.com traditionally has announced new upgrades to Family Tree Maker every September or October. This year, there was no such announcement. That led to some speculation that a major change was underway.

Of course, the entire computer industry is moving away from software and databases installed in desktop and laptop computers. The trend is to iPads, Android tablets, Chromebooks, and other devices that store both data and programs in the cloud. Such storage typically is more secure and more reliable than keeping programs and data in a free-standing computer where it is sensitive to hard drive crashes, user errors, and other problems. (You do have multiple backups of your data, correct? With cloud-based services, multiple backups are made for you automatically.)

The cancellation of desktop and laptop programs isn't new. Adobe already has switched many of its products to cloud-based equivalents. (Details may be found at <https://www.oracle.com/cloud/index.html>.) Microsoft's Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) has been available for some time in two versions: the traditional desktop and laptop version and the cloud-based version called Office 365. (See <https://www.office.com>.) I suspect the desktop/laptop version of Microsoft's Office will go away one of these days.

Google Docs has already become a strong competitor of Microsoft Office and is free for personal use.

Email software used to always be installed in the computer. Email programs including Eudora, Thunderbird, Pegasus, and others used to be installed in almost everyone's personal computer. Now those programs have largely disappeared, replaced by cloud-based programs (Gmail, HotMail, Outlook.com, Yahoo Mail, and others).

In the genealogy world, **Personal Ancestral File** was canceled years ago and **The Master Genealogist** also disappeared some time ago. Now **Family Tree Maker** is suffering the same fate. I doubt if today's announcement will be the last one we read of a Windows or Macintosh genealogy program being canceled by its producer.

Another sign is that almost no new, full-featured genealogy programs for Windows or Macintosh have appeared in recent years. All the programming efforts now seem to be devoted to mobile apps for tablets and cell phones or cloud-based applications. I suspect we will see more Windows and Macintosh genealogy programs disappear within the next few years.

I see this as a positive step. Cloud-based applications open up possibilities of collaboration with other genealogists as well providing safer and more reliable databases that don't disappear with a hard drive crash. Of course, changes always make many people uncomfortable. Users of Family Tree Maker are now facing discomfort.

The fact that Family Tree Maker is being dropped shouldn't be a major problem for anyone. There are numerous alternatives. In fact, if anyone prefers to stick with a desktop or laptop program, there are many good ones available for Windows, Macintosh, and even for Linux. Changing to a different product certainly will be inconvenient, of course. There will be a learning curve to overcome. However, the use of GEDCOM files will transfer the data. Some manual clean-up is usually required after a GEDCOM data transfer, but that should still be a lot less painful than re-typing everything!

### **Current Family Tree Maker users have three options to choose from:**

**1. Keep using the current version of Family Tree Maker for some time.** It will not stop working any time soon. Perhaps an upgrade of the Windows or Macintosh operating system will break something in Family Tree Maker someday, but that probably won't happen for a while. There is no need to rush to a new product. Perhaps a bigger risk is that support from Ancestry.com for the now obsolete Family Tree Maker will end on January 1, 2017. If you have a problem after that date, you will not receive support from Ancestry.com.

**2. Switch to a different desktop or laptop genealogy program.** There are many excellent genealogy products available for those systems. I plan to publish a number of articles about available Windows and Macintosh products over the next few weeks.

**3. Start transitioning to a cloud-based genealogy service.** There are two versions of cloud-based genealogy applications available: one method where you share a database with thousands of other users and the other method where you maintain your own private database in a cloud service where no one else can access it without your permission. Family Tree Maker users probably are already familiar with Ancestry.com's web interface. They may choose to use that. However, that certainly is not the only choice available.



MyHeritage.com, The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding, webtrees.org, WeRelate.org, FamilySearch.org, WikiTrees.com, Heredis, and others all have excellent web-based products as well. Again, I plan to write about the cloud-based genealogy services over the next few weeks.

If you are looking to switch from Family Tree Maker to a different product, I also suggest you stop and consider your long-term solutions. Do you want to switch to a different desktop or laptop application? If so, what is the life expectancy of **THAT** program? You could switch to a cloud-based program, but I will warn you that those programs have both great strengths and major weaknesses. For instance, most of today's cloud-based programs do not have nearly the variety of printed reports that are contained in most desktop and laptop program.

Every genealogist should evaluate today's offerings and also try to look into a crystal ball to see what lies in the future as industry trends keep shifting. As for me, I am moving to the cloud. My coming articles will explain why.

**RootsMagic offers an Upgrade for Family Tree Maker Users, including a Free Book and Magic Guides (December 10, 2015)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 10, 2015](#) · [Software](#) · [13 Comments](#)



As mentioned earlier at <http://goo.gl/BCK2qO>, Ancestry.com has announced the retirement of its Family Tree Maker genealogy software. Family Tree Maker support and online features will continue through the coming year. During this "sunset period", many Family Tree Maker users will want to transfer their data into another desktop application that is actively being developed and updated such as RootsMagic. The folks at RootsMagic are offering a package that will make the transition as painless as possible.

The following is a quote from the RootsMagic Blog at <http://blog.rootsmagic.com>:

### **A New Home**

Over the past few years, thousands of Family Tree Maker users have made the switch to RootsMagic. They've enjoyed its amazing new features such as color coding, Problem Alerts, Shareable CD's, running straight off of a flash drive, FamilySearch integration, DataClean, multi-provider WebHints, Mac and Windows versions with a single license, and more!

To make the transition as painless as possible, we've set-up a special website at [www.FTMUpgrade.com](http://www.FTMUpgrade.com) that includes training videos, testimonials, and more. And for a limited time, we are offering Family Tree Maker users the full-version of RootsMagic for the amazing low price of only \$20. We will also include the printed book, "Getting the Most out

of RootsMagic" absolutely free (a \$14.95 value). You must visit [www.FTMUpgrade.com](http://www.FTMUpgrade.com) to receive the discount.

Of course, we also offer a free version of RootsMagic named RootsMagic Essentials that offers basic capabilities for those who are just beginning their genealogy journey.

### **Free Videos and Magic Guides**



We've also put together special videos and printable "Magic Guides" to help you with the transition. We encourage our users to download these guides and freely share them with any Family Tree Maker users who may benefit from them.

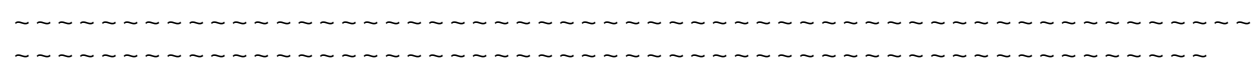
*Importing Family Tree Maker (2008 – 2014) Files into RootsMagic* (Video) (Printable Guide)

*Importing Family Tree Maker (2006 and Older) into RootsMagic* (Video) (Printable Guide)

### **We're Here to Help**

If you're a Family Tree Maker user, we understand that change isn't easy. But with a little of your time and a little help from us, you'll be just as comfortable with RootsMagic as you were with Family Tree Maker.

You can read more at <http://blog.rootsmagic.com>. The special website for Family Tree Maker users is available at: <http://www.FTMUpgrade.com>.



### **FUNNY BONE**

Here is some genealogy humor I found at a blog called GeneaMusings ([www.geneamusings.com](http://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>

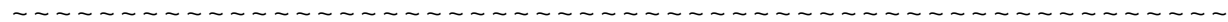
Some names I happened to see in the list are under "J" and "K":

J

- Jack-in-the-Green, near Exeter, Devon.
- Jingle Street, near Monmouth, Monmouthshire.
- Jump, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

K

- Kemeys Commander, near Pontypool, Gwent.
- Kettlesing Bottom, west of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
- Kingston Bagpuize, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
- Killiecrankie, near Pitlochry.
- Kirkby Overblow, south of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
- Kittybrewster, Aberdeen.
- Knockdown, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire.



**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 “\*”)*

Jan 12            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
TUE                130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2016                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            CAGGNI. Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois. Meetings  
SAT                held the 3rd Saturday of each month at Schaumburg Township District  
2016                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](http://www.caggni.org) or  
P.O. Box 59567, Schaumburg, IL 60159-0567

- Jan 20  
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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.dcggs.org](http://www.dcggs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Feb 6  
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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  
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130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
PM.  
**"Finding Your Ancestors in Ireland"**  
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- Feb 17  
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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.dcggs.org](http://www.dcggs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
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(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](http://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  
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- 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  
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**"What's the Buzz About BillionGraves?"**  
 Presented by Debra Dudek.  
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- 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.dcgcs.org](http://www.dcgcs.org).  
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
 DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://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  
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- May 10  
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**"Mapping Your Migrating Ancestors"**  
 Presented by Tina Beaird.  
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 Program title is **"Colonial American Ancestors"**.  
 Guest speaker is **Jane Haldeman**.  
 Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
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**"Using Ancestry.com Family Trees"**  
 Presented by Caron Primas Brennan.  
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- Aug 9 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
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**"Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch"**  
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**"Find Your Roots in Naturalization Records"**  
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- Nov 8 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

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**"Using Fold3 to Research World War I and II Military Records"**  
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