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Genealogy Group Newsletter

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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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JUNE 14, 2016 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, June 14, 2016.

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on June 14, 2016.   Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our "breakout" groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

Polish Researchers
German Researchers
Czech Researchers
Irish Researchers
Italian Researchers
British Researchers
Scandinavian Researchers
Colonial Americans Researchers
Sharing Your Printed Family Histories/How To

I also will have a Beginner's Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

I would also encourage participants to bring their personal laptop or netbook to these sessions and tap into the internet via our WiFi network. I saw many researchers doing this at our last breakout session and they found it very productive to access internet information while being in one of the groups if they wanted to show something to someone else at the table.

Please remember that the group's composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in another ethnic group of interest if that is also in your research interests or join me at the Beginner's Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session on June 14, 2016.

You may visit the library's web page at:

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 206 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 1,648 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 April 4, 2016, April 18, 2016, April 19, 2016, April 20, 2016, April 22, 2016, April 25, 2016 and are copyright 2016 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.

Investors Pump $2.6 Billion into Ancestry.com (April 4, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [April 4, 2016](#) · [Business News](#) · [No Comments](#)

This is a follow-up to my article published on Friday at http://blog.eogn.com/2016/04/01/silver-lake-to-invest-in-ancestry-com/, *Silver Lake to Invest in Ancestry.com*. A later announcement from Ancestry has revealed the amount of the new investment: $2.6 billion US.

The investments will give Silver Lake and GIC equal and "significant" minority ownership stakes in Ancestry.com. Majority ownership will remain with current investors — Permira, Spectrum Equity and two company managers.

Details are available in the *Salt Lake Tribune* at http://goo.gl/OHWXZP and in *Fortune* at http://goo.gl/Gq2UEE.

Database of Holocaust Victims Reaches 1 Million Names (April 18, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 18, 2016 · Current Affairs · 2 Comments

An effort to build a free online database of Holocaust victims and survivors has reached a milestone. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and Ancestry.com announced Friday that records of one million people persecuted by the Nazis are now available to be searched.

The crowd-sourced database was launched in 2011 and is known as the **World Memory Project**.

Among the collections in the Museum's archive are names of Jewish orphans; lists of Czech Jews deported to the Terezin concentration camp and camps in occupied Poland; applications for Jews to receive special ID cards; ghetto register books and ghetto worker ID cards; and records relating to the Kindertransport. Anyone, anywhere can contribute to the project by simply typing information from historical records into the online database, one record at a time.

In 2015, project contributors spent 9,806 hours indexing and arbitrating 400,497 name entries, which helped make 248,862 new names searchable online free of charge at both Ancestry.com and the Museum's Holocaust Survivors and Victims Database.

Contributors to the project come from 18 different countries, including the United States, Bangladesh, Japan, Romania, and Zambia.

Last year, three high schools — the Frisch School in Paramus, NJ; the Charles E. Smith Day School in Rockville, MD.; and Teaneck High School in Teaneck, NJ — fully indexed 6,876 worker ID cards from the Lodz ghetto.

You can read more about the this new milestone at https://goo.gl/aMkmrF and also more about the World Memory Project at https://www.ushmm.org/online/world-memory-project.

PBS' "Genealogy Roadshow" Season 3 Premieres May 17 (April 19, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 19, 2016 · Video & Television · 2 Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at PBS:

ARLINGTON, VA; APRIL 19, 2016 – From possible links to the accused in the Salem Witch Trials to heroes of the Wild West, PBS' **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** uncovers more family secrets in the series' third season, which premieres Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 8:00

p.m. ET and airs Tuesdays through June 28 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans this season in and around Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles. Each story links to the larger regional (and often, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry. See a season three clip here.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's professional genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode. Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of Tears.

Over the course of the series and from coast-to-coast, Berry, Taylor and Tedesco work with participants' anecdotal clues, documents and family heirlooms to reveal surprising turns and incredible personal histories, filling in lost family details and in some cases, introducing them to relatives and other important people they never knew existed.

Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles were chosen this season as representative of America's cultural crossroads for diversity, industry and history, as well as for deep pools of riveting stories. GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's hosts and experts add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes part of solving the mystery.

"Our third season of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** visits six of America's history-rich cities and unearths engaging stories, dark mysteries and emotional reveals that link to the very founding of our country," said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. "This series illustrates that no matter one's culture and background, everyone is part of the diverse American story."

Below are descriptions for each of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s six episodes this season. For images and screeners, please visit PBS PressRoom.

Albuquerque – The Old Airport Terminal
Premieres May 17, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the Old Albuquerque Airport Terminal. A woman seeking a connection to a Native-American code talker learns that a missing branch of her family tree has been searching for her; a man is shocked to find out just how deep his New Mexican roots go; a woman finds out that her ancestor's life was straight out of a Wild West tale; another questions her family connection to the explosive Trinity Test; one man is linked to a famous comic book heroine; and a woman looks to verify family lore about a connection to Pancho Villa.

Miami – History Miami Museum
Premieres May 24, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At the History Miami Museum, one woman suspects she is related to Pocahontas; another explores the mystery of her Cuban roots, uncovering her grandfather's secret past; a man learns more about his Filipino heritage and the impact of World War II on his ancestors; the team reveals how the history of the tragic Tuskegee experiment changed a woman's family forever; and a woman comes to the Roadshow thinking her ancestor was a villain, only to learn he was a hero.

Houston – Downtown Houston Public Library
Premieres May 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A woman seeks to find out if her roots in Texas are as deep as the character she portrays in her historical re-enactments; at the Julia Ideson Building of the Houston Public Library, the Roadshow team investigates the notorious Andersonville prison; a man wants to know if his African-American ancestors fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War; a woman uncovers her link to a prominent figure in Texas history; another learns of her connection to the Cherokee Freedmen; and one man traces his roots to the conflicts that shaped early American history.

Boston – Faneuil Hall
Premieres June 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At an iconic Boston landmark, Faneuil Hall, a team of genealogists unravels the haunting mystery of one woman's ties to the Salem Witch Trials. Another woman seeks to understand her family's connection to the historic orphan trains; a woman seeks to find out whether the Great Boston Fire of 1872 or the small pox epidemic claimed the lives of one branch of her family tree; for one man, the team researches a link to the founders of Boston; and one woman learns that her family's remarkable route went from the Caribbean through Ellis Island.

Providence – Providence Public Library
Premieres June 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At the Providence Public Library, the passport of a woman's ancestor reveals how her family survived the Holocaust and ended up halfway around the world; a woman discovers more about an African-American relative who served in World War I; experts unlock the mystery of one man's Amish ties; a woman discovers how deep her roots run in the New England whaling industry; a Rhode Island macaroni company takes a woman all the way back to Italy; and one man's search for his ancestor reveals a scandal that made headlines.

Los Angeles – Union Station
Premieres June 28, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at Los Angeles Union Station. A woman questions her family's connection to the legendary Hollywood hot-spot, Schwab's Pharmacy; another seeks a connection to one of the first African-American college graduates; a woman's family tree is wrapped in a genealogical web that has captivated the Roadshow team for years; one man's ancestor lived in the right places at the right times, finding himself connected to historic events and iconic companies; a woman discovers a

scoundrel in her family tree; and a Roadshow host shares a unique insight on the Ellis Island immigration experience.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is proudly sponsored by Ancestry.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is part of PBS' commitment to high-quality programming highlighting American culture, diversity, history and heritage, which provides viewers with a greater understanding of our communities, our country and our world. PBS history and heritage programs in the primetime schedule have included Finding Your Roots and other titles by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., The Italian Americans, Latino Americans and more.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is produced by Krasnow Productions. President and owner Stuart Krasnow is a longtime television industry veteran, having worked for all the country's top news and entertainment broadcasters, as well as numerous cable networks as a creator and executive producer. Under his banner, Krasnow has developed and produced series in almost every genre of unscripted television. This series is executive-produced by TV veteran Carlos Ortiz, who has produced mega-hits for nearly every major television network. He brings 20 years of development and producing experience to the table and returns to PBS for his third season on the series.

About Big Mountain Productions

Big Mountain originated the GENEALOGY ROADSHOW format for Irish public broadcaster RTÉ Television. Run by husband-and-wife team and former BBC/RTÉ executive producers Jane Kelly and Philip McGovern, Big Mountain produces non-scripted series for national broadcasters, specializing in shows that combine great content and entertainment value, including *Generation Foundation, Addicts Symphony* and award-winning *Wild Ireland.* For more information: bigmountainproductions.com.

About Krasnow Productions

Krasnow Productions is named for its founder and president, Stuart Krasnow, a 30-year veteran television producer. Under his banner, Krasnow has developed and produced series in almost every genre of unscripted television for broadcast and cable networks, including *The Weakest Link, Average Joe, Dog Eat Dog* and *The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency*. Krasnow Productions also sold and produced *Searching For…,* one of the first original series to be produced for Oprah Winfrey's OWN network. Additionally, Krasnow Productions has sold and produced original projects for NBC, A&E, TBS, GSN, MTV, HGTV, E! and Fremantlemedia.

About PBS

PBS, with 350 member stations, offers all Americans the opportunity to explore new ideas and new worlds through television and online content. Each month, PBS reaches nearly 100 million people through television and nearly 33 million people online, inviting them to experience the worlds of science, history, nature and public affairs; to hear diverse viewpoints; and to take front row seats to world-class drama and performances. PBS' broad array of programs has been consistently honored by the industry's most coveted award competitions. Teachers of children from pre-K through 12th grade turn to PBS for digital content and services that help bring classroom lessons to life. PBS' premier children's TV programming and its website, pbskids.org, are parents' and teachers' most trusted partners

in inspiring and nurturing curiosity and love of learning in children. More information about PBS is available at www.pbs.org, one of the leading dot-org websites on the Internet, or by following PBS on Twitter, Facebook or through our apps for mobile devices. Specific program information and updates for press are available at pbs.org/pressroom or by following PBS Pressroom on Twitter.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cARLj7eN5iE

Ancestry.com LLC Reports First Quarter 2016 Financial Results (April 20, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 20, 2016 · Business News · No Comments

Ancestry.com LLC reported financial results today for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016:

— First Quarter Revenues $196.5 million, Up 19.4% Year-Over-Year; Up 21.2% on Constant Currency Basis —

— First Quarter Adjusted EBITDA $70.1 million, Up 13.1% Year-Over-Year[1] —

"We had a strong start to 2016, led by the continued momentum of AncestryDNA and accelerating revenue growth in our family history business," said Tim Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com. "This is an exciting time for Ancestry. We're seeing tremendous interest in our products and services, illustrated by steady subscriber gains and growth in our DNA database, which is quickly approaching two million DNA samples. We are focused on capitalizing on this momentum through sound execution of our strategy, targeted investments in initiatives to drive growth, diversified revenue streams and even better customer experiences across our portfolio of businesses."

<u>First Quarter 2016 Financial Highlights</u>

Total revenues for the first quarter of 2016 were $196.5 million compared to $164.6 million in the first quarter of 2015, driven by growth in revenues from AncestryDNA and the core Ancestry websites. On a constant currency basis, first quarter 2016 total revenues would have increased 21.2% year-over-year.

Net income for the first quarter of 2016 was $12.4 million compared to $2.8 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Adjusted EBITDA[1], [2] for the first quarter of 2016 was $68.2 million compared to $61.7 million in the first quarter of 2015. Excluding the impact of one-time expenses, adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2016 increased 13.1% year-over-year, to $70.1 million.

Free cash flow[3] for the first quarter of 2016 was $46.3 million compared to $43.5 million for the first quarter of 2015.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled $176.8 million as of March 31, 2016.

Obligations under long-term debt[4] totaled $1.0 billion as of March 31, 2016.

The full quarterly financial results are lengthy and can be found at http://goo.gl/RhcFnZ.

Researching Family in Pennsylvania: a Five-day Genealogy Course (April 22, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 22, 2016 · Education · No Comments

The following announcement was written by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) and the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists:

Researching Family in Pennsylvania
Five-day genealogy course offered this summer

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) and the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists are pleased to announce the opening of registration for the week-long program *Researching Family in Pennsylvania*. The program will be presented at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 1st through August 5th, 2016. It is an expansion of the continuing genealogical education series promoted by HSP and offers total immersion in the resources and records available to Pennsylvania family history researchers. Many of those records can be found on-site in the HSP collections – the largest genealogical repository in Pennsylvania.

Program highlights:

- Judy Russell, CG®, CGL®- Courting the Keystone State
- Aaron McWilliams , Pennsylvania Archives – Understanding State Land Records
- Joseph R. Klett, NJ State Archives – Colonial Research in New Jersey
- Thomas Summers, Delaware Archives – William Penn and Delaware
- Amy E. Arner – Research in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County
- Thomas McCullough, Moravian Archives – Moravian Genealogical Research
- Dean Henry – Researching African Americans in Pennsylvania
- Sydney Cruice Dixon – Pennsylvania Records and Databases
- Frank Southcott – Overview of the Settlement of Pennsylvania
- Kim Bucklaw, Chester County Archivist – Early County Tax Records

The program finale, *Thomas Holmes' 1687 Province of Pennsilvania*, will discuss early land ownership under William Penn and will present a research case study outlining some of the original landowners.

A detailed curriculum, speaker biographies, tuition and hotel information may be found at http://hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-in-pennsylvania. The course is designed for the beginning genealogist and the advanced researcher alike who desires to understand and explore, first-hand, Pennsylvania records, resources, and repositories.

Preserve Family Recipes Via Video (April 25, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 25, 2016 · Preservation, Video & Television · No Comments

Here's an idea. Preserve family recipes by taking videos of the family member who makes it the best. Perhaps that person is you.

Ann-Terese Barket, aka *The Food Archivist*, thinks the perfect gift just might be a two-inch flash drive containing the video. Make lots of copies and distribute them as gifts. The videos do not need to be professional Hollywood productions. Your family members will probably appreciate watching the family expert "as is."

Barket documents family recipes via videos and transcripts so they may be easily shared with relatives and friends. She officially started her business after realizing how important recipes were in maintaining the cherished culinary memories of her own family.

"But unofficially, this has been (happening) since I was a little girl," Barket said. "I would watch my dad cook all the recipes at our El Matador Restaurant. I documented his every move, and when he passed I felt the need to have a cookbook filled with his recipes."

You can read more at: http://goo.gl/TIWIkp.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

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

THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2016. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN IN AT THE END OF AUGUST 2016 INSTEAD OF A SEPTEMBER PROGRAM THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society (New Name) will take place on Saturday morning, To Be Determined. The program for the morning is titled **"To Be Determined"**. The speaker for the morning will be **To Be Determined**.

This meeting will take place at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 10:00 AM. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 9:00 AM prior to the main meeting/program that starts at 10:00 AM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/

Please note that it has happened once in a while that the society may change a program schedule without actively sharing that fact. Checking their web site may also not give you notice of such a change if they do not change the web site. That is still the first place to check. You may also want to contact someone at the society if a phone number is available to verify that a program is still scheduled as they had advertised. That is always not available either.

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that 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 8:45 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, May 18, 2016. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Researching Colonial American Ancestors"**. The speaker for the program will be **Jane Haldeman**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, May 21, 2016 at the Schaumburg Township District Library in Schaumburg, IL.   The program scheduled for this day is **"FindAGrave – A Wonderful Website"**. The speaker will be **Robert Allen.**

While many are aware of and have visited this genealogical site, most are not familiar with the many lesser-used areas on the site that can lead you to new information.

This data can fill many blanks in your knowledge of your ancestors, relatives and their friends. Ways to access and capture this gold mine of information will be discussed.

You won't want to miss this program.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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The Family History Guide is Now Available Online (April 1, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 1, 2016 · Genealogy Basics · No Comments

The *Family History Guide* is a huge website aimed for beginners and advanced genealogy researchers alike. It is not a simple ebook published in PDF or some other format. Instead, it is a full interactive guide that contains some of its information on the Family History Guide's own web site and adds hundreds of links to other web sites that also contain useful information.

The new Guide is now available on the FamilySearch.org website in the Learning Center AND in the Family History Center Services Portal. That puts The Family History Guide in all of the English speaking Family History Centers throughout the world. The rest of the world will get The Family History Guide as soon as the publishers complete additional translations which are already underway.

Keep in mind that this new Guide does not contain any genealogical records. Instead, it helps you learn how to use the vast record sources at FamilySearch, Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage, and other web sites. You can use a number of links in The Family History Guide to go directly to popular search pages by location or record type.

The Family History Guide suggests 7 Projects:

1. Family Tree
2. Memories
3. Descendancy / Ordinances
4. Discover
5. Indexing
6. Help
7. Technology

These 7 projects are explained at http://www.thefhguide.com/about-the-projects.html.

One thing that impressed me is the *Resources for Children* section at http://www.thefhguide.com/children.html.

This great resource is primarily the work of two men: Bob Taylor and Bob Ives. Both have extensive experience in education. You can read about their backgrounds at http://www.thefhguide.com/introduction.html.

While the information in this guide is available through its own web site and via links on FamilySearch, anyone reading the information should be aware that the site is not sponsored or endorsed by FamilySearch® or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There are no fees or subscriptions for using the web site or its contents.

I would strong suggest you look at the Family History Guide today. If you agree with my assessment, you might want to tell your friends about this new online resource as well.

The *Family History Guide* is available to everyone at http://www.thefhguide.com. In addition, a video explaining much of the use of the *Family History Guide* is available at http://www.thefhguide.com/The_Family_History_Guide_Quick-Tour.mp4.

Reclaim The Records: The NYC Marriage Index 1908-1929 Goes Online (April 14, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 14, 2016 · Online Sites · 25 Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at Reclaim The Records:

The 1908-1929 NYC marriage index goes online for free public use

It took one Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request, one modification of that FOIL request, one FOIL Appeal, one Advisory Opinion issued by the New York State Committee on Open Government, one "Article 78" legal petition filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, one legal settlement with the City of New York, 46 brand new microfilm copies created from the master films held in one city agency's vault and another two films from another city agency's vault, one portable hard drive full of high-quality digital scans of the 48 films donated by a kind non-profit organization, several days working in the headquarters of another non-profit to borrow their Internet bandwidth and hard drive space, and sixteen months.

But we did it. Today, Reclaim the Records is very pleased to announce that the index to the New York City Clerk's Office marriage records (the application, affidavit, and license) for 1908-1929 **is now online** and open for public use.

There are no logins required, no paywalls, no copyrights, and no usage restrictions. The index is now free and open data, forever.

39 of the 48 microfilms are now online at the Internet Archive, and the remaining nine films will be put online throughout the next few weeks.

Here's the link!: https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex

This includes (so far) 48 items scanned from 39 microfilms:

- **MANHATTAN 1908-1929**
- **BROOKLYN 1908-1929**
- **BRONX 1914-1917**

Coming soon are the final nine microfilms:

- **BRONX 1918-1929**
- **QUEENS 1908-1930**
- **STATEN ISLAND 1908-1938**

Details about how to join a new volunteer-led transcription project for these images, to turn them into a free online searchable database, will be announced shortly.

Quick notes and updates

- Our first court date in our Article 78 legal petition in the Supreme Court of New York against the New York City Clerk's Office, seeking the first-ever public copies of the 1930-2015 NYC marriage index under the New York State Freedom of Information Law, has been pushed back one month, to May 9, 2016. We will let you know how it goes.
- Our case to be reimbursed our attorneys fees by the New York City Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS, parent agency of the NYC Municipal Archives) is scheduled to have its oral arguments on May 25, 2016. We'll let you know how that goes, too.
- Last month, Reclaim The Records was one of the organizations that was a signatory to a letter to Senators Grassley, Leahy and Cornyn, all of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for the Endorsement of Immediate Passage of FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. Yup, Reclaim The Records is going to start getting involved in governmental lobbying efforts to improve FOIA and strengthen state Freedom of Information laws.

The start of the avalanche

Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this journey to make this dream of open records a reality.

And we're just getting started... There's more news coming soon.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Your Genealogy Today

We have received the March/April 2016, Volume 2, Number 1 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

Key articles in this issue are:

> **"Researching Your Ancestors in Scotland's Lowlands and Borders"**
> By Sher Leetooze
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> *Sher Leetooze recommends looking beyond the usual sources when searching for your Scottish ancestors.*

"World War II from the Battlefield"
	By Jennifer Holik

Jennifer Holik looks at retracing service history through daily and monthly reports.

"When You're Gone"
	By Carol Richey

Carol Richey recommends putting a succession plan in place for your valuable genealogy research and other treasured family items.

"The Disappearance of Henry Thoman"
	By Stephen B. Hatton

Stephen B. Hatton investigates a genealogical cold case of an Ohio man who disappeared around 1870.

"Who Owns Grandma?"
	By Judy G. Russell

Judy G. Russell looks at legal issues surrounding the ownership of that family history data we collect.

"Cousins, and Overcoming the DNA Language Barrier"
	By Diahan Southard

Diahan Southard looks at cousins, Good Matches, and Best Matches.

"Spectacles, Cheaters and Shades"
	By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at our ancestors' use of corrective eyeware down through the ages.

"Researching a Seafaring 19th Century New Englander"
	By Merrylyn Sawyer

Merrylyn Sawyer looks at the maritime life of Captain Charles Gould Chadbourne.

"The New York Municipal Archives"
	By Michael Chaplan

Michael Chaplan discovers genealogy gold among the skyscrapers of the Big Apple.

"Plan a Research Trip to Ireland"
	By Lesley Anderson

Lesley Anderson offers tips on planning that trip of a lifetime to research your Irish ancestors.

"Bringing Your Ancestors Back to Life"
By Dave Obee

I thought that an interesting article in this issue is one titled "When You're Gone". The author of the article is Carol Richey. Carol shares with the readers strategies to make sure your genealogical work gets passed on. She describes some of the pitfalls to avoid in planning such succession.

The author notes that it is important for us to have a plan in place to pass our genealogical work to someone. None of us lives forever. We do not escape the grim reaper. It is also important to think in a broader term about your genealogical material. It is just not your lineage research of names and dates. It is also all the actual physical material you have collected such as rings, baby toys, cards etc. None of us is perfect in our plans. Over the years the author has learned many things to help make succession planning of genealogical material more successful. The article does point out some of the mistakes that were made over the years.

Here are the tips:

- The stories that were passed to the author were not initially written down. Over the years, the memories of these stories faded and are lost forever. Get the stories onto paper in some fashion for reference at a future date to make them more complete. As the author notes, "... events do create records that we can collect, but people create memories."

- Another misstep noted by the author pertains to the many photos she came to possess. The photos were scanned. Stories of the photos were passed to the author. This information was digitized into the photos by the author. All sounds good and perfect. However, the author did not make a backup copy of these digitized photos and as Murphy's Law will have it the hard disk where the material existed crashed and all of the work done by the author was lost. All of the work needed to be re-created. Even then, the re-creation process may not create the work the way it was. The solution, MAKE BACKUP COPIES OF ANY OF THE DATA YOU HAVE ON YOUR HARD DRIVE! Follow the acronym of LOCKSS which stands for "Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe". Get copies of your materials outside of your house to other cousins for off-site storage. More information about this can be found at the National Archives at www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives/index.html.

- A family quilt was in the possession of the author. It was a favorite and represented the last quilt done by a family member before their death. A friend thought it could be found in a certain part of the home. The author realized that the location of the quilt was an area she had already cleaned after the death of this relative. It was very likely the author disposed of it before she knew the history about it. Keeping family treasures is not enough to guarantee their preservation. Store them properly and label them properly so surviving family members at least have an idea of what the material is and why it may be important. The Library of Congress Family Treasures web page can provide you with some insights about preservation. You can find this at www.loc.gov/preservation/family.

- At the burial of the mother-in-law of the author, one of the relatives mentioned that there were 3 cassette tapes that were given to the mother-in-law that contained family history stories from now deceased family members.

Did the author find them? Did the author even know about them? The author's husband had gone through some of the material of his now deceased mother and did not know what the tapes contained. Additionally, no device was available to even play the cassettes and the husband then decided they were obsolete and disposed of the cassettes. Ooops! Changes in technology from 5 ¼ floppies, to smaller floppies, to CDs, DVDs, flashdrives all carry the possibility that the material on these media devices may no longer be able to be read by devices of the future. Get this information transferred to each successive new method of storage. Get the material into the cloud while you still have devices that can read the material.

- After the death of her mother-in-law the author was approached by another relative that was very interested in a collectible the mother-in-law had. The story of the article connected directly with this relative and they asked if they could have it. The author had no problem giving this collectible to that individual. The lesson here is to make a list up of your own collectibles describing what they are and why they may have importance to you or another family member. Think of this as making an inventory of these items with detailed descriptions and any insights as to the history and who might be interested in receiving them after your death. Share the inventory with other relatives so they know what you are in possession of. Get an idea in advance of who might be interested in getting the collectible after your death. The paper trail will make relatives aware of material to be disbursed.

- Sharing your family history work is important. Do it while you are still alive. Connect with those cousins now and not hope it will all happen upon your death. For most after your death your material will be considered "junk" and will be disposed of in a manner you will not like. If you do not share with your living cousins while you are alive, at least consider sharing the material with the Allen County Library of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They are a genealogy mecca in the Midwest. Work with the Genealogy Center of the library. They offer a Photocopy Exchange Program. In exchange for letting them copy your family history (complete or incomplete) they will make an additional bound copy for you. Copying time for your material takes about 4 weeks with an additional 4 weeks required to create the bound volume for you. They also welcome digital copies of your material if you have that. You can provide digital copies to their DropBox account or their Google Docs account. ***Contact the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library by email at Genealogy@ACPL.Info. By phone at 260-421-1225. By regular mail at The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801.*** The general website for the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center is www.genealogycenter.org.

Now is the time to get your own material lined up in a row. Create that succession plan. Create written directions. Add a codicil to your will about what to do with your genealogy research material. Get copies of your material to your cousins in an offsite location as a security backup.

Learn from the above lessons on what can go wrong when you think your genealogy material will find a home after your death. Your best wishes may go nowhere unless you take action now to prepare have your material find a home after your death.

Doing Irish research? Considering going to Ireland to visit and research ancestors? There is a good article in this issue titled "Plan a Research Trip to Ireland". The author of the article is Lesley Anderson.

Interesting claim … by the 21st century an estimated 70 million people worldwide could claim some form of Irish descent!! Maybe you are one of them and want to visit the land of your ancestors.

Do your homework here first. Research, research, research before you ever think of getting on that plane to make your visit! Going there without any research is like spinning the lotto wheel. It is not a good idea to get off the plane and ask the first Irish person you meet to point you to the O'Brien family because you are a long last cousin. Good luck with that approach.

The author suggests that by prior research first, you should know the name(s) of your ancestors, any key dates, for births or marriages, religion, county, parish and even townland. Knowing where the records are held is also a good idea. Remember the political turmoil that occurred in what you know today as Ireland. Northern Ireland today may well have been referred to by your ancestors as "Ireland" since the balance of the country prior to 1922 was controlled by Great Britain.

Flying into Dublin may be your first best choice because the air fares into the city are the least expensive. Research all of your day to day activities for any research in archives and depositories. Know their times for opening and closing. Know their rules for onsite research. Bring a flash drive for saving images. Ask about taking photos with a camera or your smartphone for review when home. Ask about making copies on a copy machine. Know if you need a research pass to do hands on research. Check the websites of these facilities for all of this information. Don't forget cash or credit card to use for making any copies.

Facilities mentioned by the author for research located in Dublin are:

- National Archives of Ireland @ www.nationalarchives.ie. Good starting point. You will need to get a reader's ticket to get access so make sure you have a photo ID as well as proof of address that is current. (Dublin)

- General Register Office @ www.groireland.ie. Open Monday to Friday. Holds Civil Records for the Republic of Ireland from 1922. For Norther Ireland info for this timeframe you will need to research at General Register Office in Belfast. Research the indexes online provided by FamilySearch.org or Ancestry.com for the UK. (Dublin)

- Valuation Office @ www.valoff.ie. Close to the General Register Office. Holds cancelled land books (revisions of Griffith's Valuation documenting all changes of occupancy of land from the time of the original survey to recent decades). If your ancestors are from actual Northern Ireland you can find material at the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). (Dublin)

- The National Library @ www.nli.ie. Has microfilm copies of most Roman Catholic parishes up to 1880 (published online in 2015), most Irish newspapers, printed books and periodicals. (Dublin)

- Church of Ireland Library @ http://ireland.anglican.org/about/109 Anglican Church of Ireland repository. (Dublin)

Facilities mentioned by the author that are located in Belfast are:

- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) @ www.proni.gov.uk. Use website for accessing online research guides.

- Presbyterian Historical Society @ www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com. Presbyterian registers generally do not pre-date 19th century. Congregations not established until the 1800s. You may encounter less systematic record keeping at the facility.

- General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) @ www.nidirect.gov.uk/gro. Responsible for birth, marriage and death records from 1864. Website gives details on how to obtain copies of these documents. Very limited space on site. Can reserve a computer for searching and can get copies of documents for a fee.

- Ulster Historical Association @ www.ancestryireland.com. Moving to the historic Corn Exchange Building in Belfast spring of 2016. Offers research reports and consultations as well as online databases.

The author also notes that you might want to combine your research aspirations with a tour of your ancestral homeland. She suggests using www.discoverireland.com as a source for this goal. There are self-drive tours, Escorted Bus Tours, day trips and even genealogy education conferences.

My biggest takeaway is to do plenty of research at home to verify that your family history stories get you researching in the right direction. Just going to Ireland to research a family just based on a story is almost a sure way to not have fun. Research here. Discover the locations of ancestors. Capture their records and then go to Ireland to pick up the research in the areas you have proven to be true and accurate related to your family history.

This is another good issue of Your Genealogy Today. Lots of good titles of articles I noted above. Perhaps one of them will be of interest to you. You can always make a personal copy of the article for your own use. Check out any of the links I have included in some of the article summaries above.

You will find this most recent issue of Your Genealogy Today on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a book titled *Trace Your German Roots Online: A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites*. The author of the book is James M. Beidler. The book was published in 2016. It was added to our collection in April 2016. The book contains 207 pages. The call number of the book is NEW 929.3 BEIDLER, J. The book can be found on the 2nd floor of our library on the special shelves near the "Ask Us" desk where recently added nonfiction books are located for the first 6 months after being added to our collection. This book should migrate to the regular circulating shelves sometime in October 2016.

I did see that there is a nice book review that was put together by Thomas MacEntee of Geneabloggers. The review is contained at http://www.geneabloggers.com/review-trace-german-roots-online/. Here is what Thomas wrote about the book:

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[**Editor's Note**: *Trace Your German Roots Online* is available in <u>print</u> as well as in <u>e-book</u> format and right now you can get it at a 36% savings, for only $13.99. PLUS if you use promo code **SFTTHOMAS16** at checkout, you'll save an additional 15%!]

Beidler, James M. *Trace Your German Roots Online: A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites*, Cincinnati: F+W Media, Inc., 2016, 208 pages.

Imagine my excitement when I found out that James M. Beidler, author of *Family Tree German Genealogy Guide* and a well-known genealogist had just published a new book specifically for those using online resources for researching German ancestors. My Henneberg line has been a difficult one to research, especially since most of my other lines are English and Dutch. I knew that German genealogy research meant tapping into different skills, but I would never have made any of my recent progress without the solid advice and techniques in *Trace Your German Roots Online*.

A Wealth of Information on German Genealogy

Do not think that *Trace Your German Roots Online* is limited to just online resources. Once I started reading, I realized that the book is an excellent immersion into general German research especially when it comes to resources, how to deal with German place names and surnames, and more.

The focus of Beidler's work in *Trace Your German Roots Online* is how to use sites such as FamilySearch and Ancestry.com for German family history research. Besides the more well-known online sites, Beidler also introduces MyHeritage as well as Archion and its Protestant church records – this one was new to me!

The information is presented in easy-to-understand text and with screen captures that will help researchers get started on these websites. More than anything else, *Trace Your German Roots Online* is a workbook that you will be referencing frequently as you work on finding your German ancestors.

Your German Genealogy Questions Answered

Here is evidence that the author truly understands the plight of those of us with German ancestors: he has devoted an entire section to answering specific research questions. These include "How Do I Identify My Ancestors' Place of Origin," "Where Else Can I Access Church Records," and "How Do I Contact People and Places in Germany?" are just a few examples.

I could easily relate to all of these research questions and the solutions offered were key to helping me find more information on my Hennebergs, my Pressners and other German ancestors.

A Sneak Peak . . .

Here are some tips you will find in *Trace Your German Roots Online[i]*:

1. **Remember that Germany is not America**. Stateside researchers can forget that some of their assumptions about records in the United States don't apply to the Old World. Because of its decentralized history and frequently changing borders, Germany has left behind fewer "national" records. Instead, be prepared to primarily look for records at the state (Land) and local levels.
2. **Know which resources are free**. The Web has opened up incredible possibilities for researchers, but remember that not all online resources are free. Some sites require you to have a paid subscription, while others require you to pay per record. Before you invest in a subscription, make sure you can't get the same material for free from another resource.
3. **Double-check translation sources**. While the advent of automated translation services on the Internet has been exciting for genealogists digging through foreign-language records, take the time to fact-check translations you find. Even if provided by a German records repository, translations online may not be completely accurate and can lead to incorrect information in your family tree. Check your translations with multiple sources to minimize these kinds of errors.
4. **Put yourself out there**. The Internet is nothing if not collaborative. Take advantage of this fact by reaching out to other researchers via social media and joining German genealogy groups on Facebook. You just might find that other researchers have faced (and conquered) research brick walls similar to your own.

Conclusion

After reading *Trace Your German Roots Online,* you realize that not only does the author know German genealogy, but also he is invested in helping you succeed in finding your German ancestors. I can guarantee that whether you get the print version or the ebook version, you will be bookmarking several sections and get lots of mileage out of the content in *Trace Your German Roots Online.*

About The Author: James M. Beidler

James M. Beidler came by his German genealogy expertise honestly: It took him more than twenty years of searching to find any ancestry that wasn't from Germany. Beidler is the author of *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide* (Family Tree Books, 2014), a columnist for German Life magazine, and a go-to expert for German Genealogy articles and educational articles.

Jim writes the award-winning weekly newspaper column "Roots & Branches"—the only syndicated genealogy feature in Pennsylvania—and edits *Der Kurier*, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. Jim is a frequent contributor to periodicals ranging from *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* to *Family Tree Magazine*. His speaking credits include all the nation's largest genealogical conferences, as well as the Pennsylvania Humanities Council's acclaimed Commonwealth Speakers program (2002–2009). Jim also teaches online courses and webinars for Family Tree University.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

Ancestry for Android Updated (April 20, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 20, 2016 · Software · 2 Comments

Ancestry is a great app to view historical documents and records on iOS and Android. The Android app recently received a nice update that brings a new user interface with easier navigation. It also lets you quickly switch between family trees and add sources to images. It syncs with Ancestry.com accounts and can let you add members from Facebook as well.

The recent update added:

- A completely new interface with enhanced media and fact features.
- Navigate the app more easily—and experience the app the same way as other Andorid apps—with our new user-friendly design.
- Add and edit sources and images from the Facts view.
- View record images and their details side by side in a new image viewer.
- Quickly switch between different family trees using the top, left menu.

You can learn more or even download the Android app in Google's Android Play Store icon on your Android device or at

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ancestry.android.apps.ancestry&hl=en.

MacFamilyTree 8 is Now Available (April 21, 2016)

Dick Eastman · April 21, 2016 · Software · 18 Comments

If you are a Macintosh user, you will want to read this! I saw a preview of **MacFamilyTree 8** a few weeks ago when it was still being developed and I was very impressed. Version 8 has now been released and is available to everyone. It is a major update and contains a lot of new features. In my opinion, MacFamilyTree has the most "Mac-like" graphical user interface of any genealogy program I have ever seen on any operating system. It uses the Mac's graphics capabilities better than any other genealogy program. It also is super easy to navigate up and down your family tree, in and out all the

various branches, and to quickly identify relationships. It also is very good at finding "problems" with your data.

Version 8 now has been released and is available to everyone in the Macintosh App Store for $29.99 US. Please note that is a 50% discount for everyone and will be available until July, 17th – no matter if you own a previous version or not. The price will increase after July 17, probably to the normal price of $59.99 US. You can also download and use a free demo of version 8 to use for a while to see whether or not this is the genealogy program for you. I suggest you try it.

A matching **MobileFamilyTree 8 for iOS** app is also now available.

MacFamilyTree is available in 14 languages. It requires Mac OS X 10.10 Yosemite or higher. For the sync between different devices an iCloud account is required.

I now have MacFamilyTree Version 8 installed on my iMac and am learning about all the many features available. You can find a number of screen shots of MacFamilyTree in operation at http://www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree/visualize. For more information, look at: http://www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree.

Here is the long, long list of the new features in version 8, as listed on the MacFamilyTree web site:

New Interactive Tree

- Much improved layout
- Beautiful new look
- Navigate, add and enter persons faster than ever
- Better FamilySearch integration
- Force Touch supported
- Completely configureable
- Display up to 8 generations of ancestors and descendants at once, including brothers & sisters
- Full keyboard control for browsing the Interactive Tree

Completely new user interface

- Much better usage of screen space
- Configureable functions layout
- Hide functions you do not use often
- Quick keyboard navigation
- Global back and forward history similar to a web browser
- New database management window

Smart Filters

- See only relevant entries from your database you're currently focusing on
- Create and save complex search filters (all living women in Texas)
- Available for Persons, Families, Sources, Places and ToDos
- Also available for most reports to create specialized reports from a subset of persons from your tree

Powerful new Sidebar Lists

- Completely redesigned Person, Family, Place, Source and ToDo sidebar lists
- Much improved search options
- Configureable grouping/sectioning options (for example by birth place, last name, creation date and so on)
- Sorting options greatly enhanced
- Available in the Edit, Views and Reports sections

Custom Event & Fact types

- Create your own Person Events, Facts or Family Events, and record any kind of information
- All reports and views adapted to display custom events and fact types
- Hide event and fact types you do not use often
- Easily import data from other genealogy apps
- More default event and fact types added
- Improved management of event icons

Improved edit mode

- Adjustable font size for all edit sections
- Improved keyboard navigation
- Improved event, fact and source lists
- Optionally larger sizes for parents, partners and children above and below the edit view
- Better readability
- Better performance

Change Log

- All changes in your database are recorded for further reference
- Keep track of when you worked on which records
- See all change log entries for a specific person or family directly in the edit sections

Much improved performance

- All parts of MacFamilyTree & MobileFamilyTree heavily optimized
- Improved memory usage

GEDCOM support

- Much improved compatibility with other apps
- Better handling of custom GEDCOM tags from other genealogy apps
- Improved importing performance

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- Detailed error reporting
- Improved and configureable character encoding detection

Navigation Timeline

- Quickly see and select persons related to the person you are currently editing
- See when events happened in a person's lifetime
- Available in all edit functions

Plausibility testing

- Checks for many different kinds of data integrity problems like „buried before death"
- Available for the Interactive Tree or when editing persons or families

Improved places management

- Map added to check if the selected place is the correct one
- Improved automatic batch coordinate lookup
- Rewritten places merge including automatic merge suggestions

Improved FamilySearch integration

- Auto-Login option added
- Improved performance when matching and downloading persons
- Support for more event types

Other

- Unknown gender option added
- Charts & Reports options revamped for better numerical input
- More sorting & grouping options for the Person List report
- Name Distribution can now be displayed for first name
- Labels can now be displayed in all charts
- New Events & Facts statistic chart added
- New search sites added to the Web Research feature
- Performance of the Media Gallery improved
- Improved import from Apple's Photos app
- Person List Report option added to separate name components into different columns
- New user manual

The following video illustrates many of the features in MacFamilyTree version 8:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toVfTMKno-g

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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 "R" and "S":

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- Ramsbottom, north of Bury, Greater Manchester.
- Ramsey Forty Foot, near March, Cambridgeshire.
- Ratcliffe in the Wreake, north of Leicester.
- Raw, near Whitby. (naked or half-baked?)
- Red Roses, near Carmarthen.
- Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute.
- Retire, near Bodmin, Cornwall.
- Rotten Bottom, Tweeddale, Borders.
- Rows of Trees, near Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- Ruyton-XI-Towns (also called Ruyton of the Eleven Towns), near Oswestry, Shropshire.
- Ryme Intrinseca, near Yeovil.

S

- Sandy Balls, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire.
- Scagglethorpe, near Malton, North Yorkshire.
- Scapegoat Hill, near Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.
- Scratchy Bottom, near Durdle Door, Dorset.
- Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Such a lovely name.
- Seaton Sluice, near Blyth, Northumberland.
- Seething, near Norwich. Does it make you cross?
- Send, near Woking, Surrey.
- Sexhow, south west of Stokesley, North Yorkshire.
- Shagg, near East Lulworth, Dorset.
- Sheepy Parva, near Nuneaton.
- Shellow Bowells, near Chelmsford, Essex.
- Shilbottle, near Alnwick, Northumberland.
- Shitlington Crags, near Wark, Northumberland.
- Shitterton, near Bere Regis, Dorset.
- Sinfin, near Derby.
- Six Mile Bottom, near Cambridge.
- Sixpenny Handley, near Blandford Forum.
- Slack Bottom, near Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.
- Slaggyford, near Haltwhistle, Northumberland.
- Slattocks, near Rochdale.
- Snig's End, near Gloucester.
- Solomon's Tump, west of Gloucester.

- Splott, Cardiff.
- Spunkie, near Lugton, Ayrshire
- Square and Compass, near Fishguard, Pembrokeshire.
- Steeple Bumpstead, near Haverhill, Essex.
- Stepaside, near Tenby, Pembrokeshire.
- Sticker, near St. Austell, Cornwall.
- Stiff Street, near Sittingbourne, Kent.
- Stublick Bog, near Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.
- Swan Bottom, near Wendover, Buckinghamshire.
- Sweet Appletree, near Market Drayton, Shropshire.

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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/

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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
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