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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:

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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SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, September 13, 2016.

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on September 13, 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 September 13, 2016.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

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

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

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 225 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 1,667 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

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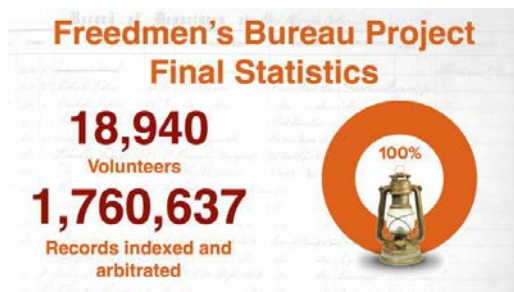
## SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

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| <b>Freedmen's Bureau Project Completed with Nearly 2 Million Records of Freed Slaves Indexed (June 23, 2016)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 23, 2016](#) · [Announcements](#) · [3 Comments](#)

A project to index the records of 4 million freed African-American slaves is now completed, almost a year to the day after the project was launched by the LDS Church's FamilySearch International genealogy service with an announcement June 19 of last year at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.



The Freedmen's Bureau Project has marshaled the efforts of 18,940 volunteers working coast to coast in the United States and Canada, uncovering the names of nearly 1.8 million of some 4 million pre-Civil War era slaves.

Nationwide chapters of the Afro-American Genealogy and Historical Society and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture — slated to open later this year — partnered with FamilySearch to undertake the project, which drew upon documents from the National Archives and Records Administration.

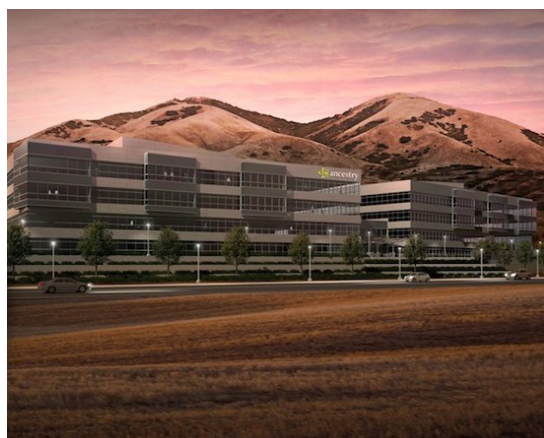
The full announcement of the completion may be found at

<http://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/historic-freedmens-bureau-project-completed>.

### **Ancestry.com Opens its New Headquarters in Lehi, Utah (June 23, 2016)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 23, 2016](#) · [Business News](#) · [10 Comments](#)

Ancestry.com's headquarters have been in Provo, Utah for the past thirty years. Yesterday, the company opened its new headquarters building in nearby Lehi, Utah. CEO Tim Sullivan says the new location in Lehi at the Point of the Mountain will help the company attract top talent from both Salt Lake and Utah Counties.



The new \$35 million facility, located just a few miles off Interstate 15, sits on 10.5 acres with a sleek modern design that incorporates floor to ceiling windows to take in more light and phenomenal views of Mount Timpanogos and the surrounding valley. Ancestry will

initially occupy approximately 135,000 square feet on location, positioning the company for the decades of growth and success to come.

Ancestry has 1,400 employees globally, 1000 of whom are based in Utah, and they are looking to expand.

### Photographs of Men Who Fought in the Revolutionary War (July 4, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 4, 2016](#) · [History](#), [Photography](#) · [6 Comments](#)



Yes, you read that right. **Photographs** of Americans who fought in the Revolution are exceptionally rare because few of the Patriots of 1775-1783 lived until the dawn of practical photography in the early 1840s.

Utah-based journalist Joe Baumam spent three decades researching and compiling the images. These early photographs – known as daguerreotypes – are exceptionally rare camera-original, fully-identified photographs of veterans of the War for Independence – the war that established the United States.

You can see the photographs in an article in *The Daily Mail* at <http://goo.gl/S3s7g8>.

If one of them happens to be your ancestor, right-click on the image to save a family heirloom!

### New Genealogical Databases to Determine Family Cancer (July 18, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 18, 2016](#) · [DNA](#) · [No Comments](#)

The use of large family history databases to determine a person's likelihood of developing cancer has been well received in a recent study – and further trials should be conducted to see if their use is possible in Britain and other countries, according to a new research paper co-authored by a Plymouth University academic.

Heather Skirton, Professor of Health Genetics, worked alongside Vigdis Stefansdottir from Landspítali – the National University Hospital of Iceland to carry out a study on 19 participants in focus groups in Iceland.

Genetic counsellors work with people to find out their likelihood of suffering from different diseases and conditions based on their genetic history. While pedigree drawing software – family history charts made specifically for each family – is often utilised in genetic services worldwide, the use of genealogical databases is unusual, due to the current unavailability of such databases in most countries.

You can read the full story in an article by Amy Mcsweeny in the MedicalXpress web site at: <http://goo.gl/5onnfC>.

## MyHeritage Introduces New SuperSearch Alerts (July 18, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 18, 2016](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

MyHeritage has just launched a new feature — SuperSearch™ Alerts — that repeats previous searches that MyHeritage users have made in SuperSearch and seeks new results that did not exist at the time of the original search.

When MyHeritage finds new results for those previous searches, the company will send you an email message with links to view the records, and if you'd like, you can save it to your family tree, extract information to the relevant people in your family tree, or add new individuals to your tree.



SuperSearch Alerts works automatically in the background ensuring that you won't miss new records that have been added to MyHeritage's collections that are relevant to your past searches. As stated in the MyHeritage Blog:

*From now on, we will automatically repeat old searches you've made on SuperSearch, in the background, every two months. We detect relevant results that were not available previously. We then send you an email about the new results found, with links to view the records. As with any record on SuperSearch, once you view it, if you consider it relevant, you can easily save it to your family tree (creating a citation pointing to the record) and extract information to the relevant people in your family tree, or add new individuals to your tree.*

*SuperSearch Alerts cover every search you've made (when you were logged in to MyHeritage) since SuperSearch was launched in 2012, satisfying every condition you've specified in every search (such as birth years, death years, relatives, places, etc). Searches for extremely common names or searches that yield too many results are automatically excluded from SuperSearch Alerts, because when there are too many results, chances are that the new results are not relevant, and we don't want to waste your time.*

SuperSearch Alerts is rolling out gradually, starting with the first group of 10 million MyHeritage users. If you do not receive any email notices just yet, just wait a while. It will take several days to add the functionality to all of MyHeritage's 80 million+ registered users.

Details may be found in the MyHeritage Blog post at

<http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/07/new-supersearch-alerts/>.

## Preserving Medieval Graffiti (July 19, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 19, 2016](#) · [History, Preservation](#) · [No Comments](#)





We have all read about the Middle Ages, right? A time of kings, princes, knights and fair damsels in distress. It is a vision of the past that includes the splendor of great cathedrals and the brooding darkness of mighty castles. A past of banquets and battles.

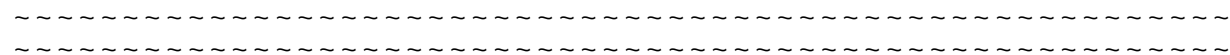
There's only one thing wrong with that vision: 95% of the people were not a part of it.

Most men, women and children were commoners. 95 per cent of the population performed about 99% of the work. This undoubtedly includes your ancestors and mine.

We rarely read about the 95% of the population who were common people. With low levels of literacy throughout much of the Middle Ages, these people did not leave written records behind. The few texts that described the common people were actually written and compiled by the priests, scribes and lawyers of the elite. They refer to the lower orders, but are most certainly not in their own words. However, many of these common folks did leave something written behind: graffiti.

Specialists have been studying medieval church graffiti for many decades. But new digital imaging technologies, and the recent establishment of numerous volunteer recording programmes, have transformed its scope and implications. The inscriptions number in the hundreds of thousands, and they are opening an entire new world of research.

You can read more about the lifestyles of the Middle Ages in an article by Matthew Champion in the AEON.co web site at <https://goo.gl/OlWggC>.



## LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

### Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

**THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2016. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN IN ON AUGUST 27, 2016 INSTEAD OF A SEPTEMBER PROGRAM THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY.**

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning, August 27, 2016. The program for the morning is titled **"Tapping the Power of FamilySearch"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Maureen Brady**.

FamilySearch, a free website sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, provides family history researchers with access to original historical records from around the world, indexes linked directly to many of those records, an ever-growing

genealogical encyclopedia, instructional videos and much more. Even experienced researchers often do not know how to tap the power of FamilySearch's many databases and articles. Maureen Brady's presentation will provide a tour of the website and will also discuss search strategies and helpful hints for organizing your research time at FamilySearch.

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 there will be no meetings of the DuPage County Genealogical Society during the months of June, July and August 2016. Meetings will resume again on Wednesday evening, September 21, 2016.**

**Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2016 through May 2017. The September 2016 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2016 through May 2017 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, September 21, 2016. The program scheduled for that evening is **"To Be Determined"**. The speaker for the program will be **To Be Determined**.

You may visit the society's web page at:

[www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.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, August 20, 2016 at the Schaumburg Township District Library in Schaumburg, IL. The program scheduled for this day is **"Creating and Sustaining Your Family Newsletter: Genealogy-Rich Source Material"**. The speakers will be **Janis Minor Forte**.

Creating a Family Newsletter is a dynamic way of maintaining contact with and communicating to family members. A newsletter also documents the past legacy of the family while preserving family events for future generations. This presentation chronicles the development of a now 18-year family newsletter. The lecture presents a variety of administrative and policy issues to be considered.

Janis Minor Forté is an experienced genealogists, writer and lecturer. She has presented at FGS, NGS, OGS, Roots Tech, ISGS and local conferences. In 2014 she was the James Dent Walker Memorial Lecturer at the FGS Conference. In 2013 she won First Place in the ISFHWE Excellence-in-Writing Competition and her family newsletter won Honorable Mention in the Genealogy Newsletter Category. She is a member of CAGGNI.

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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### **Legacy.com: the Largest Online Publisher of Obituaries (July 6, 2016)**

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If you haven't yet used [Legacy.com](http://Legacy.com), you have overlooked a powerful genealogy resource. The company started collecting and publishing obituaries on its web site in 1998. (Older obituaries are not available.)

Today, Legacy.com is the global leader in online obituaries, a top-50 website in the United States, and a destination for over 40 million unique visitors each month around the world. The company publishes obituaries from more than 1,500 newspapers and 3,500 funeral homes across the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

As any genealogist might imagine, Legacy.com provides information about people, their lives, their immediate ancestors, and other relatives. It also allows visitors to express condolences, share direct support for families, and celebrate the people who have touched their lives.

The obituaries are usually exact copies of those published locally in newspapers and elsewhere. Many of them describe the deceased persons career, hobbies, and personal interests. A few are humorous. Some on Legacy.com are "asleep in Jesus," others have "returned to Allah." Many described hobbies or personal interests, such as "liked drinking a cold beer." Most have loving families. A few each month are reported dead of heroin overdoses.

One recent death notice that went viral: 'Faced with the prospect of voting for either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, Mary Anne Noland of Richmond chose, instead, to pass.'

The Legacy.com web site should not be confused with Legacy Family Tree, a popular genealogy program for Windows. The two companies are unrelated.

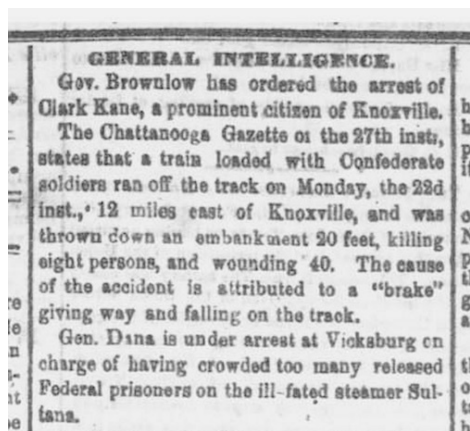
Legacy.com is available at <http://www.legacy.com>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Joseph Martin whose recent email message inspired this article.

### Virginia Tech's Civil War Newspaper Collection is Online (July 6, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 6, 2016](#) · [History](#), [Online Sites](#) · [One Comment](#)

The American Civil War Newspapers website can be a valuable resource for genealogists researching Civil War era ancestors, even those outside of Virginia. The ultimate goal of the American Civil War Newspapers website is to index newspapers from the Civil War era — Northern and Southern, Eastern and Western, urban and rural, white and black — in order to offer a balanced cross-section of opinion, observation, and experience, from all across America.



Quoting from the newspaper collection's web site:

"For many years the newspapers of the Civil War era were probably the most neglected of all sources, and yet they are one of the richest. The reason no doubt lay in the sheer mass of them, their inaccessibility, and the fact that they were not indexed. Few if any scholars had the time or resources to spend weeks and months scanning page by page in the hope of finding something of use to their projects. Yet the newspapers are the surest windows on the attitudes of the time, despite

their inevitable editorial bias.

"All of the daily affairs of the common people play out in the pages of newspapers, only perhaps in smaller type than the antics of the great and powerful. Moreover, thousands of soldier letters, military reports, general orders, and even occasionally diaries, found their way into ink on newsprint, many of them items available nowhere else. Thanks to the policy of editors exchanging newspapers among themselves and borrowing stories from each other, often newspapers for which not a single issue survives, still live in excerpts published in other journals. Even the advertisements are mirrors of consumers and their concerns in the 1860s.

"The goal of the American Civil War Newspapers database is to select a representative group of journals to index, with digital images of the newspapers themselves, for use by students and scholars. The newspapers selected will be a representative sampling of Union and Confederate, urban and small town, Eastern and Western, pro- and anti-administration."

The American Civil War Newspapers site is available free of charge, as one of the continuing projects of the center to further awareness and understanding of the Civil War

era. Users may search by keyword, or browse the pages either on their own or by predefined topics. Each page provides options for downloading and viewing printable digital images of the newspaper columns in which a search finds a hit, and also to browse the pages throughout an issue.

American Civil War Newspapers has been funded in part by a grant from the Watson-Brown Foundation with the cooperation of ProQuest of Ann Arbor, Mich.

You can access Virginia Tech's Civil War Newspapers at <https://goo.gl/wBNlch>.

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Avotaynu**

We have received the Spring 2016, Volume XXXII, Number 1 issue of Avotaynu.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Eight Unique Technologies for Genealogical Discoveries:**

By Gilad Japhet

**"Teaching Jewish Genealogy to Eleven and Twelve Year Old Students"**

By Robinn Magid

**"Searching for Ashkenazic Surnames in Reference Books"**

By Alexander Beider

**"Genetic Genealogy Tips"**

By Marlis Glaser Humphrey

**"Y-DNA Evidence for Ashkenazi Lineage's Iberian Origin"**

By Rachel Ukefer, J.B. Royal and Wim Pennix

**"Some Things You Can do on Archives.org Including the Wayback Machine"**

By Edward David Luft

**"New Additions to the JDC Archives Names Index: Major Online Treasures for Jewish Genealogists"**

By Linda G. Levi

**"Hard-to-Find Family History: A Story About Some "Illegitimate" Jewish Children"**

By Sarah Nadia Lipes

**"JRI-Poland Success Stories"**

By Robinn Magid

**"The Mystery of Old, Dormant Jewish Records"**

By Alex Denysenko

**"A Guide to Indirect Evidence: How We Find It, How It Guides Our Research and How It Helps Us Build a Case"**

By Harold Henderson, CG

**"Mussar Founder's Mystery Female"**

By Neil Rosenstein

**"Escape from the Shadows: The True Identity of the Man Who Discovered America"**

By Joyce T. Freedman

**"How the Gogolinsky Family of Warsaw Became the Barney Family of St. Louis Missouri"**

by Martin Fischer

**"Jewish Refugees and Stateless Persons from Greece and Turkey in Paris During World War II"**

by Laurence Abensur-Hazan

**"Wloclawek Area Books of Residents Online"**

By Fay Bussgang

Also included in this recent issue is a section titled "Book Reviews". In this section you will find extensive book reviews of some recently published genealogical material that may be of interest to the Eastern European researcher or one who is researching Jewish ancestry.

The books included for review in this section are the following:

***Guide to Genealogical Writing: How to Write and Publish Your Family History***

By Penelope L. Stratton and Henry B. Hoff

***Nazi Persecution and Postwar Repercussions, the International Tracing Service Archive and Holocaust Research***

By Suzanne Brown-Fleming

The reviews are quite extensive and are more than just an overview of the books. The reviewers do a good job of highlighting both strong and weak points of the material.

You will also find a section titled "Ask the Experts" in this recent issue. In this section you will find questions posed to the experts seeking help and understanding trying to solve the problem at hand. Some of the questions are detailed and in-depth. Most of the answers are also well presented and offer many good suggestions to the person posing the question on how to go about resolving the question. I think these sections in this journal and other journals are always worth visiting to see what is posed and how the answers can help expand your knowledge in your own research.

This journal also contains a section titled "From Our Mailbox". It is here that interesting comments on a variety of articles and topics are provided by readers of Avotaynu. I always enjoy perusing these sections if they exist in various journals. The

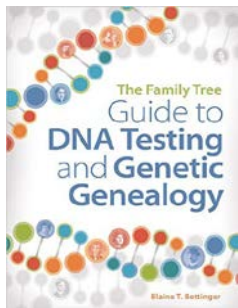
thoughts provided by readers are generally detailed and well written. You often come away with an even deeper understanding of a topic that is being commented on.

See if any of the above articles in this recent issue of Avotaynu has an appeal that connects to your own personal research. These all appear to be good articles, many written by people like you and I who wanted to share some unique aspect of their own research. You can always pick up some tips from someone else that has overcome a research problem that is similar to one that you face currently.

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

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## BOOKS IN PRINT



Genetic Genealogy is the hot topic right now among genealogical researchers as more and more of them submit their DNA for analysis. One of my colleagues made me aware that a soon to be published book on Genetic Genealogy will soon be available. The title of the book is *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*. The author of the book is Blaine T. Bettinger. Looks like the book will become available in October of 2016. I have placed an order for the book to be added to our circulating collection at our main library.

I found the following description of this upcoming book at ShopFamilyTree.com at <http://www.shopfamilytree.com/guide-to-dna-testing-and-genetic-genealogy>

The book spans 240 pages and will be a welcome addition to our collection to keep researchers current on making use of genetic genealogy to advance their research efforts. The book is described after the following separator line.

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Discover the answers to your family history mysteries using the most-cutting edge tool available. This plain-English guide is a one-stop resource for how to use DNA testing for



genealogy. Inside, you'll find guidance on what DNA tests are available, plus the methodologies and pros and cons of the three major testing companies and advice on choosing the right test to answer your specific genealogy questions. And once you've taken a DNA test, this guide will demystify the often-overwhelming subject and explain how to interpret DNA test results, including how to understand ethnicity estimates and haplogroup designations, navigate suggested cousin matches, and use third-party tools like GEDmatch to further analyze your data. To give you a holistic view of genetic testing for ancestry, the book also discusses the ethics and future of genetic genealogy, as well as how adoptees and others who know little about their ancestry can especially benefit from DNA testing.

Whether you've just heard of DNA testing or you've tested at all three major companies, this guide will give you the tools you need to unpuzzle your DNA and discover what it can tell you about your family tree.

### ***Who Should Get This Book***

You'll love ***The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*** if...

- You've got brick walls that traditional research methods haven't been able to break down
- You want to take advantage of the hottest tool in genealogy
- You've already taken a DNA test and want to know what comes next

### ***What's Inside***

***The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*** features:

- Colorful diagrams and expert definitions that explain key DNA terms and concepts such as haplogroups and DNA inheritance patterns
- Detailed guides to each of the major kinds of DNA tests and which tests can solve which family mysteries, with case studies showing how each can be useful
- Information about third-party tools you can use to more thoroughly analyze your test results once you've received them
- Test comparison guides and research forms to help you select the most appropriate DNA test and organize your results and research

### ***Excerpt: Sample Tips***

Here are some tips you'll find in ***The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy***:

1. **Learn about your ancestors—both those who gave you DNA and those who didn't.** Genealogists study ancestors of all sorts, but not all of your *genealogical* ancestors (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.) are also *genetic* ancestors who passed down DNA to you. DNA testing can only give you information about your genetic family tree: the ancestors who contributed to your genetic makeup.
2. **Think more broadly when looking for testing candidates.** If you're struggling to find someone who can take a DNA test that will help you learn about a particular ancestor, look for any more distant relatives (such as

second or third cousins) to test. While you might not have a living relative willing to take a DNA test on your branch of the family tree, your ancestor may have had a descendant through another family line that has the DNA you need to study.

3. **Don't accept your ethnicity estimates as absolute fact.** While the ethnicity estimates provided by testing companies can be interesting and somewhat informative, they're just that: estimates that should be taken with a grain of salt. The ethnicity percentages in your results can be flawed due to a number of factors, including the size and distribution of the sample size for each continent or country. Furthermore, they likely won't represent the ethnicity of all your genealogical ancestors, as the test only estimates the rough geographical background of ancestors who gave you a detectable amount of DNA.
4. **Download and analyze your raw data.** Testing companies can provide you with interesting and important insights, but tools from many other websites and organizations can help you interpret your DNA results. Get your raw DNA data from the testing company, then look for third-party tools in which you can upload for data and receive a more detailed, multifaceted analysis.

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Blaine Bettinger Ph.D. (biochemistry), J.D. is an intellectual property attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in Syracuse, New York, by day, and a genealogy educator and blogger by night. In 2007, he created *The Genetic Genealogist*, one of the first blogs devoted to genetic genealogy and personal genomics.

Blaine has written numerous DNA-related articles for the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *Family Tree Magazine*, and other publications. He has been an instructor at the inaugural genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research, Family Tree University, and Excelsior College (Albany, NY). He is a former editor of the *Journal of Genetic Genealogy*, and a co-coordinator of the ad hoc Genetic Genealogy Standards Committee. In 2015, he became an alumnus of ProGen Study Group 21 and was elected to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees.

Blaine was born and raised in Ellisburg, NY, where his ancestors have lived for more than two hundred years, and is the father of two boys. You can find Blaine [on his website](#) and on Twitter (@blaine\_5).

**Contents of The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy:**

**Part One: Getting Started**

*Chapter 1: Genetic Genealogy Basics*

*Chapter 2: Common Misconceptions*

*Chapter 3: Ethics and Genetic Genealogy*

**Part Two: Selecting a Test**

*Chapter 4: Mitochondrial-DNA (mtDNA) Testing*

*Chapter 5: Y-Chromosomal (Y-DNA) Testing*

*Chapter 6: Autosomal-DNA (atDNA) Testing*

*Chapter 7: X-Chromosomal (X-DNA) Testing*

**Part Three: Analyzing and Applying Test Results**

*Chapter 8: Third-Party Autosomal-DNA Tools*

*Chapter 9: Ethnicity Estimates*

*Chapter 10: Analyzing Complex Questions with DNA*

*Chapter 11: Genetic Testing for Adoptees*

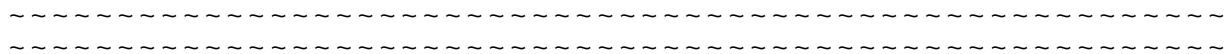
*Chapter 12: The Future of Genetic Genealogy*

**Appendices**

*Appendix A: Comparison Guides*

*Appendix B: Research Forms*

*Appendix C: More Resources*



**SOFTWARE/HARDWARE**

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## Antivirus Software Is 'Increasingly Useless' and May Make Your Computer Less Safe (July 8, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 8, 2016](#) · [Software](#) · [4 Comments](#)

This is a follow-up to my article, *Virus False Positives: How Can You Be Sure?*, published yesterday at <https://goo.gl/ydVT0i>. Today, *CBC News* published an article by Emily Chung that says that anti-virus software is essentially useless. In fact, that software may be making your computer more hackable than a computer with no anti-virus software installed at all!

This week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT) issued a warning about popular antivirus software made by Symantec, some of it under the Norton brand, after security researchers with Google's Project Zero found critical vulnerabilities. "These vulnerabilities are as bad as it gets. They don't require any user interaction, they affect the default configuration, and the software runs at the highest privilege levels possible," wrote Google researcher Tavis Ormandy in a blog post.

Symantec said it had verified and addressed the issues in updates that users are advised to install. It's not the only instance of security software potentially making your computer less safe. Concordia University professor Mohammad Mannan and his PhD student Xavier de Carne de Carnavalet recently presented research on antivirus and parental control software packages, including popular brands like AVG, Kaspersky and BitDefender, that bypass some security features built into internet browsers to verify whether sites are safe or not in order to be able to scan encrypted connections for potential threats. In theory, they should make up for it with their own content verification systems. But Mannan's research, presented at the Network and Distributed System Security Symposium in California earlier this year, found they didn't do a very good job. "We were surprised at how bad they were," he said in an interview. "Some of them, they did not even make it secure in any sense."

**NOTE:** The article seems to apply only to systems running the Windows operating system.

You can read Emily Chung's article at <http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/antivirus-software-1.3668746>.

So what is the solution? Perhaps all of us should switch to Chromebooks, computers that have never been affected by a virus. In addition, the programmers of Chromebooks are confident that if a Chromebook virus ever appears (which is doubtful), they will be able to quickly issue a Chromebook operating system update that will neutralize the problem.

Another solution is to switch to computers that are resistant to viruses, although perhaps not perfect: Linux, UNIX, and Macintosh. These systems rarely get viruses and, when they do, the viruses historically have been very easy to delete.

## Pokemon Go Causes Problems in Cemeteries (July 11, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 11, 2016](#) · [Current Affairs](#) · [5 Comments](#)

Pokemon Go is the hottest new thing to appear in computer games. You can read about it in a Wikipedia article at <https://goo.gl/d1lxzj>. The new game is a huge success but, like all other huge successes, does have a few drawbacks. (See *Pokémon Go: armed robbers use mobile game to lure players into trap* at <https://goo.gl/XMtLII> for one very dangerous example.)

Now Pokemon Go is causing problems in cemeteries, as described by Lisa Thorne in a posting to Facebook at: <https://goo.gl/9dTCCU>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Scott Tilden for telling me about Lisa Thorne's new article.

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## **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 "Y" and "Z":

### **Y**

- **Yaddlethorpe**, near Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.
- **Yardley Gobion**, near Towcester, Northamptonshire.
- **Yarkhill**, east of Hereford.
- **Yarrow Feus**, south of Edinburgh.
- **Yazor**, near Hereford.
- **Yealand Redmayne**, near Carnforth, Lancashire.
- **Yetts O'Muckhart**, east of Stirling.
- **Yockenthwaite**, in Wharfedale, North Yorkshire.

### **Z**

- **Zeal Monachorum**, north-west of Exeter.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

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

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

Aug 9
TUE
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Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.

"Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch"

Presented by Dan Niemiec.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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Aug 27
SAT
2016

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, August 27, 2016.

"Tapping the Power of FamilySearch"

Presented by Maureen Brady

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/>

Sep 13
TUE
2016

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Oct 1
SAT
2016

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, October 1, 2016.

"Why Am I Stuck? 10 Solutions to Common Genealogical Brick Walls"

Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass

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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Oct 11
TUE
2016

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"Find Your Roots in Naturalization Records"

Presented by Steve Szabados.

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- Nov 5
SAT
2016
Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, November 5, 2016.
"Research Practices: Sources and Citations"
Presented by Ginger Frere
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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- Nov 8
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"Using Fold3 to Research World War I and II Military Records"
Presented by Jennifer Holik.
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- Dec 13
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- Jan 7
SAT
2017
Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, January 7, 2017.
"German Immigration"
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
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- Jan 10
TUE
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"Finding Newspapers Online"
Presented by Sarah A. V. Kirby.
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- Feb 4
SAT
2017
Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 4, 2017.
"DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist's Toolbox"
Presented by Karen Stanbary
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
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- Feb 14
TUE
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- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
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"Searching Genealogy Websites Successfully"
Presented by Jane Haldeman.
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- Mar 4
SAT
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- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 4, 2017.
"Webinar: On and Off the Net: Locality Searching"
Presented by D. Joshua Taylor
Arlington Heights Senior Center.
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
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- Apr 1
SAT
2017
- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 1, 2017.
"What's New on the Internet"
Presented by Caron Brennan
Arlington Heights Senior Center.
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.
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"Ancestral Stories, Fact or Fiction? – Researching the Legends"
Presented by Barbara Peterson.
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- May 6
SAT
2017
- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 6, 2017.
"Courthouse Discoveries"
Presented by Tina Beard
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
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- May 9
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"Navigating the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives"

Presented by Raymond Johnson.

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"To Be Determined"

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*Oct 10
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"Developing a Sixth Census: Finding More in the "Census" Than Meets the Eye"

Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard.

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