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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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FEBRUARY 14, 2017 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, February 14, 2017.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Jane Haldeman, will present a program titled "Searching Genealogy Websites Successfully".

The words you type into the box and the way it is typed determine the results you get when using a search engine such as Google, Yahoo or Bing. This PowerPoint presentation teaches how to get what you are searching for. Come explore beyond the most popular websites.

Jane Haldeman is a professional speaker and owner of It's Relative with more than 20 years of research experience. The Chicago area-based genealogist lectures on a wide range of topics both locally and at national conferences. She enjoys speaking about topics including family history technology and genealogy research methodology. Jane has been very active with the genealogical community in Illinois. She was President, Illinois State Genealogical Society; President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; Registrar, Fort Payne Chapter NSDAR; and Registration Chair, Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference in Springfield, IL. Jane can be contacted through her website It's Relative (<http://www.itsrelative.net/>) or genealogy@mindsafire.com.

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.

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, 4th Ed. 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 (R 929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to review these books.

If you have access to the Internet, you may want to check out a "How To Make A Family Tree" web page that appears at the National Genealogical Society web site. The address is:

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

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 227 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 1,710 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.

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 25, 2016, December 1, 2016, December 6, 2016, December 8, 2016, December 12, 2016, December 15, 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>.

Social Media Users Play a Crucial Role in Driving Demand for Genealogy Products and Services (November 25, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 25, 2016](#) · [Business News](#) · [One Comment](#)



If you or your employer are in the genealogy business, you may be interested in a new report from Transparency Market Research: *Genealogy Products and Services Market: Overview*. In fact, you may find it to be interesting reading even if you are not in the genealogy business.

The report states:

"Thus, these DNA tests are providing a lucrative market to the genealogy products and services. There are many other driving factors for the growth of this market, which include continuous innovations in technology, rapidly increasing interest towards genealogy, and increasing usage of social networking sites worldwide. Recent technological advancements have equipped the genealogy consumers with most up-to-date tools for genealogical research, which will further help the growth of this market.

"Presently, most of the western nations are efficiently using the genealogical research, but increasing interest of other developing regions towards this research will further fuel the growth of this market. Various genealogical services have now been connected to the social media such as facebook, google plus and others will also result in the generation of increased interest towards genealogy. Thus, most of the above factors will help in the growth of genealogy products and services market."

You can read more at <https://goo.gl/A4bZIQ>.

Facebook Users want to Continue Posting from Beyond the Grave (December 1, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 1, 2016](#) · [Current Affairs](#) · [6 Comments](#)



I realize that Facebook is an addiction but this is a bit extreme. Many Facebook users apparently don't want to stop after death! Who knew they had wi-fi up there?

OK, let's get serious: What happens to a person's Facebook page after they die? A recent survey by UK solicitors Jackson Canter found that around half of people would like their Facebook homepage to continue updating posthumously in some way.

In fairness, after questioning 2,000 people on the matter, some of the updating was relatively straightforward, with 55% simply wanting replies to expressions of sympathy after their deaths. However, almost as many wanted a friend or family member to post once or twice a year on their behalf with 10 percent suggesting this be done as often as once a week to "keep their memory alive".

You can read the full story at <https://goo.gl/Z6qd0F>.

Recommended Reading: Using and Compiling Indexes by Judy Webster (December 6, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 6, 2016](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#) · [No Comments](#)

I don't believe this is a new web site but it is new to me. Judy Webster, a keen family historian, has compiled and published many indexes. She has also been employed by Queensland, Australia, State Archives to help with guidelines and data entry/checking for their indexing projects. Judy has created a web site to share practical tips based on her own experience. If you are interested in using indexes, and especially if you are involved in creating indexes, you need to read Judy's advice.

Topics on the web site include:

- How to avoid the traps involved in using indexes.
- How to compile a good index (advice for individuals, genealogical groups, family history societies, historical societies and local studies librarians who want to index various types of material).
- How to publish and promote your index.

You can find Judy Webster's genealogy tips and indexes at:

Life Expectancy In U.S. Drops For First Time In Decades (December 8, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 8, 2016](#) · [Current Affairs](#) · [7 Comments](#)

Genealogists are aware that the life expectancy has been increasing for years in most developed countries. Therefore, it is a bit of a shock to learn that the life expectancy of citizens in the United States has actually [decreased recently](#). To be sure, it is a small decrease. However, ANY decrease is a cause for concern.

The [news out of the federal government](#) Thursday is disturbing: The overall U.S. death rate has increased for the first time in a decade, according to an analysis of the latest data. And that led to a drop in overall life expectancy for the first time since 1993, particularly among people younger than 65. On average, the overall life expectancy, for someone born in 2015, fell from 78.9 years to 78.8 years. The life expectancy for the average American man fell two-tenths of a year — from 76.5 to 76.3. For women, it dropped one-tenth — from 81.3 to 81.2 years.

Government analysts are awaiting more data before reaching any definitive conclusions. However, those analysts and most medical professionals are not surprised at the latest numbers. In fact, such numbers have been predicted for some time. The assumption is that the American lifestyle, especially the food we eat, is responsible. Again, that is an assumption. We will not know for sure until more study is performed over the next few years.

In addition, the epidemic of prescription opioid painkillers and heroin abuse is probably fueling the increase in unintentional injuries. The rise in drug abuse and suicide could be due to economic factors causing despair.

I would suggest we all keep an eye out for future announcements about life expectancy. In the meantime, take care of yourself, OK?

How NOT to Clean a Tombstone for Photography! (December 12, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 12, 2016](#) · [Photography, Preservation](#) · [17 Comments](#)

Take a look at the picture below. Do you see something wrong with it? Almost every genealogist will cringe when viewing a picture like this one from [FindAGrave.com](#). Someone apparently used a wire brush to make the engravings on the tombstone easier to read.
AAARRRGGGGHHH!



The above photo may be seen at <http://findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=5240794&Pipi=42662882>.

Using a wire brush on a tombstone or any other stone memorial causes irreparable damage! In fact, the damage is so severe that most states in the USA and also governments in many other countries have laws prohibiting such actions. Under the laws of many states, unauthorized tampering with or damaging gravestones is a felony.

It is easy to use FindAGrave to track down the person who uploaded the photograph. However, let's be cautious before making any accusations. There is no evidence to indicate that the person who supplied the photograph is also the same person who used a wire brush to "clean" the tombstone. Perhaps the photographer came by some time after the criminal act took place and snapped a photograph. Perhaps not. I'll leave that investigation to others who are located near the Thomas Cemetery in Grainger County, Tennessee, to find out.

Once damaged, antique tombstones can rarely be returned to their former appearance. Rough brushing or cleaning with harsh chemicals can further weaken or completely destroy the often illegible inscriptions on stones that are already deteriorated because of age and exposure to the elements.

If you are in a cemetery, please do not touch any tombstone, much less historic ones, unless you know what you are doing. You can find dozens of articles online that describe what to do and what not to do. Start at https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=tombstone+care. I can recommend the **Association for Gravestone Studies** web site at <https://www.gravestonestudies.org> as an excellent resource although some of the other sites may also be very good.

You also might want to read my earlier article at <https://blog.eogn.com/2014/06/01/use-d2-biological-solution-to-clean-gravestones/>.

Until you have been educated in tombstone preservation, **DON'T DO ANYTHING!**

My thanks to newsletter reader John Rees for telling about this crime.

Irishman Dies from Stubbornness, Whiskey (December 15, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 15, 2016](#) · [People](#) · [5 Comments](#)

Continuing along with a series of humorous obituaries, here is a recent one for Chris Connors from Quincy, Massachusetts. Here are a few excerpts:

He lived 1000 years in the 67 calendar years we had with him because he attacked life; he grabbed it by the lapels, kissed it, and swung it back onto the dance floor.

At the age of 26 he planned to circumnavigate the world – instead, he ended up spending 40 hours on a life raft off the coast of Panama.

Most people thought he was crazy for ... dressing up as a priest and then proceeding to get into a fight at a Jewish deli.

His regrets were few, but include eating a rotisserie hot dog from an unmemorable convenience store in the summer of 1986.

The ending might be the best line of all. I won't reveal it here but you can read the obituary in its entirety at <https://goo.gl/HbsWgG>.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning, February 4, 2017. The program for the morning is titled **"DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist's Tool Box"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Karen Stanbary, CG**.

Learn the many different ways DNA test results can confirm and advance your traditional paper trail research through case examples. Additionally, we will explore the types of DNA tests and the three major testing companies who offer them. Advantages and disadvantages of each company for specific types of research problems will be discussed.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

<http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>

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

available to verify that a program is still scheduled as they had advertised. That is always not available either.

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2016 through May 2017. The September 2016 and October 2016 programs will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The November 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, January 18, 2017. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Find My Past"**. The speaker for the program will be **Debra Dudek**.

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, January 21, 2017 at the Schaumburg Township District Library in Schaumburg, IL. The program scheduled for this day is "**Newspaper Necessities**". The speaker will be **Tina Beard**.

Newspapers hold an astonishing amount of genealogical and local history information other than obituaries. Learn how to find the hidden gems in newspapers like claim day notices, cards of thanks, society news, tax notices and more. Learn how to locate digital copies of original newspapers as well as what online indexes and abstracts exist.

Tina Beard is the Genealogy/Local History Librarian at a midsize Chicagoland public library and owner of Tamarack Genealogy. She provides lectures on genealogical research, archival preservation, and Illinois history at national, state and local conferences. She is a governing board member of the Oswego Heritage Association and also volunteers her time with several local historical and genealogical societies.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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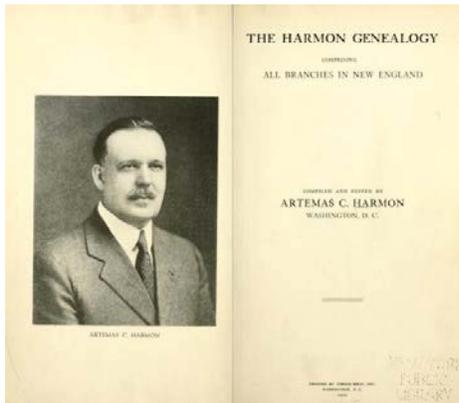
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Free Genealogy Books on The Internet Archive (December 13, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 13, 2016](#) · [Books](#), [Online Sites](#) · [10 Comments](#)

When I started researching my family tree more than thirty years ago, I purchased a paper reprint of a genealogy book first published in 1920: *The Harmon Genealogy, comprising all branches in New England* written by Artemas C. Harmon. The book mentions

my great-grandmother, Lucy Harmon, and documents her Harmon ancestry back to 1667. It is a wonderful resource, and I have referred to this book often over the years.



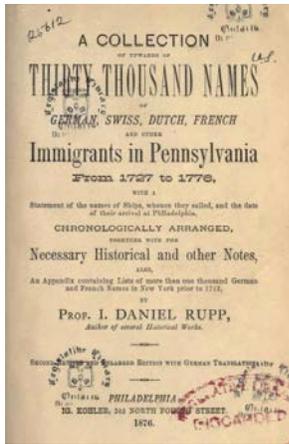
I paid more than \$100 for this reprinted book many years ago. Today I found the same book online. The cost is **ZERO**. I can download the entire book to my hard drive or to a jump drive or save it to an online storage service. I can print one page, multiple pages, or even the entire book. Even better, I can electronically search the entire book within seconds for any word or phrase. Not only can I search for names, but I can also search for towns, dates, occupations, or any other words of interest. Try doing that with a printed book!

The Internet Archive, also known as "The Wayback Machine," is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was founded to build an Internet library. Its purposes include offering permanent access for researchers, historians, scholars, people with disabilities, and the general public to historical collections that exist in digital format.

The Internet Archive is well known for storing terabytes of old web pages. However, the organization has also expanded its role to digitize and store all sorts of public domain material, including old books, movies, audio recordings, radio shows, and more. I have also found a few modern books on The Internet Archive that were legally contributed by the copyright holders themselves.

The site's Text Archive contains a wide range of fiction, popular books, children's books, historical texts and academic books. The list includes genealogy books as well. The Internet Archive is working with several sponsoring libraries to digitize the contents of their holdings. In addition, private individuals are invited to scan the public domain books in their personal libraries and upload them as well. (See <http://www.archive.org/about/faqs.php#195> for information about contributing your books.)

The result is a huge resource of books in TXT, PDF, and other formats, books that you can download to your computer, save, and then search for any word. The same books are also visible to Google and other search engines, including online every-word searches.



Above: "A collection of upwards of thirty thousand names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776 : with a statement of the names of ships, whence they sailed, and the date of their arrival at Philadelphia, chronologically arranged, together with the necessary historical and other notes, also, an appendix containing lists of more than one thousand German and French names in New York prior to 1712"

The PDF versions contain images of every page in the original books. That makes them easy to read. I prefer to look at PDF versions of a book whenever possible. However, searching the PDF versions electronically does not work very well.



You should be aware of a couple shortcomings of books converted to plain text, however. First, the TXT files have lost the formatting of the original books; there is no bold or italics or underlining since such formatting is not supported by TXT formatting. In addition, paragraph indentations and other "spacing" often is lost.

Secondly, many of the books available were converted to TXT format by OCR software. OCR never converts all words perfectly; so, you can expect to find numerous OCR errors in these documents. For instance, "The Harmon Genealogy, comprising all branches in New England" has some words mis-scanned, and many dates have errors in them. The common one was substituting the letter "l" in place of the number one, such as "l920" instead of "1920." This will cause difficulty if you are electronically searching for specific words or numbers.

The Internet Archive presently digitizes more than 1,000 books a day and presently has more than 11 million "texts" (books and other printed material) available online. There is also a collection of 300,000 modern eBooks that may be borrowed or downloaded by the print-disabled at OpenLibrary.org. If you do not find what you want today, come back in a few months and try again. It may have been added by then.

Of course, the Internet Archive is not the only source of digitized books. In fact, Google Books is a well-known source of digitized books. Operated by a well-funded commercial company, Google Books gets most of the publicity. However, with commercial ownership come proprietary business methods. Google Books has almost stopped adding new books to the collection. New additions have slowed to a trickle. However, all books previously digitized remain available online at <http://books.google.com>.

The Internet Archive also provides most books in http, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, and DjVu formats in addition to TXT and PDF. As a result, the books and other documents can be read on almost any ebook reader as well as on computers, iPads, and most cell phones that have web browsers.

The Internet Archive does not yet have all the genealogy books ever published. In fact, nobody seems to know how many genealogy books are available this way. Even the folks at The Internet Archive don't know. They simply scan everything they can find and don't worry much about classifying the topics. However, it is known that the Archive's ever-expanding collection of genealogy resources includes items from the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Robarts Library at the University of Toronto; the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library; Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; the National Library of Scotland; the Indianapolis City Library's Indianapolis City Directory and Yearbooks Collection; The Leo Baeck Institute Archives of German-speaking Jewry Leo Baeck Institute Archives; and the Boston Public Library.

Resources include among many things books on surname origins, vital statistics, parish records, census records, passenger lists of vessels, and other historical and biographical documents, as well as individual volumes contributed by thousands of users from around the world. Most of the genealogy books are published in English but there are numerous exceptions.

I searched the "Texts" section of The Internet Archive for the word "genealogy" and found 128,198 results. By searching in "Texts," I was able to ignore the "hits" found on the Internet and in other sources. That's not a definitive answer as the word "genealogy" obviously will exist more than once in many books. However, it does provide a rough idea of the popularity of the word in The Internet Archives' books, magazines, and other texts. Whatever the true number, there must be thousands of genealogy books available today on The Internet Archive, and the number is growing rapidly.

The Internet Archive also has scanned and digitized the U.S. Census records from 1790 through 1930. Unlike the commercial providers of census data, the versions provided by The Internet Archive have not been indexed. They are useful only if you already know where to look for your ancestors. Small towns can easily be searched one page at a time while cities probably are best searched if you already know the enumeration districts involved.

Also unlike the commercial providers of census data, the census information on The Internet Archive is available free of charge to everyone. However, the Internet Archive version has not been indexed.

In fact, **everything on The Internet Archive is free**. There is never a charge for anything on The Internet Archive. As a non-profit, however, the organization does accept donations which are tax-free to Americans.

In a casual search, I found all sorts of material of interest to genealogists on The Internet Archive, including these:

Compiled service records of soldiers who served in the American Army during the Revolutionary war

Polk Lafayette, Indiana, city directory (Volume yr. 1891)

Preakness and the Preakness Reformed church, Passaic County, New Jersey: a history, 1695-1902, with genealogical notes, the records of the church and tombstone inscriptions

The history of ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut: comprising the present towns of Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, and Newington, and of Glastonbury prior to its incorporation in 1693: from date of earliest settlement until the present time (Volume 1,pt.2)

Ziegler Genealogy by John A. M. Ziegler

Genealogy of the Beaudry Family of Northern Ontario and Relatives

Morse genealogy by Morse & Leavett

Genealogy of the Spotswood family in Scotland and Virginia

The Lenher family: a genealogy by Sarah Marion Lenher

The above is only a tiny fraction of the many books available free of charge on The Internet Archive.

The Internet Archive isn't perfect, but it does provide a great resource for genealogists, historians, and others. If you are looking for information about your family tree, I'd suggest that you check out The Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org>. You can read about the Internet Archive's genealogy collection at <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>.

If you are interested in *The Harmon Genealogy, comprising all branches in New England*, go to <https://archive.org/details/harmongenealogyc00harm>.

Caution: This book is great; but, like most genealogy books, it does contain a few errors. Author Artemas C. Harmon did a very good job of research, but his work was not perfect.

Updates to the AncestorSearch & Historical U.S. County Maps Research Tools (December 14, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 14, 2016](#) · [Software](#) · [6 Comments](#)

Randy Majors has created a research tool for genealogists called [AncestorSearch](#), which creates a Google search optimized for genealogy searches. You can now filter on Marriages, Births and Deaths (or all three!) by checking the corresponding boxes at www.randymajors.com/p/ancestorsearch.html.

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The screenshot displays the 'AncestorSearch using Google Custom Search' interface. On the left, there are input fields for 'First Name' (William), 'Last Name' (Thompson), and 'Alternate Last Name'. Below these are fields for an 'Optional 2nd Person' (First Name: Sarah, Last Name: Close) and 'Alternate Last Name'. A 'Place' field and an 'Approximate Year' field (set to 1875) are also present. Filter checkboxes for 'Marriages', 'Births', and 'Deaths' are checked. A large 'Search Obituaries Free' button is prominent. Below the search area, there is a 'Run Full Google Search' button and a 'Show sample of search results as I type' checkbox, which is checked. On the right side, a 'Sample of Google Search Results' is shown, including 'GENUKO: Lamesley Marriages 1686-1837', '1900 Federal Census: Andes - Delaware County', and 'Cemetery Removals - Cannonsville - Delaware'. A 'QUICK TIPS FOR USING THIS TOOL' section is visible at the bottom left of the interface.

You can get a preview sample of your search results as you type by checking the “Show sample of search results as I type” checkbox. This is useful if you want to quickly test alternate name spellings, locations, etc to see how they may impact your search results. When you do that, the sample of results appear on the right side of the page.

Randy also made some performance improvements which should make the tool a bit quicker and more responsive to use.

You can read about the enhancements in Randy’s blog at:

www.randymajors.com/2016/12/user-suggested-enhancements-to.html.

For genealogists researching in the US, Randy also made updates to his Historical U.S. County Boundaries mapping tool. Randy recently added more features to this tool. With one click, you can see a timeline of every county, state and country for any U.S. location. Just type in an address or city in the box at www.randymajors.com/p/maps.html, type a year as late as 2000, then click Go! County boundaries as of your chosen year will appear. Check the box just below the map to then see a timeline chronology of every county boundary change for your chosen location.

You can read about these enhancements in Randy’s blog at:

www.randymajors.com/2016/12/history-buffs-with-one-click-see.html.

PERIODICAL NEWS

NGS Magazine

We have received the October-December 2016, Volume 42, Number 4 issue of NGS Magazine.

Key articles in this issue are:

"The Perils of Accepting Copies of Original Records at Face Value"

By Julie Miller, CG, FNGS

"Do You Have a Non-Paternity Event in Your Family?"

By Janet A. Alpert, FNGS

"Women in the World of Piracy: Victims, Enablers, and Partners"

By Diane Florence Gravet, CG

"Mapping Personal Spaces"

By Stefani Evans, CG

"Records of Burial Flags for Veterans"

By Claire Prechtel-Kluszens

"Triangulating Autosomal DNA"

By Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL

"Follow the Ruts in the Path and Turn Left at the Pig Houses"

By Kathy Petlewski, MSLS

"Using Cluster Research: A Step by Step Example"

By Jean Andrews, CG

"Augmented Reality: How Pokemon Go Will Change Genealogy"

By Thomas MacEntee

I thought that an interesting article in this issue is one titled "Follow the Ruts in the Path and Turn Left at the Pig Houses". The author of this article is Kathy Petlewski, MSLS.

Interesting title! According to the author, the above title phrase were the words given to her that would help her find a local cemetery associated with her ancestors. It was truly a family cemetery in a local rural area on private property. The author was aware of the local farmstead but was not aware that there was a small family cemetery located on the property. The author was able to take the information pertinent to this cemetery and upload the information to FindAGrave. Gravestones were photographed by the author and also appear in FindAGrave.

The author makes a point that this was difficult to discover all the details and that your search for burial locations of your ancestors may not be as difficult. The author thought this exercise was good to bring forth what resources researchers should use to discover the burial locations of your own ancestors.

Death certificates and funeral home records may be at the top of your research list of resources to use to discover burial locations of your ancestors. However, death certificates in the United States were not officially issued until the middle part of the nineteenth century and even when you can obtain one, you may discover that the burial location information is not contained on the certificate.

Even in urban areas mistakes can easily be made. The author relates a personal experience of a relative's death certificate that completely showed an erroneous location of burial because the document reflected the location of the crematorium where the deceased was cared for. The creator of the death certificate assumed burial was in the same location as was the cremation. This is not always the case, but to see an error so obvious because it was "assumed" the location of the crematorium and burial location were one in the same.

Funeral home records can have a wealth of information but you are stuck trying to discover which funeral home was used to bury an ancestor. Old records of previously existing funeral homes may have been passed down to funeral homes that took over the location in a business transaction. Try using the National Directory of Morticians at <https://www.redbookfuneraldirectory.com>. You can search for free by state, county and city to see which funeral homes may have been involved in an ancestor's burial.

Church records can often be used to discover burial information. Older churches may have even had a cemetery right next to them. Families often had church services just prior to burial. These events would generate church records themselves in addition to the funeral home records. Much of my early research was working with Roman Catholic Church burial records for a particular church that had been microfilmed by the Mormons. If you are lucky to have Roman Catholic ancestors, another trail that was often left were prayer cards that provided information about the person and their death and often their burial location to the level of specific lot and section number information in a particular cemetery.

Newspaper information on obituaries and stories describing the death event are important to investigate. If you are not certain of a town location, try Chronicling America for online digitized newspapers at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>. Genealogy Bank is also an online digital newspaper resource. Generally, this product is purchased by libraries rather than individuals. Our own library subscribes to this service. So always ask if your own local library subscribes to this product.

The author also notes the usual resources to consider that are online and popular today:

- Interment.net @ <http://interment.net>
- BillionGraves @ <https://billiongraves.com>
- Find A Grave @ <http://findagrave.com>
- Nationwide Gravesite Locator @ <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

Always remember that those who upload burial information in FindAGrave will be owners of that information but may not necessarily have any relationship to the deceased

and consequently could offer you no help in your research. They just walk the cemetery and capture the information and upload it.

Perhaps you are lucky to discover the burial location from some of the above resources. Now you may want to know where it is located and how to get there to do onsite research. It is a must to call ahead and speak to someone about hours allowed for visitation. Ask for help from the sexton of the cemetery to help you locate the actual gravesite. This can be difficult especially if there is no headstone to help pinpoint the actual location. Larger cemeteries may have more resources to help you find the location on your own. Also be sure you know if the cemetery is publicly accessible or exists on private property. Often times talking with relatives in the area of a private cemetery is the best way to discover information to assist in making a physical connection to actually walk the grounds.

If an ancestor is buried on private property, it is not uncommon that state laws have been passed allowing descendants the right to visit the gravesites. Just make arrangements in advance. If you cannot do that for lack of contact information, then at least make a friendly effort to connect by knocking on the door of the home that sits on the property where the cemetery is located.

Unfortunately, even after doing all the research possible, you may still not have any luck in actually viewing the gravesite. It may be unmarked, it may exist in a completely overgrown cemetery that is not being cared for. Perhaps, if on private property, you may still have difficulties gaining permission to access the property.

Do the best you can in all of your preliminary research of discovery. Accept that viewing the actual gravesite may or may not be possible.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Augmented Reality: How Pokemon Go Will Change Genealogy". The author of this article is Thomas MacEntee.

Pokemon Go was a hot app during the summer of 2016. If you were outside, it was not uncommon to see large groups of people walking all around certain areas doing actions related to the app on their phones. The app utilized what is known as augmented reality. It allows a virtual item to be superimposed over a real item or location, merging the virtual with the physical. That is why people were walking around with their cameras on seeing Pokemon characters superimposed on their screen. Pokemon is like a big scavenger hunt. Let me see, what else could be considered a big scavenger hunt. How about genealogy??

How could genealogy work with augmented reality to make genealogy more productive?

The author suggests the following ways that a game like Pokemon, that encourages moving around to make discoveries of game items while viewing the real world, could do some of the following:

- What if augmented reality could be used to entice young visitors to visit archives, libraries and even graveyards. (even in the real world of the summer of 2016, Pokemon and graveyards was causing quite a stir as it was viewed that Pokemon game playing in a cemetery was being considered disrespectful.)

- What if rather than throwing a ball at a virtual character there would be a way to ask a question and get a prize for providing the correct answer?
- What if genealogy organizations used Pokemon Go characters as a way to bring in new visitors?
- What if a Family History Library became a Poke stop?
- Attract Pokemon players to a cemetery in a respectful manner to possibly scan photos of gravesites of important people in that cemetery?
- What if a Pokemon type concept were instituted at large scale genealogy conferences. Attendees can visit vendor booths and collect stamps from the vendors to enter into a raffle contest for a prize.
- How about creating an online scavenger hunt connected to genealogy research? Structure a case study with clues to be discovered by a student. Make clues dependent on each other and create an order in which the clues must be found.

The author actually suggests that aspects of genealogy have already been "gameified". Vendors encourage users to build family trees to sites for free. The more that is added, the more successful are future searches to make discoveries. Researchers are then happy that they attain success but in essence the researcher is working for free for the vendor contributing much content that seems to make everyone happy!

The author makes the following suggestions as to what would a genealogy augmented app look like if one were developed:

- *Content as augmented reality items to be collected.* An overlay of documents on a physical location such as an ancestral village would be true to the augmented reality concept.
- *Ancestors as augmented reality characters.* Using a reward system, encourage researchers to build a tree based on solid facts, evaluated evidence, and family stories as well as visiting specific locations key to a family's history.
- *Use credits to collect documents and images.* Build a family tree to collect "credits" and then use the credits to purchase documents and images.
- *Enforce good research standards.* If undocumented data is added to a family tree, "credits" are deducted from that individual as the undocumented data is removed. Such a "penalty" system would require researchers to add only documented information or suffer a loss of credits.
- *Reward the use of source citations.* Extra "credits" could be earned if a researcher adds a properly written source to a document or fact in their family tree.
- *Allow monetization of documents.* What if I owned a diary of an ancestor, scanned the pages, and added the index to Ancestry? Perhaps augmented reality items could be created and charge credits to access my documents in order for them to be used in other family trees. Thus, proper credit would be given to the original researcher for using their material.
- *Redeem credits for practical rewards.* Add tangible rewards such as a free Ancestry DNA test or a printed wall chart via MyCanvas that can be accessed

once a certain number of "credits" is earned. Rewards programs exist across a broad spectrum of businesses today.

So who would have thought that a playful augmented reality game like Pokemon Go has given us the potential to use it for so many other things in life, especially in a genealogical manner. I guess it just becomes a matter of time when this wildly successful and fun gameing concept finds its way to a genealogical purpose. The success of Pokemon Go has been documented. It is only a matter of time before we see such a concept filter down to other day to day activities.

This is another great issue of NGS Magazine. Since so many of us are having our DNA genealogically tested, I would encourage you to also take a look at and perhaps make personal copies of two of the articles in this issue that pertain to DNA analysis and how it ties in with your genealogical research. These articles are titled "**Do You Have a Non-Paternity Event in Your Family?**" by Janet A. Alpert, FNGS and "**Triangulating Autosomal DNA**" by Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL.

You can find this recent issue of NGS Magazine on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

No new genealogy book added this month to our collection to report on.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 28, 2016 and December 2, 2016 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2016. They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

pCloud: Better than Dropbox? (November 28, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 28, 2016](#) · [Cloud Services](#) · [18 Comments](#)

Dropbox is a very popular service amongst genealogists. I have often mentioned Dropbox in my previous articles. (See <https://goo.gl/sTtLwu> for a list of my previous articles that mention Dropbox.) However, Dropbox certainly is not perfect.

My biggest complaint with Dropbox is that it has a rather weak method of encryption for storing your data on Dropbox's servers. (See <https://goo.gl/G7cxNF> for an explanation of Dropbox's encryption weaknesses.) Dropbox employees can read your personal data. If Dropbox receives a court order demanding they supply copies of your personal data to some

government agency, the company must do so. Also, in theory, if a hacker ever gains access to Dropbox's servers, that person possibly could also read your data. The odds of a hacker gaining access are slim but not impossible.

Next, Dropbox only provides 2 gigabytes of storage space free of charge, significantly less than that of most of its competitors.

One new service is "just like Dropbox, except (1.) it is faster than Dropbox, (2.) it can encrypt every bit of data before storing on the company's servers, making the service much more secure and (3.) it offers 10 gigabytes of free storage space with the option to obtain 20 gigabytes at no charge if a user makes some bonus steps.



pCloud is an online file storage service "in the cloud" that is almost unknown. However, in my opinion, pCloud should be considered seriously. Though far from the biggest name on the market, the company has a lot to offer, especially for those who are looking for a simple, easy-to-use, free service. It is a good alternative for those who are considering Dropbox or Google Drive or any of several other cloud-based file storage services.

pCloud is an online storage service for all of your photos and videos, your favorite music, and personal and work documents. You can make sure your files are always with you when you need them, and share easily with friends, family, coworkers and partners so you are always on the same page.

If you are looking for a safe and secure place to store backup copies of your critical files, you should consider the following:

pCloud is a Swiss company. Swiss laws prohibit Swiss-based companies from disclosing a user's private information to anyone, not even to the Swiss government. That means if a repressive government (China, the Arab countries, the United States, the United Kingdom, etc.) obtains a court order against pCloud demanding that pCloud turn over your private files to that government, pCloud will ignore the court order and the Swiss government will also back up pCloud's right to do so.

NOTE: While pCloud is a Swiss company, the servers are actually in Norway, a country with similar laws that prohibit divulging private data.

Unlike other cloud-based file storage services, pCloud (optionally) does not take space on your computer.

pCloud offers an encrypted option for an additional \$3.99/month. This is in addition to the data transferred to pCloud's servers which is always sent via TLS/SSL protocol. pCloud Crypto offers client-side encryption, i.e. the encryption process is performed on your device. The encrypted version of your files is uploaded to the pCloud servers and the plain text files never leave your computer. Your files can be encrypted and decrypted only with your Crypto Password that is known only to you. Even the pCloud system administrators will be unable to read your (encrypted) data.



pCloud can share (unencrypted) files and folders even with users that are not pCloud users.

There is no size limit on individual files. That is, unlike Dropbox, pCloud can even store an 8-gigabyte video file.

pCloud is faster than Dropbox and with Crypto also is more secure because of private encryption.

pCloud has apps for Windows, Macintosh OS X, iPhone and iPad iOS, Android, and Linux.

pCloud can sync **ANY** folder, not just one folder the way Dropbox does.

pCloud has built-in audio and video players so you can stream music or video and watch it on your computer or tablet or smartphone while it is streaming.

If 20 gigabytes isn't enough storage space for you, 500 gigabytes is available for \$3.99 US per month, or 2 terabytes (2,000 gigabytes) may be obtained for \$7.99 per month. I suspect that 2,000 gigabytes will suffice for most people.

pCloud users also can view the history of all file changes, open previous versions and restore them if necessary. History and old versions are available for at least 30 days.

There are dozens of cloud-based file storage services available today. If you are looking for one that is better than Dropbox, I suggest you investigate pCloud at <https://goo.gl/WkTuyp> before making a decision. Check out the "Plans and Pricing" page at <https://www.pcloud.com/cloud-storage-pricing-plans.html>.

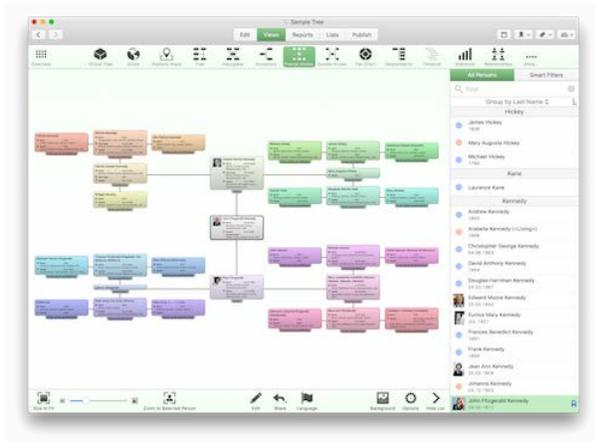
MacFamilyTree 8.1 – New CloudTree offers Collaboration and Sync (December 2, 2016)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 2, 2016](#) · [Software](#) · [6 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by Synium Software, producers of the very popular MacFamilyTree genealogy program for Macintosh, iPhone, and iPad:

December 2, 2016 – Mainz, Germany – Synium is proud to announce a huge update for MacFamilyTree, their popular genealogy app to discover your family history. Version 8.1 answers the frequently asked question "How can I work on my family tree and do genealogical research with other family members?" – and does it in a unique way .

MacFamilyTree 8.1 introduces CloudTree Sync&Share – powerful, one of its kind, and free for all users of MacFamilyTree 8.1.



CloudTree Sync&Share creates a revolution in digital genealogy. No other service provides such speedy synchronization across any number of devices – directly from within the app, at no additional cost, and in line with the highest data protection standards. The iPhone and iPad version of MacFamilyTree, called MobileFamilyTree, has been updated to, offering the same set of features.

Real-time collaboration and Sync:

MacFamilyTree 8.1 for Mac and MobileFamilyTree 8.1 for iPhone and iPad come with the brand new CloudTree feature – it is now possible for the first time to work on the same family tree with any number of users and in real time, without any additional cost. All changes to your tree will be transferred and available to all other users invited by you within a few seconds. Apple is known for its highest-level data protection standards. CloudTree operates in compliance with these very standards.

Sync via CloudTree – and still have all your information stored locally:
Although all entries are synced via CloudTree, all your information is still available locally on your Mac, iPhone or iPad, allowing you to continue your genealogical research when your device is offline. CloudTree will automatically sync any changes once you reconnect to the Internet.

Sync in record time:

Instead of having to sync the complete document, CloudTree allows you to sync only the changes you've made to it. While this may sound like an obvious feature to many users, it is not. In the past, iCloud had to upload and download the complete file. However, going forward, if you enter a person event, CloudTree will sync only this one item. Get ready for a dramatically accelerated syncing experience requiring very little data transfer. This allows you to easily sync your data over mobile networks as well.

MacBook Pro 2016 and Touch Bar Support:

You surely heard about the new MacBook Pro. It offers the new Touch Bar which allows every application to display a context sensitive toolbar right above the keyboard.

MacFamilyTree 8.1 comes with full Touch Bar support assisting you to navigate between sections, quickly jumping back to the previously opened section and adding relatives with a single finger tap.

Other new features in version 8.1

- Improved place selection and management
- Better Web Site export performance
- Improved configuration of the Kinship report
- Timeline chart can now be filtered using Smart Filters
- Place list can now be sorted by state, county and country
- Many new Smart Filter options added
- Sidebar list in the Interactive Tree, Charts and Reports can now be collapsed on iPads

Pricing:

Until December 4th, MacFamilyTree as well as MobileFamilyTree are offered with a 50% discount. This means that you can purchase MacFamilyTree 8.1 for just \$29.99 and MobileFamilyTree 8.1 for \$9.99 (USD). If you own MacFamilyTree 8 or MobileFamilyTree 8, the upgrade to Version 8.1 is available at the App Store and Mac App Store free of charge.

Availability:

MacFamilyTree 8.1 and MobileFamilyTree 8.1 are available exclusively at the Mac App Store and App Store. MacFamilyTree 8.1 requires a Mac with OS X 10.10 Yosemite or higher – macOS 10.12 Sierra is recommended. MobileFamilyTree 8.1 requires an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch running iOS 8 or later – iOS 10 is recommended. Using CloudTree requires macOS 10.12 Sierra or iOS 10 and a free Apple iCloud account.

[MacFamilyTree 8.1](#)

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FUNNY BONE

Do you read your horoscope each day? How about your genealogy horoscope? Didn't know there was such a thing? Check out the following link for the "full" story. Please read the "disclaimer" below. Do I have to tell you that this is humorous and fun and is likely not real. I know you know that this is the "Funny Bone" section!!

<http://www.cluewagon.com/2013/09/check-your-genea-horoscope-here/>

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ARIES—You will have a sleepless night. You will finally give up on sleep, go to your computer, and google an ancestor you haven't worked on in a long time. You will find a never-before-seen photo of that person on someone else's blog, and you will wake your spouse when you WOO HOO too loudly. You'll get yelled at, but you won't care, because OMG A PHOTO!

TAURUS—You will go to a cemetery to find a grave. The office will be closed, so you'll have to find it the old-fashioned way. You'll see a raven perched on a headstone, and then you'll realize that it's the grave you're looking for. You'll tell this story at every genealogy event you go for the rest of your life.

GEMINI—You will hear from a new cousin on Ancestry. You will check this new cousin's tree and see that it goes back to Adam and Eve. You will then sigh and eat several Reese's pumpkins. They will be delicious.

CANCER—You will receive the death certificate for that one guy you thought was the last of his line. Under "Informant," it will say, "Mrs. Jane Smiley (sister)." You will stand right there at the mailbox and say, "So, he had a SISTER!" Then you will reflect on the fact that you totally sound like Darth Vader.

LEO—Your local Family History Center will get fancy new microfilm readers...the kind that allow you to save your images to a flash drive. You will do a dorky little happy dance. No one at the FHC will laugh at you, because they're all bad dancers too.

VIRGO—You will be the next genealogist featured on Who Do You Think You Are? Sadly, your celebrity will be kind of an idiot, but you'll sound really smart, and your hair will look fabulous.

LIBRA—That Civil War pension file you ordered months ago will finally arrive. You'll spend the next two hours reading about how your poor great-great-grandpa hasn't pooped since Vicksburg.

SCORPIO—Some chick will write a blog post about genea-horoscopes, but she'll leave you out. You'll avenge your signmates by sneaking into her house and drawing mustaches on the photos of every single one of her ancestors. BWAHAHAHAHA!

SAGITTARIUS—You will finally convince your spouse to do a DNA test. You'll find out that you're cousins. Your mother-in-law will totally freak out.

CAPRICORN—You will get in a Facebook tiff with a fellow genealogist. It will be the eleventeenth time this happens, and there will be much rejoicing in genealogy-land when you just unfriend each other and move on. You both like dead people better anyway, so it's all good.

AQUARIUS—You'll go home for Thanksgiving. Your relatives will complain that you haven't found a connection to royalty. You'll tell them you're descended from Charlemagne, and they'll get all excited. The rest of us will roll our eyes in solidarity.

PISCES—You will tell someone you're a genealogist. They'll think you mean gynecologist. Hilarity will ensue.

***DISCLAIMER:** When I say "I consulted a genea-astrologist," I actually mean, "I sat down and made all this stuff up." No actual horoscope-making people were involved in the writing of this post. Any resemblance to people living or dead is more or less a coincidence, probably. The Darth Vader part totally did happen though, and now my neighbor thinks I'm weird.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

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

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

*Jan 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
2017 PM.

"Newspaper Necessities"

Presented by Tina Beard.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

*Jan 18 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday
WED Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.
2017 6:30 PM Refreshments. Society Business begins at 7:00 PM.
Program Presentation 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM.

Program title is **"Find My Past"**.

Guest speaker is **Debra Dudek**.

Society website at www.dcfgs.org.

Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

Feb 4 Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 4, 2017.

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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
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Feb 14
TUE
2017 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
PM.
"Searching Genealogy Websites Successfully"
Presented by Jane Haldeman.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- *Feb 15
WED
2017 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 **"Family History's Navigational Tool: The G.P.S."**.
Guest speaker is **Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana**.
Society website at www.dcgs.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Mar 4
SAT
2017 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.
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Mar 14
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2017 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
PM.
Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
- 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.
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Apr 11
TUE
2017 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7
PM.

"Ancestral Stories, Fact or Fiction? – Researching the Legends"

Presented by Barbara Peterson.

Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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- *Apr 19
WED
2017
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 **"Family History Research in the British Isles"**.
Guest speaker is **Maureen Brady**.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- 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
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- May 9
TUE
2017
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Navigating the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives"
Presented by Raymond Johnson.
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- *May 17
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2017
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 **"Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records"**.
Guest speaker is **Ginger Frere**.
Society website at www.dcg.org.
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
- Jun 13
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"Using Timelines To Break Down Brick Walls"

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"Transcribing Records for FamilySearch"

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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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"How the PBS Genealogy Roadshow Solved My Family Mystery!"

Presented by Gail Lukasik.

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"Optimizing Your Searches on the Internet -- It's More Than FamilySearch and Ancestry"

Presented by Maureen Brady.

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