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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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APRIL 11, 2017 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next Genealogy Program will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the 2nd floor Classroom. The guest speaker for the evening will be Barbara Peterson. Barbara will present a program titled "Ancestral Stories, Fact or Fiction?: Researching the Legends".

We all have great stories of our ancestors. Military heroes? Scoundrels? Stowaways? Sea Captains? Sounds good. But are they real? Maybe we just want to let the stories exist. Maybe you really want to know. Barbara will provide us with a case study review on just such an ancestor. Hear how she went about substantiating the story or perhaps even refuting it.

Barbara Peterson has been an active participant at our monthly genealogy programs. Her research skills have developed over time from a novice researcher to a highly skilled researcher. She has also become an expert on genealogical DNA and has previously presented a program on that topic at our library. This program's case study is based on research she provided to a client.

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 <u>Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy, 4th Ed.</u> by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow <u>Unpuzzling Your Past</u> is <u>The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook</u> 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.

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SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter January 31, 2017, February 8, 2017, February 17, 2017, February 15, 2017, February 21, 2017, February 21, 2017 and are copyright 2017 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*.*

Genealogy and Seniors (January 31, 2017)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 31, 2017](#) · [Current Affairs](#) · [12 Comments](#)

Kimberley Fowler has written an introductory article that describes some of the reasons why senior citizens are often attracted to genealogy. She writes:

"Retirees across America are leaving their families an unconventional legacy — knowledge of their family's ancestral roots. In the age of the internet, ancestry and genealogy research has increased with additional access to online historical records.Genealogy and Seniors

"Older adults who are retired and have time on their hands are taking advantage, making "genealogy the second most popular hobby in the U.S., after gardening," according to Time."

You can read the full article in *a Place for Mom* blog at:

http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/1-30-17-genealogy-and-seniors

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New Free App to Help Visitors in Dublin Trace Their Irish Ancestors (February 8, 2017)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [February 8, 2017](#) · [Software](#) · [6 Comments](#)

I wish this had been available when I was in Dublin a few months ago! The following announcement was written by Ancestor Network and announced this morning at RootsTech:

Dublin, Ireland, and Salt Lake City, Utah; Wednesday, 8 February 2017

Ancestor Network, Ireland's leading provider of professional genealogy and probate research, has just released at RootsTech 2017 a free, new and interactive Irish Genealogy Research App; Your Dublin Map Guide to Irish Genealogy and History Sources. This **'Ancestor Network'** App displays a list of the leading Dublin-based libraries, archives, research centres, historic sites and museums. These are

linked to a detailed interactive map of Dublin containing supplemental information such as physical and web address location, contact details, and opening hours.

This App functions as your historical and genealogical guide in navigating through the streets of Dublin and to make the most of your time visiting or researching in Ireland.

Within the App, there is also an Irish sources guide for visitors and researchers to be able to easily discover where to locate birth, marriage and death records, church records, land records, military records, prisons and legal records, newspapers and graveyards, information on emigration, workhouses, maps and place names. This list is also interactive so that you can link to any of these sources websites to learn more about each one.

You can easily download this free app from the App Store by simply searching Ancestor Network.

The App was developed in Dublin by Ancestor Network in objective C and XCode, using Apple map and is compatible on IOS 9+ working on all Apple devices IPhone and IPad.

John Hamrock, Managing Director of Ancestor Network Ltd., noted, "With our team of genealogists and historians providing advice to roots tourists in Ireland over the years, we noted that visitors would benefit with having an interactive tool at their fingertips with a detailed map on where to locate the key repositories and what records are available in each. This free app is a great resource for visitors and locals alike in Dublin find that elusive ancestor."

Hamrock added, "We encourage users and those centres listed on our app to provide feedback on how the app can be improved even further. I am delighted to be participating this week at RootsTech in Salt Lake City from 8 – 11 February 2017 to introduce our app to the genealogy and technology community here, particularly at today's very appropriate Innovator Summit. RootsTech is the largest genealogy/technology trade event in the world with thousands of visitors and hundreds of exhibitors and speakers. RootsTech 2017 is a perfect time to launch our innovative Irish genealogy App. Last, but not least, we would like to extend a special thanks to Aspire Digital in Dublin who helped us with the design and functionality of the App."

Family Tree DNA Now Accepts Family Finder Data Transfers from 23andMe© V4 and AncestryDNA™ V2 Files (February 17, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 17, 2017 · DNA · 2 Comments

In an email message to all of the company's Project Administrators, Family Tree DNA announced that it is now accepting data transfers of autosomal information from the following:

     23andMe© V3
     23andMe© V4
     AncestryDNA™ V1
     AncestryDNA™ V2

After transferring your results, for free, you will receive a list of your autosomal matches from Family Tree DNA's database and have access to the company's Family Finder – Matrix. The Matrix feature allows you to select and compare the autosomal DNA relationship between up to ten of your matches at one time.

Family Tree DNA also announced that MyHeritage and Genographic transfers will be supported in the coming weeks.

You can read more in the Family Tree DNA Frequently-Asked Questions at

https://www.familytreedna.com/autosomal-transfer.

TLC Reveals New Celebrity Contributors for Who Do You Think You Are? (US Version) (February 15, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 15, 2017 · Video & Television · 2 Comments

The following announcement was written by TLC:

New season premieres Sunday, March 5 at 10/9c

TLC's Emmy Award-winning series, **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** returns this spring with a new group of celebrities ready to delve into their lineage and get answers to the questions they've wondered about their entire lives. Eight new one-hour episodes bring more unexpected turns and surprising discoveries of great historical significance. Executive Produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, the new season premieres on Sunday, March 5th at 10/9c.

This season's celebrity contributors include:

Jessica Biel makes surprising discoveries that change what she thought knew about her heritage.

Julie Bowen uncovers the story of two relatives whose moral codes are from opposite ends of the spectrum.

Courteney Cox traces her maternal line back seven centuries to the Medieval times to discover royalty in her lineage and an unbelievable tale of family drama.

Jennifer Grey uncovers new information about the grandfather she thought she knew, learning how he survived adversity to become a beacon of his community.

Smokey Robinson searches for answers behind the mystery of why his grandfather disappeared from his children's lives and finds a man tangled in a swirl of controversy.

John Stamos digs into the mystery of how his grandfather became an orphan, and learns of tensions between families that led to a horrible crime.

Liv Tyler learns that her family is tied into the complicated racial narrative of America.

Noah Wyle unravels the mystery of his maternal line, uncovering an ancestor who survived one of America's bloodiest battles.

Ancestry, the leading family history company, is teaming up again with TLC as a sponsor of the upcoming season. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research on each of the featured celebrities to help make discoveries possible and build out the story of each episode.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? is produced for TLC by Shed Media (part of the alternative department at Warner Bros. Television) and Is or Isn't Entertainment. The series is based on an original format created by Wall to Wall Media and Alex Graham. More information can be found at TLC.com/WDYTYA. 'Like' Who Do You Think You Are? on Facebook.com/WDYTYA and follow @WDYTYA on Twitter.

ABOUT TLC

Offering remarkable real-life stories without judgment, TLC shares everyday heart, humor, hope, and human connection with programming genres that include fascinating families, heartwarming transformations, and life's milestone moments. TLC ended 2016 strong ranked as the #6 Female ad-supported Cable network in prime with W25-54; a top 10 network for the 10th year in a row.

TLC is a global brand available in more than 91 million homes in the US and 325 million households in 220 countries and territories. Viewers can enjoy their favorite shows anytime, anywhere through TLCgo – the network's TVE offering featuring live and on demand access to complete seasons. A destination online, TLC.com offers in-depth fan sites and exclusive original video content. Fans can also interact with TLC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Pinterest. TLC is part of Discovery Communications (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), reaching 3 billion cumulative viewers in 220 countries and territories to satisfy curiosity and engage superfans with a portfolio of premium nonfiction, sports and kids programming brands.

Death Master File (also known as the Social Security Death Index) — How Did The Congress Get So Far Off Track? (February 21, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 21, 2017 · Legal Affairs · 2 Comments

Writing in the RPAC Blog, Fred Moss points out an excellent example of Congress taking a valuable tool and totally messing it up. As a result of legislative ineptitude, a tool previously used to **REDUCE** identity theft has now been mis-labeled as a frequent **CAUSE** of identity theft. Genealogists, historians, and average citizens all suffer as a result.

You might want to read Fred's article in the RPAC Blog at http://www.fgs.org/rpac/2017/02/21/dmf-how-did-the-congress-get-so-far-off-track.

I suggest printing Fred's article out and mailing it to your elected representatives. (I have read that most legislators don't read email from constituents as most legislators receive too many email messages to manage. Old-fashioned paper and "snail mail" reportedly works better.)

The Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage (February 21, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 21, 2017 · Online Sites, Video & Television · 6 Comments

You may have asked, "Which is the best online genealogy service for me to use?" Or perhaps you want to know the best two or three services. Sunny Morton gave a presentation about these four online powerhouses at the recent RootsTech2017 conference that may answer your questions.

The one-hour four-minute presentation was videotaped and is now available as a video on the RootsTech.org web site. I suspect this video will answer most of your questions. Topics covered include cost, record types, geographic coverage, genetic testing, DNA matching, search flexibility, languages supported, mobile-friendly, automated matching, and a lot more. Sunny provides the most information about these four sites that I have ever seen in any other one document or video.

As Sunny states, "No site has it all."

This is a keeper! I have been using all four of these web sites for years and yet I learned several new facts about them, thanks to Sunny's online video presentation. I suspect you will learn some things as well if you watch the video.

The Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage with Sunny Morton is available at

https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton.

Also, look at the size of that audience!

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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, April 1, 2017**.** The program for the morning is titled **"What's New on the Internet**".   The speaker for the morning will be **Caron Brennan**.

There are new genealogy sites on the Internet every day. This fast-paced presentation is a review of popular, new, little known, and perhaps unusual genealogy resources on the internet to help you in your research.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/

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

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

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 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, April 19, 2017 between 7pm to 8:45pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is **"Family History Research in the British Isles"**. The speaker for the program will be **Maureen Brady**.

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, March 18, 2017 at the Schaumburg Township District Library in Schaumburg, IL between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is **"What's New in Technology"**. The speaker will be **Ed Rosenthal.**

Ed Rosenthal will present his very popular annual survey of emerging technologies. Sharing of the insights he gains from keeping tabs on new developments in the computing and digital imaging scenes will provide us all with a glimpse of what new tools will soon be available to leverage our favorite obsession - genealogy!

Ed Rosenthal has served three terms as the President of CAGGNI and has been doing family research for over 20 years with Family Tree Maker and recently tracing his DNA. Ed has presented his research during his family's 150th and 160th reunion in Germany.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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The Genealogy Library Inside Your Computer: How to Increase Your Personal Genealogy Library without Additional Bookshelves (February 2, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 2, 2017 · Books, Genealogy Basics, Online Sites · 5 Comments

Thousands of genealogy books are available to you right now. You can search for them and, if you find some that look interesting, you can be reading them within minutes. There is no waiting for the post office to deliver them. Best of all is the price: most of them are available free of charge!

NOTE: a few of the ebooks are only available on CD-ROM which obviously does involve a postal delay and normally costs some money..

As you may have guessed, these are out-of-copyright books printed prior to 1923 plus a handful of later books. Luckily, there were a lot of genealogy books published in those days. After all, the records weren't as old back then!

In addition, I will list sources for many newer genealogy books that are for sale at modest prices.

Perhaps the Best Place to Start Your Search for Online Genealogy eBooks

Perhaps the best-kept secret about ebooks for genealogists: **Genealogy Gophers**

More than 80,000 digital genealogy books (!) are now fully searchable and downloadable for free at GenGophers.com. This new website enables genealogists for the first time to have free, easy, and precise searching of family history books.

Thousands of family history books and magazines are available to be searched directly from multiple websites. But searching through these websites and combing through the jumble of information they return can be a frustrating, costly, and fruitless process.

GenGophers.com solves these problems by providing precise and free access to the industry's most effective online search tools and a growing library of more than 80,000 downloadable family and personal histories, local histories, and genealogy newsletters.

Genealogy Gophers has the most easily searched and retrieved family history books on the Web. When legally possible, GenGophers will provide a link to a genealogy book that will allow you view or even download the **ENTIRE BOOK!** Search tools based on artificial intelligence algorithms significantly increase the chances of finding relevant search term matches compared to typical word search engines. Relevant pages and books can be downloaded for free from the GenGophers.com website.

GenGophers.com is the only website that – completely for free – returns genealogy book results only. Results include the publication name and a snippet from the page showing the highlighted search terms. Click on the URL shown and you will then see the entire book within a few seconds.

GenGophers.com is financially supported by ads and Google Consumer Surveys, which asks users a few market research questions once per day to view the free books. It is normally free to users although there is a "Pro version" that costs $19.95 but deletes the ads and surveys. The two versions are otherwise identical.

Genealogy Gophers may be found at: https://www.gengophers.com.

Other free sources of ebooks

Family History Library from FamilySearch (more than 80,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world):
https://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do

Allen County (Indiana) Public Library's Genealogy Center

Brigham Young University's **Harold B. Lee Library** and at https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/BYU-FHL_Digital_Book_Collection

Brigham Young University Hawaii's **Joseph F. Smith Library**

Houston Public Library – **Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research**

Mid-Continent Public Library – **Midwest Genealogy Center**

HathiTrust's Digital Library

Dozens of free online **ebooks dealing with Canadian genealogy** may be found by starting at http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/bcanada.html

British History Online is a digital library of primary and secondary sources on medieval and modern history of Great Britain. It was created and is managed, as a cooperative venture by the Institute of Historical Research, the University of London and the History of Parliament Trust.

Sources of ebooks available for purchase

Genealogical Publishing Company has a new online catalog of ebooks at http://library.genealogical.com while the catalog of printed books remains available at http://www.genealogical.com.

Heritage Books, Inc. at http://www.heritagebooks.com (most of the ebooks are available only on CD-ROM disks, including many newer titles.)

Archive CD Books USA: http://www.archivecdbooksusa.com – only sells CD-ROM images of old books

Archive CD Books Canada: http://www.archivecdbooks.ca – only sells CD-ROM images of old books

Archive CD Books (UK & Ireland): http://www.archivecdbooks.org – only sells CD-ROM images of old books

Special Mentions: The Internet Archive and Google Books

Archive.org doesn't limit itself to genealogy books. It collects **EVERYTHING** and makes its entire collection available to all at no charge. The Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. Nobody knows how many genealogy and local history books are available in the Internet Archive but obviously it is huge number. You can check it out at: http://www.archive.org.

Another huge resource: **Google Books** with thousands of free ebooks, genealogy and almost every other imaginable topic at http://books.google.com.

Of course, there are the two long-time commercial book sellers:

Amazon.com: http://www.amazon.com

Barnes & Noble: http://www.barnesandnoble.com

Both companies sell ebooks and printed books alike.

Announcing a New Consistency Checker for Online Family Trees at MyHeritage (February 12, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 12, 2017 · Online Sites · 2 Comments

What errors are in your genealogy database? Most people have several and are not aware of the errors. A new Consistency Checker for online family trees at MyHeritage scans your family tree and identifies potential mistakes and inconsistencies in your data so that you can quickly make the necessary changes in your tree, improving its overall quality and accuracy.

I ran this on my database and am a bit embarrassed to admit it found two errors.

In addition, the Consistency Checker identified several possible problems, such as people who had children at a rather young, but possible, age or at an advanced, but possible, age. In other words, it displayed a notice that "you might want to double-check this." Luckily, in my case they were all legitimate facts as many of my French-Canadian ancestors did have children while in their mid-teens. However, it never hurts to double-check your sources.

Besides, I love the graphic used for the Consistency Checker of the man with a monocle. "I'm checking on you."

More information about the Consistency Checker for online family trees may be found in the MyHeritage blog post at: https://goo.gl/7IWeIk.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Your Genealogy Today

We have received the January/February 2017, Volume 2, Number 6 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Uncovering Ancestral Mysteries: Teaching the Young Genealogist"
By Cindy Thompson

Cindy Thompson likes getting young genealogists involved in family history research utilizing a variety of strategies and tools to make it fun!

"Understanding Calendars and Religious Feast Days in Germanic Research"
By Leland K. Meitzler

Leland K Meitzler looks at why dates in Germanic records aren't always as they seem, and offers resources to help you figure them out.

"Wait ... Was this Name for a Great-great Aunt or a Great-great Uncle?"
      By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at unisex names of the past.

"Resurrecting the Bellevue, Iowa, City Cemetery"
      By Constance R. Cherba

Constance R. Cherba shows how a dedicated group of volunteers prevented a historic cemetery from being lost forever.

"The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy"
      By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo reviews an ideal resource by Blaine T. Bettinger

"For the Love of God, What Kind of a Name is "Gottlieb"?"
      By Robbie Gorr

Robbie Gorr examines German Pietistic naming traditions.

"A Far Piece from Brigadoon"
      By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk goes back to her roots in a small rural town in southwestern Quebec.

"A Wealth of Information"
      By Mary F. Good Stansifer

Mary F. Good Stansifer reveals the goldmine of information contained in the United States Federal Mortality Census.

"Bringing Your Ancestors to Life"
      By Cameron Davis

Cameron Davis suggests how to tell their story so their descendants will really want to read it.

"Searching for Jane"
      By James Breig

Was it intervention from some higher power, or just plain old persistence? James Breig describes how he found someone while knowing only her first name.

"Gratuitous Genealogy: Helping Others Discover the Benefits of Family Research"
      By Joe Grandinetti

      I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "For the Love of God, What Kind of a Name is "Gottlieb"?" The author of the article is Robbie Gorr.

If you are doing Germanic research, then this is a good article for you to take a look at. The author notes that those doing Germanic research today will often come across more common Germanic names such as Johann, Carl, Friedrich and Wilhelm. These have English equivalents such as John, Charles, Frederick and William. But if you do enough Germanic research you are bound to run into Germanic names such as Gottfired, Gottleib and even Christlieb. These names do not have an English equivalent because their names were part of a German history that is now all but forgotten.

These names are connected with a time in German history in the seventeenth and eighteenth century called Pietism. Pietism got its name from "piety" or the reverence that was thought to be the most important facet of Lutheran worship. It was the first important change in the Lutheran church since Martin Luther began the Reformation in the sixteenth century. It gave a new emphasis to the laity of the church and contributed to a revival of biblical studies in Germany.

Many scholars view German Pietism as similar to the Puritan reformation of the Church of England. In Puritanism, many individuals were named according to the virtues f faith. You often saw these English named individuals as Thankful, Silence, Mercy, Amity and Charity. The Pietists did not literally name their children in such a naming pattern but under Pietism they created names using "Gott" or God and combined it with a pious adjective. Gottlieb was a combination of "God" and "love" which translated to "love of God". "Gotthilf" meant "help of God", Gotthard meant "strength of God". Sometimes the "Gott" part of these naming conventions would be reversed and be at the end of the name. Names such as "Liebgott" could translate to "trust God".

There were many Pietistic German names that were even more unusual. An example of one is "Leberecht" that translate to "live right". Other very unusual names were "Hassdenteufel" which translates to "hate the devil" or "Tugenreich" which translates to "full of virtue".

The author notes that most Pietistic Germanic names were directed to boys. But over time these were even adopted to girls. A name such as "Gottfried" for boys was converted to "Gottfriede" for girls. Even "Gottlieb" for boys was found to be converted to "Gottlieben" for girls.

The German Pietistic movement ended toward the end of the eighteenth century and beginning of the nineteenth century. The Puritan naming equivalent also started declining at about this time. Only a few of the Pietistic names survived over time. Gottfried and Gottlieb are two of these names that have survived passed the Pietistic period.

As Germans migrated to the United States, some of these Pietistic names might still be found, especially for those carving out wilderness areas of the United States. And when it appeared it generally was not the first name of the child but rather the second name or if three names were given, it was the third name.

The author included in this article a very nice table of some of the more traditional Pietistic names used by Germans. Here are the names included in the article:

- Christhard   =   strength of Christ
- Christlieb   =   love of Christ
- Dienegott   =   serve God

- Ehregott = honour God
- Freimut = free spirit
- Furchtegott = fear God
- Glaubrecht = believe right
- Glaubegott = believe in God
- Gottbert = shining God
- Gottfried = peace of God
- Gottgetrau = to dare God
- Gotthard = strength of God
- Gottherz = heart of God
- Gotthild = fight for God
- Gotthilf = help of God
- Gotthold = dear to God
- Gottlieb = love of God
- Gottlob = praise of God
- Gottmar = fame of God
- Gottschalk = servant of God
- Gottvertrau = trust in God
- Gottwals = power of God
- Gottwin = friend of God
- Grazia = grace
- Hassdenteufel = hate the devil
- Helfgott = help God
- Lebefromm = live piously
- Leberecht = live right
- Liebgott = love God
- Pius = pious and godly
- Traugott = trust God
- Tugen = virtue
- Tugenreich = full of virtue

   I thought this was a fascinating article because it shed light on discovering first names of German ancestors that we might not even think of as being real. Knowing the time period when such naming conventions existed can certainly help you better interpret the discovery of such names in the older documents you may be reviewing. These names are what they are. You may very well see such names and think that the handwriting is bad and the name must be something else that you simply cannot decipher.

You may now think of older Germanic naming conventions in a completely different manner.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "A Wealth of Information". The author of the article is Mary F. Good. This article sheds some light on information contained in the special United States Federal Mortality Census.

The United States Mortality Censuses were special censuses that took place in the census years of 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1885. The census covered people that had died within a year prior to June 1 of the regular decennial census years noted above. As an example the 1850 Mortality Census reported those that had died from June 1, 1849 to May 31, 1850.

Data that is reported in these mortality schedules consists of the following:

- Name of the individual
- Age of the individual
- Sex of the individual
- Race of the individual
- Month of the death of the individual
- Cause of death of the individual
- How long the deceased had the condition leading to death
- Marital status of the individual
- Place of birth of the individual
- Occupation of the individual
- If the deceased was a free person or slave (1850 and 1860)
- If parents were of foreign birth (1870, 1880 and 1885)
- Name of attending physician at time of death (1880, 1885)

Just to be clear, 1885 was not a normal decennial census year. However a mortality schedule was intended for that year and was optional for the states to do. The 1885 mortality schedule only took place in Florida, Nebraska, Colorado and the territories of New Mexico and Dakota.

Each page of the mortality census can contain about 35 names. At the bottom of the page is an area for comments by the census taker. Comments were not limited to death information. Comments can be about the environment, the rivers and streams in the area all of which tie in to the health area of those on the mortality schedule. One can judge by any significant numbers of deaths in a very local area that the community might have been affected by a natural disaster or some kind of health related epidemic possibly that contributed to the high number of deaths in a very short time that coincided with the mortality required one-year death interval prior to the regular census.

In fact, the author of this article had an ancestor that was reported in the 1850 mortality schedule. The author noted that the comments part of the page reporting the deaths of multiple ancestors of his noted the following:

"The smallpox, an unusual disease in my district prevailed during the months March, April and May in a fearful form the supposed cause of its inception the neighborhood where it raged is attributed to the discharging of a green matter being rubed on the barrel and lock by a physician clandestinely individual who fired off the gun was attacked of said disease on the 9th day afterward, there were 152 cases and 28 deaths."

The author noted that for this particular ancestor in 1850, the census taker created numerous comments pages throughout this one local area of high deaths in a similar manner to what is noted above.

Sometimes your ancestral research may simply be very lucky to uncover the death of an ancestor in one of these special mortality schedules. In the 1850 time-period, there were generally no civil laws requiring the reporting of such deaths. Civil reporting of deaths generally did not start in the United States until about 1870. The actual reporting time periods varied all over the map by geographic area at the county area. Some states and counties started in the 1870s. Other states and counties may not have even started until the 1920s. A researcher might have to also depend on luck and discover reported within church records of the area.

It is also highly likely that the mortality schedules did not include every death that occurred during the one-year window preceding the decennial census date. Reasons for these omissions are:

- There might be no one remaining to report the death

- The person that died may have been living alone may have no one left to report the death.

- Families were often split up after a death and there might have been no one there to report the death.

These special mortality schedules can be found at www.Ancestry.com (all of them), www.FamilySearch.org (only 1850), and www.Mortality-Schedules.com. Microfilms of this data exist within the United States National Archives and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

While we all should use the United States Census data all of the time, think about also searching these mortality schedules just to see if by luck an ancestor of yours from the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1885 time-period may have perished in the year before each of these censuses and was actually reported in the mortality schedules. The death report is one nice thing to discover, but as you can see from the above example, discovering copious comments by the census taker can also add a lot more to the story of providing insightful information on what may have been other contributing factors that led to the death of an ancestor.

This is another wonderful issue of <u>Your Genealogy Today</u>. Take a close look at the Table of contents of articles above in this issue to see if any connect to your own research. Feel free to take a look at the entirety of the magazine. You can find it on the 2nd floor of our library on the magazine shelves.
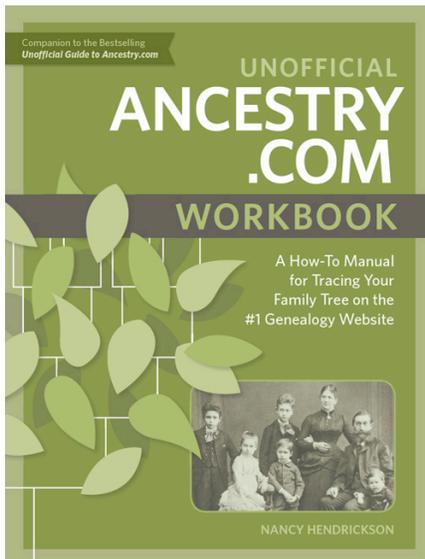
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BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added the book noted below to our circulating collection. It is titled **Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook**. The author of the book is Nancy Hendrickson. The book was published in 2017. It was added to our collection February 2017. It contains 191 pages. It is available to check out from our library from the 2ⁿᵈ floor section of recently added non-fiction material near the "Ask Us" desk. The call number of the book is LATEST FEB 929.1 Hendrickson, N.

I did notice that Thomas MacEntee of the website Geneabloggers (www.geneabloggers.com) has an online book review of this newly published book. I thought I would share the review he published of this book along with other information about the book. You can find this review online at http://www.geneabloggers.com/review-unofficial-ancestry-com-workbook/. Thomas MacEntee has a Disclosure statement at the end of the following book review.

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 Review: Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook – A How-to Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website

[*Editor's Note*: *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook – A How-to Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website* is available in print (click here) as well as in e-book format (click here). PLUS if you use promo code SFTTHOMAS17 at checkout, you'll save 10%!]

Hendrickson, Nancy. *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook – A How-to Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website*, Cincinnati: F+W Media, Inc., 2017, 192 pages.

As genealogists, many of us seem to have a "love-hate relationship" with the #1 genealogy website, Ancestry.com. I've been an Ancestry subscriber for many years and as a genealogy educator I know for certain the cause of such *angst*: lack of education on how to effectively use the Ancestry website. This is why the *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* by Nancy Hendrickson should be <u>required</u> reading for all Ancestry users.

Mastering Ancestry.com's Search Function

In my opinion the best chapter in *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* is the first chapter and it covers all the aspects of Ancestry's search functions. I know how important it is for Ancestry users to master all the features of General Search. Too many times have I heard exasperated users complain that they can't find anything on their ancestors, mainly due to improper searching.

And hurray for the author covering in detail the Ancestry Card Catalog! As an experienced researcher, I know that the best way to find anything on Ancestry is to go directly to a record set. The Card Catalog is often neglected as a search resource by users and the author deftly explains how to unlock its powerful features.

Useful Exercises for Skill Building

Another great feature of *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* is the exercises listed after each chapter. Example: the Finding a Photo exercise challenges the reader to start using these Ancestry Search skills to locate photos.

Teaching This Old Dog New Tricks

How do you know what you don't know? Especially when it comes to being more productive at the Ancestry.com website . . . that is why the *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* is useful, even for an "experienced" user like me.

For example: Ancestry Quick Links. How did I not know about this? Quick Links are like bookmarks or favorites for Ancestry. You can build a quick "research toolbox" by using this powerful feature. And who knew that Ancestry had shortcut keys? Well the author does and she wants to make sure you take advantage of them!

Records and More at Ancestry.com

Hendrickson does a great job at covering other aspects of the Ancestry.com website including US Federal Census Records, Birth/Marriage/Death Records, Military Records, Immigration Records, as well as Social History and Ancestry DNA. However, there are some useful Ancestry.com features that are NOT covered in this workbook and I'm not certain why they've been omitted: the Ancestry Message Boards, as well as the Trees posted by Ancestry.com members.

There are several appendices at the end of the workbook, the most useful being a series of worksheets and templates:

> Ancestry.com Search Worksheet
> Five-Generation Ancestor Chart
> Family Group Sheet
> Research Checklist for US Ancestors (as well as Canadian and UK Ancestors)
> Records Checklist – Birth Information

Records Checklist – Marriage Information
Records Checklist – Death Information
Census Abstract Forms for each US Federal Census

What's Inside

The *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* features:

Introductions on how to use the seven most important record groups on Ancestry.com, plus how to navigate AncestryDNA and use test results in your research

Detailed step-by-step case studies showing how to use Ancestry.com to find ancestors and solve research problems

Fillable worksheets and forms that let you apply the book's techniques to your own research

Excerpt: Sample Tips

Here are some tips you'll find in the *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook[i]*:

Identify specific record collections that you want to search. With more than a billion records organized into tens of thousands of collections, Ancestry.com can be overwhelming to navigate, and using the general search form can sometimes give you too many results to sort through. Use the Card Catalog to find specific collections that cover the appropriate time and place (as well as the kind of record you're looking for) to give yourself the best chance of finding a specific record.

Play with search options. Ancestry.com's search forms and Card Catalog have a number of filters you can use to narrow down your results. Different combinations of titles, keywords, record types and date ranges will yield different results. Learn what each option does, and make careful use of them in your search.

Prioritize close DNA matches. DNA testing is an amazing new research technique, but it can provide you with an overwhelming amount of data. When reviewing your DNA matches, begin by searching only those who are projected to be third cousins or closer, as estimates or more distant relationships tend to be less accurate (and thus studying them is probably a less efficient use of your research time).

Conclusion

Even if you consider yourself a pretty savvy Ancestry.com user, you will find many ways to improve your productivity on the site and get the most out of your Ancestry subscription. Hendrickson has put together an extremely useful manual for the most popular genealogy website and I'm certain that I'll be referring to the workbook quite often. I highly recommend any genealogist, from beginner to expert, to add the *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* to their library.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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OldNews USA Wins Top Honors at RootsTech 2017 Innovator Showdown (February 11, 2017)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [February 11, 2017](#) · [Uncategorized](#) · [3 Comments](#)

This was a major contest this week with big prize money! The following was written by FamilySearch:

Old news, it seems, is actually "new" news. Very innovative news in fact. Today at [RootsTech](#), the world's largest family history technology conference, [OldNews USA](#) took top honors in the [2017 Innovator Showdown](#), walking away with $95,000 in cash and in-kind prizes. OldNews is an android app designed to help users quickly discover their family in historical US newspapers. The app uses the Library of Congress "Chronicling America" collection of more than 11 million newspaper pages from 1789 to 1922 to deliver its results.

In front of a crowd of close to 14,000 live and online viewers, the six RootsTech Innovator Showdown finalists battled for $199,000 in cash and prizes and bragging rights in the rapidly-growing, multi-billion dollar family history industry. An experienced amateur genealogist, Bill Nelson of Auburn, Massachusetts, designed the program as a solution to tedious, difficult online newspaper searches. The OldNews USA app was designed to simplify and streamline the search process.

Using keywords, users can look for newspaper accounts of a person or topic with the option to look at articles of historical events. In a person search, you type names and dates into your mobile device and choose a location on Google Maps which produces a list of newspapers in the targeted geographic area for a time period. It brings up images of the actual newspapers with the name or event you are seeking highlighted so you can quickly locate it on the page. Images can be enlarged for easier access to detail.

Nelson is a software developer by trade. "I was new to android and needed something to practice on. I had felt the pain points of newspaper research and thought 'this would be a good project,'" he said. Initially he developed the app for his own use, then realizing it could help other researchers, he expanded it into a mobile app.

OldNews is compatible with Android devices, but Nelson is working to create an app for IOS devices and computers. With his winnings, he can now get business and technological assistance to accelerate development. While OldNews USA is designed to search US newspapers, he hopes to adapted the app for other countries.

The 5 finalists were whittled down from more than 40 applicants from the US and Europe. Each took three minutes to convince the panel of five judges and live audience that their product was deserving of a chunk of the $190,000 in cash and prizes.

The major sponsors of the Innovator Showdown this year included Amazon Web Services (AWS), Kickstarter Seed Fund, Sorenson Legacy Foundation, and others.

After each presentation, there was a four-minute question and answer period between each contestant and the judges. The judges then selected the top three winners, and the viewing audience selected the People's Choice Award winner.

With $190,000 in cash and in-kind prizes and services from sponsors at stake—an increase of nearly $100,000 from the original projection—the pressure, tension, and energy of the event was tremendous.

2017 RootsTech Showdown Winners

- First Place Judges' Choice ($90,000 cash, AWS credits, and an investment from Kickstart Seed Fund), Bill Nelson of OldNews USA.
- Second Place Judges' Choice ($44,000 cash and AWS credits), The Qroma tag mobile app for embedding stories into pictures, tagging them by voice commands, and making the data accessible on various platforms.
- Third Place Judges' Choice Award ($26,000 cash and AWS credits), Louis Kessler, Double Match Triangulator, an app to help sort DNA matches into groups of relatives.
- People's Choice ($25,000 cash and AWS credits), Kindex, an app designed to help users create searchable, shareable archives of family letters and other documents using tags to help users easily locate information.

Emberall was the other finalist. It provides a method to capture and store pictures and videos creating an accessible archive.

The judges for the final round included Alan Doan, CEO of Missouri Star Quilt Company, John Richards, Founder and CEO of Startup Ignition, Kenyatta Berry, host of The Genealogy

Road Show, Thomas MacEntee, founder of High-Definition Genealogy, and Dalton J. Wright, partner in Kickstart Seed Fund.
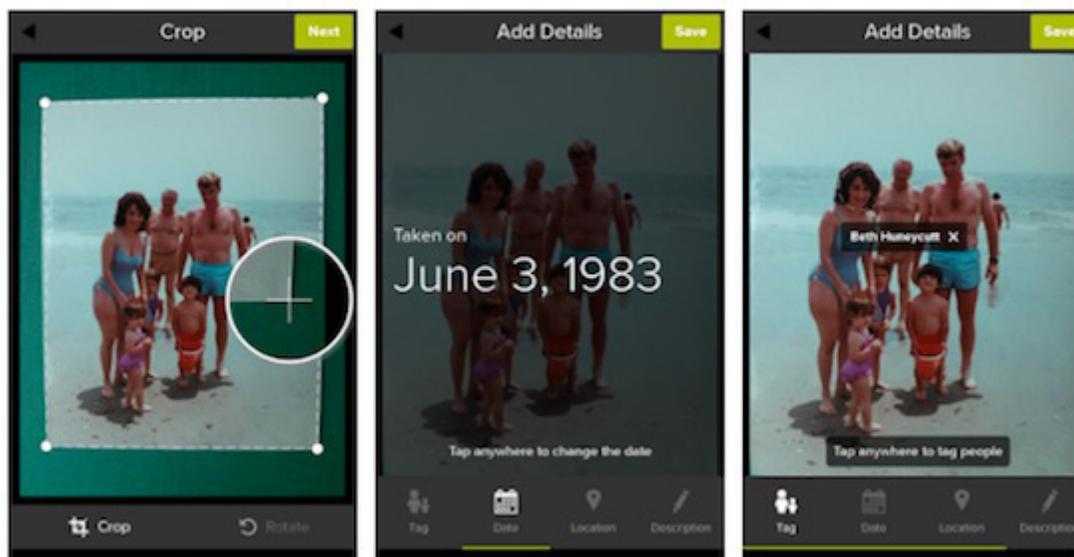
The Innovator Showdown, now in its third year, was designed to foster innovation in the family history industry.

Find and share this news release online at the FamilySearch Newsroom.

Shoebox Turns Your Phone into a Scanner (February 14, 2017)

Dick Eastman · February 14, 2017 · Photography · 3 Comments

Shoebox from Ancestry.com turns your iPhone or Android phone into a mobile photo scanner. You can scan your old paper photos and share them with family and friends. Shoebox's edge detection and perspective correction technology produces accurate images of your photos quickly and accurately. The face detection feature will automatically find your family members so you can tag them in the photo.

Dates can be manually added to your photos so that the information is recorded for future generations. After you've cropped a photo, you will be taken to a "Edit details" page. Use the icons at the bottom to tag family members, date your photo, add a location, and write your own description.

With Shoebox, you can save your photos directly to your Ancestry.com family tree and/or your phone's camera roll. If you've enabled Shoebox in your phone's privacy settings, each scan will be added to your camera roll. If saved to the camera roll, is is easy to send the image to others or even to yourself by email or text message. In addition, your scans will be added to the media gallery in your account on Ancestry.com (accessible with the same username and password you used for Shoebox).

Recommended cameras include most of today's medium-priced or higher priced cell phones. Specifically, the app works best with an 8 megapixel or higher camera that takes

images at 2448×3264 resolution. Make sure you setup with lots of natural light and no glare for the highest quality scans.

The price tag for all this? **FREE**.

You can learn more at: http://shoebox.ancestry.com.

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FUNNY BONE

Found this at the Geni website blog at https://www.geni.com/blog/funny-and-unusual-names-in-the-family-tree-385596.html . I always enjoy seeing funny names that are real and always wonder how it was that the parents named their children as such.

You can click on the links of the names to find further information and background on where they were found.

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Funny and Unusual Names in the Family Tree

Posted May 20, 2016 by Amanda | 0 Comments

Have you found any funny or unusual names during your genealogy research? Naming trends change and evolve over time, so what may seem odd-sounding to us today, may not have been so strange at the time. Nevertheless, we still get a good chuckle when we come across one of these names as we think to ourselves, "what were they thinking?"

Check out some funny and unusual names we found in Geni's World Family Tree!

1. Experience Bliss
2. Fanny Rash
3. Honest Hunt
4. Thankful Coffin - her maiden name was Joy
5. Ernest Crapper - along with a sister named Fanny and a brother, Harry!
6. Patience Peacock
7. Hopestill Butterworth
8. Winter Frost - these parents had fun naming their children, Winter also has sisters, Snow and White

9. Cutting Moody
10. Fear Fish
11. Minnie Leeks
12. Pleasant Bottom - her mother's name was Unity
13. Logan Berry
14. Waitstill Death
15. Hatevil Nutter
16. Charity Fudge
17. Constant Graves – he was the husband of Comfort Graves
18. Civility Rubottom
19. Comfort Starr
20. Faithful Slaymaker

What are some funny or unusual names in your family tree?

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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 "*")

Mar 14 TUE 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	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

TUE 2017	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. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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.dcgs.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 Beaird 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. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
May 17 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 "**Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places: Marriage Records**". Guest speaker is **Ginger Frere**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Jun 13 TUE 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.
Jul 11	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

TUE 2017	130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Using Timelines To Break Down Brick Walls"** Presented by Ginger Frere. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Aug 8 TUE 2017	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Transcribing Records for FamilySearch"** Presented by Jeffrey Bockman. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 12 TUE 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.
Oct 10 TUE 2017	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Developing a Sixth Census: Finding More in the "Census" Than Meets the Eye"** Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Nov 14 TUE 2017	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"How the PBS Genealogy Roadshow Solved My Family Mystery!"** Presented by Gail Lukasik. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Dec 12 TUE 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.
Jan 9 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Optimizing Your Searches on the Internet -- It's More Than FamilySearch and Ancestry"** Presented by Maureen Brady. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

Feb 13 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"To Be Determined"** Presented by To Be Determined. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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