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**PLEASE NOTE**

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

I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of newsletters from the recent 2 months are filed at the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor along with the most recent "handouts" from the last 2 months. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular program will be contained in a folder specifically for that program date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for program on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each program date will have its own folder. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file binder. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

More importantly, electronic PDF copies of the Newsletter and the "handouts" summary for our monthly program can be obtained electronically as PDF files from our Library's Genealogy Blog called "Tony's Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library". This is a WordPress blog that you can reach directly at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Look on the right side of the blog for links within the "Newsletter" category and the "Program Handouts" category. You can read the material online, download as a PDF file to your computer or print it from the blog.

If anyone needs to contact me via e-mail, you may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library at:

**akierna@stdl.org**

Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the **Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390. I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library. The FAX number in Reference is 847-923-3335.**

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Reference Office should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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**SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC**

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, September 12, 2017.

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on September 12, 2017. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

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

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

I want to reconvene the following groups:

- Polish Researchers
- German Researchers
- Czech Researchers
- Irish Researchers
- Italian Researchers
- British Researchers
- Scandinavian Researchers
- Colonial Americans Researchers
- DNA/Adoption Researchers (NEW as of 12/16!)

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to our next "break-out" session on September 12, 2017.

You may visit the library's web page at:

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

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

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

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### WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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 231 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 1,732 surnames among all of the individuals.

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

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

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

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## SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

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<b>Australians Provide Fake Names Amid Census Privacy Fears (June 28, 2017)</b>
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In the 2016 census, many Australians provided fake names and withheld their date of birth. A sharp drop in the number of respondents allowing authorities to keep their data archived for 99 years was also noted.

The first batch of data from last year's bungled census was released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on Tuesday with authorities insisting the information collected is useful. Privacy concerns plagued the half-billion-dollar exercise in the lead up to Census night on August 9 with several politicians, including independent senator Nick Xenophon, vowing to risk a \$180-a-day fine by refusing to provide their names and addresses.

The action seems strange as the Australian Bureau of Statistics is prohibited from sharing the data with other agencies. Census records in the past in many countries, such as in the United States since 1790, have proven to keep the information private for 72 years (in the U.S.) to 110 years in some other countries.

In the 2016 Australian census, about one per cent of respondents gave no name or a fake name, while three per cent chose to provide their age instead of date of birth.

Details may be found in an article by Belinda Merhab in the Australian Associated Press at:

<http://bit.ly/2tm9mNL>

### **Museum wants Revolutionary War Boat Saved from Lake Bottom (June 28, 2017)**

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More than two decades after it was discovered at the bottom of Lake Champlain (between Vermont and New York), a Revolutionary War gunboat may see the light of day under a museum plan to raise, preserve and put the vessel on display.



The *Spitfire*, a 54-foot boat that's part of a fleet built by Benedict Arnold before he turned traitor, sank a day after the 1776 Battle of Valcour Island, helping delay a British advance down the lake. The *Spitfire's* sinking made it possible for the 1777 American victory

at the Battle of Saratoga, a key moment in the American Revolution because it led to French recognition of the fledgling United States of America.

The *Spitfire* was found during a 1997 sonar survey of the lake. Museum divers check on it yearly. Its mast is still erect and the bow cannon still in the firing position. The ammunition and other artifacts from the battle are buried in mud.

The five-phase plan for raising and preserving the *Spitfire* calls for planning and construction of a facility on the Burlington, Vermont, waterfront where the *Spitfire* would be preserved before it is brought to the surface between 2024 and 2026. The first two years of planning would cost an estimated \$1 million while the 22-year process would cost about \$44 million.

You can read more about the project in an Associated press article at:

<https://yhoo.it/2sYdr7W>

You can also read more about the history of the Spitfire in Wikipedia at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Spitfire\\_\(1776\\_gunboat\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Spitfire_(1776_gunboat))

## The Hidden Rules of the Puritan Fashion Police (July 10, 2017)

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The fashion rules may have been tough for some of our ancestors, according to an article by Sarah Laskow in the [Atlas Obscura](#) web site. For instance:

“The Massachusetts Bay Colony passed its first law limiting the excesses of dress in 1634, when it prohibited citizens from wearing “new fashions, or long hair, or anything of the like nature.” That meant no silver or gold hatbands, girdles, or belts, and no cloth woven with gold thread or lace. It was also forbidden to create clothes with more than two slashes in the sleeves (a style meant to reveal one’s rich and fancy undergarments). Anyone who wore such items would have to forfeit them if caught.”

Then there are these questionable pieces of legislation:

“In 1639, the colony instituted a stricter law against lace and forbade clothes with short sleeves. In the 1650s, the law became more class-conscious. Only those who had more than 200 pounds to their estates were allowed to wear gold and silver buttons and knee points, or great boots, silk hoods, or silk scarves.”

You can read a lot more about the clothing requirements of the Puritans at:

<http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/sumptuary-laws-puritan-fashion-colonies-modesty>.

I wonder what the Puritans would have thought of today's fashions?

## Preserving Documents Digitally (July 12, 2017)

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What do the following headlines from past issues of this newsletter have in common?

Hancock County, Georgia, Courthouse Burned (August 12, 2014)

Van Buren County, Tennessee Offices Destroyed by Fire, Birth, Marriage, Death, and Many Other Records Lost (January 9, 2015)



Fire in Major Russian Library Destroys One Million Historic Documents (February 1, 2015)

Home of the Marissa (Illinois) Historical and Genealogical Society Destroyed by Fire (January 31, 2015)

Roof Collapses at Iowa Genealogical Society Library (December 31, 2009)

Fire Destroys Much of Indiana Historical Collection (December 30, 2009)

Cologne [Germany] Archives Building Collapses; 3 Missing, Many Escape (March 03, 2009)

Archives Damaged in Italian Earthquake (April 07, 2009)

Louisville Library Regains Use of Genealogy Room After Flash Floods (September 11, 2009)

Help Save the Archives of Ontario [from mold that is destroying records] (February 18, 2005)

Genealogy Lost in Twister (November 18, 2002)

North Dakota Records Lost [in the great flood of 1997] (April 28, 1997)

New Jersey Historical Documents and Artifacts Damaged in Flood (April 24, 2007)

Jefferson Davis' Biloxi Home Beauvoir [and Records] Reported "Demolished" by Hurricane Katrina (August 31, 2005)

Library Rescues Genealogy Books [after a tornado] (June 2, 2003)

Resident Rescues Genealogy Papers from Wildfire (June 06, 2006)

Do you see a pattern here? We cannot plan on having access to original documents forever. In fact, many valuable documents will disappear in the future due to disasters over which we have no control.

Many people believe that scanning old documents and making digital images is not good for archival purposes. They argue that digital images don't last long and that "the required equipment to view the images won't be available in twenty-five years."

However, most archivists will say that the truth is exactly the opposite: by use of some very simple data maintenance methods (already used by governments, corporations, and non-profits all over the world), **digital images can often last for centuries, much longer than the physical paper documents.**

I will suggest that the discussion of records preservation needs to consider **ALL** possibilities. In this case, we have seen many instances where paper records were destroyed by Mother Nature, despite the best efforts of archivists and preservationists.

I will also suggest that there is no perfect method of guaranteeing that records will be available to future genealogists and historians. However, we certainly can improve the odds by performing all of the following:

**1. Do whatever it takes to preserve original (physical) records.** This means not only keeping the documents themselves safe from mold, mildew, insects, and other problems, but also housing the records in buildings that are as fireproof and flood-proof and earthquake-proof as possible.

**2. Recognize the fact that preservation of documents by traditional means is never perfect.** Some number of paper documents will be destroyed, whether by simply degradation of the paper or by natural disasters, such as fire, floods, and earthquakes. In short, we cannot depend on having a single copy of anything. We must have duplicate copies, which these days mean digital images.

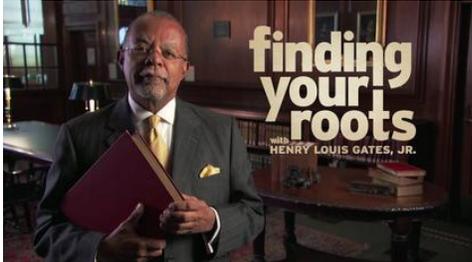
**3. Having one duplicate is not enough.** We need to make multiple duplicates and store them in different locations so that no one hurricane or flood or fire or other disaster will destroy all the copies. Luckily, with digital images, it is easy to store duplicate copies in several different locations.

**4. We cannot allow the digital images to become obsolete.** As technology changes, the digital backups need to be copied often to new storage media. Just because a floppy disk or a CD-ROM disk suffices today does not mean that it will be a viable storage media in a few years. If the document is important to someone, it needs to be copied to new storage media every few years.

Planning and preservation efforts apply equally to both large government archives and your personal genealogy records stored at home. With a bit of advance planning, we can ensure that valuable records are available to everyone in the future.

**PBS to Renew "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr." (July 13, 2017)**

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The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has announced its fall lineup of new television programs. Of interest to genealogists, "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr." is returning Oct. 3. Celebrities who will learn about their ancestors include Scarlett Johansson, Aziz Ansari, Bryant Gumbel, and Garrison Keillor.

**Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland, Michigan Sustains \$1.5 Million Flood Damage (July 19, 2017)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 19, 2017](#) · [Current Affairs](#), [Preservation](#) · [2 Comments](#)



Here is still another example why we cannot depend upon paper documents alone to be accessible in the future. Homes, streets, businesses, parks and city buildings in Midland, Michigan got soaked in a flood several weeks ago. In the city alone, more than 1,000 homes had some type of damage. Of interest to genealogists, the hardest hit city building was the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. The early estimate puts clean up and repair work for the library at \$1.5 million.

The library had never flooded before.

Library Director Melissa Barnard said the basement was covered in at least three inches of water. "We've lost pretty much everything downstairs, except for the books. You know, built in furniture, the furniture that was on the floor. You know, the carpeting, the walls had to be cut because they had absorbed so much water," Barnard said.

The books were moved to storage, and the services in the basement have been relocated. All ebooks and online databases are safe as they were hosted on servers located elsewhere.

Barnard said library visits have dropped since the flood, but they hope to spread the word that they are open for business.

My thanks to newsletter reader Mary K Freel for telling me about this story.

How safe are **YOUR** books and papers?



## LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

### Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning August 26, 2017. The program for the morning is titled "**Preserving Your Family History on Family Tree (FamilySearch)**". The speaker for the morning will be **Maureen Brady**.

*FamilySearch*®, a free website sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, provides many resources to help you discover your family history, but it also provides a way for you to preserve your family history. Family Tree is designed as a collaborative record of your family, including photos, documents and audio memories. Using both the website and mobile apps, Family Tree provides a system to record your family events, preserve precious photos & documents and provide a record of your family today for future generations. Using her own family data and photos, Maureen Brady will provide an overview of Family Tree, and its mobile apps, including making additions and corrections to Family Tree and using the mobile apps to record today's memories.

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

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS OF THE DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2017.**

**Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2017 through May 2018. The September 2017 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2017 through May 2018 programs are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 8:45 PM.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, September 20, 2017 between 7pm to 8:45pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is **"European Immigration to America from 1800 to 1940"**. The speaker for the program will be **Steve Szabados**.

Description of the When did your ancestors immigrate, where did they leave, why did they leave, how did they get here? We may never know the exact answers to these questions, but hopefully, this program will give you insights to possible ancestors and clear up some of the confusions.

You may visit the society's web page at:

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

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

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

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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, August 19, 2017 at the Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is **"Bringing Life to Our Ancestors: Manuscript Collections"**. The speaker will be **Jeanne Larzalere Bloom**.

If our genealogical research is limited to the Who, When and Where questions we compile a collection of skeletons. To answer the interesting questions the What, the Why and the How we can use manuscript collections. These underutilized collections bring our ancestors to life and put flesh on their bones.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG, is a full time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, forensic genealogy, problem solving, and multi-generational family histories.

On behalf of the Department of the Army, Jeanne searches for and identifies family members of unaccounted for servicemen from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Jeanne writes articles for scholarly journals and society publications. She is a frequent lecturer at conferences, workshops and institutes.

She is trustee and president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

You may visit the organization web page at:

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

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## **INTERNET INFORMATION**

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**Church of Ireland Parish Record Collections More Discoverable With Online Links to RCB Library Hand-Lists (June 30, 2017)**

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The following announcement was written by the Church of Ireland's Library:

Archive of the Month July 2017

[www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive)

As efforts continue to make the records of the Church of Ireland more discoverable, the RCB Library has completed the latest phase of its work on the hand-lists of parish records in its custody. Thanks to painstaking revision work undertaken by the Library staff and with the support of the RCB IT Department, all hand-lists for the 1,110 parish record collections held in the Library (each with its own unique identity number and corresponding details) are now available online.

Whilst hardcopy finding aids or hand-lists itemising the contents of specific collections have been available at the Library for some time (where they are consulted by researchers visiting in person on a daily basis), for those outside Dublin or overseas it was not so easy to gain a detailed insight into each collection's rich and varied content.

This time last year, the collaborative project between the RCB Library and the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) produced the colour-coded List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers, accounting for which parish registers survive, and where they are held – whether by the Library, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) or in local custody with the additional benefit of live links to online copies and transcripts. The re-launch of this resource was covered here: [www.ireland.anglican.org/news/6537/online-launch-of-the-list](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/6537/online-launch-of-the-list), and has been widely acclaimed by the research community. Now the parish hand-list for collections in the Library's custody provides added value to the resource, enabling researchers to both view and download the Library collection master lists as PDFs.

Reflecting the perspective of the worldwide research community on this latest phase of the Library's work, the Chairman of the IGRS, Steven Smyrl, commented: "It was a pleasure for the IGRS to celebrate its 80th anniversary last year by collaborating with the RCB Library to produce the colour-coded parish register list. Now with the addition of hyperlinks to the detailed hand-lists for each parish collection, Church of Ireland parish records have never been more accessible. Well done to all RCB staff involved."

Speaking from the RCB Library, Dr Susan Hood, Librarian and Archivist, said that "between them the Library staff – Jennifer Murphy, Robert Gallagher and Bryan Whelan – had completed a mammoth task of cross-checking all 1,110 lists, adding information about printed sources and converting them from an in-house database format to accessible PDFs." She commended their efforts and strong team effort and also thanked Charlotte Howard, who had systematically created the links and uploaded each one, for her invaluable IT support from Church House.

The Library also continues to encourage local clergy to transfer non-current records from their local provenance to the Library's permanent and secure centralised custody. To complement the re-launch of the List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers, this month's

online presentation includes links to the hand-lists of recently deposited registers and other parish materials, highlighting some of the more unusual items that have recently come into Library custody and the aspects of local and family history that they bring to light.

The new exhibit and link to the list is available here:

[www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive)

For further information on the Library please contact:

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RCB Library  
Braemor Park  
Churchtown  
Dublin 14  
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Fax: 01-4924770  
E-mail: [susan.hood@rcbdub.org](mailto:susan.hood@rcbdub.org)

<b>How to Find Genealogy, Family History, and Local History Books in the Internet Archive (July 6, 2017)</b>
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Would you like to electronically search through 129,577 genealogy books? You can do that on the Internet Archives' online service at: <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>. Not only can you search these books, but you can do so electronically. A search for a name might require a few seconds, not hours or days in the manner of a manual search through printed books in a library.



The Internet Archive (also known as The Internet WayBack Machine Archive) is a San Francisco-based nonprofit digital library with the stated mission of "universal access to all knowledge." It provides free public access to collections of digitized materials, including websites, software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and nearly three million public-domain books. This online library now has a collection that fills more than 15 petabytes.

**NOTE:** 15 petabytes is equal to 15 million gigabytes.

The Internet Archive's collection is growing daily. Best of all, the use of the Internet Archive is always **FREE**. There is only one class of available service: **FREE**. There is no upgraded, or "pro" version. The Internet Archive is funded solely by voluntary donations, so everything is free.

I have written often about the Internet Archive. You can find a list of my past articles about the Internet Archive by starting at: <http://bit.ly/2ttEHvd>.

The Internet Archive has always collected genealogy, family history, and local history books. However, searching through the huge collection used to require imaginative search terms to find specific references. For instance, searching all of the Internet Archive for references to my last name of Eastman used to find a few genealogy books buried in a listing of hundreds of book related to photography. In addition, a search for family names often also produced listings of book authors who shared that name, even if the book had nothing to do with genealogy. A search for a family name that is also a common English word, such as Black or Street was almost hopeless. Luckily, a change made some time ago has now reduced the search problems.

The Internet Archive now has a dedicated section just for genealogy, family history, and local history books at <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>. You might want to go to that address first and then conduct a search there.

When writing this article, I went to <https://archive.org/details/genealogy>, found the box labeled "Search this Collection" and performed a search for: Eastman. That search found 37 books. Unlike searches I have performed in the past, all the books were either (1.) books about Eastman genealogy or (2.) genealogy or local history books that had the name Eastman someplace within the book. In fact, quite a few of the books were local histories for towns where Eastman families had settled. One book was a history book written by Ralph M. Eastman although the book did not appear to contain any genealogy information. I also tried searching for geographic locations, such as "Penobscot County," and had equally good success.

A few of the books listed in my searches were about U.S. Civil War histories. Those books had little or no genealogy information but contained great information about the soldiers and sailors who served during that war.

Many of the books were originally published in the 1800s; all of the ones I found were published prior to 1923.

The front covers of each book were displayed, and clicking on the image of any book cover immediately showed the contents of the book. Once I clicked on a book's image, full source citations also were displayed for that book, including:

- Author(s) name(s)
- Publication date
- Publisher's name
- Internet Archive call number
- Number of pages within the book
- The name of the person or organization who contributed the book
- and even the name of the OCR software used to convert the book to text

The searches seem to work best for surnames of families that have been in North America for a century or longer. It does not work well for recent immigrants with eastern European or Oriental or Hispanic names. After all, these books are out of copyright; therefore, almost all were published prior to 1923. Don't look for more recent immigrant families in this collection. Almost all the books listed are in English although a very small number may be in other languages.

The addition of a dedicated genealogy section on the Internet Archive is an incremental improvement but a very welcome one indeed. It greatly simplifies the searches for genealogy, family history, and local history books in this fabulous online resource.

I suggest you might want to go to <https://archive.org/details/genealogy> and search for any surnames of interest. You never know what you might find. You probably want to bookmark that address. Did I mention that the service is **FREE**?

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Your Genealogy Today**

We have received the July/August 2017, Volume 3, Number 3 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Forgotten Clues"**

By Leslie Michele Derrough

*Leslie Michele Derrough looks at how baby and funeral books can aid your research.*

**"Diahhan Southard Looks at Ways to Organize Your DNA Results"**

By Diahhan Southard

**"Road Trip for Roadblocks"**

By Karena Elliott

*Karena Elliott offers 10 steps for onsite research to help find those difficult ancestors.*

**"Thomas Walker: Rebel with a Cause"**

By Colleen Callahan Wells

*Colleen Callahan Wells recounts her rebel Irish ancestor's emigration to America, and eventual settlement in New Brunswick.*

**"Modern Day Genealogy: Preserve the Now!"**

By Leslie Michele Derrough

*Leslie Michele Derrough says we need to document the present for those in the future.*

**"Silhouettes of Silence: In Search of Imperfection"**

By Sue Lisk

*Sue Lisk offers seven tips to help you hunt down those mavericks or black sheep ancestors.*

**"Lost, Strayed, Mislaid, or Stolen"**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris examines lost and found ads as a genealogical resource.*

**"Transcribing – Let's Be Accurate"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard looks at the importance of precision when transcribing documents for historical accuracy.*

**"Pins, Staples and Paper Clips"**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at the ties that bind our family documents together.*

**"Genealogical Research, Dementia and Caregiver Support"**

By Marianne Perry

*Marianne Perry explores the benefits of genealogical research and how it can help when caring for an elderly parent.*

**"Diane L. Richard Says, "Stop and Smell the Roses"**

By Diane L. Richard

**"Dave Obee Warns: "Do Not Miss the Little Details"**

By Dave Obee

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Research Resources". In here you will find recently published materials, usually books, that are relevant to genealogical research. You might even find described material that directly relates to your own person genealogical research interests.

Newly published titles noted here in this issue are:

*Tracing Your Boer War Ancestors: Soldiers of a Forgotten War*

By Jane Marchese Robinson

*Cuban Census Records of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries, Revised Edition*

By Peter E. Carr

*Guide to Cuban Genealogical Research: Records and Sources*

By Peter E. Carr

*Tracing Your British & Irish Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*

By Jonathan Scott

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Road Trip for Roadblocks". The author of the article is Karena Elliott.

So many of us do almost all of our research by accessing whatever can be found on the Internet. But even if you are only doing online research, you will undoubtedly reach a point where you will be stuck and won't be able to move forward with your research on a particular person or family. Unfortunately, one answer is to be patient and to just wait for more material to be discovered on the Internet. Or, you could take the bulls by the horns, and plan for an actual "boots meet the ground" road trip to try to discover information that may very well exist but just has not seen the light of day f the Internet.

The author of this article provides readers with a 10 tip list of actions to take that could lead to further discoveries in the real world. Here are the tips:

- ***Start with everything you know about the person causing the road block.***
  - Full name
  - Birth and Death dates
  - Name of the spouse
  - Name of the children
  - Locations person lived at.
  - The above information should be able to point you to a physical geographical location assuming the information itself that pointed you there is accurate.
- ***Go to the courthouse in the county of the physical location***
  - May involve significant travel so plan for more than a few days.
  - Consider staying at a local bed and breakfast because the owner of such a location may very well have more information about the area itself to help you.
  - Purchase some small gift cards to give to those that gave you some special help during your stay.
- ***At the courthouse, search for wills of the individual, as well as the spouse, parents or children.***
  - Wills can provide you with death date information and names of additional family members.
  - Be kind to the staff at the courthouse. They know a lot about what they have and can really offer to share that information with you for your research effort.
- ***While at the courthouse, check out the Recorder and Auditor's offices for landowner records.***
  - Purchase or sale of land records which will help place them in that geographic location.
  - If you find these records, drive to the locations and ask permission from current owners to take photos of any buildings on the property.
  - Something on the property might actually date to the time of your own ancestors.

- ***Visit the local Public Library in the area***
  - They may have Local History records that can be of help for your research.
  - May have an index of obituaries not only of the person of interest to you but other family members.
  - Ask if they have an online Local History link that may contain even more data.
- ***Visit the local cemetery where your ancestors are buried.***
  - Find the gravestone markers for family members. Compare birth and death date information to any previous information you may have obtained from online sources only.
  - Confirm spellings.
  - Look nearby for other family gravesites.
  - Take photographs of any gravestones.
- ***Ask if the town has a historical museum and go there.***
  - Much related history of the town can be found that will connect events of that time to the events of your ancestors.
  - Find out if there are any historical sketches of possible family members.
  - Listen to ideas of historical staff members for ideas you may not have previously been aware of or considered.
  - Offer some little gift cards to helpful staff.
- ***If you have discovered any new links from some of the previous steps, go back to the local courthouse with that information and new searches.***
- ***Check with the courthouse, the library and the museum for newspaper archives.***
  - Look for obituaries for family members from your earlier research on the road trip.
  - Look for news items that may be applicable to your ancestors.
  - Early newspapers did not have sections as we see today. You may have to look through lots of text to make these discoveries. It may be easier using digital newspaper data if available.
- ***Once you return home, assemble all your new information and get back to work on the Internet.***
  - Look at census records, marriage certificates and military records.
  - Chase after the new families from your road trip discoveries.
  - Document all of this newly discovered information and send it back to the library, museum and genealogy association you visited.
  - Enclose a "Thank You" note.

I also thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Silhouettes of Silence: In Search of Imperfection".

Has your research uncovered what are considered "black sheep" in your family history? Discovered any thieves, murderers, robbers, adulterers? Are you comfortable with these discoveries? Do you enjoy making such discoveries? To each their own. Many of you may very well enjoy these discoveries. Many of you may cringe and be embarrassed at what are the facts in the case. You just never know what you are going to uncover when you do family history. If you do it long enough you too will undoubtedly make such discoveries. How are you going to react?

This article offers seven tips to actually help you find these savory characters in your family history and the good that come from such an investigation. These seven tips are:

- ***To Dispel Any Myths***

- Stories change as they are passed through many layers of generation of family. Now is the time for you to actually research what the facts are rather than perpetuating the story.
- Someone in the family storytelling chain may have felt uncomfortable and may have "modified" the story to sanitize it even further.
- Refusing to even speak of an ancestor may even accentuate the possibility something is not savory. Research again will follow the facts rather than perpetuate a shaky story or no story at all.

- ***To Reinvigorate Research***

- Maybe you have hit some brick walls in your research. Now may be the time to re-open an investigation on one of your "black sheep".
- "You'll often be forced to ask yourself new questions, guess at motivations, and then test your hypothesis as you learn more about the person you're focusing on."
- Flawed ancestors may have stories that simply pop and excite you to pursue further research.

- ***To Open Lines of Communication***

- Maybe you have not been communicating much lately to your known cousins. "Black Sheep" research results may in fact open up a line of communication that has recently been dormant.
- Consider easing into the results of your search out of respect for the feelings of these cousins. Maybe you are find with the discovery. Maybe they will be uneasy and offended by the information you share.
- Perhaps your discoveries will be just facts for you while connecting to a cousin may allow a further and deeper explanation from a cousin who knows more of the background on what becomes a "black sheep" ancestor.

- ***To Hone Research Skills***

- Family "misfits" have a way of leading you down new research paths. New research paths add to your overall skilled research abilities. Maybe you have never researched military records. Maybe a "black

sheep" ancestor leads you down a path to research their military records.

- Perhaps now will be your time to research court records because initial research indicates an ancestor was arrested for robbery.
- Discovering "odd" coincidences may cause you to formulate new hypotheses in your research.

- ***To Deepen Knowledge***

- Perhaps these odd ancestors will require you to now learn more about the places they lived and the norms and beliefs of the times. Divorce was once heavily stigmatized in comparison to our times today.
- Maybe you will discover the person abandoned a child, avoided military service or ran off with a sibling's fiancée. But could someone who was simply poor, eccentric or willing to challenge the status quo of the times be treated as an outcast?
- What if that "black sheep" was really suffering from an undiagnosed and untreated mental illness of the time?
- Historical circumstances may have played a very important part in categorizing someone as a "black sheep".

- ***To Understand Family Dynamics***

- Push and pull of family allegiances contributes to determine who is considered acceptable at any particular time.
- Do family letters consistently mention someone over and over and ignore others?
- Does a will make mention of all known children except for one?
- Some family members may shun a "black sheep" ancestor while other family members may embrace that same person. You can read the dynamics of such family relations through such interactions. Points of view can change over time so you might see a change in these dynamics over time.

- ***To Heal Rifts***

- Actions of "black sheep" ancestors can tear families apart.
- You cannot change the past but you can better understand what actually happened as your research takes down the path of discoveries.
- You may actually be able to promote a "truce" through your research among living family today.
- You do not have to approve the actions of a "black sheep" family member but you can develop a willingness to forgive the "black sheep" person.
- Honest discussions are always a good thing leading to a strengthened living family today.

This is another very good issue of [Your Genealogy Today](#). Many great articles in this issue based on the above Table of Contents. Some may have direct applicability to your

own research efforts. If some do, take the time to make some personal copies of those articles for your future research efforts.

You can find this recent issue of [Your Genealogy Today](#) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our library on the magazine shelves.

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

No new book added during this last time interval between newsletters.

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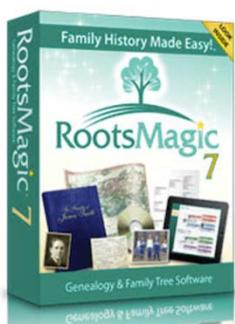
## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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### **RootsMagic brings Ancestry Features to their Desktop Software (June 28, 2017)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 28, 2017](#) · [Software](#) · [17 Comments](#)

The producers of RootsMagic genealogy software previously have announced a plan to allow Ancestry.com subscribers to connect their Ancestry accounts to the RootsMagic software. Since that time, Ancestry has developed a new technology to integrate Ancestry Hints® and Ancestry's records and online trees with RootsMagic products.



Today, RootsMagic announced the product is now available. The free update to RootsMagic 7 is called **TreeShare™ for Ancestry**.

From within RootsMagic 7, as an existing Ancestry subscriber, you have access to your Ancestry Hints and the ability to share and synchronize data with your Ancestry online trees.

"Integrating with Ancestry's trees and records has been one of our most requested features," said Bruce Buzbee, president of RootsMagic. "It's exciting to work together with Ancestry to make this happen. The feedback that we've received from those who have tested TreeShare has been phenomenal."

You can read the full announcement on the RootsMagic web site at:

<http://ancstry.me/2sicnyE>

### **Comment by Dick Eastman:**

Even the **FREE RootsMagic Essentials** software will include functionality to interface with RootsMagic.com. As stated in the announcement:

"If you have an account with Ancestry, RootsMagic Essentials includes the ability to upload your file to Ancestry or download your existing online trees from Ancestry. If you are a subscriber to Ancestry, RootsMagic Essentials also allows you to search and view all of the content in your subscription. Those wishing to compare and transfer individual records between RootsMagic and Ancestry will want to use the full-featured RootsMagic software."

This new announcement should appeal to many frustrated users of Family Tree Maker software who have been waiting for a long, long time for the new version of that product that has been promised to exchange data with Ancestry.com. The promised Family Tree Maker upgrade is not yet available. Users of Ancestry.com and Family Tree Maker users may wish to switch to RootsMagic in order to gain the functionality they seek.

### **Hard Drives and Storage Space Continue to Become Cheaper and Cheaper (July 18, 2017)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 18, 2017](#) · [Current Affairs](#), [Hardware](#) · [15 Comments](#)

The following isn't directly related to genealogy but it is related to something that concerns all genealogists: storage of information that we have found. Today, it is easier and much, much cheaper to save information in our own computers or in the cloud than ever before. Saving things in digital format is also much, much cheaper (and safer) than storing paper. However, there are signs that consumers are saving less and less these days.

For the past 35+ years or so, **hard drives prices have dropped, from around \$500,000 per gigabyte in 1981 to less than \$0.03 per gigabyte today**. See <http://www.mkomo.com/cost-per-gigabyte-update> for details.

Somewhat surprisingly, manufacturers are selling fewer disk drives to consumers these days than they used to. Consumers are not downloading and saving as many files as they used to, be it text information, music, videos, or anything else. Why not? It appears that the primary reason is that all those things are increasingly more available upon demand in the cloud. There is less need than ever to save things yourself when you can retrieve those items again and again in the future at any time. Even better, the version you retrieve in the future may be updated or be an enhanced version, such as a higher-resolution image or video or contain higher-fidelity sound.

According to mathematician and software engineer Matthew Komorowski at <http://www.mkomo.com/cost-per-gigabyte-update>:

“Services like Pandora, Netflix, and Amazon Instant Video are supplanting caches of downloaded music and movies, and making it easier for consumers to manage their media catalogs.

### **“the cloud**

For reliable storage of personal files, consumers are increasingly turning towards the internet. Services like Dropbox, Google Drive, and Amazon Cloud Storage are making it easier for people to not only backup documents and photos, but also share across multiple devices. These services also provide redundant storage and, as with the streaming services mentioned above, make our lives simpler and less prone to catastrophic loss.

### **“the fall of the desktop (and the laptop for that matter)**

As smartphones and tablets become more integrated into our lives, we are seeing much less reliance on personal computers as the single point of access for digital content. This makes a monolithic hard drive in a home office feel less like home-sweet-home and more like an inconvenience.”

Why download and save something yourself when the same thing(s) remains available at any time in the cloud? Yes, we can all think of exceptions but the fact remains that **MOST THINGS** that were available once online remain available more or less forever.



I must admit that I am bucking the trend: I am saving more and more these days, much more than I did just a few years ago. Admittedly, I save very little on my own hard drive(s) as all of my important files are stored in private and encrypted areas in the cloud. I save not only genealogy information, but also digital images of almost every piece of paper worth saving that comes into my life. I save photocopies of census records, deeds, pages from genealogy books, insurance documents, bank statements, Christmas cards, my grandchildren’s art work, users manuals, sales receipts, product warranties, prescriptions, recipes, and a lot more. All of my information is saved in the cloud where everything is instantly available from my desktop computer, laptop computer, or cell phone within seconds, wherever I am. Being able to find and retrieve any document or movie or song within seconds is a great luxury. It is also low-cost.

So yes, I am old-fashioned: I am saving more than ever these days.

Are you saving more than ever? Or less? Why?

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## FUNNY BONE

I did a general Google search using the term "funny names in genealogy" and discovered an interesting blog post at GenealogyBank. The author of the post included a list of some of the funny names she has discovered and has also included an image from a document how the name actually looks in the original document where it was discovered.

The names and stories are really funny!

Here is a link to the blog post where all the names are mentioned:

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-unusual-funny-names-of-people.html>

Here are a couple examples showing what you will see from the full posting regarding the name and an image of the document where it was discovered:

### Harry Bear

Ever met a Harry Bear? In 1913, Mary Myers married Harry Bear in Hagerstown, Maryland. So Mary married Harry, and was therefore in good company. I counted 25 Harry Bears at Find-A-Grave, which makes one wonder what happened when any of these Bear families gives birth to their first child.

#### **MISS MARY MEYERS AND HARRY BEAR WED IN MD.**

Mr. and Mrs. Myers, of 2116 Moore street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Myers, to Harry Bear, of 1730 Wood street, at Hagerstown, Md.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. K. Thomas, Monday, October 27, 1913.

The bride wore a traveling suit of navy blue with hat to harmonize and a corsage bouquet of rosebuds.

Mr. Bear is an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the bride is a popular girl of the West End. The young couple will be "at home" at 2116 Moore street, after an extended wedding trip.

Patriot (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania), 28 October

1913, page 3

Were they subjected to this kind of fairy tale banter?

"So Pappa, how are the three bears? Was this morning's porridge too cold, too warm or just right—or did Goldilocks come by and eat every bite?"

### Nutts

Ever met any real Nutts? If so, it shouldn't surprise you that W. N. Nutt was elected president of the National Nut Growers Association, or that Mr. Thomas James Nutty of Mamaroneck, New York, petitioned the court to change his surname to Nutley.

Yes, W. N. Nutt has been re-elected president of the National Nut Growers Association. Odded to this, the Mt. Pleasant (Ia.) Free Press says that Miss Hazel Nutt has accepted a position at the Iowa State hospital. Then, Miss Hazel Nutting is a student at Northwestern university, Chicago, and Mr. Thomas James Nutty of Mamaroneck, N. Y., has petitioned the state courts to change his name to Nutley. Bring on the crackers!

Kalamazoo Gazette (Kalamazoo, Michigan), 11

November 1915, page 12

### Weather & Holiday Names for People

There are also amusing weather and holiday people names, such as O. Snow, Mary Christmas and Chris Cringle of Cleveland, Ohio; Slay Bell of Merrysville, Ohio; and even A. S. Kating of Iceland—all distinguished guests of Richard's Euclid Avenue House in 1878.

#### The Euclid Avenue House.

The sleighing is excellent now and a drive out to Richard's Euclid Avenue House is really invigorating sport. Among the distinguished arrivals at this favorite road house during the week are the following:

V. I. A. Duck, Cleveland, "Cuyahoga" county.

O. Snow, city.

Miss Mary Christmas, city.

A. Flake, Fair-field.

I. C. E. Slippery, Beria, Ohio.

Slay Bell, Merry-ville, O.

A. Cutter, Portland, Me.

U. Clidavenue, city.

Miss Bell Jingle, city.

A. S. Kating, Ice-land.

A. F. Alling, Down-ing, N. Y.

Christopher Cringle, city.

O. Penwinter, city.

R. U. Happy, city.

Y. E. Siam, city.

B. Low Zero, city.

Plain Dealer (Cleveland, Ohio), 19 December 1878,

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

***Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:***

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

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

Aug 8            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2017            PM.  
**"Transcribing Genealogy Records for FamilySearch"**  
**Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Aug 26        Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, August 26, 2017.  
SAT            **"Family Tree"**  
2017            **Presented by Maureen Brady**  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>

Sep 12        Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2017            PM.  
**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**  
No Speaker  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

Sep 20        DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
WED            DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2017            6:30 PM Refreshments.  
Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.  
**"European Immigration to America from 1800 to 1940".**  
**Presented by Steve Szabados.**  
Society website at [www.dcgcs.org](http://www.dcgcs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

- Oct 7  
SAT  
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- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, October 7, 2017.  
**"Ireland's Griffith's Valuation: Using the Tables and Maps"**  
**Presented by Paul Milner**  
 Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
 Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM  
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 Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Oct 10  
TUE  
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- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"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>
- Oct 18  
WED  
2017
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday  
 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
 6:00 PM Refreshments.  
 Program Presentation 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.  
**"Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestors (Webinar)".**  
**Presented by Thomas MacEntee.**  
 Society website at [www.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).  
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
 DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Nov 4  
SAT  
2017
- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, November 4, 2017.  
**"Chicago Research: Planning is the Key to Success"**  
**Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom**  
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**"How the PBS Genealogy Roadshow Solved My Family Mystery!"**  
**Presented by Gail Lukasik.**  
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Dec 12  
TUE  
2017

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**Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions.**

No Speaker

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Jan 6  
SAT  
2018

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, January 6, 2018.  
**"Digitizing Photos and Slides"**

**Presented by Debra Dudek**

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM

Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM

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Jan 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.**

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Jan 17  
WED  
2018

DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments.

Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

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Feb 3  
SAT  
2018

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 3, 2018.  
**"Funeral Homes and Family History - - They Are Dying to Meet You!"**  
**(This program is a webinar.)**

**Presented by Daniel Earl**

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

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Feb 13  
TUE  
2018

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
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**"The Voyages of Our German Immigrants"**

**Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG.**

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Feb 21  
WED  
2018

DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

6: 30 PM Refreshments.

Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8: 45 PM.

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Mar 3  
SAT  
2018

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 3, 2018.

**"Learning Your Way Around Ancestry DNA"**

**Presented by Karen Stanbary**

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Mar 13  
TUE  
2018

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Apr 7  
SAT  
2018

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 7, 2018.

**"Newspaper Research: Beyond the Birdcage"**

**Presented by Debbie Mieszela**

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Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM

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Apr 10  
TUE  
2018

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

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**"Family History's Navigational Tool: The Genealogical Proof Standard (G.P.S.)"**

**Presented by Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana.**

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Apr 18  
WED  
2018

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May 5  
SAT  
2018

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 5, 2018.

**"Who Sank Grandpa's Boat? Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"**

**Presented by Dan Niemiec**

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1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM

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May 8  
TUE  
2018

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**"How To Deal with Other Genealogists Without Going Crazy" (Live Webinar)**

**Presented by Thomas MacEntee, via off-site webinar.**

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May 16  
WED  
2018

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Jun 12  
TUE  
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- Oct 9  
TUE  
2018
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**"How DNA Can Help Your Genealogy"**  
**Presented by Steve Szabados.**  
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