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January 9, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our January 9, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

Prior to this "new" process, our program handouts would actually be paper handouts that were based on me often printing up the first page related to a web site that I wanted to mention. Then on the paper for the web site I would handwrite what things of importance are associated with the web site that the researcher should know. Maybe it was a new web site or maybe an important date related to a significant event or maybe a new database was released. Whatever it was I noted it on the paper of the first page of the web site.

The source for the vast majority of what is in the Handouts is the monthly Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter. From within this larger document I extract information on upcoming genealogy programs local to our area, important items from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Blog, as well as I summarize some key periodical articles of interest that I think are important to be aware of. The Handouts simply provide me with the opportunity to focus in on what I consider are important genealogical bits of information important to the researcher as well as to share my own personal thoughts on why it is of note.

You will also see a small redesign of the PDF Handout package. You will now see a Table of Contents on Page 1 listing what the following "handouts" are by topic. Within the Table of contents you can quickly access the handouts by using the hyperlinks and bookmarks that will get you quickly to your handout of interest. You will no longer have to scroll through the entire package of handouts to get to the one you want.

I also plan on use the "yellow highlight" tool within Word and highlight certain areas of these notes that I think are important to note. The visual highlighting will take your eyes to areas of importance to note. Please let me know if you think this OK or if it may be a distraction? I thought I would give it a try.

Going forward I plan on creating this document on a monthly basis that will include my notes regarding a web site of interest and a link to the web site itself.

The reader of this "handout" list can themselves then read my overview summary of the site and then link to the site directly themselves to get more details or print out what they want from site.

I will clearly identify my own comments when the handout is a combination of material that came from some other source such as Dick Eastman's blog as well as my own comments. I will indicate my comments in Italics, clearly marked so the reader can distinguish between the original verbiage and my own comments. If a

handout item was completely created by me then you will see that noted at the top. In this case, the entirety of the handout was created by me and will not be shown in Italics.

This program "Handout" information will then be uploaded to the Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Blog that is titled "Genealogy with Tony". This blog will be accessible from the library's main web site page at www.schaumburglibrary.org. Select "Local History and Genealogy" at the top of the page, then look for the icon on the Local History and Genealogy page that says "Tony's Genealogy Blog". Open the blog link and then look at the right hand sidebar of the blog and you will see the "Handouts" information. The direct web address for the blog I author is <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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Handout #1 – VISIT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY GENEALOGY BLOG

I will continue to remind participants of our library’s genealogy blog. You can access it through our library home page at www.SchaumburgLibrary.org by looking for the tab called “Services”, pull down for “genealogy”. This will take you to my genealogy page at the library. Scroll down a little and look for the bi-colored blue and black box. In the black part of the box is a hot link titled “Tony’s Genealogy Blog”. Click on the link for the blog title and you will get to my blog.

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

You will find postings on upcoming programs, both at our library, and elsewhere in the area. You will also find a myriad of other kinds of postings, especially those that I offer on “Genealogy Tips” to help make your research efforts more productive.

You will also find our Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter and our “Program Handouts” at the blog as PDF files for you to view online, or download and save to your own computer for future referral.

Please remember that the blog will be the place to retrieve the newsletter and the “handouts”. I do not plan on making paper handouts of these available for distribution at the program or for mailing to individuals.

Try to visit the blog frequently to see what is going on. Subscribe to the blog via the icon in the lower right part of your screen that simply states “Follow”. By clicking on the “Follow” link you will subscribe to the blog and will receive follow-up e-mail notices when I publish a new post.

Our blog is the way of the future and the future is here now!

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Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2018

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning February 3, 2018. The program for the morning is titled "*Funeral Homes and Family History – They're Dying To Meet You!*". The speaker for the morning will be **Daniel Earl**. This program is a "live" webinar. Speaker not on-site.

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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**Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT
REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON JANUARY 17, 2018**

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, January 17, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is **“Reconstructing Your Soldier’s WW I Experience”**. The speaker for the program will be **Tina Beard**.

Many federal WWI personnel records were destroyed in a National Archives fire in the 1970s. Tina offers ways to locate copies of peripheral federal military records and provides solutions for recreating some of your soldier's lost military history by using local government documents, newspapers and more.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.org

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

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

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON JANUARY 20, 2018 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 20, 2018 at the Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is **"Brick by Brick: Tracing Your Home's History"**. The speaker will be **Tina Beaird**.

If walls could talk was your home moved, damaged by fire or enlarged to accommodate a growing family? Tina will provide strategies for researching the history of your home using government records, newspapers, phone directories, maps and other resources. Every home tells a story - what does your say?

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, February 13, 2018.

The program title is "The Voyages of Our German Immigrants". The speaker for the program will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillin.

This talk will highlight significant aspects of the first four major waves of migration through 1910. The areas from which they came and motivations that typified each wave will be detailed. Available immigration and emigration records help tell the immigrants' story. Laws changed over time and impacted various aspects of the immigration experience.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin Certified GenealogistSM author of the Guide to Hanover Military Records 1514-1866 on Microfilm at the Family History Library is the owner of Lind Street Research a company dedicated to helping people discover their German ancestry. She is a popular speaker for national regional and local genealogical societies. Reading German gothic script found in Germanic records prior to the mid-1900s is second nature to her.

Researching ancestors in Chicago and other areas of the Midwest is another of Teresas specialty areas. She is a multi-year attendee of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). She has taken college-level German classes.

Teresa is a member of the National Genealogical Society the Association of Professional Genealogists as well as many Germanic and local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society in Arlington Heights Illinois and is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

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 and other libraries.

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Handout #6 – FAMILY TREE DNA WILL NEVER SELL YOUR GENETIC DATA

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at www.eogn.com dated November 28, 2017.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 28, 2017](#) · [DNA](#) · [3 Comments](#)

A lot of negative, and often misleading, publicity concerning home DNA testing has been floating around the news services this week. In an effort to clear the air, Family Tree DNA has issued the following statement:

HOUSTON, Nov. 28, 2017 /PRNewswire/ — Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), a division of Gene-by-Gene Ltd, the first to market with a consumer oriented genealogical DNA testing kit and the only genealogical DNA testing company with its own state-of-the-art genetics laboratory, is telling consumers they will never sell their genetic data in a consumer awareness campaign entitled "Can the Other Guys Say That?"

"We feel the only person that should have your DNA is you," says Bennett Greenspan, President and Founder of Family Tree DNA. "We don't believe it should be sold, traded, or bartered."

According to Greenspan, "the value of DNA testing is that the DNA test can tell you things about yourself that you cannot determine by looking in the mirror. It allows you to interrogate the history book written in your cells."

The media campaign comes at the start of what is traditionally the biggest selling season of the year for genealogically focused DNA testing companies, reminding consumers who flock to genealogical sites to purchase their holiday gifts that, "Finding your roots is fun, but not all DNA test companies are created equal."

Other DNA testing companies are, in fact, selling consumers' genetic data to pharmaceutical companies for a profit. While these companies claim to remove personally identifying information prior to selling the data, the question, says Greenspan, is whether consumers feel the sale of their genetic data is "part of the deal [they] really thought [they] were signing up for when [they] ordered a simple DNA test for genealogical purposes."

The "Can the Other Guys Say That?" campaign launched on Thanksgiving Day and encourages consumers to "Make the Smart Choice this Holiday Season."

You also might want to view the video at: <http://bit.ly/2k7bghY>. Also, you might want to read *No, law enforcement won't use your Ancestry.com or 23andme DNA kits for investigations* at: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/crime/no-law-enforcement-wont-use-your-ancestrycom-or-23andme-dna-kits-for-investigations>.

Comments by Tony Kierna

I will state upfront that I have had my DNA tested with Family Tree DNA. Had it done about 18 months ago. I submitted DNA for their product called Family Finder as well as a for a Y-DNA test they offer. I have not submitted my DNA testing with any other company so far. I generally receive marketing emails from Family Tree DNA generally around the holidays, be they large holidays like Christmas and New Years or smaller holidays like Mother's Day or Father's Day. I cannot say that I feel like I have received any other kind of medical/pharmaceutical marketing notices in which I scratched my head and said "Where did that come from?". According to what Dick Eastman says above "other" DNA testing companies have apparently sold their own list of DNA participants to pharmaceutical companies. So maybe it is true that Family Tree DNA has not sold their customer base names to pharmaceutical companies.

Submitting your DNA for testing has to be done with your eyes open. If you do not even want to be contacted by some stranger that may have a genetic connection to you then it is probably best that you do not submit your DNA since matching your DNA to that of others for the purpose of discovering potential cousins is sort of the main purpose of what DNA submission is all about. That is what we assumed would happen if we submitted our DNA. But like so many other things we buy in which we identify ourselves with an email address, you have to look before you leap. Companies that create lists of their customers to sell to other companies for them to market their own products is pretty common. It is like the message we have heard before, check the "Privacy" disclosures and the "Marketing" disclosures that companies publish about what they are or are not going to do with your data once you supply it in order to complete a purchase transaction.

I suppose you have to ask yourself if your name has already been sold to pharmaceutical companies through some other outlet already. Let's say CVS or Walgreen? So maybe the horse is already out of the barn and it is too late to close the door. For those of us that have already submitted DNA to companies other than Family Tree DNA you may want to check the privacy and marketing policies of those companies to gauge how they may be using your DNA material and reports, even if the claim is that personal information is not being sold.

For those of you that have submitted DNA to Family Tree DNA and are thinking of having your DNA tested with other companies to gain greater exposure to potential matches, maybe you want to pause and re-assess that possible decision in lieu of what is happening based on the above article. In fact, that is where I am right now in assessing if I want to proceed with a DNA test with Ancestry DNA or 23 and Me. In talking to some of my cousins it came up that almost all of them have in fact been tested with Ancestry DNA which explains why I did not discover them in my results with Family Tree DNA.

For those of you that have not yet had your DNA tested, maybe it is time to consider for privacy reasons alone to use Family Tree DNA should you decide to take the plunge and have your DNA tested.

Decisions, decisions, decisions, Oh My! The selling of your DNA information, even though personal items are masked, may not even be on your own radar screen as a problem. But at least make your choices to test or not test and with which company with your eyes open and a review of the company policies on Privacy and Marketing.

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Handout #7 – LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS BY HAVING THEIR HANDWRITING ANALYZED

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated November 3, 2017.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 12, 2017](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#) · [4 Comments](#)

The following article was written by Jean Maguire, describing a recent presentation by Kathi McKnight at the Colorado Genealogical Society. This article is republished here with Jean's permission:

Colorado Genealogical Society welcomes Kathi McKnight, Hand Writing Expert October 21, 2017

By Jean Maguire

My interest in hand writing analysis began when I was accused of stealing narcotic drugs while a nurse at Swedish Hospital. Drugs were missing from the pharmacy and the drug cart and signed out with my name. Since my name was all over charts and medication records, it was easy to copy my signature. Quietly, a wonderful person in human resources began checking my handwriting and other nurses on my floor. My handwriting did not match and the drug addict was apprehended and sent to rehab.

Handwriting analysis has been used since Aristotle. Eighty percent of companies in Europe and many Fortune 500 companies use it. Kathi McKnight is a Master Certified Graphologist; author of three books; and has analyzed thousands of documents since 1991. She is the go to person for TV shows; *Dr. Oz*; *Washington Post*; *Sports Illustrated* and many more.



Kathi let us know each of us has different handwriting, even though we were all taught in the same method. Handwriting analysis does not predict the future; does not tell age; does not tell sex, or reveal left or right handwriting. Even people with disabilities have different handwriting because handwriting comes from the brain and not from the hands.

She looks for many things in a sample. Is it legible? What is the size or does it have do the letter T? The first letter shows a strong ego. M's can show heart or head. A letter left open on the bottom shows letting part of self just go. Slants show emotions; right emotive, left an actor.



How about your ancestors? More heart shows in our ancestors. Depression shows if letters drop in a line. John Hancock wrote such a big bold signature to make sure the King could see it.

If you would like to know more or to sign up for your own handwriting analysis, go to www.thehandwritingexpert.com.

Comments by Tony Kierna

This actually sounds like a great idea to be able to get some deeper insights into the makeup of your ancestors through their handwriting. But you have to believe that handwriting analysis provides insights into the psyche of your ancestor through the words they wrote on paper. Graphology is a field that does handwriting analysis. Whether you believe it or not is up to you.

One problematic area with the above is simply whether you have a large enough sample size of someone's handwriting to analyze and whether the samples are from different periods of time. Personally, I am not aware of having any large scale samples of the handwriting of any of my ancestors. I crave just to discover their signed name somewhere on documents. I only have a handwritten letter of an Aunt of mine who actually wrote me a 2 page letter when I asked her if she could share with me some Family History of what she knew of her own connection with the KIERNA name. That document was written at least 40 years ago when she was in her late 70's.

If you are lucky enough to have saved letters from your ancestors or had handwritten letters passed down to you from long ago time periods, you might want to give this a try. Perhaps you are lucky enough to have a personal handwritten diary from an ancestor with lots of writing done over different periods of that person's life. It would also be great if you may have family stories associated with the individual also as to the personality of that person. Or you just have to go on the faith of what Graphology might be able to provide to you.

The link above will get you to the site of Kathi McKnight. She does market herself and from the site she has appeared on the Dr. Oz show on TV sharing her knowledge about this field.

It probably helps to gain a better insight into what Graphology is all about. Here are some links to deeper insights into what Graphology is and can do for you:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graphology>

<http://www.aahahandwriting.com/>

<http://www.handwriting-graphology.com/handwriting-analysis-chart/>

[https://www.wikihow.com/Analyze-Handwriting-\(Graphology\)](https://www.wikihow.com/Analyze-Handwriting-(Graphology))

For me personally, just to see an ancestral signature is something I crave for. Most original documents we research today don't even afford us the chance to see a signature since it was not required on that document. And when you are lucky to find a signature, you simply do not have enough of a writing sample containing many

sentences or paragraphs of writing to truly afford a good analysis. Plus, even if you do have a good amount of ancestral writing samples, be prepared for an additional cost to incur to have it analyzed. I don't think you could expect to have it done for free. But it may be worth the cost if you have a great sample size and believe that graphology can in fact provide you insights into an ancestor of yours.

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Handout #8 – FAMILYSEARCH OFFERS MORE BENEFITS TO SIGN IN AT FAMILYSEARCH

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated October 26, 2017.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 16, 2017](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [19 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at: FamilySearch



Beginning December 13, 2017, patrons visiting FamilySearch.org will see a prompt to register for a free FamilySearch account or **sign in to their existing account to continue enjoying all the free expanded benefits FamilySearch has to offer.** Since its launch in 1999, FamilySearch has added millions of users, billions of various historical records, and many fun, new features like Family Tree, Memories, mobile apps, digital books, and dynamic help. In order to accommodate continued growth of these and future free services, FamilySearch must assure all its partners that its content is offered in a safe and secure online environment. Patrons creating a free account and signing in fulfills that need.

Patron sign in will also enable FamilySearch to satisfy the ongoing need for user authentication. This authentication can deliver rich, personalized discovery, collaboration, and help experiences. Simply put, signed-in visitors can access more searchable content and enjoy more personalized services.

"A large percentage of our current site visitors are not benefiting from much of what FamilySearch has to offer because they don't realize the need to simply sign in with their free account to do so," said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch CEO. "They are basically arriving in the parking lot but not coming inside for the main event," he said about website visitors who do not sign in.

FamilySearch is committed to patron privacy and does not share personal account information with any third party without a patron's consent.

See [Registering to use FamilySearch.org](#) for information about creating a free account.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Do I have to pay for a FamilySearch account?

No. Your FamilySearch account is, and always will be, free.

2. How do I create a free FamilySearch account?

See [Registering to use FamilySearch.org](#). The only information you will need is your first and last name, a username, a password, and an email or mobile phone number.

3. What if I have forgotten my username or password?

- See [Recovering a forgotten username for signing in to FamilySearch.org](#).
- See [Recovering a forgotten password for signing in to FamilySearch.org](#).

4. Will you sell my information?

FamilySearch does not share your personal account information with any third party without your consent.

5. How will my experience be enhanced?

FamilySearch offers many services and experiences that are free but that require you to sign in as a subscriber to fully use. In addition to historical records and Family Tree access, signed-in subscribers receive personalized experiences, notifications, and other features (see above).

6. Why do users need to log in to perform searches or to create a family tree?

FamilySearch wants to provide you more access to records and a rich, personalized experience with more successful discoveries. By signing in, you allow the FamilySearch system to customize and deliver its best services to you.

7. How will my contact information be used?

- Your information is used in the FamilySearch system to facilitate collaboration between users (you control how much information is shared).
- The Family Tree and Memories features display your username and any other contact information you approve when using select features.
- Your information allows you to send in-system messages to other users without revealing your personal identity or email address.
- FamilySearch will send you email and newsletters to keep you informed. You can specify how much email, if any, you receive.
- Your contact information is accessed when you contact the support group for help.

8. Is there anything I can do without signing in?

Absolutely. There are still a number of things you can do on FamilySearch without signing in. You can search the [catalog](#), digitized [books](#), [genealogies](#), the [Wiki](#), and the [learning center](#). You can also view [user-contributed photos and stories](#).

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About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,921 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Comments by Tony Kierna

I do have an account with FamilySearch currently. I did use it much more so years ago when I was doing indexing and needed to sign in in order to obtain a new group of documents to index.

Many times when I want to look at FamilySearch I do not sign in immediately. I find I am able to find much without signing in. At times I may get results from an indexed search and I will want to look at an original image that was the basis of a transcription. At that time if I click on the link to the image I may receive a message from FamilySearch noting that access to the image requires me to login. I do that and I gain access to the image. But before that point I was able to access much material without having to be logged in with my account.

Do you want to see images associated with files that require an account? If yes, then sign up for an account or log in to your account. Do you want to do some volunteer indexing? If yes, then get an account or login to your existing account.

I will say that I am a little confused about the wording of the above notice from Dick Eastman. I am not sure I would use words that tout "expanded benefits". To be honest with you I am unaware of any "new" benefits by having an account with FamilySearch. I certainly am aware that an account is necessary to see images for some files, do volunteer indexing, upload family tree information etc. but these are the same functions that have required you to have an account or sign in to your existing account.

Would I encourage you to obtain a FamilySearch account? Definitely. But if you are just using the website and searching the databases you will discover you have access to lots of information without ever signing in. But I am scratching my head to determine if there is a "new" benefit being offered by FamilySearch that I am not aware of for which I should be. Maybe one day FamilySearch will simply require access to their material with an account login before you start using the site at all. I think they are just trying to make the site seems completely accessible for general searching as a good gesture. I think reminding you of a log-in needed on your account for certain functions works well now. There is nothing wrong with FamilySearch reminding you on seeing the first screen when you access the site to get an account or log in when you have an account.

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Handout #9 – “HOW TO SCRAPBOOK YOUR PHOTOS”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the November/December 2017, Volume 3, Number 5 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “How to Scrapbook Your Photos”. The author is Lynn Cassity.

Think of the excitement you experienced when you discovered or received from a family member a scrapbook of photos and stories and notes about your ancestors. It may not have been too far in the distant past but those pictures looked awesome. Let me see, that is a picture of who? How about the what, why, when ?? Hmm, don't know because there is no identification provided. I guess everyone alive at the time thought it was common knowledge that everyone viewing the picture would know. Guess again. It is from 60 years ago and many who might know are now deceased. So what can you do to solve both that current mystery but what can you do to leave your scrapbook information to future generations.

The author gives some great advice on what to with all the various photos you may have in your genealogical collection:

- Historic photos
 - Daguerreotype
 - Ambrotype
 - Tintype
 - Carte de Visite
 - Cabinet Cards
- Preserving such photos
 - Make copies or re-photograph the image; use these copies.
 - Store original in acid-free, lignin-free, buffered archival boxes in cool, dark places.
- Photos that are already glued to paper.
 - Leave as they are and make copies or re-take pictures of the photos.
- Polaroid pictures
 - Fade over time so make another copy of the original regardless of the condition.
- 35 MM Slides
 - Digitize and print as copies for your use and store originals in archival storage material.
- Creating a Traditional Photo Scrapbook

- New trend is to create scrapbooks that merge both photos and memorabilia.
- Use photo-mounting sleeves and use acid-free paper for making any copies.
- Photo safe books have been around for at least 25 years but researchers simply do not want to invest the money to purchase these and transfer photos from old, pre-safe photo books.
- "Magnetic" albums that covered picture with a clear page of plastic were often the worse. Over time, plastic adhered and could not be removed to access the picture without damaging the pictures. Don't force these to come off. Take another photo of each picture and use the digitized photos for future use.
- Adhering Pictures to Scrapbook Pages
 - Select your best photos, 4 to 6 pictures of ONE event on a page.
 - Adhere with photo splits, photo mounting tape or photo mounting corners insuring that all are acid-free.
 - Use Pigma pens or acid-free pens to document the photos on the scrapbook page, not the photo itself. Give all the details of who, what, when, where, why.
 - Computer created summaries of the who, what etc. are fine but also share your handwriting on some of the pages. Your handwriting will be greatly appreciated by future generations because it will give them the feeling that you are there.
 - Do not use ink pens on photos, it will bleed through. Use a soft pencil on the back of the photo if need be to document names and dates.
 - If you add decorative material to the book be sure it is acid-free.
 - "Album pages can be created in chronological order, featuring one family member at a time, or by special events. Personal preference and your reason for making an album determine how your album pages are arranged."
- Digital Scrapbooks
 - Shutterfly
 - Mixbook
 - Mpix
 - Photoshop
 - Print Artist
 - Walgreens
 - Walmart

- Use the templates already designed and created by the online scrapbook creator.
- Add text descriptions to the photo.
- Gift your scrapbooks to younger generations. They may not understand the importance of it now but will be forever thankful many years down the road.

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Handout #10 – “HAVE YOU RESEARCHED AT NARA? NOT SURE WHAT NARA IS, OR WHAT THEY HAVE?”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the November/December 2017, Volume 3, Number 5 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled “Have You Researched at NARA? Not Sure What NARA Is, or What They Have?”. The author of the article is Gena Philbert-Ortega.

- What is NARA?
 - National Archives and Records Administration
 - Nation’s record keeper
 - 1% to 3% of all government documents are considered important enough to keep forever.
 - Archive different than a library. It has materials that are “firsthand facts, data, and evidence from letters, reports, notes, memos, photographs ...”
 - www.archives.gov/about/info/whats-an-archives.html
- Genealogical Records at NARA
 - Military Service
 - Immigration and Naturalization
 - Native American records
 - Federal land records
 - Census Records
 - More
- Locations
 - Main location is in Washington D.C.
 - Branch offices throughout country but not in every state.
 - Records kept in branches pertain to local and surrounding area.
 - California National Archives at Riverside holds Southern California, Arizona and Clark County, Nevada
 - National Archives at San Francisco holds Central and Northern California, Nevada (except Clark County), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 - Find locations for NARA at www.archives.gov/locations
- Visiting NARA

- o Email in advance and ask about the records of interest to you.
- o Records of interest can be pulled in advance of your visit.
- o If never researched at NARA previously, you will need to obtain a research identification card.
- o Plan your trip by viewing webpage at www.archives.gov/research/start/plan-visit-0
- Partner Websites with NARA
 - o Records you seek may be available through a partner website.
 - Fold3
 - Ancestry.com
 - FamilySearch.org
 - o Fold3 has many different military records previously only available from NARA. Browse their collection at www.fold3.com/browse.
- More from NARA
 - o Consult their Research our Records section of the website at www.archives.gov/research.
 - o Specific genealogy page at NARA at www.archives.gov/research/genealogy.

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