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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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MARCH 13, 2018 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

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

We will have another "break-out" session for our gathering on March 13, 2018. 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 March 13, 2017.

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

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

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

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

For book material I would like to recommend as a starter a book titled Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy, 4th Ed. by Emily Anne Croom (929.1 CRO). A companion book that would follow Unpuzzling Your Past is The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook also by Emily Anne Croom (R 929.1 CRO). These two books present a good place to begin familiarizing yourself with the field of Genealogy. Feel free to review these books.

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 237 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 1,761 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>Online Archives of the Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel Newspapers are now Available (December 22, 2017)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 22, 2017](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

The *Milwaukee Journal* print editions going back to 1884, *Milwaukee Sentinel* papers going back to 1910, and the *Journal Sentinel* dailies from 1995 through 2007 are back online again. The online archives were a part of the Google News Archive project that has now ended.

The archives are available at:

- Milwaukee Journal: <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=jvrRlaHg2sAC>
- Milwaukee Sentinel: <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=wZJMF1LD7PcC>
- Journal Sentinel: <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=OP2qWFMeUpEC>

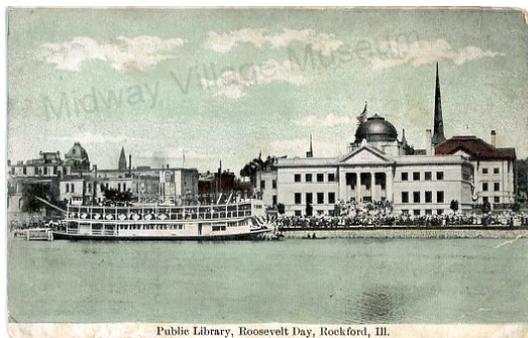
Details are available in the *Journal Sentinel* web site at: <http://bit.ly/2BXny3A>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Barb Johnson for telling me about the archives.

**Vintage Photographs and Letters, and Other Documents from Rockford, Illinois are now Available Online (January 2, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 2, 2018](#) · [History, Preservation](#) · [No Comments](#)

Rockford's Midway Village Museum often is asked for photos to help history buffs for family trees, business research, and school projects. Previously, you would have needed an appointment. Now, 1,700 of the most popular historic images and documents are being digitized and uploaded by the museum's staff for your viewing.



The online collection includes photos captured on rare glass-plate negatives, early 20th century postcards of Rockford, as well as digital images of numerous documents and letters. The items include: Civil War letters sent by local soldiers, transcripts from interviews done in 2007 with immigrants to Rockford and their children, and images related to the Rockford Peaches.

The digital photos include a watermark identifying the Midway Village Museum. Photos still can be requested without the watermark for a small fee.

The collection is available at the Midway Village Museum's website at <http://www.midwayvillage.com/digital-collections.html>.

**Canada Parliament Enacts Law That Removes Restrictions on Access to Census After 92 Years (January 3, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 3, 2018](#) · [Legal Affairs](#) · [No Comments](#)

The following was first posted by Gail Dever on her blog, [Genealogy à la carte](#), then forwarded by the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee:



The Canadian Parliament enacted legislation, C-36, amending the Statistics Act. It received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017, making it law.

Provisions that are of interest to genealogists include:

- Transfer of census records to the Library and Archives Canada 92 years from when the census was taken.
- This will apply to all censuses conducted from 2021 onwards
- For censuses taken in 2006, 2011, and 2016 and for the 2011 National Household Survey, the government will honor the rules set at the time and records will be released where consent has been given.

## **History**

In 2005 the Statistics Act was amended to require Canadians the choice to decide whether they wanted their census records released after 92 years starting with the 2006 census an "opt in" provision. If they answered "no" or left the question blank, ( that was considered a NO) then their personal information would remain confidential in perpetuity. The 2005 legislation also required a full review and study by a parliamentary committee to assess the impact of this consent-based approach on the research integrity of the census after the 2011 census and two years before that for 2016.

In 2006 only 55%; in 2011 66 % and in 2016 81% agreed to eventual access of their census information. That was recognized as a long-term damage to the census being used for statistically valid record of the Canadian population.

Genealogists under took an email campaign opposing this amendment. Genealogists again showed they can "win" if they work together!

To read the new law see:

<http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-36/royal-assent>

## **Accuracy of Genealogy Information on the Internet (January 9, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 9, 2018](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#) · [41 Comments](#)

**NOTE:** This article contains personal opinions.

Today I received an email message from a reader of this newsletter in which she bemoaned the quality of genealogy information found on the Internet. She went on at some length to say that the information found online is full of inaccuracies, is posted by people who don't know what they are doing, and that "all genealogy information found on the Internet should never be trusted."

I was sympathetic to what she wrote until that last part. NEVER be trusted?

I will be the first to agree that there is a lot of inaccurate SECONDARY information on the Internet. But let's not overlook the fact that the Internet also brings us images of ORIGINAL source records as well.

The image shows a scan of a 1900 U.S. Census form, titled "FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1900—POPULATION". The form is a detailed table with multiple columns for household members, including name, sex, age, and marital status. The header includes "DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS" and "1900". The form is filled out with handwritten entries for a household, with names like "John" and "Mary" visible in the first few rows. The table is organized into sections for "HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD", "WIFE", "DAUGHTERS", "SONS", "MOTHERS", "FATHERS", "BROTHERS", "SISTERS", "GRANDCHILDREN", "GRANDPARENTS", "OTHERS", and "TOTAL".

Want to see the record of your great-great-grandparents in the U.S. Census? Click with your mouse and look at the IMAGE of the original entry without leaving your home. Want to see a naturalization record? IMAGES of many of them are available online. Would you like to see granddad's World War I Draft registration form that lists information about parents? The IMAGE of the original document is available online. Want to see an obituary? Several online services provide IMAGES of the newspaper obituaries. And how about the Southern Claims records, many of which were never available before on microfilm? IMAGES of each record are now available online.

Yes, the Internet certainly is a mix of good and bad news, but let's not condemn everything. Looking at images of original source records on the Internet makes us better genealogists than those of us who used to be limited only to transcribed (secondary) sources. We have much more information available today than ever before. Some of it is good information, such as IMAGES of original records. Other information found online is questionable, such as secondary information contributed by someone else. Let's not condemn everything simply because some of it is bad.

We do have an education problem. We need to educate newcomers as to what information is immediately believable versus what information requires independent verification. This education process must be active on all genealogy sites, including this one, and must continue forever as new genealogists join us. However, I will suggest that this requirement for education should not stop us from looking at images of original records.

There is an old saying that pops to mind, something having to do with babies and bathwater.

Looking forward ten or twenty years, I suspect that eventually all of us will focus primarily on images of original records, as found on the Internet. As millions and millions of additional images come online, the references we all enjoy will continue to improve. I see that as a great advance in genealogy scholarship.

## Major Updates and Improvements to MyHeritage DNA Matching (January 11, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 11, 2018](#) · [DNA](#) · [5 Comments](#)



MyHeritage has made major updates and improvements to the company's DNA Matching service.

Anyone who took a MyHeritage DNA test, and anyone who uploaded DNA data from another service, will now receive even more accurate DNA Matches; more plentiful matches (about 10 times more); fewer false positives; more specific and more accurate relationship estimates; and indications on lower confidence DNA Matches to help focus research efforts.

The company also added an initial release of the long-requested **chromosome browser**.

More information can be found in the MyHeritage Blog post at: <http://bit.ly/2mtj0ZO>.

## Genome of Man Who Died in 1827 Has Been Reverse-Engineered Without Any Remains (January 17, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 17, 2018](#) · [DNA](#) · [4 Comments](#)

Hans Jonatan was born in the Caribbean in 1784, migrated to Iceland in 1802, and died in 1827 – and scientists have just managed to reconstruct part of his genome from 182 of his descendants, even though Hans' remains have long since been lost.

This remarkable feat of reverse genetic engineering – the first time someone's genotype has been reconstructed using only descendants rather than their physical remains – reveals that Hans' mother was originally from somewhere in the Benin, Nigeria, and Cameroon region.

The study demonstrates that with enough genealogical and genotype data available, reconstructing a historical genome sequence like this is possible.

"With extensive genealogical records, genotype data and divergent ancestry, genome reconstruction of an ancestor who died almost 200 years ago is relatively straightforward," conclude the researchers.

You can read more in an article by David Nield in the *ScienceAlert* web site at: <http://bit.ly/2EP1XrS>. DNA experts may also want to read the rather technical article that explains how Hans Jonatan's genome was determined in an article (that requires payment) in *Nature* at: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41588-017-0031-6>.

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## LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

### Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning March 3, 2018. The program for the morning is titled "**Learning Your Way Around Ancestry DNA**". The speaker for the morning will be **Karen Stanbary, CG**.

Ancestry DNA is the most popular DNA test, largely due to Ancestry's marketing. If you've had your DNA tested through Ancestry, you will want to attend Karen's presentation. **She is custom making this presentation for us!!** She will walk us though all the features on the site. The most useful tool is the Shared Matches and she will teach us how to use that and also how to narrow down how closely related we are to our matches. She will tell us how to attach a tree to our site to get DNA circles. She will also cover how to message our matches to increase the likelihood of having them contact us. She will also tell us a little bit about Gedmatch.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

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

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

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DuPage County Genealogical Society

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2017 and 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, February 21, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is "**Untying the Knot: Divorce Records**". The speaker for the program will be **Kimberly Nagy**.

There is a wealth of information to be found in divorce records including marriage dates, birth dates of the couple and their children, and locations. Beyond this, these records offer an insight into their personalities and possessions. This session will explore the process of finding divorce records as well as how to get the most information from those records.

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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### *Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)*

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, February 17, 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 "**Tracing Your World War I Immigrant Ancestors in "Alien Papers"**". The speaker will be **Debra Dudek**.

Learn what primary and secondary sources have become available and how to access them. Keep up to date on the constantly changing face of British Isles research by learning about recently released original records, new indexes, books and web sites.

Debra Dudek is head of Adult and Teen Services at the Fountaindale Public Library District in Bolingbrook, IL. Ms. Dudek specializes in British genealogy and technology topics. She is currently pursuing a second masters degree in Genealogical, Palaeographic & Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

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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| <b>RootsWeb is Currently Unavailable and Probably Will Remain That Way for Some Time (January 10, 2018)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 10, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [20 Comments](#)

The following announcement was posted on the RootsWeb home page at: <http://rootsweb.com>:



We have been in the process of improving the site throughout 2017, and as a result of an issue we recently became aware of, we have taken the site offline while we work to resolve it. We take the security of our contributors and our viewers

seriously. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but protecting our users' personal information is our top priority.

**Update: January 9, 2018**

We have spent the last few weeks reviewing the functionality on RootsWeb and have created a plan to bring many of your contributions back online over the next few months. As we stated before, our first priority is security, and ensuring that every part of RootsWeb meets our stringent security standards. Our next priority is getting you, the users of RootsWeb and its services, access to your content.

Right now, the best way for us to meet both goals is to begin bringing portions of RootsWeb back online in a read-only state.

This means you will have access to content, but you will not be able to load new content in these sections. While this may not be ideal, it is the best way for us to protect RootsWeb users while also providing the ability to use the content you value. This is an interim step while we continue to evaluate the potential for bringing more of the RootsWeb services back online in a more complete manner.

Here's our current plan:

**Hosted Web Sites:** Soon we will begin bringing Hosted Web Sites back online. We will start with a few hundred and then add more over time, giving us a chance to scan the content.

**Family Trees/WorldConnect:** Family Trees or WorldConnect allows you to upload a GEDCOM file and publish it for others to see. It is currently being reviewed by our software engineers and security team and we plan on having a read-only, searchable version up in the next few weeks. The ability to upload new GEDCOM files will be available in the coming months.

**Mailing Lists:** Mailing Lists have been functioning as normal, but the archives have been unavailable. We plan to make the archives available to you once we have WorldConnect available to you in a readable version.

We will be making decisions about other functionality over time.

We appreciate your patience as we bring the different pieces of RootsWeb back online in a secure manner. You, our contributors and viewers, are what has made RootsWeb the vibrant free genealogy community it is.

The RootsWeb Team

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| <b>What's Coming from FamilySearch in 2018 (January 22, 2018)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 22, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

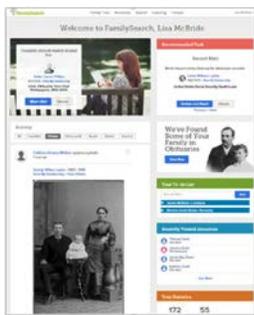


**FamilySearch** is a global leader in fun, online family history services with over 9 million users in 2017. In 2018 FamilySearch will be expanding its free site and services by adding new family discoveries, more online connections, expanded global reach, and millions of new sources to search.

## 1. Personalized Home Page

Refinements to the [FamilySearch personalized home page](#) will enable signed-in patrons to make many more new discoveries and easily engage with their family trees.

As new photos, stories, or documents are added by other members of the family, they will be shown on your personalized home page and prioritized based on relevance. You will also be able to see new additions as relatives add them.



Enjoy more adaptive, relevant [FamilySearch Record Hints](#). As millions of new records are added to FamilySearch weekly, the search engine maps them with your family tree. FamilySearch will specifically begin looking for new ancestor record sources you don't already have in your tree. It will be easier than ever to add them.

Relevant ancestor event notifications, if you want, will be able to prompt you throughout the year regarding relevant dates in the lives of your ancestors. These can be great nudges to learn more about your forbears.

## 2. Historical Records

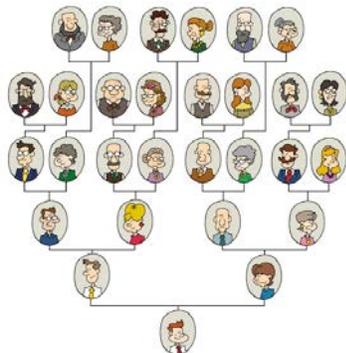
FamilySearch will digitally preserve over 400 million images in 2018 and publish the majority of them online. It will also add hundreds of millions of indexed, searchable names in historical records, thus making it easier and faster to find your ancestors.

New additions will include prominent international collections from Europe, Central and South America, and the United States. New images will first be accessible in the [FamilySearch Catalog Viewer](#). Once they are indexed or have additional metadata, they'll be published in the [FamilySearch Historical Record Collections](#).

## 3. Online Discovery Experiences

FamilySearch will introduce fun, new personal “discovery” experiences online and in additional physical locations in 2018. The online experiences will be similar to the popular attractions currently found in select [FamilySearch Family Discovery Centers](#).

#### 4. Family Tree



Refinements to the FamilySearch Family Tree in 2018 will extend its reach globally to more devices through improved language support and making the service faster and easier to navigate in lower bandwidth regions of the world.

An underlying goal of the FamilySearch Family Tree is to ensure new developments regarding data are always converging towards more accuracy and completeness.

An upcoming feature will help improve collaboration while encouraging more sound edits and discouraging poor edits to good data.

#### 5. Family Tree Mobile App



FamilySearch will continue to update its [FamilySearch Family Tree app](#) and mobile experiences, which extend the website’s functionality. Currently, the robust app has 90 percent of the functionality of the web feature.

The app will provide fun, location-based experiences for making family discoveries wherever you happen to be. The popular 2017 “[Relatives Around Me](#)” feature allowed crowds or groups to discover who in the crowd was related to them and how.

New experiences in 2018 will build upon this, allowing interaction based on your proximity to people or locations with which you have a personal ancestral relationship.

The app will also continue to enhance the research capabilities of the mobile experience, including a new Research Mode that will allow multiple windows to be opened simultaneously to facilitate multitasking and research from within the app.

## 6. Memories



Individuals are now uploading millions of family photos and documents for free permanent storage at FamilySearch. In 2018, patrons will be able to add multiple photos to a family story, rather than just one.

The **FamilySearch Tree Fan Chart** will help patrons, at a glance, easily discover areas in their tree where memories and sources are attached to ancestors, and help them identify opportunities where they need to be added.

## 7. FamilySearch [Web-Based Indexing](#)

FamilySearch will end its desktop indexing software in 2018 as it continues to roll out more updates to its new web indexing platform. The new web tool is easy to use and works with any digital device (besides cell phones) with a web browser. It enables hundreds of thousands of volunteers worldwide to make millions of historical images easily and freely searchable by name so online family history researchers can quickly discover ancestors.

## 8. RootsTech

[RootsTech](#), hosted by FamilySearch International, will continue to expand its support of community growth, personal development, and exciting industry innovation. This popular global family history conference will attract over 100,000 attendees (in-person and live online viewers).

Keynotes this year will include: [Scott Hamilton](#), olympic figure skating champion, [Brandon Stanton, Humans of New York](#) photographer and writer, [Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Finding Your Roots](#). and [Natalia Fourcade](#), internationally renowned Mexican pop-rock singer.

The [RootsTech Innovation Showcase](#) will highlight exciting innovations related to family history. It will replace the Innovator Summit and Innovator Showdown.

## 9. Oral Histories

Family history in oral (no written documentation) cultures are kept in the minds of village elders—walking, human libraries. When they pass away, the library is lost forever. FamilySearch will increase the number of oral histories it captures from these tribal historians significantly throughout Africa.

FamilySearch appreciates its growing customer base (over 134 million visits in 2017!). When you visit FamilySearch in 2018, be sure to sign in to your free account to enjoy the most of what FamilySearch has to offer. Come back regularly to add your own

family memories. Enjoy the new content added daily and the new features coming soon. Collaborate with your family to upload your favorite photos, documents, personal histories, or journals from previous years, and update your ancestors' stories.

### 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 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.



## PERIODICAL NEWS

### **Internet Genealogy**

We have received the December/January 2018, Volume 12, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

**"ProStamm: Your Next Cloud-Based Genealogy Solution?"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy tests a new web-based genealogy software program with some unique features.*

**"The PRONI Historical Map Viewer"**

By Joe Grandinetti

*Joe Grandinetti looks at how geography meets genealogy with the Historical Map Viewer from the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.*

**"FamilySearch.org: A Great Place to Start Your Research"**

By Melody Amsel-Arieli

*If you are new to family history research, Melody Amsel-Arieli suggests exploring the extensive resources this powerhouse has to offer.*

**"On the Scenic Route"**

By Sue Lisk

*Sue Lisk embarks on a journey of twists and turns to fill in the missing pieces of an ancestor's story.*

**“Military Periodicals, Newspapers, and Magazines”**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris reveals some resources where you might find rare family history gems.*

**“Online Finding Aids Reveal Genealogical Gems”**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard looks at some lesser-known resources found in manuscript and archival collection holdings.*

**“The Global Village in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Genealogy”**

By Jean Wilcox Hibben

*Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, MA, examines the theories of Marshall McLuhan in the computer age.*

**“The Explorer and the Opera Singer”**

By Gabrielle Morgan

*Gabrielle Morgan explores the life of an ancestor through online newspapers and discovers how some trusted sources might lead one astray.*

**“Remembering Your Family’s Stories with JamBios”**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at a new platform for composing and sharing your family’s history.*

**“Hello! Is Anybody Out There?”**

By Dave Obee

*Dave Obee wonders why it is so hard to get responses when contacting DNA matches.*

Also included in this journal is a section titled “Net Notes”. This section highlights with lengthy description websites of note for the genealogy researcher. Diane L. Richard, the author of this section, provides a good amount of text description of the sites to give the reader some good insights on what can be found there that may help them with their research. Sometimes you just take a look at some of these interesting sites even if there is no direct connection to your own research. They are just interesting on their own!

Sites mentioned in this section are:

**Founders Online @**

<http://founders.archives.gov>

**Gjenvick-Gjonvik Archives @**

[www.gjenvick.com/#axzz4p5OusOtu](http://www.gjenvick.com/#axzz4p5OusOtu)

**Library of Congress Launches labs.loc.gov @**

<http://labs.loc.gov>

**Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE) @**  
[www.daredictionary.com](http://www.daredictionary.com)

I thought that an interesting article in this issue is one titled "Online Finding Aids Reveal Genealogical Gems". The author of the article is Diane L. Richard.

You can go to Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org to search through BILLIONS of records that have been indexed and are awaiting magical discovery by you with the right search term. Yes, you can still find material in these databases that are readily available as published material for you to browse through. Yes, you cannot search them with a surname but you can let your eyes do some browsing through the material if it may very well have a time and location to your own ancestors.

Do not forget that there is still much information that is sitting in manuscript and archival collection holdings that is not published and is just waiting to be discovered by you. Granted, you cannot enter a surname to just search it. Granted, there may be no name indexes for you to take a peek at for those elusive names you seek. But you could make some astonishing discoveries applicable to your own ancestors amongst such records.

The author notes that some of the kinds of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century records of interest to discover are:

- Ledgers (business, physician's etc.)
- Petitions
- Treasurer's and Comptrollers records
- Poor records
- Election records
- Red Cross membership rolls
- Stock marks

The author also notes some of the kinds of things to be discovered under the category of ledger records:

- Physician e.g. deaths in families
- Livery e.g. attending weddings, funerals
- Blacksmith e.g. purchases and services made
- Distillery and General Store e.g. connections to families, hired hands
- Hotel e.g. registered stays
- Insane Asylum e.g. linking patients to families
- Post Office e.g. based on subscriptions, you might learn religion, politics etc.
- Insurance Company e.g. business structures insured and individuals insured

Other type records in Manuscript and Archive Collections:

- Petitions for divorce, roads, mills, name changes etc.

- Poorhouse Records such as relationships between individuals, funeral information etc.
- Civil War records such as appeals for provisions for indigent families
- Red Cross records for women who were helping or men unable to serve in the military
- Private Correspondence that mentions various communities
- Business records taken home and then stayed with a family
- Service and Fraternal Clubs records might have death notices

The author also gave a nice long list on some websites that can help with discovering manuscript and archive collection material:

- **Select U.S. Federal Records**
  - National Archives (NARA) at [www.archives.gov/research](http://www.archives.gov/research)
  - Library of Congress (LOC) at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)
  - Smithsonian Institution Archives at <http://siarchives.si.edu>
- **Select Virginia Records (example of state repositories)**
  - Library of Virginia at [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)
  - Virginia Historical Society at [www.vahistorical.org](http://www.vahistorical.org)
  - Germanna Foundation at <http://germanna.org>
  - University of Virginia Library at [www.library.virginia.edu](http://www.library.virginia.edu)
  - Mariner's Museum Library at [www.marinersmuseum.org/library](http://www.marinersmuseum.org/library)
  - Virginia Genealogical Society list of libraries. Special Collections, Archives and Repositories at [www.vgs.org/research-aids/miscellaneous/ra-repositories#](http://www.vgs.org/research-aids/miscellaneous/ra-repositories#)
- **Select Canadian Records**
  - Library and Archives of Canada at [www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx)
  - Archives of Ontario at [www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/index.aspx](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/index.aspx)
  - Archives de Montreal at <http://archivesdemontreal.ica-atom.org>
  - Royal Canadian Mounted Police at [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/genealogy-and-archival-research](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/genealogy-and-archival-research)
  - Canadian Council of Archives at [www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/cain.html](http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/cain.html)

Think about some of the kind of "obtuse" records you can find that are in an unpublished state existing only in archives and repositories. Yes they will be a challenge because you cannot online search them. But you might be able to find that something special on an ancestor that was a businessman who kept a ledger on purchases he made to stock his general store.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "Hello! Is Anybody Out There?". The author of the article is Dave Obee.

I like Dave's little article because I know it has so much meaning to those of us that have submitted our DNA for genealogical testing.

His article begs the question on the rather high lack of response he has been noticing to the emails he has sent out to those that have some DNA connection to him. He sees it is not a question of even discussing the science or trying to figure out how the two might be related, but rather that his email hope for connection is simply going unanswered. He is just trying to figure out why this is even happening. His own experience seems to show that about 50% of his email inquiries are not responded to and he actually believes many others who knock on the email door of a DNA matched person are having even worse results.

Here is Dave's own little unscientific survey that has given him some insights into why he has not often received return responses:

- He discovered that one person had a life-changing event in which they now became the sole caretaker for their own mother. Caretaking has now become the most important part of this person's life and genealogy and responding to DNA inquiries has fallen off the table.
- For another case he discovered that he would never receive a response back from a particular person. The person died soon after submitting the test and consequently could not respond to the author's requests to connect with him for some DNA and family history information exchanging.
- The author also discovered was simply the high number of matches a particular person was experiencing versus the author's relative low number of matches in comparison. Person "A" had almost 2,000 matches of 4<sup>th</sup> cousins or better where the author had 145. Sheer numbers of emails received by the person with 2,000 matches never allowed her to get to the level to make a timely response to the person with only 145.
- The author also discovered that centimorgan measurements can mean a lot when match counts are high. A rating of a centimorgan level of 70 with person "A" may not even get onto the radar screen for that person to make a connection to an email request. Yet if person "B" has the 70 centimorgan rating as their highest they are excited at such a high match. Person "B" is not even noticing such a "low" match to their won matches that are even higher than that.
- The author also noticed that a person did not respond because that person had not even gone into their DNA list to look at their matches after they submitted for testing. The author just contacted them directly using the email address rather than using it through the provider match list. The author discovered the emails originated through the DNA match list were going into the person's spam folder and were not even being looked in the spam folder.
- Just the load level of an individual's email daily count can be reason enough not to respond. If you only get 5 emails per day it is hard not to notice you might have received one inquiring about DNA matches. If you receive 200 messages daily, perhaps the one about a DNA match does go unnoticed or is placed down the list of those with a priority response.

Here is my own reason for also not having responded to someone that I intended to respond. There is only so much screen real estate on your smartphone. I had a case where

the message I received just kept going farther down my list and even scrolling down deeply into my Inbox was not enough to remember I had it and had not responded.

Oh well, guilty as charged!

Although Dave's story was specific to not receiving responses related to his DNA matches, I think you can apply it to any email response you seek from someone. Life can get in the way. Good intentions are supplanted by emergencies that come up and put everything to the bottom of the list. Your priority may not be the other person's priority.

So, grin and bear it. Try another polite reminder email. Just know there are legitimate reasons you may simply have received that email back in return. And then look at yourself in the mirror. I am sure you will remember the ones you did not respond to either!

This was another great issue of Internet Genealogy. There are many good articles throughout. Take a look at the Table of contents of the articles in this issue I created above to see if any particular article hits home with your own personal research efforts. Browse through the issue even if some of the articles are not directly related to your research. Each article can give you some insight in picking up another tip for your own research.

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

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

The following book review applies towards a classic American genealogy book. The book is titled *Researcher's to American Genealogy, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.* The author is Val D. Greenwood. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition goes back to 1972 when genealogy was researched "the old fashioned way". The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was published in 2000. There are significant updates in this 4<sup>th</sup> edition version versus the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition published 17 years ago.

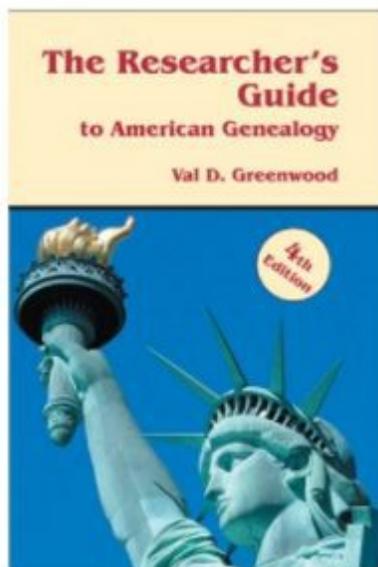
I do plan on adding this 4<sup>th</sup> edition version of the classic by Val D. Greenwood to our circulating collection now that I see it is available. The book review was found in Dick Eastman's online blog. You can look at the online book review via the following link:

<https://blog.eogn.com/2018/01/02/book-review-the-researchers-guide-to-american-genealogy/#more-20951> .

The print version of the review follows after the separator line.

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The following book review was written by Bobbi King:



*The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*  
4<sup>th</sup> Edition. By Val D. Greenwood. Genealogical Publishing Co. 2017. 778 pages.

It's nice to see this well-worn genealogical classic refreshed and reprinted. It's held its worth and value nicely, and this most recent volume has been updated with pertinent information for researching today's resources. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition came out in 2000, so this 2017 edition encompasses significant updates.

The most obvious difference is the abundance of URLs throughout the book. Wherever there's an opportunity for a researcher to go online and learn more about a topic, Mr. Greenwood includes the link. In rewriting his book, he regrets the opportunities for inaccuracies due to rapid changes of links and website addresses, a testament to his desire to write the most up-to-date volume possible. This from the man, who, in 1972, used an IBM Executive typewriter to type 535 pages, including all the charts, tables, and illustration, *twice*, to prepare camera-ready copy.

Each chapter and topic is full of detail. More detail than I thought I would have needed. The calendar/date change section, about 4 pages long, is the best explanation I've read about that Julian to Gregorian thing. All topics are presented from the viewpoint of "Now think about this, be careful, here are the pros and cons of this particular record, so think hard about what's it is telling you, or not telling you."

There are two new chapters about technology and family history, not a surprise.

Mr. Greenwood includes a lot of glossaries; a lot of definitions of words pertaining to the topic in that particular chapter. When glossaries are at the end of the book, I get distracted flipping back and forth. Having these definitions in the same chapter is exactly where I need them.

This is just a super-great reference book. Definitely a must-have for the beginner group, and always useful for the advanced group. Mr. Greenwood does not publish often, but when he does, it's a landmark edition.

*The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* is available from the publisher at <http://bit.ly/2jEAnse> and from Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2EEVksL>.

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## **SOFTWARE/HARDWARE**

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| <b>Genealogy Software Users Choice Awards for 2017 announced by GenSoftReviews (January 2, 2018)</b> |
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The following announcement was written by GenSoftReviews:

The 9th annual Users Choice Awards have been tabulated and awarded at the [GenSoftReviews](#) website.



During 2017, 82 of the nearly 1,000 programs listed received 535 reviews. Along with the review, users rated the programs from 1 to 5 star, with 5 being best. Programs that received at least one review in 2017 with 10 or more all-time reviews that achieved a user rating of at least 4.00 out of 5 receive a GenSoftReviews User Choice Award for 2017. The award reflects that the program is well-liked by its users.

The 25 programs awarded a GenSoftReview Users Choice Award as a Top Rated Genealogy Software for 2017 are:

- 13 Windows programs: Family Historian, Ahnenblatt, Personal Ancestral File, Family Book Creator, Ancestral Quest, Generations, Brother's Keeper, RootsMagic, The Master Genealogist, Relatively Yours, Family Tree Builder, Family Tree Maker (up to Version 16), and Ages!
- 3 Mac programs: iFamily for Mac, Heredis for Mac, and Reunion
- 4 programs built for Windows, Mac and Unix: Evidentia, Ancestris, Familienbande, and GenealogyJ
- 5 Online programs: Famberry, The Next Generation, Genealogie Online, webtrees, and MyHeritage
- 0 Handheld programs.

The top program for 2017 was Evidentia, a program that helps you analyze evidence. Evidentia had an almost perfect user rating of 4.98 out of 5 based on 14 reviews. iFamily for Mac, a full-featured genealogy program for the Mac, was second at 4.95 out of 5 also on 14 ratings. And the online program Famberry was third with 4.94 out of 5 from 61 ratings.

New to the list of winners for 2017 was Ancestris, a free full-featured program from France. Ancestris received 8 reviews in 2017 bringing it to 12 reviews in total and making it eligible for the first time. Ancestris placed fourth overall with a 4.92 out of 5 rating.

Heredis for Mac rejoined the winners in 2017 after previously having won from 2012 to 2015. It dropped off the list in 2016 because it did not have any reviews in that year.

Winners in 2016 that dropped off the list this year include GenSmarts and Aldfaer which did not have any reviews in 2017, as well as Clooz and Heredis for PC whose overall rating dropped below 4.00 in 2017.

Several unsupported programs are still thought of highly enough by their users that they won an award in 2017. These include: Personal Ancestral File, Generations, The Master Genealogist, Relatively Yours, and Family Tree Maker up to Version 16.

Six programs have been GenSoftReviews User Choice Award winners every year since the awards began in 2009. They are: Personal Ancestral File, The Next Generation, Brother's Keeper, RootsMagic, Family Tree Builder and Reunion.

GenSoftReviews uses a time-weighted average score. The weight of every user rating is reduced 50% every year, so newer opinions will be better reflected in the overall average score.

GenSoftReviews was created to be a site, somewhat like TripAdvisor for travelers, where genealogists can go to express their feelings about the genealogy software that they've used and tried. The reviews and ratings will likely help other genealogists who are looking for new software. It is hoped the developers of the programs also will see and use the reviews at GenSoftReviews to improve their programs.

For more information and a complete listing of current and past winners, see [the Users Choice Award Winners page](#) at GenSoftReviews.

## Microsoft to Sell Low-Cost Chromebook Killers (January 23, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [January 23, 2018](#) · [Hardware](#) · [3 Comments](#)

**NOTE:** *This article has nothing to do with genealogy, unless you happen to use a computer to assist you in searching and recording your family tree.*

I have written often about Chromebooks. See <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=site%3Aeogn.com+chromebook&t=hf&ia=web> for my past Chromebook articles. Chromebook laptops boot up quickly, never get viruses, and perform most of the operations that the majority of computer users want: they surf the web, play games, have excellent word processors, work with Facebook, handle homework, and most everything else. However, they don't do well at processing-intensive applications, such as

3D rendering, financial / scientific modelling, or video encoding. Chromebooks typically sell for \$175 to \$300 with a very few high-end models selling for higher prices.

Chromebooks run the Chrome operating system, produced by Google. They do not run Windows or the Macintosh macOS operating systems. Therefore, you cannot install and use Windows or Macintosh programs in them. Instead, almost all Chromebook applications are cloud-based applications, such as Facebook, Gmail, MyHeritage.com, Ancestry.com, The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (“TNG”), and thousands of others.

These low-cost laptop computers have proven to be very popular and apparently have been taking sales away from Microsoft’s Windows 10 operating system and, to a lesser extent, from Macintosh systems as well. Microsoft apparently has noticed the drop in sales. Now the company has announced that Microsoft will promote low-cost laptops manufactured by other firms that run a dummed-down version of Windows 10, called Windows 10 S. Prices will start at just \$189. These new laptop systems obviously are designed to crush the Chromebook rebellion.

The cheapest of the new laptops is the Lenovo 100e, which is powered by the Intel Celeron Apollo Lake and priced at \$189. There’s also the 2-in-1 300e for \$279, the Classmate Leap T303 with Windows Hello for \$199, and the Trigonon V401 2-in-1 with pen and touch priced at \$299.



The Windows 10 S systems are aimed at the education market, which has long been a stronghold for Chromebooks. However, the Windows 10 S systems apparently will also be available for purchase by individuals.

Before you get excited by these low-cost systems that run a dummed-down version of Windows 10, you might want to consider the disadvantages.

Windows 10 S is basically Windows 10 Pro, with a locked-down configuration that makes it easier to manage and less susceptible to security and performance issues. When used on low-cost hardware, Windows 10 S or any other operating system obviously will run slower than performing the same operations on more expensive and more powerful hardware. The most important part of the Windows 10 S configuration is a setting that prevents it from running any apps that aren’t included with Windows 10 or available through the Windows Store.

Windows 10 S was initially announced in mid-2017 but did not gain much publicity because it provided little advantage over the existing versions of Windows 10 that were already available. The recent announcement focuses on the new low-cost hardware that will run Windows 10 S. Lower prices certainly will make the offering more attractive.

Applications to be installed on Windows 10 S systems must be delivered via the Microsoft Store. That’s right, you won’t be able to install any “unapproved” applications,

such as your favorite genealogy program. Want to install Legacy Family Tree or Family Tree Maker or RootsMagic or Family Historian or any other Windows genealogy program? You won't be able to do so unless that program is available in the Microsoft Store. The same will be true for all Windows programs, not just genealogy applications.

Software producers can have their Windows applications available in the Microsoft Store by converting traditional desktop apps with Microsoft's Universal Windows Platform, uploading the new version of the program to the Microsoft Store, and then paying a sales commission to Microsoft on every sale.

While not mentioned in Microsoft's announcement, the new Windows 10 S systems will **PROBABLY** be able to run genealogy applications in the cloud, such as MyHeritage.com, FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding ("TNG"), WeRelate.org, WikiTree.com, and others. I have to stress the word "PROBABLY" until Microsoft releases more information. Of course, all those cloud-based applications already work well with Chromebooks.

Windows 10 S also prefers to save all data to OneDrive, not to the laptop's local hard drive. Microsoft's announcement doesn't say if that "preference" can be overridden or not.

You can read more about Windows 10 S on Microsoft's web site at:  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-s>.

Will Microsoft be able to "crush the Chromebook rebellion?" I have no idea. However, it should be interesting to watch the battle between these two giant corporations: Microsoft and Google.

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## FUNNY BONE

Found some interesting genealogy humor images on Pinterest. Thought I would share the link below to the entirety of what is all there. Enjoy all of them.

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/genealogy-humor/>

Here are some interesting examples:

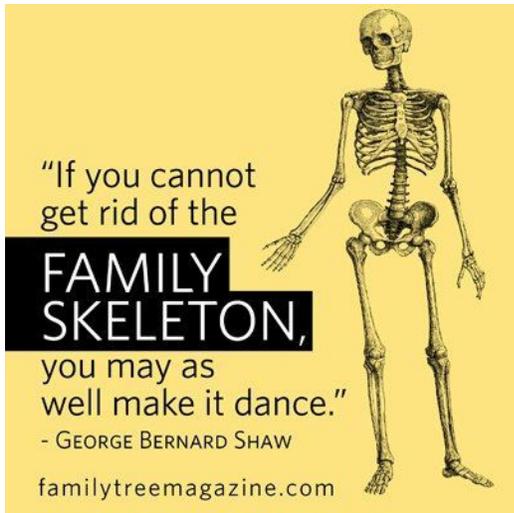
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get rid of the

**FAMILY  
SKELETON,**

you may as  
well make it dance."

- GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

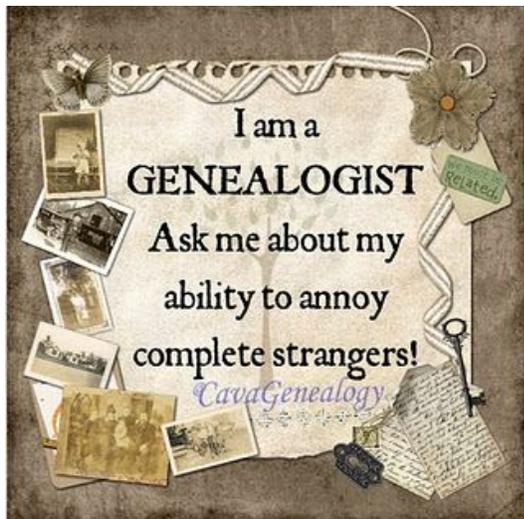
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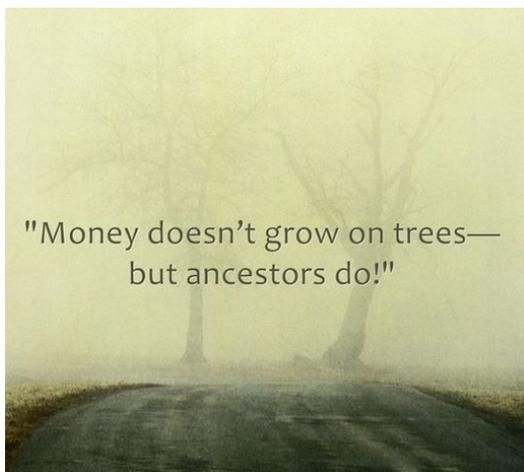
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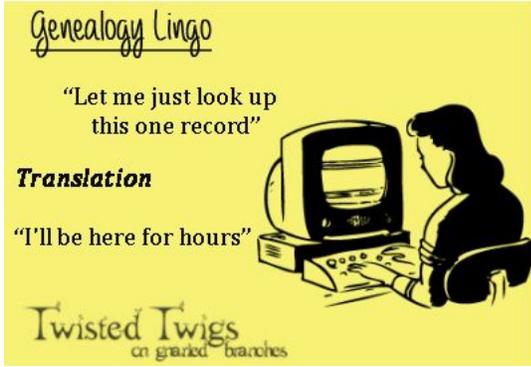
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ability to annoy  
complete strangers!

*CavaGenealogy*



"Money doesn't grow on trees—  
but ancestors do!"





**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 “\*”)*

- Feb 13            Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
TUE            130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
2018            PM.  
**“The Voyages of Our German Immigrants”**  
**Presented by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG.**  
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.  
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at <http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>
- \*Feb 17            Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
SAT            February 17, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District  
2018            Library  
**“Tracing Your World War I Immigrant Ancestors in “Alien Papers””.**  
**Presented by Debra Dudek.**  
Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org).
- \*Feb 21            DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
WED            Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
2018            6:30 PM Refreshments.  
Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.  
**“Untying the Knot: Divorce Records”.**  
**Presented by Kimberly Nagy.**  
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)
- Mar 3            Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 3, 2018.  
SAT            **“Learning Your Way Around Ancestry DNA”**  
2018            **Presented by Karen Stanbary**  
Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM  
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Mar 10            DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 10, 2018  
WED            Annual Conference, NIU Conference Center.  
**“To Be Determined”.**  
**Presented by To Be Determined.**  
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)
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**"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"**  
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- \*Mar 17  
SAT  
2018
- Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 March 17, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"What's New in Technology?"**.  
**Presented by Ed Rosenthal.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org).
- Apr 7  
SAT  
2018
- Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 7, 2018.  
**"Church Record Exploration for Genealogy"**  
**Presented by Jacquie Schattner**  
 Arlington Heights Senior Center.  
 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.  
 Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM  
 Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM  
 Visit the society website at <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
- Apr 10  
TUE  
2018
- Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.  
**"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
- DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 18, 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.  
**"Oh Where, Oh Where Are My Ancestors From?"**.  
**Presented by Teresa McMillin.**  
 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)
- \*Apr 21  
SAT  
2018
- Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 April 21, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"Preserve Your Ancestor's Legacy: Write Their Life Story"**.  
**Presented by Mike Karsen.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org).
- 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**

Arlington Heights Senior Center.

1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL.

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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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Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.  
6:30 PM Refreshments.

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

**"What's New on the Internet for Genealogists".**

**Presented by Caron Brennan.**

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)

\*May 19  
SAT  
2018  
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May 19, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library

**"Gone But Not Forgotten".**

**Presented by Bob Allen.**

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Jun 12  
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**"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"**

No Speaker

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\*June 23  
SAT  
2018  
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
June 23, 2018, Saturday, 8 AM to 4 PM, NIU Conference Center,  
5555 Trillium Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

**"GeneaQuest 2018: Skill Building".**

**Presented by various speakers throughout the day.**

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Jul 10  
TUE  
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**"Why Am I Stuck? 10 Solutions to Common Genealogical Problems"**

**Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass.**

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\*Jul 21  
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July 21, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District  
Library

**"Using Social Media to Build an Ancestor's Story".**

**Presented by Susan Mayer.**

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Aug 14  
TUE  
2018

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**"Sharing with Others: How To Convey Evidence"**

**Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.**

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\*Aug 18  
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Library

**"Beyond the Census".**

**Presented by Janis Minor Forte.**

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Sep 11  
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\*Sep 15  
SAT  
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September 15, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District  
Library

**"Beyond the Records: Putting Flesh on the Bones of Your Civil War  
Ancestors".**

**Presented by Karen Heinrich.**

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Oct 9  
TUE  
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**"How DNA Can Help Your Genealogy"**

**Presented by Steve Szabados.**

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\*Oct 20  
SAT

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October 20, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

- 2018 Library  
**"To Be Determined"**.  
**Presented by Jeffrey Bockman.**  
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**"Mapping the Past: Navigating Your Family History with Maps"**  
**Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard.**  
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**"Historical Figure (To Be Determined) and Holiday Party"**.  
**Presented by To Be Determined.**  
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