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March 13, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our March 13, 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.

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 APRIL 7, 2018

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning April 7, 2018. The program for the morning is titled *"Church Record Exploration for Genealogy"*.   The speaker for the morning will be **Jacquie Schattner**.

Church records contain more than basic vital records. These chronicles can provide clues to much more, including town of origin and immigration information, how active families were in their church, and their financial situation. Come find out what new and exciting things you can find about your ancestors!

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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Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON APRIL 18, 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, April 18, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. (Please note that the normal March 2018 program is not occurring because the society is holding their Annual Conference during the month of March 2018.) The program scheduled for that evening is *"Oh Where, Oh Where Are My Ancestors From?"*. The speaker for the program will be **Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG**.

Finding your immigrant ancestor's town of origin is often considered the holy grail of genealogical research. With this piece of information, the family line can be extended across the ocean. Have you spent years searching for this elusive piece of information? This talk suggests many strategies that just might help you break down that brick wall. Highlights include:

- Basic information you should have for your ancestor
- More obscure information that might be available
- Branching out beyond your ancestor, to friends, family and associates
- Organizing and documenting your research

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON MARCH 17, 2018 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, March 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 *"What's New in Technology"*. The speaker will be **Ed Rosenthal**.

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

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

Ed is employed by PepsiCo International in Chicago and is responsible for managing the planning of the deployment activities of SAP in South America, Europe and Asia. Ed has held similar positions with Rockwell, Motorola and NEC with over thirty years of experience directing engineering and software projects. Previously, Ed has built several television stations and worked on TV shows such as Phil Donahue, Dinah Shore and Al McGuire with Sports. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with a Master's Degree in Project Management (MPM) from Keller.

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 APRIL 10, 2018

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, April 10, 2018.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana**. She will present a program titled "**Family History's Navigational Tool: Genealogical Proof Standard (G.P.S.)**".

Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana will show us through case studies what are the components of the Genealogical Proof Standard and how they substantiate that your research discoveries are "true".

Proof is a fundamental concept in genealogy. In order to merit confidence, each conclusion about an ancestor must have sufficient credibility to be accepted as "proved." Acceptable conclusions, therefore, meet the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). The GPS consists of five elements:

1) reasonably exhaustive research;
2) complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item;
3) tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence;
4) resolution of conflicts among evidence items;
5) a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana is a Consulting Archivist, Genealogist, Writer and Lecturer. She earned a BA in Art History with a Certificate in Museum Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Since 2006, she has worked as a Consulting Archivist in a wide variety of Archives from Shure, Inc. to the Union League Club of Chicago where her interest in genealogy was resurrected as she assisted researchers in their efforts to locate information about their
relatives.

Laura's passion for Archives and Genealogy have combined both through her blog, The Last Leaf On This Branch (http://thelastleafonthisbranch.blogspot.com/) and her business
From Roots to Leaves (http://www.fromrootstoleaves.com), where she provides the services and education to help you research, organize, describe and share your family history materials.

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 – "HOW-TO" IRISH GENEALOGY VIDEOS

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 16, 2018.

Dick Eastman · February 16, 2018 · Video & Television · No Comments

The following announcement was written by the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS):

Access to records useful for Irish genealogy has become easier since the onset of the digital age. But wider access often serves only to highlight just how frustrating Irish family history can be. Too frequently it's difficult to search cleverly within the surviving records and not always easy to interpret the results.

Over the last while we've heard again and again researchers say "*how I wish that an experienced genealogist could be sat right next me, while online, sharing the benefit of their experience and expertise*". Now, with the release of an initial three "How-To" Irish genealogy videos, the IGRS is making that wish come true.

With its first three videos – dealing with Roman Catholic parish records, Census returns and Church of Ireland parish registers – the IGRS is offering its members terrific first hand expertise and guidance.

To celebrate the launch of the videos at the coming Irish genealogy and family history show 'Back to our Past', in Belfast, all three videos will be freely available for the period of the show, Friday, 16th to Sunday, 18th February. The Society intends to add more of these "How-To" videos, all of which will join the extensive library of online resources and research advice already available to IGRS members. A fourth video on Civil Registration records is already in production and will join the online library shortly.

In launching this new initiative, IGRS Chairman, Steven Smyrl, said "*The old idiom that knowledge is never wasted is all the more potent when it refers to knowledge that's shared. The two speakers on these videos – Susan Hood & Claire Bradley – are experts, generously sharing their knowledge and expertise built-up over many years. Their help, guidance and advice will help demystify sources for Irish genealogy, making searching a more successful and rewarding experience.*"

The videos can be accessed from this page: https://www.irishancestors.ie/members/irish-genealogy-how-to-videos/

Comments by Tony Kierna

Again, you know my position on genealogy video tutorials. I love them! Wherever there is an opportunity to view them it is worth taking a shot. Some may be very professionally put together and have a great presenter. Some, may be not so well put together and maybe even have someone that you wonder if he knows of what he speaks!

Unfortunately, the biggest obstacle to the above tutorials is that you do need to be a member of the Irish Genealogical Research Society. Perhaps many of you are members of this society and you will now have access to a new series of Irish research tutorials to help you in your research efforts.

But, if you are not a member and do not plan on becoming a member what alternative do you have to help your Irish research with tutorials?

Probably the best alternative you have is to visit YouTube and do a search for any Irish genealogy channels. If you search using "irish genealogy" you will see 39,400 results for your search. If you do "irish genealogy research" you will see 54,100 results. If you do "irish genealogy research society" you will receive 2,210 results but all of the results will not be purely from the Irish Genealogy Research Society. Be even more specific in your searching and relate it to the particular topic of Irish interest you want. If you are trying to understand Irish Church Records, search with that term. If you are trying to understand the emigration of the Irish during the famine, try searching on YouTube for Irish Famine Emigrants. You will at least narrow down your results using the specific search term.

It is probably worthwhile to at least visit the main website for the society just to see what they have over and above the videos. If you have been doing Irish research it can be helpful to become a member of a society that has resources and tips and tricks to help move your research along. You can check out the website for this society at https://www.irishancestors.ie/. They really seem to have a lot of information and resources at the site.

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Handout #7 – BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY GENEALOGY TV SHOW TITLED "RELATIVE RACE" BACK ON THE AIR

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 26, 2018.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [February 26, 2018](#) · [Video & Television](#) · [No Comments](#)

"Relative Race" will return for a third season. The program features four, two-person teams who race across the country to find their long-lost relatives. Unlike some other genealogy television programs, the individuals seeking their ancestry are not well-known celebrities.

This season's episodes will include new routes, new contestants, new cities and new challenges, according to Dan J. Debenham, executive producer of the show. teams will travel for 10 days, completing two challenges every day, with only paper maps, a rental car and a flip phone to help them. To help them find their way through strange cities and complete their two daily challenges, the contestants will receive instructions by text message that will hopefully lead them to discover new relatives. They will then be asked to stay overnight with a new relative that they meet in each city, according to a news release at http://prn.to/2Frq0P2.

BYU Television is available on many cable systems across the country.

You can watch a video "trailer" of the new season at https://youtu.be/GuGyXb5741M

Comments by Tony Kierna

Are you tired of seeing genealogy TV shows that only feature Hollywood celebrities? They just show up, speak to someone, travel to an exotic destination and are given all the research all while posing for the camera and sounding interested. What if that Hollywood celebrity could be an average Joe. Genealogy Roadshow caters to the average Joe. And now, you can even find another source to see similar "average Joe" genealogy discovery shows.

"Relative Race" is just now starting Season 3. "Relative Race" by BYU TV seems to have twists along the way. I did not realize that the show is being conducted like a race. I did look at the "teaser" from the above link. Not only is it a race, but one of the four teams will win $50,000 if they are the first to find their "unknown" cousins. Apparently, both of the contestants on a two-person team submits their DNA to Ancestry DNA. The show's production company then researches and "finds" a cousin that matches their DNA. The discovery of the cousin then becomes the goal for that team somewhere in the United States over the 10 day period of searching. During

the ten days the two person team does receive clues to help them narrow down their searching.

Does any of this sound familiar? How about the CBS show called "Amazing Race" in which two person teams travel the world with the goal to be the last surviving couple that did not come in last on solving puzzles and completing tasks along the way for the events of the day. Sure does to me!

How can you watch the show? The show is on a station called BYU TV. It does appear to be a channel that is available within cable and dish companies. However, it may not be part of a "package" of stations that you currently subscribe to. So you would need to determine what new "package" structure you would need to get that includes BYU TV. There is a Wiki entry for BYU TV that does seem to indicate through which cable and dish companies the channel is available. Check out the Wiki entry here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BYUtv.

Also, you can go directly to the website for the show and see what it is all about at https://www.byutv.org/relativerace. I saw that the website does have Season 1 and Season 2 programs available to view. I clicked on the Season 1 Episode 1 program and got connected to viewing without any problems. No registration, no subscription. How nice is that. In viewing parts of Season 1 Episode 1 the twists in the show start immediately. All 4 couples had to give up their smart phones and instead were given the resource we used for traveling 20 years ago …. an old-fashioned paper map. The couples do receive a "burner phone" from the host before traveling. The "burner phone" will be used by the host to provide the couples with a text message having clues to help them find their newly discovered cousin in that city they are in. Just like "Amazing Race", you do not want to be the last couple to discover your new cousin in that city. Come in last and you get a strike. Get 3 strikes and the game is over for you. It also looks that each couple uses a car for the traveling. No airplanes. The start of the race is in San Francisco for Episode 1 and the end destination is New York City. So, it is a 4,000 mile race over 10 days!

If you like the "Amazing Race" and you are into genealogy, this show sure could be a perfect fit for your viewing likes.

I did not have the time at work to view the entire one-hour episode I started viewing. I do think that I am going to return to it and view the show in its entirety just to gauge how an entire episode works.

This show has raised my curiosity to at least see one full episode. Never knew it existed. Never heard about it. Maybe you want to check it out also.

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Handout #8 – ROOTSFINDER DELIVERS POWERFUL NEW TOOLS FOR THE GENEALOGIST FOR FREE

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated February 20, 2018.

Dick Eastman · February 20, 2018 · Announcements, Online Sites · No Comments

I suspect this is going to be a major tool for all genealogists. The following announcement describes the latest project by several people, including Dallan Quass, a well-known software developer who has produced several excellent genealogy products in the past. He was the Chief Technology Officer of FamilySearch from 2002-2004 and the creator of WeRelate.org and GenGophers.com, two of FamilyTree Magazine's top 101 genealogy websites.

RootsFinder tries to be a great tree for supporting genealogy researchers at all levels, but especially new genealogy researchers. It also focuses heavily on pictures, stories, and videos to make things more interesting for a younger audience.

Here is the announcement:

RootsFinder.com is a free, online family tree that makes researching family history much easier. Unlike other online trees, which only provide hints to their own content, RootsFinder provides hints and search suggestions to websites such as:

- FamilySearch
- FindMyPast
- AmericanAncestors
- BillionGraves
- FindAGrave
- Ancestry
- MyHeritage
- and more

In addition, seamless sync with FamilySearch, integration with GenSmarts, evidence analysis, embedded research logs, and DNA tools (coming soon) add to RootsFinder's powerful offering.

Along with these valuable tools, RootsFinder has also developed two Chrome Browser Extensions. The extensions make research and recording information faster and more accurate.

1. WebClipper – Copy records and source citations quickly and automatically into your family tree from major genealogy websites such as Ancestry,

FamilySearch, MyHeritage, and more. It adds records to entire families at once.

2. ToDo Creator – Save search ideas for later by attaching action items to specific people in your family tree, adding them to research logs, and marking them complete when done.

RootsFinder also has tools that make it easy to share your genealogy with your family safely and securely:

- Invite others to your tree, but you control who edits
- Ancestor reports with stories and pictures can be turned into family history books
- Descendancy reports in the register format
- Videos & photo mosaics created from your media
- Fan charts and wall charts
- Pinterest-like media wall for scrolling through photos

Two plans are available: an ad-supported Free-Forever plan, and a $35/year Pro plan that removes ads and includes additional storage and advanced features. Everyone gets a 30-day Pro plan for free.

A small group of dedicated genealogists and software developers have been working on RootsFinder for the past three years. Our goal is to provide a free online family tree that is focused on the needs of the genealogy researcher. We think we finally have something worth talking about. – Dallan Quass

About RootsFinder

RootsFinder (https://www.rootsfinder.com) was founded in 2015 by Dallan Quass, CTO of FamilySearch from 2002-2004 and the creator of WeRelate.org and GenGophers.com, two of FamilyTree Magazine's top 101 genealogy websites. Dallan is joined at RootsFinder by Heather Henderson, Erin Harris, and other experienced genealogists who share his love of family history.

Comments by Tony Kierna

Here is another option you have to create an online family tree. Yes, it is for free. There is also a premium plan for $34.95 per year that provides you with more storage as well as having ad blockers. It seems you can start the usual ways via individual data entry of family tree individuals or via a GEDCOM. Also, I get a sense that you would want to use Chrome as your browser for this service because there are "tools" that were created to use within Chrome. "Web Clipper" helps you copy information and citations quickly to incorporate into your family tree. There is also a "ToDo Creator" that allows you to attach action items to individuals in your family tree.

There does seem to be an emphasis on connecting with FamilySearch. "Hints" within this product does seem to be a unique component of the service. Hints are obtained from other products not connected to RootsFinder. It appears you can receive hints from Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, Amercian Ancestors etc. as noted above. I think you have to understand that if you receive hints from another paid subscription

You can see some sample "trees" at the site from celebrities. You will see a tree for Andy Griffith, George Clooney and Donald Trump in a way that your own tree would appear. These trees can show you how citations are made as well as showing that pictures can be uploaded with the individual.

Dick Eastman does note that the developer of this product does have strong developmental roots in genealogy software. He had a strong affiliation with FamilySearch from 2001 to 2004 as their Chief Technology Officer (CTO). That can be a good sign to make you feel that the company and site will be around some time into the future.

There are a series of videos on YouTube about the company and the product that you can view here https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7YnLJ24U_e8cJgzi4g2bBQ. Some of the videos at the site are:

- *Introduction to RootsFinder DNA Tools*
- *Keeping Your RootsFinder Tree Synched*
- *FamilySearch Synch Step 1*
- *Adding People To Your RootsFinder Tree*
- *Adding Facts and Information To Your RootsFinder Tree*
- *FamilySearch Synch Step 2*
- *Accepting Hints and Adding Information with Clipper*
- *Updated Getting Started Webinar Video*
- *Getting Started from Scratch*
- *Getting Started from GEDCOM*
- *Get Started by Importing a Tree from FamilySearch*
- *Navigating RootsFinder*

Viewing the videos in advance of starting your online tree with this provider can certainly give you some insight about all that it can do. I would view the videos before committing to the product.

It sure looks like the "free" product can give you all that you want. For the $34.95 per year cost for premioum service you would be able to get the additional services:

- *Turn off ads*
- *Option for private tree*
- *GenSmarts hints*
- *Remove watermark from mosaics*

You would have to judge if the added expense for premium service is worth the cost.

If you are looking to go online either for the first time or to have another outlet for an existing family tree, then you may want to check out RootsFinder from all of the above information.

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Handout #9 – "SEARCH METHODOLOGIES FOR GENEALOGISTS"

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the October-December 2017, Volume 43, Number 4 issue of NGS Magazine*.*

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I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Search Methodologies for Genealogists". The author of the article is Jordan Jones. The author does a wonderful job on letting the reader know about so many methods and techniques to use in searching. There is one specific section focusing on Google that can be very helpful for the genealogy researcher.

Here is an outline view of what is contained in the article:

- Methodologies
  - Read the search tips or guidelines for the site you are searching.
  - Look for the advanced search page or pages
  - Experiment with a search effort to see what results the database gives you.
  - Map out search strategies
    - Plan more complex searches
  - Automate search results with Google Alerts.
- Access: Navigation and Search
  - Navigation
    - Drill down into content click by click.
    - Can be cumbersome.
  - Search
    - Better for discovering which website to navigate to
    - Use when a navigation path is not obvious.
    - Artificial intelligence will be more helpful in the future allowing natural language.
- How Do Web Search Engines Work?
  - Gather
    - By crawling through links on the web using "spiders".
  - Organize
    - Search engine "indexes" the sites it has crawled.
  - Cache
    - Google stores all the pages that it crawls through.
  - Rank

- Links delivered are ranked in terms of relevance, popularity, authoritativeness.
  - Search
    - Understanding the previous operations will help get better search results.
- Genealogical Searching
  - Keyword
    - Every significant word is part of the search
  - Database
    - Words are searched against particular fields in a database such as "surname" or "state"
- Google "Basic" Searches
  - Word
    - Find pages that include "Jane" and "Graham" use jane graham.
  - Phrase
    - Find pages that include "Jane Graham" use "Jane Graham"
  - Proximity
    - Find pages where "Jane" is near "Graham" use Jane*Graham OR Graham*Jane
  - Boolean
    - AND/OR/NOT use "Jane Graham" OR "Graham, Jane"
- Advanced Google Searches
  - Synonym or "like"
    - Find pages with words like the search term or phrase use [~genealogy] returns results about genealogy and family history.
  - Wildcards
    - There is no wildcard for less than a word. Google * replaces one or two whole words.
  - Exclude Word
    - Find pages that don't include a particular word use [Jane Graham –Eliza]
  - Exclude Phrase
    - Find pages that don't include a particular phrase use [Jane – "Eliza Graham"]
  - Include Specific Site
    - Find pages in a specific site use [site:www.usgenweb.com Graham]
  - Exclude Specific Site

- Find pages where a search term appears but exclude a certain site use [-site:www.usgenweb.com Graham]

- o <mark>Location</mark>
  - City, county, state can narrow down results use "Jane Graham" "Monroe County"

- o <mark>Record Type</mark>
  - Birth certificate, obituary etc. can narrow down results use ["Jane Graham" newspaper]

- Case Study Using Jane Graham

  - o Simple search for [jane graham] produced 52.2 million results.

  - o Making it a phrasal search such as ["jane graham"] reduced the hits to 279,000.

  - o Adding a place to the search using 'jane graham" "monroe county" further reduced hits to 2,760

  - o Adding a year to the search reduced hits further using "jane graham" "Monroe county" 1854 to 728.

  - o Making a date range rather than just a year using "jane graham" "Monroe county" 1811..1854 to 81 hits.

So you can see the value of knowing your search engine and knowing all the power that is contained within in to make your searches more productive. <mark>This article is worth making a personal copy for your use when you are searching with Google.</mark>

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Handout #10 – "USING THE PERIODICAL SOURCE INDEX (PERSI) TO IMPROVE RESEARCH"

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the October-December 2017, Volume 43, Number 4 issue of NGS Magazine.

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I thought that another good article in this recent issue is one titled "Using the Periodical Source Index to Improve Research". The author of the article is Kathy Petlewski, MSLS.

First off, you may have also heard this resource referred to as PERSI (PERiodical Source Index). It is basically a resource of genealogy periodical materials that have been acquired by the Allen County Public Library. PERSI includes 2.5 million entries of articles from the mid-nineteenth century to the twenty-first century. It includes more than 8,000 periodicals from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Ireland.

In its earliest form the index to these genealogy journal articles was contained on a CD-ROM. It transitioned to online in 2004 when it became part of Heritage Quest. PERSI is an index only. You do not have access to the full genealogy journal article. It is necessary to obtain the full copy of the article either directly from finding the material yourself via the original journal or through the Allen County Public Library.

The author also suggests that an attempt be made to look online for a specific journal article of interest to you. If an article existed in a genealogical society newsletter it is possible they may have already made such material available online.

PERSI has since migrated from Heritage Quest to a new home with Findmypast at www.findmypast.com. You can search PERSI for free but there is a cost to see the results of interest to you. If you are subscribed to Findmypast you have full access to PERSI. If not subscribed to Findmypast, you can purchase credits from Findmypast to use to access full material on PERSI. It can cost from 5 to 60 credits to view the article depending on the size of the article. The lowest number of credits to purchase is 60 for a cost of $10.95.

The entire article is still not viewable at this stage. You could pursue ordering the full article directly from the Allen County Public Library (ACPL). Fill out the order form from the ACPL at https://www.genealogycenter.org/docs/default-source/resources/articlerequest.pdf?sfvrsn=2. Fill out the form including up to 6 article requests and mail it back to ACPL with a check for $7.50. It can take a few weeks to receive the material. There can also be additional charges to you based on the number of pages provided. ACPL provides an invoice back to you for any additional charges.

Findmypast is recognizing that there is an inherent weakness and cost in the process today to obtain the articles. They are working on a digitization project with the goal of making the articles available instantly directly from the Findmypast website. That is easier said than done because digital permission rights must be obtained from the

publishers of the journals and newsletters. ==Findmypast reports that articles from several hundred journals and newsletters from the United States, Canada and Great Britain are available.== So there has been some progress to get the material online, but as of now any online material would be available only to subscribers of Findmypast.

You can find PERSI at Findmypast at: ==https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index. If you just search Findmypast, PERSI is not included in that search. Access PERSI directly first and then do your searching directly within PERSI. The author provides the following information on PERSI for you to know how to best search it:==

- ==Using PERSI==
  - ==PERSI is indexed by subject rather than full a full text or every surname process==.
  - Staff at ACPL assigns an article to one of 22 subject areas.
  - Keywords may be assigned by ACPL.
  - ==Knowing this structure will help you to understand why a surname search for an individual of interest to you may give you no results.== Only if the surname is the primary subject of the article would the surname appear in your results.
  - More than 126,000 surnames can be found in PERSI.
  - For article of interest that you discover add it to your order list. You get a better return for the money if you submit a request with 6 articles rather than submitting a request with just 1 article.
  - ==PERSI notes 6 to 8 weeks delivery time but the author experienced a turnaround of just over 2 weeks for a full 6 article request==.
  - ==The author notes that when you discover an article of interest, there is no identification as to the size of the article by pages.== Author discovered an article of interest, ordered and found it was hardly ½ a page in size; author ordered another one and discovered upon receiving it that it was 68 pages in length; most articles were 3 to 4 pages in length.
- ==Future of PERSI==
  - ==More and more digital issues will be appearing==.
  - Once digital permission is granted by the publisher, publications are scanned at ACPL using equipment provided by Internet Archive. Image files are then loaded into Findmypast.
  - ==You can tell digital images of material are available by seeing the camera icon next to the item on the results list==. Click on the icon to see the article.
  - ACPL is actively working on indexing publications of the National Genealogical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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