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Genealogy Group Newsletter

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        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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MAY 8, 2018 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2018.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Thomas MacEntee (via "live" webinar)**. He will present a program titled "**How To Deal with Other Genealogists Without Going Crazy!**".

Guest presenter Thomas MacEntee will discuss the best ways to connect with other family historians and share resources including research, documents and research strategies, all via live webinar.

What happens when a "tech guy" with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get, Thomas MacEntee. He was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started building his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavor, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to "re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy."

You may visit the library's web page at:

www.SchaumburgLibrary.org

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

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

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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

range as the printed material. These are two great browsing areas for you to review introductory material.

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

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 238 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 1,792 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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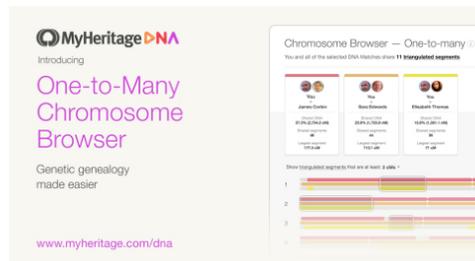

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

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MyHeritage Releases Chromosome Browser Upgrade to Facilitate Better Exploration and Interpretation of DNA Matches (March 2, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [March 2, 2018](#) · [DNA](#) · [One Comment](#)

The following announcement from MyHeritage should prove to benefit many genealogists who are using DNA to prove or to supplement traditional DNA methods:

TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah–MyHeritage, the leading global destination for family history and DNA testing, announced today a major upgrade of its chromosome browser, making it easier for users to make the most of their DNA matches.

A chromosome browser is a graphical tool that represents a person's chromosomes. It visualizes DNA segments shared by two people who have matching DNA, that may originate from one or more shared ancestors. By studying those segments and testing the DNA of additional relatives, it is possible to determine who the segments originated from and understand the relationship path between the two people.

In January 2018, MyHeritage launched an initial version of the chromosome browser which showed shared DNA segments between a user and any one of his or her DNA Matches — people who are likely to be relatives because there are significant similarities between their DNA. The upgrade released today enhances the chromosome browser from supporting comparisons of one-to-one, to one-to-many. It is capable of showing shared segments between a user and up to seven DNA Matches concurrently. For each shared DNA segment, the user can review the genomic position of the segment and its size.

The upgraded chromosome browser is available for free, and it is unique in the DNA testing industry in supporting automatic triangulation: showing segments shared between multiple people that all match each other, increasing the likelihood that the group of people is descended from the same ancestor. It also provides download capabilities of shared DNA segment information. In addition, the company announced today a new, convenient ability to download a list of all of a person's DNA matches.

"DNA testing, family trees and historical records integrate seamlessly on MyHeritage to facilitate exploration of one's family history, via genetic genealogy," said Gilad Japhet, MyHeritage Founder and CEO. "We have made it one of our goals to create the best platform in the industry for genetic genealogy. Today's release is an important step in this direction. By iterating the product frequently and listening closely to our user community, we're making it easier than ever for our users to find new relatives, which is one of the main benefits of genetic genealogy."

The new chromosome browser is a free feature, available to all users who have taken the MyHeritage DNA test or have uploaded DNA data from another service to MyHeritage, which is free. Additional tools for genetic genealogy will be released by the company soon.

About MyHeritage

MyHeritage is the leading global destination for family history and DNA testing. As technology thought leaders, MyHeritage has transformed family history into an activity that is accessible and instantly rewarding. Its global user community enjoys access to a massive library of historical records, the most internationally diverse collection of family trees and groundbreaking search and matching technologies. MyHeritage DNA is a technologically advanced, affordable DNA test that reveals ethnic origins and previously unknown relatives. Launched a little more than a year ago, MyHeritage DNA has already amassed more than 1.25 million people in its database. Trusted by millions of families, MyHeritage provides an easy way to find new family members, discover ethnic origins, and to treasure family stories, past and present, for generations to come. MyHeritage is available in 42 languages. www.myheritage.com

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How to Trace your Irish Family History: a Step-By-Step Guide (March 13, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 13, 2018 · Genealogy Basics · 4 Comments

Irish genealogy expert John Grenham has published an excellent beginners' guide to Irish genealogy. If you are new to genealogy and are interested in tracing your Irish heritage, I suggest you first read his tutorial published in *The Irish Times* at: http://bit.ly/2Fyjmdk.

Owners Can Track the History of their Homes with Housestry (March 14, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 14, 2018 · Online Sites · One Comment

Housestry is building a digital yearbook of sorts for properties across the world. According to the Housestry.com web site:

"A home is more than the walls and materials of which it's made. In its midst, meals are shared, boys and girls grow into young men and women and life chapters open and close. At housestry, we provide the venue where those experiences and memories live on.

"Share moments from your home's journey by creating an account and adding your photos and personal stories. Bring the past to life and show other users the history hiding behind the walls. Did you pour blood, sweat and tears into a remodel? Have you unearthed items hidden by previous owners? What events meant the most to you happened there. All of these things form the housestry of a home."

While there are a number of sites out there to keep tabs on an address, Housestry Founder Wayne Henry says the social component has been missing – the ability for a homeowner to share their personal stories, post pictures and connect with previous owners. "I kind of envision it to be the ancesty.com version of the history of homes," Henry says.

Housestry.com obviously is in its infancy. That is, there's not much information yet on the site. However, Housestry Founder Wayne Henry hopes to grow it into a major historical web site. You can see it as it grows at: http://housestry.com.

How Two of President John Tyler's Grandsons are Still Alive, 174 Years Later (March 15, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 15, 2018 · History · One Comment

I suspect very few families can boast this sort of longevity. Two of President John Tyler's grandchildren are still around, 175 years after he left office.

You can read the full story by Chip Reid and watch a video on the CBS News web site at: http://cbsn.ws/2DuhH2q.

Intermountain Healthcare to Build Global DNA Registry with 23andMe, MyHeritage, and AncestryDNA Data (March 19, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 19, 2018 · DNA · 5 Comments

Genealogy and DNA continue to be mixed together in an attempt to prolong human lives. The following is an announcement from the Intermountain Medical Center Heart Institute:

A team of researchers from Salt Lake City-based Intermountain Medical Center Heart Institute plan to build a global DNA database of genetic test results and EHR histories, Intermountain Healthcare announced March 1.

The project, dubbed the GeneRosity Registry and funded by the Intermountain Research and Medical Foundation, will compile data from adults who have already purchased direct-to-consumer genetic tests from commercial sites like AncestryDNA, MyHeritage or 23andMe. These participants will have the option to voluntarily upload raw and unprocessed genetic test results to the project's website.

Along with genetic test results, the researchers will also request medical histories from participants, including health information about himself or herself and three

generations of relatives, including children, siblings and parents. The researchers will store this genetic and historical information in a secure database, which may only be accessed by those involved in the GeneRosity Registry project.

The GeneRosity Registry will serve as a research resource to inform future studies. For example, researchers may use data collected for the project to identify genetic markers that determine a patient's risk of developing select health conditions.

"We'll be able to use the information people submit to validate new genetic and disease findings, discover new genetic mutation and genetic profiles, and drive future studies," Stacey Knight, PhD, a cardiovascular and genetic epidemiologist at the Intermountain Medical Center Heart Institute, said in a March 1 statement.

Siblings Can Have Surprisingly Different DNA Ancestry (March 23, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 23, 2018 · DNA · 3 Comments

When it comes to tracing your roots through your genes, biological siblings may have less in common than many people expect. The fact is that one sibling might inherit more from Mom than from Dad while the other sibling might inherit a different mix.

An article by Nicole Wetsman in the *National Geographic* web site explains it all at http://bit.ly/2DPLSBj.

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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 May 5, 2018. The program for the morning is titled *"Who SANK Grandpa's Boat?: Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests"* .   The speaker for the morning will be **Dan Niemiec**.

A lot of people cannot find the passenger list when their grandfather crossed the ocean. Some of those people believe the boat must have sunk and they swam the rest of the way! Dan Niemiec will help you understand that most of our ancestors did indeed come by boat and there are some tricky search methods that can help you find the passenger list.

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, April 18, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. 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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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, April 21, 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 *"Preserve Your Ancestor's Legacy: Write Their Story"*. The speaker will be **Mike Karsen.**

In this unique presentation, Mike Karsen walks the audience through the process of preserving the memories of departed loved ones. Where genealogy meets family history, this presentation explores the elements of putting together an individual's life story. Framed against the backdrop of historical context, these elements begin with collecting the information and various formats and styles available to each author. These efforts result in written portraits of our ancestors that bring them back to life for future generations to know and cherish.

Mike Karsen, a professional speaker, is a member of the Association of Professional Genaalogists (APG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), and is Past President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. He has presented over 300 talks on genealogy topics locally, nationally and internationally including Newberry Library and Sports Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago. Mike is the author of "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published articles on genealogy.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Why You Might Want to Attend a Virtual Conference (March 6, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 6, 2018 · Conferences · 19 Comments

I believe virtual conferences are the wave of the future. I just returned from a 4-day genealogy conference in Salt Lake City. With the air travel, hotel expenses, restaurant meals, and conference admission, I spent more than $1,500 US. I also spent six days away from home: one day traveling to the event (in the cheapest airline coach seats I could find), four days at the conference, and one more day returning home. I am sure that attendees from overseas spent much more than I did.

Obviously, many people are not able to pay that much money or to take that many days out of their lives to attend such an event, regardless of their interest level. Luckily, technology can provide an alternative.

Holding events online is called a "virtual conference." The presenters usually remain in their homes, using their own computers and video cameras to deliver their talks, videos, and slide shows. Attendees also typically remain in their homes or go to a nearby library or office and watch the conference events live on computers. Travel expenses and meals are close to zero. Even a conference syllabus is usually available online as a free electronic download, much cheaper than the $25 to $50 required to print each syllabus on paper.

In addition, the virtual conference organizers do not need to spend thousands of dollars for renting a modern conference center. The end result is lower costs all around. The attendees benefit again because admittance to virtual conferences is usually much, much cheaper than attending a conference in person.

Is an online virtual conference just as effective as attending a conference in person? I will suggest it is not. There are several elements missing in a virtual conference. I know I certainly miss the camaraderie of talking with other attendees in the hallways or in social situations before and after the daily conference events. Nonetheless, I will suggest that the virtual conferences do provide **MOST** of the benefits of an in-person conference and do so at a fraction of the price of traditional events.

There are two financial considerations:

1. The **ever-increasing** expenses of travel, hotels, and restaurant meals
2. The **ever-decreasing** expenses of producing live virtual conferences

Here is a suggestion to future conference organizers: you might want to hold your next event in the online world.

Findmypast announces New & Improved Irish Civil Registration Indexes Available (March 13, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 13, 2018 · Online Sites · No Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at Findmypast. The article was sent Friday, March 9, although I did not receive it until today because of my travels:

The home of the world's largest online collection of Irish family history records, Findmypast, today announces the publication of two new and improved Irish Civil Registration Indexes.

Both collections are completely free to search and explore, providing family historians around the world with even greater chances of learning more about the lives of their Irish ancestors.

The two indexes, the Ireland Civil Birth Registers Index and Ireland Civil Marriage Index, contain over 5.3 million transcripts of Irish civil births and marriages compiled from original entries in General Register Office registers. Today's release marks the first phase of a collection that will continue to grow as additional records are added throughout 2018.

Created by Findmypast from images held by IrishGenealogy.ie, these new and improved transcripts include a variety of additional details including the names of both parents (including mother's maiden name), father's occupation, and residence.

Transcripts of births also contain exact birth dates, while marriage transcripts will reveal the couple's religious denomination, residences, occupations and marital status.

The extra details Findmypast have transcribed provide researchers with more search options, allowing them to explore the GRO registers with even greater accuracy. Civil marriages can now be searched by the names of both the bride and groom while births can

be searched by the names of both parents, allowing family historians to quickly and easily identify any children born to that couple.

The General Register Office of Ireland (Oifig An Ard-Chláraitheora) is the central civil repository for records relating to births, stillbirths, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships, and adoptions in Ireland.

The Office recently published their nationwide collection of birth and marriage records on their own website, www.irishgenealogy.ie, and Findmypast is pleased to offer a rich index enabling researchers to locate these important documents with greater ease than ever before.

Each of Findmypast's new transcripts will also include a link to www.irishgenealogy.ie, where images of the original documents can be found. These images are completely free to access and may provide a variety of valuable additional details.

By clicking this link, researchers will be taken to the source website where they will first need to check a CAPTCHA box. They will then be required to enter their name and check another box to be taken to the image of the original register.

Brian Donovan, head of Irish data at Findmpyast, said; *"With more than twice the number of Irish records than any other genealogy site, Findmypast is proud to be improving access to the GRO's vital collections of birth and marriage records. Moreover, we are once again releasing these records for free forever, just like we did with the pre-1901 census records and the Roman Catholic parish registers, making Irish genealogy that much easier and cheaper for all. It's a privilege to work with these records and we look forward to making further updates to the indexes in the near future."*

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Internet Genealogy

We have received the February/March 2018, Volume 12, Number 6 issue of Internet Genealogy.

Key articles in this issue are:

"At Your Service: The Generous Genealogist"
By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk offers five ways to consider assisting other family historians in their research quests.

"Bringing Ancestor Stories to Life with Animoto"
By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo reviews an online video service to help you create and share family stories.

"That's Entertainment!"
        By George G. Morgan

George G. Morgan looks at our American ancestors' amusements in the first half of the 20th century.

"10 Databases You didn't Know Were on Ancestry.com"
        By Gena Philbert-Ortega

Gena Philbert-Ortega shows you how to find hidden treasures on Ancestry.com.

"Do You Have Lost Irish Ancestors?"
        By Jill Browne

Jill Browne says it's a longshot, but researching Cobh may help.

"Tampa Florida Moves Into the Future"
        By Leslie Michele Derrough

Leslie Michele Derrough speaks with George G. Morgan about the importance of preserving genealogical records at the local level.

"Airships and Family History"
        By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at Zeppelin Passenger Lists and US Navy Airship Records.

"Digital Library on American Slavery … and More!"
        By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard highlights online resources that you might find helpful In researching pre-1870 slavery records.

"Dave Obee Says Some Brick Walls are Destined to Remain Unbreakable"
        By Dave Obee

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:

Kit Houses @
        http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kit_house

Digital Panopticon @
www.digitalpanopticon.org

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair @
www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair

GenealogyBank – Free eBooks on Select Research Topics @
www.genealogybank.com

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "At Your Service: The Generous Genealogist". The author of the article is Sue Lisk.

The author suggests that there are five ways in which you might consider assisting other family historians. These are:

- **Mentor Other Genealogists**
    - Not necessarily the same as teaching.
    - Be willing to offer advice to someone or to orient someone who may have no idea where to turn.
    - You should stress to other genealogists to be adaptive to new situations and not to expect familiar research techniques to work all the time.
    - Share stories that inspire and encourage.
    - Motivate others to find creative ways to solve challenging problems.
    - Offer words of praise to who you are mentoring.

- **Index or Transcribe Records**
    - Create a free account with FamilySearch.
    - Click on the Indexing Tab at the top of the page.
    - Take a guided tour of the process.
    - Read "Basic Indexing Guidelines".
    - Choose the project you would like to work on. Choose a project applicable to your own language skills. Don't pick a project on Polish records if you do not have a familiarity with the language.
    - Your handwriting interpretations skills will increase over time

- **Pursue a Pet Project**
    - If you love photography perhaps you would be interested in working on photographic collections. You can help to identify, organize, preserve and share the material.
    - Search out the actual area where your ancestors lived and try to capture a sense of the place back to that time.
    - If you like history you may decide to study old schoolhouses in a rural area where your ancestors lived. You could write about these

discoveries. All of the details of your research could be written up and shared.

- o Maybe you are a wonderful communicator as well as an expert in a region where your ancestors lived. Maybe you could offer informal tours to other relatives visiting the area.

- **Contribute to Find A Grave**

  - o Consider visiting local cemeteries that perhaps have not been widely incorporated into Find A Grave.

  - o A new section of Find A Grave now allows you to transcribe gravestones via photos that other members have uploaded.

  - o GPS information can also be included within the newly remodeled Find A Grave website.

  - o You can add biographical information about the person in the grave if you feel you have accurate information and are not speculating.

- **Share Your Stories**

  - o Don't let those discovered stories die away. You were able to capture the stories pertaining to your research. Share them, via any online tree you may already have created.

  - o If you write about one of your ancestors and the stories associated with them, give a copy of your write-up to a local archives or historical society or genealogical society.

  - o Consider starting your own blog where these discovered stories can be shared.

The article also provides a nice list of 10 items that are associated with being a good mentor. Here is that list:

- Offer assistance only when asked; no one appreciates a know-it-all.

- Provide guidance in their areas of expertise.

- Direct others to potentially useful sources, especially ones available at no cost, when possible.

- Emphasize the importance of being flexible and open-minded when approaching unfamiliar situations.

- Inspire others to learn and find solutions on their own.

- Act as sounding boards, while withholding judgement.

- Suggest original ways of approaching difficult puzzles.

- Promote responsible genealogical practices.

- Encourage those they help to share their findings.

- Share the joy of discovery!

These are some great points.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "10 Databases You Didn't Know Were on Ancestry.com". The author of the article is Gena Philbert-Ortega.

The author notes that we are all probably familiar with the key records on Ancestry.com such as Census records, City Directory records and many others. But what about the gems that are there that you may not have run into because your searching for ancestors did not discover one in those. Maybe worse, maybe you only do a global search across the tens of thousands of databases within Ancestry.com and don't even … or care … about all the individual databases. I am a big believer in at least being aware of some of these databases and doing searching only within these databases.

But how do you discover the hidden gems databases at Ancestry.com?

The author suggests a couple of ways to search. First, from the Ancestry.com homepage, click on the word "Search" found at the top black toolbar. Hover over it and see the list of selectable items. The author suggests selecting "All Collections". This will take you to a Search page which includes:

- A Search Engine

- Links to Special Collections

- A hyperlinked list of your recently viewed collections

- A map (if you click on a state/province or country you will be taken to a page with a list of all the databases for that place.)

The author also suggests the other place to explore is the "Card Catalog" under the "Search" tab at the top of the Ancestry homepage. The Card Catalog is searchable by title or keyword. The title search is great if you know the exact title of the database. If you do not know the exact name of the database, then use the Keyword field. This allows you to search by a word that might describe the database. The author cautions that this search can be finicky and will not distinguish between "postcard" and "postcards". So, there may be a database with the word "postcard" but if you use "postcards" you will not receive a hit back.

The author encourages using the above two resources under the search tab to discover new individual databases that you may not be familiar with.

The author does provide a list of the databases that are her favorites to search individually and limit the number of "hits" you receive so you can better analyze the smaller number of results rather than have them included in a results list of thousands when you do a global search.

Here are the author's list of her favorites:

- *Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI) @*
  http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4394
    - An index of biographical works from the 19th and 20th centuries.
    - It is an index so very little information is provided.
    - Capture the bibliographic information and use digitized books websites to make the full discoveries.
- *U.S. Historical Postcards @*
  http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8705
    - You can find 115,000 postcards in this database.

- o Search by keyword (school, church, etc.) or a location.
- *Library of Congress Photo Collection @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1028
    - o You can find 340,000 public domain photographs and prints.
    - o Because they are in the public domain you can use them for your own family history book or website.
    - o Search the collection by keyword such as place an ancestor lived.
- *Historic Catalogs of Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1896-1993 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1670
    - o Department store catalogs were important for our ancestors. It was the Amazon.com of the day for them before the internet.
    - o Great reference tool for looking up a family heirloom you may have discovered.
    - o Great to learn what our ancestors were using and buying during their time period.
- *Historical Newspapers. Births, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851-2003 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=50000
    - o Great idea to search an index first to find the ancestor of interest and then use the details to find it in the actual newspaper.
    - o Some newspapers in the database are:
        - ▪ New York Times (1851-2003)
        - ▪ Chicago Tribune (1850-1985)
        - ▪ Washington Post (1877-1990)
- *U.S. Craftperson Files, 1600-1995 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9063
    - o Includes women and their occupations
    - o Information on the cards includes:
        - ▪ Name of the person
        - ▪ Occupation
        - ▪ Working dates
        - ▪ Birth and Death dates
        - ▪ Where they lived
        - ▪ What they made
        - ▪ Notes about their professional lives
- *U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1264
    - o Lists the value, assessment or enumeration of taxable income or items and the amount of tax due.

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- o Not all state are covered and some that are covered may only be for 1 year and not the full range of years in the title of the material.

- *Associate Press, Name Card Index to AP Stories, 1905-1990 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=50018
    - o You may have had an ancestor named in a newspaper article that was carried by the Associated Press that can be discovered here for the timeframe covered.

- *U.S. School Catalogs, 1765-1935 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2203
    - o Covers 43 states
    - o Includes the names of faculty, students and others
    - o Information is from catalogs, obituary records, class histories, speeches, class reports, registers and other sources.

- *U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963 @* http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2375
    - o Can discover military information about an ancestor via the application record.
    - o Signatures of family members who submitted the application can be discovered.

Don't just immediately start searching Ancestry.com across the vastness of all of the databases. Take some time to discover individual databases by type of database, place, and any other creative term that might apply to your ancestors. Find the individual database and then search only within that database to peruse through meaningful and manageable hits to make discoveries quicker and easier.

This is another wonderful issue of <u>Internet Genealogy</u>. Check out the Table of Contents of the variety of articles included above. See which ones match to your own research interests. Consider making personal copies for yourself to help with your research.

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

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BOOKS IN PRINT

We have added a book titled *Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize Your Digital Life* to our circulating collection. The author of the book is Melody Condron. The book was published in 2017. It was added to our circulating collection in March 2018. It consists of 149 pages. The call number of this newly added book is 929.1 CONDRON, M. You will be able to find this book in our genealogy section of circulating material on the 2nd floor of our library.

While the book is not 100% genealogy related, so much of genealogical research is digital today that the material can help you manage all of your own digital photos and documents that are part of your genealogy research.

Here is a small summary of the book found online at:

https://www.booklistonline.com/Managing-the-Digital-You-Where-and-How-to-Keep-and-Organize-Your-Digital-Life-Melody-Condron/pid=8756649.

"This compact primer by librarian Condron outlines both the why and the how of approaching the mammoth task of organizing one's digital life. In the preface, Cordon presents four simple, compelling reasons for taking on the project: loss avoidance, ease of sharing and collaboration, personal digital archiving, and ease of access during an emergency. The succeeding eight chapters systematically walk the reader through how to approach and execute the project. Chapters 1 and 2 are mandatory reading as they outline the guided assessment, or determining what you own and its value, and best practice for file-naming conventions and organizational structure. Readers may dip into the remaining chapters for tips specific to areas of interest, including legacy planning (your digital will), digital correspondence, photos, social-media accounts, legal documents, and other media. The short, straightforward chapters are broken up by useful illustrations, screenshots, and tips (Google Docs and backup files are not synonymous) and conclude with learning objectives or summary. Appendixes of blank forms and digital-archiving resources follow."

— *Magan Szwarek* (For full disclosure, Magan is my manager at work and is our library's Head of Reference.)

Chapters noted in the book are as follows:

Chapter 1   -   Getting Started: Finding Your Files, Assessing Value, And Making a Plan

Chapter 2   -   Naming, Structuring and Organizing Files

Chapter 3   -   Legal, Financial, and Medical Documents

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Announcing The Imbueapp – Turn Every Item Into A Time Capsule (February 14, 2018)

Dick Eastman · February 14, 2018 · Software · One Comment

The following announcement was written by the folks at the Imbue Digital Corporation:

Save family memories with the Imbueapp. A free iOS app delivering trusted long-term storage for cherished family memories. Imbue uses machine learning to identify photos, antiques, heirlooms, etc. and turns them into time capsules for future generations.

VICTORIA, BC, Canada– February 10, 2018 – Innovator, Keith Wells, also the Founder of digital sports highlight distribution leader, SendtoNews Video Inc., is ready to unveil his latest project, the **Imbueapp:**

Using a smartphone camera image, **Imbueapp** captures your precious items and remembers them using machine learning from Google Cloud Vision API; you then add audio or video to the items, explaining where they came from, who they belonged to, and why they are special. Using cloud storage and the Google recognition software, the Imbueapp connects the two permanently so that future generations can identify your family treasures and the stories associated with them.

"Capturing the voices of parents and grandparents makes sense, because voices go silent unexpectedly." said founder Keith Wells.

The app is FREE to download. With a PAY FORWARD account, your memories are preserved in the cloud for a generation (25 years), so you can be certain the memories will live on.

What would you Imbue?

Download **Imbueapp** for iPhone here

Or go to **imbueapp.com**

"We don't own our family history. We simply preserve it for the next generation." Rosemary Alva

Testimonials:

"What would you Imbue or wish your loved one had Imbued? I personally wish I could hear my mom telling me the stories behind some of the jewelry she left to me."

"This is amazing. I wish I could hear my grandparents voice again."

"I am very bad at keeping track of material items and remembering their history. This would be perfect for me"

Keith has been on the cutting edge of digital and Internet technology and New Media since 1998, and used his extensive knowledge of newsroom workflow to support the growth of SendtoNews Video Inc., the #2 provider of digital sports highlights in the United States and #1 in Canada.

About the Imbueapp

Imbue Digital Corporation was founded in 2017 and is a startup dedicated to the trusted long-term storage of digital memories. Imbue is working with Machine Learning, AI, AR, cloud and blockchain to develop creative solutions for individuals and for industry. The

company is founded by technology veterans and is headquartered in Victoria, British Columbia.

Family history is a 2-plus billion dollar industry that is expected to grow to nearly 3 billion by 2018.

We are attending Rootstech 2018 in Salt Lake City – Feb 28 – Mar 4. Booth number **#108B in the Innovation Alley**

Tropy: A New App that Helps Create Order out of Research Disorder (March 26, 2018)

Dick Eastman · March 26, 2018 · Software · One Comment

I haven't had a chance to use this program yet but it sounds like a great method of organizing the photographs and scanned images you take of various documents encountered during your family history research. It is advertised as, "Take control of your research photos with **Tropy**, a tool that shortens the path from finding archival sources to writing about them. Spend more time using your research photos, and less time searching for them."

Tropy is a **FREE**, open-source desktop application for Windows, Macintosh, and Linux that is designed to help researchers organize and describe the photos they take in archives in intuitive and useful ways. It allows users to group photos of research materials, annotate images, add metadata, export to other applications, and easily search their collections.

Tropy is designed to be easy to use, even for people not particularly comfortable using digital technology. Detailed documentation on Tropy.org describes what researchers can and cannot do with the application, provides instructions for basic use of the software, and answers common questions. For issues not addressed in the documentation, an active forum allows researchers to ask questions, troubleshoot specific problems, and suggest changes or ask for additional features.

Tropy only allows researchers to import photos as JPEGs, PNGs, and SVGs. However, it does not import PDF files.

More information about Tropy may be found at http://bit.ly/2IQYE6h while the program itself and detailed documentation may be found on Tropy.org.

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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:

Ancestry.com went down today, so I spent some time with family.

They seem like nice people.

Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches

My hobby is genealogy. I raise dust bunnies as pets.

someecards
user card

I'm not always researching genealogy..

Sometimes I am sleeping.

Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches

SORRY

THE ARCHIVES ARE CLOSED TODAY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Here Is A Direct Link To the Calendar:

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

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

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**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at 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.
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.
Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM
Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM
Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/

May 8
TUE
2018

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"How To Deal with Other Genealogists Without Going Crazy" (Live Webinar)
Presented by Thomas MacEntee, via off-site webinar.
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

May 16
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DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 16, 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.
"**What's New on the Internet for Genealogists**".
Presented by Caron Brennan.
Society website at www.dcgs.org.
Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/
DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum

May 19
SAT
2018

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).
May 19, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library
"**Gone But Not Forgotten**".
Presented by Bob Allen.
Society website at www.caggni.org.

Jun 12
TUE
2018

Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"
No Speaker
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.
Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

June 23
SAT
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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.
Society website at www.caggni.org

Jul 10
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Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.
130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM.
"Why Am I Stuck? 10 Solutions to Common Genealogical Problems"

	Presented by Marsha Peterson-Maass. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Jul 21 SAT 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). July 21, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library "**Using Social Media to Build an Ancestor's Story**". **Presented by Susan Mayer**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Aug 14 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Sharing with Others: How To Convey Evidence"** **Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Aug 18 SAT 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). August 18, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library "**Beyond the Census**". **Presented by Janis Minor Forte**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Sep 11 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"** No Speaker Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 15 SAT 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). 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**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Oct 9 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"How DNA Can Help Your Genealogy"** **Presented by Steve Szabados**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Oct 20 SAT	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). October 20, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

2018	Library "**To Be Determined**". **Presented by Jeffrey Bockman**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Nov 13 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Mapping the Past: Navigating Your Family History with Maps"** **Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Nov 17 SAT 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). November 17, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library "**Historical Figure (To Be Determined) and Holiday Party**". **Presented by To Be Determined**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Dec 11 TUE 2018	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"** No Speaker Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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*Feb 12 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Genealogy Research at the Newberry"** **Presented by Matt Rutherford**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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