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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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JULY 10, 2018 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

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

The title of this program is "Why Am I Stuck?: 10 Solutions to Common Genealogical Brick Walls". The guest speaker for this program is Marsha Peterson-Maass.

Come early to review genealogical materials. At 7:45 p.m. guest presenter Marsha Peterson-Maass shares 10 solutions to common genealogical brick walls that most genealogists encounter, including search strategies, helpful record types, networking tips and more.

Marsha got her start in genealogy in high school when she entered a family history project in the State of Illinois History competition and tied for state champion. Her first formal training in genealogy was at The Newberry Library, Chicago, in a beginner's class that she now teaches. She is the author of the Fundamentals of Genealogy® textbook series, and today, along with teaching and lecturing on a wide range of topics, Marsha has a thriving forensic genealogy practice, called "Commercial DNA Analysis Services," where she analyzes people's commercial DNA test results.

Fundamentals of Genealogy®: The Most Helpful Tools You've Never Used and *Fundamentals of Genealogy®: Basics for Everyone* will be available for purchase for $20 each (a 20% discount).

 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:

<p style="text-align:center">http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/How_to_make_a_family_tree</p>

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 243 participants that have returned a filled-out questionnaire to me over many years. *(In fact, the questionnaire has just recently been revised as of March 2018 to include questions on family trees being uploaded and to what locations and DNA testing as well as through which companies. The questionnaire has also been revised to allow multiple responses to a variety of the questions. The revised questionnaire is now included in all of the "Welcome" packages I hand out to new participants at our monthly program. Those that may have submitted the "old" questionnaire to me are certainly welcome to submit the new updated one back to me. I bring extra copies of this revised questionnaire to our program just for that purpose for those interested in filling out the new revised one.)* 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 program participants are searching for a total of 1,846 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. Look for the red binder in the area of the handout material at our programs. I will make

additions/deletions to the participants that will be reflected in the listing of participants contained in the red binder.

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

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter April 25, 2018, April 26, 2018, May 7, 2018, May 8, 2018, May 12, 2018, May 16, 2018 and are copyright 2018 by Richard W. Eastman.   They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com.

DNA Basics: How DNA Testing Works (April 25, 2018)

Dick Eastman · April 25, 2018 · DNA · No Comments

The MyHeritage employees have been posting a series of articles in the MyHeritage Blog explaining how DNA works and how it is useful for providing information about one's family origins. Some of the articles include videos that explain some of the topics covered. Five of these tutorials have been posted so far.

If you would like to learn how DNA works, you might want to read these articles. Start at: https://blog.myheritage.com/?s=DNA+Basics+Chapter.

DNA that Cracked the 'Golden State Killer' Case came from Genealogy Websites (April 26, 2018)

Dick Eastman · April 26, 2018 · DNA · 26 Comments

According to officials, DNA from ancestry websites led to the arrest of the suspected "Golden State Killer," Joseph James DeAngelo. Following the news, Ancestry websites 23andMe and Ancestry.com quickly released statements on the findings, saying mainly that they do not know if their services aided in the arrest of DeAngelo or not.

Investigators knew the killer only through a string of DNA recorded at several of the dozen murder scenes. A spokesman for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department said officials had struggled for years to figure out whom that DNA belonged to. Recently, they tapped genealogical databases that the public uses to search for relatives and ancestors.

You can read more and watch a video from KGO-TV about this news at: http://abc7ne.ws/2HtOr2B and a somewhat different view of the same story, including a different video, on the WSLS News web site at http://bit.ly/2JuzVEl.

Thief Sentenced for Stealing Artifacts from the National Archives (May 7, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 7, 2018 · Current Affairs · 3 Comments

The following is from the AOTUS Blog, written by David S. Ferriero, the Archivist of the United States:

"By stealing World War II records from the National Archives and Records Administration and selling them to collectors, a thief victimized the American people and damaged the agency entrusted with safeguarding our nation's records. Antonin DeHays recently received 364 days in prison and three years on probation, eight months of which are to be served in home confinement, along with 100 hours of community service, for the theft of records from the National Archives.

"DeHays, a private researcher, stole and sold identification tags and related items from files of American servicemen whose planes were downed in Europe during World War II, as well as other original records from the National Archives at College Park.

"Judge Theodore D. Chuang sentenced DeHays at the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, Maryland, also ordering him to pay $43,456.96 restitution to those who unknowingly purchased the stolen goods. Chuang said DeHays committed 'an egregious, morally repugnant crime' of 'auctioning of our history to the highest bidder.'"

You can read the rest of the article at: http://bit.ly/2jG5MHq.

Introducing the Health Family Tree (May 8, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 8, 2018 · DNA, Online Sites · One Comment

I am surprised that not all the genealogy and DNA web sites and genealogy programs do this. It certainly should be a major concern for every family. The following is an excerpt from a new entry in the MyHeritage Blog:

We are happy to release a new layer to your family history experience on MyHeritage: the Health Family Tree. This is a free feature, currently in beta mode and initially available to all MyHeritage users who have taken a MyHeritage DNA test or uploaded DNA data to MyHeritage, and who manage a family tree with at least 7 people in it. It will be made available later to many more users.

Overview

The Health Family Tree is a private and secure area on your MyHeritage family site, intended to help you document the health conditions of your close family members, both living and deceased, in one convenient place. You can then share this information (if you wish) as a printout. The motivation is simple: you'll be able to communicate to healthcare professionals more efficiently information about health conditions that run in your family.

The Health Family Tree is not intended to replace your genealogy family tree and it doesn't include functions for adding, editing or removing people. Instead, it is automatically created as a subset of your genealogical tree, and you can use it to conveniently annotate health conditions of your family members. The Health Family Tree is available only to family site managers. If you use it, nobody but you can see it, not even your own family members on your family site. In the future, we may provide options for you to share and collaborate on the Health Family Tree with other close family members that you select. If we do so, it will be opt-in so you will always be in full control of who can see the information. For now, the information remains for your eyes only. All information is stored securely.

You can read a lot more about this new offering, including instructions on how to access your Health Family Tree, in the *MyHeritage Blog* at:

https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/05/introducing-the-health-family-tree.

23andMe Sues Ancestry.com With a Patent Suit Concerning DNA Kits (May 12, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 12, 2018 · DNA, Legal Affairs · 17 Comments

According to an article in *Law360.com* at http://bit.ly/2IeBKZV:

Law360 (May 11, 2018, 7:49 PM EDT) — Genealogy company 23andMe Inc. hit rival Ancestry.com with a false advertising and patent infringement lawsuit in California federal court on Friday, seeking to invalidate its "Ancestry" trademark and claiming the company sells a DNA-based ancestry test that infringes 23andMe's patent.

The suit accuses the Utah-based Ancestry.com of infringing its patent since 2013 by selling AncestryDNA kits that identify a person's relatives who share parts of their DNA. 23andMe also claims that Ancestry.com has been misleading customers by running a "perpetual sale" and by falsely claiming in ads that it tests five times more regions than its rivals.

"Defendants' repeated pattern of false and misleading advertising has caused, and will continue to cause irreparable injury to 23andMe's reputation, goodwill and business, if not enjoined," the suit says.

The complete article with all the details may be found at: http://bit.ly/2IeBKZV. To read the entire article, you must register on the site and provide your name and email address. However, registration is free and will provide seven days' access to the articles on the site.

Social Security Cards Issued by Woolworth (May 16, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 16, 2018 · Off Topic · No Comments

The most misused Social Security Number of all time was 078-05-1120. In 1938, wallet manufacturer the E. H. Ferree company in Lockport, New York decided to promote its product by showing how a Social Security card would fit into its wallets. A sample card, used for display purposes, was inserted in each wallet. Company Vice President and Treasurer Douglas Patterson thought it would be a clever idea to use the actual SSN of his secretary, Mrs. Hilda Schrader Whitcher.

The wallet was sold by Woolworth stores and other department stores all over the country. Even though the card was only half the size of a real card, was printed all in red, and had the word "specimen" written across the face, many purchasers of the wallet adopted the SSN as their own. In the peak year of 1943, 5,755 people were using Hilda's number. SSA acted to eliminate the problem by voiding the number and publicizing that it was incorrect to use it. (Mrs. Whitcher was given a new number.) However, the number continued to be used for many years. In all, over 40,000 people reported this as their SSN. As late as 1977, 12 people were found to still be using the SSN "issued by Woolworth."

The New York wallet manufacturer was not the only one to cause confusion about Social Security numbers. More than a dozen similar cases have occurred over the years. You can read more in the Social Security Administration's web site at: https://www.ssa.gov/history/ssn/misused.html.

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2018. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN ON A STILL UNDETERMINED DAY

POSSIBLY IN AUGUST 2018 (POSSIBLY AUGUST 11, 2018) INSTEAD OF A SEPTEMBER PROGRAM THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning August 11, 2018 (Needs Verification?). The program for the morning is titled **"*To Be Determined*"**.   The speaker for the morning will be **To Be Determined**.

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.

THERE ARE NO PROGRAMS SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2018

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, September 19, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is **"*To Be Determined*"**. The speaker for the program will be **To Be Determined**.

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, July 21, 2018 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is ***"Using Social History to Build An Ancestor's Story"***. The speaker will be **Susan Mayer.**

What happened between the who, what and when of census data and birth, marriage and death certificates? Researching social history, the study of time and place of everyday people, lets you develop intriguing narratives that will transport readers back to the world your ancestor inhabited. Websites, archives and libraries for discovering a variety of social history themes will be discussed.

Susan Mayer holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science with a certificate in Special Collections from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is a full-time researcher, DAR member and presents classes on genealogy around the Midwest.

The CAGGNI group will be holding a special all-day conference on June 23, 2018 at the NIU Conference Center in Hoffman Estates at 5555 Trillium Drive from 8am to 4pm. All details of the all-day GeneaQuest Conference can be found at the society's website just below.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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Announcing the Virtual Genealogical Society (April 30, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [April 30, 2018](#) · [Societies](#) · [No Comments](#)

        So many other things are virtual in today's world, why not a genealogy society? The following announcement was written by the organizers of the Virtual Genealogical Society:

    The Virtual Genealogical Society is a global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels, geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

    The Virtual Genealogical Society began with the recognition that many family history enthusiasts are merging technology and globalization in their genealogical pursuits. We aim to provide a forum for genealogists to connect, network, and mentor with genealogists around the world through monthly meetings online, webinars, social networking, annual conferences, and in-person meet-ups at conferences, institutes and events around the world.

    Membership is just $20 per year and provides:

- 24/7 access to Members-Only section of website

- Recorded monthly webinars by nationally-known speakers
- Webinar handouts
- Live chat with featured speakers in members-only Facebook group
- Fillable PDF forms for family history research
- Digitized monthly newsletter
- Eligibility for prizes offered during monthly webinars
- Access to Special Interest Group (SIG) discussions and handout
- Discount on annual virtual conference registration cost
- Eligibility for prizes during annual virtual conference
- Discounts on genealogy software, databases, publications and products
- Members-only Facebook group for networking, mentoring, and socializing

The Virtual Genealogical Society encourages all members to continue joining the genealogical societies in their local area and/or in the area where their ancestors lived. These societies can provide additional benefits that include:

- Access to their local database of records and indexes
- Mentorship from society members with expertise in local records and repositories
- Field trips to area repositories

The Virtual Genealogical Society will be hosting a three-day virtual conference from November 1-3, 2019. Confirmed presenters are listed on our website: http://virtualgensoc.com/

For more information, contact us at info@virtualgensoc.com or visit http://virtualgensoc.com/.

Some Genealogy Sites Closing Due to EU's General Data Protection Regulation (May 18, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 18, 2018 · Current Affairs, DNA · 2 Comments

The following is a message posted to the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' mailing list by Jan Meisels Allen:

The IAJGS Records Access Alert has written about the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) numerous times—including how in the Netherlands they are removing certain genealogically-relevant documents from their website due to the GDPR. The GDPR becomes effective May 25, 2018

In DNAeXplained-Genetic Genealogy by Roberta Estes she reports that several genealogical firms are also closing down due to the privacy provisions of and compliance with the GDPR:

World Famous Network, a Y-DNA project is shutting down on May 23rd —two days before the GDPR becomes effective. Ms. Estes says the hosted projects will revert their project pages at FamilyTree DNA but the data that does not come from FamilyTree DNA may be blank.

Y-Search and Mitosearch will close by end of May according to their Forum said a FamilyTree DNA representative. These were databases where one could match actual

marker values. While not saying these two are closing due to GDPR, the timing is at least "curious".

To read the posting see:

https://dna-explained.com/2018/05/14/world-families-network-ysearch-and-mitosearch-bite-the-dust-thanks-so-much-gdpr/

To read the previous IAJGS Records Access Alert postings about the European Union's GDPR, privacy issues , and more go to:

http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts/.

You must be registered to access the archives. To register go to: http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access and follow the instructions to enter your email address, full name and which genealogical organization with whom you are affiliated You will receive an email response that you have to reply to or the subscription will not be finalized.

Jan Meisels Allen
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Your Genealogy Today

We have received the May/June 2018, Volume 4, Number 2 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Stairways to Heaven: Searching for That Old Time Religion"
By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk suggests five things to help you determine the religious or spiritual leanings of your ancestors.

"DNA: Life After Death"
By Judy G. Russell

"A Family Scandal in the Headlines"
By Robbie Gorr

Robbie Gore recounts how using newspapers helped to unravel a family secret.

"The House That Once Was"
    By George Matheson

George Matheson researches the home of his great grandparents.

"Follow the Money"
    By Ed Storey

Ed Storey recommends that you follow the advice of film noir era investigators when searching asset-related records.

"Bank Checks and Genealogy"
    By David A. Norris

David A. Norris says that old cancelled checks can be a source of valuable family history.

"Do You Have Tar Heels in Your Family Tree? (Part 2)"
    By Diane L. Richard

Diane L. Richard looks at history and record idiosyncrasies you want to know about – Part 2.

"The Irish in Victorian England – and How To Find Them"
    By Joe Grandinetti

Joe Grandinetti offers some hints and resources to help in locating Irish ancestors who sought a better life across the Irish Sea.

"The Ins and Outs of Dragon Hunting"
    By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk offers strategies to help you slay those genealogical dragons.
"Survival Skills for Genealogy Conference Speakers"
    By Lisa A. Alzo

Lisa A. Alzo offers advice for handling the unexpected while presenting at genealogy events.

"Dave Obee Shines a Light on Future Access to Information for Genealogists"
    By Dave Obee

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled "Stairways to Heaven: Searching for That Old Time Religion". The author of the article is Sue Lisk.

I know that for me using Roman Catholic Church records has enabled me to uncover an incredible amount of family history information on my ancestors. That was possible for me because in a current setting our family is Roman Catholic as was the previous generation and the previous and for me going back still seeing that my Polish ancestors were Roman Catholic back then.

What if you do not know the religious affiliation of an ancestral line you are researching? Well, you can always search for ancestors among Civil Records. And you may find them and now add on both a religious and civil amount of information to their lives. You may discover that for that particular locality Civil Records did not start being captured until 1910 and you know of your ancestors in that locality for a hundred years before. Civil records will not help you for that case because they in essence did not exist yet. Knowing a religious affiliation can lead you to the records of your ancestors because church records have been captured for hundreds of years. As an example for Roman Catholic Church Records, it was required that information on births, marriages and deaths be captured as early as 1530. Does not mean you will find any because the church itself was slow to come around to the requirement. It could have been 100 years or more before the practice of capturing this data started.

The author puts together a 5-step process to put into play that can help you discover a religious affiliation of an ancestor to gain more information.

The 5 items are:

- *View Vital Records*

    o Look for the death certificate and see if it mentions the location for burial that connects to a religious group e.g. Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran etc.

    o Even if a death certificate connects you a cemetery that is not obviously of a religious orientation, check out the gravesite itself. The headstone of the deceased may even have some religious iconography that can lead you to their religious affiliation.

    o The National Cemetery Administration under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs approves specific emblems of belief on Government headstones and markers. You can see some of these symbols that are currently available at www.cem.va.gov/hmm/emblems.asp.

- *Study Censuses*

    o Census takers may have made mistakes. In communities where most people belonged to a particular faith, the enumerator may have marked down this affiliation for the first of many and then dittoed the rest in order. Was not always true but it could give an idea of a religious affiliation to check further.

    o As areas were developed in the U.S., perhaps an ancestor's religious affiliation was unable to be met by clerics of that faith. However, their religious needs might have been fulfilled by clerics of other faiths e.g. Lutheran needs may have been fulfilled by a Methodist circuit rider of the times.

    o Check local histories of census areas for how they evolved over generations as to religious beliefs. Schaumburg, IL started out with a large majority of Germans. One of the earliest churches of Schaumburg was St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Maybe an ancestor of yours was a German Lutheran??

    o Trace the religion of a spouse prior to marriage. It was not that uncommon that once a marriage took place, the spouse may have converted to the religion of the other spouse.

- *Peruse the Press*
  - Check out the newspapers for your ancestors
    - Find obituaries that often indicated where a church service prior to burial was to occur. Perhaps the church name is not indicative of a specified religion. Check the local history for the area that may note who the church served.
    - An obituary may also mention a minister's name. Perhaps it is not clear of the religious affiliation of that minister. Use the newspapers to search for his name in other articles that may contain their religious affiliation.
    - Find an article that describes a wedding of an ancestor. A church may be mentioned where the wedding took place as well as a religious figure that presided over the wedding. The religion may represent that of the spouse and not that of your ancestor.
    - Maybe a newspaper article describes a church picnic in which an ancestor is mentioned. Perhaps that is the religion of your ancestor.

- *Rummage Through Religious Objects*
  - Your family may have accumulated many religious articles over many years that can lead you to draw an inference to a religious affiliation.
    - Prayer cards are common for Christian associations.
    - Crucifix connects to Roman Catholic
    - Rosaries are connected to Roman Catholics
    - Mass cards indicate Roman Catholic connections
    - Yarmulkes are associated with the Jewish faith
    - Copy of the Torah is associated with the Jewish religion
    - A bible could connect you with either Protestant or Catholic

- *Pore Over Personal Documents and Photos*
  - A letter might include congratulations on a Confirmation (could be Catholic or Protestant)
  - A letter might describe a Bar Mitzvah which is Jewish
  - Wedding photos might have pictures of churches that are described on the back of the photo helping you determine a religious affiliation
  - Perhaps you will discover actual baptism, confirmation or marriage certificates associated with the religious affiliation

Discovering a religious, affiliation can open up so many more types of records to hunt for within the records of that affiliation. If you do not know the affiliation, follow the above tips creatively to see if you can determine it. Good luck on your quest.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled "DNA: Life After Death". The author of this article is Judy G. Russell who is known as the "Legal Genealogist" through the blog that she writes on legal matters as they relate to genealogy.

For many of today we have submitted our DNA to a variety of companies for DNA testing. We may have also been able to encourage many of our family and those even older than us to submit their DNA. The older of a family member you have that can submit DNA can give you connections to even deeper family DNA connections.

Many of you may have older family members that have been very helpful with your genealogical research. Perhaps they went along with your request for them to have their DNA tested. Consider yourself lucky. That does not always happen.

This article brings up an interesting twist to getting your even older family members tested with their DNA. Unfortunately, it comes after they have passed away. Yes, it is not too late to have your more elderly connections tested for DNA.

The author of the article states that even after death there is still an opportunity to capture DNA for testing from an elderly deceased relation. If you have "legal" authority or permission from the family member who has legal authority you can actually make it a reality for a DNA test from a recently deceased individual. The author notes that one DNA tsting company, Family Tree DNA will accept post-mortem DNA swab samples. The key here is that you cannot capture "spit" but the procedure must be a swab from the deceased individual's cheek area just as if it would come from a living person.

So if you think you have the possibility of testing someone elderly that is near death and for whom you have legal authority or have it obtained permission from someone who does, then the author suggests you prepare in the following manner:

- ***Buy a Test***
    - o Even if you do not have time to get a test kit from Family Tree DNA, contact the company and get the test kit ordered.

- ***Get the Supplies You Will Need To Get the DNA Sample***
    - o If time allows, get the test kit shipped overnight.
    - o If there is no time to wait for material from Family Tree DNA, see if a local pharmacy sells a test kit that uses swabs (not a kit that uses tubes for saliva).
    - o Ask the funeral home if it provides sample collection as a service. (A friend recently told me that the family was asked by the funeral home director if they wanted materials collected from the deceased for a DNA test. It would have been very expensive and it did not appear to be for a cheek swab but rather for a blood test for DNA.)
    - o If all else fails purchase a pair of cotton swabs (Q-tips?) and find a small paper bag. It is necessary that the swabs that would be used must be stored in a paper bag, not a plastic bag.

- ***Collect the Sample***
    - o All that is needed is rubbing one swab firmly on the inside of each cheek for at least 60 seconds.
    - o If you are uncomfortable doing this, ask the funeral director.
    - o If the funeral director balks for legal reasons, make sure you have signed permission from the next of kin or perhaps you are the legal representative of the person.

- ***Send the Sample to the Lab***
    - o If you collected from the test kit provided by Family Tree DNA, follow the directions for putting the swabs into the containment vessels.
    - o If you used a cotton swab not supplied from the testing company, let the swab air dry and place in a paper bag to send to the testing company.
    - o Make sure you tell the company the sample is a post-mortem sample because the lab handles these differently than from a live donor.

The author encourages us all to get these important samples while our loved one is alive. As I mentioned earlier, not always possible. So this article truly describes "Plan B" when you are the legal representative or have permission from the legal representative.

There is a very nice article online from the author in her "Legal Genealogist" blog that addresses this very issue. Here is a link to this article:

http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2013/06/30/dna-life-after-death/

I think this may be a routine process in the future through funeral homes as long as science deems that swabs produce accurate DNA results after death. I had my own DNA tested through Family Tree DNA and was unaware they had kits for those already deceased. You learn something new every day, which is why I wanted to share with you this article.

This is another great issue of Your Genealogy Today. Please review the Table of Contents I noted above that identifies all of the articles in this recent issue. See which ones match up with your own research interests.

You can find this recent magazine on the 2^(nd) floor of our library on the Magazine shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

No new Genealogy book added to our library's collection during this report period.

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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Zotero: Your Personal Research Assistant (May 8, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 8, 2018 · Software · 2 Comments

zotero Zotero is a cloud-based service that automates and documents much of your research on the web. Did you find a web page about an ancestor? Or how about a page that describes the town in which your ancestors lived? How about creating a "To-Do List" for future research tasks? Do you need to create a bibliography for the article you are writing? Zotero can do all that and much more. In fact, Zotero is a **FREE**, easy-to-use tool to help you collect, organize, cite, and share research.

NOTE: I'll describe the differences between the free version and the paid storage options later.

Zotero is a project of the Corporation for Digital Scholarship and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. It was initially funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. With credentials like that, you know the product is not some fly-by-night service created by a single individual in his or her garage!

Zotero Storage synchronizes PDFs, images, web snapshots, and files among all your computers, allows you to share your Zotero attachments in group libraries, and makes them available through the zotero.org website. The program bears a strong resemblance to both Evernote and to OneNote except that it is optimized for research tasks, not for general-purpose note-taking. The program works on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, or from a web browser (although the web browser version has somewhat limited functionality). Unfortunately, there is no version for Android, Apple iOS, or Chromebooks.

Zotero helps you organize your research any way you want. You can sort items into collections and tag them with keywords. Or create saved searches that automatically fill with relevant materials as you work. It also creates references and bibliographies for any text editor, and it works directly inside Microsoft Word and also with LibreOffice. With support for over 8,000 citation styles, you can format your work to match any style guide or publication.

Zotero operates by downloading and installing a small "app" into your computer. The app provides a very friendly user interface, and it communicates with Zotero's servers in a secure and private storage service in the cloud. However, all data is stored in the cloud. As a result, you can access your data from multiple computers. For example, you can access your content from your desktop system while at home and from your laptop when in a library or on a research trip as well as from a "borrowed" computer at school or in an Internet cafe. Zotero can optionally synchronize your data across devices, keeping your notes, files, and bibliographic records seamlessly up to date.

The fact that the data is stored online in the cloud not only makes it easy for you to access the data from any location that has an Internet connection but also allows for optionally sharing bits and pieces with other researchers. I can see this last feature as being very popular amongst relatives who are working together on a family history project. Zotero

lets you freely collaborate with fellow researchers, share with your relatives, or distribute class materials to your students. All items may (optionally) be shared on the Zotero web site or in email messages or in Google Docs. With no restrictions on membership, you can share your Zotero library in public or in private.

Zotero also has word processor plug-ins that will tightly integrate it with Microsoft Word or with LibreOffice. If you have the Zotero Connector extension installed in your web browser, Zotero will automatically find bibliographic information on the web pages you visit. The word processor plug-ins will generate bibliographies as well as in-text citations and footnotes. These are dynamic bibliographies: when you insert a new in-text citation in a manuscript, the bibliography will be automatically updated to include the cited item. Correct the title of an item in your Zotero library, and with a click of a button the change will be incorporated in all of your documents.

With Zotero, you can create an item from any webpage by clicking the save button in the browser toolbar. You can save all or only part of a webpage. In addition, you can add complete files, including PDF files. Of course, it is always possible to add or update entries by hand.

The Zotero service also has a feature called Feeds that allow you to subscribe to RSS updates from a journal, website, publisher, institution, research group, or other source and quickly find new articles or works. (See my earlier article, RSS Feeds Explained, at https://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/06/rss-feeds-explained for an explanation of RSS.) If you find an item in a publication's feed that you want to save and read further, you can add it to your Zotero library with the click of a button.

The Zotero software is available **FREE** of charge, and that includes up to 300 megabytes of storage space on Zotero's servers. For extra fees, you can obtain much more storage space:

2 gigabytes	$20/year (equal to $1.67 per month)
6 gigabytes	$60/year (equal to $5 per month)
Unlimited	$120/year (equal to $10 per month)

In addition to individual storage subscriptions, Zotero also offers storage plans for labs and institutions. See https://www.zotero.org/storage/institutions for the details about institutional accounts.

Is Zotero a good choice for everyone? Probably not. After all, it is heavy duty service. It may be a bit overwhelming for the casual user. However, if you are awash in source citations and notes collected from all sorts of places, and also need help with citations and bibliographies, Zotero may become your best friend.

This article only scratches the service of Zotero's many available features. You can learn much more on the Zotero web site at: https://www.zotero.org.

My thanks to newsletter reader John McGing for the suggestion to check out Zotero.

Google Cloud Storage Plans are now Cheaper than Ever (May 14, 2018)

Dick Eastman · May 14, 2018 · Cloud Services · 4 Comments

I have often recommended using file storage services in the cloud for storing your genealogy information and for storing any other information that is valuable to you. Whether you use the cloud as your primary storage area or if you use it simply as a backup to your computers' disk drives is unimportant. If information is important to you, you need to have **AT LEAST** two copies of everything, stored in two different places. Three copies of everything stored in three different places would be better still and four copies… well, you get the idea. You can never have too many backup copies.

What interests me is that prices of storing data in the cloud keep dropping. Today, **Google** made new changes to its storage plans that include a new, low-cost storage plan and half off the price of its 2 terabytes storage option. Details may be found in Google's announcement at: https://www.blog.google/products/google-one/one-simple-way-get-more-out-google/.

Several changes were announced:

1. All Google Drive paid storage plans are converting to **Google One**, perhaps in part because you'll now have one-tap access to Google's live customer service. This is the first time live support is coming to Google for users who do not pay for Google's G Suite for business accounts.

2. If you want to use Google One without paying at all, the company will still offer Drive's basic 15 gigabytes of **FREE** storage space.

3. For only $2.99 a month, Google One will provide 200 gigabytes of storage. The 2 terabytes plan (that's 2,000 gigabytes!), which usually costs $19.99 per month, will now cost $9.99 a month. Finally, the 1 terabyte plan that previously cost $9.99 a month is being removed. The other plans for 10, 20, or 30 terabytes won't see any changes.

4. Google will also make the Google One plan shareable within a family of up to five members.

Note: Google's prices are still not the lowest available. If you shop around, you can find even lower prices from other companies, although probably without live customer service. For instance, Canada's Sync.com offers 500 gigabytes of storage for $4.08 a month, New Zealand's Mega.co.nz offers 200 gigabytes of storage for 4.99 Euros a month (roughly $5.95 US), and Amazon S3 offers a variety of services with some of them as cheap as $0.004 per gigabyte per month (500 gigabytes will cost $2.00 per month).

One caveat with Amazon S3, however, is that it is more difficult to install and configure than most other cloud storage services and normally requires purchasing additional software from a third-party to actually transfer the data. Amazon simply sells the file storage space, not the required software to make all the pieces to work together. Also, Amazon does not offer free live customer service at these prices; you are on your own to make it all work.

With millions of customers, Google cannot "flip a switch" and instantly convert all its servers to the new plans. Instead, the new pricing will be rolled out to everyone over the next few weeks. The upgrade will arrive first to users who already pay for additional Google Drive storage, and you can expect to see an email confirming the change shortly.

I am aware that some computer owners who are not familiar with cloud technology are afraid of it, thinking that the cloud is not secure. The truth is exactly the opposite: today's cloud storage services are even more secure than storing files in your own computers where they are vulnerable to hackers around the world as well as thieves who steal flash drives, cell phones, tablets, or laptop computers from backpacks and briefcases. For instance, a number of corporations suffered hacker attacks on their internally-hosted corporate databases but have since moved their data to the cloud to take advantage of the better security offered.

Note: For more information about the security of storing data in the cloud, see *Cloud computing security* on Wikipedia at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud_computing_security

If you are concerned about the possible loss of your genealogy data or any other data that is important to you, you might consider cloud storage, whether you decide to use Google or on any of a couple dozen other cloud storage services. For instance, at least two copies of all my important information is securely encrypted and then stored in two different cloud storage services. Even the employees of the cloud storage services cannot read my encrypted files.

Besides security, another advantage is that all the same information is available to me quickly on my desktop, laptop, and tablet computers as well as even on the cell phone, regardless of where I am, as long as I have a cellular network connection.

You might consider doing the same.

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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/lisal4/genealogy-humor/

Here are some interesting examples:

Prehistoric Googling

"Some family actually laid out their plots like this?!"

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

They seem like nice people.

Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches
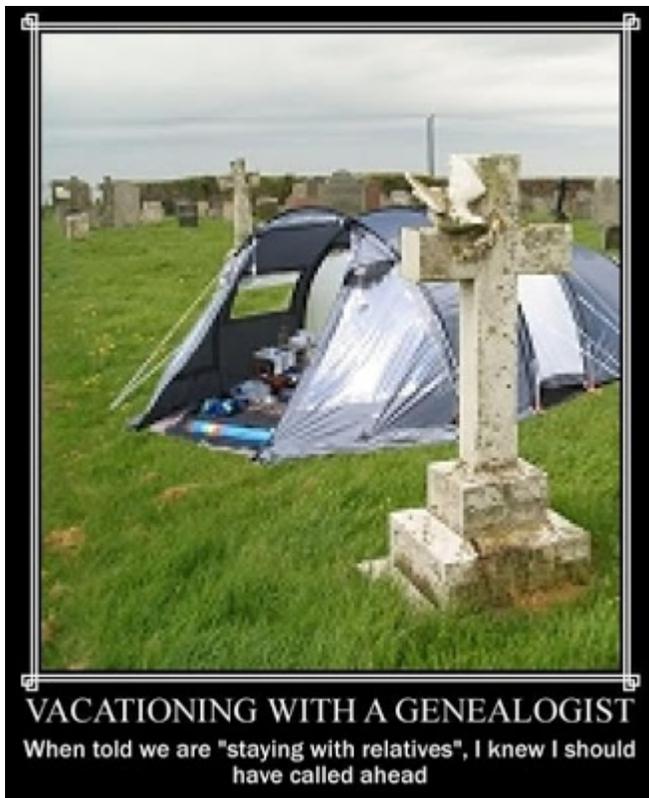
VACATIONING WITH A GENEALOGIST
When told we are "staying with relatives", I knew I should
have called ahead

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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 "")*

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 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). June 23, 2018, Saturday, 8 AM to 4 PM, NIU Conference Center, 5555 Trillium Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL "**GeneaQuest 2018: Skill Building**". **Presented by various speakers throughout the day**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Jul 10 TUE 2018	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	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). August 18, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

2018	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 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). October 20, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District 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
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Jan 8 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Preparing to Publish Your Genealogy Book: Tips and Tricks for the Writer"** **Presented by Regina Yuill**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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 Becky Lowery**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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Apr 9 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"To Be Determined"** **Presented by To Be Determined**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
*May 14 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"Using Fold3 Library Edition for Genealogy Research"** **Presented by Debra Dudek**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
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