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August 14, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our August 14, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here we go with the list of "handouts"!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE ON OCTOBER 6, 2018

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning October 6, 2018. The program for the morning is titled **“Newspaper Research: Beyond the Birdcage”**. The speaker for the morning will be **Debra Mieszala, CG**.

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

You may visit the society web page at:

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

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

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

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Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2018 and May 2019. The September 2018 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2018 through May 2019 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 "*Newspaper Research Imperatives: The Ancestor Hunt and Chronicling America*". The speaker for the program will be **Timothy Pinnick**.

Newspapers, newspapers, everywhere! Newspaper research has moved from the periphery to mainstream. They now are a critical component of a comprehensive and efficient genealogical research strategy, and anyone seriously involved in research are utilizing them in a meaningful way. A major reason for the shift in emphasis is technology, but also enhanced methodologies. For example by now, most genealogists are familiar with some version of the FAN technique, which makes newspaper research more relevant, worthwhile, and potentially successful as your research target expands. Two websites, The Ancestor Hunt and Chronicling America, are invaluable tools for fully utilizing this rich resource.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcgs.org

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

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

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON AUGUST 18, 2018 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, August 18, 2018 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is "***Beyond the Census***". The speaker will be **Janis Minor Forte**.

If our genealogical research is limited to the **Who, When** and **Where** questions we compile a collection of skeletons. To answer the interesting questions the **What**, the **Why** and the **How** we can use manuscript collections. These underutilized collections bring our ancestors to life and put flesh on their bones.

Janis Minor Forté is an experienced genealogists, writer and lecturer. She has presented at FGS, NGS, OGS, Roots Tech, ISGS and local conferences. In 2014 she was the James Dent Walker Memorial Lecturer at the FGS Conference. In 2013 she won First Place in the ISFHWE Excellence-in-Writing Competition and her family newsletter won Honorable Mention in their Genealogy Newsletter Category. She is a member of CAGGNI .

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, September 11, 2018.

We will have another “break-out” session for our gathering on September 11, 2018. Our previous attempts proved to be quite a good success. I would like us to build on those successes and afford those participants the opportunity to meet with those again or sample other groups.

After an initial introduction of new participants at the start of our normally scheduled meeting, we will establish our “breakout” groups at approximately 7:45 PM. We would have these breakout discussions from about 8:00 PM until about 9:30 PM. These groups would consist of about 7 to 8 participants. They would discuss some common topic of genealogy that interests them or from which they could learn even more to assist their research from sharing with others in the group and learning from others within the group.

The groups we previously tried seemed to work out quite well. I want to go with those same groups and am open to suggestions to attempt to add others or delete those that may not have a following.

I want to reconvene the following groups:

- Polish Researchers
- German Researchers
- Czech Researchers
- Irish Researchers
- Italian Researchers
- British Researchers
- Scandinavian Researchers
- Colonial Americans Researchers
- DNA/Adoption Researchers (NEW as of 12/16!)

I also will have a Beginner’s Group that I will lead.

We will also have the computer in the room for anyone to access the internet.

I would also encourage participants to bring their personal laptop or netbook to these sessions and tap into the internet via our WiFi network. I saw many researchers doing this at our last breakout session and they found it very productive to access internet information while being in one of the groups if they wanted to show something to someone else at the table.

Please remember that the group’s composition is based on the numbers that will participate. If only one person is present to participate in the Polish group, then we cannot have a Polish group that evening. I cannot guarantee there will be enough participants to form a group. In that case I would always recommend participating in another ethnic group of interest if that is also in your research interests or join me at the Beginner’s Group.

The key to this effort is to be flexible in selecting a group to work with.

I look forward to our next "break-out" session on September 11, 2017.

Doors will open at approximately 7 p.m. so you can pick-up handouts, review books and journals, and network with other participants. Tony Kierna will start the program at 7:30 p.m. with introductions of new participants and a brief review of handouts and genealogical matters.

For further information, contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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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Handout #6 – COURT RULES COPYING PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET IS CONSIDERED FAIR USE

The following was found at Dick Eastman's Blog at www.eogn.com dated July 5, 2018.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 5, 2018](#) · [Legal Affairs](#) · [7 Comments](#)

This ruling will affect many genealogists who are building or are maintaining web sites:

A Virginia federal court has made a decision that photographers won't be happy to hear: the court ruled that finding a photo on the Internet and then using it without permission on a commercial website can be considered fair use.

In the United States, whether or not a use of copyrighted material without permission can be considered fair use (17 U.S. Code § 107) depends on four main factors: (1) the purpose and character of the use (including whether it's "transformative" and commercial vs. non-commercial), (2) the nature of the copyrighted work, (3) how much of the work is used, and (4) how much the use affects the market and/or value of the work.

After considering these four factors, District Judge Claude M. Hilton of the Eastern District of Virginia concluded that the plaintiff's use of Brammer's photo fit the criteria for fair use.

I suspect this is not the final answer. I am certain this ruling will be appealed.

This story has become a major news story. You can find dozens of web sites describing it by starting at:

https://duckduckgo.com/?q=Court+Rules+Copying+Photos+Found+on+Internet+is+Fair+Use&t=h_&ia=images.

Comments by Tony Kierna

Using anything found on the Internet for your own purposes has always been fraught with uncertainty. It depends on how you thought you used it. If you wanted to enhance a part of your own website, or include it in a blog post, or use the photo in any similar manner it could be ruled that you are in violation of fair use or copyright if the image had a copyright. It also depended on how vigilant the original owner of the photograph was protecting the material. In any case you never knew if someone would come after you for what they considered misuse subject to a lawsuit against you.

My mottoes, better safe than sorry, and contact the place where the photo exists that you have an interest in and ask permission to use it. In an ideal world permission may be granted free of charge or you may also find yourself being given permission but for a one-time fee. Free is good but after all you are using something from someone else that is probably worthy of being rewarded for use.

Like anything else in our judicial system, this is not going to be the final verdict yet. This will certainly be appealed. Only the future will see how this ultimately pans out.

There is still nothing like asking for permission to use something that is not yours. There is still something to be said for using only public domain material or material you obtain from a paid site that provides you with photos to use for a fee you pay. I face that at our library. If I am writing a blog post on a certain theme, I often like to include a photo that corresponds to the photo. Internally our Graphics Department has subscriptions to such services where photos can be used through our paid for account. I always check in with Graphics first to help me find an image and know that we as a library are OK to use it.

You might feel upset if you saw your own online family trees worth of data used by someone else and they had not asked you to use it. The same applies to photographers who invest big bucks in fancy digital cameras taking superb pictures that we fall in love with. It is their photo. Do not just take it and use it for yourself without getting proper clearance.

As genealogists be aware that there is a wonderful resource on the internet for all things legal related to genealogy. There is a site put together by Judy Russell. She is known as the "Legal Genealogist". You can find her site at <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/>. Browse around the site and get a flavor of all of things that could affect you legally as a genealogist and the handling of the material you use online and share with others.

Better to be safe than sorry!

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Handout #7 – COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT DNA TESTING

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated July 12, 2018.

[Dick Eastman · July 12, 2018 · DNA · One Comment](#)

When learning about any new technology, it is equally important to learn what the technology **CAN** do as well as what it **CANNOT** do. In fact, there are numerous fallacies floating around concerning DNA



testing.

A new article in the *MyHeritage Blog* explains why some of these fallacies are inaccurate. You might want to read the article at <http://bit.ly/2KP5IKN>.

Comments by Tony Kierna

The link to the above article describes what the author notes are fallacies related to DNA testing. **Here are the fallacies:**

#1) DNA Testing Requires Spit or Blood

False.

Each and every one of our cells has the same pattern of DNA residing in them. Extracting blood, spitting or scraping our cheeks cells just provides a simple and direct way to obtain our cells and then our DNA.

#2) Each and every child of our parents should exhibit the same DNA results when tested.

False.

While it's true that you inherit 50% of your ethnicities from each parent, you do not necessarily inherit 50% of *each* of their ethnicities. For example, if your mother is 50% Irish, and 50% Scandinavian, you will not necessarily be 25% Irish and 25% Scandinavian. The ethnic mix you inherit is random. In this example, you might be 10% Irish and 40% Scandinavian. The ethnicities you inherited from your mother should add up to about 50% of your total ethnicity estimate, but there is no way to know within that 50%, how much you have of *each* of her ethnicities without doing a DNA test.

This is why siblings get different results! Of your mother's 50% Irish and 50% Scandinavian, she may have passed down 10% Irish and 40% Scandinavian to one child; 20% Irish and 30% Scandinavian to another child.

#3) Your genetic ethnicity estimate will match your known genealogy.

False.

There are a number of reasons why your Ethnicity Estimate might not match the ethnicities of the ancestors in your family tree.

If an ethnicity was passed down to you through many generations, you may not have inherited a detectable amount.

You may have inherited unexpected ethnicities from ancestors you never knew about. Even the most robust trees don't include everyone.

There are also biological limitations to DNA testing like the fact that some populations have similar DNA due to being in close geographic proximity, or to migration patterns that led to mixing of what were previously isolated gene pools. This is why, for example, you might see English when you expected Scandinavian.

#4) All of your ancestors' ethnicities will appear in your ethnicity estimate.

False.

While it is true that each generation inherits their ethnicities from the generation before, the amount of each ethnicity that we inherit may vary. For example, if your great-grandfather was part English, he may or may not have passed down all or some of his English ethnicity to his children. Assuming his child — your grandfather — did inherit some English, he may or may not have passed any of it down to his children. Two generations after that, you may or may not have inherited a detectable amount of your great grandfather's English DNA.

Remember, only half of your ethnicities come from your paternal line and half from your maternal line, which means one quarter of your ethnicities were inherited from each grandparent. The more generations you go back, the less of your DNA can be attributed to each ancestor. Therefore, it is not uncommon to know for a fact that a direct ancestor had a certain ethnicity that does not appear in your Ethnicity Estimate.

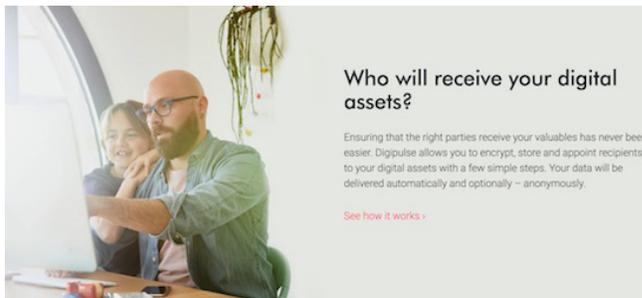
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Handout #8 – DIGIPULSE SENDS ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DIGITAL ASSETS AFTER YOU DIE

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated July 17, 2018.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [July 17, 2018](#) · [Cloud Services](#), [Software](#) · [No Comments](#)

If you should pass away unexpectedly or simply become unable to manage your own affairs for any reason, who will step in and manage your digital assets? Such assets might include passwords to web sites, access to Bitcoins or other cryptocurrencies, documents of any sort that are stored in your computer(s) or in the cloud, and any other digital items that need to be passed on to your heirs or caretakers. One new service uses the latest technology to securely make the information available to those who need it, but only after you can no longer control the information yourself.



Digipulse operates a decentralized asset encryption and distribution storage service, meaning that your uploaded files will only be accessible to you and your designated recipients. “Decentralized” means there is no one place that a hacker can go to find the information you wish to keep secret. Everything is encrypted and broken up into pieces, and then the pieces are stored in different servers. Of course, normal backup procedures are also in use, as is typical in most cloud-based services. Everything is managed by a blockchain.

NOTE: Blockchains were first invented to secure the ownership of bitcoins and other cryptocurrencies. However, the same blockchain technology is now used for all sorts of high-security purposes by IBM, FedEx, Boeing, Wal-Mart, dozens of banks, and other applications around the world. For a description of the workings of blockchains, see *What is Blockchain Technology? A Step-by-Step Guide For Beginners* at <https://blockgeeks.com/guides/what-is-blockchain-technology/>.

Digipulse creates an “Inheritable Digital Safe.” Your digital safe could contain any kinds of files – documents, images, passwords, or even cryptocurrency wallet keys. The Digipulse system uses something called the “Pulse network” to automate your vault access send-out process. In short, Digipulse monitors your activity, keeping track of the last time you accessed the service. If you don't access it for a pre-selected period of time, email messages are sent to you. If you don't respond to any of those messages, the Digipulse software assumes that you are disabled or possibly deceased. In that case, Digipulse sends messages to the individual(s) you previously

specified. Those messages contain the information you previously stored in Digipulse's distributed servers.

You decide who receives access to your digital and crypto assets. There are no lawyers and no middlemen. All that is needed is an email address.

The Digipulse web site states, *"Fortune Magazine reports that nearly 4 Million Bitcoin are already lost forever. Don't let your assets be amongst them."*

To unlock a vault's contents, your designated recipient will need to answer 7 questions – 5 general (email, place of birth, etc.) and 2 special questions that you will set up, such as "enter your younger brother's middle name."

You probably will want to keep a copy of your passwords in the digital vault, with the guarantee that, in case of inactivity, the information will automatically be transferred to the designated parties. In fact, even if you forget a password long before your own demise, you can log onto Digipulse's service yourself and retrieve the passwords from the securely encrypted service.

Again, there is no single server involved. When creating your account, your information is first encrypted using bank grade encryption software that runs in your computer. The encrypted data is then sent across the Internet, broken up into several pieces, and stored on Digipulse's decentralized servers. Even the Digipulse employees cannot read the information you stored, nor can hackers. Yet, when the day comes that your heirs are notified, the information is made available to them in a secure manner. For a technical description of how all this works, look at: <https://www.digipulse.io/whitepaper.pdf>.

Digipulse can also be used to create a last will and testament for digital items only. While it can be used to store passwords, web site URLs, and other information, it also can contain text information, such as a description of the location of the safe deposit box where you store your jewelry, gold coins, or savings bonds. If you already have a written last will and testament detailing the distribution of your physical assets, you can also add information to a text file in Digipulse that provides the location of that document and even provide contact information for the attorney who prepared it.

Of course, there are dozens of other ways to store such information. In fact, Digipulse already has several competitors and some of them offer more or fewer services at higher or lower prices. The advantage of Digipulse is that it stores all your information securely in encrypted form in a distributed group of cloud-based servers. No hacker can access and read your information without the encryption information that only you know. Then, when the time comes when you haven't accessed the Digipulse service for some time and you have also ignored the email messages sent to you, Digipulse will notify the heirs or other persons you specified.

The people you wish to notify don't even need to know that such Digipulse documents exist; a notice about the documents simply shows up at the appropriate time in email. Those people will have to then log onto Digipulse's servers, answer the seven questions described previously, and then read or download the documents you prepared in a safe and secure manner.

NOTE: You obviously need to keep the recipients' email addresses up-to-date in the Digipulse service!

Digipulse offers a 30-day free trial. After that, you pay either \$9.99 US a month if you may monthly, or you can get a discount if you pay once a year: \$107.88 per year which works out to be \$8.99 per month. In return, you receive up to 1 gigabyte of encrypted storage space per vault. You can even create up to 5 different vaults, each with separate information, to be sent to five different people when needed.

You can learn more about Digipulse's encrypted data storage and notification service at <https://www.digipulse.io/>.

Comments by Tony Kierna

The convenience of everything in our lives being digital is amazing. Photos, online retirement accounts, storage in the cloud etc. You name it, there is something out there for you to be connected via online. Sure, you have to login with a password. Piece of cake. We do it all the time.

Who knows about all of these logins and passwords? Honestly, maybe no one other than yourself. So what happens with your wishes if something happens to you? Maybe you do not pass away. Maybe you are severely injured or incapacitated for a long period of time. What if you do not recover to full health but are left in a condition that you cannot care for yourself. All of your digital data and accounts are out there but cannot be accessed by you or by the ones you care for.

I will say that this service does seem like a rather ingenious service. It is like a time capsule of digital access information just sitting there waiting to be passed on. All of your digital accounts, all of your passwords waiting to be passed on to those you love.

It is interesting that your loved ones do not even need to know you have this service. However, as the article notes, the key is supplying the company with an email address of the person you want to receive the opportunity to act in your behalf with your digital data access login and password material. Obviously, the weakest part of the process is that designated person must certainly still have the email address you use in your account. If that changes, it looks like the entire plan of transitioning the digital access information goes down the drain.

The designated recipient of the notification must also know enough about you from the "challenge" questions you provide in order to gain successful access to your digital data. That could be another point of weakness. You have to be sure they know the answers to your selected challenge questions.

A less serious concern but an important one is the designated time-period of inactivity on your part before the company sends you a reminder email. At least the reminder email is a good thing to receive and respond to. You maybe need to change your interval of no activity. You can only assume you would have activity that would not trigger an email to you. If that happens you can only assume you would respond to it. If all else fails, the company sends the email to the person you

designated for then to answer the challenge questions, successfully hopefully, and take over your digital access information to access your accounts.

Another dilemma that crossed my brain is possibly designating that special person as being your power of attorney for finances. How does that work if the person you send your digital access codes to is NOT your financial POA and then gets all of this access to your material. You better hope he is honest or otherwise your material is sure in jeopardy. I sure would want to know more from the provider of the service on the kind of legal jeopardies this service could open you up to. Maybe if you want to activate this service it would behoove you to speak to an estate planning lawyer and make them aware of your intentions. They may suggest some process to you that will allow your wishes to designate someone out there to receive that magic email!

The service is not free. About \$9 to \$10 per month based on how you make payment. It sound feasible from a technical point. I guess it can work that you only want someone to access your material if you are truly deceased or incapacitated. But if it does not work and no one is notified your family or heirs would still be left trying to figure out what you left digitally and how to access it.

Maybe an old fashion process with lawyers and estate knowledge can figure this out and pave the way for you to access such materials with court orders etc.

Think about this service. Maybe you are rolling your eyes or maybe it is making you more aware of your own mortality and health. That can be a good thing for you to plan even if you do not use this service.

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Handout #9 – “SAVE MONEY ON YOUR GENEALOGY!”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the April/May 2018, Volume 13, Number 1 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Save Money on Your Genealogy!” The author of the article is Gena Philibert-Ortega.

The author provides some good insights into how you can keep your genealogy research budget from getting out of hand. Your expenses can really get out of hand as your research progresses. You will start seeing expenses related to vital record costs, website subscriptions, genealogy software, computers, scanners and tech gadgets.

The author offers the following tips on controlling your research expenses:

• **Consider What You Need**

- Consider cloud storage for data
 - Dropbox @ www.dropbox.com
 - SugarSynch @ www.sugarsynch.com
- Online organization resources
 - Evernote @ <http://evernote.com>
- Educational Programs like seminars and conferences
- Research trips e.g. parking fees, gas meals
- Consider using a subscribable website from a library or organization that has their own subscription to that service e.g. Ancestry Library Edition, unique databases at a Family History Center.
- If you subscribe to a website, subscribe for the shortest interval you plan to use it at a lower cost rather than a full year and you stop using it after only about 1 month.
- Maybe sign up for streaming conferences and do not go to the actual onsite conference venue. National Genealogical Society and Roots Tech often have many online courses streamed during their annual conference.

• **Be A Bargain Hunter**

- Look for deals on DNA testing during the holidays. DNA testing providers have sales going on at these times of the years often having savings of 20% or ore on tests.
- Look for sales to access Fold 3 near Veterans Day and Memorial Day since the site is heavily geared to military records.

- o If attending a conference, look for the many special conference only deals offered by vendors.
- o Consider bundling services for Fold3 and Newspaper.com with your Ancestry.com service since Ancestry owns them and a reduced cost bundled package could be gotten cheaper than an individual subscription to either.
- o Check out the website from Thomas MacEntee (a recent webinar presenter at our library in May 2018) for Genealogy Bargains at www.genealogybargains.com.

• **It Pays To Be A Member**

- o Membership to genealogy societies may include discounted services accessible when you are a member of the society.
- o Become a member of Legacy Family Tree Webinars and gain access to over 500 webinars and the handouts that are associated with each. Although anyone can sign up to participate in a live webinar, only members have access to the entirety of all of the recorded webinars. The Illinois State Genealogical Society has a similar benefit. Only members of this society can gain access to the archive of all of the webinars they have offered.
- o American Association of Retired Persons (AARP @ www.aarp.org) offers a significant discount on your first time subscription to Ancestry.com.
- o Membership groups providing genealogical benefits:
 - Godfrey Memorial Library in Connecticut @ www.godfrey.org. Gold level of membership allows access to 19th Century U.S. Newspapers and London Times Digital. Does not matter the society is in Connecticut if you are not. Resources are online.
 - National Genealogical Society @ www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/individual_member_benefits. Provides access to publications and databases. Discount on a new subscription to Fold3.
 - Southern California Genealogical Society @ www.scsgenealogy.com/about/benefit-memb.html. Access to webinar library. Remote access to MyHeritage Library Edition. Discounts on Family Tree DNA testing. Discounts on Dell computers.

So don't let your research expenses get out of hand and spoil your fun of researching. Take advantage of the author's suggested ways to maximize your benefits on your research resources. Think out into the future. Plan your needs and time your purchases of resource material with various sales.

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Handout #10 – “GETTING TO WAY BACK WHEN: A CONVERSATION”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the April/May 2018, Volume 13, Number 1 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled “Getting to Way Back When: A Conversation”. The author of the article is Sue Lisk.

The author suggests that as researchers it might be very helpful to take a road trip to an area where our ancestors were connected. Why? Search for the proverbial records of our ancestors. Sure. But even more, spend some time visiting with the elders of that area to learn about an area’s history and people and how that information can add to the own color of your own ancestral connection to that area.

Here are some suggestions from the author:

- **Set Out Without A Specific Destination**

- When attempting to speak to an elderly person in a location associated with an ancestor, it is almost guaranteed that person will not be a relative of yours at all. They will be reticent to speak to you because you are a stranger.
- Without a specific agenda, you can expect the conversation to be more relaxed.
- Allow the speaker to share a story uninterrupted without further questions. Listen to true storytelling about the location and history of the area where your ancestors came from or passed through.

- **Keep One Finger On The Steering Wheel**

- Understand that the person you are conversing with is actually in the driver’s seat.
- Perhaps if things segue off into political conversation, you may want to tap onto that steering wheel and get the conversation back onto the history of the area in a subtle way.
 - You might need to steer the conversation into the present-day community for a moment. Be prepared and know something about the present day community.

- **Allow For Detours**

- Conversation may turn into rambling. Will they get to a point? Is there a point? Expect this.
- Be polite especially because you are speaking to a stranger. Sometimes you just need to be patient and let the rambling unfurl itself into some meaningful story.

- Perhaps the person experienced an important historical event in the community.
 - Maybe they practiced a trade you would like to learn about.
 - Maybe they were part of an association that your ancestor was also connected to.
- Maybe you want to pursue an alternative route in this conversation. Let the person know that something they mentioned is something you hope they can talk about at length.
- **Expect Constant Changes In Speed**
 - Expect pauses and silent time while a person is reflecting.
 - Things can easily speed up when a thought becomes clear in conversations and a fast moving story follows.
 - Maybe you will be lucky to have multiple conversations with time in-between to think previous responses. Those responses can trigger you to go down another path of conversation with the same person.
 - Even better conversations can come about after a few “warming up” conversations have occurred.
 - Maybe you cannot meet face-to-face. Try a phone conversation with the person that can give you some great stories even when not face-to-face.
- **Take In The Scenery**
 - Enjoy the “conversational” ride.
 - You will hear conversation that does not directly tie into your own family history, but what you hear can certainly add color to your life. The color from the story can certainly equate to color added to your own ancestors who may have experienced similar conditions.

Very different approach to take a chance and listen to those that are elderly, knowledgeable and may have much historical background that can contribute to the family history of your ancestors who were from the same area.

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