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Genealogy Group Newsletter

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I would like to remind you that a few extra "paper" copies of newsletters from the recent 2 months are filed at the "Ask Us" Desk on the 2nd floor along with the most recent "handouts" from the last 2 months. Please remember that you can take any of the extra paper copies in the folder. The Newsletter as well as all "handout" summaries for a particular program will be contained in a folder specifically for that program date e.g. Newsletter as well as "handout" summary for program on 1/12/10 are contained in a separate folder. Each program date will have its own folder. If you do not find a copy in the manila "extra" folder, you will have to copy from the permanent file binder. If the staff has trouble finding the folders, please let me know.

More importantly, electronic PDF copies of the Newsletter and the "handouts" summary for our monthly program can be obtained electronically as PDF files from our Library's Genealogy Blog called "Tony's Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library". This is a WordPress blog that you can reach directly at:

http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

Look on the right side of the blog for links within the "Newsletter" category and the "Program Handouts" category. You can read the material online, download as a PDF file to your computer or print it from the blog.

If anyone needs to contact me via e-mail, you may reach me at the Schaumburg Township District Library at:

akierna@stdl.org

Or if you need to reach me the old fashioned way by phone, please contact me through the **Schaumburg Township District Library at 847-923-3390**. **I now can also be reached by direct FAX at the Schaumburg Township District Library**. **The FAX number in Reference is 847-923-3335**.

I am at the library each Monday, Tuesday (except on program dates) and Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Reference Office should you need to meet me to obtain assistance in your research plan. Please let me know in advance if you plan on dropping in on these days so we can schedule a convenient time slot within those hours.

Tony Kierna - Genealogy Coordinator/Schaumburg Township District Library

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OCTOBER 9, 2018 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, October 9, 2018.

Our guest speaker for the evening is **Steve Szabados**. Steve will present a program titled **"How DNA Can Help Your Genealogy"**.

DNA testing has become a popular topic at genealogy meetings. Why should we take a DNA test? How can DNA testing help us with our genealogical research? If you have brick walls, DNA testing may give you clues to unlock these secrets. This program should answer some of your questions and make you think about a few more.

Steve Szabados is a genealogy speaker, author, and columnist. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois and an MBA from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

He has been researching his ancestors for about fourteen years and has traced ancestors back to 1600s New England and 1730's in Poland, Germany, Bohemia, and Slovenia. He has given numerous presentations to genealogical groups and libraries in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. His goal is to share his passion for Family History.

He is a member of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, the Illinois State Genealogical Society and Northwest Suburban Genealogical Society. He is also a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Illinois Library. He is the author of six print books – _Basic Genealogy_, _Write Your Family History_, _Finding Grandma's European Ancestors_, _Polish Genealogy_, _Memories of Dziadka_, _Quick Reference to U.S. Census Records_ and _Deciphering the 1790-1840 U.S. Census Records._ He has also published five eBooks on genealogy. All are must have books for the beginning genealogist looking for their European heritage.

Steve also the genealogy columnist for the Polish American Journal.

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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WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome to the group!

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

Here is an update on our participant information that I am tracking. My database to date includes information on 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 July 26, 2018, July 27, 2018, July 30, 2018, July 31, 2018, August 2, 2018, August 6, 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.

23andMe's DNA Library to be used for Drug Development (July 26, 2018)

Dick Eastman · July 26, 2018 · DNA · 2 Comments

If you had your DNA tested by 23andMe (as I did), your information will be used to help develop new drugs for various medical conditions. However, not everyone is happy with the idea of using personal information for use in developing products by a for-profit company in a for-profit research project.

23andMe has partnered with pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), in a bid to develop new drug treatments. 23andMe, which gives customers insight into their genetic makeup via postal saliva tests, has some five million customers — a potential DNA database considerably larger than those generally available to the scientific community. "By working with GSK, we believe we will accelerate the development of breakthroughs," 23andMe CEO Anne Wojcicki wrote in a blog post.

In contrast, no data is more personal than your DNA. Peter Pitts, president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest, believes the companies should pay the 23andMe customers whose DNA is used in research. Speaking to NBC News, Pitt asked, "Are they going to offer rebates to people who opt in so their customers aren't paying for the privilege of 23andMe working with a for-profit company in a for-profit research project?"

You can read a lot more in an article by Rachel England in the *Engadget* web site at: https://engt.co/2LotesV.

My thanks to newsletter reader Craig Olson for telling me about this article.

U.S. National Archives Recalls Fire That Claimed Millions of Military Personnel Files (July 27, 2018)

Dick Eastman · July 27, 2018 · Preservation · 8 Comments

The National Archives and Records Administration recently marked the 45th anniversary of a devastating fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri, that destroyed approximately 16–18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) documenting the service history of former military personnel discharged from 1912 to 1964.

Shortly after midnight on July 12, 1973, a fire was reported at the NPRC's military personnel records building in St. Louis, Missouri. The fire burned out of control for 22 hours and it took two days before firefighters were able to re-enter the building. Due to the extensive damage, investigators were never able to determine the source of the fire.

The fire destroyed paper records in 1973 which sadly is before the capability of making digital copies for backup purposes existed.

You can read more in an article by Kerri Lawrence in the *National Archives News* at https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/archives-recalls-fire.

Is this the Largest Family in the World? (July 30, 2018)

Dick Eastman · July 30, 2018 · Current Affairs · 2 Comments

An 87-year-old in the Ukraine has 346 living descendants. Can anyone top that?

Pavel Semenyuk, 87, always dreamed of a large family and was thrilled when his late wife gave birth to 13 children. Many births and marriages later, the Semenyuk clan stands at a whopping 346 living descendants, with the youngest member just two-weeks-old.

Mr. Semenyuk now has 13 living children, 127 grandchildren (each child had approximately 10 children?), 203 great-grandchildren and even three great-great-grandchildren. 'I know the names of those who are older. But I often cannot remember the names of the young ones,' Pavel said.

If anyone in the Semenyuk family is keeping records in a genealogy program, I hope he or she has a very large hard drive in which to store all the data! The records of the Semenyuk family are being submitted to Guinness World Records.

You can read more in an article in the MSN web site at: http://bit.ly/2vlhblh.

My thanks to newsletter reader John Blaylock for telling me about this story.

Genetic Genealogy Is Now Solving Recent Crimes, not Just Cold Cases (July 31, 2018)

Dick Eastman · July 31, 2018 · DNA · One Comment

In recent weeks, the news services have been full of articles about law enforcement officials using the publicly-available genealogy DNA site GEDmatch to find relatives of criminals who committed crimes many years ago, Most of the cases involved "cold cases," violent crimes committed 20 to 40 years ago. However, the use of this technology has moved forward. Now the officials are using GEDmatch and whatever other publicly-available DNA information they can find to identify criminals in more recent cases.

For instance, a 31-year-old man, Spencer Glen Monnett, was arrested by police in Utah on July 28 for the rape of an elderly woman, Carla Brooks. The crime happened only last April. Monnett was located via "genetic genealogy": DNA he left at the crime scene was used to find his relatives and then him.

You can read more in the *MIT Technology Review* web site at http://bit.ly/2AtJofz.

Announcing the Unlock the Past Genealogy Cruise from Sydney to Singapore (August 2, 2018)

Dick Eastman · August 2, 2018 · Travel · No Comments

Unlock the Past sponsors several genealogy cruises every year with destinations in many different countries. For instance see last year's announcement at http://bit.ly/2vvXwiR of a genealogy cruise from Seattle to Alaska to be held a few weeks from now. The Alaska cruise is now fully booked with 158 genealogists from all over the world on board, including speakers from several different countries.

Unlock the Past has now announced a **new genealogy cruise** for next year: from **Sydney to Singapore** to be held from 29 March to 13 April 2019.

You can learn more at https://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/15th-cruise-singapore/announcing-15th-unlock-past-cruise-singapore-2019/ as well as in the (smaller) announcement below:

Adelaide, South Australia, 2 August 2018 – Unlock the Past Cruises announces its 15th cruise – an opportunity to discover more about your family history while in great company and visiting great destinations.

The **Singapore cruise**, 29 March to 13 April 2019 is a one-way relocation cruise from Sydney to Singapore on Royal Caribbean's *Explorer of the Seas*. The cruise will visit Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Cairns and Darwin (2 days) during the 15 night cruise.

The **conference program** will feature 60 talks in a single stream in the main theatre and at least 10 hours of DNA and other workshops and one-on-one help sessions in a second theatre with an international team of 8-10 speakers. No talks will occur when in port.

The featured presenters on the cruise are:

- David Rencher (US) – David is Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch and a leading international expert on Ireland and England. He will presenting an extended / in-depth series on Ireland and Irish research – 15 talks in all
- Dr Richard Reid (Australia) – Richard brings wide experience and expertise at national and international level of Australians at war, especially World War 1, and the Irish in Australia. More recently he has been working on emigration, especially UK Government assisted emigrants to Australia, 1832 to 1914

Other speakers are Caroline Gurney from England and Marg Doherty, Rob Hamilton, Eric & Rosemary Kopittke and Helen Smith from Australia.

For details, bookings and registration of interest go to www.unlockthepastcruises.com/singapore

Some comments on previous cruises:

A genealogy conference on the high seas? Not only do you get all the fun of a regular cruise, you have the opportunity to network with other family historians from all over the world. The best part: the lectures and educational presentations are offered by some of the leading speakers in the genealogy industry. And Unlock the Past Cruises has the best selection of destinations and speakers hands down! – *Thomas MacEntee, United States, 4th cruise presenter*

Only one thing beats a good genealogy conference, and that is a genealogy conference that offers a chance to see a bit of the world, to enjoy some top class entertainment, and above all else, meet many other people sharing a similar interest. It's also the perfect family holiday, with plenty of fun activities for your partner and kids to get up to on board whilst you're attending conference sessions! – *Chris Paton, Scotland, 2nd, 4th and 8th cruise presenter*

About Unlock the Past

Australian based Unlock the Past was established in 2009. It is the event and publishing division of Gould Genealogy & History which has served family and local historians since 1976. It is a collaborative venture involving an international team of expert speakers, writers, organisations and commercial partners to promote history and genealogy through innovative major events and a new publishing brand. It also maintains general and events directories online.

Unlock the Past Cruises, PO Box 119, St Agnes, SA 5097 – Phone: 08 8263 2055 www.unlockthepast.com.au inquiries@unlockthepast.com.au

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In the Future, You Might Live Forever Online (August 6, 2018)

Dick Eastman · August 6, 2018 · People · One Comment

Gregg Pascal Zachary is a professor of practice in Arizona State University's School for the Future of Innovation. He is now talking about what you might leave behind forever, after your death. For better or for worse, everything you post online as well as everything that others post online about you might be collected in one place to represent you, forever.

Considering the drop in price of data storage hardware in the past few decades and assuming that trend continues for a long time, we can assume that every scrap of information about you can be preserved in the future for approximately the price of a postage stamp.

In an interview published in the *ASUnow* web site, Zachary says:

"In this context, we're talking about permanent, enduring legacies. … You die, I die, and you our digital 'footprints' live on — in whatever forms the techno-scientists create. In the past, individuals bequeathed letters, photos, articles, books to those they left behind. Today, as we live we spawn digital artifacts — and these are what we increasingly leave behind. In the future organizing and presenting these artifacts will be part of the process of revolutionizing the concept of life after death. Our physical bodies won't persist but valued aspects of our insights and wisdom can."

You can learn a lot more in the article at https://asunow.asu.edu/20180803-creativity-digital-immortality.

One thought: be careful about those snide comments you are thinking of posting online. Your great-great-grandchildren might read them! What impression will they have of your comments? Internet trolls beware!

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LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning 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 Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., 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 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.

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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Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, September 15, 2018 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is **"Beyond the Records: Putting Flesh on the Bones of Your Civil War Ancestor"**. The speaker will be **Karen Heinrich.**

Over 3 million Americans were in uniform during the Civil War. It's becoming easier to find the facts of our ancestor's service, but how do we reconstruct their experiences? This presentation will show you how to fill in the blanks between the facts, allowing you to tell your ancestor's stories.

Karen Heintrich has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from the University of Illinois, a Master of Arts in History from Southern New Hampshire University and an Masters of Library Science and Information from Drexel University. She is a member of the Association for Professional Genealogists and numerous genealogical and historical societies across the U.S. She has served several terms as Board of Director, Cemetery Chair and as an Archivist for State and Local Genealogical Societies. She has more than 17 years of research experience and has given numerous seminars, lectures and workshops at conventions, organizations, societies and libraries throughout Illinois.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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INTERNET INFORMATION

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An Update on RootsFinder (August 2, 2018)

Dick Eastman · August 2, 2018 · Online Sites · 6 Comments

I wrote about RootsFinder several months ago at http://bit.ly/2OE2QcC. To quote the original announcement of the service, "RootsFinder.com is a free, online family tree that makes researching family history much easier. Unlike other online trees, which only provide hints to their own content, RootsFinder provides hints and search suggestions to websites." I believe RootsFinder is valuable for all genealogists but especially useful for genealogy newcomers. See my earlier article for further details.

The folks who produce the RootsFinder software haven't been idle since the announcement in February. Here is a new announcement from them describing the latest changes and updates:

RootsFinder is a free program that makes family history easy to research and easy to share, including DNA. Some of our recent developments include:

- A new circle view for DNA lovers: The DNA circle shows triangulation groups arranged around a circle so you can see all the kit numbers. Bands connect matching groups across the circle. It's a great way to see the level of endogamy (intermarriage) in your tree.

- New WebClipper and ToDo Creator browser extensions for Firefox that complement the existing ones for Chrome: The WebClipper and ToDo Creator make it quick and easy to add evidence to your RootsFinder tree and create research plans from major online genealogy sites including Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, Find A Grave, and more.

- New hint partnerships with Geni, RootsPoint, WeRelate, and WikiTree (in addition to the existing hint partnerships with FamilySearch, Findmypast, AmericanAncestors, and NewspaperArchive): When hints from these partners are enabled, users will receive suggestions for matching content at these websites. As always, unlimited hints are free, although some partners require a subscription in order to see content on their site.
- Dozens of enhancements based on suggestions from RootsFinder users in the forum and on support including infographics, research logs, and more. We listen to our users and appreciate all the feedback we receive.We're thrilled to see 5x growth in as many months! We are so excited to help make family history easy to research and easy to share. It's never been easier to bring DNA results into your research and share with others.

About RootsFinder

RootsFinder (https://www.rootsfinder.com) combines traditional family history with genetic genealogy, making it easy to research and easy to share. You get automatic hints from up to eight different websites, including FamilySearch and Findmypast, as well as search suggestions for sites like Ancestry and My Heritage. The evidence-based paradigm makes it easy to add data to entire families at once and trace facts back to their source.

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DNA tools help you analyze matches from multiple testing companies and link them to your tree. Now you can keep everything in one place and share for free.

Expanded Ellis Island Immigrant Records 1820-1957 are now Online for Free (August 14, 2018)

Dick Eastman · August 14, 2018 · Online Sites · 5 Comments

FamilySearch and The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. announced today the entire collection of Ellis Island New York Passenger Arrival Lists from 1820 to 1957 are now available online on both websites giving the opportunity to the descendants of over 100 million arrivals to discover their ancestors quicker and free of charge.

Originally preserved on microfilm, 9.3 million images of historical New York passenger records spanning 130 years were digitized and indexed in a massive effort by 165,590 online FamilySearch volunteers. The result is a free searchable online database containing 63.7 million names, including immigrants, crew, and other passengers traveling to and from the United States through the nation's largest port of entry.

Details may be found in the FamilySearch Blog at:

https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/archive-ellis-island-records/.

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PERIODICAL NEWS

Your Genealogy Today

We have received the July/August 2018, Volume 4, Number 3 issue of Your Genealogy Today.

Key articles in this issue are:

"Circular Genealogy"
By George G. Morgan

George G. Morgan looks at how you can review and plan your genealogy Research with an eye on targeting success!

"Judy G. Russell Looks at Both Sides of the Border"
By Judy G. Russell

"Celebrating Sherwood Inn with Family Memories"
By Andrew Hind

Andrew Hind looks back at one family's connection to a famed Muskoka, Ontario resort.

"Working Around the 1890 Census Disaster"
By David A. Norris

David A. Norris looks at how to work around the loss of records using other resources.

"Diane L. Richard Suggests Looking at Your Ancestors' FAN Club to See How They Lived"
By Diane L. Richard

"Genealogy on the Rocks"
By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk recommends that family historians need to pay attention and listen intently before plunging ahead.

"Finding Balkan Roots"
By Ron Verzuh

Ron Versuh embarks on a search for family beginnings in Croatia.

"Researching Foreign Ancestors"
By Elizabeth Jones

Elizabeth Jones offers tips and suggestions to assist you with researching ancestors located in far-off lands.

"In Other Words: A Question of Translation"
By Sue Lisk

Sue Lisk suggests doing your homework before hiring a translator to assist you in your document translation needs.

"Gena Philibert-Ortega Looks at the Pedigree Chart"
By Gena Philibert-Ortega

"Between the Pages of a Book: Unusual Places to Look for Family Treasures"
By Leslie Michele Derrough

Leslie Michele Derrough suggests you might find some remarkable keepsakes among your ancestor's belongings.

"Dave Obee Says: "Don't Overlook the Visuals When Planning a Presentation!"
By Dave Obee

Also included in this issue is a section titled "Research Resources". Here is where you can find out some information about some recently published genealogical material that can be of help for your own research. Books mentioned in this section are:

Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America 1625-1825,

Volume VII
By David Dobson

Cemeteries of Illinois: A Field Guide to Markers, Monuments and Motifs
By Hal Hassen and Dawn Cobb

I thought that a very good article in this issue is one titled "Working Around the 1890 Census Disaster". The author of the article is David A. Norris.

For anyone engaged in genealogical research for any amount of time, the destruction of the 1890 Census information from a fire in Washington, D.C. in 1921 stands out as one of those events that has affected the research of so many. Since a U.S. Census is taken every 10 years, having one missing between 1880 and 1900 is a big loss. So much could have happened to our ancestors during that period that would have been valuable for us to discover, some of which might have been reflected on that 1890 census. Had the 1890 census been in existence, we could have made those discoveries.

Even in my own personal research I have been affected by the lack of the 1890 census. One branch of my Polish ancestors came to the United States in 1887. I did discover them in the 1900 U.S. Census in Chicago. Because of that, I did make an incorrect and foolish assumption that they came to Chicago immediately after arriving and stayed in Chicago and were reflected in the 1900 Census. Wrong! Through some other research, I actually discovered the first wave of KIERNA immigrants went to Lemont, Illinois in 1887 and not directly to Chicago. Big difference! Baptisms of children were discovered from a Catholic Church in Lemont, IL by me. I still do not know exactly when they left Lemont, IL to come to Chicago, but evidence suggests the last child discovered in the Catholic Church records was born around 1891. So they must have left Lemont, IL sometime soon after that for Chicago, where they stayed. Had the 1890 Census still existed, I very well may have discovered at the time living in Lemont, IL and not in Chicago.

You can only cry over spilled milk for so long. The author suggests that there are existing resources that can help fill in the missing data to a certain extent. Obviously, what the author suggests as alternative pieces of information that could substitute for the 1890 may or may not apply to your own ancestral history. But it is good to become aware of the existence of these alternatives. Alternatives mentioned are:

- **The 1890 "Veterans Census"**
  - o This is often considered the best available work-around resource, assuming your ancestor was a Union Civil War veteran.
    - You can also find veterans from the War of 1812 and the Mexican War
  - o Information gathered was:
    - Name
    - Wartime rank
    - Regiment and Company (or vessel if in the Navy)
    - Dates of enlistment and discharge
    - Length of service in years and months

- - Nearest Post Office
    - Any disabilities incurred
  - Some enumerators even noted Confederate veterans whose names were scratched off but are still readable.
  - This special census listed 1,099,668 living Union veterans and 163,176 widows.
  - Clerks made copies of each individual listed onto file cards. About 300,000 were completed before money ran out. It is uncertain what happened to the cards that were completed.
  - Unfortunately, even much of the special Veterans Census is missing. Nearly all of the rolls for Alabama through Kansas, and half of the rolls for Kentucky were lost before they could be microfilmed.
  - You can search what exists of this census in Ancestry.com under the title "1890 Veterans Schedules" or at FamilySearch under the name "United States Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890".
- **State Census Records**
  - Many US states have conducted their own censuses. These often occur midway between that of the US Federal Census. Consider looking for these. Again, there was no regularity to when these were done and your own research may be for a state in which no recent state census was done. Again, my personal research for my Illinois ancestors would show that a state census for Illinois would not help me at all. The last state census for Illinois was completed in 1865, 20 plus years before my ancestors arrived here from Poland.
    - Colorado, 1885
    - Florida, 1885
    - Iowa, 1885 and 1895
    - Kansas, 1885 and 1895
    - Michigan, 1894
    - Minnesota, 1885 and 1895
    - New Jersey, 1885
    - New York, 1892 (40 Counties in the collection of FamilySearch)
    - Oklahoma, 1890
    - Rhode Island, 1885
    - South Dakota, 1885 (before statehood) and 1895
    - Wisconsin, 1885 and 1895
  - Search within Ancestry.com and FamilySearch for these state censuses
  - Author notes that the 1890 state census for Oklahoma is extremely full of information
- **New York City Police Census**

- New York City believed the 1890 Federal Census under-reported the number of New Yorkers. They authorized another census just for the city. City policemen did the count between September 19, 1890 and October 14, 1890.
  - The police tallied 13% more than the US Federal Census for the city of New York.
  - 894 of the 1,008 books of data still survive today.
    - FamilySearch has the data online. It also notes the data can be accessed at a Family History Center.
    - Ancestry.com has 26 of the books.
- **City Directories**
  - Very common in the 1890 tie period.
  - Ancestry.com has many, Fold3 has many.
- **Tax Lists**
- **Voter Rolls**
  - In my own personal research I have used the 1888, 1890 and 1892 Voter rolls for Chicago. Look for these in Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.

Don't let the lack of 1890 U.S. Census data cause you to give up. Look at the alternatives mentioned by the author. Be creative in hunting down alternatives in the geographic area of your ancestors that would have existed in the 1890 time period. I think the first best alternative would be the City Directories that existed in large amounts in the 1890 time period. Fold3 has many of these. Our library has Fold3 as one of our genealogy databases. It is available both in our library as well as from home for those that had their library card issued to them by us.

I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled "In Other Words: A Question of Translation". The author of the article is Sue Lisk.

Maybe all of your ancestral connections are associated with those who spoke and wrote in English. Congratulations, that makes your research at least a little bit easier. For many of us, actually maybe most of us, it will not take too long before we cross over to discovering our ancestors that were Poland (as mine are), Germany, Sweden, Norway, the Czech Republic (today, previously Czechoslovakia) and many other non-English speaking countries.

Google Translate can certainly help you with a word here and a phrase there. But to get the best translation of a lengthier document you are probably better working with a knowledgeable translator for the language.

Here is what the author suggests when you go down the path of looking for a translator for your language of your ancestors:

- **Watch Words**
  - Browse through a variety of genealogy magazines looking for advertisements for someone that offers their services to help with your translation needs for documents you have.

- Yes, the ad will be in English for you to read. Look for clarity and proper grammar that could signify the person has English as their first language.
- If the ad does not read well then perhaps that translator should not be on your list of possible ones to hire.

- **Check Qualifications**
  - Simply being bilingual does not qualify someone to be a translator.
  - Ask what institution your potential translator graduated from.
  - Make sure they have specifically studied "translation".
  - Look for a connection to the American Translators Association in the United States at https://www.atanet.org/.
  - Ask any potential translator for any certificates they may have obtained.

- **Evaluate Experience**
  - Just as professional genealogists tend to specialize in certain research skills, so too do translators. There may be translators for scientific or technical texts. Some translators may specialize in translating legal documents.
  - Ask for sample translations.
  - Ask for client references.
  - Honest translators will let you know if a job you ask of them is beyond their capabilities. They may very well recommend someone else that can do the work.

- **Discuss Details**
  - If you select someone for the translations at hand, explain your expectations.
    - Does the work need to be done by a certain time.
    - If there is no set deadline, let the translator know a date certain you would like to see the work completed by.
    - Ask the translator to provide some in-depth explanations on topics in the material to be translated if the translator felt you might not be aware of such a topic.
    - Review how you will communicate with each other e.g. phone, email, text, all three methods, especially if something unusual occurs.
    - Ask the translator if there might be overseas work involved on his part that could alter any fees arranged in advance.

- **Consider Cost**
  - Research the rates that are typical for the kinds of documents you will provide.

- Take into account the language involved in the translation e.g. it is more difficult to translate from Russian to English than from Spanish to English.

- Documents written in special handwriting styles such as old German script may cost more to translate.

- Get quotes from several translators. You should generally pay a fixed rate for each word to be translated. Avoid setting a rate per hour.

- Perhaps other collaborative researchers/cousins would be willing to help defray the cost with some contributions.

- Dependable translators charge reasonable fees for their services.

Yes, Google Translate can help. It can only get you so far. If you are using it you may not get the full meaning of what the words intended. Better to get the best translation possible on what could be a very important family history document.

This is a wonderful issue of <u>Your Genealogy Today</u>. Check out the Table of Contents I provided above. See what articles match your own research needs. Make a personal copy of such articles. If you have never seen an issue of <u>Your Genealogy Today</u> not is the time to at least browse through one and see if it is something to access at our library or for you to make a personal subscription to.

You can find this most recent issue of <u>Your Genealogy Today</u> on the 2nd floor of our library on the Magazine Shelves.

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BOOKS IN PRINT

A somewhat different kind of "genealogy" book was added to our circulating collection. It is not a pure "how-to" book but it is rather a fun, leisure kind of book that is a "heartfelt quest to understand what constitutes family—where it begins and how far it goes—and attempts to untangle the true meaning of the "Family of Humankind" (from Amazon.com). The author of the book is A. J. Jacobs. The book was published in November 2017. ***It is in our circulating collection on the 2nd floor and has a call number of 921 JACOBS, A.*** The book has 331 pages and lots and lots of small size chapters (46 chapters for your enjoyment).

Here are a couple of personal reviews seen on Amazon.com:

"When I see a book by A.J. Jacobs for sale I buy it immediately, Whether he's writing about the Bible, living healthily, or even reading the Encyclopedia Britannica, he's always amusing and informative at the same time. I've never met him, but he's one of my favorite people.

It's All Relative has additional charms for me in that it deals with one of my most passionate hobbies, genealogy. Jacobs tells the story of his growing interest in tracing his own ancestry and his involvement with the online World Family Tree. His fascination with the tentacled layers of his and his long suffering wife Julie's genealogies led him to plan what he hoped would be the world's largest family

reunion, bringing together thousands of people from far and wide who happen to share a few genes with each other and with A.J. himself.

As is customary with one of Jacobs' books, there's some good solid information and advice to be found within It's All Relative about getting started tracing your own ancestry and especially about one of the newest branches of genealogical research: DNA analysis. I had a good time reading It's All Relative and learned a few things as well. Since A.J. is Ashkenazi Jewish and I'm primarily British we probably don't have many genes in common, but nevertheless I regard him as a close relation in spirit regardless of what our DNA might reveal."

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"Enjoyed the book. Very clear and often humorous writing. Learned a lot about genealogy even though I have worked on family tree for years. Waiting for DNA tests results because so much of the technology has improved as millions of people join the vast millions who have had tests. This will be my most refined test since the first one more than 10 years ago. Highly recommend the book."

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Take a break from the day to day research of genealogy. Enjoy a good fun read. It may charge you again if your interest was waning or research was just becoming too darn hard! Here is the link on Amazon.com to all the information about the book plus the personal reviews:

https://www.amazon.com/Its-All-Relative-Adventures-Worlds/dp/1476734496

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SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter July 25, 2018 and August 3, 2018 and are copyright by Richard W. Eastman 2018.   They are re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at *http://www.eogn.com*


Now It's Easy to Publish Your Family History in an Electronic Book with Gedcom Publisher (July 25, 2018)

Dick Eastman · July 25, 2018 · Books, Software · 7 Comments

John Cardinal is well-known for the excellent software products and services he has created, including the genealogy hosting service, Family History Hosting, and his products that produce web pages for personal genealogy web sites: Second Site and GedSite. Now he has a new product that produces electronic books (ebooks) containing the results of your family history research. These ebooks can be read on most ebook readers, such as an iPad, as well as on Windows and Macintosh computers. Here is the announcement:

Narragansett, RI – July 25, 2018 – [Family History Hosting, LLC](#) is pleased to announce **Gedcom Publisher.**

   Gedcom Publisher is a ground-breaking application that creates an electronic book in EPUB format by combining text and images you enter with information taken from your GEDCOM file. Gedcom Publisher knows the ins and outs of constructing a book in EPUB format, and it knows how to read your genealogy data. That means you can focus on the content of your family history book.
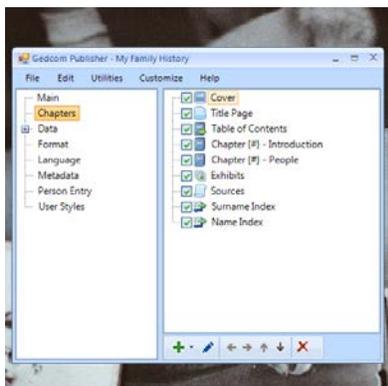

   "Digital publishing is very popular," said John Cardinal, CEO and Founder of Family History Hosting, "and it's likely that when our grandchildren mature, most if not all their reading will be e-books, not paper books. That's why we should create family histories using electronic books."

   An electronic book (or e-book) is a book made available in digital form. E-books are easy to share and update, and they are more flexible than paper books. Readers can carry hundreds of e-books with them on their device of choice, including smartphones, tablets, and dedicated reading devices like Kindles and Nooks. Readers can adjust the font size to make reading easier on the eyes, and links in the text help them navigate to sections of interest. Text search commands make it easy to find specific names, words, or phrases.

   You may insert biographies from your genealogy database into your book by choosing people one at a time, or by entering criteria to select multiple people. The biographies are called person entries.

   In addition to the information drawn from your genealogy project, you can add other content to your book, including text and images. You can link from narrative text to person entries in the book and add source citations where Gedcom Publisher manages the footnote numbers for you.
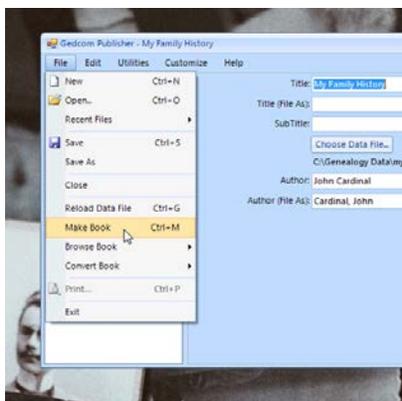
E-books are a great choice for archiving the fruits of your genealogy research project. E-books never go out of print because they aren't printed at all. E-books are contained in a single data file, so they are easy to share. Send a copy to family members or other interested researchers, donate your book to archival organizations, or sell it on Amazon – your choice.

Gedcom Publisher is incredibly flexible and includes a GEDCOM reader that handles GEDCOM variations from popular genealogy programs. It also reads TMG project databases.

For more information, please visit the home page for **Gedcom Publisher** here: https://www.gedcompublisher.com.

About Family History Hosting, LLC

Family History Hosting LLC was founded in 2007 to provide first-class web hosting services for genealogists and family historians, and to publish genealogy software focused on web site creation.

A Report on "Which Computer(s) Do You Use?" (August 3, 2018)

Dick Eastman · August 3, 2018 · Software · 22 Comments

About a week ago, I published a 2-question poll asking newsletter readers *Which Computer(s) Do You Use?* 2,548 people responded and told which system(s) they use for genealogy tasks. I found the results to be interesting and decided to publish them here.

Question #1: What is your PRIMARY computer, the one you use the most for genealogy purposes, such as recording your own family tree? (Please check only one)

Answers:

- Windows 69.86% (1,780 votes)
- Macintosh 19.15% (488 votes)
- Genealogy services in the cloud (MyHeritage, FamilySearch, WikiTree, Ancestry.com, WeRelate, The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding© ("TNG"), WebTrees, or a similar service) 6.63% (169 votes)

- iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch (any system using Apple's iOS operating system) 1.57% (40 votes)
- Linux 1.18% (30 votes)
- Other: View 0.86% (22 votes)
- Android (either an Android tablet or smartphone) 0.75% (19 votes)

Question #2: What other computers do you use for genealogy purposes, in ADDITION to the one listed above? (Please check all that apply.)

Answers:

- Genealogy services in the cloud (MyHeritage, FamilySearch, WikiTree, Ancestry.com, WeRelate, The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding© ("TNG"), WebTrees, or a similar service 28.03% (806 votes)
- iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch (any system using Apple's iOS operating system) 26.22% (754 votes)
- Windows 18.12% (521 votes)
- Android (either an Android tablet or smartphone) 16.62% (478 votes)
- Other: View 6.47% (186 votes)
- Macintosh 3.55% (102 votes)
- Linux 0.99% (29 votes)

I want to thank everyone who took the time to tell which system(s) they were using. That feedback will help me decide where to focus future articles in this newsletter about the various operating systems in use.

I didn't see any major surprises in the above list although there was one minor deviation I would not have predicted: the number of Windows users versus Macintosh users. Various industry reports normally claim that Windows is installed on 85% to perhaps 92% of all desktop and laptop computers sold. That's a lot higher than what the newsletter readers reported: about 70% reported using Windows and about 19% use a Macintosh.

I assume the difference is that the industry reports normally report on ALL computers sold for both in-home and corporate use while the report from EOGN newsletter readers is strictly for in-home use. I don't doubt the industry reports that include corporate use but I strongly suspect that the number of computers sold for in-home use are higher for Macintosh and lower for Windows than the totals for both commercial and in-home use.

All in all, it is an interesting report and it will help me focus on which operating systems I should focus on in new articles. Of course, I won't ignore any operating system, especially if some new product or service appears that is especially useful for genealogy applications. However, I probably will continue to feature more articles about Windows than I will for Macintosh. After all, that's where the interest seems to be.
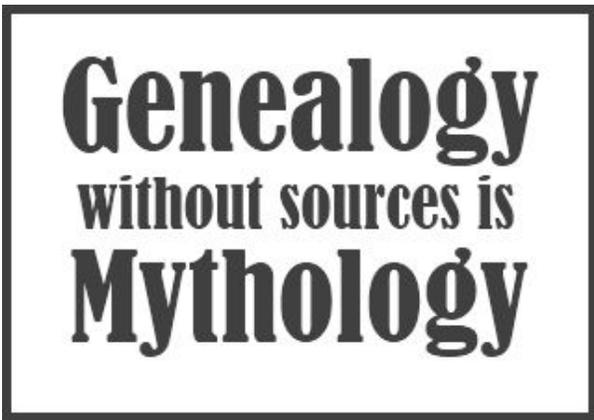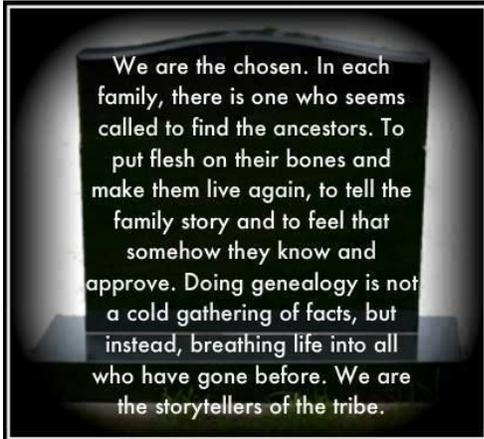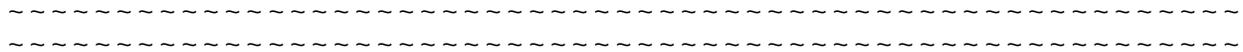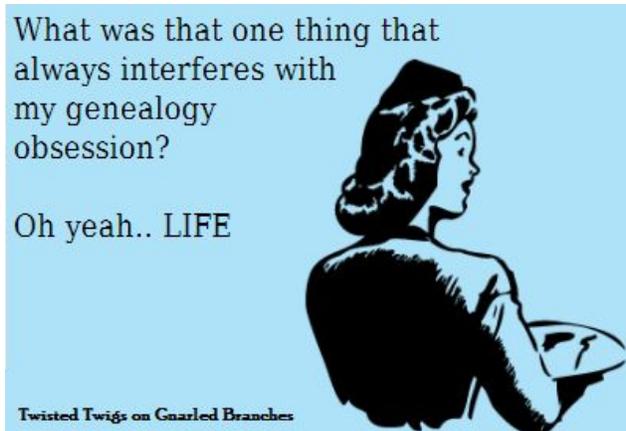
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FUNNY BONE

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:

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Genealogy without sources is Mythology

HOW I FEEL AT 3 AM ON ANCESTRY.COM

SLEEPING IS DUMB

What was that one thing that always interferes with my genealogy obsession?

Oh yeah.. LIFE

Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

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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 "")*

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
*Sep 19 WED 2018	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. **"Newspaper Research Imperatives: The Ancestor Hunt and Chronicling America"**. **Presented by Tim Pinnick**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Oct 6 SAT 2018	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, October 6, 2018. **"Newspaper Research: Beyond the Birdcage"** **Presented by Debra Mieszala, CG** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
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 17 WED	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

2018	6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial: Focus on Local Resources**". **Presented by Sandra Trapp**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
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 3 SAT 2018	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, November 3, 2018. "**DNA Doubleheader (1) The Basics of DNA Testing (2) Ethnicity Estimates**" **Presented by Robert Sliwinski** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
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 14 WED 2018	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Even Gangster's Had to Register!**". **Presented by Janis Minor Forte**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Nov 17 SAT 2018	Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI). November 17, 2018, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library "**Historical Figure (To Be Determined) and Holiday Party**". **Presented by To Be Determined**. Society website at www.caggni.org
Dec 11 TUE	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

2018	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
Jan 7 SAT 2019	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, January 5, 2019. "**How to Organize All of This Genealogy Stuff (Live Webinar)"** **Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
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
*Jan 16 WED 2019	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Issuing Citations (That Help "Prove" Your Genealogical Research)**". **Presented by Laura Street Chaplin**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Feb 2 SAT 2019	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, February 2, 2019. "**Tools to Dig Deeper: Probate and Inquest Records"** **Presented by Grace DuMelle** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
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
*Feb 20	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 20, 2019

WED 2019	Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Planning An Ancestral Trip**". **Presented by Terri O'Connell**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Mar 2 SAT 2019	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, March 2, 2019. "**Pinning Together Your Genealogy Past with Pinterest**" **Presented by Debra Dudek** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
*Mar 9 WED 2019	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, March 9, 2019 Annual Conference NIU Conference Center, Naperville, IL Program Presentations 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. "**Conference Name To Be Determined**". **Presenters To Be Determined**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Mar 12 TUE 2019	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
Apr 6 SAT 2019	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, April 6, 2019. "**Familienbuchs: An Essential Resource for the German Researcher**" **Presented by John Weiss** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
*Apr 9 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. "**New Resources for British Isles Research**" **Presented by Paul Milner**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

*Apr 17 WED 2019	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, April 17, 2019 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Mapping the Past: Navigating Your Family History with Maps**". **Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
May 4 SAT 2019	Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society. Saturday, May 4, 2019. "**Mysteries of the Soundex**" **Presented by Tony Burroughs** Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 West Central Road. Arlington Heights, IL. Pre-Meeting Round Table/Helping/Sharing at 9:00 AM Speaker program starts at 10:00 AM Visit the society website at http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/
May 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
*May 15 WED 2019	DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, May 15, 2019 Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, IL 60187. 6:30 PM Refreshments. Meeting/Program Presentation 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. "**Dusting Off Those Old court Records**". **Presented by Jane Haldeman**. Society website at www.dcgs.org. Society blog at http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/ DuPage County History Museum website at www.dupageco.org/museum
Jun 11 TUE 2019	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
Jul 9 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"The Latest in Chicago Vital Records Online"** **Presented by Dan Niemiec**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390.

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*Aug 13 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"When Was It Taken? : Dating Genealogy Photos"** **Presented by Julia Johnas**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Sep 10 TUE 2019	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
Oct 8 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
*Nov 12 TUE 2019	Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program. 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7 PM. **"One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once"** **Presented by Thomas MacEntee via a Live Webinar**. Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3390. Visit STDL Genealogy Blog at http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com
Dec 10 TUE 2019	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