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October 9, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program "Handouts"

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our October 9, 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 NOVEMBER 3, 2018

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning November 3, 2018. The program for the morning is titled **"DNA Doubleheader"**. The speaker for the morning will be **Robert Sliwinski**.

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 OCTOBER 17, 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.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, October 17, 2018 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is "*Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial: Focus on Local Resources*". The speaker for the program will be **Sandra Trapp**.

The Chicago area offers many opportunities for family history research. This program will offer information about libraries, societies, archives and other facilities that may provide you with material to add to your family tree. Celebrate the Illinois bicentennial: by learning more about our local resources.

You may visit the society's web page at:

www.dcg.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 OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, October 20, 2018 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 10: 30am to 12: 30pm. The program scheduled for this day is "**UnChopping Down My Johnson Family Tree with DNA and Research**". The speaker will be **Jeffrey Bockman**.

This presentation will explain how traditional research, the Johnson Surname Project, recruiting distant cousins for Y-DNA and at-DNA Tests are verifying connections. Grandma might have been correct after all!

Jeffrey A. Bockman, lecturer and author of *Give Your Family A Gift That Money Can't Buy / Record & Preserve Your Family's History*, is a contributing editor and writer for the former Everton's Genealogical Helper, the Digital Genealogist, Heritage Quest Magazine, FGS Forum and more.

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 NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, November 13, 2018.

Our guest speaker for the evening is **Dr. Daniel Hubbard**. Dan will present a program titled **“Navigating Your Family History with Maps”**.

This program looks at different types of maps and how to use them to understand your ancestors’ towns and migrations; changing borders and extracting data and even names from maps.

Daniel Hubbard is a full-time professional researcher. Inspired by family stories, he began to seriously conduct family history research at about eleven years of age. Daniel combines his skills in technology, genealogy, complex research, the organizing of large amounts of information, writing, editing and book design to assist clients with their family history projects.

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 – ANCESTRY.COM CHANGED ETHNICITY CALCULATION AND PEOPLE ARE UPSET

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

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 18, 2018](#) · [DNA](#) · [62 Comments](#)

There is an article by Marc Daalder in the *Detroit Free Press* that will interest genealogists. It starts:

"Ancestry.com, the website better known for helping users create family trees, find distant family members and capture suspected serial killers, made a lot of customers angry last week.

"Recently, Ancestry has entered the business of DNA testing, which allows users to send a vial of spit to the company and receive in return a detailed genetic portfolio, including risk for some diseases and estimates of their ethnic ancestry.

"Neither the medical nor the heritage information are guaranteed to be 100 percent accurate, but as the science improves, so does the quality of the results. At least, that's what Ancestry insists.

"After Ancestry rolled out a new update to its ethnicity estimate system last week, users noticed dramatic changes in their ethnic profiles – some of which is inaccurate, customers say."

Later in the article, Marc Daalder also states:

"Other users said they were happy with the results or found that the new results better matched what they knew of their family history."

You can read the story at: <https://on.freep.com/2MJXD0D>.

Comment by Dick Eastman: I am not convinced that the "new" Ancestry DNA results are inaccurate. I believe there is a strong possibility that the new results are much more accurate than the previous findings. In any case, if you had your DNA tested by Ancestry DNA, you might want to go back to the web site and check your results for any changes.

Comments by Tony Kierna

Have you done your DNA submission? If yes, then this may apply to you if you did it through Ancestry DNA. When you submit for a basic autosomal DNA kit, whether it be with Ancestry DNA or any other DNA tester, you will receive a breakdown of what your ethnicity is based on algorithms created by the testing companies. As their knowledge of DNA expands and increases they often tweak their algorithms with the intent of creating even more accurate results for you to see.

One tip, if you just did your DNA testing with whatever company, it is a good idea to save those first results showing your percent ancestry to various geographic areas of the world. If you only looked at your results one time and have not gone back to the site you may be surprised to see different results, if you remember or saved the percent distribution from your first results.

My testing initially with Family Tree DNA showed me as 100% European, 98% Eastern European and 2% British Isles. Over time Family Tree DNA also revised its calculation process and now the site for my kit shows me as 100% European, 87% Eastern European and 13% Scandinavian while also having "Trace" results for Oceania and North America. So where did my 2% British Isles go? Certainly gone in the new calculation. But I now have the mystery of showing a 13% Scandinavian component at a much higher percent than my initial British Isles one.

Am I upset? I don't feel upset that I am now showing significantly more Scandinavian now than before and that I lost the British Isles component of my previous results. So I am not sure why the description of many being upset over seeing different results. I guess I look at still with amazement at what these DNA tests can do as in the format as they are. I do believe that there is a scientific explanation behind the companies changing the calculation algorithms.

Being upset often comes from following the "stories" we all have heard of our ancestral connections going back in time. But over time are those stories accurate? Could it be possible that there was a little hanky-panky going back hundreds of years ago where your great-great grandfather was conceived in a manner out of the norm?? I have already seen a few DNA results prove that someone's father turned out not to be their biological father on an even more current basis!

Maybe the problem is simply that the companies are not doing a very good job explaining what went in behind the scenes for them to change their calculation. A simple explanation can go a long way in reducing the upset factor if you at least know the logic behind the change. And to show this logic in common sense understandable terms by users of the service would go even further to improve public relations.

So maybe your original results were more wrong than right and the new results are more right than wrong. That seems like a good thing as long as the user knows why the new calculation is what it is.

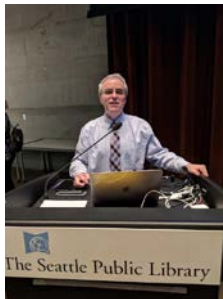
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Handout #7 – BLAINE BETTINGER STARTS DNA CENTRAL

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated July 27, 2018.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 21, 2018](#) · [DNA](#), [Education](#) · [5 Comments](#)

Blaine Bettinger is a genealogy expert who specializes in the use of DNA to trace family trees. He is a prolific author and public speaker. Here is a photo I took of Blaine while speaking at the *Unlock the Past* conference in Seattle about two weeks ago:



Now, Blaine has launched **DNA Central**. It is a membership-based website that brings together in one place DNA news, tests, discounts and much more. According to the web site:



The site also states:

Does any of this sound familiar?

I have 25,000 matches at AncestryDNA but they don't have trees, they don't respond to communications, and I can't figure out how they're related.

I've heard about Y-DNA and mtDNA testing, but I have no idea what they are or how to use them in my genealogical research.

Where is the Native American DNA that was supposed to appear in my ethnicity results?

Why is it so hard to work with DNA matches and stay organized?

This is why I created DNA Central!

There is a serious gap in the education of DNA test takers.

DNA Central costs \$99 for an annual subscription or \$9.99 for a one-month subscription. I suspect most genealogists will first subscribe to the \$9.99 one-month option as sort of a "trial version" but will soon upgrade to the annual price in order to save money.

A bi-weekly newsletter with the latest news and tips is also included with each subscription.



DNA Central also includes many courses and webinars, many of them created by Blaine himself. He also states that he will be adding more courses in the near future including a monthly webinar covering different aspects of DNA.

You can get all this and more without leaving your home to learn more about DNA!

Blaine is highly respected in the field of genealogy DNA. I suspect he will have great success with DNA Central.

I signed up today.

To see for yourself, go to <https://dna-central.com> (don't forget the hyphen!).

Comments by Tony Kierna

Blaine Bettinger is a real "guru" in the DNA genealogy community. He knows his stuff. We have two books in our circulating collection that he has authored. One is titled "Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy" and "Genetic Genealogy in Practice". He also authors a DNA/Genetics blog called "The Genetic Genealogist".

While the above noted resources exist to help the researcher when they submit their DNA for testing, Blaine Bettinger still feels that there is a serious gap in the education of DNA test takers. From this concern stems the development of this new site to bring together all the news and information on Genealogy DNA to help answer all those questions that we as test takers easily come up with. The questions noted above in the original Dick Eastman posting says it all. Granted, printed resources of material we have from Blaine Bettinger as an author can certainly answer those questions. The author feels the creation of this new site is a better all-around resource.

But also be aware that there is a fee involved to participate at the new site. One fee is for \$99 for an entire year. The other option is to participate for one month at \$9.99. Not a bad idea to consider subscribing for an initial trial month for \$9.99 and then decide afterward if it is worth subscribing for an entire year for the discounted amount.

From the above website the author poses one question that cuts across our own puzzlement with looking at our DNA results and matches:

"I have 25,000 matches at AncestryDNA but they don't have trees, they don't respond to communications, and I can't figure out how they're related."

How true that is (well, I don't have nearly that many matches but you get the point). But you will definitely run across many who participate in the actual testing who do not provide any family history whatsoever and many do not respond to any emails if you find you are a match to them. Even Blaine Bettinger experiences the same lack of information being posted by those taking the test as you and I do.

The plan is for the site to have many educational videos created by the author for viewing by subscribed members. I wanted to show you a sampling of those that are listed at the site and what is on the drawing board for future release. Unfortunately, the author will not apply the copying of these items as text from the site. Educational videos and a recurring newsletter may be worth the cost to participate. I am a big believer in online educational videos. Coming from someone like Blaine Bettinger may be worth the investment.

Visit the site noted above. Gauge for yourself how promising it looks. Do you have any hesitancy? Consider subscribing for 1 month for \$9.99 and immerse yourself in the site during the month. As an alternative, just check out the 2 books authored by Blaine Bettinger that we have in our collection. I have no doubt that many of your questions can be easily solved through the material in the books.

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Handout #8 – NO, FINDAGRAVE WAN'T EXACTLY “HACKED”

The following was found in Dick Eastman's Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated August 14, 2018.

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 21, 2018](#) · [Current Affairs](#), [Legal Affairs](#) · [43 Comments](#)

There are dozens of messages floating around the Internet claiming that the FindAGrave.com web site (a product owned by Ancestry.com) has been hacked and that all the information from the FindAGrave.com site appears on another web site, <https://peoplelegacy.com>.

It appears that the site at <https://peoplelegacy.com> republished all the information in violation of copyright laws. In fact, the second web site claims **THEY** own all the copyrights on all the images contributed by genealogists to Find-A-Grave, including some pictures that **I uploaded to Find-A-Grave** some time ago. Even worse, my pictures now have a “PeopleLegacy.com” watermark on every one of the images! That strikes me as a rather brazen claim. Those are pictures I took and I don't recall signing a copyright release to PeopleLegacy.com.

Another claim on PeopleLegacy states “All data offered through PeopleLegacy.com is derived from public sources” which seems questionable.

Let's set the record straight:

Actually, the Find-A-Grave web site wasn't exactly “hacked.” Everything on Find-A-Grave is publicly visible anyway so anyone can copy anything or even everything from the site. No secret hacking is required. You could do the same today. In fact, it is easy to do so whether that is legal to do so or not.

One way to copy everything on a web site way is to obtain a software program that is designed to do just that. For instance, **SiteSucker** at <https://ricks-apps.com/osx/sitesucker/index.html> is one of those programs although I am sure there are others. I wrote about SiteSucker in this newsletter several years ago. You can see my article at: <https://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/03/sitesucker-automatically-downloads-complete-web-sites/>.

I use SiteSucker to make backups of my own web site once a month. It works well.

I don't know if the people who have apparently taken all the information from Find-A-Grave used SiteSucker or some other tool as they have several such tools to choose from. You could do the same. I also suspect this is not the first time someone has copied everything from Find-A-Grave although it is possible that this is the first time anyone was brave enough or stupid enough to republish all of it on the web.

Is it a copyright violation? Possibly. I am not an attorney so I will leave that question to Ancestry.com's attorneys to figure out.

I will say that I would hate to be the owner of PeopleLegacy.com right now, waiting for a knock on the door by someone who wants to serve me with papers concerning a lawsuit.

Comments by Tony Kierna

I visit FindAGrave frequently. I am a contributor with material I have captured on the gravesites of many of my ancestors. Would being hacked cause me grave (no pun intended) concern? Probably not in this case since I believe the only item of information I contributed was my name and email address.

Has anyone ever heard of a software product called Site Sucker? Not me. I do not have my own web site and as such would have little need for such a site. Plus, I do not intend on stealing verbatim someone else's website. Little did I know that this software exists that can basically copy an entire website.

More importantly for me, while FindAGrave data is out there in the public realm I do not understand the thinking of someone that can use a software tool and just verbatim copy all the data from one site and upload it to another brand new site you call your own under a different name. But that is just me and the way that I think having no bad intentions to steal something from someone else even if it is out there in the public realm.

I think years ago I heard something going on with the CyndisList site in which someone was also stealing material from her site requiring her to pursue legal remedies to stop the theft.

Lesson to be learned here is that any material you create and show on your own website must be monitored.

Another lesson to be learned, it could very well be that PeopleLegacy.com will soon discover that they chose the wrong site to steal from. I cannot imagine it will be too long before they hear something from the legal department of Ancestry.com regarding what appears to be pure theft.

I did check out the PeopleLegacy.com site to see if they had the pictures that I took and uploaded to FindAGrave. They are all there but there is an interesting item with my pictures. The picture is shown as credited to me with the phrase "Image Copyright Anthony Kierna". Interesting. They are at least keeping the picture associated with the picture taker and adding in copyright to me.

It will be very interesting to see what the next few weeks and months look like for how Ancestry.com pursues what could appear like out and out theft.

If you uploaded material to FindAGrave it is worth visiting the PeopleLegacy.com site to see how your information/pictures are noted in this new site. Maybe the whole thing is not an issue for you especially if you had no input to FindAGrave yourself. Again, I think the bigger picture here will be how Ancestry.com, the owner of FindAGrave responds to this entire appearance of theft.

I also notice that there were 2 images of KIERNA information that originally appeared only in BillionGraves.com. I wonder if there is another big time player that is involved with material being taken from them and incorporated into the PeopleLegacy.com site.

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Handout #9 – “INTRODUCING THE VIRTUAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the August/September 2018, Volume 13, Number 3 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Introducing the Virtual Genealogical Society”. The author of the article is Christine Woodcock.

As more and more of our research becomes a collaborative effort with other cousins, it does not always work out that those new collaborators are 20 miles from you. Just like with so much else in our world today, we are becoming more and more of a global society. The same can easily apply to our cousins who are scattered throughout the world. And so has developed the Virtual Genealogical Society to meet the needs of a worldwide connection among researchers.

Here is the target audience of who is served by the Virtual Genealogical Society:

- Those whose circumstances make it difficult to attend a local genealogical society or meeting.
- Those who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIG).
- Those who have an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists.

The group has already achieved the following:

- Within the first month of existence they have already had 1,000 individuals become members.
- Membership already originates from 16 countries.
- The group has a very active Facebook group.
- Plans are being made to establish in a number of states as well as within some European countries.

Some of the upcoming worldwide webinars already on the catalog are the following:

- October 2018
 - October 9, 2018 – “Researching Female Ancestors by the Company She Kept” by Gena Philibert-Ortega
 - October 20, 2018 – “Loose Records in the Archives, What Are They?” by Melissa LeMaster Barker.
- November 2018
 - November 13, 2018 – “DNA Finds German Home Town” by Ute Brandenburg

- o November 17, 2018 – “Overcoming Brick Walls in German Research” by Ursula Krause
- o November 18, 2018 – “Finding Living Relatives” by Katherine R. Willson
- December 2018
 - o December 4, 2018 – “Storing Your Heirlooms and Memorabilia” by Denise Lenenick
- Webinars are presented on Tuesdays at 8 pm Eastern, Saturday at 11 am Eastern and Sundays at 1 pm Eastern.
- If webinars cannot be attended live, members have access to recordings for 6 months in the members section of the website.

Membership is \$20 to join. Connect globally with fellow researchers. You can find this new organization at <http://virtualgensoc.com>.

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Handout #10 – “PATTERNS, PLANS AND YOUR ANCESTORS’ PROJECTS”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the August/September 2018, Volume 13, Number 3 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that another interesting article in this issue is one titled “Patterns, Plans and Your Ancestors’ Projects”. The author of the article is Diane L. Richard.

This article is not so much a “how-to” helping you learn new research techniques. Rather, this article will help you add some contextual history to the time period of those ancestors of yours that really made and built things from scratch. This was certainly more common back 100 years or more. The author gives us many examples of “plans” that our ancestors used for sewing garments. In conjunction with plans for making garments, the author also ties in historical information about the sewing machines that our ancestors used to make the clothes from the plans they used.

Additionally, the author provides us with the “plans” that our ancestors would have followed to build a big ticket item and an absolutely necessity, a house.

Here is what the author included about sewing plans to follow to make garments:

- Check out the [Commercial Pattern Archive](http://copa.apps.uri.edu) from the University of Rhode Island at <http://copa.apps.uri.edu>. Many of these patterns can date back to 1854. These patterns are full-scale tissue paper clothing patterns.
- Full-scale patterns were often included as supplements in fashion periodicals such as Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Magazine. Check out <http://apnews.com/56f037efb7d340918a0d6b4514010028>.
- Vintage Sewing Patterns Wikia at http://vintagepatterns.wikia.com/Main_Page.
- The Archive Collection (McCall’s) at <http://mccallpattern.mccall.com/collection>.
- Vintage Pattern Lending Library at <http://vpil.3dcartstores.com>.
- Vintage Sewing Pattern Archive (UK) at www.facebook.com/vintagesewingpatternsarchive.

Here is what the author included on Sewing Machines:

- Sewing Machines Historical Trade Literature in the Smithsonian at www.sil.si.edu/DigitalCollections/Trade-Literature/Sewing-Machines.
- Internet Archive “Sewing” Collection at <https://archive.org/search.php?query=sewing>
- Singer Sewing Machine Collection and Singer Archive at www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/leisure-parks-events/museums-and-

[galleries/exhibitions/clydebank-museum-exhibitions/singer-sewing-machines.](#)

Here is what the author included on plans for houses:

- **The Aladdin Company:**
 - <http://misspreservation.com/2017/08/02/aladdin-homes-ledger>
 - www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/ResearchResources/Michigan_Material_Local/Bay_City_Aladdin_Co/Pages/default.aspx
 - This firm sold over 75,000 homes to individual and corporate customers.
- **Montgomery Ward homes**
 - www.wardwayhomes.com
- Lustron houses
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lustron_house
 - <http://savingplaces.org/stories/lustrons-building-an-american-dream-house#.WxhGTkjBqUk>
- Pacific Ready Cut Homes
 - www.rootsimple.com/2017/08/the-kit-houses-of-the-pacific-ready-cut-home-company
 - <http://archive.org/details/PacificReadyCutHomesIncPacificsbookofhomesvol250001>
- Gordon Van Tine homes
 - www.arts-crafts.com/archive/kithome/gordonvantinehomes.shtml
- **Mail-Order Homes found in Park Ridge, IL**
 - <http://mailorderhomesofparkridge.blogspot.com>

Do you know much or anything about sewing and clothing patterns today? Are they as foreign to you (and me) as the man in the moon?? But our ancestors went down the path of making much of their own clothing to save money in what were often significantly large families then as compared to our smaller size families of today. The above kind of links can make us better understand what our own ancestors may have experienced making their own family clothes.

Can you even imagine building your own house today from scratch? It is hard enough just thinking about buying your own house today. Again, for our ancestors they may have chosen to get involved with plans and either contract out to have it built or they may actually have been involved directly with constructing it themselves from the kits of their time.

Add a lot more of the historical aspects to the lives of your ancestors over the last 100 years. Check out all of the links above and just think of your ancestors doing the things we would probably not even think about today.

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