Scan either of the above Quick Response (QR) codes with your QR code smartphone reader and you will be taken to the genealogy blog I author for the library titled "Tony’s Genealogy Blog at the Schaumburg Township District Library".

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January 8, 2019 Schaumburg Township District Library
Genealogy Program “Handouts”

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program “handouts” document for our January 8, 2019 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2019

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning February 2, 2019. The program for the morning is titled “Tools To Dig Deeper: Probate and Inquest Records.” The speaker for the morning will be Grace DuMelle.

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.

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Handout #3 – DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEXT REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM ON JANUARY 16, 2019

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, January 16, 2019 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Wheaton Public Library. (Please note that there is no meeting/program scheduled during the month of December 2018.) Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is “Issuing Citations (That Help “Prove” Your Genealogical Research)”. The speaker for the program will be Laura Street Chaplin.

Using Dr. Thomas W. Jones’ book: Mastering Genealogical Proof, as a template and resource, this presentation explores in a hands-on format how to build essential source citations to document the sources we have used in our research. Learn why citations are so essential, as well as the 5 Ws of citations, how to craft 2-part citations, and details on the various types of citations. Review the basic genealogical underpinnings that must be understood and implemented in order to build excellent citations. These include: the GPS plus fundamental background concepts such as characteristics of good research questions. We will also work with the 3x3 Evidence Analysis Process (Elizabeth Shown Mills) to understand Source, Information, and Evidence and how they impact each other as well as your citations. Bring your own thoughts and be prepared to talk to your neighbors during this fun approach to issuing your own citations!

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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The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, January 19, 2019 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 10:30am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is "Internet Archive: The Amazing Genealogical Resource You Are Not Using". The speaker will be Debra Dudek.

Can’t find it on Ancestry? Learn all about Internet Archive and its amazing collection of city directories, county histories, gazetteers, yearbooks and family genealogies. If you haven’t been on this site yet, you’re missing a lot of fantastic resources.

Debra M. Dudek is head of Adult and Teen Services at the Fountaindale Public Library District in Bolingbrook, IL. Ms. Dudek specializes in British genealogy and technology topics. She is currently pursuing a second masters degree in Genealogical, Palaeographic & Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

You may visit the organization web page at:

www.CAGGNI.org

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON JANUARY 19, 2019 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY
Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, February 12, 2019.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Becky Lowery.

The Newberry Library is one of Chicago's genealogy research treasures. This one-hour session surveys the Newberry's genealogy collections, including city directories, military records, historical newspapers, electronic resources, passenger lists, maps, and special collections.

Becky Lowery, Reference Librarian at the Newberry, demonstrates how to use the catalog and online finding aids in order to prepare for a visit to the library.

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 – IF YOU DON’T WANT TO DEAL WITH FAMILY SKELETONS, DON’T LOOK IN THE DNA CLOSET!

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

Amy Dickinson is an American newspaper columnist who writes the syndicated advice column Ask Amy. In a recent column, she published a letter from a reader asking how to handle a family surprise: upon having her DNA tested, the writer discovered she had a half-sibling that she was not aware of previously. She then shared this bit of information with her family, including with both of her parents.

The information was not well received.


Comment by Dick Eastman: I certainly cannot compete with Amy Dickinson’s nationally-syndicated advice column but I will offer one piece of advice to genealogists: If your research finds a something that was previously not widely known within the family, you might want to stop and consider the implications before you broadcast that information to your relatives. Do you really HAVE to tell everyone? or anyone?

Comments by Tony Kierna

OK, you have heard me be preachy on the very same topic. Submitting a test for genealogy DNA analysis was a piece of cake when it started many years ago. Everyone thought that you will get instant family extensions connecting to known and unknown cousins who also submitted their DNA to the same testing company as you. They contact you, you contact them, your tree grows by leaps and bounds. Right?? Maybe sometimes!

But more and more the idea of DNA genealogy testing is producing unanticipated results that could have life-changing results.

Sure, you can discover new cousins. But, do you know what other discoveries can be made you really did not plan on?

- You discover half-siblings who you knew nothing about and who also submitted genealogy DNA to the same testing company. Whether it is even the same testing company is no longer as important as long as the user makes use of GED Match to look at results from those who tested with other companies and then uploaded their results to GED Match. Your pool of potential matches to perhaps unknown half-siblings increases dramatically.
• You discover that who you thought was your biological mother or father is actually not your biological mother or father. A genealogy speaker had that very discovery happen to him. His initial DNA results did not seem to meet his expectations. He tested again for error and discovered the same results. Then he asked his sister to do the same test and ultimately determined that his sister was actually his half-sibling. Ultimately he discovered his father was not his biological father!

• You may determine that you are not the biological offspring of your father because your mother was impregnated via a sperm donation.

• You may determine you have many, many half-siblings because all of you were conceived through anonymous sperm donations from a college male who contributed his sperm to a Sperm Bank. Turns out his line is a very popular line from the view of the sperm bank and many infertile couples use that line of sperm creating many half-siblings country and worldwide

• You may discover you were adopted and were never told by your parents. Maybe your uncle is a genealogist and he submitted his DNA to discover more cousins. You submitted yours also and would think your results would align with his but they do not. Maybe the truth ultimately comes out that you were adopted and have no connection to your parents but then discover you have high matches to someone that turns out to be your actual biological mother or father from matches in the genealogy DNA databases.

I truly swear that we are hearing more and more stories of such unexpected matches rather than hearing how our genealogy family trees are growing because of our connections to newly discovered cousins. Even the morning shows are highlighting more and more examples of half-siblings being reunited or older children being reunited with biological parents they never knew of.

The author is correct. If you have not yet tested for genealogy DNA, do it with your eyes open. For the rest of us that have tested, who knows what the email we receive next might say ..... Greetings, brother!

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Fold3 has added four new states to the company’s collection of U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards. The collection now contains cards from Montana, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Oregon. The cards in this collection are registration cards for the draft and do not necessarily indicate that the individual ever served in the military.

There were seven draft registration periods in the United States for World War II service. The first draft registration was held on October 16, 1940—before the United States had entered the war. Men ages 21–36 were required to register at their local draft board. The second draft registration was also held prior to the American entrance into the war, on July 1, 1941. This registration was for men who had turned 21 since the previous registration date nine months earlier.


**Comments by Tony Kierna**
If your research for ancestors is in the states of Montana, Kansas, Pennsylvania or Oregon you want to take note of some new data that can shed some light on your research for male ancestors who might have been between the ages of 21 to 36 around 1940 in the U.S. Fold3 has added data for these states to the existing World War II Draft databases it offers.

Fold 3 is a database we subscribe to. Schaumburg Township District Library Card Holders can access this database from home using their library card number ID.

These cards were simple that were filled out by draft registrants. If nothing else, you can capture a sample of their handwriting from what they filled. If the card was filled out after 1940, you may discover an address they lived at different from what is in the 1940 Census.

Information on the WWII Draft Registration Cards may include the man’s name, address, telephone number, age, place of birth, country of citizenship, name and address of the person who will always know the registrant’s address, employer’s name, place of employment, and a physical description of the registrant.

The cards from the fourth registration (April 27, 1942; for men ages 45–64) are not included in the WWII Draft Registration Cards but in Fold3’s WWII “Old Man’s Draft” Registration Cards collection. This is a database to be aware of and search through simply because it could include your male ancestors who could have been born as far back as 1880 since the age range included such elderly males.

Like with any handwritten cards, just hope that the ones that may be of interest to you were written in a legible manner. Nothing worse than trying to get a new piece of information only to discover you can’t figure out what the letters are. Shame on our ancestors for such illegible writing! I guess they did not have to go through the Palmer method for writing classes that I personally had in grammar school. Not sure if that has stuck with me through my life.
Handout #8 – 2019 VERSION OF HEREDIS IS NOW AVAILABLE

The following was found in Dick Eastman’s Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated December 5, 2018.

Dick Eastman · December 5, 2018 · Software · One Comment

Heredis is a very popular genealogy program, available for both Windows and Macintosh. I believe most of the Heredis customers are in Europe although the company has been gaining new customers in North America and elsewhere. Heredis can display its menus in many different languages.

I have written before about Heredis. To see my previous articles, start at: https://duckduckgo.com/?q=site%3Aeogn.com+heredis&t=h_&ia=web.

Now the producing company has released a major new update to the program, called Heredis 2019. Here is a list of some of the new features:

- Custom Reports
- Edit amazing fully-customizable reports and export them to Microsoft® Excel or CSV format, even directly from Smart Search... 4 models are available: Ancestors, Descendants, Persons, and Events.
- Plus improvements, as always...
- Many improvements to make your life easier: new maps, summaries, XXL Family, resetting your preferences, automatic license activation...
- Maps
- New maps by OpenStreetMap® are displayed under every tab.
- You can modify the map background, display/hide the mini-map under the Migrations tab, and easily move around.
- Heredis will display the outline of cities, when available.
- The Migrations feature now allows a dynamic and unlimited numbering of events displayed, no more limited to 25.
- And a lot more.

You can learn about all the new features at https://www.heredis.com/en/new-features-2019/ as well as in a video below and also available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDUxQKeL__Q.
The Heredis home page is at: https://www.heredis.com/en/ and a complete list of features maybe found at: https://www.heredis.com/en/all-features-in-detail/.

Comments by Tony Kierna

Sometimes an approaching New Year brings the interest to change things up. Maybe you have been using Family Tree Maker to keep all of your research lineage data. Maybe you are perfectly happy with using the product. It does what you need it to do. You like the appearance. You like the way you can enter materials in, even in a customized way. But even with all of the satisfaction you have you might be interested in just seeing what else is out there to experiment with for keeping your lineage data.

Maybe you even make it your New Year’s Resolution to try something different. Remember, trying something different does not mean you lose your data from lineage while trying out another one. Nope, you just use the GEDCOM feature of your existing lineage program and create a GEDCOM file. With that GEDCOM file bring it into any new lineage program you want to try, including what is mentioned above about Heredis. You can always experiment this way and never fear you are going to lose your data from one lineage program to another.

I have had some familiarity with Reunion (Mac), Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic and Legacy Family Tree but I admit I have never tried Heredis. At one point I thought it was only for Mac but above it notes it is both for Mac and Windows. In fact, if you require language capabilities other than English for data entering and use of the program, you may want to consider Heredis.

The website noted above does indicate there is a “free” download to try the product. It also notes the “free” download is limited to entering in only 50 people. I do not find that to be a problem at all. You can probably get a feel for all of the capabilities and how things look to you from those 50.

It does seem there is an interesting feature of maps in this product that when you enter in locations of ancestors maps may actually pop up showing that location where your ancestors were from. This is what it says about maps from the Heredis website:

“New maps by OpenStreetMap® are displayed under every tab. You can modify the map background, display/hide the mini-map under the Migrations tab, and easily move around. Heredis will display the outline of cities, when available. The Migrations feature now allows a dynamic and unlimited numbering of events displayed, no more limited to 25.”

Are you in the mood to try out a new and different lineage program. Consider Heredis and use the free “demo” that is offered (with 50 person limitation).

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Handout #9 – “RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD RECORDS AVAILABLE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the December/January 2019, Volume 13, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

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I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “Railroad Retirement Board Records at Your Fingertips”. The author of the article is Diane L. Richard.

For many of us a key component of our research often has to do with the assumption that an ancestor of ours had an occupation that was somehow connected to him having a Social Security card to keep track of earnings. For the most part, we can access the Social Security Death Index and more often than not find our ancestor. Sometimes we can gather further insights from the information contained in the Death Index to add even more to our ancestor’s life.

But what if you keep searching and searching through Social Security information among different databases and come up empty handed? Maybe you do not know of a specific occupation the ancestor was engaged in. Consider this as a research option. Dig into the possibility that an ancestor for whom you can find no Social Security information may possibly have been working for a railroad. Railroad employees did not participate as we generally are familiar with. Instead, retirement benefits for railroad employees were accumulated through the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). The Railroad Retirement Board as did Social Security was created in the 1930s almost on parallel paths.

A database was recently found at the Midwest Genealogy Center that is freely accessible where you can search for historical records through the RRB. You can find this site at:

http://quicklook.midwestgenealogycenter.org

Select the collection called “U.S. Railroad Retirement Board”. Search by surname. You may discover an ancestor of yours was an employee of a railroad company. More importantly, you will discover a “Record ID”, “Claim ID”, and Claim Location along with instructions on how to request further information on the individual you found in the database. It looks like the first name of the individual is not presented fully but rather with an initial which could make it difficult to determine this person is your person when it involves a common surname. No geographic information is associated with the record for you to use as a hint to determine it may be your ancestor. If you have some birth information or death information you can use this to better select the individual that may be yours.

The author does provide some online examples of select RRB pension for you to get a good idea of what it is all about. You can find these at:

• “All Aboard!, Railroad Retirement Board Records (Luther Loy), at http://advancinggenealogist.com/2015/11/all-aboard-railroad-retirement-board-records

• “Ancestor Appreciation Day (Cressel Barnes via Tumblr Weed Times) at http://riversidearchives.tumblr.com/post/165802625882

The author also included a nice bibliography with some good resources to further your knowledge of RRB records:

• Social Security History at www.ssa.gov/history/index.html

• FOIA Request an SS-5 at www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html


• An Overview of the Railroad Retirement Program at www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v68n2/v68n2p41.html

• U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Genealogy at www.rrb.gov/Resources/Genealogy


• Railroad Retirement Board Records, NARA, at Atlanta at www.archives.gov/atlanta/public/railroad-retirement-board-records

• NARA at Chicago Housing more RRB Records at www.archives.gov/chicago/holdings/rg-100-199.html#184

• Did Grandpa Work on the Railway? Railroad Records You’ll Want (Lisa Louise Cooke) at http://lisalouisecooke.com/2016/02/22/railroad-records
Handout #10 – “THE LAST ROLL CALL”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the December/January 2019, Volume 13, Number 5 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that another interesting and good article in this issue is one titled “The Last Roll Call”. The author of the article is David A. Norris.

There is always someone that is going to be the “last” person who experienced an event or participated in one. The author applies the idea of “last” to military veterans that served in specific wars and conflicts. He also points out that the “last” of something can live significantly long after the event they were in. As an example, the author notes that the “last” of the 34 men that enlisted for the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition passed away in 1870, 64 years after the end of the event.

Consider ancestors born 40 years before a conflict to as little as 15 years before a conflict to see if you can find them in military records. As an example for the Civil War, consider those born roughly 1820 to the late 1840s to have possibly have served in the Civil War.

Other examples of those that lived significantly past a military event they participated in are:

- Daniel F. Bakeman of New York, the last surviving veteran of the American Revolution. He died in 1869 at age 109, 88 years after the Battle of Yorktown.
- Hiram Cronk, last surviving veteran of the War of 1812. Born in 1800, he enlisted in 1814 the same day as his father and two brothers. He lived to be 105 and passed away in 1905. You can view a YouTube video of his funeral procession in 1905 in New York City. Do a Google Search for Hiram Cronk, 1905, funeral, YouTube. You will actually find many videos of the funeral on YouTube. Here is one of them https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpPoxyXvfs
- The author includes a very large list of the “last” survivors of a variety of conflicts (or just the “last” of for many non-military events). Here are some of the “last” of names mentioned and the “last” event they were known for:
  - Last surviving passenger of the 1620 Mayflower arrival was Mary Allerton Cushman died at age 83 in 1699.
  - Last pensioned widow of an American Revolutionary veteran was Catherine S. Damon, died at age 92 in 1911.
  - Last dependent of an American Revolutionary War veteran was Phoebe M. Palmeter who died at age 90 in 1911.
  - Last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence was Charles Carroll of Maryland who died at age 95 in 1832.
• Last survivor of the Battle of Waterloo (1815) was Louis-Victor Bailot (French) who died at age 104 in 1898. Morris Shea (English) died at age 97 in 1892.

• Last survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade (1854) WAS Edwin Hughes who died at age 96 in 1927.

• Last Civil War Union veteran was Albert Woolson died at age 109 in 1956.

• Last Civil War Confederate veteran was Pleasant Crump who died at age 104 in 1951.

The author even provides information on the “last” of for the Indian Wars, Spanish-American War (1898), Boer War (1899-1902), the San Francisco Earthquake and World War I.

Your discovery of an aged ancestor upon death could mean he participated in some important events 60, 70, 80, 90 years previous to his death, especially in military service. Your discovery of this ancestor may lead you back to military service in wars and conflict you might not even be aware of. Do a little digging. It may surprise you what you can discover.

I was also just fascinated at the incredible list the author created among such a variety of categories in which the “last” of was determined. Just fascinating to see this list.