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PLEASE NOTE

The statements in this newsletter cited as quotes from other newsletters, quarterlies, etc., are quotations and not necessarily fact. I try not to reproduce statements that have been denied as being true and also those statements that are "old news" and have been quoted over a few years.

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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FEBRUARY 12, 2019 GENEALOGY PROGRAM TOPIC

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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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 244 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 1,851 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.

SHORT TAKES / POTPOURRI

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter November 29, 2018, November 30, 2018, December 5, 2018, December 10, 2018, December 13, 2018, December 14, 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>.

U.S. Life Expectancy Declines Again (November 29, 2018)
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 29, 2018](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#) · [2 Comments](#)

Most experienced genealogists are aware that the average life expectancy of our relatives has increased over the years. Most of the increases can be attributed to major improvements in hygiene, medicine, and (in recent years) the decrease in the use of tobacco products. Sadly, in 2016 and 2017 the trend went in the opposite direction. Americans now have a slightly shorter life expectancy than they had three years ago and the trend is getting worse.

We are now seeing the longest sustained decline in expected life span at birth in a century, an appalling performance not seen in the United States since 1915 through 1918. That four-year period included World War I and a flu pandemic that killed 675,000 people in the United States and perhaps 50 million worldwide.

Americans could expect to live 78.6 years at birth in 2017, down a tenth of a year from the 2016 estimate, according to the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Men could anticipate a life span of 76.1 years, down a tenth of a year from 2016. Life expectancy for women in 2017 was 81.1 years, unchanged from the previous year.

Major contributors to the decrease in life expectancy include deaths from overdoses of drugs sold on the street such as fentanyl and heroin, as well as prescription narcotics.

The long-time killers of Americans actually became less of a problem. Deaths from heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans, which had been declining until 2011, continued to level off. Deaths from cancer continued their long, steady, downward trend.

You can read more in an article by Lenny Bernstein in *The Washington Post* at <https://wapo.st/2FLLrhN>.

A Proposal to Make Money by Selling Your DNA Information (November 30, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [November 30, 2018](#) · [DNA](#) · [One Comment](#)

Disclaimer: *I am offering this information about a new company's business plans "as is." I am not endorsing the company's service or recommending it in any way. I find the information in this article to be very interesting but I am not yet signing up as a customer of this new service. Instead, I plan to sit back for a while and watch what happens. You need to evaluate the company's plans for yourself before you sign up.*



A few weeks ago, **EncrypGen** launched what it claims is the world's first blockchain genomic data marketplace. The company claims it can now begin generating revenues by bringing data buyers and sellers together through a cryptocurrency platform.

According to EncrypGen's business plans, consumers and researchers will be able to transact with each other in a way that is beneficial to both parties and to EncrypGen. Consumers will be able to upload their genomic data and store it securely. The names, addresses, and all other identifying information of each consumer will be removed from the data and encoded in such a manner that researchers cannot identify the consumer but any payments made by the researchers will eventually be shared with the consumer who uploaded the DNA information.

NOTE: When EncrypGen refers to genomic data, it is referring to DNA of interest to medical researchers. Since genealogical uses are not mentioned in the company's announcements, I assume that EncrypGen is not interested in the DNA markers that genealogists use to identify ancestry and ethnic origins.

Researchers will be able to pay for the data with a cryptocurrency called DNA tokens. These will operate in a manner similar to Bitcoins. However, DNA tokens are not the same as Bitcoins.

EncrypGen is currently registering both consumers and researchers to the platform. As the amount of uploaded data sets increases, and the number of participating researchers grows, EncrypGen expects the DNA token to rise in value.

You can learn more on the EncrypGen web site at: <https://encrypgen.com>.

I also wrote two weeks ago about another company that has announced a somewhat similar business plan: allowing consumers to sell information about their DNA. That article about Nebula Genomics may be found at: <https://blog.eogn.com/2018/11/16/one-company-offers-to-sequence-your-genome-free-of-charge-then-let-you-profit-from-it/>.

Does all this make business sense? You decide.

**If You Don't Want to Deal with Family Skeletons, Don't Look in the DNA Closet
(December 5, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 5, 2018](#) · [DNA, Genealogy Basics](#) · [17 Comments](#)

[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.

You can read this rather interesting letter and Amy Dickinson's advice in a number of newspapers, including the *Detroit Free Press* at: <http://bit.ly/2OxfgL6>.

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?

**World War I Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926, are Now Available Online
(December 10, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 10, 2018](#) · [History, Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

Quoting from the Library of Congress web site:

"The massive collection, World War History: Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926, is now fully digitized and freely available on the Library of Congress website. The 79,621 pages are packed with war-related front pages, illustrated feature articles, editorial cartoons, and more. You can search by keywords, browse the content chronologically, and download pages.



“Coverage begins on June 29, 1914 with articles focusing on the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and continues into the post-war world through Dec. 31, 1926. The clippings provide a tremendous resource for the examination of the devastating Great War and its aftermath. The chronological arrangement of daily press coverage from multiple sources is invaluable.”

A description of this new database may be found at <http://bit.ly/2rtvl2p> while the *Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926* database itself is available at: <http://bit.ly/2QMrPya>.

Fold3 WWII U.S. Draft Registration Card Collection Expanded (December 13, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 13, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

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.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 8438 | **1. NAME (Print)** Steve - Cianchetti | **ORDER NUMBER**

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 30 Winter Place S.F. Calif.

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same

4. TELEPHONE none | **5. AGE IN YEARS** 57 | **6. PLACE OF BIRTH** Rome Italy

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs R. Cianchetti Same

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Pete's Cafe 1535 Grant Ave

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Same

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) | **16-51420-2** | Steve Cianchetti (Registered's signature)

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.

You can read more at: <https://blog.fold3.com/wwii-draft-registration-card-collection-update>.

More Enhancements to Historical U.S. County Boundary Maps added by Randy Majors (December 14, 2018)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 14, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

I have written before (at <http://bit.ly/2BiDNWE> and at <http://bit.ly/2EkIz9e>) about Randy Majors' work to make Google Maps more useful to genealogists. He obviously has not been resting on his laurels. He writes:

Google Maps county line tools on randymajors.com now let you search using your current location

You can now search using your current location on all randymajors.com Google Maps mapping tools (in addition to searching by place, address, etc.):

[County Lines on Google Maps](#) (covers U.S., U.K., Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Switzerland)

[Historical U.S. County Boundary Maps](#)

[ZIP Codes on Google Maps](#)

Latest write-up here: <https://www.randymajors.com/2018/12/now-use-your-current-location-on-all.html>



[LOCAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS/PROGRAMS](#)

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

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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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, January 16, 2019 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Wheaton Public Library. 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.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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*Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)*

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](http://www.CAGGNI.org)

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**INTERNET INFORMATION**

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## **FamilyTreeWebinars.com Adds Captioning to Hundreds of Genealogy and DNA Education Classes (December 6, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 6, 2018](#) · [Education, Webinars & Podcasts](#) · [2 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilyTreeWebinars.com:

December 5, 2018



[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#), the leading genealogy and DNA webinar platform, announced today the addition of closed captioning to its service. Implemented as a full human-curated transcription via synced subtitles, closed captioning is now available as an option for all live and members-only webinar recordings released since May 1, 2018. In addition, the most popular 50 webinars on the platform and all MyHeritage-specific webinars have been captioned. Legacy will add captioning to all new webinars going forward.

"We are committed to providing the best genealogy and DNA education for all, including people who are hard of hearing," said Geoff Rasmussen, founder and host of Legacy Family Tree Webinars. "Captioning is an excellent way to make online education more accessible, and is also a benefit to non-native English speakers who struggle with spoken English but have an easier time with written English".

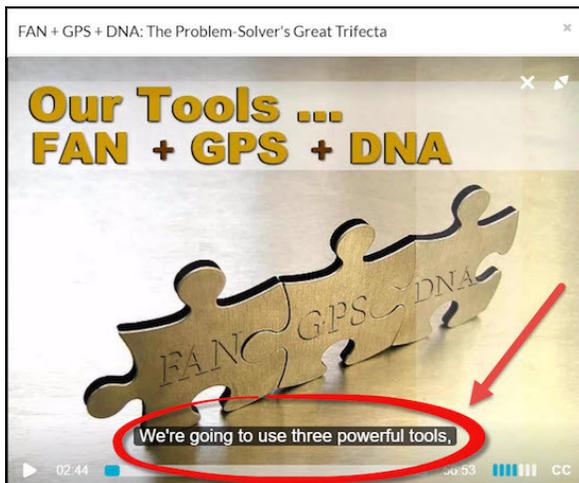
Legacy has exciting plans for 2019, which include the hosting of webinars in non-English languages as well as the translation of English captions to select foreign languages.

"When we acquired Legacy last year, we promised to invest resources to improve the webinar platform and increase its reach, while maintaining its high quality and unique character", said Gilad Japhet, founder and CEO of MyHeritage. "The addition of closed captioning makes good on this promise and, with translated captioning coming up soon, will help make the webinars accessible to millions of people in Europe and other countries, true to MyHeritage's goal of making genealogy and DNA testing available to huge consumer audiences worldwide".

To access closed captioning, webinar viewers may click on the blue CC icon in the lower right-hand side of the video interface. A list of the 207 webinars already available with captioning is [available here](#) (or see list below).

Access to captions requires the viewer to log in with their annual or monthly webinar membership. [Information about subscribing is found here](#). Captioning is also available for

free for select free webinars, such as [all 24 lectures from MyHeritage's recent LIVE 2018 conference](#) which took place in Oslo, Norway.



In addition to all webinars from May 1, 2018 onwards, the following popular webinars are also now available with closed captioning:

### **Beginners**

[Genealogy 101, a 3-Session course in beginning genealogy](#)

[Ten Brick Wall Tips for Intermediate Researchers](#)

[Genealogy for Novices: Where do we begin?](#)

### **Board for Certification of Genealogists**

[FAN + GPS + DNA: The Problem-Solver's Great Trifecta](#)

[Are You My Grandpa? Men of the Same Name](#)

[Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls](#)

### **DNA**

[Organizing Your Genetic Genealogy](#)

[Strategies to Find the Most Challenging Ancestors with Autosomal DNA Data](#)

[Foundations in DNA 1 of 5: Genealogy and DNA](#)

### **FamilySearch**

[What's New at FamilySearch](#)

[How to Use FamilySearch.org for Beginners](#)

[Digging for Historical Records on FamilySearch](#)

## **Google**

[Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames](#)

[Using Google Earth for Genealogy](#)

[New and Must-Have Google Tips for Genealogy](#)

## **Legacy Family Tree**

[Discover the new Legacy Family Tree 9](#)

[Legacy Family Tree and FamilySearch Family Tree](#)

[Legacy Family Tree for Complete Beginners](#)

[Legacy 9 Unlocked \(part 1\): Your First Few Legacy Tips](#)

## **Methodology**

[Did I Get Everything? Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research](#)

[Complex Evidence – What is It? How Does it Work? And Why Does it Matter?](#)

[Debunking Misleading Records](#)

## **Misc**

[My Genealogy DO-Over – A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes](#)

[7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists](#)

[Picture This: Images You Can Freely Use](#)

## **MyHeritage**

[Understanding DNA Matching Technology](#)

[Perspectives on Combining Genealogy and Genetics](#)

[7 Unique Technologies for Genealogy Discoveries at MyHeritage](#)

## **Organization**

[The Paper-Less Genealogist](#)

[Get Organized Using the FamilyRoots Organizer Color-Coding System](#)

[Tips and Tricks to Organizing Your Genealogy](#)

## **Photos / Digital Images**

[Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps](#)

[Smartphone-ography for Genealogists](#)

[25 Quick Photoshop Tips for Genealogists – Part one](#)

## **Places**

[Foundations of Irish Genealogy](#)

[German Internet Research: A Launching Place for Your Research](#)

[Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales](#)

## **Records**

[Find Your Immigrant Ancestors AND their Relatives in the New York Passenger Arrival Records](#)

[Introduction to German Parish Records](#)

[Using Church Records to Identify Ancestors](#)

## **Software**

[Microsoft Word Series – #1 Getting Started with Microsoft Word](#)

[Windows 10 Survival Guide for Genealogists](#)

[Using Evernote for Genealogy](#)

## **Technology**

[50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know](#)

[A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0](#)

[50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites](#)

## **Watch Geoff Live**

[Watch Geoff Live: DNA](#)

[Watch Geoff Live: Adding Online Records to Legacy](#)

[Watch Geoff Live: Adding a Passenger Record](#)

## Writing and Publishing

[Proof Arguments – How to Write Them and Why They Matter](#)

[Digital Writing Tools for Genealogists](#)

[Sources and Citations Made Simple, Standard, and Powerful](#)

## About Legacy Family Tree

Legacy Family Tree is the maker of [Legacy Family Tree software](#) and [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#). Since August 2017, Legacy Family Tree is wholly owned by [MyHeritage](#). Legacy Family Tree Webinars, online since 2010, is a leading education platform that provides online classes to the general public via new webinars every Wednesday. Its webinars have revolutionized genealogy and DNA education by providing access to top industry experts through viewers' home computers. The schedule of upcoming webinars can be viewed on [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com). Paying subscribers gain access to more than 825 streaming, on-demand genealogy classes on the platform.

**Announcing a 72-Hour Scan-a-Thon: Genealogists are Invited to Participate in Scanning Marathon (December 6, 2018)**

[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 6, 2018](#) · [Announcements](#) · [One Comment](#)

The following announcement was written by WikiTree and the GeneaBloggersTRIBE:



**December 6, 2018:** On the weekend of January 11-14, 2019, WikiTree and GeneaBloggersTRIBE will kick off the new year by hosting a 72-hour image scanning marathon. Genealogists and family historians from around the world are invited to participate.

The goal of the [Scan-a-Thon](#) is to scan and upload photos and other items such as letters, postcards, funeral cards, and primary documents. Like a marathon, this is a competition to see who can do the most, but most participants won't be serious competitors. Most will be doing it for the sake of preserving family history.

To add to the fun and collaborative atmosphere, participants will be organized into teams by geography and genealogical interest, such as Team Acadia, Nor'Easters, Windsor Warriors, Flying Dutchmen and Legacy Heirs.

Live chats will be hosted every few hours during the three-day event for participants to cheer each other on. During every chat a Scan-a-Thon t-shirt will be given away to a randomly-drawn participant who has registered in advance on WikiTree.

"Photos and documents can truly enhance our research, giving a face and details to our ancestors and their lives that we might not otherwise have," says WikiTree "Forest Elf" Eowyn Langholf. "This is why we're encouraging everyone to join us in preserving this important part of our family history."

Volunteers can participate during the 72-hour period by scanning photos and documents in their collection and uploading them to the Internet. Members of WikiTree can register [here](#). Non-WikiTreers can sign up [here](#). If you are a blogger and would like to participate, contact [eowyn@wikitree.com](mailto:eowyn@wikitree.com).

[WikiTree](#) has been growing since 2008. Community members privately collaborate with close family members on modern family history and publicly collaborate with other genealogists on deep ancestry. Since all the private and public profiles are connected on the same system this process is growing a [single family tree](#) that will eventually connect us all and thereby make it free and easy for anyone to discover their roots. See <http://www.WikiTree.com>.

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## **PERIODICAL NEWS**

### **Internet Genealogy**

We have received the December/January 2019, Volume 13, Number 5 issue of [Internet Genealogy](#).

Key articles in this issue are:

**"Is Your Family Data Safe?"**

By Tony Bandy

*Tony Bandy looks at strategies for protecting your cloud-based data from intruders.*

**"Railroad Retirement Board Records at Your Fingertips"**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard looks at a great source for locating ancestors who weren't included in the Social Security Program.*

**“New York State of Mind”**

By Sue Lisk

*Sue Lisk suggests some key genealogical assets to consider in the Empire State.*

**“Extant US Customs Records”**

By Diane L. Richard

*Diane L. Richard suggests that researching custom records can be a great way to document your mariner ancestors.*

**“Asylums and Family History Research”**

By Sue Lisk

*Sue Lisk suggests resources to assist in locating ancestors committed to institutional care.*

**“The Last Roll Call”**

By David A. Norris

*The last veterans of a war may survive 90 or more years, offering a unique perspective of the passing of history.*

**“Drawing Attention to Your Work!”**

By David A. Norris

*David A. Norris looks at the use of the manicule through the centuries.*

**“Indigenous Settlers: Your Metis Genealogy Online”**

By Tereasa Maillie

**“Review: Airtable”**

By Lisa A. Alzo

*Lisa A. Alzo reviews a new kind of information database for tracking genealogy research and other projects.*

**“Discover Your Rural Roots!”**

By Carol Richey

*Carol Richey looks at Advantage Preservation and their growing collection of digitized small town and rural newspapers.*

**“Dave Obee Says Don’t Put Off DNA Testing to Another Day”**

By Dave Obee

Also included in this journal is a section titled “Net Notes”. This section highlights with lengthy description websites of note for the genealogy researcher. Diane L. Richard, the author of this section, provides a good amount of text description of the sites to give the reader some good insights on what can be found there that may help them with their

research. Sometimes you just take a look at some of these interesting sites even if there is no direct connection to your own research. They are just interesting on their own!

Sites mentioned in this section are:

**Swedish Newspapers @**  
<http://tidningar.kb.se>

**Crowdsourced Projects (Germany) @**  
<http://des.genealogy.net/start/selectProject>  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria-Hungary>  
<http://list.genealogy.net/mm/listinfo/des-l>  
[www.archion.de/en](http://www.archion.de/en)  
<http://icar-us.eu/en>

**William M, McCarthy Photograph Collection @**  
[www.sos.ca.gov/archives/william-m-mccarthy-photograph-collection](http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/william-m-mccarthy-photograph-collection)

**County Lines on Google Maps @**  
[www.randymajors.com/p/countygmap.html](http://www.randymajors.com/p/countygmap.html)

**Photogrammar @**  
<http://photogrammar.yale.edu>

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:

- RRB file for James John McCarry at <http://www.touchingfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/2015/12/the-railroad-retirement-file-for-james.html>
- "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](http://www.ssa.gov/history/index.html)
- FOIA Request an SS-5 at [www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html](http://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html)
- Social Security Death Index via Ancestry at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3693>
- Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 via Ancestry.com at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3693>
- An Overview of the Railroad Retirement Program at [www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v68n2/v68n2p41.html](http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v68n2/v68n2p41.html)
- U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Genealogy at [www.rrb.gov/Resources/Genealogy](http://www.rrb.gov/Resources/Genealogy)
- Guide to Federal Records of the Railroad Retirement Board – Record Group 184 at [www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/184.html](http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/184.html)
- Railroad Retirement Board Records, NARA, at Atlanta at [www.archives.gov/atlanta/public/railroad-retirement-board-records](http://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](http://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>

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=bpPoxyXvfw>

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.

This is another very good issue of Internet Genealogy. Well worth taking a look at the contents to see if any of the articles I mentioned back at the beginning have a connection to your own research. Make a personal copy of the article for your own use.

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

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## BOOKS IN PRINT

No new Genealogy book added during this report period.

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## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

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| <b>Photopea: A Free Alternative to Photoshop (December 5, 2018)</b> |
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[Dick Eastman](#) · [December 5, 2018](#) · [Photography](#) · [5 Comments](#)

**NOTE:** *This isn't a true genealogy article. However, many genealogists also collect old and new family photographs and those photos often need "improvements" performed by photo editing software. If you have an interest in photo restoration, I suggest you read on.*

For many years, the most famous photo editing software has been Photoshop, produced by Adobe. In fact, it is a very powerful product, available for both Macintosh and Windows, and is used by professional photographers everywhere. There is one huge drawback to Photoshop, however: it is very expensive. The later versions of Photoshop are available only as monthly subscriptions. For a single user, the price is \$20.99 US per month. That's \$251.88 US per year, and most subscribers will want to use it for several years. In short, you can expect to pay \$1,000 US or more over the next few years for the use of Photoshop.

One popular substitute has been Photoshop Elements, a lower priced product with fewer capabilities. But even Photoshop Elements is too expensive for many people at \$99.99. Luckily, Photoshop Elements isn't subscription based and won't require payment year after year.

However, there are several **FREE** competitors that perform most of the same functions as Photoshop. For years, **GIMP** (an abbreviation for the “GNU Image Manipulation Program”) has been available as a very powerful image editor **FREE** of charge. The biggest drawback of GIMP is its unusual user interface. Learning to use all the power in GIMP takes many hours of study.

If you don't like GIMP and you don't want to pay an exorbitant price for Photoshop, you might want to look at **Photopea**.



First of all, Photopea is available **FREE** of charge. Next, the user interface is so close to that of Photoshop that the user might think he or she is using the high-cost product. Even the menus and keyboard shortcuts are almost identical.

Finally, Photopea is web-based software, so there is no software installation required. All you need to do is open a web browser and go to the Photopea web site to use it. It works with most web browsers. The program works well on Macintosh, Windows, Linux, and even Chromebook computers. It will even work on Android devices, iPads, and iPhones although you might find the small screen sizes of those devices to be awkward to use for photo editing.

Photopea runs completely in your device, just like Sketch or Photoshop do. It does not upload any of your files to the Internet. You can load Photopea.com, disconnect from the internet and keep using it completely offline. None of your files ever leave your computer unless you specifically upload them manually yourself or you store the photos in a folder on your computer that automatically copies the files to a cloud-based file storage service (Dropbox, Google Drive, or any of the dozen or more similar services).

Photopea is an advanced image editor. Unlike most free or low-cost editors, it can work with both raster and vector graphics. You can use it for simple tasks, such as resizing images, as well as complex tasks, such as designing webpages, creating illustrations, processing photographs and more. The Photopea website will even teach you how to use the program with step-by-step tutorials.

Photopea was created by programmer Ivan Kutsir from the Czech Republic. He says that it was merely a hobby project during college and he still works on it by himself. It took 7,000 hours of work (around 5 hours a day during 3.5 years) for Ivan to start making some money out of Photopea. Still, the software doesn't generate income from subscriptions, but from advertisements.

Like many free programs, Photopea will occasionally display advertisements. However, you can optionally purchase a license that grants you an ad-free experience for \$20 for 90 days or \$9 for 30 days. Once the license expires, advertisements will once again appear. Of course, you can always choose to renew the license.

Photopea internally uses the PSD file format as the main format for storing image files with additional information. Again, that is exactly how Photoshop works as well. All files that you open in Photopea (such as JPG, PNG, JPG, Sketch) are converted to PSD (when they are not PSDs already). When you finish editing, the result can be saved in PSD format or copied to other formats.

You can also change the resolution of the output image. One of the many options is to resize images (File – Open, File – Export – Format, enter the new size ...).

Photopea also has all of the following capabilities:

- Layers – to split images into several parts
- Layer masks – just generally useful
- Blend modes – specifying, how layers “combine” with each other
- Brush
- Selections – choosing, which pixels of layer you want to edit
- Procedural adjustments – changing brightness, hue, saturation, convolutions (blur, sharpening ...) etc.



### Question: Is Photopea Fully Equal to Photoshop?

The quick answer is: “No.” Photopea performs **MOST** of the operations as Photoshop, but there are always a few advanced features missing. I would say it is closer to Photoshop Elements but adds a few features not even found in Elements. However, when I compare the prices, I think I can live without the few missing features.

### Summation

What’s not to love? Photopea is free, powerful, user-friendly, works on almost all computer operating systems that have web browsers, and requires no installation.

I suggest you try Photopea for yourself and see what you think. If you decide you don’t wish to keep using the program, you can always stop. Since there was no software ever installed in your computer, there is nothing left behind to uninstall.

You can find Photopea at <https://www.photopea.com>.

Once you connect, you will see a web page that contains choices for File, Edit, Image, Select, Filter, View, and other selections. In short, it looks almost the same as any other photo editing software's main page.

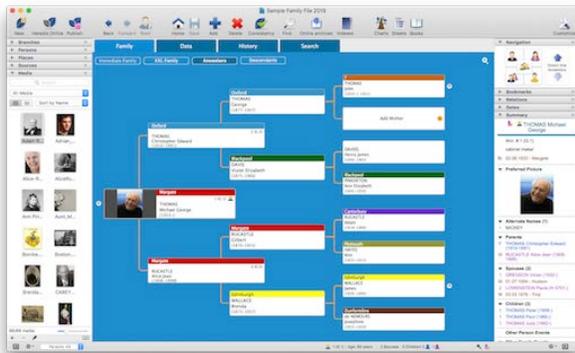
There is also a choice for Account, but you only need to create an account if you wish to purchase a license for ad-free operation. I will suggest you skip that option the first few times you use Photopea. Don't sign up for an account immediately, but just use the program for a bit to become familiar with it. You can always purchase a license for ad-free operation at a later date, should you wish to do so. The ads don't bother me, so I probably will never purchase a license.

You also might want to look at the user's manual and the step-by-step tutorials by beginning at <https://blog.photopea.com/introduction.html>.

### The 2019 Version of Heredis is Now Available (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](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](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/>.

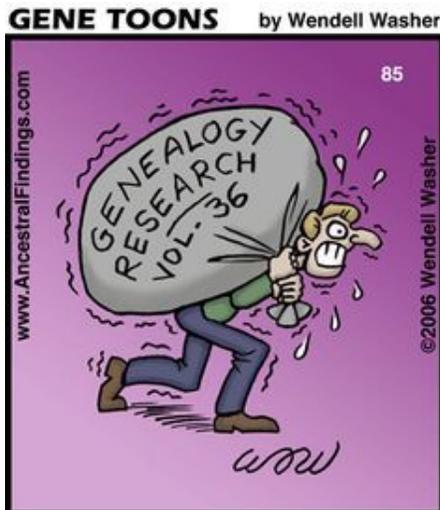
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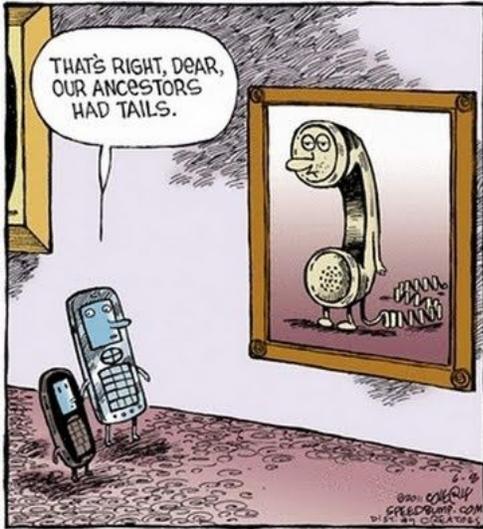
Found some interesting genealogy humor images on Pinterest. Thought I would share the link below to the entirety of what is all there. Enjoy all of them.

<https://www.pinterest.com/lisal4/genealogy-humor/>

Here are some interesting examples:

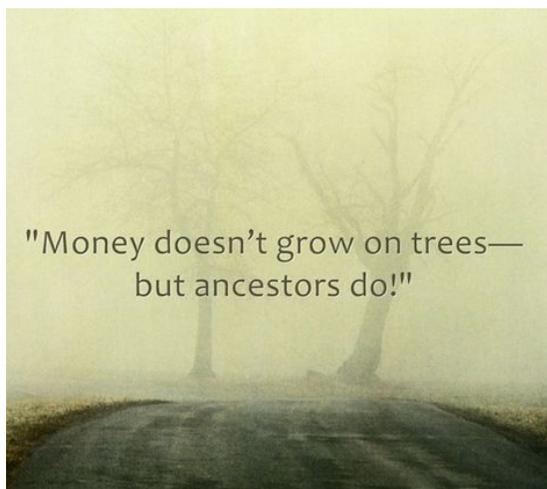


Genealogy - Taking *in* the trash.



WHEN I DIE,  
I GIVE MY FRIENDS  
PERMISSION TO  
CHANGE MY  
FACEBOOK  
STATUS TO  
"IS VISITING  
WITH ANCESTORS"

Twisted Twists  
© Brian Twists



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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 "\*\*")*

Jan 8                      Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
TUE                      130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7

- 2019 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 13 SAT 2019 Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 January 13, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"Internet Archive".**  
**Presented by Debra Dudek.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- 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.dcggs.org](http://www.dcggs.org).  
 Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
 DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://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 16 SAT 2019 Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 February 16, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"Pandemic 1918: Fighting Influenza During the Great War".**  
**Presented by Tina Beard.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- Feb 20 WED 2019 DuPage County Genealogical Society. Wednesday, February 20, 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](http://www.dcgs.org).  
Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://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.**  
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Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>  
DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)
- Mar 12  
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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>
- Mar 16  
SAT  
2019  
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
March 16, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"What's New in Technology".**  
**Presented by Ed Rosenthal.**  
Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- 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>

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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.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).

Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

Apr 20  
SAT  
2019

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).

April 20, 2019, Saturday, 10: 30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

Library

**"Making the Back Story Come Alive (Live Webinar)".**

**Presented by Nicka Smith.**

Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)

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.**

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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.dcg.org](http://www.dcg.org).

Society blog at <http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

DuPage County History Museum website at [www.dupageco.org/museum](http://www.dupageco.org/museum)

May 18  
SAT  
2019

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).

May 18, 2019, Saturday, 10: 30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

Library

**"Genealogy Trivia Game".**  
**Presented by Robert Allen.**  
Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)

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  
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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.**  
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Jul 20  
SAT  
2019  
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
July 20, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"The Art of Negative Space Research".**  
**Presented by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.**  
Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)

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.**  
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Aug 17  
SAT  
2019  
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
August 17, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District Library  
**"Untying the Knot: Divorce Records".**  
**Presented by Kimberly Nagy.**  
Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)

Sep 10  
TUE  
2019  
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
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Sep 21  
SAT  
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
September 21, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District

- 2019 Library  
**"Murder on the Meadow".**  
**Presented by Deborah Fandrei.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- Oct 8 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
 TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
 2019 PM.  
**"Probate Records: Looking Beyond the Will"**  
**Presented by Jane Haldeman.**  
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- Oct 19 Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 SAT October 19, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District  
 2019 Library  
**"Holy Cow! Where Are My Chicago Catholics Now?".**  
**Presented by Teresa McMillin.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- Nov 12 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
 TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
 2019 PM.  
**"One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once"**  
**Presented by Thomas MacEntee via a Live Webinar.**  
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- Nov 16 Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI).  
 SAT November 16, 2019, Saturday, 10:30 AM, Schaumburg Township District  
 2019 Library  
**"Amelia Earhart".**  
**Presented by To Be Determined.**  
 Society website at [www.caggni.org](http://www.caggni.org)
- Dec 10 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.  
 TUE 130 S. Roselle Road. Schaumburg, IL, 60193. 7:30 PM. Room opens at 7  
 2019 PM.  
**"Break Out Sessions/Small Group Discussions"**  
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