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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Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program "handouts" document for our December 11, 2018 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

The source for the vast majority of what is in the Handouts is the monthly Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter. From within this larger document I extract information on upcoming genealogy programs local to our area, important items from Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Blog, as well as I summarize some key periodical articles of interest that I think are important to be aware of.

The Handouts simply provide me with the opportunity to focus in on what I consider are important genealogical bits of information important to the researcher as well as to share my own personal thoughts on why it is of note.

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

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

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

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

I will clearly identify my own comments when the handout is a combination of material that came from some other source such as Dick Eastman’s blog as well as my own comments. I will indicate my comments in Italics, clearly marked so the reader can distinguish between the original verbiage and my own comments. If a
handout item was completely created by me then you will see that noted at the top. In this case, the entirety of the handout was created by me and will not be shown in Italics.

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

Here we go with the list of “handouts”!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

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

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

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

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

Our blog is the way of the future and the future is here now!
Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE ON JANUARY 5, 2019

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning January 5, 2019. (Please note that there is no program during the month of December 2018.) The program for the morning is titled “How to Organize All of This Genealogy Stuff” (Via Live Webinar). The speaker for the morning will be Lisa Louise Cooke.

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.dcgas.org

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

http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/

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Handout #4 – COMPUTER ASSISTED GENEALOGY GROUP OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS (CAGGNI) NEXT PROGRAM ON JANUARY 19, 2019 AT THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

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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Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, January 8, 2019. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Regina Yuill. Regina will present a program titled “Preparing to Publish Your Book: Tips and Tricks for the Writer”. Come early to review genealogical materials. At 7:45 p.m. guest presenter Regina Yuill will share tips and tricks for the genealogy writer, including how to generate ideas for your book, find your target audience, find publishing companies and more.

Regina is a member of the National Genealogical Society and Illinois and Genealogy Societies, as well as several local genealogical societies in Illinois, Iowa and Pennsylvania. She has been conducting research in state courthouses, libraries and archives since 1987. She has traveled to and conducted genealogy research in Ireland and has become an expert in locating genealogy records along with real estate records. She has published a 500 page family history book on her mother’s family line and is currently working on a second volume, this one focusing on her father’s lineage.

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.
Handout #6 – “WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?” RETURNS FOR A NEW SEASON

The following was found at Dick Eastman’s Blog at www.eogn.com dated November 6, 2018.

Dick Eastman · November 6, 2018 · Video & Television · 9 Comments

The following announcement was written by Shed Media:

TLC’s Emmy Award-winning series, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? returns on Monday, December 3 at 10:00p.m. ET/PT, with four new episodes featuring celebrities tracing their family history, as they dive into their past and explore their connection to generations that came before them.

With the help of Ancestry.com and historical documents, these stars get the opportunity of a lifetime and embark on exciting missions to discover their own heritage. For some, that may mean tracing back several generations to distinct moments in world history. The celebrities featured in these new episodes are:

12/3 – Mandy Moore – Actress Mandy Moore is shocked to discover ancestors who lived in Australia and travels far, determined to unlock the mystery of how they got there. Moore is touched by the courage of those who made THE JOURNEY and the sacrifice of those who were left behind.

12/10 – Josh Duhamel – Actor Josh Duhamel travels to England to investigate the extraordinary life of his twelve times great-grandfather and uncovers an astonishing, dark twist of interrogation and torture that rocks his belief system to the core.

12/17 – Matthew Morrison – Actor Matthew Morrison explores his American roots for the first time and is surprised to discover his family’s ties to the Revolutionary War. He learns of the bold lengths his ancestor went through to protect his allegiances and the brutality he faced on the battlefield.

12/17 – Regina King – Actress Regina King investigates her maternal FAMILY TREE and uncovers an ancestor who was a passionate civil rights activist in Alabama; a man who came out of slavery, endured horrific violence, but never stopped fighting for his people.
Ancestry, the leading family history company, is teaming up again with TLC as a sponsor of the upcoming season. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research on each of the featured celebrities to help make discoveries possible and build out the story of each episode.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? is produced by Shed Media (a division of Warner Bros. Unscripted & Alternative Television) and Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky’s Is Or Isn’t Entertainment for TLC.

Comments by Tony Kierna

They’re BACK! Yes, some new episodes of “Who Do You Think You Are?” will be returning to cable on TLC. Mark down Monday evening, December 3, 2018 at 9 pm Central time.

In the past announcements for new episodes of this popular genealogy show often had a much longer list of upcoming “stars” whose genealogical past will be showcased for them. This time the announcement only identifies 4 new episodes and the stars named for each one. I did not get a sense in the announcement that more episodes will be coming or whether these 4 shows will be it for the season. I tend to doubt it will be only 4 episodes. Sometimes TLC has the initial 4 locked in and then shuffles around further episodes and announcements to the public.

If you love this show I think you will be rewarded with maybe a total of 8 to 10 new episodes.

“Who Do You Think You Are?” was the first genealogy on-air program that got things started for researchers. It originally was produced for NBC and first aired in 2010 with an initial 7 episodes. The rest is history. It aired on NBC for 3 seasons before being picked up by cable network TLC in 2013 where it has remained on-air ever since.

Number of episodes in a “season” has varied from a high of 12 in 2012 to a low of 5 in 2015. So you are not going to see 22 episodes as you often do on network TV during their season that runs from September to May of any year. It does look like “Who Do You Think You Are?” has settled into the 6-8 new episodes per each season.

There is a great overview of the history of the show that you can find in Wikipedia at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Who_Do_You_Think_You_Are%3F_(U.S._TV_series)#Season_1_(2010)

Episode by episode is identified as to date of airing, the star for the show and locations that were visited by the star as part of the episode. Some really nice information if you want to take a sentimental journey and revisit all that has been put on the air.

Now is also the time to visit the homepage website for the show on TLC where you can see some publicity for the upcoming “new” season, starting December 3, 2018.
Visit the website for the show at https://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/ at the link I note. If you go to www.tlc.com and select their list of shows "Who Do You Think You Are?" is not in the list at this time. It will probably be in the list when new airings begin. TLC has Episodes 1-6 for Season 9 available to view online now. I started playing them and did not need to enter in a username/password with TLC to view these six. However, if you want to view many more episodes online you need to establish an online account with TLC to do so. Not unusual and many networks do this.

So mark your calendar for December 3, 2018, Monday evening at 9 pm Chicago time (Central) to watch the new episodes. Enjoy the new shows!

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Handout #7 – 60 MILLION PAGES OF DIGITIZED CANADIAN DOCUMENTS SOON TO BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE

The following was found in Dick Eastman’s Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated October 10, 2018.

Dick Eastman · November 16, 2018 · History, Online Sites · No Comments

As of January 1, 2019, 60 million pages of Canadian digital documentary heritage will be available at no charge to users. The Canadiana collections are the largest online collections of early textual Canadiana in the world. The removal of the subscription paywall will allow unimpeded access to this unique historical content for researchers, students, faculty, and all users in Canada and around the world.

The full announcement may be found in the Canadian Research Knowledge Network web site at: http://bit.ly/2PZXLyH.

Comments by Tony Kierna

If you are doing Canadian research it sure looks like you will soon win the digital “lotto” when so much more data becomes available to you to research. Previously, access to this material was available only through subscription. That barrier is being removed through a merger between Canadiana.org a not-for-profit charity, and the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), a not-for-profit partnership of 75 Canadian universities, finalized in April 2018.

January 1, 2019 is the target date to access 60 million pages of digitized data. You can visit Canadiana.org at http://www.canadiana.ca/ and visit the CRKN site at https://www.crkn-rcdr.ca/en/home.

Quoting from the November 15, 2018 news article:

“The removal of the subscription paywall and user fee does not mean that there are no longer costs associated with the continued maintenance and development of this content. CRKN and the archival community continue to add to the Canadiana Online and Héritage collections and CRKN is currently engaging with stakeholders to develop digitization priorities. Ongoing costs and support for Canadiana collections comes from CRKN members who have made a three-year commitment to fund the development of the collections and access platform. In the coming year, CRKN is looking to make critical updates to its platform, increasing the ability to find and use Canadiana content. An assessment and review of the content is also required to decolonize descriptions, search terms, keywords, and other classifications to ensure that they are culturally sensitive. CRKN also plans to eventually make the Canadiana collections available as open access which would entail a review and implementation of user rights statements. These developments will once again increase ease of use and access to the collections, eventually making them more readily available in research settings and to the general public.”
It looks like the data should be out there for at least three years at no charge. Costs will still remain but it looks like all will be reviewed after this 3 year commitment period to provide access at no cost to the end user.

I did try a search in one of the databases to see what can be found and how to view it. I was able to search and see detailed results. However, not being a subscriber to the service I noticed it did not identify on which page of a digitized document that my result could be found. So all I knew is the name KIERNA was somewhere in a 475 page document! (My guess is that I entered in KIERNA to search but it is likely the image will actually show the name KIERNAN. That has been the norm I have seen looking through digitized images.) Looks like this will all change on January 1, 2019 and the page number of a result will be shown for you to easily access. You may have to register yourself still but maybe pages of results will be able to be accessed.

So, if you are doing Canadian research, it will be well-worth your time to explore the upcoming 60 million pages of digitized data. More importantly, don’t think it will be there free forever based on the three year commitment noted in the above news article. Remember what happened to Cook County, Illinois Vital Records digitized images at FamilySearch. The data was there until it was not when access to digital images became restricted at FamilySearch and access was granted for a fee at www.cookcountygenealogy.com. If you did not access the free material and download the images you found yourself now paying for those images at a hefty price (about $15 per document request).

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

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (7 November 2018) — On Veterans Day 2018, the world will look back a century to the victory of Allied forces and the signing of the Armistice that marked the end of World War I. With that signing, on the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” 1918, the world rejoiced. In memory of those who served, FamilySearch has added millions of new, free historical records to help families discover more about their WWI veteran ancestors. Search the WWI collections at FamilySearch.org.

In many allied nations, Armistice Day is a national holiday coinciding with Veterans Day and Remembrance Day to celebrate the endings of both World War I and World War II. In the warring nations of World War I, millions registered for war and millions served. Twenty-one million were wounded and 20 million died.

As countries pause to remember, families seek to document their ancestors’ wartime stories. The stories from WWI are no longer first-person memories, but they do exist on documents, in pictures, and as memorabilia. The era’s records supply rich ancestral details including physical characteristics, vital information, service details and more.

FamilySearch has a large, constantly expanding, free collection of World War I records to help remember World War I soldiers. Governments on both sides of the conflict, Allied nations (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia, and Italy) and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire) created a treasure trove of documents useful to genealogists.

Some records are unexpected today. For example, American women married to non-American men lost citizenship. Many created citizenship papers to be re-naturalized. Nearly everyone who had a male ancestor aged 21-30 that lived in the U.S. during WWI can find a record of that ancestor.

Jennifer Davis, a family historian, found all four of her great-grandfathers in the WWI Draft Records online—even though none of them served active duty. “The only
picture I have of my great-grandpa Figgins is in black and white from a copy of a newspaper clipping,” said Davis. “In his draft record, it gives a physical description of him and says his eyes are brown. That’s a cool discovery, because I never would have known his eye color.”

The draft records can be the perfect springboard to searching other records, because they often give hints about the registered individual, such as clues to family members listed in the “closest living relative” section or employment clues.

Among World War I records are draft cards, cemetery records, and statement of service cards. The armed services kept military records that name the names and describe the work of those who served in any capacity.

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**About FamilySearch**

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Comments by Tony Kierna**

It is hard to believe that we are at the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. I took a look at the home page of FamilySearch and selected “Search” and then “Records”. Before entering in any surname I scrolled down a little to see “Find A Collection”. In the search box I entered in “World War I” which allowed me to see a list of results of the databases they have that have some connection to World War I. I saw that from the list, there were 19 databases listed, most from specific U.S. states but some from the United Kingdom. (None were specific to an Illinois database.)
Also, do not forget to visit the catalog search area and do a "Title" search using "World War I" as your search term. You should see 529 results that have some text in the title of "World War I". These results are spread among a whole lot of topics and locations. My suggestion to narrow down some of the material by geographic location is to search the catalog by "title" with a combined search for locality such as "world war I and Illinois". When you add in a high level geographic location your results drops to a more manageable number and it will focus on the geographic area for your research. The combined search above reduces your hits to 10 instead of 529.

Please remember searching under "titles" does not necessarily link you to any searchable databases. Instead, the vast majority of hits may lead you to book material held by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Don’t overlook such material. Make notes of the resources that are in book format. Use these notes for the titles of the material to search within World Cat to see what libraries around the country may have them as a possibility to obtain use of them via interlibrary loan.

Click your way through some of the links within the titles. You may actually discover that there are further links to outside resources where material may be online via libraries or the like. You may even discover that links from within the "title" description of the material can lead you to the microfilm records of the title. Some of these may actually be digitized images of the data that you can access online from home or you may discover you can access them from within our library and not from home because we are an Affiliate library of FamilySearch. Again, STDL being an Affiliate Library with FamilySearch can easily open up further access to resources to help with your research.

Use the catalog for a World War I records search within the "Title" search. See the results list. Click on the various "title" results and then keep drilling down to see if material is actually either online in FamilySearch databases or is actually available to view online via the digitized microfilm material of the of the resource for you to view but not search.

At least discover if there are possible future resources to tap into via digital microfilms online. Don’t leave opportunities out there if you are only searching databases via the “surname” search box.

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Handout #9 – “THE TECHNOLOGY FOR KEEPING SECRETS”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the July-September 2018, Volume 44, Number 3 issue of NGS Magazine.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “The Technology for Keeping Secrets”. The author of the article is Jordan Jones.

This is not a pure article on genealogical research techniques but rather one on how to protect all of your devices and files you have related to your research. The article is related to the theme of the entire issue on “family secrets”. Your devices and files may contain many of those “family secrets” so it is best to understand how to protect that information.

The author provides the following guides on a protection plan for your materials:

- **Physical Security**
  - **Lockers and Cable Locks**
    - A security device connected to your laptop comes in handy when you are researching and you need to leave your device unattended for a short time. Hook it up!
  - **Password Protection**
    - Textual passwords – at least 6 digits
    - Biometric password (finger ID, Iris scan)
    - Two-factor authentication – two keys to access material; logging in keys the system to send a second key to a device.
    - Device-location or remote-wipe service – “Find my iPhone, iPad, iMac” once device is registered with the service; can be located if it is connected to the Internet; a sound can be sent to it even if it is in silent mode; device can then be locked or have its data remotely wiped; Android users have a similar service called Find My Device at [https://www.google.com/android/find](https://www.google.com/android/find).
  - **Platform-independent systems**
    - [TrackR](http://secure.thetrackr.com) at [http://secure.thetrackr.com](http://secure.thetrackr.com); can help you find your wallet, keys, phone etc.; cannot disable the device.
• **Tile** at [https://www.thetileapp.com/](https://www.thetileapp.com/); can help you find your wallet, keys, phone etc.; cannot disable the device.

**Logical Security**

- **File system encryption**
  - A file encryption “key” is necessary to make sense of the data.
  - Use encryption tools built into your existing system on the device.
  - Apple has FileVault for Mac OS
  - Microsoft has Encrypting File System for Windows (EFS)

**Share Data Cautiously**

- **Post Judiciously**
  - It is your responsibility to post genealogical material following privacy guidelines so sensitive data is uploaded.

- **Be aware of the power and sensitive nature of DNA data**
  - Several murder cases have been solved recently using the genealogical DNA databases we use to find cousins we have but may not know about.
  - Matched relatives were discovered for the murder suspect DNA
  - Family Tree information was able to be discovered and used to determine a likely suspect.
  - DNA testing companies do have strict privacy policies in place to prevent unauthorized use.
  - GedMatch has updated its policies to reflect police access to the data.
  - GedMatch also suggests not uploading your DNA results to GedMatch if you have any qualms of it being used for non-genealogical purposes.

- **Be aware of evolving privacy law**
  - European Union has approved a law called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that is in effect since May 25, 2018.
    - Law is intended to protect the privacy of individuals residing in the EU regarding digital rights, right of access, right of erasure, data portability and rights of consent.
You may not even be aware that you have some sensitive data from your research that will need protection. No one is immune from this. We all have some form of sensitive data we have discovered in our genealogical research. Protect it. Be aware of how to protect from the tips above. But just be aware of protecting your material overall, sensitive or not.

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I thought that another good article in this issue is one titled “Researching Eighteenth-Century Immigrants”. The author of the article is James M. Beidler.

The author notes that there were two distinct waves of German immigrants to the United States. The first wave lasted from the early 1600s through the American Revolution. The second wave encompassed the rest of the 18th century, the entire 19th century and the 20th century until World War I.

It is estimated that there were about 80,000 German speaking immigrants during the first wave. They were viewed as the largest “free” ethnic group from outside of the British Isles during colonial times and as such were often given a higher status regarding the creation of records for them.

The author provided some nice categories on this early immigration era and the records where information can be found on such ancestors:

- **Pennsylvania German Pioneers**
  - Philadelphia was the number one port of entry for German arrivals during Colonial times.
  - Pennsylvania legislature in 1727 established some guidelines for the German immigrants.
    - Male foreigners age 16 and older had to swear oaths renouncing loyalty to any previous sovereign or the Roman Catholic pope.
    - Foreigners were considered anyone not already a subject of the British Empire. German state of Hannover was exempt because it was ruled by the British.
    - Hundreds of records of these oaths lists still exist from 1727 to 1808.
      - Transcript of the lists published under the title of *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* published in 1934.
      - Signatures on the oaths lists are valuable because they show how the person themselves was spelling their name.

- **Naturalizations and Other Records**
  - German-speaking immigrants were the only large group of people to become naturalized citizens in colonial times.
Naturalized by separate laws, for either individuals or groups, by colonial legislatures.

1740 British Parliament law allowed naturalizations before provincial courts that were then ratified by the Parliament.

Law decreed a 7 year waiting period between immigration and naturalization.

Benefit of naturalization was the ability to vote and legally will land to heirs.

Moravian Church autobiographies known as Lebenslaufe often contain data on German immigrant origins.

The Palatine Card File at Kutztown University’s Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center provides thousands of immigrant origins

- Published Works Aplenty
  
  First wave German immigrants extensively wrote about by Don Yoder, Annette Burgert, Hank Jones and Werner Hacker.

  - Don Yoder studied the folklife of the Pennsylvania Dutch.
  - Annette Burgert became the ultimate village finder of cluster immigration.
  - Hank Jones became an expert on the “Palatines” to New York State. He has published 7 volumes of data related to this German migration.
  - Werner Hacker collected data at archives and created 10 books based on this collection, including an English language summary of data that was published. You can find the name of the immigrant, village of origin and date and type of record.

- There is a National Genealogical Society Course titled “Researching 17th and 18th Century German Ancestors”.


If you have German ancestors connected to this first immigration wave during the American Colonial Period, the above information may allow you to dig deeper and uncover even more about them through the various resources mentioned.

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