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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July 9, 2019 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program “Handouts”

Hi Everyone,

This document should be considered as the program “handouts” document for our July 9, 2019 Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Program.

What does this really mean?

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

The source for the vast majority of what is in the Handouts is the monthly Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Newsletter. From within this larger document I extract information on upcoming genealogy programs local to our area, important items from Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Blog, as well as I summarize some key periodical articles of interest that I think are important to be aware of. The Handouts simply provide me with the opportunity to focus in on what I consider are important genealogical bits of information important to the researcher as well as to share my own personal thoughts on why it is of note.

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

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

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

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

I will clearly identify my own comments when the handout is a combination of material that came from some other source such as Dick Eastman’s blog as well as my own comments. I will indicate my comments in Italics, clearly marked so the reader can distinguish between the original verbiage and my own comments. If a
This program “Handout” information will then be uploaded to the Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Blog that is titled “Genealogy with Tony”. This blog will be accessible from the library’s main web site page at www.schaumburglibrary.org. Select “Local History and Genealogy” at the top of the page, then look for the icon on the Local History and Genealogy page that says “Tony’s Genealogy Blog”. Open the blog link and then look at the right hand sidebar of the blog and you will see the “Handouts” information. The direct web address for the blog I author is http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

Here we go with the list of “handouts”!

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

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

Or you can just go directly to the blog at:

http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

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

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

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

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

Our blog is the way of the future and the future is here now!

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Handout #2 – NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE ON AUGUST 24 (?, 2019)

THE SOCIETY WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2018. THEY WILL RE-GATHER AGAIN ON A STILL UNDETERMINED DAY POSSIBLY IN AUGUST 2019 (POSSIBLY AUGUST 24, 2019) INSTEAD OF A SEPTEMBER PROGRAM THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY.

The next meeting of the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society will take place on Saturday morning “To Be Determined” 2019. The program for the morning is titled “To Be Determined”. The speaker for the morning will be To Be Determined.

This meeting will take place at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 at 10:00 AM. There is a round table discussion that takes place at 9:00 AM prior to the main meeting/program that starts at 10:00 AM. Participants are invited to attend this round table and bring their research questions for discussion.

You may visit the society web page at:

http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/

Please note that it has happened once in a while that the society may change a program schedule without actively sharing that fact. Checking their web site may also not give you notice of such a change if they do not change the web site. That is still the first place to check. You may also want to contact someone at the society if a phone number is available to verify that a program is still scheduled as they had advertised. That is always not available either.

We do our best here to try to be sure that information we convey about programs is accurate. However, sometimes we are unable to convey changes unless we are made aware of those changes.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED BY THE SOCIETY DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2019.

Please note that meetings that will take place for the society will occur between September 2019 and May 2020. The September 2019 program will occur at the DuPage County Historical Museum located at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton, IL. The October 2019 through May 2020 programs are once again taking place at the Wheaton Public Library in the Lower Level. The address of the library is 225 N. Cross St. in Wheaton, IL. Please note the times for refreshments and the program. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM and last till no longer than 8:45 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DuPage County Genealogical Society will take place on Wednesday evening, September 18, 2019 between 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the DuPage County Historical Museum. Refreshments are offered at 6:30pm. The program scheduled for that evening is “The Basics of DNA Testing for Ancestry”. The speaker for the program will be Robert Sliwinski.

This presentation covers the basic information in an easy to understand format that helps empower the public to make informed decisions about DNA Testing for ancestry. Covered are the different types of DNA used and their origins, the tests available on the market, a guide to the testing companies and what to expect for your money. Testing companies covered include AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, 23 and Me, My Heritage, Genographic 2.0, Living DNA, GPS Origins, and Helix. Tests covered include Y-DNA (Paternal), MtDNA (Maternal) and Autosomal (Family Finder, Relative Finder and AncestryDNA’s test).

You may visit the society’s web page at:

[www.dcgso.org](http://www.dcgso.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/](http://dupagecountygenealogicalsociety.wordpress.com/)

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The next regular meeting of CAGGNI will take place on Saturday morning, July 20, 2019 at the Schaumburg Township District Library between 11:00am to 12:30pm. The program scheduled for this day is “The Art of Negative Space Research: Women”. The speaker will be Jeanne Larzalere Bloom.

Like using negative space in art, the successful identification of women is often accomplished by using the records of friends and family.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CGSM is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, forensic genealogy, problem solving, and multi-generational family histories.

On behalf of the Department of the Army, Jeanne searches for and identifies family members of unaccounted for servicemen from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Jeanne writes articles for scholarly journals and society publications. She is a frequent lecturer at conferences, workshops, and institutes. She is a Trustee and the president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

The words Certified Genealogist are a registered certification mark, and the designations CG, CGL and Certified Genealogical Lecturer are service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, used under license by board certificants after periodic evaluation, and the board name is registered in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

You may visit the organization web page at: www.CAGGNI.org

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Handout #5 – SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ON AUGUST 13, 2019

Our next genealogy program will take place on Tuesday evening, August 13, 2019.

Our program is titled “When Was It Taken?: Dating Genealogy Photos”. Our speaker for the evening will be Julia Johnas.

Old family photos can be a great source of clues to help your genealogy research. But you have to be able to unlock the mysteries that lie in the photo. Learn how to unlock those mysteries in this program. Our guest speaker will provide the "key" for you to extract valuable information from the photo to help you move your genealogy research forward.

Program attendees are encouraged to bring photographs to the program for which they are attempting to determine a time frame when the photo was taken.

Julia Johnas is a local historian and author of "Highland Park: Settlement to the 1920s". She has a Master of Arts in Library Science and holds certificates in archival studies and photographic collection preservation. She served for more than 20 years as the research liaison to the Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission and continues to provide research assistance on local and architectural history and genealogy for authors and historians. Her interest in the study of historical evidence in portrait photography began in 2011.

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 – HOW YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE PROTECTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS

The following was found at Dick Eastman’s Blog at www.eogn.com dated May 28, 2019.

Dick Eastman · May 28, 2019 · Legal Affairs, Privacy · No Comments

Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a nationwide survey that sets the terms for the country’s democracy. The questionnaire yields rich data, including people’s names, street addresses, ages, races, ethnicities, and other details. People’s responses help determine dynamics of power, such as how seats are apportioned in the House of Representatives, where voting districts get divided, and which communities receive federal funds.

But the bureau, tasked with releasing summaries of the results while simultaneously protecting people’s privacy, faces a Catch-22. “Every time you publish a statistic you leak information about that confidential database,” as Simson Garfinkel, a computer scientist with the bureau, told a Census advisory committee in May.

You can learn all about the privacy procedures of the 2020 U.S. Census in an article by Robert Hackett and an accompanying video in the Fortune web site at: http://fortune.com/2019/05/25/census-security-privacy/.

Comments by Tony Kierna

Can you believe that it is almost time for another federal decennial census! Doesn’t it feel like we just had one a few years ago. Oh, pardon by sense of time spans. Yes, it is true that the older we get the faster time seems to move! And just think, we as a country are still rather lucky having guidelines that allows release of our census data information to the public after waiting only 72 years, a relative short term compared to other countries around the world for which the time span before releasing census data to the public is a whopping 100 years!

And what is the firestorm brewing around this upcoming 2020 census? Looks like it is privacy that is rising to the top, not only about this census but also about things in general today from among all of the high tech companies and how they are using data about us that we seem so willing to share. Maybe the whole privacy issue can be solved by us and us understanding better the data capturing issues embedded in these privacy documents that we probably never even click on to open and read.
Our federal government asks questions of its citizens to get an accurate response. That information is used to drive policy through all layers of the federal government. If the fear that what you respond to will somehow leak out to the world, you may tend to not be so honest with your response. Inaccurate responses simply make the matters worse for how the federal government then sets new policies and plans based on census information it has received, some of which may now be inaccurate based on privacy concerns of the census responders.

Even the Census Bureau admits there is inherent weakness in the existing census privacy issues that could allow far too much data to be reconstructed and thus voiding privacy concerns on the data.

Quoting from the above linked article:

"To address the issue, Abowd has led the charge implementing cutting edge "differential privacy" techniques for the upcoming Census. The process intentionally injects noise, or random variables, into the system, an approach used by tech giants in popular consumer products everywhere from the GoogleChrome web browser to Apple iPhones to Microsoft Windows. The result: would-be database un-maskers cannot learn detailed personal records with granularity from Census data alone."

I guess only time will tell about how the privacy of the responses will be protected by the federal government. But the fear of such data ultimately working its way to data base users who thrive on information may only lead responders to not be as honest as they could with their responses.
An article by Dan Robitzski in the Futurism.com web site at https://futurism.com/23andme-updating-ancestry-results states:

“If you took a genetic ancestry test through a company like 23andMe, you may want to go back and give your results a second look.

“That’s because as the company gathers more data and learns more about genetic trends, it may update the results for your specific DNA and change around where it believes your family came from, according to STAT News. While it makes sense that these companies would eventually hone in on more accurate results, the shifting reports can be a rude shock to people who used the app to figure out their personal identity — only to find, like 23andMe user Leonard Kim, that the results later shift without warning.”

This shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone who reads this newsletter. I wrote an article a few weeks ago that describes the same thing with Ancestry.com’s test results: the company’s DNA ethnic origins reports changed as more and more information was added to the company’s findings of ethnic origins. You can find my earlier report at http://bit.ly/2DN6o8y and a follow-up article at http://bit.ly/2HxnIKH.

I had a similar “change of ancestry” with the findings of another DNA test from still another testing company. It seems that such “changes” in your ancestry are not unusual.

In fact, I suspect that every DNA testing company will occasionally change their reports of customers’ ethnic origins as each company adds more and more information to their databases of historic DNA and various human migration patterns.

If you had your DNA tested by ANY company, I would suggest you go back to the testing company’s web site every few months to see if there are any updates to your earlier test results. If so, you might want to trade in your German lederhosen for a Scottish kilt.

Comments by Tony Kierna
In my opinion, the article above is not that earth shattering. The DNA companies are always investigating how they could make their testing and the interpretation of the results even better. As databases of information grow, revised algorithms are used as a tool to make the ethnicity percentages appear to be different from those we may have most recently seen.

This is not a bad idea. Maybe you were 15% Germanic based on the results of your original test. Now, if you revisit your results at the DNA provider site, you may discover you are now 18% Germanic or you may discover you are now 12% Germanic. Yes, your original results could change but the goal is that they change because the measurement process used by the DNA companies has actually become even more accurate as the data they have grows for better analysis.

My only objection is a simple thing. I do not understand why these DNA companies are simply more pro-active to notify their base of customers. It sure seems like are especially pro-active to fill your email Inbox with ad after ad about price reductions for the various tests they offer. Who has not received these email blasts especially around the holidays, which seem to happen every 2 weeks e.g. Mother's Day, Father’s Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and on and on.

While the DNA providers are moving forward with these updates to your ethnicity reports, you may simply not even be aware such things are happening. How often do you go back to your DNA provider’s site? Routinely? Or are you the researcher or gift recipient of a DNA test who was made aware of your DNA ethnicity percent split only the very first time when your results came back? You may be the latter. And think of it this way. By not going back to these DNA provider sites, you also are not being aware of what possible matches are reaching out to you by sending an email to the “hub” of the DNA provider that is awaiting you to log back in and see these emails that have come your way through the website. (I tested with Family Tree DNA. Their system allows direct contact via email from a match to you bypassing the hub and letting you know someone is knocking on your door directly as a potentially great match!).

Here is the simple answer. Just re-visit your DNA provider website maybe once per month. See if your ethnicity results have changed since the last time you visited or since your one and only contact on your initial test. Then take the time to see if someone who is a match to you has been trying to contact you. It sure looks like this is the only way to see updates since it has been the practice of DNA providers to not proactively contact you with this updated ethnicity information.

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Handout #8 – FAMILYSEARCH CELEBRATES 20 YEARS ONLINE

The following was found in Dick Eastman’s Online Blog at www.eogn.com dated May 8, 2019.

Dick Eastman · May 23, 2019 · Announcements, Online Sites · 4 Comments

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

Twentieth years ago, global nonprofit FamilySearch launched an innovative new website, a free internet genealogy service. Two decades later, FamilySearch is a leader in the rising tide of popular ancestry-related services online. During that time, FamilySearch has expanded and evolved its free mix of online offerings, holding true to its purpose to provide economical access to the world’s genealogical records and create fun family history discoveries for everyone.

On May 24, 1999, FamilySearch.org took the online genealogy world by storm, offering free access to hundreds of millions of historical records online—a treasure for those seeking to make family history connections. For perspective, online broadcast news, e-trading, and downloadable music services were the rage at the time. Google, ranked 93rd of top websites, was still an up-and-coming service that was attempting to redefine the role of a search engine by indexing the web to make results junk free and more consumer relevant.

At FamilySearch.org, searching historical records for new discoveries continues to be a big interest for site visitors. Millions of new customers grace its portal each year, looking for new family connections. And for good reason. The site now boasts over 7 billion searchable names and over 3 billion searchable images of historical records. And it adds more than 300 million new historical records and images yearly from archives worldwide.

The website has expanded its free offerings since its grand opening two decades ago. Patrons have added 1.4 billion ancestors to the site’s robust, collaborative family tree. And the tree is integrated with two powerful mobile apps. You can preserve family photos and create audio files that help tell your family’s stories. The website also features an impressive inventory of very useful help services, like how to make sense of DNA test results, and it’s all still free.

Randy Bryson, now retired, was a FamilySearch IT director when the site was launched in 1999. He fondly recalls the big day. He said that the site was so wildly successful that it constituted 10 percent of all internet traffic at the time and was a top 10 website based on the amount of data it was hosting (20 terabytes). “Traffic on the site was so extreme at the time of the launch that we had to limit user access to 30 minutes at a time,” said Bryson. “The amazing thing was that people didn’t go away. When they were timed out, they would just log right back in to finish their search.”
Today the site is nimble and quick. Bryson said he was moved by the amazing gratitude of the site’s users. “It was very overwhelming, emotional, and gratifying” to see people able to easily access records of their ancestors conveniently online from their homes.

Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch CEO, is not surprised by the continued popularity of the website. He said, “When individuals discover more about their family history or make new family connections, it changes them. They see and treat each other differently.” Rockwood said that future services under development on the website will create more of these fun discovery experiences worldwide for site visitors.

FamilySearch.org continues to enjoy impressive growth today, adding over 50,000 new subscribers weekly and hundreds of millions of new family photos, documents, stories, and historical records yearly from contributors and archives around the world.

See what has changed and make new family connections in your family tree for free at FamilySearch.org.

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

OK, this is another one of those age-related observations. How is it possible that FamilySearch has been around for 20 years when it seems like it just started maybe 10 years ago? Facts are facts. It has now been around for 20 years and what a change we have seen in those 20 years of being online serving the genealogy research community. I sure wish I remembered more of that first year of startup of FamilySearch online. The world of FamilySearch was still almost exclusively into microfilms at that time. And just remember, that much of the core faith of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saint community is behind this data being available for us to use for free by simply registering a Username and Password with them.

Looking at the New York Times article dated May 23, 1999 on FamilySearch it noted there were 400 million records available to search. In 1999 that is a really huge number to think about. Yet in 20 years the number has grown to 7 billion records that are now available to search at FamilySearch.
The May 24, 1999 New York Times article on this new databases already noted that the customer response to this new database was so overwhelming that the system was shut down for 6 hours as the search process was being overwhelmed and was already reaching its capacity.

Remember, the site started with 400 million records. Today, literally 300 million records are being added to FamilySearch today on an annual basis.

FamilyTree did not exist at the original release of FamilySearch. Today, FamilyTree contains 1.4 billion ancestors uploaded by users of FamilySearch. From zero to 1.4 billion! Wow!

Also remember that FamilySearch now has partners in which information is shared making even more data available. Think of Cook County Vital Records. FamilySearch has the index of these records in its database. When a discovery is made in the FamilySearch database on one of these records, you can via a link, leave the FamilySearch site and find yourself at the Cook County Vital Records site where you will have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the record for your own records.

There is so much more than just database records at the site. FamilySearch moves to convert all of its microfilm data to digital online microfilm data. The online Wiki is incredible for information to help us with our research directions. Online Webinars and classes are also available as well as the online handouts and notes associated with these programs. And Family Tree is at the top of the list for you to upload your research data inclusive of photos, documents and videos.

May 24, 1999 was the start and we are now 20 years into this wonderful resource. How lucky we are as researchers!

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Handout #9 – “AT THE TIP OF YOUR FINGERS – 24/7”

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the June/July 2019, Volume 14, Number 2 issue of Internet Genealogy.

I thought that a good article in this issue is one titled “At the Tip of Your Fingers – 24/7”. The author of the article is Diane L. Richard.

The article focuses on identifying journals and newsletters that may be of interest to the genealogical researcher. Fourteen of these have been identified by the author. She provides online links for you to take a look at some of these that may be of more specific interest to you:

- **Signatures: The Magazine of Library and Archives Canada**
  - Published twice per year.

- **Library of Congress Magazine**
  - www.loc.gov/lcm
  - Published bimonthly
  - Showcases stories about the library, its talented staff and the resources that exist within the organization.

- **National Archives – Prologue**
  - www.archives.gov/publications/prologue
  - Can access many articles online
  - Published quarterly now online only

- **The Charter Newsletter**
  - Digital magazine from the State Archives of North Carolina
  - Features stories about documents and fun-facts.

- **New York Archives Magazine**
  - www.nysarchivestrust.org/magazine/archivesmag_past
  - Published quarterly
  - Focuses on New York State history as revealed by searches in archives.

- **Mississippi History Newsletter**
  - www.mdah.ms.gov/new/interact/subscribe/mississippi-history-newsletter
• The Quarterly – The Historic New Orleans Collection
  o www.hnoc.org/publications/quarterly
  o Published quarterly
  o Shares news about acquisitions, events, exhibitions, resources and programs of the organization.

• Collection – Bentley Historical Library (University of Michigan) Magazine
  o http://bentley.umich.edu/news-events/magazine
  o Published twice per year
  o Showcases the very best news of the library

• PassPorts – St. Louis County Library
  o www.slcl.org/pastports
  o Monthly publication
  o Focuses on the History and Genealogy Departments

• Wisconsin Magazine of History Archives – Wisconsin Historical Society
  o https://wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15287
  o Published quarterly
  o Intriguing articles about Wisconsin culture and the people, places and events of Wisconsin’s past.

• Past Pursuits – Akron-Summit County (OH) Public Library Newsletter
  o www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections/our-newsletter
  o Published quarterly.
  o Features articles about local history, genealogy, new archival collections, books and other resources.

• Irish Lives Remembered – Irish Family History Centre
  o https://irishlivesremembered.ie
  o Identifies Irish genealogy resources in each issue.

• Somos Primos – Dedicated to Hispanic Heritage
  o www.somosprimos.com
  o Published monthly
  o Identifies events and information concerning Hispanic heritage issues.

• Broadside, Semper Virginia Society
If your research is in any of these geographic areas where the magazines and journals originate from it is probably worth taking a quick look. The magazine may be a good resource for you but also consider what the library has for genealogy and local history that may be able to help you with furthering your research on families that may have originated in the area.
**Handout #10 – “FINDING THE PERFECT FIT: GENEALOGY BLOGS THAT SUIT YOUR FANCY”**

The following review and comments were created by me, Tony Kierna, based on my having read an article that was seen in the June/July 2019, Volume 14, Number 2 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

Another good article in this issue is one titled “Finding the Perfect Fit: Genealogy Blogs that Suit Your Fancy”. The author of the article is Sue Lisk.

As you can see from my own connections, blogs can be an incredible resource for you as a researcher to discover and tap into, especially those that may have a direct connection to your own research. There are thousands and thousands of blogs out there. The article highlights just 6 for you to check out.

- **Genealogy a la Carte**
  - [https://genealogyalacarte.ca](https://genealogyalacarte.ca)
  - Published by Gail Dever
  - Canadian oriented blog
    - Generally posts new material on a daily basis
    - She identifies in her blog section titled “Crème de le Crème” blogs posts she has discovered from other genealogy blogs.
    - She has a “Toolbox” part of her site that link to other sites resources.

- **Family History Daily**
  - [https://familyhistorydaily.com](https://familyhistorydaily.com)
  - Site only updated a few times per month.
  - Articles contributed by many other family history writers at this site.
  - Has a section of specialized topic guides e.g. poorhouses, hospitals, asylums etc.
  - Offers family history book recommendations.
  - Offers free online genealogy courses and webinars.

- **Olive Tree Genealogy Blog**
  - Published by Lorine McGinnis Schulze
  - [http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com](http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com)
  - Recent posts upfront and center, archive blog entry posts in right side sidebar.
  - Can also search the site for blog posts of interest.
• Offers unusual research hints e.g. “coffin plates”, “casket plates”, ledger books etc.
  • Often directs you to the Ancestors at Rest website
  • Explore prompts for writing your family history.
  • Offers family history book recommendations.

• **Canada’s Anglo-Celtic Connections**
  • Authored by John D. Reid
  • [https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com](https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com)
  • Generally posts on a daily basis
  • The site can be searched from within a search box.
  • Posts are concise and informative.
  • Offers summaries of upcoming conferences, webinars and talks.
  • Has a “Sunday Sundries” section of the blog of items he found of interest himself.
  • Has a Canadian focus.

• **A Genealogist’s Path to History**
  • Author of the blog is Meg McLaughlin
  • [https://genihistorypath.blogspot.com](https://genihistorypath.blogspot.com)
  • Posts a few times per month.
  • Seeks to combine her interests in genealogy and history by examining the social history that affected our ancestors.
  • She suggests that even when we know where our ancestors lived we can still never create the feeling of what their lives were actually like at that location.
  • Suggests we read novels written at the time of our ancestor to get a flavor of what life was like at the time.

• **Janet the Researcher**
  • Published by Janet Iles
  • [https://researchergal.blogspot.com](https://researchergal.blogspot.com)
  • Posts about once per month related to her personal family history research.
  • Poses questions that may inspire you e.g. describes the ancestors she would most like to meet.
  • Has a section titled “52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks” in which she writes about an ancestor once per week.

*It is a great idea to check out other blogs for style, content, resources etc. especially those that have a connection to your own research. Just do a search like “genealogy blogs at blogspot.com”. You will also find plenty of other tips related to starting*
blogs etc. using such a simple search. Do a similar search as "genealogy blogs at wordpress.com" and see what you get. You can also go to www.geneabloggertribe.com/members to check out all of the variety of genealogy blogs that have been identified by Thomas MacEntee. Thomas has been a webinar presenter at our library.

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