



## CAGGNI NEWSLETTER



### ***What's New in Technology*** ***by Ed Rosenthal***

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Please join us Saturday, 17 March, at 10:30 a.m., for this event at the Schaumburg Township District Library,  
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60193

### Upcoming CAGGNI Events

#### 10 March 2018

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers SIG**  
**The Grove Kitchen**  
**795 W Dundee Rd**  
**Palatine, IL**  
*With Marti Swanson*

#### 17 March 2018

**10:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**  
**What's New in Technology**  
*by Ed Rosenthal*

**12:45 p.m. Internet SIG**  
*With Alan Wilson*

#### 24 March 2018

**Location TBD**  
**10:30 a.m. GeneaQuest**  
*With Gail Santroch*

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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## President's Message



*by Alan Wilson*

This month is about deeper and specialized research methods for genealogy. Some members have approached me to suggest a Special Interest Group (SIG) for Mayflower descendants or other colonial groups. One broader category could be the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America ([nscda.org](http://nscda.org)). The Mayflower Society can help with selected genealogy research ([www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)).

Some general features of societies like NSCDA is that they require membership, they can be limited by subject and their genealogy records may be limited. Not all CAGGNI members would have ancestors that trace back to the earliest pilgrims in Massachusetts or colonial families before the Revolutionary War. Research in that time period has to rely on other databases and resources that may not be available on large sites such as Ancestry, FamilySearch or MyHeritage. The general subject of colonial American research could be a topic for occasional SIG meetings, either as a SIG of its own, or a meeting for a current group like the Internet SIG that will meet on March 17.

A larger scope for deep genealogy research can be obtained if we go farther back in time or cover some major events like wars. All of us with European ancestry should be able to theoretically trace ancestors back to Charlemagne (circa 800). Those of us with English ancestors might trace back to the conquest of England (circa 1066) or the Magna Carta (1215). If you are curious about connections to the Magna Carta you might check sites like

<http://www.magnacharta.com/bomc/bomc-gateway-ancestors/> to see if you recognize any familiar

ancestral names. A few of us might trace to American family surnames that signed documents like the Declaration of Independence. Other major events include wars (Revolutionary War, Napoleonic Wars, Civil War, WWI and WWII). Any or all of these could be subjects for SIG meetings. If any of these topics are interesting to you, please feel free to send a note to [president@caggni.org](mailto:president@caggni.org).

In addition to SIG meetings, CAGGNI has our GeneaQuest 2018 conference on June 23 to cover several subjects of interest including: analysis, genetics, geography, organization, problem-solving, research and technology. I have mentioned DNA testing in previous columns, so this month I will discuss other topics.



Lisa Louise Cooke will talk about her system for organizing a large set of files for genealogy on a computer filing system. At first this seems "easy." After all, with a 4 terabyte hard drive, I just drop all my thousands of files into hundreds of folders and then the disk drive stores them away. Oh, wait a minute. How do I find them again? How do I even remember that they are there so I can avoid duplicating them 10 years from now? How would my descendants take my research files and figure out what I did, to exploit them for research in the next century? Lisa is sure to have some advice to answer questions like that.

James M. Baker is also going to be there to talk about finding ancestors with DNA test results. James Baker's emphasis is to find the most difficult ancestors by comparing and triangulating DNA test results. So register now for GeneaQuest 2018 on the CAGGNI web page to attend these lectures.

*Alan L. Wilson*

## CALENDAR March – April

**Saturday, 10 March**

**The Grove Kitchen  
795 W Dundee Road  
Palatine, IL**

Special Interest Group, **10:30 a.m.**  
*Storytellers with Marti Swanson*

The Storytellers SIG is for those interested in the DOING of family history writing and storytelling. For this meeting, write your own obituary. Be sure to include the appropriate genealogical details including names, places and dates. Don't be shy about narrating your accomplishments during your time "between the dashes."

**Saturday, 17 March  
Schaumburg Township District Library**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Program Meeting, **10:30 a.m.**

*What's New in Technology  
by Ed Rosenthal*

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Special Interest Group, **12:45 p.m.**  
*Internet with Alan Wilson*

Internet genealogical services include Ancestry, Family Search, MyHeritage, Findmypast, WikiTree and many others. The Internet Special Interest Group intends to review questions about these services and have a dialog on the advantages and features of the services used by members.

**Saturday, 24 March  
Details to be Announced**

GeneaQuest Committee Meeting  
*with Gail Santroch, chair*

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**Newsletter Deadline 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month**

**Saturday, 14 April**

**Schaumburg Township District Library**

Special Interest Group, **10:30 a.m.**

*Family Tree maker with Nancy Thomas*

Family Tree Maker users share their knowledge and build their expertise with MacKiev's desktop software.

Special Interest Group, **12:45 p.m.**

*RM + TMG with Larry Olson*

The RM + TMG SIG is for members interested in the operation and features of the computer programs for genealogy databases RootsMagic and The Master Genealogist.

**Saturday, 21 April  
Schaumburg Township District Library**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Program Meeting, **10:30 a.m.**

*Preserve Your Ancestor's Legacy: Write  
Their Life Story by Mike Karsen*

Mike walks the audience through the process of preserving the memories of departed loved ones. Where genealogy meets family history, this presentation explores the elements of putting together an individual's life story. Framed against the backdrop of historical context, these elements begin with collecting the information and various formats and styles available to each author.

Special Interest Group, **12:45 p.m.**  
*Reunion with Bruce Christopher*

Calling all Apple users! Reunion is genealogy software designed specifically for Macintosh and also available as an app for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. Learn the tips and tricks that will have you utilizing this highly regarded program to its fullest.

**Saturday, 28 April  
Details to be Announced**

GeneaQuest Committee Meeting  
*with Gail Santroch, chair*

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## Understanding Our Ancestors May Help Us Understand Ourselves



**by Steve Szabados**

*Steve is a genealogy speaker, author and columnist. He has been researching his ancestors for about 14 years and has traced ancestors back to 1600s New England and 1730s in Poland, Germany, Bohemia and Slovenia. Steve is an active member of CAGGNI's Storytellers group.*

Understanding our ancestors may help us understand who we are. To gain this understanding, our genealogy research should go beyond the names, dates, family trees and documents that are standard talking points in genealogy discussions. Review the facts and events that you find about your ancestors and ask Why? How? Where? When? You may not find the answers, but exploring their options may give you a better insight into the character of your ancestors. Review carefully the challenges that your ancestors faced and how it may have affected them. Remember that some points of their character may have filtered down to you through the generations.

For my grandmother, I tried to envision her early days in Poland. I sought accounts of what happened around her village during World War I. What fears and challenges did she face during her immigration to America? What did she find after she arrived to live with her brother? How did she react and overcome the challenge of an arranged marriage and making a new life in America in a town where she knew no one?

My grandmother had a significant influence on me. When I was able to relate the challenges in her life to the points of character that I saw in her, I was able to understand how her accomplishments had silently influenced my character.

Try this process for one of your ancestors and you may be amazed by what happens.

## Digital Organization



**by Ed Rosenthal**

*Ed served three terms as president of CAGGNI and has been doing family research for over 20 years with Family Tree Maker and recently tracking his DNA. Ed has presented his research during his family's 150th and 160th reunions in Germany. Ed is employed by PepsiCo International in Chicago and is responsible for managing the planning of the deployment activities of SAP in South America, Europe and Asia.*

Many of you have thousands of photos, census, birth records and other files that can't be located when they are needed?

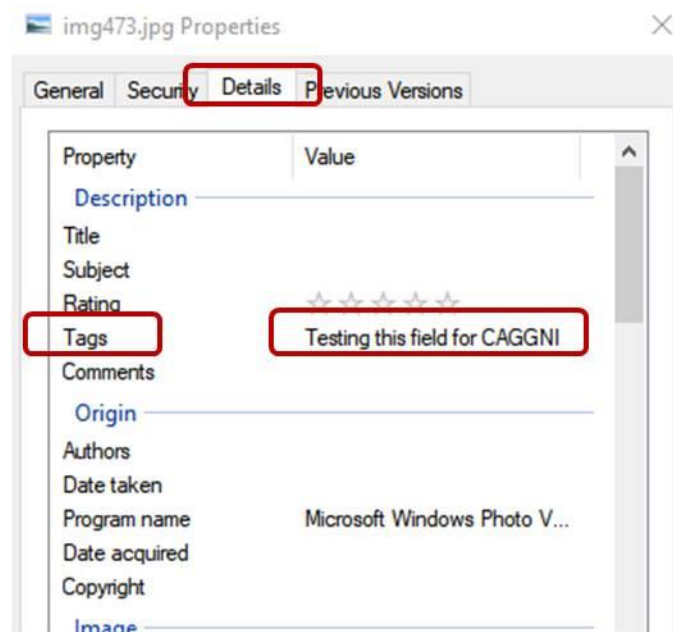
Let's discuss photo files, of which we all have thousands. The most common format for photos is jpg. These files include metadata and metadata (information) that you can add to each photo's file.

First step is standardizing the naming convention of your files. I use "Last Name or Maiden Name," "First Name" (space) "Year of Event" (if known) (space) "Type of Record," i.e. Birth, Wed, Obit, etc. We can discuss the pros

and cons of different standards later. This standard will save hours while locating a single record, eliminating multiple folders in the future. While testing this format, I combined 18 folders into one master folder, since everything is now in order and fast to find. Most likely there will be over 1,000 records (on one family) in this folder. This same folder will also be shared to dozens of cousins, privately on a One Drive link.

Second step is using “File Explorer” in Windows 10 (included in all Windows programs). Find a recent photo file and don’t open it. Right click on the file name, then select “Properties” and see a screen below. Then click “Details”.

### Windows 10 – File Explorer:

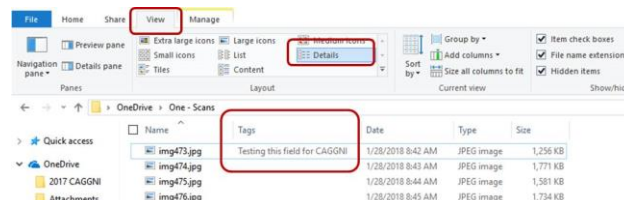


The “Tags” field is the number one field that I’ve noticed other photo programs also read, i.e., Adobe Elements and Capture NX2 (an old Nikon program now owned by Google).

Click in this blank “Tags” field and you can add over 3,000 characters or an entire graduation

class if needed. The key note is that 100 percent of the information is searchable! I added “Testing this field for CAGGNI.”

Below is a view from “File Explorer”:



Now you can search on information using the “File Name” or any information that is included in the “Tags” field, i.e., “CAGGNI”. The columns (Name, Tags, Date, Type, etc.) can also be “viewed” in any order.

I have picked only one field to edit (above) for this demonstration, but there are over 100 fields available. Example below is what was done with the first 200 photos from a reunion. I inserted 100 percent of their notes inside the “Tags” field while renaming each photo for efficient use. The “Tags” field is used for the who, what, where story behind the photo. The “Subject” is currently used as the “Source” of the photo. The “Comments” field is being used for a future 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sort.

Name	Tags	Subject	Comments
005 Jacob & Helena Meuser tombstone, Union Mills	005 Jacob & Helena Meuser tombstone, Union Mills	2010 Reunion	Union Mills
007 John & Anna Meuser, Chris' brother & sister	007 John & Anna Meuser, Chris' brother & sister	2010 Reunion	Union Mills
009 John Meuser civil war record, not Chris' brother, from the Dotyville Meuser family	009 John Meuser civil war record, not Chris' brother, from the Dotyville Meuser family	2010 Reunion	Union Mills
707 Maughn 3, John Maughn house at corner of M & Q, was the mill house in 1800s.	707 Maughn 3, John Maughn house at corner of M & Q, was the mill house in 1800s.	2010 Reunion	Union Mills
708 Maughn 4, another view of John Maughn rock house	708 Maughn 4, another view of John Maughn rock house	2010 Reunion	Union Mills

It is possible to duplicate a mini Excel spreadsheet, while sorting on any column using the metadata you added! Additional fields can be added just for census records, birth records, family groups, etc. We can discuss best practices at another time.

## CAGGNI Membership Profile



*by Dennis Murray*

*Dennis is a retired human resources and talent acquisition specialist in the engineering and video game industries. His genealogical interests started eight years ago, and he's been bugging his known relatives ever since. His heritage is Irish and Eastern European – most likely Lemkos of the north Carpathian Galician region. Dennis currently serves as CAGGNI's membership chair.*

### Update your profiles, please

Please review your membership profile online to update:

- Your genealogical and surname interests.
- Areas where you are happy to volunteer some time for the group.

Volunteer groups like ours thrive best when members can offer a modicum of time to ease the burden on those doing the heavy lifting. Every bit helps, and you would be surprised how easy it can be. By updating your interests in any volunteer area, SIG leaders/organizers can easily find those who are already motivated to assist. I'm sure you agree. So take 5 minutes after reading this and give us an update.

Log in then view/update your profile:

<https://caggni.org/Sys/Profile>

## My profile

**First Name** Rose

**Last Name** Lehne

**E-Mail** newsletter@caggni.org

**Profile Picture**



### Contact Info

### I am interested in assisting with...

#### 2018 Volunteer Openings

- ☐ GeneaQuest Committee
- ☐ Road Trip Committee
- ☐ Audit Committee
- ☐ Nominations Committee
- ☐ Program Committee
- ☐ 3rd Saturday Program (list topic)
- ☐ CAGGNI Boosters-Booth
- ☐ Treasurer's Associate
- ☐ Newsletter Article Submission
- ☐ Newsletter Proofread Team
- ☐ Newsletter - 3rd Saturday Re-Cap story
- ☐ Members Helping Members
- ☐ Sign In Desk
- ☐ Badges
- ☐ Survey Coordinator
- ☐ Publicity Associate
- ☐ Fundraising Associate

### Surnames I'm Researching

Surname 1

Surname 1 – Location

Surname 1 - Date Range

# Sharing Thomas MacEntee Handouts from a Genealogy Cruise

*submitted by Rose Lehne*

I went on a genealogy cruise last fall along the Pacific Northwest with the Legacy group where Thomas MacEntee was a speaker. As always, when attending one (or all) of his sessions, Thomas graciously offers copies of his handouts to be used in society newsletters after obtaining written permission. Articles will be shared over the next few months. THANK YOU Thomas MacEntee!



## 10 Secrets You Should Know to Survive Windows 10

The Windows 10 operating system represents a major upgrade not only in terms of the platform used by a majority of computers, but also the way in which Microsoft has decided to deploy the program. Starting in 2015, Microsoft embarked upon a campaign, which some have called heavy-handed especially with the constant upgrade messages (also known as “nagware”), intending to have 1 billion devices upgraded by July 2016.

### The 10 Basic Secrets for Windows 10 Survival

With every new program, there are “annoyances” or “things that change,” which often require our attention. Keep in mind that some new features can be totally disabled, but with Windows 10, some features you may have used in an earlier version of Windows are gone forever. The goal here: to create the best

possible Windows 10 experience so you can continue your genealogy research in an efficient manner.

1. **Set Default Apps and Programs:** If you upgrade to Windows 10 or have a new installation, guess what? Opening a PDF or other file type may result in a “program not found” error. Or, Windows 10 will force its preferred programs on you (such as opening PDFs in Microsoft Edge, the new Microsoft web browser). To fix: Click the Start Menu and then click Settings. Next, click System and then click Default Apps. Make any of the necessary changes such as changing your browser from Microsoft Edge to Google Chrome. Another fix is to change the program association with a specific file type: In File Explorer, locate the file type to change and right-click over the file name. The shortcut menu appears. Click Open With. A list of programs available will appear. Click Choose another app at the bottom of the list. The How do you want to open this file? dialog appears. Scroll through the list and select an app. Also check the box Always use this app to open files box. Click OK.
2. **Driver Issues and Peripherals:** One of the top issues for new Windows 10 users is related to items such as printers and scanners not working properly. Keep in mind that your device may be too old to work with Windows 10. But what is more likely is that the driver (software that communicates from the device to Windows) is not up to date. To fix, click the Start Menu and then click Settings. In the Search field in the upper right, type Device Manager and press Enter. Click the Device Manager. Right-

click over a device and select Update Driver Software.

3. **Customize the Start Menu:** Live Tiles were introduced in Windows 8 and proved a confusing and much despised feature. Well, they are back in Windows 10, but can be hidden and removed. To fix, just right-click on a tile and a pop-up menu appears. This menu will give you various options like the ability to **Un-pin from the Start menu**, to **Resize** the windows or to **Turn tile off**.
4. **Disable Windows Updates:** This is a little “white lie” since you can no longer wiggle your way out of Windows Updates. However, you can control WHEN the updates occur. To fix: Click the **Start Menu** and then click **Settings**. Click **Update & Security** and then click **Advanced Options on the Windows Update** page. Go to **Choose how updates are installed** and change the drop-down setting from **Automatic** to **Notify to schedule restart**.
5. **Print to PDF:** Prior to Windows 10, the ability to print a document to PDF or save as PDF was controlled by specific programs such as Microsoft Word. Now, with Windows 10, the **Print to PDF** function is set up as a “virtual printer” available to almost every program. To use: Open a document and select **Microsoft Print to PDF**.
6. **Disable Cortana:** Cortana is the new virtual desktop assistant that can answer any of your questions. When you first start to search, Cortana will want to help. To turn off: Click the Start menu and select **Settings**. In the Search field (upper right) type Cortana and select Cortana & Search settings. Move the slider to Off for Cortana.
7. **Configure Privacy:** Microsoft has changed the way it collects data from Windows 10 users. It states that it does so to “enhance” the user experience and help troubleshoot issues. However, many of us don’t want our activities monitored. To fix: Click the **Start** menu and select **Settings**. Then select **Privacy**. Check each setting to make sure you feel comfortable with any information being collected by Microsoft and others (YES! Other apps on your computer are now collecting info too!).
8. **Secret Start Menu:** Often we like the “old school” version of a new feature with a program. If you are used to the old Start Menu, you can still use it . . . sort of. To fix: right-click on the **Windows icon** in the bottom-left corner and use the menu with familiar popular options such as **Programs and Features**, **Search** and **Run**.
9. **Notification Center:** When any changes have been made or a user action is needed, the Notification Center icon in the lower right will appear highlighted. Click the icon and read the notification. Want to change the types of notifications or frequency? To fix: Click the **Start** menu and select **Settings**. Then select **Notifications & Actions**. Scroll down to change the various settings, including notifications from specific programs and apps.
10. **Settings replaces Control Panel:** Looking for the old Control Panel? It has been replaced by Settings (accessed from the Start menu) but there is a secret way to access the old Control Panel: Click the **Start Menu** and then click **Settings**. In the **Search** field in the upper right, type **Control Panel** and

press **Enter**. Click the **Control Panel** icon. The Control Panel screen appears.

**11. Windows Defender:** By default Windows Defender is activated with Windows 10 and negates the need for programs such as McAfee or Norton Security. However, you will need to disable Windows Defender if you intend to use your own anti-virus program. To fix: Click the **Start Menu**, select **Settings** and then select **Updates & Security**. Click **Windows Defender** in the sidebar and adjust the settings to turn off Windows Defender.

**12. Turn Off Rotate Screen:** This often happens accidentally . . . all of a sudden after typing a sequence of keys; your screen is now sideways! Windows 10 users can now make their screen view portrait or landscape by pressing **Ctrl + Alt + D** and any of the arrow buttons. If this happens, here is the fix (and you may need to tilt your head a bit while applying the fix): Right-click on the **Desktop** background, select **Graphics Options** then select **Rotation** and select **0 degrees**.

### **Additional Information You Should Know About Windows 10**

Besides the “survival secrets” above, it is helpful to understand some other features and facts about Windows 10, including the information below:

#### **Windows 10 Upgrade**

Can you still upgrade to Windows 10? “It depends” is the best answer right now. Keep in mind the following issues:

- **Your current computer may be too old.** Windows 10 requires a minimum

amount of memory (both RAM and disk space) as well as processor speed. With lower desktop and laptop computer prices, it probably is more cost effective to purchase a new computer with Windows 10 already installed.

- **Upgrades are no longer free.** The deadline to upgrade from a qualified version of Windows 7 or Windows 8 for free was July 29, 2016. The list price for Windows 10 Home version is \$119 and for Professional version is \$199. You can find Windows 10 upgrade for as low as \$89 on sites like Amazon.
- **Don’t wait for Windows 11.** Microsoft was stated that Windows 10 will be the final version of this operating system. Microsoft is busy working on UWP (Universal Windows Platform) for future iterations of an operating system.

#### **Default Windows 10 Settings to Check**

Here is a list of settings to check either after a Windows 10 upgrade, update or new installation. Use the “secrets” above to “fix” most of these issues.

- Automatic Updates
- Check Privacy
- Clean Up Start Menu
- Cortana – Disable
- Default Apps and Programs – Reset
- Power Options

#### **Genealogy Software Programs and Apps on Windows 10**

At this time, there are no conflicts between current versions of the most popular genealogy database software programs and Windows 10. All vendors have verified that their most

current versions will run on the Windows 10 platform. These include:

- Ancestral Quest
- Brother's Keeper
- Family Historian 6
- Family Tree Builder (MyHeritage)
- Family Tree Maker (Software MacKiev)
- Gramps
- Heredis
- Legacy Family Tree
- Personal Ancestral File (PAF)
- RootsMagic
- The Master Genealogist

## Resources

### General

- **Windows 10 Specifications – Microsoft**  
[https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-specifications?OCID=win10\\_null\\_vanity\\_win10s\\_pecs](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-specifications?OCID=win10_null_vanity_win10s_pecs)
- **Windows 10 News – makeuseof**  
<http://www.makeuseof.com/service/windows/>
- **Windows 10 News – ZDNet**  
<http://www.zdnet.com/topic/windows-10/>

### Tools

- **CCleaner**  
<https://www.piriform.com/ccleaner/download>

### Articles and Books

- **5 Free Tools to Fix Any Problem in Windows 10**  
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-free-tools-fix-problem-windows-10/>
- **8 Annoying Windows 10 Issues & How to Fix Them**  
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/8-annoying-windows-10-issues-fix/>

- **How to Tweak Windows 10 and Fix Its Minor Annoyances**  
<http://lifehacker.com/how-to-tweak-windows-10-and-fix-its-minor-annoyances-1720989970>
- **Six Windows 10 annoyances: How to make them go away for good**  
<http://www.zdnet.com/article/six-windows-10-annoyances-how-to-make-them-go-away-for-good/>
- **Troubleshoot problems opening the Start menu or Cortana**  
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12385/windows-10-troubleshoot-problems-opening-start-menu-cortana>
- **Windows 10 Companion – The Complete Guide for Doing Anything with Windows 10**  
<http://www.geneabloggers.com/win10companion>

### Cheat Sheets

- **Shortcut Keys for Windows 10** (Word document download)  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48716>
- **Windows 10 for Dummies Cheat Sheet**  
<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/windows-10-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html>
- **Windows 10 Keyboard Shortcuts at a Glance**  
<https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/sebastianklenk/2015/05/28/windows-10-keyboard-shortcuts-at-a-glance/>

### Videos

- **Windows 10 Tutorials**  
<http://www.windows10update.com/category/windows-10-tutorials/>

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## Best of 101 Tips



*submitted by Rose Messina Lehne*

*Rose manages the Best of 101 Tips column and currently serves as our newsletter editor. She is on the board of the DuPage County Genealogical Society*

*where she is web coordinator and conference chair.*

### TIP 12: Trade Places

Sometimes tough problems require a fresh perspective. Trading research roadblocks with a fellow genealogist, even for a brief period, can often give you new insight and help you spot gaps in your research methodology, unexamined assumptions or contradictory evidence that is holding you back. You might also learn something new (that might come in handy for your own research later) while examining your friend's research. You could arrange these kinds of trades with other members of your local genealogical society or you could contact an organization in your ancestor's hometown/county to set up a trade from a distance. Either way, you're bound to learn some new tricks.

### TIP 18: Leave White Space

Graphic design teachers often exhort their students to leave lots of white space on a page — for aesthetic reasons. Genealogists should also heed this advice, but for a different reason. When you make a photocopy or print from a microfilm, the temptation is to expand the image to fill the entire space, so it will be as readable as possible. But this creates two problems. First, you run the risk of overdoing it and cutting off something important, (this happens with second-generation photocopies

when the first copy gets shifted ever so slightly). Second, you have no room to label your document so you'll know what it is later. You could put the citation information on the reverse, but then if you make another copy, you might forget to copy the reverse and lose the citation. So, remember to always leave a little white space around the edges of your documents — you'll ensure that you have all the information you need, with room for a citation label ... and it will look prettier!

*Selected from Janice Nickerson's 101 Best Genealogy Research Tips. Toronto, Ont., Moorshead Magazines, 2006. Reprinted with permission.*

## Members Helping Members

Have you hit a brick wall?  
Would you like to find some fresh  
research ideas?  
Would you like help with research in  
another country?  
Or help with a new website?

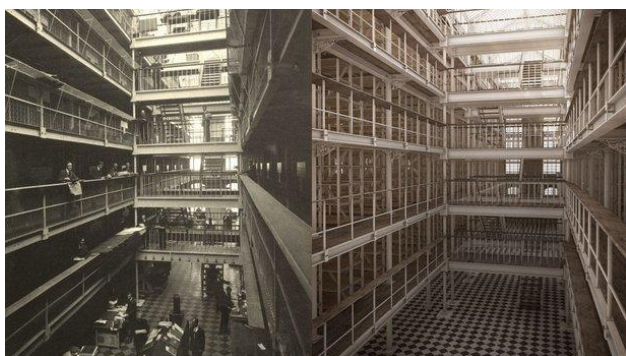
CAGGNI has volunteers willing to  
help. Just let us know!

Contact Jacquie Schattner,  
[secretary@caggni.org](mailto:secretary@caggni.org)

## From the Blogosphere

Nancy R. Thomas shared Dick Eastman's blog post Feb. 9: **A Digital Project is Underway to Recreate Ireland's Public Record Office Destroyed by Fire in 1922**

A project is underway to digitally recreate the building and contents of the Public Record Office of Ireland, which were destroyed by an



explosion and fire at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922. The six-story Victorian building went up in flames on 30 June 1922 during the Civil War. Seven centuries of Ireland's historical and genealogical records were lost, seemingly forever.

However, thanks to new technology, historical research and careful archival practice, Trinity College Dublin says these losses "are not irrecoverable." The "Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury" project will see the creation of a virtual reality reconstruction of the Public Record Office.

The completed virtual reality project will be made available on the centenary of the Four Courts fire in 2022. The project website is <http://www.beyond2022.ie>.

You can learn a lot more in an article by Philip Bromwell at <http://bit.ly/2H3khPN>. A video that explains the project is also available at the same address.

Selected from [CAGNI's Facebook group](#) postings in February 2018.

Posted by **Elaine McIntyre Beaudoin** on Feb. 3: Big update this month to indexed records. Thanks Dick Eastman for sharing.

[New Historic Records on FamilySearch: Week of February 1, 2018](#)

Posted by **Michelle Bray Wilson** on Feb. 7: Full sequence of DNA from Cheddar Man soon to be reported. **Cheddar Man: DNA shows early Briton had dark skin**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-42939192>



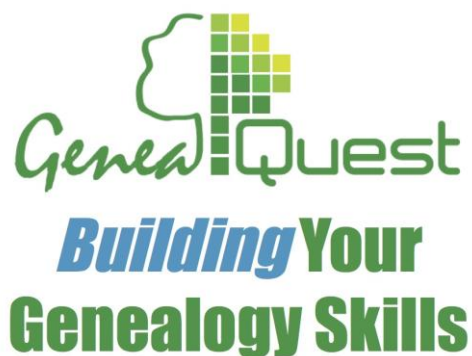
A full face reconstruction model made from the skull of a 10,000 year old man, known as 'Cheddar Man.' Britain's oldest complete skeleton is pictured during a press preview at the National History Museum in London on Feb. 6, 2018. Photo: AFP

Posted by **Elaine McIntyre Beaudoin** on Feb. 12: As Caron Primas Brennan says: "Good tips." Use the link to get the details.

[Five Easy Steps to Preserving Newspaper Clippings](#)

1. Digitize the newspaper clippings.
2. Make good quality photocopies of the clippings.
3. Purchase archival safe sleeves to store the clippings.
4. Only put one clipping in one sleeve.
5. File the preserved newspaper clippings in genealogy files, 3-ring binders or wherever genealogical records are stored.

## 3rd GeneaQuest Conference



**Analysis ~ Genetic ~ Geography ~  
Organization ~ Problem-Solving ~  
Research ~ Technology**

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Northern Illinois University (NIU)  
Conference Center (near the Sears Centre),  
5555 Trillium Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL

This month's GeneaQuest update focuses on the conference theme of GeneaQuest – "Building Your Genealogy Skills." Developing genealogy research skills is an essential activity in progressing from the known to the unknown facts of our ancestry. Identifying people and relationships, finding resources, recognizing problems, evaluating sources and analyzing the facts are a set of skills every genealogist should learn.

GeneaQuest features sessions targeting seven of the most important genealogy skills:

1. Analysis
2. Genetic Genealogy
3. Geography
4. Organizational
5. Problem solving
6. Research
7. Technology



**Analysis Skills** will be highlighted in James M. Baker's **Elementary, My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles with Clues You Already Have** and **Finding the Hardest Ones with DNA**. Liz Ross will help with the female side of analysis with **What About Women?**

**Genetic Genealogy Skills** will be covered in a full day of DNA labs by Jane Haldeman. These labs are repeated in the morning and afternoon, require advance registration and assume you already have your AncestryDNA results. The two labs are **Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA Results** and **Introduction to Using GEDmatch**. James M. Baker will also be presenting in a traditional lecture setting **Finding the Hardest Ones with DNA**.

**Geography Skills** can be improved by attending Lisa Louise Cooke's **Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research**.

**Organizational Skills** will be highlighted in Lisa Louise Cooke's **How to Organize All This Genealogy Stuff**. Robert G. Allen's **The Wonders of Find A Grave** and **An Introduction**

to **WikiTree** by Marty Acks complete this category.

**Problem Solving Skills** are addressed in four different sessions. James M. Baker's sessions in this area include: **Finding the Hardest Ones, Seven Strategies, Elementary, My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles with Clues You Already Have**, and **I Thought He Was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes**. Liz Ross's **What About Women?** rounds out this area.

**Research Skills** are covered in the following eight sessions:

James M. Baker's sessions in this area are:

- **Finding the Hardest Ones, Seven Strategies**
- **Elementary, My Dear Watson! Solving Your Genealogy Puzzles with Clues You Already Have**
- **I Thought He Was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes**

The following sessions also include strong research content.

- **Update Google! What's New** by Lisa Louise Cooke
- **What About Women?** by Liz Ross
- **The Wonders of Find A Grave** by Robert G. Allen
- **An Introduction to WikiTree** by Marty Acks
- **Top 10 Genealogical Tricks and Tips** by Jacqueline Schattner

**Technology Skills** have the broadest coverage with eight sessions featuring technology themes.

Lisa Louise Cooke's three tech sessions include:

- **Genealogy On the Go With Mobile Devices**

- **A Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research**
- **Update Google! What's New**

Jane Haldeman covers the technology side of DNA in her hands-on DNA computer labs.

- **Getting the Most Out of Your AncestryDNA Results (Computer Lab)**
- **Introduction to Using GEDmatch (Computer Lab)**

The following sessions round out the technology theme:

- **The Wonders of Find A Grave** by Robert G. Allen
- **An Introduction to WikiTree** by Marty Acks
- **Top 10 Genealogical Tricks and Tips** by Jacqueline Schattner

This year's GeneaQuest promises to be our most exciting conference ever. We look forward to seeing you there in June!

### **GeneaQuest Committee** **2018 Schedule**

- **24 March (Tentative)** TBD
- **28 April (Tentative)** TBD
- **12 May 9:30 Noon** (at event venue)
- **9 June** (at Schaumburg Library)

Gail Santroch, chair  
[geneaquest@caggni.org](mailto:geneaquest@caggni.org)

Check the [CAGGNI Events calendar](#)  
for the latest dates, times and location.

## Special Events and Other Events



by Caron Brennan  
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### Special Events

3/10/2018 — Naperville, IL  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**  
DuPage County Genealogical Society  
<https://dcgs.org/>

5/2/2018 — Grand Rapids, MI  
**NGS 2018 National Conference**  
National Genealogy Society (NGS)  
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

5/19/2018 – Bolingbrook, IL  
**Genealogy Day**  
Fountaindale Public Library District  
<http://www.fountaindale.org>

7/7/2018 – Crystal Lake, IL  
**MCIGS Summer Conference**  
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society  
<http://www.mcigs.org>

8/22/2018 – Fort Wayne, IN  
**FGS 2018 Conference**  
Federation of Genealogical Societies  
<http://www.fgs.org>

10/13/2018 – Bolingbrook, IL  
**Ulster Historical Foundation; Irish Genealogy Workshop**  
Fountaindale Public Library District  
<http://www.fountaindale.org>

### Other Events

\* CAGGNI member

Last Sunday each month — Chicago, IL  
*Brian Donovan*  
**Find Your Roots**  
Irish American Heritage Center  
<http://irish-american.org/tradition/genealogy/>

Second Tuesday of Every Month  
**ISGS WEBINAR SERIES**  
Illinois State Genealogical Society  
<https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234>

3/3/2018 – Hazel Crest, IL  
**Pullman Collection at South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society**  
Chicago Genealogical Society  
[http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/upcoming\\_events-chicago-genealogical-society/](http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/upcoming_events-chicago-genealogical-society/)

3/3/2018 – Arlington Heights, IL  
*Karen Stanbary, CG*  
**Learning Your Way Around Ancestry DNA**  
Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society  
<http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>

3/6/2018 – Elgin, IL

*Kimberly Nagy*

**Moving Forward by Looking Back**

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://www.elginroots.com>

3/8/2018 – Naperville, IL

*Debra Dudek*

**Pinning Together Your Genealogical Past with Pinterest**

Fox Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.ilfvgs.org>

3/8/2018 – Crystal Lake, IL

**Ancestry.com**

McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society

<http://www.mcigs.org>

3/10/2018 – Northbrook, IL

*Eric Basir*

**Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps**

North Suburban Genealogical Society

<http://nsgsil.org/>

3/13/2018 – Schaumburg, IL

**Break Out/Small Work Groups by Ethnic Interest/Beginners Table/DNA and Adoption Table**

Schaumburg Library / Tony Kierna

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

3/14/2018 – Bolingbrook, IL

**Passage to Chicago: Traveling the I&M Canal in 1860**

Fountaindale Public Library District

<http://www.fountaindale.org>

3/15/2018 – Elgin, IL

*Judy Van Dusen and Cheryl Winter*

**Planting Your Family Tree: Beginning Genealogy**

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://www.elginroots.com>

3/15/2018 – Downers Grove, IL

*Liz Ross\**

**What about the Women? The Hidden Half**

Downers Grove Public Library

<http://dglibrary.org/>

4/3/2018 – Elgin, IL

*Ginger Frere*

**Adding Context: Social History for Genealogists**

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://www.elginroots.com>

4/7/2018 – Arlington Heights, IL

*Jacquie Schattner\**

**Church Record Exploration for Genealogy**

Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society

<http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>

4/10/2018 – Schaumburg, IL

*Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana*

**Family History's Navigational Tool: Genealogical Proof Standard (G.P.S.)**

Schaumburg Library / Tony Kierna

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

4/11/2018 – Bolingbrook, IL

**Mapping Your Ancestor's Military Experience**

Fountaindale Public Library District

<http://www.fountaindale.org>

4/12/2018 – Naperville, IL  
*Teresa Steinkamp McMillin*  
**Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory**  
Fox Valley Genealogical Society  
<http://www.ilfvgs.org>

4/12/ 2018 – Crystal Lake, IL  
*Liz Ross\**  
**Gen 202: Beyond the Basics**  
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society  
<http://www.mcigs.org>

4/14/2018 – Northbrook, IL  
*Bill Marquardt*  
**Glenview Naval Airbase – Hangar One Foundation**  
North Suburban Genealogical Society  
<http://nsgsil.org/>

4/18/2018 – Wheaton, IL  
*Teresa McMillin*  
**Oh Where, Oh Where Are My Ancestors From?**  
DuPage County Genealogical Society  
<http://www.dcg.org>

4/19/2018 – Elgin, IL  
*Grace DuMelle*  
**Study Up on School Records for Success**  
Elgin Genealogical Society  
<http://www.elginroots.com>

5/5/2018 – Arlington Heights, IL  
*Dan Niemiec*  
**Who SANK grandpa's boat? Effective Techniques For Finding Passenger Manifests**  
Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society  
<http://www.nwsgenealogy.org>

5/8/2018 – Schaumburg, IL  
*Thomas MacEntee*  
**How To Deal With Other Genealogists Without Going Crazy**  
Schaumburg Library / Tony Kierna  
<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com>

5/9/2018 – Bolingbrook, IL  
**Transcribing Records for FamilySearch**  
Fountaindale Public Library District  
<http://www.fountaindale.org>

5/10/2018 – Naperville, IL  
*Jeffrey Bockman*  
**Look High and Low, Above and Below! Cemetery Research**  
Fox Valley Genealogical Society  
<http://www.ilfvgs.org>

5/10/2018 – Crystal Lake, IL  
**Cook County Social Worker for the Unclaimed Dead**  
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society  
<http://www.mcigs.org>

5/12/2018 – Northbrook, IL  
*Mike Karsen*  
**Jewish Genealogy, Online Resources for Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland**  
North Suburban Genealogical Society  
<http://nsgsil.org/>

5/16/2018 – Wheaton, IL  
*Caron Primas Brennan\**  
**What's New on the Internet for Genealogists?**  
DuPage County Genealogical Society  
<http://www.dcg.org>