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FEBRUARY MEETING **An Interactive Video/Virtual Tour:** Al Fulvio & Bob McRobbie will have a live interactive video for a tour by Lancasterhistory.org in which we'll learn a little of what this library has for us as genealogists and we'll be able to ask questions or for clarification during or at the end of the tour. This is a unique event-a first for Willow Valley, so be sure to come to be a part of this-oh, and to learn about this genealogical Lancaster gem as well. **Remember** at 1:30 Wayne & George will be available to do searches on subscription sites for you.

JANUARY MEETING: DNA MATCH Gregory Wilson gave us some insight about this site which can compare your DNA results with those of other's from various DNA sites, who have also uploaded their results on DNAMatch.

[Our Club Webpage](#) Check here to keep up to date with our 2017-2018 schedule. While there, check out some of the other tabs (to keep "tabs on us," so to speak). And share the site with a friend who is interested in genealogy.

Dues Every September, we request your dues (\$10/WV residents, \$15 for County residents). See Bob McRobbie to pay (by check to Willow Valley Genealogy Club, please) or to check to see if you already paid. Or mail it to him (Manor B-208). The application is on the website or ask Bob for a copy at the meeting..

Sharing Our Genealogy:

If you have any genealogy items (family tree, photos, letters. etc) to share-please let Al Fulvio know and bring them to a meeting to display on one of the tables in the back.

We encourage any of you with questions or brick walls or just interest in various websites to see George Nettleton or Wayne Barner the half hour before the meeting, or after the meeting, during refreshments, as they will have

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GenealogyBank, Ancestry, Legacy & New England Historical & Genealogy websites available for perusal and searching.

Nomination Committee: Lois Rilling has agreed to be chairperson of the Nominations Committee. A slate of nominees for the two-year positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Director-At-Large, will be presented at the April meeting, to be voted on at the May meeting.

Family History Library: The digitizing of their records continues with a target date around 2020. To find their digitized records, go to [Finding Digital Images on Family Search](#) tab. If you are searching the catalog, and find a source you'd like which is not yet digitized, let Familysearch know and they may move it up in the queue of their digitizing schedule.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP: Genealogy Software Programs and Websites
Workshop March 9, 2018, 2:00-4:00 Manor Orr Auditorium. This workshop is open to all Willow Valley Community residents-Come for an interactive session to see examples of several different Genealogy software programs, highlighting their features, capabilities, and potential applications. We will also visit several popular Genealogy websites to explore their uses, benefits and advantages. Bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet, to follow along or examine features on your device.

SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST:

39th Lancaster Family History Conference: April 19-21, 2018, Lancaster Farm & Home Center. Rte 72 (Manheim Pike) and Rte. 30, \$195 LMHS members, \$120 non members or just pick & choose and pay for individual seminars & field trips. Brochures will be available at the February meeting-see George Nettleton. Two of the workshop speakers, Darvin Martin & James Beidler, have spoken to our group in the past.

Internet Genealogy's March issue had an interesting article, which might fit many of us: "At Your Service: The Generous Genealogist." about sharing our expertise and time with others. It has 5 suggestions: 1-Mentor other genealogists; 2-index or transcribe records (for a library, historical society, internet site or just your own papers); 3-Pursue a pet project (photo identification geographic area where your ancestors lived, etc.); 4-Contribute to Find-A-Grave (or Billiongraves); 5-Share our Stories (on the internet, with your family, or the WV Genealogy club). There's a copy in the Spring Run Library where you can read the full article. It might energize your genealogy passion.

Eastman's Weekly Newsletter: If you don't subscribe to this free source (or its expanded \$19/year version), at least take a look at it once in a while. I almost always find a tidbit of useful information each issue. He also has a [daily newsletter](#).

Genealogy In Time: This is another free newsletter with a number of facets, but I use it to check out the latest updates (newest records added) to various genealogy websites (familysearch, etc.). It also has a genealogy search engine, Family tree search engine, rare books search engine, free images & various articles.

Journal of Genealogy & Family History is a new scholarly genealogy magazine. It is only on its second issue, and as a scholarly journal may not be of interest to you, but it is something you may wish to bookmark and check on every year or so, to see if it includes any articles which might be of interest to you..

Backing up: This is a new year and it's a good time to back up your genealogy files (and maybe all your data) to a separate drive (or if you are brave, to the cloud). We never know when a glitch, malware, virus, or anything else will compromise our data. It's good to have a backup-weekly is good, monthly at least, and annually at the very least. Remember to keep your passwords "out of sight" from evil eyes. If on your computer, move them to a removable thumb drive; if on paper, keep it well out of sight (but where you can find it!).

Passwords: Try to have more than one password for your sites (one per site is best) and try not to make them obvious (like your birthday, anniversary or apartment, etc.). Here's a guide to designing strong passwords:

Include: symbols, numbers, lowercase & uppercase characters

Exclude: similar (i, l, 1, L, o, 0, O) or ambiguous characters: ({ } [] () / \ ' " ` ~ , ; : . < >)

Save: on your device: (do NOT save on the Internet)

While this may seem like overkill, it is worth remembering some of the suggestions-it's very easy to type something simple to remember, not realizing it is also easy to crack if someone finds it. While it may be desirable to have password manager, if it keeps your passwords on the cloud, be sure you're comfortable with that (I'm not).

Suggestion: Do you keep a record of your subscriptions (periodicals, websites, genealogy societies, etc.)? It might be a good idea to make a chronological list with the date they end, how to reach them and cost. I've been blindsided by a few slipping past me because I didn't keep track. And it's possible you are on automatic renewal for something you no longer use-it might be time to reevaluate continuing. I do this in my Word Processor, but it could be in a spreadsheet as well. Just a thought.

If you find a website or tidbit of information which is of interest to you, maybe others in the club would be interested. Send me a website or other link to pass on to the members.

If you have suggestions for organizing, storing, searching, preserving, passing on our genealogy, share that with the group at a meeting, or send the idea to me for inclusion in an upcoming issue of Notes.

comments, suggestions, complaints? Contact: George Nettleton (george@nettletons.net)