



August 2018

MAY MEETING: Jim Landis presented information on the Census (Coming to Your Census), reviewing its, evolution and differences in the information recorded over the years. There is a 72 year privacy rule for the Census, so the 1950 Census will be available in 2022.

Also, new officers for the Club were elected:

VP-Lesley Franconi
Director At Large-Carol Fricke
Bob McRobbie-Treasurer.



[Our Club Webpage](#) Check here to keep up to date with our new 2018-2019 schedule. While there, check out some of the other tabs, and share the site with a friend who is interested in genealogy. Please note - At the website, you may need to refresh your browser for each page if it is not displaying current information

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:00pm

Tracing Health Clues in Your DNA and Family History

Speaker: Dr. Erik Puffenberger, Laboratory Director at the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg and respected geneticist.

Dr. Puffenberger will discuss comparisons of commercially available genetics tests as well as the unique hints about current researchers' health history found in family records. If you are wondering why one of the grandchildren has red hair or green eyes which have not been seen for four generations or why you suddenly have been diagnosed with asthma, this talk will provide some interesting clues for you to check.

For the rest of our calendar be sure to check our website

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COMING SOON TO YOUR COMMUNITY:

Al Fulvio & George Nettleton will be teaching a Renaissance class (2 sessions) on Sources of Genealogy. The first session will be a presentation of sources and the second session will be hands-on utilizing those sources. For the 2nd session, we could use some Genealogy club volunteers to help with the independent hands-on. And if you have a laptop, that too, would be a help as we don't know how many of the participants will have one to bring (books will also be available, so not everyone will necessarily be using a computer).

Dues September begins our new season, and it's the time to collect our dues. (\$10/WV residents, \$15 for County residents). Of course if you have paid, you'll be ahead of the game. See Bob McRobbie to pay (by check to *Willow Valley Genealogy Club*, please), or mail it to him (Manor B-208). The application is on the website or ask Bob for a copy at the next meeting..

Sharing Genealogy:

If you have any genealogy items (family tree, photos, letters. etc) to share- please 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 (1:30-2:00), or after the meeting, during refreshments, as they will have GenealogyBank, Ancestry, Legacy & New England Historical & Genealogy websites available for perusal and searching.

LDS 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.

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SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST:

23&Me now sharing DNA with GlaxoSmithKline

If you have used 23&Me for your DNA results, be aware they now are working with GlaxoSmithKline who will use the DNA results to develop new drugs. See [this site](#)

Steve Morse Adds Even More Functionality to His One-Step Site

Steve Morse is well-known within the genealogy community for creating all sorts of software tools that (in most cases) extract information from the Web and display it in understandable terms. His easy-to-use routines have become sort of a Swiss Army Knife for genealogists and others.

Here is the latest announcement from Steve concerning still **another addition** to his toolbox:

Since 2016 I have had a tool on my One-Step website for doing searches in the New York State Voter records. I just added a companion tool to search the New Jersey Voter records. Both tools are in the VITAL records section of my One-Step website. The direct links to these tools are:

New Jersey: <http://stevemorse.org/njvoters/njvoters.html>

New York: <http://stevemorse.org/nysvoters/nysvoters.html>

Besides containing juicy information on your neighbors, like their party affiliation and whether they voted in the most recent election, the voter records also contain useful genealogical information such as dates of birth. And they contain addresses, making it useful as a people-locator tool.

(published here with consent of the author: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.)

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[Bookfinder.com](#)

This has been suggested previously, but I thought I'd mention this site again. If you ever are looking to purchase a book (or to find books about your ancestors or their occupations or locations, this is a great site. Using keywords (*ie* Milford CT; Nettleton; Greeley CO) you might find a gem of a book (or magazine) which will give you information about your family-it might be specific, or it might be general, it might include photos or it might not. I've used it to purchase a book of cemetery records for Milford, CT where my family was, for a book on the Union Colony (Greeley) where they also were, and on Nettletons (not mine, unfortunately). It lists new (sometimes they're reprints) and used books from various dealers or consortiums (ABEBooks, Alibris, Half-price books, Biblio, etc.) with the price including shipping and the condition of the book. You might want to give it (and Ebay which was mentioned in last month's *Notes*) to see what you find (maybe on a 3rd Tuesday when you are aching to be in a genealogy meeting in June, July, or August!

And as a follow-up to this, here's a 2014 article from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*

More than 80,000 Digitized Genealogy and Family History Publications are Now Available Online

Dick Eastman · December 26, 2014 ·

One of the greatest genealogy resources available today is the huge collection of digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. When I travel to various genealogy conferences and societies, I am often amazed at how many genealogists are unaware of these free resources. Not only are the books and other publications available free of charge, you don't even have to pay for gas to visit these libraries!

These digital books are available at:

[Google Books](#)

[Archive.org](#)

[Allen County Public Library](#)

[Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library](#)

[Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library](#)

[Church History Library](#)

[Family History Library](#)

[Houston Public Library – Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research](#)

[Mid-Continent Public Library – Midwest Genealogy Center](#)

[Pennsylvania State University Libraries' Digitized Collections](#)

The menus and the search methods will obviously vary from one site to another. However, a few minutes spent exploring each site's holdings could pay big dividends.

I will say that most newcomers search only for names. In fact, I'll admit that I do the same on my first search in a new web site and I suspect a lot of other experienced genealogists do the same. However, after exhausting the search for names, most experienced genealogists start looking for other search terms. I always look for locations. Many times, I have been successful at finding some tidbit about an ancestor by searching for the county or the town in which he or she lived, even after a search for the person's name produced no results at all.

One of my more successful searches came as a result of searching for the name of the small town in which my great-great-grandparents lived. I knew he was a farmer so I searched for his his name plus the name of the small town in which he lived. I was rewarded with a scanned digital booklet of only 42 pages, printed in 1842, that listed all the farmers in his county, along with a detailed description of the farm and even the assessed value of the property. It listed the total acreage of his property, the number of acres under cultivation, the number of acres of woodlands, the number of barns and outbuildings, how

many head of cattle, sheep, and swine that he owned, and even the number of chickens. It also listed the crops he sold. I learned a lot more about him and my great-great-grandmother in that small booklet than I ever found in census records!

When searching old books and other printed information, you have to be creative. You should search not only for locations, abut also for fraternal organizations, religious affiliations, veterans' organizations, and anything else you can think of.

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ANOTHER INTERESTING SITE:

from Pat Burkhart:

[Pennsylvania Genealogy-Just Ask](#) This is a Facebook group (so you need a Facebook account), but it's apparently a very interesting site, being able to see problems others have solved as well as requesting help for stumbling blocks you may have in your family tree. If you have a Facebook account, check it out and, if you like it, share it with others.

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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 to include in an upcoming issue of Notes.

*If you have comments, suggestions, complaints, Contact: George Nettleton
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