



October 2018

OCTOBER PROGRAM

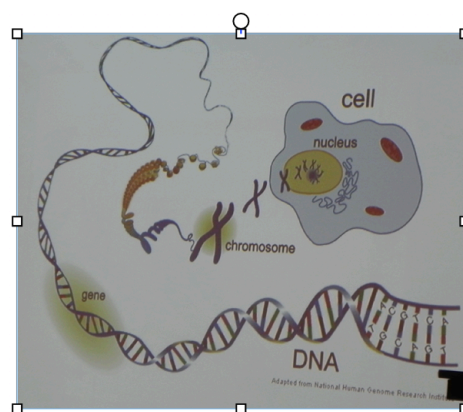
Genealogy Tools with George Nettleton: What are the things you need to do your genealogy? Not just pen & pencil, not just a Computer, but come and find out October 16 at 2:00 in the Manor Orr Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER RECAP

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy Dr. Erik G. Puffenberger, Laboratory Director



at the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg and respected geneticist We had a great introduction, giving us the basics: cell->Chromosome->Gene->DNA so we'd know what the various parts of the DNA are and their hierarchy. He explained SNP and STR very plainly and explained what a haplo group is. Then he gave a comparison between 23 & Me and Family Tree DNA, but then got into some deeper areas with comparing with others who may be matches. It was well received and some excellent questions



were answered.

For the rest of our calendar be sure to check our [website](#)

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Dues September begins our new season, and it's the time to collect our dues. (\$10/ WV residents, \$15 for County residents). See Jim Robinson to pay (by check to *Willow Valley Genealogy Club*, please), or mail it to him (Gables). Our membership application is on the website or ask Jim for a copy at the next meeting..

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Jim Robinson has volunteered (thank you), and been appointed by the Board as our new Treasurer, as Bob McRobbie asked to be relieved of this chore. Bob, thank you for your faithful service these past few years-a job well done.

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The WVGC library catalogue is now posted on our website as page 2 of the Resources menu item. There is a link to click near the top of page 1.

A number of items in the library are up for grabs, so check out the "take one" table at the October meeting. If you decide to borrow from the book cart (library), there is a green folder on one end to sign out (and in) when you borrow/return books.

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Al Fulvio & George Nettleton are teaching a Renaissance class (2 sessions October 9 & 22) on **Sources of Genealogy** and could use some Genealogy Club volunteers to help guide and assist with hands on searching at the October 22 10:00-11:30 session. If you have a laptop, that would 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 be using a computer). If you're willing, please contact George (george@nettletons.net) or Al (fulvio@comcast.net)

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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.

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.

Problems with your Genealogy? Contact George Nettleton (george@nettletons.net) or Wayne Barner (wabby@) and we can arrange to meet you before the meeting for help.

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This is a new Club year, remember to back up your genealogy data. Disk drives don't last forever, and they don't have a signal to let you know when they'll die, they just do (lasting an average of 5 years). Don't get caught short by a crash. It's a good idea to back up at least monthly.

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If you're searching for birth, marriage and death certificates, try these sites:

<http://vitalrec.com> for how information on each state & territory

<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp> for England & Wales records (beginning 1837)

<http://collectionscanada.gc.ca> for Canadian records

While these sites are free, the records require a checkbook or credit card for payment.

Instead of finding the links on the internet, you can use Vital Records Handbook which is on the WVGC library cart-just remember to sign it out (and back in).

For other countries, try "death certificates" and "country of your choice."



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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.

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