



*May 2021*

**May:** *Diseases of our Ancestors*-Rebecca Reinhard, Family History Center- Rebecca will give us an idea of what some of the diseases we've seen on death records, war records or have read in papers actually are. She will also give us some tips for using the Family Search website to enhance your family tree records.

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**April 20 Maps for Genealogists**-Clay Kilgore, Executive Director, Washington County Historical Society discussed and showed various digitized maps from links which were sent to Al Fulvio, who has sent them to us: **County maps**-to discover boundary changes, when, for finding ancestral records; **Sanborn Fire Insurance maps** which help give a picture of a neighborhood; **warrantee maps** which include owners and various

information on their property-grantor and grantee lists are nice, but these give a visual location as well; and also various **local atlases**-usually pre-paid to see that making and printing the atlas would be profitable. Try some of these in the area where your ancestors were to see what you find. Not all may be available where your ancestors lived, but hopefully, some will be.

**Zoom Note:** You don't need a computer, smartphone or tablet to access a Zoom meeting. You can use your land-line phone! When you get the notice from Al, call the phone number and type in the password # when prompted. Hope to "see" you Tuesday the 18th at 2:00!



**Seeking indexers:** There are tax records on the Lancasterhistory.org website which are handwritten, and therefore not indexed, Would you be interested in helping index them so they are searchable?

You can work on the indexing at your leisure, once a week, once a month, or, if ambitious, daily.

Would you be willing to join Pat Burkhart and me? If so, contact George Nettleton ([george@nettletons.net](mailto:george@nettletons.net) or 717-397-0439) and we can begin organizing the process and sharing the tools so we don't duplicate our work and so the product will be usable on their website.

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**Possible programs for the 2021-2022 year**

- \_\_Sept My COVID Genealogy
- \_\_Oct-City Directories
- \_\_Nov-DAR Heritage, Lineage, Occupational societies
- \_\_Archiving
- \_\_Caring and labeling Heirlooms for our descendants
- \_\_Preparing for 1950 census-hands on
- \_\_Backing up, using a VPN, sharing, etc. for security
- \_\_Restore-ing your photos-hands on (Restore is an app)
- \_\_Beginning or reactivating my Genealogy
- \_\_Scrapbooking
- \_\_Writing one page Memoirs-hands on
- \_\_Networking-social media, blogs, email, etc.
- \_\_Searching for German (or other nationality) ancestors-hands on

Any other areas you'd like to hear or learn about?

Let me know your thoughts [george@nettletons.net](mailto:george@nettletons.net) or mention them at our Zoom meeting.

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**WEBSITES** Almost without exception, the Ancestry website is mentioned at each of our Zoom meetings. While it may be considered THE genealogy website, it doesn't have everything (actually, no website does, nor does the internet-and I assume it never will).

However, there are three other major genealogy websites: one free, two by subscription. All have an extensive collection: censuses, birth marriage, death records, all but familysearchg have DNA testing and more. Each cost site offers a free trial period so you can see if it might be worth buying a membership- they also have specials every once in a while so you can save some money.

Suggestion: begin with Family Search (cost is a big plus), then, if needed, try one pay site, and possibly a second then third, but do each separately, both to save money and to use the subscription period to delve into the site.

Family Search-free; has free physical Family History libraries (ours is at 1210 East King Street, Lancaster 717-295-1719)-good breadth

Find My Past-\$139 or \$179/year-strong on England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland

My Heritage-\$129-\$300/year-strong on European (especially Scandinavian and Jewish records; also has tools for photo enhancement and animation of your photos

Ancestry-\$192 to \$400/year-good breadth, including country level subscriptions for United States, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Sweden and the United Kingdom.