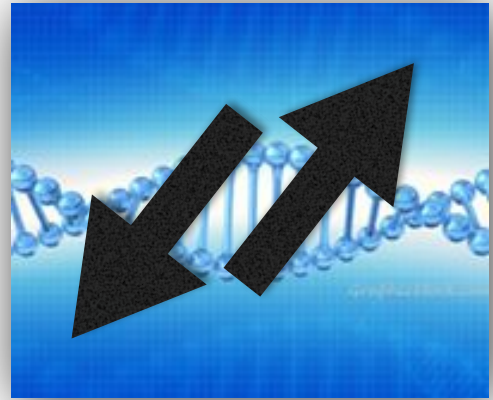


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BREAKING DOWN BRICK WALLS WITH DNA

Saturday, Oct. 14

FULL-DAY SEMINAR



The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics



I Have My Results, Now What?



Breaking Through Genealogical Brick Walls with DNA



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Sunday, Oct. 15

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Using Mitochondrial DNA and X-DNA for Genealogy Research



Digging Deeper with Autosomal DNA

Saturday & Sunday

OCTOBER 14

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15

9:30 a.m. - noon

**Two Sessions
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CeCe Moore

is an independent professional genetic genealogist and media consultant. She has worked since 2013 for the PBS documentary series Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., collaborates regularly with ABC's 20/20, and her research has been featured on PBS's Genealogy Roadshow for all three seasons. She is the founder of The DNA Detectives and the popular blog Your Genetic Genealogist.

As a leading proponent of genetic genealogy education, CeCe helped create and teach the groundbreaking first genetic genealogy courses at the premier genealogical institutes, including GRIPitt, SLIG, IGHR and FGI.

CeCe is considered an innovator in the use of autosomal DNA for genealogy, frequently consulted by DNA testing companies, genealogists, adoptees and the press. She has close working relationships with all of the major genetic genealogy testing companies, was invited to create and lead the Ancestry Ambassador program for 23andMe, and consults for The New York Genome Project. She also serves on the American Society of Human Genetics' Genetic Ancestry Inference Committee.



SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
Milwaukie, Oregon

Time

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, Oct. 14
Break for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Seminar Features

Book sales from Heritage Quest & the GFO Raffle
Coffee, tea and snacks throughout the day
Syllabus: electronic copy included

Lunch

Bring your own or order from GG's Deli. A lunch selection form will be sent with your confirmation. Sack lunch is \$10, and includes your choice of sandwich and side. Add \$1 for gluten-free bread.

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org.

SUNDAY WORKSHOP DETAILS

Location

GFO Library
2505 SE 11th, Suite B-18 (Basement level)
Portland, Oregon

Time

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. • Sunday, Oct. 15

**– Sunday Workshop Limited to 50 –
– Register Early! –**

Payment and Refund Details

Register and pay online at www.GFO.org.

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Complete registration form below and mail with your check to: **GFO Fall Seminar, 2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.**

For cancellations received after Oct. 7, 2017, refunds will be subject to a \$10 cancellation fee. Lunches must be ordered by Oct. 11, 2017. **Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after Oct. 11, 2017.**



REGISTRATION FORM



You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. Prices are reduced for early registration. One form per attendee. Circle price selected, enter amounts on the right, and total at the bottom.

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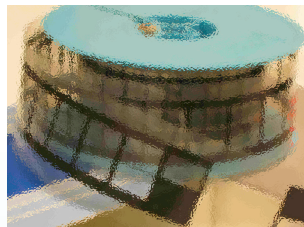
FamilySearch Discontinues Microfilm

By now, you've probably heard the news of FamilySearch's discontinuation of microfilm distribution. Here's their announcement and a couple of links to read more on the subject. If you have concerns about current orders, access to undigitized material, and the progress of scanning, Judy Russell has a blog post thoroughly evaluating the change (<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2017/06/29/the-end-of-microfilm/>). Dick Eastman's blog has some excellent questions and answers also (<https://blog.eogn.com/2017/06/26/familysearch-to-discontinue-its-microfilm-distribution-services/>).

FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm

June 26, 2017 (from their website)

FamilySearch, a world genealogy leader and nonprofit, announced today its plans to discontinue its 80-year-old microfilm distribution service. The transition is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017. Online access to digital images of the world's historic records allows FamilySearch to service more people around the globe, faster and more efficiently. See Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org and Frequently Asked Questions.



A global leader in historic records preservation and access, FamilySearch and its predecessors began using microfilm in 1938, amassing billions of the world's genealogical records in its collections from over 200 countries. Why the shift from microfilm to digital? Diane Loosle, Director of the Patron Services Division said, "Preserving historic records is only one half of the equation. Making them easily accessible to family historians and researchers worldwide when they need them is the other crucial component."

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GFO "Reboot" Campaign is a Success!

Wow, we've done it! With one last jump we hit the mark. If you've been to the library recently, you'll have seen the six new computers and printer already up and running. Wait till you experience the speedy response from the new computers and routers. (And see the huge new monitors.) Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this campaign.



Retirement of Two Board Members

Two GFO members and volunteers have retired from the GFO board as of July 1. These two between them have worn nearly every hat. We owe them many, many thanks for years of involvement in the GFO.

Jeanette Hopkins has been a member of the GFO since 1990. Her service includes years as Treasurer, and, most recently, as Vice President. She's worked as Co-chair of Seminars for many years (and managed the raffles) as Treasurer. In addition, Budget Committee, Endowment Committee, Chair of Annual Appeal Drives, Relocation Committee for the Ford Building move, Education Committee; Coordinator for the Hall of Fame Committee. She's also developed brochures and special events flyers for many events. Jeanette was named to the Hall of Fame in 2014. This is a level of leadership and involvement that is deeply interwoven into the success of the GFO. And you can

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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months at
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9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday
9:30 to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday
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Events and Conferences

Half-Day Workshop with Pam Vestal

August 5, 9:30 a.m.–noon

GFO Library

Tips and Tricks: Finding what You
Need and Making the Most of
What You Find
Genealogical Pits I Have Fallen
Into and How to Avoid Them

Save the Date and Early Hotel Registration NGS 2018 Family History Conference

May 2–5, 2018 Grand Rapids, MI

Conference hotels reservations
open 15 August, 2017.

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Northwest Genealogy Conference

August 16–19, 2017 Arlington WA

Including free beginning genealogy class. Space is limited.

<https://stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50>

Half-Day Workshop with Mary Kircher Roddy

September 9, 2017

Finding Your People: Indexes &
Bagging a Live One

GenTalk

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September 16, 2–4 p.m.

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Free and Open to the Public

Switched at Birth: Unraveling a
Century-Old Mystery with DNA

Seminar & Workshop with CeCe Moore

October 14–15, 2017

DNA

Oregon Historical Society Genealogy Workshop Researching Chinese-American Family History

with Christine DeVillier

October 7, 10 a.m.–noon

Oregon Historical Society

1200 SW Park Ave

Portland, Oregon 97205

In this class, researchers of Chinese American family history will gain background knowledge and techniques specific to researching the Chinese American population. This class will illustrate the use of resources ranging from historic and archival documents to contemporary DNA testing, and everything in between.

\$20 / \$15 for OHS members

<http://www.ohs.org/events/genealogy-workshop-researching-chinese-american-family-history.cfm>

Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2017 National Conference

Aug. 30–Sept. 2 Pittsburgh, PA

Whether you are beginning your genealogy adventure or have been at it for decades, join fellow genealogists and family historians.

Attendees can look forward to strengthening their research abilities no matter their skill level or area of interest. The program is available online. An 8-page pdf is also available to download.

<https://www.fgsconference.org/program/2017-schedule/>



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Loosle noted that FamilySearch will continue to preserve the master copies of its original microfilms in its Granite Mountain Records Vault as added backup to the digital copies online.

As the Internet has become more accessible to people worldwide over the past two decades, FamilySearch made the decision to convert its preservation and access strategy to digital. No small task for an organization with 2.4 million rolls of microfilm in inventory and a distribution network of over 5,000 family history centers and affiliate libraries worldwide.

It began the transition to digital preservation years ago. It not only focused on converting its massive microfilm collection, but also in replacing its microfilm cameras in the field. All microfilm cameras have been replaced with over 300 specialized digital cameras that significantly decrease the time required to make historic records images accessible online.

FamilySearch has now digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection – over 1.5 billion images so far – including the most requested collections based on microfilm loan records worldwide. The remaining microfilms should be digitized by the end of 2020, and all new records from its ongoing global efforts are already using digital camera equipment.

Digital image collections can be accessed today in three places at FamilySearch.org. Using the Search feature, you can find them in Records (check out the Browse all published collections link), Books, and the Catalog. For additional help, see Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org.

Transitioning from microfilm to digital creates a fun opportunity for FamilySearch’s family history center network. Centers will focus on simplified, one-on-one experiences for patrons, and continue to provide access to relevant technology, popular premium subscription services, and restricted digital record collections not available to patrons from home.

Centers and affiliate libraries will coordinate with local leaders and administrators to manage their current microfilm collections on loan from FamilySearch, and determine when to return films that are already published online. For more information, see Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm.



BEGINNERS’ BOOT CAMP

Sat, August 12, 9:30am – 5:00pm
Library, Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2505 Southeast 11th Avenue, Suite B-18
Portland, OR

Join Laurel Smith for a day of beginning genealogy. There will be classes about census and vital records, immigration and naturalization, discussions about genealogy software and database use, organizing your research and more – all geared toward beginners. Bring a sack lunch so the discussion can continue while we eat. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops, but it is not required.

GFO members may attend for free, non-members pay \$20 at the door.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by sending a message to RSVP@gfo.org. The class materials will be emailed in advance.



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still find her volunteering as an RA on first Sundays.

Judith Leppert will continue as an RA, chief book mover, contributor to the *Bulletin*, and several other things. In her last four years as a Director-at-Large on the board, she took up all the odd jobs and things no one else wanted to do. She took over on the raffle from Jeanette till recently. She’s moved library books, taught classes, written articles for the *Bulletin* and *Insider*, and written sympathy letters to members. She’s also the first to volunteer for away events – has been GFO Tour coordinator and will still do the tours and act as hostess. Judith spends many hours volunteering as an RA, and she has prepared and conducts a training program for new RAs. And you will never hear as lovely a rendition of Happy Birthday as Judith gives.

For both of these valued members we’ve probably missed many of their contributions, and we are grateful for their continuing involvement. How can we possibly thank you enough?



Functionality Issues in the FamilySearch Interface

By Lauren E. Kuntzman, with contributions by Greta Fisher Local & Family History Librarians, St. Joseph County Public Library, South Bend, Indiana

Given FamilySearch's recent announcement about the cessation of their microfilm loan program and plan to accelerate their digitization efforts, it seemed wise to spend some time reviewing the FamilySearch site to get a better sense of what microfilm is available digitally and how it can be accessed. In the course of exploring the site, we encountered some oddities with the functionality of the FamilySearch interface. Here is a list of observations, with examples when possible, plus any information we've found for working around these issues.

1. Indexed entries do not link to a digital image, even when a digital image is available.

If you look at this entry <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VZL4-5TW> it says "No image available." However, a digital image of the original record does exist on FamilySearch. Here's one way to find the image: On the index-only entry look for the Digital Folder Number and Image Number (in the right column). Do not click Digital Folder Number (that only gives you records sharing that number). Instead, copy the Digital Folder Number and go to the FamilySearch Catalog. Run a Film/Fiche Number Search using the Digital Folder Number. Click into the entry and on the camera icon to get the digitized film. Once viewing the digitized film, browse/jump to the Image Number from the index-only entry, to find the exact



Rocky Mountains, Max Cornelius, 19th century

image you want in the digital collection. Alternatively, using the geographic information on the index-only entry, you can do a Place Search in the Catalog, browse to the collection type, and access the digital images through this method.

2. Microfilm has been digitized but it isn't listed in the geographic collection page.

Here's an example: If you look at the collection page for Ohio (see <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/location/43?region=United+States+of+America&englishRegion=United+States+of+America>) there is no mention of deed records. But, if you search the FamilySearch Catalog for "United States, Ohio, Columbiana" you find that many of these rolls of microfilm for deeds are actually available digitally. The point here being, currently the geographic collection pages are not accurate representations of items available digitally for a locale. I'm encouraging my patrons to search for records via the Catalog and they've been finding many, many more records available online, without the need to borrow microfilm.

3. Image only available at a Family History Center (FHC).

Here's an example of this message: Go to <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/196164?availability=-Family%20History%20Library>, click on any of the camera icons below, and get a pop-up message stating "These images are viewable: When using the site at a family history center." I see this a lot in their digital book collection, but we've been getting this message on records, too. Right now FHCs and Affiliate Libraries (public libraries certified by FamilySearch as a partner organization) don't have the same options for accessing these restricted records, which can be very frustrating. However, this may be changing. According to a comment made on the FamilySearch Facebook page, LDS is creating an interface for use at Affiliate Libraries to get access to these images. They claim to be trying to roll this out by the time the microfilm loan program ceases, but I haven't seen any official communication about it so far.

4. Item appears in the catalog, but is not available on microfilm or on the FamilySearch website.

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This is a really frustrating example. FamilySearch appears to have digitized a collection of Jewish emigration records (see <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1394561?availability=Family%20History%20Library>). It appears that this collection was born-digital, so there's no microfilm to borrow. Unfortunately, they don't have rights to these images, so neither the index created, nor the digital images themselves are available on the FamilySearch website. And, while the entry indicates that a repository (not the Family History Library) has the records, that repository's website does not make them available either. So an item exists, but doesn't provide any access.

5. There is a difference in the camera icons.

This wasn't obvious to me, so just in case the explanation helps anyone else: the three-dimensional looking camera icon indicates that the image is available online through a partner site, while the flat-looking camera icon means the image is on FamilySearch.

6. Some yet-to-be-digitized microfilm is "unavailable" for loan.

Even though the microfilm loan program is to run through the end of August, for some films when you try to place an order you receive a message stating "Film No. [####] is not currently available for loan." Here's an example: <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1133131?availability=Family%20History%20Library> (click a roll to get to the order page with the availability statement). I have no idea if these reels will be made available before the end of the ordering period or if we will be seeing this message more and more by the end of August.

7. Bandwidth exceeded message.

The other day an individual was downloading images from a FamilySearch collection so that he could view them offline later. After downloading about 70 images (from a collection of about 150) the FamilySearch interface started producing a warning that his bandwidth had been exceeded and could no longer download images. A day later on the same computer downloading privileges had been restored. I have never encountered this problem before, I don't know if the problem depends on whether or not the user is logged in to a FamilySearch account (in this case, he was not logged in), or if this just a temporary fluke.

Something to keep an eye out for though.

Problems with the FamilySearch website's functionality vary widely. At the rate change to the site is occurring, these issues could be resolved quickly, or they may persist, or other issues may develop.

To maximize your research in FamilySearch, keep in mind these three points:

1. Many more records are available digitally from FamilySearch than are discoverable through their Record Search interface.

2. The most effective and efficient way to ensure that you're finding all available digital resources is by checking the FamilySearch Catalog, either using a Place Search or a Film/Fiche Number Search.

3. Record availability is changing -- and the availability isn't always increasing. Some of the microfilmed records have restrictions that prevent them from being made available digitally. While FamilySearch is working to ease restrictions, it's important to save and backup documents as you find them.

Lastly, citing your sources accurately and completely is becoming increasingly important. As record availability shifts from microfilm to digital -- and some of the digital records are difficult to locate within an evolving website interface -- it's more critical than ever to document your resources.

About the Authors

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Greta Fisher, MFA, has served the public as a genealogy librarian at the St. Joseph County Public Library in South Bend, IN for the last five years. She is also the Indiana Genealogical Society County Genealogist for St. Joseph County and a board member of the South Bend Area Genealogical Society. Greta is particularly interested in placing family stories in historical context.



Who are the Friends of GFO?

By Liz Stepp

They are the folks who show their support for GFO by choosing to make a monthly recurring donation – small, medium or, if they are able, large. Please consider joining the new Friends of GFO sustained giving program! It’s easy to enroll via GFO’s website (directions below). You may be asking: Why does GFO need a sustained giving program anyway? Please let me explain.

Many members know that GFO does a lot with little funding, and that GFO depends upon donations both large and small. There’s no paid staff, and in our 71 years, there never has been. With a dedicated group of volunteers, many bringing expert or professional knowledge and skills, GFO leverages all of its available resources to the maximum, all in support of the largest genealogical research library between San Francisco and Seattle. The fact is, without volunteers and donors GFO would cease to exist. We are very grateful for each and every person who chooses to donate their time, expertise, and money to GFO – thank you!

But the truth is, GFO can find it hard to make ends meet. For example, did you know that recently GFO’s expenses have risen about 10% year-over-year? Or that membership dues cover only about 26% of GFO’s annual budget expenses? From month to month, GFO’s budget can slide into the red. Frankly, the herky-jerky cash flow can cause some anxiety! Were it not for an especially generous bequest, given in halves over the past two years, GFO would’ve barely eked by.

Some people may believe that because GFO has a growing endowment fund that there’s lots of available money. Not so! Other than a set annual distribution, this special fund is restricted and is entirely inaccessible for budget use. It’s designed to grow over time, providing some long-term stability. The annual distribution

over the past two fiscal years has made up about 7% of GFO’s annual income. While it’s true that GFO may borrow from the endowment fund for certain designated purposes, it must all be paid back, with a market rate interest charge added. GFO also has a board-designated operating reserve fund to be tapped only in case of disaster or emergency that would allow GFO to operate on a “bare bones” basis for about 12 months.

At the same time, GFO is facing some headwinds. Like other genealogical organizations, there are challenges. Operating costs continue to rise, including annual rent increases, online database subscriptions, supplies, and services. Demographic shifts and the rise of social media use among younger generations mean that as the “Baby Boomer” population ages, it could become harder to interest those who grew up using electronic devices in “old school” genealogical research. To successfully face these challenges, GFO needs to remain strong and viable.

There’s a simple way for you to help GFO by giving – even just a little – each month to help smooth out the dips and allow some breathing room. Unlike special fundraising campaigns, these funds will be dedicated to GFO’s General Fund. **Giving as little as \$10 per month** – the cost of a take-out lunch or a couple of to-go coffees – **can make a real difference for GFO!** And, if you pledge that amount or just a little bit more, you are likely to not even miss the small monthly gift. It’s an investment in GFO’s future.

So, won’t you please sign up and become a Friend of GFO? It’s easy – all you need is to register your credit card to make the monthly recurring gift. Simply go to gfo.org/support-us/donate/give-now.html and click on the Friends of GFO link to safely and securely register.*

Thank you so much for your generous support!

* GFO’s website uses SSL which establishes an encrypted link between a web server and a browser. This link ensures that all data passed between the web server and browsers remain private and integral.



Gloucester Landscape, Stuart Davis, 1919



GFO Star



Judith Leppert

“Judith has worn many hats at the GFO and she is still wearing a few of them. (Thank goodness!) She has:

- ♪ Moved every book in the library at least four times,
- ♪ Served as Director at Large for the past four years,
- ♪ Sent cards to members who were ill or had lost a family member,
- ♪ Served as GFO Tour Coordinator,
- ♪ Coordinated the Treasures Raffle at our seminars,
- ♪ Acted as GFO hostess for Open House and other events,
- ♪ Taught classes for the Open House,
- ♪ Contributes articles for the Bulletin,
- ♪ Reviews donated books for the library committee,
- ♪ Spends many hours volunteering as an RA,
- ♪ and prepared and conducts a training program for new RAs.

She is also our “resident” singer. Many of your contributions will be missed, we’re grateful for the things you will continue doing, and we want to say:

Thank You, Judith!

Special Interest Group Meetings

DNA Beginner

August 26, 9 a.m.–noon

Discover some ways to organize your DNA information. Members are encouraged to bring their ideas to add to Emily’s. Also, join the discussion to answer any questions you may have for any of the testing companies and for any tests. Remember anyone can attend, regardless of their skill level. *Emily Aulicino*

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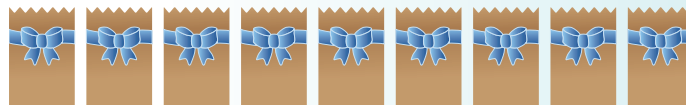
Book Sales Team Dilemma We need your help!!

For years, surplus books piled up at the GFO, taking up valuable space and accomplishing little. A very active Book Sales Team formed to deal with the problem. Two of the first team members have retired from the group. This leaves the husband and wife team of Richard and Laurie Eckman – but they need help. Laurie and Richard generously take care of all order fulfillment, posting the updated lists on the GFO website, and writing the monthly report to the board.

We need a superhero volunteer (or two) to take up the pricing and posting tasks for our Book Sales Team. This volunteer would need to come into the library for a couple hours every week to price books, update the database, and to post them on the Abe Books website. Training is absolutely included!!

GFO has come to rely on the steady income produced by the book sales team, and we are not in a position to let the books simply pile up again. We REALLY, REALLY need a couple of folks to step up to help. PLEASE!

Email booksales@gfo.org if you would like to help out!



Donations Needed for the Treasures Raffle

As we take registrations for our upcoming Fall Seminar, we’d like to ask you to search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can auction at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, certificates toward GFO membership or research costs, and computer items.

Leave the item(s) at the front desk in the library with a note that it’s a donation to the seminar treasures auction.

Tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and they are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want!

Thanks!



New Day!

Photoshop Elements

August 8, 1:30–3:40 p.m.

By popular demand we'll move from the 2nd Wednesday to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The time will remain the same. For our August meeting we will review some methods of repairing old photos including how to remove a person or object from a picture. We will also learn how to place that person or object into another picture. Come join us: If you are new to PSE, don't worry, we'll get you up to speed as we review beginning steps. *Sarah Holmes*

German

The last few months, members have told family stories, genealogy research hints, and successes with their German family tree. The next two months, several presenters will talk about their genealogical German trips this past summer. *Tia Cobb: tjuana52@yahoo.com and Mike Fernandez: cheeseandwine62@gmail.com*

Italian

August 19, 12–2 p.m.

Research calendars or logs are worksheets to record information about your genealogy searches and sources. Learn how to use research calendars as powerful

research tools. This will be interactive using Italian records online, learn by doing. Bring your laptop computer.

September 16 ~ TBA

October 21

Tips for determining your immigrant ancestor's place of origin: Learn what records are available in the United States that can provide you with the place of nativity of your immigrant ancestor. An interactive session, bring your laptop computer.

Learn and Chat

September 6 and 20, 10 a.m.–noon

Open to all, especially new members.

A bit of a "mutual admiration society" gathering to support and celebrate one another's research. As a group we plan subjects of interest to place on the calendar. Most recently, our efforts were focused on how to prepare for trips, whether to workshops, cemeteries, courthouses or great libraries. Join us. We really do have a lot of fun. *Jeanne Quan*

Illinois and Its Neighbors

November 11, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

No September or October meeting.

Special Interest Groups <http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups>

Scheduled dates may change. Always check the GFO Calendar for meeting date and time.

British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May, Sept., 1–3 p.m.; Duane Funk
duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA – Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb., May., Aug., & Nov., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily Aulicino,
aulicino@hevanet.com,

DNA – Advanced

3rd Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

DNA – Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly, 1–3 p.m.; Lisa McCullough

Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for times, 1–3 p.m.; Laurel Smith
bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly, 9:30–11:30 a.m.; Katy Daly GPS@gfo.org

German

1st Saturdays monthly, 1–3 p.m.; Mike Fernandez cheeseandwine62@gmail.com and Tia Cobb

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul./Aug./Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.; Kristy Gravlin hannah@teleport.com, Harlene Patterson

Irish

Currently inactive. Facilitators needed. Please contact us if you are interested.

Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for times; Keith Pyeatt
k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; Jeanne Quan
jeannequan3@gmail.com

Mexican Ancestry

2nd Fridays monthly, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; Vincent Ramirez
sw@gfo.org

Photoshop Elements

2nd Wednesdays monthly, 1:30–2:30 p.m.; Sarah Holmes
slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep.–Jun., 10 a.m.–noon; Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com and Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep.–May., 1–3 p.m.; Peggy Baldwin
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GFO Calendar <http://gfo.org/calendar.htm>

Library Work Parties ~ every week, all welcome

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m.: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

~~~~~ **August** ~~~~~

~~~~~ **September** ~~~~~

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| Wed 8/2 | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 8/5 | 9:30—12 p.m. | Genealogy Tips, Tricks, and Pitfalls |
| | 1–3 p.m. | German Group |
| Mon 8/7 | Free to non-members | |
| Tues 8/8 | 1:30–2:30 p.m. | Photoshop Elements Group |
| | 6–8 p.m. | Board meeting |
| Fri 8/11 | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Mexican Ancestry Group |
| Sat 8/12 | 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. | Beginner’s Bookcamp |
| Wed 8/16 | 1–3 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 8/19 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers |
| | 12–2 p.m. | Italian Group |
| Sat 8/26 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Beginner DNA |

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| Sat 9/2 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Virginia Group |
| | 1–3 p.m. | German Group |
| Mon 9/4 | Library closed | |
| Wed 9/6 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Fri 9/8 | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Mexican Ancestry Group |
| Sat 9/9 | 9:30 a.m.– 12 p.m. | Workshop: Finding Your People Past and Present – Mary Kircher Roddy |
| | 1–3 p.m. | Writer’s Forum |
| Mon 9/11 | Free to non-members | |
| Tues 9/12 | 6–8 p.m. | Board meeting |
| Sat 9/16 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers |
| | 12–2 p.m. | Italian Group |
| | 2–4 p.m. | GenTalk: Switched at Birth – Alice Collins Plebuch |
| Wed 9/20 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 9/23 | 1–3 p.m. | British Group |