What’s New in Technology?

Ed Rosenthal will present his annual survey of emerging technologies on Thursday, April 13th at 7pm at The Pointe in Crystal Lake, IL. Sharing the insights he gains from keeping tabs on new developments in the computing and digital imaging scenes, Ed will provide us with a glimpse of what new tools are available to leverage in our favorite obsession — genealogy!

Ed has served several terms as the President of CAGG-NI, doing family research for over 20 years and has spoken at several conferences. Ed has also presented his research during his family’s 150th and 160th reunion in Germany.

Ed has worked in IT for companies such as PepsiCo International, Rockwell, Motorola and NEC with over thirty years of experience directing engineering and software projects. Ed’s first career was in broadcast. He has built several television stations and worked on TV shows such as Phil Donahue, Dinah Shore, Carol Burnett and many others. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with a Master’s Degree in Project Management (MPM) from Keller. We hope you can join us on April 10th.
The McHenry County Genealogical Society is in the process of developing a scholarship in the memory of longtime MCIGS member, Elaine Obenchain. Elaine’s considerable research efforts facilitated the compilation of the genealogical information indexed in four volumes titled *McHenry County, IL Cemeteries* which is available in the Reference Section of several McHenry County libraries.

MCIGS plans to have the scholarship information available to residents of McHenry County by January 1, 2018 in order to award the scholarship by late spring, 2018. If you would be interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee or would like to make a donation to the scholarship in memory of Elaine, please contact:

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**Upcoming Events**

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<td>LCIGS – <em>It’s Not All Online – Chicago Repositories and What They Have</em> at Mundelein Community Center, Mundelein, IL 7pm – 9pm. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~illcgs/">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~illcgs/</a>.</td>
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<td>CAGGNI – <em>Researching Italian Records</em> at Schaumburg Township Public Library, Schaumburg, IL 10:30am – 12:30pm. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.caggni.org">http://www.caggni.org</a>.</td>
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<td>DCGS – <em>Family History Research at the British Isles</em> at Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton, IL 6:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.dcggs.org">http://www.dcggs.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Naperville – <em>Family Tree Maker Software for Genealogy</em> at Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL 10:00am – 11:30am. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.naperville-lib.org">http://www.naperville-lib.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Town &amp; Country – <em>Rebel Voices</em> at Town &amp; Country Public Library, Elburn, IL 2:00pm – 4:00pm. For more information, visit <a href="http://elburn.lib.il.us/">http://elburn.lib.il.us/</a>.</td>
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**MCIGS Scholarship**

Prices for the 2017 MCIGS Summer Conference go up April 1st.

WikiTree is a Website with a mission to create an accurate, single family tree based on traditional genealogical methods and is supported by DNA. This global genealogy community collaborates through the Website to add individual profiles, update resources, and assist others to manage the tree.

As of February 26, this living tree grows and expands to include 13,393,568 profiles from the contributions of 403,298 genealogists worldwide.

The Help menu contains a great list of topics to answer your questions as you learn to use the site. As an absolute beginner, there are topics to help you get started. Topics are written for all levels of users working to add to the larger tree.

As you help build the tree, you can earn profile bling. WikiTree provides a system of badges and points that you can earn badges for each task or level with which you become involved. You can make it your goal to grow on the site as a genealogist as well as the tree.

If you would like to join this community of genealogists leaving their mark with a single family tree, you can check out WikiTree by going to http://www.wikitree.com.

May 2, 2017 EGS – German Immigration to the United States at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 9:30am – 11am. For more information, visit http://www.elginroots.com.

May 9, 2017 STDL – Navigating the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives at Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. For more information, visit http://www.schaumburglibrary.org.

May 11, 2017 MCIGS – WWI McHenry County Soldiers Remembered at the 100th Anniversary at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit http://www.mcigs.org.

May 17, 2017 DCGS – Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places – The Search for Marriage Records at Wheaton Public Library, Crystal Lake, IL, 6:30pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit http://www.dcg.org.

May 20, 2017 CAGGNI – Wiki Trees at Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL, 10:30am = 12:30pm. For more information, visit http://www.caggni.org.

May 27, 2017 FDSAR – Fort Dearborn Sons of the American Revolution Genealogy Meeting at The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 10:30am. For more information, visit http://www.dearbornsar.org.

Jun 08, 2017 MCIGS – It’s Not All Online at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit http://www.mcigs.com.

Jul 08, 2017 MCIGS – 2017 MCIGS Summer Conference at McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit http://www.mcigs.org.

Aug 10, 2017 MCIGS – Chicago’s Greatest Year at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit http://www.mcigs.com.

Sep 14, 2017 MCIGS – Passage to Chicago: Traveling the Illinois & Michigan Canal at The Pointe, Crystal Lake, IL, 7pm. For more information, visit http://www.mcigs.com.
Please join us in welcoming our newest members to MCIGS. New members include:

Russell Cline, Byron, IL
Lori Douglas, Ingleside, IL
Richelle Harris, Elgin, IL
T. Stanley Farr, Crystal Lake, IL
Linnea Kooistra, Woodstock, IL
Kimberly McGuigan, Lake in the Hills, IL
Marveen Minish, Minneapolis, MN
Ginger Salvadalena, Cary, IL
Judy Schilthelm, Walworth, WI
Joy Svejcar, Mt. Horeb, WI
Margie Szymanskyj, Crystal Lake, IL
Kathryn Walter, Grayslake, IL
Judy Whichard, Algonquin, IL

Please welcome Russ Cline from Byron, IL who said he joined MCIGS for 2 reasons; a discounted price to the upcoming conference, and, his wife’s family has deep roots in McHenry County. Some of these surnames include: Stroud, Brown, Kirk, Dean, Redenour, Montgomery, Peden, Wolf, Jahn, Treloar, Hass. On his side of the tree surnames he’s researching include: Cline, Walters, Votava, Snorek, Probst, Hansel, Dietzel, Duffy, Delaney.
Russ has been doing genealogy since 2007. He picked up the bug from his father’s sister (now 91) who was the family genealogist. Russ still works full-time, and has also been a board member of the Winnebago and Boone Counties Genealogical Society since 2010.

Each year RootsTech opens the experience with the Innovation Summit. One of the events is the Innovation Showdown where people and companies compete for close to $200,000 in prizes. Judges for the event include renowned genealogists such as Kenyatta Berry and Thomas MacEntee.

If you are a desktop user and looking to search newspapers, you can easily turn to solutions like Eliphind.com, Proquest or Newspapers.com. If you are looking to undertake that search from a mobile device, the search for newspapers is much more difficult.

Bill Nelson is a professional software developer and genealogist with over 20 years’ experience in both fields. Bill recognized that it was challenging locating which newspapers were available closest to his ancestors. Locating the proper records was time consuming unless you were fortunate enough to have an ancestor with a unique name. This difficulty is what drove Bill Nelson to create OldNews USA.

Bill Nelson won first place at the Innovator Showdown of RootsTech. The application is available for download for free to try for Android devices available from the Google Play Store. If you enjoy the functionality of the application, a one-time in application fee of $2.99 is required to continue to use the application.

OldNews USA is currently only available for Android but will be released for iOS in 2017.

Please visit http://bit.ly/2nloCEy for a full review of the event and software.
Mary M. Tedesco, is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author. She is a Host / Genealogist on the PBS TV series Genealogy Roadshow (season 2 & season 3) as well as the Founder of ORIGINS ITALY. Mary is the co-author of Tracing Your Italian Ancestors an 84-page Italian research guide published by Moorshead Magazines. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Boston University and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University’s Center for Professional Education. In addition to her Italian ancestry (Calabria, Trentino-Alto Adige, and Tuscany) on her father’s side, she also has deep American roots (German, Irish, Danish & English) on her mother’s side and is a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mary can be contacted through the ORIGINS ITALY website at www.originsitaly.com.

Thomas MacEntee has 25 years of experience in the information technology field which he uses to improve genealogical research, and to interact with others in the family history community. Mr. MacEntee now shares his knowledge of technology and experience as a genealogist with others through various forms of social media and speaking engagements. Through his business High-Definition Genealogy, he provides consulting services in the genealogy industry covering such areas as market research, education, technology and more. As the creator of GeneaBloggers.com, Thomas has organized and engaged a community of over 2,800 bloggers to document their own journeys in the search for ancestors.


Michael Lacopo, DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) is well-versed in research from a methodical and scientific view point strengthened by his background in medicine. He has been actively researching and doing client work since 1980, and has specialties in many fields. Michael has lectured nationally and internationally since 2004. His research specialties include: Adoption; Emigration & Immigration; Latter-Day Saints (Mormon); Heir Searcher; Palatines; Anabaptist; German American; Italian American; Court Records.

*** Genealogy Help Desk ***

This year we’re trying something NEW! During the session breaks and lunch period, McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society volunteers will be available at our New “Genealogy Help Desk.” MCIGS Volunteers will try to answer your basic genealogy questions, or may be able to suggest alternative ideas to get your research back on track. You may sign up for a 15-minute time slot on the day of the conference. Come prepared with your question for some one-on-one assistance.
Finding Immigrant Origins in United States Records
Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Discover strategies and resources for locating your ancestral town using records available in the United States and online.

U.S. and Canada Newspapers
Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
While online newspaper resources are plentiful for United States and Canada research, finding the best websites and tools to collect data can be a treasure hunt. Learn how to find the best historic newspaper sites (free and paid) and how to properly capture images and text to improve your genealogical research.

Irish Emigrants to North America, Before, During and After the Famine
Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn about the routes taken and the reasons for the emigration from Ireland to the U.S. and Canada before, during, and after the famine. Learn how this mass movement of people can affect your research, plus what tools and records are available to trace your Irish ancestry.

More Than the Census – Our Families Did Exist Within Those Ten-Year Intervals
Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
This lecture will show the researcher that it is important to identify our ancestors’ whereabouts in as many local records as possible within the decades between census years.

SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND

9:00 – 10:00 am Session One

1A “Finding Immigrant Origins in United States Records”, Presenter: Mary Tedesco

1B “U.S. and Canada Newspapers”, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee

1C “Irish Emigrants to North America, Before, During and After the Famine”, Presenter: Paul Milner

1D “More Than the Census – Our Families Did Exist Within Those Ten-Year Intervals”, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM

10:00 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 pm Session Two

2A “Underused Resources and Record Types”, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Take your genealogical research beyond the “usual” records. This presentation presents ideas for diversifying the records and resources searched.

2B “Facebook: A Tool for Genealogy”, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
In this session you’ll go beyond the basics of setting up a Facebook account and simply posting status updates or playing games. The class focus is on developing a skill set for genealogy research.

2C “Find Your Ancestors in Ireland”, Presenter: Paul Milner
This is a good overview of procedures to follow in performing Irish research. Lots of examples illustrate the wide variety of records that can be utilized in the research process.

2D “The German Immigrant Experience in the 18th Century”, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
This lecture provides basic knowledge of the reasons behind the immigration experience and what it was like for those passengers long ago.

11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch. Make your door prize selection. Check out the vendors for new books, materials and supplies.

1:00 – 2:00 pm Session Three

3A “Social Media for Genealogists”, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Effective tips for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and other social networks to foster connections with fellow genealogists; boost blog readership; generate business leads; and more.

3B “Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and in Between”, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Learn the basics of maps and the valuable information they contain for genealogy research. You’ll also discover various resources for maps, both online and offline as well as how to incorporate maps in your research.

3C “Has Your British Isles Research Already Been Done?”, Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn a systematic approach to what sources have to be examined to know if research on your ancestors has already been published, or other people are currently working on the research. This will examine the library sources, the obvious and the more obscure, and how technology is changing this process.

3D “Methods for Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants”, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
If all you know from conventional records is “Germany” as a place of origin, then this lecture will help you mine other resources to locate WHERE in Germany your ancestor came from.

2:00 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 pm Session Four

4A “Italian Genealogy Research: Records and Resources in Italy”, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Do you have Italian roots? Learn about essential Italian genealogical records and how they are accessed. Onsite research in Italy and research by correspondence with repositories in Italy will also be discussed.

4B “Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists”, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Learn how to navigate the Internet Archive and leverage the best search strategies to download a variety of materials including archived web pages, e-books, video, audio and more.

4C “New Resources for British Isles Research”, Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn what new primary and secondary sources have become available and how to access them. Keep up to date on the constantly changing face of British Isles research by learning about recently released original records, new indexes, book, CD-ROM and web sites.

4D “Finding and Using German Church Records”, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
Your lecturer will show examples of German church records, how to decipher them and how to overcome the fear of German script. More importantly, you will learn how and where to find the records you are seeking!

NOTE: The syllabus will only be available online. A link will be sent to each registrant 7 days prior to the conference.

CIRCLE EACH SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Session One (9:00 am)  1A  1B  1C  1D
Session Two (10:30 am)  2A  2B  2C  2D
Session Three (1:00 pm)  3A  3B  3C  3D
Session Four (2:30 pm)  4A  4B  4C  4D

Early registration: 3/1/17 – 4/1/17  $50.00
- Non-members  $60.00
All Registrations 4/2/17 – 6/15/17  $70.00
Registrations postmarked 6/16/17+ and Walk-ins  $80.00  

$20 Fee will be charged for cancellations prior to 6/16/2017.
No Refunds after 6/16/2017.

PLEASE PRINT:
NAME: ______________________________________________________________________

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Box Lunch includes chips, dessert, coffee, tea or water. Croissant (or gluten free roll) with lettuce and tomato.

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $__________