

**FALL 2009**  
Malcolm Flanagan, Editor

We extend sympathy to our member, Florence Lembeck, on the recent death of her husband. Flo has been very active in the research and teaching of genealogy and we know that she will miss her husband. Please remember Flo during the next several months.

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Programs for the remainder of the year as listed below.

October 10	Margaret Harris	
November 4	Judy Bennett	Preserving Family Photos
	State Genealogical Conference Meets	
December 12	Install New Officers/Christmas Party, Gift Exchange & Share Memories	

**REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP: ROBERT SUTHERLAND**

My paternal grandfather never spoke much about his family. I knew his father's occupation was a blacksmith but I did not know his name. I also knew that there was a brother and a sister and that my grandfather was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, and they had lived in Iowa at some point.

I learned my great-grandfather's name from social security application completed by my grandfather in 1937. The census then gave me the names of his mother and siblings but I could not get further back in time. This past summer I stopped for a day in the Monroe, Wisconsin, City library to visit the genealogy department. It was the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The library had a copy of the History of Green County 1894 published by the Union Publishing Company, of Springfield, Illinois. This publication provided more information that I could have imagined. Also, of immense help were the collection of city directories and cemetery records.

The history took me back to great-great-great-grandfather, Daniel S. who came to Wisconsin from Illinois in 1836. Listed were the household items and livestock he arrived with him and location where he built a log cabin and how many acres he farmed the first year along with much more information. That Daniel was a member of the first Territorial Legislation, architect for the layout of the county and the first chairman of the county commissioners and a county probate judge.

Of course his family was listed in the history along with their decedents. All of the names where there were blanks in my family tree were filled in between my grandfather and the family that arrived from Illinois. Locations of their workplace and their residences were listed in the city directories that were available in the library. In addition to the listing of my family the same information was available for spouses prior to their marriage and in-laws after the marriage.

The library also had a listing of the local cemeteries and the names of those buried there. This enabled me to locate Daniel's tombstone and obtain photos of the gravesite and the headstone. I also was able to obtain the geographic coordinates of his burial plot with the Global Positioning System.

In one day I was able to obtain a wealth of information. A thread was provided that eventually lead back to Vermont and New York State. The library's employees were of immense help not only with data and where to find it but also with a great place to have lunch. As a novice to genealogical research this was my visit to the library and was a very pleasant surprise.

### **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

**July 11, 2009 Meeting:** Ken Elliott introduced Mary Furlong, a historical archaeologist and Outreach Coordinator for the Northwest Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network who talked about the tools, i.e., maps, newspaper articles, cartoons, and other documents; and sources of information such as forts, battlefields, prisons, and cemeteries used by a historical archaeologist. She reviewed a number of local pre-Civil War sites and the information available from them. Our membership thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from her presentation.

**August 8, 2009 Meeting:** We learned additional information from Bill Zehner, a certified genealogist, and president of the Bay County Genealogical Society, who presented a program on Copying and Preserving records. Hilma Jenus reported that David Weatherford was completing his series of genealogy lectures at the Valparaiso Library by December and that he planned to repeat this series beginning in January. David, director of the library, makes interesting and informational presentations. We encourage anyone who can attend to listen to these lectures. The Florida State Genealogical Annual Conference will be held November 13 and 14 in Melbourne, Fl. Please register by October 29.

**September 12, 2009:** Raymon Melvin brought examples and discussed Turpentining and Logging Equipment from his extensive collection and explained their use in a very interesting way. He also invited our membership to visit his collection at his home in Santa Rosa County. President Beverly Gross presented information regarding our "going green" with our journals as we have done with our newsletters. She also reported on board discussions regarding the number of meetings per year. We resolved to continue with 12 meetings with one of these being a field trip, a "show and tell", or a genealogy "workday" to assist members with their research questions. Margaret Harris, one of our members and a certified genealogist, will present our October 10 program.

### **RESOURCES FROM DICK EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER**

[www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com)

July 03, 2009: from **Nothing Lives Forever, Especially Newspapers**—The number of newspapers continues to shrink due to today's economy as well as pressure from the Internet and broadcast journalism. When a newspaper dies, its archives department dies with it. The WayBack Machine, also known as the Internet Archive, can be found at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) will preserve a number of the newspaper stories, but not many of the pictures. (For more information on the Wayback machine, see the September 22 abstract.) Another source is microfilm but someone must store a master set and periodically copy the master set due to wear of microfilm that is used. Today, however, only one

company supplies new microfilm and, hence, has a monopoly on its price. Also, the demand for its product is dropping sufficiently fast that it is not likely to exist very long. For a detailed discussion, please see the July 3, 2009 of the EOGN.

Something to think about: Roger Parker asked the question: “Did you leave all of your updated passwords with your Will?” If not, who will be able to access your computer files after you are gone?

Eastman’s July 23, 2009 eogn newsletter led me to [WORLDVITAL.RECORDS.COM](http://WORLDVITAL.RECORDS.COM), A FAMILY HISTORY BULLETIN, on researching your female ancestor in the newspaper authored by Gena Philibert Ortega. She states that daily and weekly newspapers are a rich source for researching your women ancestors. Look for featured articles, the society pages, advertisements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other celebrations as well as divorces, court cases, crime and deaths, including funeral notices, death notices, family thank you’s, and memorials. For a comprehensive list of what genealogical data are available in a newspaper, consult *The Source: A Guide to American Genealogy*, edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, p. 564. When reading an obituary, pay attention to family members’ names because these names can suggest the women’s maiden names (cf: <http://shoestringgenealogy.com/>). Do not forget trials and other legal notices or reports of the sick that may be in the papers (particularly in the weekly papers). Newspapers can be found online through such providers as [www.WorldVitalRecords.com](http://www.WorldVitalRecords.com) and [www.uflib.ufl.edu/flnews](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/flnews) for the state of Florida.

[Http://www.eogn.com](http://www.eogn.com) on July 26, 2009 provides an explanation of terminology referring to family relationships such as third cousins, four times removed.

<http://www2.tbo.com/content> for August 23 provides useful information for individuals who need help in learning how to research county deeds for both grantors and grantees. The deeds do provide tidbits for genealogists, often by providing the names of neighbors who own land adjacent to the name being researched. Researching these names may suggest potential maiden names of brides and husbands of the children of the researched family.

Eastman describes how to convert PDF files to Word in his September 01, 2009 newsletter.

Eastman reported on September 3 that August was a banner month for FamilySearch Indexing with 25 completed projects and 19 projects added. Ten of the added projects were international projects. For a complete list please go to [www.familysearch-indexing-update-au](http://www.familysearch-indexing-update-au).

On September 15 Eastman reported the use of a free toolbar for family historians to download and use by contacting [www.mlfhs.org.uk](http://www.mlfhs.org.uk) or from [www.MLFHS.OurToolbar.com](http://www.MLFHS.OurToolbar.com). However, MLFHS keep track of the links so that users do not have to keep track. This toolbar is supposed to be especially good for Great Britain and Irish research.

September 22, 2009—The Wayback Machine makes possible the surfing of pages stored in the Internet Archive’s web archive. This allows persons to look at web pages as they existed several years ago, even when these websites no longer operate. This free service allows one to search print, audio, and some video files and is reported to be the largest known database in the world, containing multiple copies of the entire publicly available web. You may search this machine at: <http://www.archive.org>. Dick Eastman posted this article on 9/22/2009.

Also on September 22, 2009, Eastman posted an announcement written by Ancestry.ca (Canada's leading family history site) that covers 440 years of London's History and includes 18 million London parish records. This collection, which pre-dates the Civil Registration, details baptisms, marriages, and burials from more than 1,000 London parishes between 1538 and 1980. If you are looking for relatives who existed before and during a number of London's major disasters, you may find this site helpful.

Further, on September 22 and 25, 2009 Eastman reported that Footnote.com makes history with 60 million images now available and is adding more than a million images per month. The collection includes historical newspapers, Revolutionary War Documents, Civil War documents, the Interactive Vietnam Veterans Memorial, WWII Collection, and City Directories. SSDI is a very popular database for genealogists and historians" according to Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote. "The Social Security Death Index' span reaches from 1875 to last week".

September 25, 2009: Eastman reports that the Archives of Michigan in Lansing marked the launch of *Mack and Nan Ewing Civil War Letters*, available on [www.seekingmichigan.org](http://www.seekingmichigan.org). The collection is believed to be the largest set of Civil War letters ever given to a state archive.

Eastman reported the September 24, 2009, announcement by Gale Digital Collections, that Gale, part of Cengage Learning, along with the British Library and the Joint Information Systems Committee placed a database known as nineteenth century British Newspapers on line and this database may be accessed at <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>. This database covers 49 different national and regional newspapers that include over two million newspaper pages. For persons studying the British Isles this is a great new resource. Persons may research by keyword or by name.

### **CHUCK LICARI REPORTS ON THE DRAPER DIGEST**

The following is copied from Chuck's e-mail 1 to the newsletter editor on September 16, 2009. Greetings, I just found a new online bookstore that gives away FREE SEARCHABLE CD-ROM with the purchase of any family history book; they have over 20,000 titles to choose from I just bought that I will pass along to you. Their address is [www.ancestralbooks.com](http://www.ancestralbooks.com).

*Early History of the Draper Family in Sussex County, Delaware* – by Sellers, Edwin Jaquett, Philadelphia, PA, 1929.

*The Drapers in America, Being a History and Genealogy of Those of That Name and Connection* – by Draper, Thomas W., New York, NY, 1892; and

*The Mormon Drapers*. By Draper, Delbert M., Salt Lake City, Utah, 1958.

From message 2 Chuck provides the following data. Another Draper family book is: *Descendants of Thomas Draper and Elizabeth Smith*. They lived in Louisa County, Virginia, and Caldwell County, Kentucky. Thomas died in 1825 to give you a time frame. This book is out of print, but it is on my schedule to reformat and publish as a .pdf file. *Lou Draper & Charlie Martin* has a fair amount about this Draper family (Lou was a great-granddaughter of Thomas). It is the book presently being converted to .pdf.

**Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.**

## **POTENTIAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING CEMETERIES**

Representative Bobby Bush introduced a cemetery oversight act, called The Bereaved Consumers Protection Act, in the United States House September 22, 2009, that would expand the powers of the federal government to prevent the kind of abuses seen at Burr Oak Cemetery. This act would force cemetery directors to increase their record keeping and to make them available to federal, state, and local officials. It includes information regarding funeral goods and services, and clarifying contracts for burial plots, entombments and inurnments. Further, the act calls for tougher penalties for persons convicted of cemetery crimes, but those fines are to be established by the Federal Trade Commission. Should this legislation be passed, it will increase uniformity in state provisions. Take a look at the information available at [www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-cemetery-legislation-22sep22,02600037](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-cemetery-legislation-22sep22,02600037).

## **CONSIDERATIONS WHEN BUYING A NEW DIGITAL CAMERA**

Digital cameras get better and cost less each year. This information came to me on September 01, 2009, from Robert Gibbs ([rgarrison@intouchhometours.com](mailto:rgarrison@intouchhometours.com)). Gibbs states that if your digital camera is three-plus years old, you should consider replacing it and he offers the following guidelines. More than three megapixels for online photo use is excessive, he says, unless a person wants to make 8x10 or larger pictures. The compact “point and shoot” cameras have the advantage of size and convenience but their “low light” capability and the “maximum width” of their lenses are inferior to larger cameras. Newer cameras (less than 2 years old) usually will have improved image processing chips and software so that the quality should be better than with older comparable cameras. He states that [www.cnet.com](http://www.cnet.com) has good review on a wide variety of cameras.

## **READY FOR A LAUGH WITH A FAMILY NAME?**

Wilma Jenus sent the following humorous genealogical piece on the Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh.

His dizzy aunt-----	Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes-----	Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store-----	Stop N Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia-----	U Gogh
His magician uncle-----	Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin-----	A Mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's United States half brother-----	Gring Gogh
The nephew who drove a stagecoach-----	Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle-----	Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt-----	Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle -----	Flamin Gogh
The fruit-loving cousin-----	Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking-----	Way-to-Gogh
The little bouncy nephew-----	Poe Gogh
The sister who loved disco-----	Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in an RV-----	Winnie Bay Gogh
I saw you smiling...there ya Gogh!	