



Education

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Solving a Family Mystery with DNA

Speaker: Diana Elder

About our speaker:



Diana Elder is a professional genealogist accredited in the Gulf South region of the US. She is the author of *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*

and co-author of *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*. She shares genealogical research strategies on Family Locket (familylocket.com) and co-hosts the *Research Like a Pro Genealogy Podcast*. Diana presents regularly at major conferences. She also enjoys conducting webinars and seminars for genealogical societies throughout the United States and abroad.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Networking/Announcements at 6:30 pm PT

Program at 7:00 pm

Via Zoom---watch for the link*

About our program:

Learn how combining traditional research with DNA evidence revealed an unknown grandfather. Follow the project from the beginning steps of creating an objective to writing the conclusions. Discover the importance of a research log and careful tracking of sources. Finally, see how Y-DNA and autosomal DNA used in tandem with the documentary sources solved this family's mystery.

Everyone welcome—we hope you will join us.

**The Zoom link will be sent to members, otherwise check the website close to the program date.*

For more information about EGS, visit our website by clicking on the link.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



After the September 11 meeting, share your experiences with using DNA to solve a family mystery. Did your discovery help you rewrite your family tree? Did you keep some of the findings from family members? What mysteries/brick walls are you researching that could benefit from DNA data?



October In-person Event

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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Needed!

Your heirloom and stories!

Contact [Kimberly Nichols](#) to
volunteer your heirloom and story





Eastside Genealogical Society

Eastside Genealogical Society
and
The Bellevue Library

What's in Your Attic—Is There a Story There?

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 1 in the Bellevue Library,
1111 - 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Presentation by [Jill Morelli](#)

Beyond the Binder: My Self-Publishing Journey

Followed by

Heirloom Show & Tell

Speaker Jill Morelli will give us a presentation, followed by several EGS members sharing their publishing experience, and then an Heirloom Show & Tell.

Participate by listening to the presentation, hear others talk about heirloom treasures, and/or bring an heirloom to share!

Jill Morelli is a certified genealogist, a writer, lecturer and co-founder of the online Applied Genealogy Institute. She has lectured nationally as well as written articles for major genealogical publications. She is the author of *Journeys of the Forgotten: The Orphans of Hamilton County, Iowa*. Jill is the past president of the Seattle Genealogical Society, program director for the Puget Sound-APG chapter, and a member of many local and national genealogical societies. You can also find her on [Family Tree Webinars](#).

Want to share an item? Questions?

Email Kimberly at vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

Reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities is available by request. Email access@kcls.org at least seven days before the event.



President's Message

As you're reading this newsletter, Eastside Genealogical Society is about to begin another program year, celebrating our 47th year as a genealogical society! We're going to start the new year with a popular topic – DNA. Many people who are searching for unknown ancestors have turned to DNA to help solve a family mystery. **Diana Elder**, a professional genealogist and author of *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide* and co-author of *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*, will take us through a research project to

identify an unknown grandfather with a combination of traditional research and DNA evidence. We hope you can join us on **Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 PM PT** via Zoom for networking prior to the 7:00 PM meeting.

Family History Month

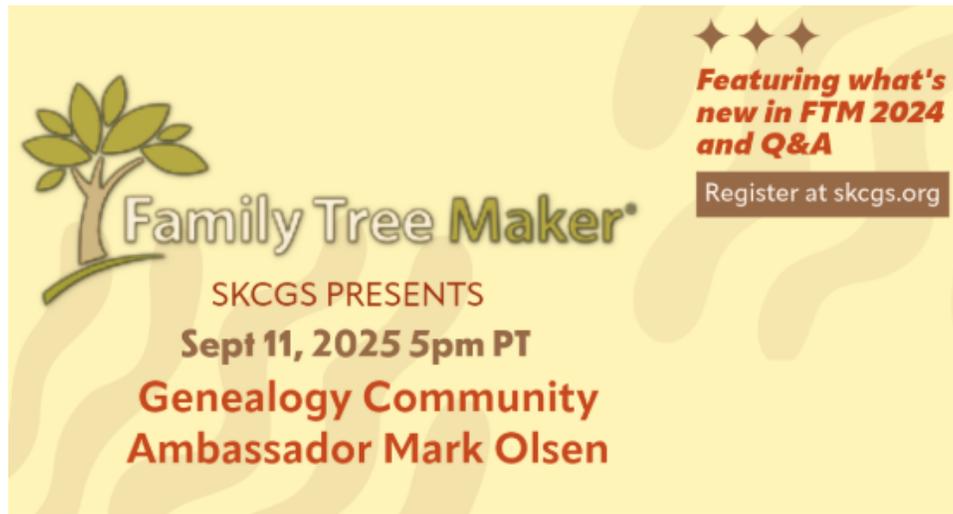
Another event I want to highlight is our Family History Month in-person event, **“What's In Your Attic—Is There a Story There?”** On **Saturday, October 11 from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM in Room 1 of the Bellevue Library**, we will have a presentation by **Jill Morelli** titled, *“Beyond the Binder: My Self-Publishing Journey”* followed by several EGS members sharing their publishing experience. The afternoon will conclude with individuals talking about the heirlooms they brought to share. We'd love to have more people sign up to bring an heirloom, and you can reach out to [Kimberly Nichols](#) to do so. But you don't have to bring something to share to attend! Just come and enjoy the presentation and learn about the heirlooms others have brought. Everyone is welcome.

Looking Back, Moving Forward

This is the time of year when your Board looks back on the previous year to evaluate everything we have done and looks ahead to plan our priorities for the coming year. We always welcome member feedback, but especially at this time of year, we would greatly appreciate any input you have about what you would like to see EGS do to make your membership more valuable. You can contact me or any of our Board members to share your thoughts. Our email addresses are on **page 15** of this newsletter.

As we start the second year of my Presidency, I'm very thankful for the volunteers, both on your board and beyond, who help keep EGS running. You would be a welcome addition to that team! You don't need to serve on the board or make a major time commitment. We would appreciate any amount of time that you have to give. Please reach out and let us know what skills and interests you would like to share, and we'll find a place for you.

Janet Stroebel



Get involved!

1. Attend EGS monthly meetings
2. Become a member of the Genealogy Book SIG's (mostly monthly) meetings
3. Participate in Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group
4. Participate in **German Interest Group**
5. Attend the **Italian Interest Group**
6. Send a note to [Twisted Branches](#) related to the monthly theme
7. Visit the Website of the Month (newsletter)
8. Review the Book of the Month (newsletter)
9. Contact [Kimberly Nichols](#) and volunteer an heirloom for *What's in Your Attic?*
10. Send an article for an upcoming Eastside Genie (newsletter) issue
11. Visit a genealogy site (historical society, library, cemetery, other) and send an article about your discovery
12. Contact [Janet Stroebel](#) to share your interest and expertise and see how you can become more involved
13. Become a member—[Pay dues](#)



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Bellevue Library News

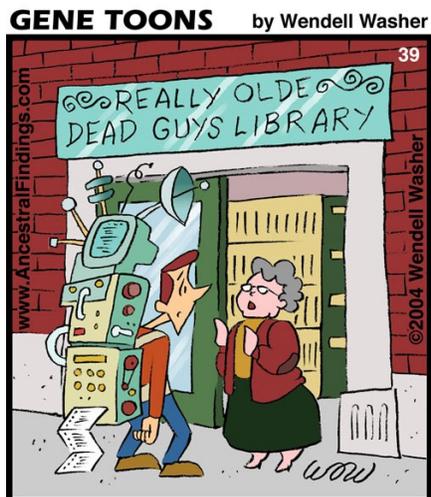


EGS donates books to the Bellevue Library. During our last program year (June 2024 – May 2025), we donated thirteen titles. If your ancestors came from Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Scotland or were Native Americans, check out the collection. If they came to New York or South Carolina or were Quakers, see what you can find. If

improving your genealogy skills is your goal, there is something in those recent acquisitions for you.

If there is something missing, please suggest a book/topic, join the committee or even lead the committee. Any questions, contact the acting chair, [Jane Wickert](#).

The list of new books is on page 7.



I'm sorry, sir. We only allow pencil and paper in the library.



"I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING WEALTHY RELATIVES."

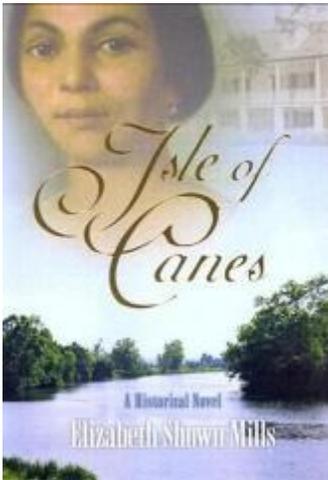
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| R929.107204 THO 2024/Great Britain | Thorne, Nick | Bigamists, Bastards and Baffling Brick Walls: Beginning English Family History Research and Discovering Scandals in the Family Tree | |
| 1999/Native Americans | Carter, Kent | The Dawes Commission: And The Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1893 - 1914 | Ancestry Publishing |
| R929.1 MAC 2025/Genealogy, writing and publishing | Macentee, Thomas | Can I Use That in My Genealogy? A Guide to Copyright and Family History Research | Independently Published |
| R929.308828 BER 2022/Quakers | Berry, Ellen T. | Our Quaker Ancestors: Finding Them in Quaker Records, Second Edition [2 copies: 1 for reference, 1 for circulation] | Genealogical Publishing Co. |
| R929.1072 SMI 2023/Genealogy, | Smith, Drew | Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy | Genealogical Publishing Co. |
| R929.3415 MIT 1988/Ireland | Brian Mitchell | A Guide to Irish Parish Registers [2009 edition (1988)] | Genealogical Publishing Co. |
| R929.3757 REV 2021/South Carolina | Revoll, Janie | A compilation of the Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763-1773 | Southern Historical Press |
| R929.1 ELD 2018/Genealogy, problems & exercises | Elder, Diana | Research Like a Pro [2 copies: 1 for reference, 1 for circulation] | Family Locket Books |
| R929.1 ELD 2021/Genetic Ge- | Elder, Diana, Wirthlin, Robin | Research Like a Pro with DNA [2 copies: 1 for reference, 1 for circulation] | Family Locket Books |
| R929.373 SIB 2020/Immigration, New York | Butler, Anne Sibert | Tracing Immigrants Through the Port of New York [2 copies: 1 for reference, 1 for circulation] | New York Genealogical and Biographical Society |
| R929.107207 EST 2021/Genetic Ge- | Estes, Roberta | DNA for Native American Genealogy | Genealogical Publishing Co. |
| R929.3481 CHR 2023/Norway | Christensen, Liv Birgit and Strand, Margaret H. | Exploring Norwegian Genealogy | Family Roots Publishing Co. |
| R929.3411 DOB 2024/Scottish Americans, Revolutionary War | Dobson, David | Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America, Consolidated Edition Vol 1. & II | Clearfield |

Genealogy Book SIG

Sept 12, 2025, 10 AM PT via Zoom

Contact [Kimberly Nichols](#) to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link.

Isle of Canes, Elizabeth Shown Mills, 583 pages

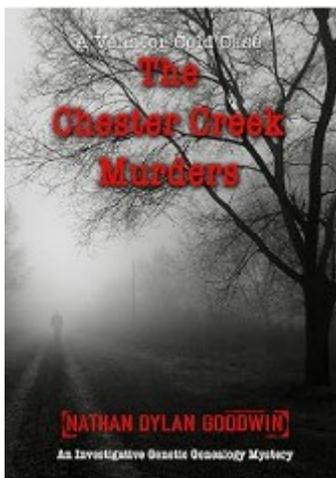


Rating: 4.1 stars, 173 ratings

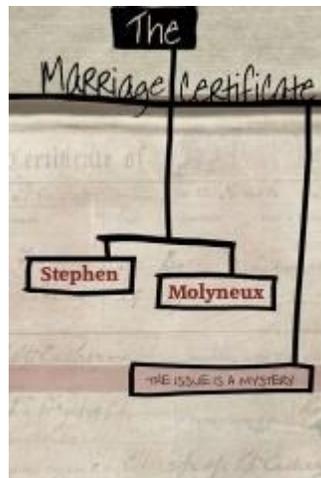
Isle of Canes is the epic account of an African-American family in Louisiana that, over four generations and more than 150 years, rose from the chains of slavery to rule the Isle of Canes. Historically accurate and genealogically significant, this first novel by eminent genealogist **Elizabeth Shown Mills** is a gripping tale of racial bias, human conflict, and economic ruin told against the backdrop of colonial Louisiana. This novel is the result of more than thirty years of research. To fuel the story, as well as to maintain historical accuracy, the author

found and referenced actual family history documents such as baptism records, manumission papers, probate records, land records, book extracts, and more to reconstruct the lives and times of Francois, Fanny, Coincoin, Augustin, and countless other unforgettable characters. But it takes more than documents on paper and microfilm to bring such an epic story to life. Mills' engaging prose puts flesh on the bones and pulls you into the lives and lifestyle of long-ago Louisiana.

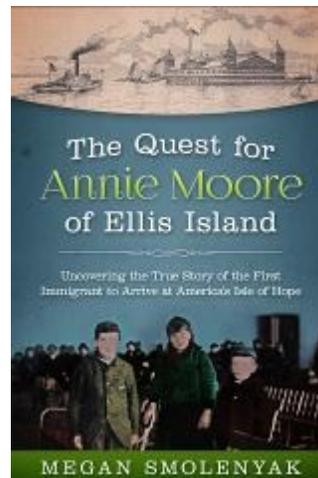
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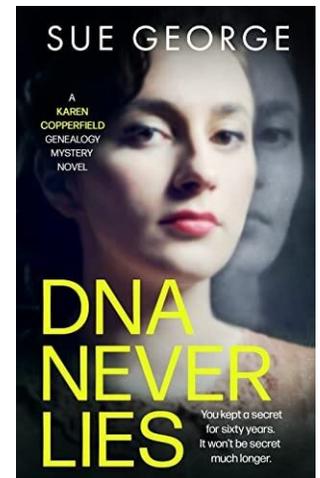
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Jan 9, 2026



Feb 13, 2026



Bellevue, Washington

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TWISTED BRANCHES

Monthly feature where we share unusual twigs on our family trees. One objective is to share interesting stories and/or *find common ancestors within our group.*

Did my ancestors know your ancestors?

EGS Mayflower passenger connections:

Kathy Weber Samuel Fuller (his parents died the first winter), Richard Warren

Marcia Williams Degory Priest (died Jan 1621). Degory's wife was Sarah Allerton, brother of Isaac Allerton, so their common ancestor would be the parents of Sarah and Isaac. Isaac has many descendants!

Are there others?

Mayflower Ancestors

What about [Mayflower Passengers?](#) With an estimated 35 million descendants of Mayflower passengers, it is likely we will discover EGS members with one or more common ancestors who travelled together on the Mayflower.



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October Newsletter:

RELATED TO ROYALTY?

Deadline: Sept 19, 2025

Email to newsletter@eastsidegeologicalsociety.org.





Eastside Genealogical Society



German Interest Group

Website: [EGS-GIG](https://www.egs-gig.com)

Friday, Sept 5, 2025
12:30 pm PT via Zoom

[Register](#)

Topic:

Using German Genealogy Societies/Special Interest Groups to Break Your Brick Wall

Are you encountering difficulties with your German research? Have you considered reaching out to a local genealogy society for assistance? Let's explore some prominent German genealogy societies and special interest groups in the US. Additionally, we will delve into the genealogy groups in Germany, providing insights on how to locate and connect with them effectively.

Presenter: Ann Broihier is the current co-leader of the Dallas Genealogical Society's German Special Interest Group, the president of the Elgin (Illinois) Genealogical Society, and a co-leader of the IGGP 2025 Conference Connection Sessions team. She has been doing genealogy since 1988. The main areas her ancestors immigrated from were Pomerania, Rhineland/Pfalz, and Schaumburg-Lippe. She has made several trips to Germany to learn more about her ancestors.



Visitors are always welcome at our meetings but **attendees must register** for each meeting. Registrants should **save the Zoom registration email** containing the meeting link. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a 100 attendee limit and registration does not guarantee a spot at the meeting if we happen to exceed that number. Attendees can join the **Pre-meeting chat at 12:15pm Pacific Time.**

P.S. We have no dues but if you wish to make a small tax-deductible donation toward securing professional speakers, please see our [Donate](#) page. Thank You for your support.



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Italian Interest Group meeting

Saturday, Sept 20, 2025

10:00 am PT—special time

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Topic: On Food and Fascism

Presenter: Karima Moyer-Nocchi

Karima Moyer-Nocchi will give a lecture based on her book: *Chewing the Fat – An Oral History of Italian Foodways from Fascism to Dolce Vita*. This highly engaging and visually driven presentation will examine the ways in which the politics of the fascist era (1922-1943) influenced the Italian culinary identity from a socio-cultural perspective and the role it played in the conceptual development of Italian cuisine as we know it today. The lecture will explore the tenets of Oral History in general and then look specifically at how this method of data collection opens a unique window onto food history research. Moyer-Nocchi analyzes the notion of “authenticity” and reveals how some of the best-loved myths of Italian food are part of an invented set of traditions. That view is balanced through a closer look at how traditions, invented or otherwise, play an important part in societal healing and cultural progression in Italy. The presentation will conclude with a performance of selected excerpts from the book.

Presenter: Karima Moyer-Nocchi is a noted culinary historian specializing in Italian cuisine. In her work, she reconstructs histories through a culinary lens, with an eye on myth busting, evident in her acclaimed publications “*Chewing the Fat – An Oral History of Italian Foodways from Fascism to Dolce Vita*” and “*The Eternal Table: A Cultural History of Food in Rome*”.

Born and educated in the United States, Moyer-Nocchi has made Italy her home since 1990. She teaches in the Modern Languages department at the University of Siena and currently resides in Umbria. Link to “*Chewing the Fat*” book: [this link](#).



ITALIAN GENEALOGY



Italian Interest Group

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Special Interest Groups—Sponsored by EGS

| SIG | Meetings | Coordinator | Email/Website |
|---|---|------------------|--|
| Genealogy Book SIG | 2nd Friday of most months at 10 AM | Kimberly Nichols | vicepresident@eastsidegenealogysociety.org |
| Family Tree Maker SIG | 3rd Friday of most months at 10:30 AM | Janet Stroebel | ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org |
| German Interest Group Doesn't meet in July and August | 1st Friday of the month from 12:30-2:30 PM with times adjusted for international speakers | Dorothy Pretare | GIG_Leader@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org |
| Italian Interest Group Doesn't meet in December | Meets virtually 1:30-3:30 PM on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sept thru June | Mary Sangalang | egs-iig.com |
| Lunch Bunch | 3rd Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM | Celia McNay | egsgenealogyhelpers@yahoo.com |

Special Interest Groups

Sponsored by [Seattle Genealogical Society](#) (SGS) - Click on *Calendar of Events*

[South King County Genealogical Society](#) (SKCGS) - Click on *Meetings and Events* → *Monthly Schedule*

[Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society](#) (TPCGS) - Click on *Events*

SGS

Pacific Northwest Interest Group
Write It Up! Writers' Group
FamilySearch Users Group
MAC Computer Interest Group
Irish Interest Group
Scandinavian Interest Group
Braggs and Bricks
Mexican Special Interest Group
Eastern Europe Interest Group
Ancestry Users Interest Group
DNA Interest Group

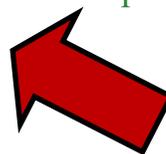
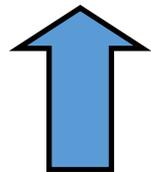
SKCGS

Tech Users Group
Genealogy Chat
Family History Writing
Family Tree Maker Users Group
Genetic Genealogy/DNA Group
WikiTree Interest Group

TPCGS

Genealogy Chat
Legacy Family Tree
Writing Family History
DNA Special Interest Group

Click on the link of the individual Genealogical Society listed above for dates and times of specific SIGs



Review the expanded list of SIGS under each Society—new ones recently added!

Upcoming Events and Genealogy Help



Next Lunch Bunch—Sept 18

11:30—1:00—reserved room in church across from the **FamilySearch Center**, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue.

Bring lunch from home or buy food at a nearby local ...

Topic: *To be determined*

Use the **FamilySearch Center Library** with databases either available with a subscription or unavailable online—bring your laptop; library open

Genealogy Help

Bellevue Library—Room 4

Thur Sept 11, Sept 25; 10:30—12:30

No registration required

In-person assistance with ...

Ancestry Library Edition



Want to help? email: [Jane Wickert](mailto:Jane.Wickert@bellevuelibrary.org)



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Genealogy

Family Tree Maker SIG meeting

Friday, Sept 19

10:30 am PT

Via Zoom

- **Send Questions**
- **Join email list**

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Newsletters

Weekly and Monthly Newsletters are provided for regular readers and site visitors.

Website of the Month

The Ancestor Hunt

Enter at your own risk, and only when you have several hours to kill!



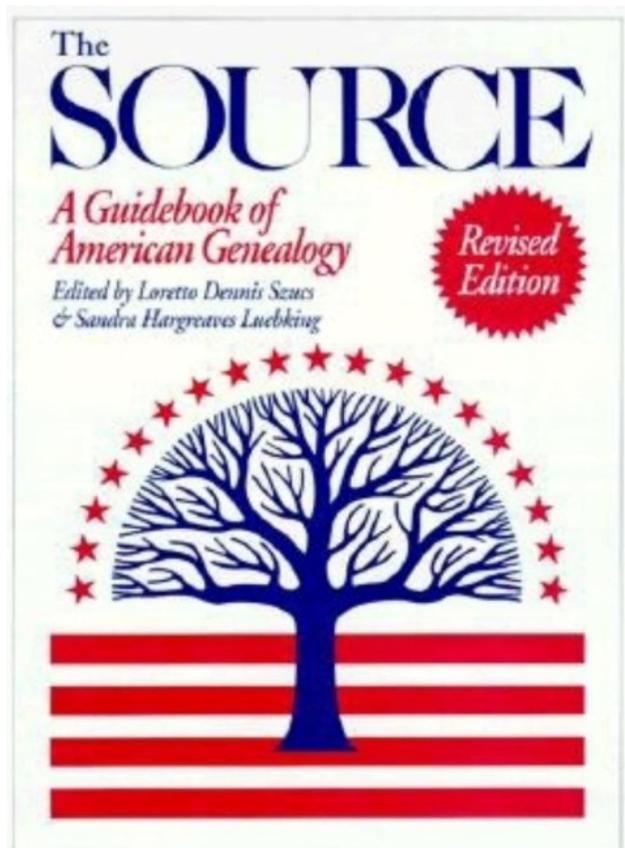
Book of the Month

Found on Amazon for \$7.30, list price

Learn where to find and how to use vital resources like:

- Databases, indexes, directories and other finding aids
- Birth, death and cemetery records
- Marriage and divorce records
- Census records & Church records
- Court records, Land & Tax records
- Military records, Business and employment records
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Additional chapters focus on tracking ethnic origins using immigration records and other resources for Native American, African American, Hispanic, and Jewish-American research.





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Become involved in Eastside Genealogical Society.

Expand your knowledge and share with other genealogy geeks. Contact **Janet Stroebel** to explore opportunities that match your skills.



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Eastside Genealogical Society

This n That

A list of genealogical items of interest to us this month

Irish resources—from EGS member Lois Diemert



The Irish Genealogical Research Society - IGRS - has launched a new database of biographical notices taken from Irish and Canadian newspapers, 1772-1900. It was compiled by Patrick Smythe-Wood (1914-1997).

A typical entry in the database might note as much as an individual's name, address, spouse, parent(s), date/year of birth, death or marriage, religious denomination, and names of other family members and relations.

Non-IGRS members can access this database for free to check for the prevalence of particular first name and surname combinations. Read more here: <https://www.irishancestors.ie/smythe-wood-newspaper-database>

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- Newspapers (4 guides)
- Birth, Marriage, and Death Records (5 guides)

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American Ancestors
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Some Free Events

Getting Started Research Guides—numerous topics

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