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The Shortest Month Packed with Great Opportunities  
by Curt B. Witcher

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Within hours of receiving this ezine, the second annual RootsTech conference will get underway in Salt Lake City. Last year's event was terrific--and this year's appears to hold even more promise and exciting opportunities. Technology has so radically impacted how historical and genealogical research is done, how information is shared, and how data is preserved for future use. The intersection of technology and family history is an amazing space--one that we all need to understand better and "play in" more completely and effectively.

What makes RootsTech so exciting is the freshness of the presentations, the ability of technologists and genealogists to interact in formal sessions, in the exhibit hall area, and in un-conference sessions, as well as the focus on leading and bleeding edge technologies applied in the genealogy space. RootsTech was the largest genealogy conference in 2011; and with over three thousand individuals currently registered, it looks like it will be the largest multi-day genealogical event in 2012.

For those who are unable to attend, a number of the RootsTech sessions will be streamed online. The sessions being streamed from the RootsTech site <RootsTech.org> are listed in the following and are Mountain Standard Time (MST).

Thursday, February 2

\*\*8:30-10:00 a.m., "Inventing the Future, as a Community" (Keynote Address) by Jay L. Verkler

\*\*11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., "Do I Trust the Cloud?" by D. Joshua Taylor

\*\*1:45-2:45 p.m., "Effective Database Search Tactics" by Kory Meyerink

\*\*3:00-4:00 p.m., "Twitter - It's Not Just 'What I Had for Breakfast'" Anymore by Thomas MacEntee

\*\*4:15-5:15 p.m., "Eleven Layers of Online Searches" by Barbara Renick

Friday, February 3

\*\*8:30-9:30 a.m., "Exabyte Social Clouds and Other Monstrosities" (Keynote Address) by Josh Coates

\*\*9:45-10:45 a.m., "Publish Your Genealogy Online" by Laura G. Prescott

\*\*11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., "Optimize Your Site for Search Engines" by Robert Gardner

\*\*1:45-2:45 p.m., "Genealogists 'Go Mobile'" by Sandra Crowley

\*\*3:00-4:00 p.m., "Google's Toolbar and Genealogy" by Dave Barney

Saturday, February 4

\*\*8:30-9:30 a.m., "Making the Most of Technology to Further the Family History Industry" (Keynote Address) by Tim Sullivan and Ancestry.com Panel

\*\*9:45-10:45 a.m. "Genealogy Podcasts and Blogs 101" by Lisa Louise Cooke

\*\*11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., "Future of FamilySearch Family" Tree by Ron Tanner

\*\*1:45-2:45 p.m., "Privacy in a Collaborative Environment" by Noah Tatuk

The list of presentations Ancestry will be streaming throughout RootsTech (Ancestry.com LIVE @ RootsTech 2012) include the following and are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Thursday, February 2

\*\*2/2 @ 3:30 p.m.: "Using Advanced Photographic Techniques on Damaged Documents"

\*\*2/2 @ 5:00 p.m.: Kory Meyerink from ProGenealogists

Friday, February 3

\*\*2/3 @ 3:30 p.m.: "5 New Things to Try at Ancestry.com"

\*\*2/3 @ 5:00 p.m.: "The Inner-workings of the Ancestry.com Search Engine"

Saturday, February 4

\*\*2/4 @ 10:30 p.m.: "Tim Sullivan and an Ancestry.com Panel"

\*\*2/4 @ 1:00 p.m.: "Everything You Wanted to Know About Fold3"

\*\*2/4 @ 2:00 p.m.: "Developer's Roundtable with Kendall Hulet"

For more than a quarter of a century, Black History Month in the United States has been celebrated in February. For those who have African American ancestors, this month provides wonderful reminders of how empowering it can be to know your family's story, and how many new resources are available for researching African American heritage. The Genealogy Center has long maintained the "African American Gateway" as a free site for discovering African American genealogical resources on the Internet and in The Center's collection.

<[www.GenealogyCenter.info/africanamerican/](http://www.GenealogyCenter.info/africanamerican/)> The Gateway is arranged by U. S. states, regions of the country when resources cover more than a single state, foreign countries, and research topics. In each of these categories, web links are listed first, followed by a listing of specific resources in The Genealogy Center for that particular area or subject. It is a very handy way to access an amazing collection of materials for African American research.

At the dawn of 2012's Black History month, The Genealogy Center has a brand new historical database of slavery and anti-slavery materials. My colleague, Melissa Shimkus, wrote the following about this new resource.

"Family historians and academic researchers visiting The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, now have access to an online digital archive of historical court records, maps, books, newspapers and periodicals from the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe that focus on the topics of slavery and abolition. The new database, "Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive," is comprised of documents previously available only on microfilm or at academic institutions. One of the collections available through this database is "Debates over Slavery and Abolition," which covers the history of slavery from the 16th century to 1888 and the resistance that led to abolition. Another collection, "Slave Trade in the Atlantic World," records the history and impact of the Atlantic Slave Trade in numerous countries. These records not only document the history of slavery, but also illustrate effects on women and children, as well as the religious and legal issues involved. Researchers can utilize this unique and informative collection of databases in The Genealogy Center and at any Allen County Public Library location through the On-Site Databases tab on The Genealogy Center's website, <[www.genealogycenter.org](http://www.genealogycenter.org)>."

The first Friday in February marks the start of the third season of the popular television series, "Who Do You Think You Are?" If you need a little motivation to get back to researching your family history more regularly, or if you just enjoy seeing others delight in genealogical research, it is a prime-time show you don't want to miss. The February 3rd show will feature Martin Sheen and genealogical discoveries about his family. All "Who Do You Think You Are?" shows air at 8 p.m. eastern time on NBC. For more information on this year's series, visit <[www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/](http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/)>

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### New England Town Reports

by Steven W. Myers

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The published records of local governments are an important source of information for both the local historian and the genealogist, but with the exception of vital records have been largely ignored by family historians. The Genealogy Center has a large collection of printed annual reports for hundreds of New England towns stretching from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Printed in most towns with populations under 10,000, these reports are not only full of details about individual community residents, but also reward searchers with tidbits that illustrate the context of life in bygone eras.

The "Annual Report of the Town of Hillsborough" (974.202 H554ar) in New Hampshire for the year ending February 15, 1894, will provide some examples. Comprised of individual reports from the "Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Road Agent, Auditors, School Boards, Board of Health and Town Clerk," it includes some narrative, but is largely accounts of receipts and expenditures, and other lists of names. In making the case for electric lights, the selectmen report that "Electricity is now rapidly becoming the illuminating agent of the day, taking the place of kerosene and gas as they did that of tallow and sperm oil, within the recollection of many of us." The various accounts list numerous names of individuals and companies providing products and services to the town. For example, H. C. Colby was paid \$9.95 for "repairing fountains," and Mary C. Bixby was paid \$75 for "services as librarian." Rural dirt roads were in constant need of repair and many farmers earned extra money doing "road work" when the demands of their home farms were low. The Hillsborough report includes thirteen pages of the names of those who worked on the roads, including: Joe

Blanchard, paid \$49 for "14 days' work with horses," and W. S. Scruton, paid \$1.45 for supplying "liniment for horses." The police report notes the arrest of 31 for "drunkenness," 4 for "fornication," and 1 "stubborn child" during the year, while the report on schools includes lengthy lists of students with perfect attendance. Even the less documented poor who received aid are featured. For example, the town paid \$24 to W. O. Chase for boarding James Chase, a dependent soldier. The Hillsborough report closes with details of all births, marriages, and deaths that occurred in the town during 1893, including the names and birthplaces of the father and mother of the child, groom, bride, or deceased named in each record.

Town reports from other communities and time periods may provide different details. The "Annual Report of the Town of Casco" (974.102 C26ar) in Maine for 1932-1933 includes a list of dog licenses issued. Provided are the owner's name and the name, sex, color, breed and age of the dog. For the many details they contain about the lives of community residents, the New England Town Reports are well worth exploring.

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#### Louisiana Naturalization Records

by Delia C. Bourne

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The Genealogy Center recently received parts of several collections of microfilmed naturalization records for the New Orleans area. This is good news for researchers who have ancestors in that area, of course, but for all genealogists these collections are a wonderful example of the type of material 20th century naturalization records can provide.

"Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans District Office: Index to Certificates of Naturalization 1831-1905" (NARA R7A 22, RG 85) is the most complete set of the new acquisitions. This card index to naturalization certificates issued by local, state, and federal courts in Louisiana can include name, address, age or date of birth, date and port of arrival, names and addresses of witnesses testifying to the character of the petitioner, information on the issuing court, and the volume and page on which the certificate is recorded. For example, Jack Duca, an Italian immigrant, was naturalized in New Orleans in 1899. His witnesses were F. Bonnano and D. Raggio, Jr. The reverse of his card indicates that he made his Declaration of Intention in 1896 in the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, illustrating that the records can appear almost anywhere.

The "Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans Division, Index to Naturalizations, 1837-1988" (NARA 7RA 229, RG 21) is a card index to naturalization petitions. The cards usually include only the petitioner's name, numbers assigned to his or her record at each stage of the naturalization process (declaration of intention, petition, and naturalization certificate), dates of filing, and volume and page references. The cards do include aliases. For example, Mini Pepito Dummet, a.k.a. Domenica Pepito, filed a declaration in June 1942. The Genealogy Center has reels 10 through 29 of this set, covering surnames beginning with letters D through Z.

"Records for the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of Louisiana: Naturalization Petitions, 1906-1959" (NARA 7RA 232) is an alphabetical collection of petitions, including the petitioner's name, address, occupation, date and place of birth, spouse's name, and date and place of

marriage. Also provided are the names, ages, sexes and birth places of the petitioner's children, as well as the city of last foreign residence before entering the United States, places of embarkation and debarkation, and ship name. For example, Dionisio Juan Cruz Garcia, born 1884 in Monterrubio, Spain, arrived in New York aboard the "SS Montevideo" in 1913. He married Winnie Lee Weeks in 1931 in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, but was divorced by 1945. He was employed from 1936 to 1949 aboard the "SS Santa Marta," a ship of American Registry working for the United Fruit Company. A physical description is also provided. He applied for citizenship in August 1945. Indicating that he went by the name John Cross, he signed the petition with his birth name, and the oath as John Cross. Some of these records also include photos of the petitioner. The Genealogy Center holds reels 1 and 2 (1906-1916) and 4 through 10 (1917-1929) of this set.

The cards containing "Records for the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of Louisiana: Naturalization Declaration of Intention, 1906-1977" (NARA 7RA-230) are arranged by number, with an index at the front. The cards provide the same information as the Petitions (7RA 232, above), adding the type of conveyance. Nils Thoroff Kristofer Nilson (a.k.a. Ralph Nilson) age 31, made his Declaration on April 1, 1926. He was 5'4" tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. He weighed 130 pounds and had a tattoo on his right forearm. Born in Oslo, Norway, December 18, 1894, he emigrated from Tampico, Mexico, on the ship "Mary Lukenbank," arriving in New Orleans October 6, 1925. In his Declaration, he had to swear that he was not an anarchist or polygamist. The Genealogy Center has reels 34 to 45 (1943-1959) of this set.

These wonderful record groups (all filed in cabinet 74-B-3) colorfully depict New Orleans as a melting pot, and demonstrate the depth of information that can be found in 20th century naturalization records.

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Technology Tip of the Month--The Microsoft Word 2010 Ribbon: Mailings and Review Tabs  
by Kay Spears

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Let's look at the Mailings tab first. There are three tools of interest on this tab: Envelopes, Labels and Mail Merge. I will describe the first two here: Envelopes and Labels. Both of these are fairly simple tools.

Envelopes: When the Envelopes dialog box is open, you will notice boxes labeled "Delivery address" and "Return address." All you need do is enter the correct addresses in each box and print. However, if you are using an envelope with a return address already printed on it, you will want to leave the return address box blank or make sure the "Omit" box is checked. To change the size of the envelope, select "Options."

Labels: First, open the Labels dialog box, go to "Options," select the kind of label you will be printing, and click "OK." The Labels dialog box will return. If you are printing only one label, enter the "Address," then select "Single label" and the appropriate "Row" and "Column" in the "Print" box. If you want to print an entire sheet of labels with the same address, enter the "Address," then select "Full page of the same label" in the "Print" box. If you want to print an entire sheet of labels, each with a different address, click on "New Document." This will open an entire page of blank labels on which you may enter addresses. Or, you may use Mail Merge instead. I will cover mail

merges in the next article.

Now, let's look at the Review tab. This is where Microsoft has located the Proofing tools most often used in reviewing documents. Included are Spelling and Grammar, Research, Thesaurus, and Word Count. The Review tab also contains a Tracking tool, which I suggest that you use sparingly. While this tool may help you keep track of changes, sometimes it can create confusion and frustration for the person who will be receiving your document.

Next month: The Microsoft Word 2010 Ribbon: The Joys of Mail Merge

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Quick-Tip of the Month for Preservation--Recipe Cards and Cookbooks  
by Dawne Slater-Putt

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Now that the hustle-bustle of the holidays is over and the weather may be inclement, it's a great time to settle in with a family project. In the quest to preserve our family information, we often think of traditional genealogical records, files and photographs. But what about those cookbooks and recipe cards which have been passed down from one generation to the next? Sharing holiday meals during the recent season may have led you and your loved ones to reminisce about family gatherings of years ago and the dear mothers, grandmothers and other relatives, since passed away, who prepared those festive meals.

A wonderful project to distribute at this summer's family reunion, or at the holiday gathering at the end of the year, might be a family cookbook! Your relatives may have recipe cards tucked away that were handwritten by family members and describe how to make some of the family's favorite dishes. These can be transcribed for the book, and the recipe cards color-copied to preserve the handwriting of the loved one. You could include a photograph of each cook - preferably in the kitchen, wearing an apron! Ethnic specialties or dishes particularly loved by the family are excellent choices to represent in the book. Write about any family traditions connected with food, such as the necessity to have two dishes of dressing with the turkey at Thanksgiving - one with oysters and one without! (Woe to the person who got them mixed up and took a mouthful of the oyster dressing by mistake!)

The "publication" of the cookbook can be as simple or as elaborate as you desire. You can include photographs or not; print it in color or black and white. It can be printed at home and simply stapled, comb-bound with a plain colored cardstock cover, or saddle-stapled with a glossy, coated cardstock cover. Your local office supply store can advise you about printing and provide price estimates.

Creating a family cookbook is a wonderful way to ensure the preservation of favorite recipes and family traditions, along with the handwriting of the cooks and the warm memories of gathering with loved ones at those special times of year.

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WinterTech: Exploring Origins.net for Your British, Irish & Scots Ancestors

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The Genealogy Center's WinterTech series concludes with Steve Myers explaining the many databases and other resources available through The Genealogy Center's subscription to the Origins Network, on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C. Held in the afternoons of the second Wednesdays, November through February, to coincide with the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana's monthly evening meetings, WinterTech expands your knowledge of family history research using technology. For more information, see the flyer at <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/Brochures/WT2011.sflb.ashx>. Please call 260-421-1225 or email [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info) to register.

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### March Madness: Genealogy Style

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The Genealogy Center's annual "March Madness: Genealogy Style" ushers in the spring research season with a week of educational opportunities to jumpstart the hunt for your ethnic ancestors. This year's schedule is listed below.

\*\*"Researching Your Polish Ancestors," Sunday March 18, 2012, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Meeting Room A, with Kris Rzepczynski.

\*\*"French Canadian Research at The Genealogy Center," Monday March 19, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Meeting Room A, with Cynthia Theusch.

\*\*"The Riches of First Nations Heritage: Beginning Native American Genealogical Research," Tuesday March 20, 2012, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Meeting Room A, with Curt Witcher.

\*\*Daughters of the American Revolution Research Assistance for Membership, Wednesday March 21, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., The Genealogy Center AND "It Was Everyone's War," Wednesday March 21, 2012, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Meeting Room A.

\*\*"Shadowed Roots: Antebellum Era Records for African-American Research," Thursday March 22, 2012, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Meeting Room A, with Melissa Shimkus.

For more information about these free classes, see our flyer at

[http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012\\_Brochures/Marchmadness.sflb.ashx](http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012_Brochures/Marchmadness.sflb.ashx). Please call 260-421-1225 or email [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info) to register.

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### Irish & Scots-Irish Genealogy: Part 2--A Two-Day Mini-Course

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The week of "March Madness: Genealogy Style" finishes up with one of our most popular two-day mini-courses, as Steve Myers presents "Irish & Scots-Irish Genealogy: Part 2," on Friday & Saturday March 23-24, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Meeting Rooms A & B. This workshop is designed for researchers with some experience in using basic Irish records and will cover additional sources and techniques that lead to success. Sessions include: Irish Local History Publications: An Untapped Source; Irish Probate Records, Deeds & Biographical Sources; Using Irish Landed Estate Records and Other Manuscript Sources; The Irish Rebellion of 1798 as a Source of Genealogical Records; Confiscation, Plantation & British Military Service; The Irish Research Trip; and personal consultations. Cost for both days is \$50. Space is limited so please register in advance. Program details and registration information are included in the brochure at

[http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events/SingleEvent/11-12-17/Irish\\_Scots-](http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events/SingleEvent/11-12-17/Irish_Scots-)

[Irish\\_Genealogy\\_Part\\_2\\_-\\_A\\_Two-Day\\_Mini-Course.aspx?ReturnURL=%2fEvents.aspx](http://www.genealogycenter.org/Events/SingleEvent/11-12-17/Irish_Scots-Irish_Genealogy_Part_2_-_A_Two-Day_Mini-Course.aspx?ReturnURL=%2fEvents.aspx).

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### Introduction to the 1940 Census

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The long-awaited release of the 1940 census will occur on April 2, 2012. The unindexed census will be available that day from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website. Shortly after appearing on the NARA site, the 1940 census will be available at Archives.com, Ancestry.com, and FamilySearch.org. The indexing process will begin immediately, but it will be a while before those indices appear online. While you are waiting for the name indices to become available, take this class to discover tips on locating your ancestors in this valuable resource. The Genealogy Center is offering this lecture three times: Wednesday, March 28, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., in Meeting Rooms B & C; Monday April 2, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., in Meeting Rooms A & B; and Saturday April 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in Meeting Rooms A & B. For more information, please see the brochure at [http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012\\_Brochures/Census.sflb.ashx](http://www.genealogycenter.org/Libraries/2012_Brochures/Census.sflb.ashx). Please register in advance for any or all of these classes by calling 260-421-1225 or send an email to [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info).

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### Family Tree Maker Training Sessions

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Struggling with your Family Tree Maker software? Have a few questions you need answered? Or just starting with the system and wondering where to begin? Ponder no more! The Genealogy Center is offering a series of training sessions to walk you through the features of this popular genealogy program. Taught by Cynthia Theusch, these training sessions will be on Wednesdays, twice a month from March to mid-June, and vary in length, depending on the aspect of the software that is to be covered. The sessions are:

#### SESSION 1: GETTING STARTED

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

#### SESSION 2: PEOPLE (FAMILY AND PERSON TABS)

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### SESSION 3: PLACES

Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

#### SESSION 4: MEDIA

Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

#### SESSION 5: SOURCES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

#### SESSION 6: PUBLISH

Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

#### SESSION 7: WEB SEARCH

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

All sessions are a hands-on learning experience in the library's Computer Classroom. Remember to bring a flash drive so that you can save your work and bring it next time. Space is limited and registration is required for these free sessions, so call 260-421-1225 or email [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info) today to register!

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Fee Change for Computer Prints

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Beginning February 1, 2012, computer printouts at the Allen County Public Library will cost 10 cents per page, up from 5 cents. The change will make all copy charges uniform in preparation for the move to a single copy card that will allow patrons to photocopy printed material or to print data they find in a computer search. Photocopy charges have held steady at 10 cents per page for more than 32 years.

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Library Closure for Staff Development Day

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The entire Allen County Public Library system, including The Genealogy Center, will be closed on Friday, February 10, 2012 for staff development day. The library and Genealogy Center will open again on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the regular time of 9 a.m.

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Out and About

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Curt Witcher

March 24, 2012, Carlsbad, CA--North San Diego County Genealogical Society. All day seminar will cover the following topics: "Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins as a Research Key," "Doing the History Eliminates the Mystery!" "Historical Research Methodology: Engaging the Process to Find All the Answers," and "Effective Use of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center."

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Area Calendar of Events

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Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana (ACGSI)

February 8, 2012--Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana. 6:30 p.m. refreshments and social time, 7 p.m. program. Roberta Ridley will present: "African American Genealogical Research."

Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, 302 East Berry, Ft. Wayne, IN  
February 5, 2012, 2 p.m. J. J. Foster will be speaking on, "Separate but Equal."

Special Program on February 12, 2012 at 2 p.m.: "The Road to Brown." This video and panel discussion will focus on the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling about segregated schools in America. It is sponsored in cooperation with the African/African American Historical Society and Museum.

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Driving Directions to the Library

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Wondering how to get to the library? Our location is 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the block bordered on the south by Washington Boulevard, the west by Ewing Street, the north by

Wayne Street, and the east by the Library Plaza, formerly Webster Street. We would enjoy having you visit the Genealogy Center.

To get directions from your exact location to 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana, visit this link at MapQuest:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=900%20Webster%20St&city=Fort%20Wayne&state=IN&zipcode=46802%2d3602&country=US&geodiff=1>

>From the South

Exit Interstate 69 at exit 102. Drive east on Jefferson Boulevard into downtown. Turn left on Ewing Street. The Library is one block north, at Ewing Street and Washington Boulevard.

Using US 27:

US 27 turns into Lafayette Street. Drive north into downtown. Turn left at Washington Boulevard and go five blocks. The Library will be on the right.

>From the North

Exit Interstate 69 at exit 112. Drive south on Coldwater Road, which merges into Clinton Street. Continue south on Clinton to Washington Boulevard. Turn right on Washington and go three blocks. The Library will be on the right.

>From the West

Using US 30:

Drive into town on US 30. US 30 turns into Goshen Ave. which dead-ends at West State Blvd. Make an angled left turn onto West State Blvd. Turn right on Wells Street. Go south on Wells to Wayne Street. Turn left on Wayne Street. The Library will be in the second block on the right.

Using US 24:

After crossing under Interstate 69, follow the same directions as from the South.

>From the East

Follow US 30/then 930 into and through New Haven, under an overpass into downtown Fort Wayne. You will be on Washington Blvd. when you get into downtown. Library Plaza will be on the right.

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#### Parking at the Library

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At the Library, underground parking can be accessed from Wayne Street. Other library parking lots are at Washington and Webster, and Wayne and Webster. Hourly parking is \$1 per hour with a \$7 maximum. ACPL library card holders may use their cards to validate the parking ticket at the west end of the Great Hall of the Library. Out of county residents may purchase a subscription card with proof of identification and residence. The current fee for an Individual Subscription Card is \$70.

Public lots are located at the corner of Ewing and Wayne Streets (\$1 each for the first two half-hours, \$1 per hour after, with a \$4 per day maximum) and the corner of Jefferson Boulevard and

Harrison Street (\$3 per day).

Street (metered) parking on Ewing and Wayne Streets. On the street you plug the meters 8am - 5pm, weekdays only. It is free to park on the street after 5pm and on the weekends.

Visitor center/Grand Wayne Center garage at Washington and Clinton Streets. This is the Hilton Hotel parking lot that also serves as a day parking garage. For hourly parking, 7am - 11 pm, charges are .50 for the first 45 minutes, then \$1.00 per hour. There is a flat \$2.00 fee between 5pm and 11pm.

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### Genealogy Center Queries

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The Genealogy Center hopes you find this newsletter interesting. Thank you for subscribing. We cannot, however, answer personal research emails written to the e-zine address. The department houses a Research Center that makes photocopies and conducts research for a fee.

If you have a general question about our collection, or are interested in the Research Center, please telephone the library and speak to a librarian who will be glad to answer your general questions or send you a research center form. Our telephone number is 260-421-1225. If you'd like to email a general information question about the department, please email: [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info).

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