



# GENEALOGY CLUB B-E-T-W-E-E-N T-H-E L-I-N-E-S

## From the President

As I write this, the new year and a new decade have just begun. Our program chair, Pam Loos-Noji, has put together a varied program for the spring, including a tour of the DAR library. Are there topics that you would like to see presented at one of our meetings? Please let Pam or one of the other officers know.

Pam is also coordinating the list of areas where club members are researching, which will appear on our web site. Please fill in the form (below) and return it to Pam. What else would you like to see on our web site?

Your officers are thinking about the possibility of the club sponsoring a one-day or half-day seminar this fall. We will need help in putting this together. Do you have skills that we can use? Please let us know.

Thanks to Julie Trail who is our new Membership Chair and Mary Ann Banta who will be coordinating refreshments.

- Lorraine Minor

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## New Project: Member's Research Locations

The Club's Board would like to create a new service for our members. Many organizations do a "surname" list where members are urged to share the names that they are researching. We thought a more useful project would be to put together a "Location List" of places where our members do their research so that we can contact each other for help and support in our labors. We may be working on different families, but knowledge about the resources in an area can still be very helpful to someone else. Since much genealogical research is done by county, we plan to organize our list in that way. It would also be helpful to narrow down the time period you are researching. For example, resources for the 18<sup>th</sup> century in a county might be quite different from those in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Of course, if you are researching in another country, we want to know that, too! If there is a subdivision of that country that makes sense as well as a time-frame, please include that. The list will be in a table format ordered by state/county or country and will be on our web-site soon. We will update the list about 4 times a year, or as warranted by the number of submissions we receive.

Please fill in the form below for each location you are actively researching. You may choose whether people contact you by phone or email.

NAME: _____	Phone/Email: _____	
STATE/COUNTRY: _____	COUNTY: _____	TIMEFRAME: _____
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Please return the form to: Pam Loos-Noji, 1341 Hemlock St. NW, Washington, DC 20012 or just email the details to [pamloos@mac.com](mailto:pamloos@mac.com).

## 2010 Genealogy Club Officers

President: Lorraine Minor  
Vice President: Carol Cummings  
Secretary: Linda Kennedy  
Membership Chair: Julie Trail  
Program Chair: Pam Loos-Noji  
Refreshment Coordinator : Mary Ann Banta  
Newsletter Coordinator: Pat Andersen

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### Genealogy Club Monthly Meetings

Genealogy Club meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., Rockville, MD. Call 240-314-5019 for directions. There is ample free parking. Meetings are always held on Wednesdays at 7:30, with refreshments following. Website: [www.montgomeryhistory.org/genealogy\\_club](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org/genealogy_club)

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

*Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30pm*

**Evidence! Creating a Reliable Family History**, by Adrian Gravelle, a former appellate judge. Based on courtroom experience, he will discuss kinds of evidence, and how to judge the reliability of each, and then relate the whole to genealogy. How does evidence create “proof?”

*Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm*

**The Scots: Who are They, and How can We Learn about Them?**, by Robert McLaren. He will discuss the who, what, when, and why of Scottish identity and emigration, and provide information on where the research sources can be found.

*Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30pm*

**The GRC and Digitization Projects at the DAR Library**, by Steve Davidson, assistant director of the Library. We will learn what the DAR has done about digitizing special records available at the Library. A tour of the Library and the Seimes center will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30pm*

**Getting Published and Beyond**, by Allen Beatty, author. He will discuss various approaches to writing a family history and then much of the nuts and bolts of getting your work to press, and in people’s hands.

*Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30pm*

**Footnote: An Introduction**, by Laura Prescott. Ms. Prescott comes to us from Footnote.com itself and will cover what kinds of documents are available and some tips on how to search for what you want.

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### Summary of Minutes of Club Meetings. *Full minutes are posted on the MCHS web site.*

OCTOBER 28, 2009 – The focus of the Program was genealogy software packages. The four presenters were Lorraine Minor, [The Master Genealogist](#); Pam Loos-Noji, [Legacy](#); Cheryl, [Personal Ancestry File](#); and, Julie Trail, [Family Tree Maker](#).

Lorraine Minor on [The Master Genealogist](#) (commonly referred to as TMG): Some of the features that she feels are outstanding is the ability to focus on “persons” then on events, there is the ability to store citations and to build your own citation templates. Family charts can be created, printed and joined together. There is good support by email, live support on the Company website, a web news group, a Virginia users group, and books and video support. There is also the ability to import data from other genealogical programs as well as personal electronic documents and photos. The cost for the software is approximately \$70.

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Pam Loos Noji is an ardent user of Legacy. She mentioned that this software program is not as “full” as TMG but it is easy to use. There is good support and online updates. Family groups can be created with color icons to indicate there is additional data and to map relationship. Direct ancestor’s names are in bold type. An events page presents a chronology. And apparent mistakes in dating, naming, etc. are flagged. Photographs can be added. However, links cannot be loaded onto the family database. Options can be customized by the user including a large variety of reports and mapping features. Legacy Family Tree is currently being developed to work with the new FamilySearch system. It is not available now. To see more information about Legacy go to this website: [www.legacyfamilytree.com/Features.asp](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Features.asp) Pam uses an Apple McIntosh and did try Reunion for Apple but wasn’t able to merge her sources. Legacy is a free download for \$50 to \$60 and upgrades.

Cheryl uses Personal Ancestor File (PAF). She originally paid \$35 although it is free now. It is the personal computer version of Ancestral File, one of the genealogy databases available from Family Search. Personal Ancestral Files can also be read directly into Legacy. It will link images and other media files to individual records. It does not allow for much data analysis. It is very user friendly. There is a user group at the Family History Center in Kensington but it is not very active. A “Show and Tell” is scheduled for December in Kensington. Cheryl said that PAF is old, familiar and comfortable!

Julie discussed her experience with Family Tree Maker. The 2010 version can be purchased from Ancestry for \$39.95. Updates to older versions are available. Family Tree Maker is not as sophisticated as TMG or Legacy but it has membership access to Ancestry.com. Files from Legacy and TMG can be imported to Family Tree Maker 2010. There are also links to other genealogy websites such as RootsWeb. Updates and support are available online. It is capable of charts, reports and mapping but membership to Ancestry.com is necessary to facilitate.

A reminder from all the evening’s presenters was to constantly back up your work! Backup suggestions included backing up to your desktop, backup to a portable or external drive or “saving to a cloud.” Saving to a cloud does have a fee associated with it.

NOVEMBER 18: A brief business meeting, included the presentation of a slate of officers for next year, and the unanimous election of the slate, see the President’s List for names of officers. The presentation was “Finding Original Documents on the Internet”, by Angela McGhie, Director of the Columbia Family History Center. She discussed which types of records are now available and where to find them. She looked at major collections including vital, census, land and military records along with maps and newspapers.

NOTES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 16: The holiday gathering began at 7:30 p.m. at the Beall-Dawson House. Debbie Rankin, Director of MCHS and Paul Rankin were guests. Debbie Rankin greeted the Club and expressed the Society’s gratitude for everything the Club does to promote MCHS.

Although the Holiday Party is a social gathering full of good company and delicious treats, a short business meeting was called to order at approximately 8 p.m. Lorraine Minor announced that as representative of the Club, she signed a letter that was sent to NARA in support of APG’s and other genealogical organizations objecting to removal of microfilm from the NARA research rooms, decreasing research space, and other actions that would no longer support onsite researchers

Pat described the microfilm reader that the Sween Library is considering purchasing with donations received. Larry Moore described the items that were auctioned in Frederick, Maryland from Margaret Myers genealogical collection, several items of which he plans to donate to MCHS or the Maryland Room at the Frederick Public Library.

