

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

From the President

Welcome back from summer vacations and research trips. I hope everyone enjoyed our first meeting of the fall, which I was unable to attend. Forrest and I spent the month of September in the British Isles - a week in England and three weeks in Ireland. It was not a research trip, although I do have a great-great grandmother who was a McCarthy. We were vacationing and visiting friends. While we were in Ireland, however, genealogy was in the news. The National Archives of Ireland announced the release of the 1911 census on-line. Go to <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>. Although I do not have any known ancestors living in Ireland in 1911, I did look to see what was available. Several census schedules have been digitized and the image is very clear. You can search by name, townland, street or county. RTE, the Irish television network, started a new season of the program "Who Do You Think You Are?" in which the genealogies of Irish celebrities and politicians are tracked. An hour is devoted to each person. We were able to watch three episodes and found them fascinating. NBC is supposed to be producing a similar program for the US.

Your Executive Committee is working on two initiatives. We have identified several activities that need help from the membership. By the time you receive this, you should have been contacted for your input and support. If we missed you, contact Lorraine Minor at 301-229-3515. We are also in the process of revising the club by-laws. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

- Lorraine Minor

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.



2009 Meeting Programs

Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30pm

Genealogy Computer Programs, by a panel of Club members. The panel will discuss the features of four genealogy programs: Legacy, Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestry File, and The Master Genealogist. After the formal discussion, each panel member will be able to demonstrate the software on individual laptops and answer questions to small groups of interested potential users.

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30pm

Finding Original Documents on the Internet, by Angela McGhie, director of the Columbia Family History Center. Discover which types of records are now available and where to find them. She will look at major collections as well as vital, census, land and military records along with maps and newspapers.

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30pm

Holiday Party at the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and enjoy a social evening with your fellow family sleuths. Traditionally, club members have also brought gifts of items, promises of project time, or monetary donations for the Jane Sween Library. This year, we are focusing on raising funds to purchase a microfilm reader/printer. Please be generous with your party gifts. In addition, there are some books the library would also appreciate, which we have not been able to purchase this year: several new volumes of National Intelligencer Abstracts are available through Heritage Books, and Wesley Pippinger reportedly has published two additional volumes of marriage licenses for District of Columbia. If you wish to make a donation of any books, please let the library know so that we do not have duplicate gifts. And as usual, blank 3x5 index cards are still welcome! Call the library at 301-340-2974 if you have something else in mind.

A Preview of Programs for 2010

Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30pm

Producing a Reliable Family History: Resolving Evidence Conflicts by Adrian J. Gravelle.

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm

Scottish Genealogical Research by Robert McLaren.