



GENEALOGY

Relatively Speaking

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JOIN US AT THE TABLE WITH GENEALOGY

Join us this Family History Month (October, 2023) in celebrating our Indian Trails Public Library's local organizations with a Local Haunts Scavenger Hunt. This scavenger hunt will include 10 different locations that have historic significance around the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove area. Visit and take a picture outside 5 of the 10 locations to complete and receive a prize.

Registrants can visit the Adult Services desk starting Sunday, October 1 to pick up their mini logbook.

[Registration opens Tuesday, August 15 via SignUp.](#)

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE PROCESS IS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST?

By Shannan Evanson

Wonder no longer—here are a few of the main steps to consider. A full detailed list can be found in the resources section below.

As stated by the National Genealogy Society (NGS), becoming a professional genealogist can look very different depending on your area of interest. Genealogists can become “lecturers, teachers, archivists, librarians, writers, editors and research trip consultants.” For example, if you work as an independent researcher, you will also need to have knowledge



and skills in business management, client management and social media.

- **The first question you should ask yourself is what you want your career to look like.** National Genealogy Society (NGS) and APG have a list of questions you will want to review before moving forward. For example, would you like to focus on a specialty? This could involve specific records, locations, ethnicities, cultures, languages, religious organizations, etc.

- **The next step can involve gaining a certificate.** While you do not officially need a certificate to become a professional genealogist, it showcases your knowledge base and qualifications to those seeking out your services. You can get two certificates from the [Board of Certification of Genealogists \(BCG\)](#). These certifications include Certified Genealogist® (CG), and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM (CGL). You can find more information on the application process [here](#). You can also obtain a certificate from the [International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists \(ICAPGen\)](#). More information is available [here](#).

- **Once you have your certificate, you will continue your education throughout your career.** This will help you keep up with the latest research techniques. Thankfully, the genealogy community has incredible webinars, conferences, courses, networking groups, books, and more available to help everyone in the field.

Resources:



- [Are You Ready to Become a Professional Genealogist](#) (from Association of Professional Genealogists)
- [Becoming a Professional Genealogist](#) (from National Genealogy Society)
- [Guide to Applying for an Accredited Genealogist Credential](#) (from International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen))
- [What is Certification?](#) (from Board For Certification of Genealogists)
 - They also offer a [recommended reading list](#).

- [How to Become a Professional Genealogist: Steps to Becoming a Professional Researcher by Kathleen W. Hinckley](#) (from Genealogy.com)

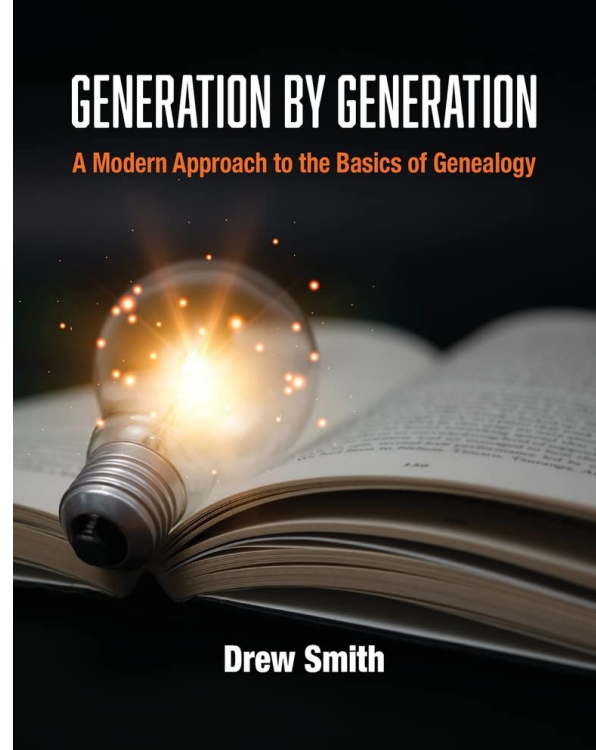
- [How to Become a Genealogist: Everything You Need to Know](#) (from GenealogyBank)

GENERATION BY GENERATION: A MODERN APPROACH TO THE BASICS OF GENEALOGY

By Drew Smith

"The question all beginners in genealogy research ask themselves is, 'Where do I begin?' 'Should I join a commercial subscription service like Ancestry.com?' 'What if I don't find what I'm looking for on the Internet?' 'How do I organize the information I'm gathering along the way?' Fortunately, this guide answers all those questions and engages neophytes with a book that takes an entirely fresh approach to the subject. Author Drew Smith has organized the chapters according to the actual process used in genealogical research: Start with yourself, then move on to living family and relatives, and then move backwards in time, generation by generation."

—Provided by publisher.



SNAP SHOTS OF JULY 1964 THROUGH THE WHEELING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

ITPLD has a digitized collection of select local Wheeling Independent newspapers. One example is the July 30, 1964 edition, which includes seat belt sales, a unique bike, Wheeling land changes and more. Four snapshots of the newspaper are highlighted below.

For access to copies of these documents, please set up a 1-1 appointment or research request [here](#).



Stuck-Up Sting Ray Doesn't Bite

The Mt. Prospect police deny that they confiscated this bike because it bit them. The only person to whom it would be lethal, they say, would be the rider.

The frame is turned upside down and a longer pipe is added to raise the seat. It really is sort of a stuck-up sting-ray.

Seriously, Police Chief George Whittenberg said the bike is dangerous because riders cannot stop and dismount at intersections when the light is against them. Because dismounting is so difficult, riders have been

taking dangerous chances through intersections, and in making turns.

"If we don't stop this now, we will have these things all over town," Whittenberg said, "and someone is bound to get hurt. Then everyone will ask why the police didn't put a stop to them."

The Chief said the bicycle would be returned to its owner if the boy's parents will promise that the bike will be returned to its original form.

WHEELING GROWS BY 400 ACRES

Southern Boundary Is Now Mc Donald Road

Took Four Years

Wheeling grew by 400 acres Monday night when the village board approved annexation of a group of parcels along the Soo Line tracks South of the village.

"The area is definitely an asset to the village," Mayor McIntyre said. "It not only means more tax revenue, but it also means we can control the area - it won't slip into the hands of Des Plaines or Mt. Prospect where building and zoning regulations are more lax than ours. The Planner, Woodrow Rupp, said we couldn't handle it unless we annexed it."

The annexation came three and a half years after attorney Marshall Howard, who represents the land owners affected, first petitioned the village for annexation. Mayor McIntyre said preliminary talks started four years.

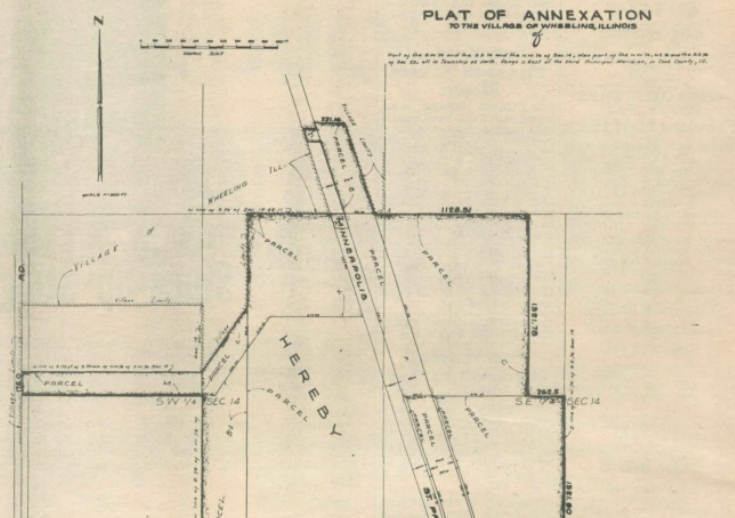
One land owner could hardly believe it when told of the board's action. "I nearly gave up on it years ago,"

Land in the area will be sold mainly for industrial use. Howard said some land has already been spoken for and that by "next year you'll see some development."

The annexation means another "loss" of land by Prospect Heights, an unincorporated area between Mt. Prospect and Wheeling. Prospect Heights lost Randhurst to Mt. Prospect several years ago. Old Orchard Country appears to be the next piece Mt. Prospect will take. Wheeling has taken several smaller chunks out of Prospect Heights.

The new section of Wheeling is expected to soon become a part of the Wheeling Park District. As buildings are erected, this could greatly add to the tax revenues of the Park District.

The 400 acres lie partly in School District 21 and School District 26. District 21, which covers Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, has been financially hard pressed





Will Sell & Install Seat Belts Saturday

The Mt. Prospect Jaycees will sell and install seat-belts in autos Saturday, August 1, in conjunction with Auto Safety week, August 1 to 7.

Belts will be supplied by the Mine Safety Appliance Co., and are S.A.E. Approved.

The Jaycees who will be doing the installing will attend a training clinic this Friday which will be conducted in accordance with recommendations by the National Safety Council and a representative of the supplier will be on hand Saturday.

The belts will be sold and installed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mt. Prospect Auto Body Shop on Prospect Avenue across the tracks from the Post office. Belts will be the metal to metal type and will be installed for \$13 per pair or \$7 for a single belt.

The National Safety Council has stated that of the 43,600 fatalities in the United States in 1963, 5000 could have been prevented by seat belts, and about one third of the 1,600,000 serious injuries could have been prevented also.

Rattlesnakes Infest River Area

Some of the "Wild and Wooly West" has descended on a portion of Lake County near Wheeling, Ill. Rattlesnakes are showing up in exceptional numbers in Des-Plaines river bottom-lands near the Lake-Cook county line in the vicinity of Deerfield road and Milwaukee Ave.

Since early June, professional dog trainer Willy Necker of Wheeling has had 15 Massasauga rattlesnakes captured or killed on his 45-acre dog training area and kennels, on the east side of Milwaukee Ave. just north of Lake-Cook road.

Necker is a world-famed dog trainer who established his kennels and training grounds at the Milwaukee avenue location in 1936. He said ever since moving there he has killed an average of 12 rattlesnakes a summer.

Necker's property abuts the Des Plaines river. Beyond the river are several new housing developments, and more new subdivisions to the south, along Deerfield road. Autos have killed a number of rattlesnakes recently on Deerfield road. Necker believes the sudden increase in snakes is due to construction projects in wooded areas near the Des Plaines river. Rattlesnakes can swim, and being disturbed by construction activities they probably cross the Des Plaines river to Necker's place.

Not long ago Necker walked out of his kennel office, heard a buzzing sound, looked down - and six feet away saw a rattler coiled and snarling. Necker killed the snake.

More recently he was checking his kennel runs and found a rattlesnake in the run. A dog at the far end, sat watching the snake. Necker killed the rattler.

Richard Davis of Wheeling and Ill. State Normal student employed by Necker, so far this summer has caught five rattlers and killed three. Davis has been cutting weedy areas with a power mower, and says he usually cuts in a circle. Any snakes present move toward the center of the circle. "Several times," Davis said, "I'd see a rattlesnake wiggle out of the weeds when the circle could be getting tight. Usually I'd be able to get a stick and either kill the snake or capture it."

Necker now has three live rattlers in a metal tank and soon will give them to an Ill. conservation dept., nature center in a nearby forest preserve. Necker already has donated a couple Massasaugas to the center.

TOP 10 GENEALOGY TRICKS AND TIPS

Monday, July 23
7-8 pm

Join Jacquie Schattner, a Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois speaker, as she reviews the top genealogical websites and how to efficiently use them. She'll share tricks and tips on websites such as familysearch.org, ancestry.com and Google. R

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MEMORY BOOKS: MORE THAN PHOTOS, THE STUFF OF LIFE

Thursday, September 28
7-8 pm

Do you have collections of memorabilia in boxes that you rarely look at? Or deteriorating photo albums or scrapbooks that you'd rather keep than trash? Celeste Kuta, genealogy and family history enthusiast, will share techniques using traditional albums and technology for memory books that she has created to capture and preserve meaningful memories and treasured artifacts. R

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