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The 25 Most Popular Stories in July 2010

Based on clicks received from the Daily, Weekly and Online editions as of August 8, 2010.

[What is a first cousin, once removed?](#)

Once you get the concept, you can figure it out -- up to a point. Beyond that, you will probably need a good reference.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 07/Jul/2010)

[101 Best Websites of 2010](#)

From state vital records and censuses to historical books and immigration data, this year's 101 Best Websites list features tools that can bust your brick walls—but not your budget.

(Source: *Family Tree Magazine*, 07/Jul/2010)

[What is the best genealogy software?](#)

Finding the best genealogy software depends on several factors, not the least of which is your own personal need.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 06/Jul/2010)

[Civil War Soldiers' Graves Online Database](#)

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) now has created its Grave Registration Project to document the final resting places of BOTH Union and Confederate Civil War veterans.

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 04/Jul/2010)

[FamilySearch Pilot and Beta - Manna from Heaven](#)

Brickwall after brickwall in my ancestral tree have fallen in the past few months because of the records.

(Source: *FamHist via RSS Feed*, 26/Jul/2010)

[Genealogy's Most Popular Disbeliefs](#)

If you're just starting out on your quest for your ancestors, you may get sidetracked by some of the disbeliefs about it. Don't believe everything you hear.

(Source: *Everyday Genealogy*, 28/Jul/2010)

[How do I find my family history on the Internet?](#)

Many resources exist for researching your family on the Internet, with more being added each day. But do keep

in mind the need to verify, verify, verify.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 16/Jul/2010)

Release of the 1940 Census

Less than two years from now, all genealogists will be able to gain access to the 1940 U.S. Census Records for the first time.

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 05/Jul/2010)

Two Petitions for Early Release of Census Records

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 18/Jul/2010)

The Compleat Genealogical Database: Death Data (\$)

It has been said, "Only two things in life are certain, death and taxes." And as familiar as it is, especially for genealogists, there is much we can learn from the circumstances and information surrounding the death of our ancestors. In her article, "The Compleat Genealogical Database: Death Data," Judy Rosella Edwards explores what we might learn from a careful investigation of death data, helping us to keep a more compleat database record and, perhaps, advance our research.

(Source: *GenWeekly*, 21/Jul/2010)

FamilySearch Tests New Version of FHL Online Catalog

FamilySearch is beta testing a new interface for the Family History Library catalog.

(Source: *Genealogy Insider via RSS Feed*, 20/Jul/2010)

Illegal Baby Names

Believe it or not, there are places in this world where the naming of a child is strictly prescribed by the government.

(Source: *The Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 04/Jul/2010)

International Genealogical Index (IGI)

The IGI is a valuable genealogical resource, but like other compiled sources, the information must be verified for accuracy.

(Source: *The Genealogy Guide*, 13/Jul/2010)

Ancestry Acquires Genline

(Source: *The Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 16/Jul/2010)

Where is the book on my family?

Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that book has been written tracing the lineage of one's family, although

there are many places to look for books that have been written.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 01/Jul/2010)

America's Famous Family Tree: Are you one of the 100 million members? (\$)

If you think you're related to someone famous, hang onto your hat -- you just might be. In her article, "America's Famous Family Tree: Are you one of the 100 million members?," Rita Marshall discusses the potential of most individuals to be related at some point in time. As quoted in the article, "For any two humans in history or today, it is not a question of do they have a common ancestor, it is only a question of when was the most recent one." At issue, is the credibility of the research making the connection -- fraudulent pedigrees are not a recent phenomenon.

(Source: *GenWeekly*, 18/Jul/2010)

Finding Ancestors in County Court Minutes

Many a movie or book could be written about our ancestors, particularly if they left records and in particular court records. Those records were recorded by a clerk and though rarely indexed, they are extremely valuable. In the case of some missing records, you may find mention of an ancestor in the court minutes.

(Source: *Tracing Lines*, 08/Jul/2010)

Are wills a public record?

In general, wills become public record after they are probated, although access may be restricted . . . and there is a way to circumvent the public record aspect of estate settlement.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 26/Jul/2010)

Tracking How You Search

It's impossible to tweak your searches if you don't.

(Source: *Genealogy Tip of the Day via RSS Feed*, 15/Jul/2010)

Another Scam: I Was Robbed!

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 08/Jul/2010)

FamilySearch Launches Indexing Newsletter

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 06/Jul/2010)

Don't Correct

Never correct a document when transcribing it.

(Source: *Genealogy Tip of the Day via RSS Feed*, 27/Jul/2010)

New Series of Who Do You Think You Are? on BBC

(Source: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter via RSS Feed*, 18/Jul/2010)

What is the meaning of my last name?

Surnames were derived from many different sources, and a surname's "meaning" may or may not indicate its "origin." Even so, exploring surnames can be fun and enlightening, and many online resources are available to help.

(Source: *Answers at Genealogy Today*, 03/Jul/2010)

Town's 125-year history told through a website

The interactive site allows users to see how an individual lot developed over time and includes links to sources of further information about the lot and its owners -- including the 1900 U.S. Census, local newspaper stories, old photographs, deeds and genealogy files.

(Source: *The Daily Times*, 23/Jul/2010)

Subscription Data at Genealogy Today

The Subscription Data at Genealogy Today collection has had **37 new transcriptions** (from original documents) posted to it during the month of July.

Family History Wiki at Genealogy Today

The Family History Wiki has had **27 new items** posted to it during the month of July.

Free Data Archive at Genealogy Today

The Genealogy Data Archives collection has had **4 new user contributed and/or public domain transcriptions** posted to it during the month of July.

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