

GenSig News

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WEBSITES

- www.genealogy.about.com
- www.usgenweb.org
- www.archives.com
- www.genealogy.com
- www.familytreemagazine.com

GenSig Quote:

“Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.”

Abigail Adams, March 1776

GENSIG FUNNIES

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



I'm sorry, sir. We only allow pencil and paper in the library.

FINDING MAIDEN NAMES

For me, one of the most frustrating part of Genealogy research is when I come across a female ancestor that does not seem to have a maiden name. My Ancestry Tree has hundreds of females without last names.

Hopefully in the future I can find there maiden names by researching the following records.

1. Marriage Certificates
2. Church Records
3. Newspapers
4. Bible Records
5. Military Records
6. Probate Records & Wills
7. Cemetery Records

8. Census Records
9. Land Records
10. Death Records

In the past, I have used Naming Patterns to discover some of my female ancestors' maiden name. A child with an unusual middle name could be the maiden name of the mother or grandmother.

Of course, maiden names are only one of the many brick walls that we as researchers come across in our quest for our families' past.

Maybe this bit of information will be helpfully in breaking down some of those walls.

Happy Researching!

S. Barnes



Ex. Maiden name on tombstone

Ellen P. McDonald
wife of
John W. Wood

READ HOW-TO GUIDES

Read how-to guides — they are extraordinarily useful. You may find some information without any training at all but eventually you will need to learn more about genealogy research as a field. Some recommended resources:

- Family History 101

- Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors
- Family History for the Older and Wiser
- The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook
- How To Do Everything

Genealogy

- The Weekend Genealogist: timesaving Techniques for Effective Research

<http://www.nypl.org/blog/2011/08/03/genealogy-research-tips>

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a success-

ful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a

variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

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Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

EXAMPLE.COM

Organization

W A C C A M A W N E C K
C O M P U T E R C L U B

Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Business Tagline or Motto

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all em-

ployees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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