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Well, I gave it my best shot. This is the last issue of *Digital Genealogist*. I would like to thank all of the faithful readers over the past nearly three years of this publication. You allowed me to keep trying, even when it didn't look like the magazine should go on. Unfortunately, there are many other people who either found out about the magazine too late, or who never came to read.

Those of you who have read my editor's columns may be aware that my life became more complicated after I started the magazine. The first issue was November/December 2006; in February 2007 I became the executive director of the Plymouth (Michigan) Historical Museum. While it is a part-time job, it has consumed my life and it's really part-time pay in a full-time job. At the end of 2007, my mother moved up by me and added a new care-giving dimension I wasn't ready for. In June 2009 I finally finished my six-year quest for a master's degree in state and local history. And through all of this, I was also the editor of the *NGS Magazine*. So, yes, I was overcommitted and it all caught up with me. While I would love to continue *Digital Genealogist* because of the quality of writing and the importance of the articles presented here, I am physically and financially unable to go on. Stress and life have taken their toll and I need to move on.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank all of the talented authors and proofreaders who have made this magazine possible. I am not going to name the authors individually for fear of leaving someone out, so please take the time to peruse the tables of contents of previous issues and you'll see the names of some of the most prominent genealogists in the field today. A huge shout out, however, goes to all of the authors in this issue of *DG*. Realizing the financial straits of the magazine, all of the authors donated their time and efforts to allow for one final issue. Please be sure to thank the authors next time you see them, leave a comment on their blogs, or just send them an e-mail. Their generosity has helped make the final reconciling of accounts a little less painful.

So, you may be wondering what the plans are for the rest of your subscription. After the dust settles, I will be calculating the pro-rated subscription amounts due to all those with outstanding balances. This will take me some time, so please be patient. If you sent your subscription payment by PayPal, I'll probably be sending your refund back to you that way. Otherwise, you'll eventually get a check from me. If your subscription ended with this issue, you won't be receiving anything from me.


Digital Genealogist issues will remain for sale and will be available in the soon-to-be-revamped Ancestor Detective Web store. When that store is ready, the *DG* shopping cart will be taken down.

In case you're wondering, I did have discussions with several people about potentially taking over *DG*. Unfortunately, because of the financial situation and the fact that the magazine is not a money-maker, no one was interested, even though I was willing to give it away. So there you have it. I tried. Thanks for your support. **DG**

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