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## Spiderwebs

### Canada 1851 Census

The 1851 Census of Canada includes the residents of Canada East (Quebec), Canada West (Ontario), New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. This is the first census of Canada to include the many immigrants from the Irish famine. Ireland has no census that old.

The Canadian Census records have been available on microfilm, but the Internet version will be searchable. This will make it possible to find ancestors who have seemingly impossible to find. Many of the 1851 census records have been lost. However, 1,487,802 names have been indexed out of a total population of a population or slightly more than 2 million.

The records are not free. A subscription to Ancestry.com is required and it is not the same subscription many have for access to the U.S. records. For more information, go to: <http://allcensusrecords.com/canada/census-news.shtml>

### Immigration Records on Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com now has more than 100 million names from the available U.S. passenger lists on its Web site. The records cover the period from 1820 to 1960 with records from Ellis Island, and more than 100 other U.S. ports. Experts estimate that 85 percent of Americans have an immigrant ancestor included in the passenger list collection. The collection covers a period when American immigration was a significant source of new

citizens who came to buy cheap land or find better opportunity in their new country.

Currently, Ancestry.com is the only Internet source for these records. To view them at home, one must pay for a subscription to the Web site. There are several subscription plans offered by the company. Ancestry.com is also available at no charge at many of the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and at many public libraries.

The project took three years to digitize the records. The images of 7 million original passenger list documents and about 1,000 images of the actual ships were scanned. More than 1,500 handwriting specialists spent more than 1.8 million hours to type the data into the computer to create the fully searchable passenger list index.

A large portion of the records were already available free on the Internet, such as the Ellis Island and Castle Garden collections. Others have been available on microfilm. The Internet collection of immigration records offers the advantages of fast access and the ability to search the whole collection with a single search. If the port of entry is not known for an ancestor, a search of all ports can be done with a single search.

The records are quite valuable to the genealogy researcher because they provide names, occupation, accompanying travelers, origin/port of departure, date and place of arrival, intended destination, place of birth and assets. Immigrants often traveled as families and families are usually listed as a group.

Accompanying travelers are often related and can be important clues which help to find other family members.

Visit Ancestry.com at: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

### Scotland Census Collection Expands

Ancestry.com has expanded its Scotland Census collection with the addition of the complete 1851 and 1861 Scotland Census records. The collection already included the 1841 census. This census data is very useful in doing research on Scottish ancestors. The data was collected about the time when there was a significant increase in Scottish immigration to America. About 5 million Americans can trace their ancestry to Scotland. Scotland is among America's top 15 ancestral nationalities.

To view these records at home, one must pay for a subscription to the Web site. Ancestry.com offers several subscription plans. Ancestry.com is also available at no charge at many of the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and at many public libraries. For more information, go to: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) •

## Software of Interest

### Legacy Family Tree in Danish

Millennia Corporation announced the release of the Danish language edition of Legacy Family Tree. The program is popular for the rich set of features that the program offers. In addition to having the text in Danish, the program offers all the standard features plus:

- Danish census forms from 1769-1950
- Timelines of Danish history
- checklist of suggested sources for Danish research

Translation is also underway for Afrikaans, Deutsch (German), Eesti (Estonian), Español (Spanish), Français (French), Italiano (Italian), Nederlands (Dutch), Norsk - Bokmål (Norwegian), Norsk - Nynorsk (Norwegian), Português (Brasil), Suomi (Finnish), and Svenska (Swedish).

Legacy Family Tree 6.0, Danish Edition, is now available at: [www.legacydansk.com](http://www.legacydansk.com) for \$29.95. •

## Of Interest

### National Archives Cuts Hours

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration has drastically reduced its evening and weekend hours. Rising costs, including increased security requirements after the attacks on September 11, and \$12 million budget gap have put pressure on NARA to cut expenses. The decision makes it difficult for thousands of authors, historians and other researchers. The time the research rooms are open has been cut from 60 to 40 hours a week at the Archives building on Pennsylvania Avenue NW and the Archives II center in College Park. After complaints from researchers, the archivists restored hours on Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday on the third week of each month, which gave researchers 52 hours during those weeks. The Archives is also reducing the number of specialized archivists who help researchers find the records they need. Of the specialists helping researchers, seven archivists took early retirement and two others were

temporarily reassigned. They will not be replaced. Researchers are annoyed at the reduction in the number of times during each day that researchers can request materials. Most days, researchers can ask for documents four times. Before the cost cutting, they could request documents five times. Attrition and the hiring freeze is eroding the specialized knowledge that employees at the Archives have built through years of working with researchers. Traditionally, the Archives transferred that knowledge through an apprenticeship model. When they stop hiring and have employees leaving, much of the informal knowledge is lost. The access to particular archivists causes increased delays in the finding of records.

The Archives does have problems with the increasing number of records that have arrived over the past 10 years. They amount to about 3 billion pages. As a result, the Archives is battling a backlog that is equal to the amount of material already catalogued. To solve some of its access problems, the Archives joined government agencies in exploring the digitizing of collections using public-private partnerships. In a pilot project with Google, 100 of the Archives films were converted to digital form. The Archives main desk had been receiving about 200 requests a year for a specialty film such as *The Eagle Has Landed: The Flight of Apollo 11*. Since this film became available on the Internet, it had been downloaded 200,000 times. •

## Genealogy Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our

members who may be traveling, vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to attend a special event.

## 2007 Events

### Florida Seminar

The Pinellas Genealogy Society will host a Seminar on January 27 at Largo, Florida. Pamela Cooper will discuss "Timing is everything! Have you timed your ancestor?", Military Records at the National Archives (Online and Offline), Border to Border - Statewide sources/indexes, Galusha A. Grow and the Homestead Law. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs)

### Arizona Seminar

The Lake Havasu Genealogical Society will host a seminar on January 27 at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The featured speaker is Shirley Hodges. For more information, e-mail: [gloharr@raz.net](mailto:gloharr@raz.net)

### Utah Jamboree

The St. George Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree will be held on February 9-10 in the Dixie Conference Center at St. George Utah. For more information, go to: [www.myancestorsfound.com/jamboree/jamboreeSG.htm](http://www.myancestorsfound.com/jamboree/jamboreeSG.htm)

### Arizona Seminar

The West Valley Genealogical Society will host a seminar on February 10 at Sun City, Arizona. The featured speaker is Rich Hooverson, who will discuss "Tricks of the Trade: Tried & True Research Techniques", "Life in the Past Lane: Everyday Life of Yesteryear" and "Unblocking Writers Block: Creativity and

Technology. For more information, go to:

[www.rootsweb.com/~azwvgs/ln dex.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~azwvgs/ln dex.htm)

### California Seminar

The Redding Family History Center of the LDS Church will hold a Heritage Faire on February 24 at Redding, California. An all day genealogy seminar will feature 20 classes which include: British, Irish, Native American, Mapping Their Migration, Photo Dating, Land Record research, Internet, and genealogical research using DNA. For more information, e-mail: [ehomewood@charter.net](mailto:ehomewood@charter.net)

### Florida Seminar

The Villages Genealogical Society will host a Family History Seminar on February 28 at The Villages, Florida. The featured Speaker is Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG(sm), who will discuss "Making Sense of the Federal Census," "Research in Washington DC From Home," "Writing the Family History," and "Evaluating Web Resources." For more information, go to: [www.angelfire.com/fl3/genie3/Clunies-Sandra.htm](http://www.angelfire.com/fl3/genie3/Clunies-Sandra.htm)

### Florida Jewish Workshop

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. will hold a mini-Conference and workshop on February 28 at the Sandler Center for Jewish Life Enhancement in Boca Raton, Florida. The program will cover the following topics: hardships our ancestors faced in traveling to the United States, Jews in the US Civil War and a basic Introduction to Microsoft Power Point©. For additional information, go to: [www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org/index\\_%20files/Calendar.htm](http://www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org/index_%20files/Calendar.htm)

### Illinois Workshop

Carl Sandburg College in, will hold a weeklong series of genealogy computing classes on March 5-10 at Galesburg, Illinois. The classes are held in state of the art computer labs. Presentations are made by Michael John Neill and include:

- March 5 Deedmapper— Software to plat metes and bounds properties
- March 6 Military Research Online
- March 7 Promoting, Publishing, & Preserving Your Research
- March 8/9 Genline—Online Swedish Church and Vital Records
- March 10 Using Ancestry.com

For more information, go to: [www.rootdig.com/sandburg.html](http://www.rootdig.com/sandburg.html)

### 2007 BYU Computerized Genealogy Conference

The 2007 Brigham Young University Computerized Genealogy Conference will be held on March 16-17 at the Conference Center, BYU campus, Provo, Utah. A related one-day computer Workshop on Technology for experienced computer genealogists will be held on March 15. More information about the conference may be found at: <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu>

### Indiana Fair

The South Bend Area Genealogical Society and the Mishawaka Public Library will host the Michiana Gen Fair on March 17 at the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library in South Bend, Indiana. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~insbags/H TML/meetsem.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~insbags/H TML/meetsem.htm)

### Texas Presentations

In conjunction with the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 112th Convention, Harry Dell and Mary Alice Dell will give six presentations on March 22 at San Antonio, Texas. The topics include:

- Where are Your Ancestors Hiding?
- The Great Paper Chase Who was Your Great-Great-Grandmother's Father?
- They Put Their Neck in the Noose
- Can I Find It on the Internet?
- End of the Line Problem Solving

For more information, e-mail: [mahdell@earthlink.net](mailto:mahdell@earthlink.net)

### Virginia Conference

The Fairfax Genealogical Society and Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will hold a Conference and Genealogy Expo on March 24 at the Virginia Suburbs of Washington DC. The speakers include Jana BroglinCG, Linda Jonas, Charles Mason, Jr.CG, George Morgan, and Laura G. Prescott, who will present twenty lectures on Colonial Research, the National Archives, Lives and Times, Mapping the Land, and the Civil War. The Genealogy Expo will be held in a 5000 square foot exhibit hall with 28 exhibitors. For more information, go to: [www.fxgs.org](http://www.fxgs.org)

### California Seminar

The Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society will host a genealogy seminar on March 31 at Fair Oaks, California. The featured speaker will be Paula Stuart-Warren, who will discuss:

- Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records

- Untrod Ground: Sources you May Not Have Encountered
- The WPA Era: What it created for Genealogists
- Major Midwestern Archives & Their Records

For more information, go to:

[www.rootcellar.org](http://www.rootcellar.org)

### Nevada Seminar

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society will host a family history seminar on March 31 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Richard L. Hooverson will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

[www.rootsweb.com/%7Envccn gs/springseminar.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Envccn gs/springseminar.html)

### Ohio Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will hold their 2007 conference in April 12-14, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, go to:

[www.ogs.org/events/index.php](http://www.ogs.org/events/index.php)

### Wisconsin Seminar

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will sponsor the WSGS 2007 Genea-Rama on April 13-14 at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, the author of *Honoring Our Ancestors: Inspiring Stories of the Quest for Our Roots* and *Trace Your Roots with DNA: Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree*, is the featured speaker. Also on the program is George Findlen, CGSM, speaking about becoming a certified genealogist. For more information, go to:

[www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org)

### Washington Conference

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) will hold their annual meeting/conference on April 13-14 at Wenatchee, Washington. The featured speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack who will discuss "Climbing Your Family Tree." For more information contact R.J. Berkley at: [r.berkley@verizon.net](mailto:r.berkley@verizon.net)

### Wisconsin Workshop

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on April 21, 2007 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The featured speaker is Cyndi Howells. For more information, go to:

[www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org](http://www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org)

### New England Regional Genealogical Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 26-29, 2007 at the Connecticut Convention Center and adjoining Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut. The conference will have many speakers and a large attendance is expected. For more information, go to:

[www.nergc.org/](http://www.nergc.org/)

### California Seminar

John Colletta will be the featured speaker at an all day seminar on 28 April at Santa Rosa, California. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/colletta.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/colletta.htm)

### Indiana Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Conference at the newly-expanded Allen County Public

Library on April 28 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The featured speaker will be Amy Johnson Crow, CG. Conference attendees can do research at the library from 6 pm to midnight on Friday, April 27. For more information, go to: [www.indgensoc.org/conference.html](http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.html)

### Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will host its conference on April 28 at the Kansas History Center in Topeka, Kansas. Russell P. Baker, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, and author will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail:

[npattontaylor@topekachamber.org](mailto:npattontaylor@topekachamber.org)

### British Columbia, Canada Seminar

The Abbotsford Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on April 28 at Abbotsford, British Columbia. For more information, go to:

[www.abbygs.ca](http://www.abbygs.ca)

### Nebraska Conference

The Nebraska State Genealogy Society will host a conference on May 4-5 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Sharon De Bartolo Carmack will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

[www.rootsweb.com/%7Enesgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Enesgs/)

### England Conference

A special afternoon conference suitable for beginners, including lectures on births, marriages and deaths; church records; newspapers and directories; useful websites; and census records will be held on May 5 at London, England. For more information, go to:

[www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf](http://www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf)

### UK Family History Show

The UK Family History Show, sponsored by the Society of Genealogists is the largest family history show in the UK and is expected to have 15,000 attendees. This year the television show, *Who Do You Think You Are?* will be a sponsor of the show. The UK Family History Show will be held May 5-7. It includes a free beginners' lecture; an advice centre; computer software demonstrations; and a wide range of exhibitors. Sections this year in the hall on military history, house history, and historic travel will not only be of interest to family historians and genealogists, but are expected to attract many history buffs. For more information, go to: [www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf](http://www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf)

### Idaho Conference

The Idaho Genealogy Society will hold their annual conference on May 17 at Pocatello, Idaho. For more information, go to: [www.idahogenealogy.org](http://www.idahogenealogy.org)

### NGS 2007 Conference

NGS will hold their 29<sup>th</sup> Conference in Richmond Virginia on May 16-19. For more information, go to: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

### Ontario Conference

The Ontario Genealogical Society will hold its annual Seminar on June 1-3 at Algonquin College in Ottawa Canada. Local transit can take you to the Library and Archives Canada in less than twenty minutes. The program includes 37 lectures and eight workshops by prominent

genealogists and historians from across Canada and the US. For more information, go to: [ogsseminar.org](http://ogsseminar.org)

### Ohio Lecture

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Cleveland will host a lecture on June 7 at Beachwood, Ohio. Stephen P. Morris will speak on "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools." For more information, go to: [www.clevelandjgs.org](http://www.clevelandjgs.org)

### California Jamboree

The 38th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree and Resource Expo will be held on June 8-10 at the Burbank Airport Hilton in Burbank, California. For more information, go to: [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com)

### The National Orphan Train Celebration

The National Orphan Train Celebration will be held on June 8 – 9 at Concordia, Kansas. For more information, e-mail: [othsa@msn.com](mailto:othsa@msn.com).

### Pennsylvania Seminar

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research and the Erie County Public Library will hold a seminar on June 9 at Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. James M. Beidler will speak on Beginning Search for Pennsylvania Roots, My List of Top Tens, and Secondary Uses for Primary Sources. Also Dick Eastman will discuss Grandpa in Your Pocket, and Internet: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly. Mr. Richard Morse, the third speaker, will discuss Playing Hide and Seek in the 1910-1930 Censuses, and One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools. For more

information, go to: [www.pa-roots.com/~erie/2007GeneConf.html](http://www.pa-roots.com/~erie/2007GeneConf.html)

### Germans from Russia 2007 Convention

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will hold their national convention on June 10-17 at Hays, Kansas. For more information, go to: [http://volgagerman.net/Convention/2007\\_Convention\\_Page\\_1.htm](http://volgagerman.net/Convention/2007_Convention_Page_1.htm)

### Idaho Irish Lectures

The Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Genealogical Society will host lectures on June 24 at Boise, Idaho. The speakers are Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. For more information, go to: [www.idahogenealogy.org/ulstermen\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.idahogenealogy.org/ulstermen_flyer.pdf)

### Utah Conference

The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) will hold their 2007 Conference on July 14 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Attendees can schedule individual consultations, by appointment, with the FEEFHS experts and Family History Library staff. A cultural presentation entitled "Got Culture? See, Hear and Experience Your Ethnicity" will be presented Thursday evening. For more information, go to: [www.feefhs.org](http://www.feefhs.org)

### Utah Jewish Genealogy Conference

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies ([www.iajgs.org](http://www.iajgs.org)) will host the IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy on July 15-20 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The conference includes networking with international researchers and experts, a film festival, breakfasts with experts, computer training workshops, special photographic exhibits, a resource room, special interest groups, the extensive resources of the Family History Library, a vendor room, tours and more. The program categories include: Eastern/Central/Western Europe; Eretz Israel (pre/post-1948); Genetics/DNA; Holocaust; immigration/naturalization/migration; Jewish history/sociology; methodology; Sephardic/Mizrahi; non-European (e.g. India, China); photograph/document preservation; rabbinic research; repositories; South/Central America; technology/Internet resources; U.S./North America (includes specific locales) and Yiddish theater/Jewish music. For more information, go to: [www.iajgs.org](http://www.iajgs.org)

### Washington D.C. Institute

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (N.I.G.R.), will be held on July 15-20 at Washington D.C. and College Park, Maryland. This is an intensive program offering on-site examination of federal records. The focus this year is

on commonly used immigration, military, land, cartographic, African American, and non-population census records. Complementing those core lectures will be presentations on lesser-known federal records useful to family historians. One day at Archives II in College Park, Maryland, and optional evening sessions at the Library of Congress and the DAR library are included. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin](http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin)

### APG 2007 Conference

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will hold their annual conference on August 15 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, go to: [www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html](http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html)

### FGS 2007 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Allen County Public Library will hold their annual FGS/ACPL conference, *Meeting at the Crossroads of America: A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists*, on August 15-18, 2007 at the newly expanded Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, go to:

[www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm](http://www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm)

### Maryland Seminar

The Maryland Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on September 23-24 at the Hilton at Columbia, Maryland. Paul Blake & Maggie Loughran, British genealogists will present lectures and hands-on workshops for all levels of researcher skills. For more information, go to: [www.mdgensoc.org](http://www.mdgensoc.org)

## 2008 Events

### NGS 2008 Conference

The National Genealogy Society (NGS) will hold their 2008 conference on May 14-17 2008 at Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, go to: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

### FGS 2008 Conference

The Federation of Genealogy Societies will hold their 2008 conference on September 3-6 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information, go to: [www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm](http://www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm)

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Personal Ancestral File 2.3.1 Macintosh (CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 4.04(CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 5.2.18 and 4 (Windows), PAF 3, & 2.31 (DOS), lessons and user guide, Personal Ancestral File Companion 5.2 evaluation (Windows) (2 CDs)	US\$8.25
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Videos of classes	for titles and prices see: <a href="http://www.svcomputergenealogy.org">www.svcomputergenealogy.org</a>
<i>Family History Documentation Guidelines</i>	\$10 + postage (see <a href="http://www.svcomputergenealogy.org">www.svcomputergenealogy.org</a> for multi-copy orders)
Stuck-on Sources Post-It note pads	Available at meetings and on Web site
Flash Drives with SVCGG logo and loaded with 9000 Internet genealogy sites	Available at cost on Web site and at meetings