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Spiderwebs

Canada Immigration

The Library and Archives Canada has a Web site called *Traces of the Past*, which is about the Canadian Immigrant Experience. The site includes passenger lists from 1865 to 1935. These documents include the name, age, country of origin, occupation and destination of every passenger. The names are not indexed and it is difficult to read some of the handwriting. It is best if the date of arrival and the port of entry are known. The lists are organized by port of entry and now or soon will include the following:

Québec (1865-1921)

Halifax (1881-1922)

Saint John (1900-1912)

North Sydney (1906-1908)

Vancouver (1905-1912)

Victoria (1905 to 1912)

The records out to 1935 did not appear to be on the site, but it appears that they will be added later.

Also on the site are the *Ward Chipman Papers* which contain muster rolls of Loyalists, including their families, who settled in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. These papers contain almost 19,000 references to Loyalist families who settled in Canada after the U.S. Revolution.

A third collection of immigration records on the site is the Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers Collection, created by the consular offices of the Tsarist Russian Empire in Canada between 1898 and 1922. These

papers contain passports applications and identity papers and comprise about 11,400 files on Jewish, Ukrainian and Finnish immigrants who came to Canada from the Russian Empire. This collection is in the process of being posted online and will soon be completed.

To visit the site, go to:
www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants

Of Interest

Allen County Public Library Moves

The Allen County Public Library, the second largest genealogy library in the world, temporarily closed for a few weeks. The library moved to a new \$64 million building in Fort Wayne, Indiana. About 100 employees are involved moving the genealogy department's 750,000-piece collection. Employees are loading books, newsletters, and other materials from the shelves and to wheeled carts. The carts are then taken to a truck waiting at the dock where they are then driven to the new location and unloaded. The books arrived at the new library in the same order on the shelves as they had been in the old library building.

The new main library is located on Webster Street and will open on January 27. A Grand opening is planned.

Expanded Mitochondrial DNA Services

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation of Salt Lake City has opened its DNA database to the public. This

database has more than 5,000 samples of mitochondrial DNA, which is passed from mother to both sons and daughters. It is never passed from men to their children. The mitochondrial DNA is very stable as it passes from generation to generation, however. The result is an accurate tracing of maternal lines, if the DNA data is available.

Individuals who have had their mitochondrial DNA tested can type the results of their test into the Sorenson database at their Web site (www.smgf.org). The software will search the database and report matches or near-matches with individuals in the database. The database service is free. For anyone who has not had a mitochondrial DNA test, the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation will arrange testing at a discounted price. The foundation will add the family's genetic profile and history to its database for no charge. This will allow others to match samples in the Sorenson database, allowing the data to be matched to DNA data submitted in the future.

Iowa Genealogical Society Problems

The Iowa Genealogical Society has financial problems. The small volunteer group has had to pay more than \$100,000 in interest since 2003. They asked Polk County, Iowa, to help and the Polk County supervisors agreed in principle to loan the Society enough money for the organization to pay off its mortgage. This amounts to nearly \$565,000, which would be given to the society as an interest-free loan. Under the proposed agreement, the

society would repay the \$565,000 loan from the county over 10 years, with the bulk due in 2017.

Afterward, some of the county supervisors expressed doubts about the loan. The board has delayed the decision for an indefinite period of time. Supervisor Robert Brownell said, "If they don't make good on the loan, we're in a position where we'd have to throw them out." Polk County allocates about \$10 million a year from gambling revenues to nonprofit organizations and economic-development ventures. Some of that money is loaned to new recipients after the county gets repaid. The group's primary income is its \$30 annual memberships and copying fees for use of its library's copying machines.. •

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 Symposium

The LDS Church and the Bay County Genealogical Society will host a family history symposium on February 17 at Panama City, Florida. Nine instructors will hold 18 classes. The topics will vary from beginner classes to advanced topics. For more information, go to:
www.northwestfloridagenealogy.com/fhcsymposium/

Texas Workshop

The Waco-McLennan County Library and the Nordic Clubs of Waco are sponsoring a Nordic Heritage Genealogy Workshop on February 17 at Waco, Texas. The workshop will cover basic how-to presentations for Danish, Swedish and Norwegian genealogy research. The speakers include Michelle McNabb, from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Iowa; Kathy Meade from GENLINE, a company that offers access to the original Swedish church records from the 16th to 20th centuries; Derwood Johnson, who will discuss emigration from Norway to America; and Richard Hooverson, who will discuss Scandinavian naming customs.

Toronto APG Workshop

The Ontario chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will host a workshop on February 17 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Alison Hare, CG will discuss "John Green: Whose Father Was He?" and William H. (Bill) Bienia will discuss "Genealogy Software Programs: Are they for the professional?" For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~onapg/activities.html

Florida Meeting

The genealogical Society of Sarasota will host a lecture on February 17 at Sarasota, Florida. Drew Smith will describe technology advancements that affect genealogical research. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~flgss

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

New York Lecture

The Wandering Jew: Mapping Jewish Genetic History is the title of a lecture on February 26 at New York City. Dr. Harry Ostrer explains how recent work from genetics labs has validated the biblical record of a Semitic people who chose a Jewish way of life several thousand years ago. Dr. Ostrer is a professor of pediatrics, pathology and medicine and director of the human genetics program at the New York University School of Medicine. For more information, go to:
www.92y.org/shop/event_detail.asp?productid=T%2DMD5LE36

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

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
New York City Repository Tour

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will sponsor a tour of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Library on February 28. The attendees can learn about the manuscript collection and other holdings and have time for staff-assisted research. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.org

California Fair

The Escondido Family History Center will host a family history fair on March 3 at Escondido, California. Kory Meyerink will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.familyhistoryfair.org

Utah Seminar

The Provo City Library at Academy Square will host a seminar on March 3 at Provo, Utah. The speakers include Susan Easton Black who will discuss *Writing a Page-Turning Autobiography/Biography*, *Finding Your LDS Ancestors*, and *Making the Most of Your Resources*, and Kip Sperry who will discuss *Using the Computer to Locate Family History Resources*, *Using the Computer to Locate Original Records*; and *What's New on the Internet for Family History*. For more information, go to: home.byu.net/ks4

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

New York City Repository Tour

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will sponsor a tour of The New York Public Library on March 7. Ruth Carr, Chief of the Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy, will give an overview of Genealogy resources. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.org

New York City Repository Tour

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will sponsor a tour of the New York City Municipal Archives on March 9. Leonora A. Gidlund, Director, and her staff will introduce the large assortment of vital records, city directories, photographs, voters' records, etc. This otherwise closed archives will then be available

for assisted research. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.org

Florida Seminar

The Imperial Polk Genealogical Society and the Florida chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 10 at Lakeland, Florida. The featured speakers will discuss:

- "Kinship Theory" by Dr. Carolyn Earle Billingsley
- "Researching the records of the Indian Wars of the Southeast 1815 – 1858" by J. Mitchell Brown, MA
- "Understanding Territorial Records" by Jack V. Butler

For more information, go to: www.ipgs.org

New York City Repository Tour

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will sponsor a tour of The Brooklyn Historical Society's library on March 15. This library has been closed for several years while undergoing major renovations. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.org

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>

Colorado Seminar

The Colorado Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 16-17 at Denver,

Colorado. The guest speaker will be John Philip Colletta, PhD, who will discuss *Only A Few Bones: How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book and a Career*, *Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-Twentieth Century, Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Early Twentieth Century, Assembling and Writing a Narrative Family History, Part 1: Creating a Reliable Document and Part 2: Writing a Readable Story*. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cocgs

Texas Seminar

The Williamson County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 16-17 at Round Rock, Texas. The guest speaker will be Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG speaking on:

- 1) Too Young for the Revolution; Too Old for the Civil War--Military Records Between the Wars
- 2) Federal Land Records: The Amazing Case Files
- 3) Estates: A goldmine!
- 4) "Solving" the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less! For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs/Seminar.htm

Arkansas Workshop

The Village Genealogical Society will hold an all-day workshop on Mar 17 at Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. George G. Morgan will discuss genealogy research on the Internet. For more information, go to: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hsvgs/>

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/HTML/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

Arkansas Seminar

A Seminar sponsored by The Genealogy Society of Craighead County Arkansas will be held on March 23-25 at Jonesboro, Arkansas. Leslie Smith McConachie will be the guest speaker. For more information, go to: www.gscca.net/seminar2007

Oklahoma Seminar

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 24 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The guest speaker is Tony Burroughs, an internationally known genealogist, author, teacher and lecturer. He is the president of Black Roots and is a co-author of the *African-American Genealogical Sourcebook*. For more information, go to: www.okgensoc.org/

California Seminar

The North San Diego County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 24 at the Carlsbad Senior Center in Carlsbad, California. Sharon DeBartolo Carmack will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.cgssd.org/events.php3

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

Utah Jamboree

The Logan Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree will be held on March 24 at Logan, Utah. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com

New York City Repository Tour

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will sponsor a tour of the National Archives Northeast Region on March 29. Rich Gelbke, resident genealogist, will provide an overview of a variety of underutilized textual and microfilm records available at NARA, with examples from these sources. Attendees will be assisted in their research by Roger Joslyn, FGBS, FASG, Leslie Corn, FGBS, and the

NARA staff. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.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

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.rootswab.com/%7Envccn/g/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

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

Wisconsin Seminar

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will sponsor the WSGS 2007 Gene-a-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

Oregon Seminar

The Genealogy Forum of Oregon will hold a seminar on April 14 at Protland Oregon. Rick Sayre will be the featured speaker. He will discuss *Using the National Archives Web Site, Government Documents, Urban Mapping Tools, and Topographic and Other Maps for Genealogists*. For more information, go to: www.gfo.org/

Tennessee Symposium

The Northeast Tennessee Heritage Symposium will be held on April 20-21 at Jonesborough, Tennessee. The featured speaker will be Mark Lowe who will discuss locating Civil War Ancestors and developing a research plan while heading to the courthouse. For more information, go to: www.rootswab.com/~tnwashin/symposium.html

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

Arkansas Workshop

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will host a free workshop on April 21 at Little Rock, Arkansas. Russell Baker will discuss "Records of the Five Civilized Tribes" and Lynda Suffridge will discuss "Land Records." For more information, go to: www.agsgenealogy.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/

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.rootswab.com/~cascgs/co/letta.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

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

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

Tennessee Seminar

The Tennessee Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 28 at Germantown, Tennessee. J. Mark Lowe, CG will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.tngs.org/markLoweForm.htm

Utah Research Retreat

My Ancestors Found will host a research retreat on April 30 to May 5 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com

New York City Conference

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will host a conference on April 30-May 6 in New York City. Participants will be given orientations to prepare

them for research in the G&B Library, New York Public Library, National Archives Northeast Region, Municipal Archives of the City of New York, and other repositories. For more information, e-mail: education@nygbs.org

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/

Texas Seminar

The Austin Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 5 at Austin, Texas. Paula Stuart-Warren and Joshua Taylor will be the featured speakers. For more information, go to: www.austintxgensoc.org/calendar.php

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

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

California Seminar

The Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego and The San Diego Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 12. Dick Eastman will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.cgssd.org/events.php3

NGS 2007 Conference

NGS will hold their 29th Conference in Richmond Virginia on May 16-19. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org

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

Arkansas Ancestor Fair

The Searcy County Historical Society and the Searcy County Library will sponsor the North Arkansas Ancestor Fair on June 1-2 at Marshall, Arkansas. Dr John Littlefield will speak on Native American Research. Saturday, June 2, is the genealogical swap meet for north Arkansas families and organizations to exchange information. For more information, go to: www.ancestorfair.us

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

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

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.

Indiana Event

GenFest 2007, an old-fashioned barbecue for genealogists to meet and share information will be held on June 8-9 at Marion, Indiana. The Company Singers, a Civil War period vocal group from Huntington, will perform on the Jay House lawn. Shirley Fields who heads the marriage records indexing project for the Indiana Genealogical Society will give morning and afternoon demonstrations of that project in the computer lab. A shuttle bus will be available at posted times to take researchers to visit Grant Memorial Park and The Historic Estates of Serenity

cemeteries. For more information, go to:

www.marion.lib.in.us/genfest/genfest07.htm

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

California Jamboree

The Southern California Genealogical Society Society will hold a jamboree on June 8-10 at the Burbank Airport Hilton and Convention Center. The jamboree includes many nationally-known genealogy speakers and an exhibit hall with many vendors. For more information, e-mail: jamboree@scgsgenealogy.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

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

Quebec Canada Conference

The Quebec Family History Society will hold their conference on June 15-17 at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This is a large English-language genealogical conference with many well-known speakers who will discuss many aspects of family history research. There are also computer demonstrations and a book fair. For more information, go to: www.qfhs.ca

Kansas Conference

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will hold their 2007 conference on June 16 at Salina, Kansas. The speaker will be Tony Burroughs, author, lecturer and professional genealogist. For more information, e-mail: kscouncilgensoc@juno.com

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

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

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will hold an educational seminar on July 14 at Marlborough, Massachusetts. The program includes topics for all levels of expertise and records access updates and information. The topics include "Getting Started" in Genealogy, Land and Probate research, Revolutionary and Civil War Pension Records and more. For more information, go to: www.massgencouncil.org

Utah Jewish Genealogy Conference

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (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

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

Germans from Russia 2007 Convention

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society will hold their 37th International Convention on July 19 -22 at Bismarck, North Dakota. There will be workshops on genealogy, customs, history, and programs on using today's technology to bring your heritage to life. For more information, go to: www.grhs.com

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

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

California Seminar

The Silicon Valley computer Genealogy Users Group will hold a seminar on September 8 at Santa Clara California. David Dilts will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.svcomputergenealogy.org

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

Wisconsin Conference

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold their Genealogical/Cultural Conference on October 18-20

at Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Lenka Matušiková, Archivist at the National Archives in Prague, Czech Republic, will be the featured speaker. The conference will include workshops, tours, networking, products, and entertainment. The program will be of interest to those with families of Czech, Bohemian, Moravian, Slovak, German, Hungarian, Jewish, Rusyn, and Silesian origin. For more information, go to: www.cgsi.org

Texas Workshop

The Austin Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 10 at Austin, Texas. Suzanne S. Bettac is the featured speakers and will discuss "Naturalization" and "Immigration". For more information, go to: www.austintxgensoc.org/calendar.php

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

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

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