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Stranger than Fiction

Final Ride Cremation Urn

If you have a Harley and have a recently departed loved one, you may be interested in a new line of products from a company called Final Ride Products. The company recently announced a line of mobile cremation/ memorial urns. Final Ride funeral urns are a modern funeral item. They are not designed for use in a cemetery; but are to be mounted on a motorcycle. The urns hold a generous amount of cremated remains or store personal items of the deceased. They can be a rolling memorial to the departed loved one that goes wherever you go. The steel used for the urn chamber has a strength rating of more than 60,000 pounds. This makes each Final Ride urn probably tougher than the Harley that it is bolted to. If anyone is still skeptical, they may want to see the pictures at: www.1finalride.com/product.html Perhaps this has little to do with genealogy, except that there is a major challenge to the individual trying to enter the burial site into his or her computer. •

Of Interest

Archdiocese of Boston Archives to Close

The Archdiocese of Boston will close for their relocation to Braintree starting September 3. They plan to reopen in the fall of 2008. Research is conducted by appointment only. Essential services will be provided for archdiocesan administrative

staff, parishes and individuals needing records for official civil or religious reasons during the closure, such as baptismal certificates required for the purposes of marriage or annulments. Genealogical and historical requests received after September 3 will not be answered until the fall of 2008.

Lynchburg, Virginia Records

Twenty thousand pages of burial records for Old City Cemetery at Lynchburg, Virginia will soon be available as a result of a project done by Tony Gilreath. The burial records are from Diuguid's Funeral Home and include burials there from 1820 to 1950. Almost all Lynchburg burials were at the Old City Cemetery until the early 20th century. The records list parents and places of birth in addition to the name of the deceased and date of burial. Much of the information is not available from any other sources. Tony Gilreath works for a non-profit corporation which digitally photographs old archives and makes them available on the Internet for genealogical research. The information is scheduled to be available on the Internet later this summer. •

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.

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

Illinois Czechoslovakia Lecture

The Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society will present *Walk & Talk Within the Steps of Cyril and Methodius' Slavic Old World* on August 18 at LaGrange, Illinois. Dr. Staeck from College of DuPage, Archaeology in Czech Republic will be the speaker. For more information, go to: www.CSAGSI.org

California British Isles Seminar

The British Isles Family History Society will hold their annual seminar on August 25 at Culver City, California. Dr. Arlene H. Eakle will discuss *Chasing Your Ancestors 'Round the UK and Ireland*, Nancy Ellen Carlberg will discuss *Irish Research: Getting Started*, and James McNamara will discuss *Internet Resources for Family History*. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/

Kentucky Seminar

The Louisville Genealogical Society will hold their Family History Seminar and Book Fair on August 25 at Louisville Kentucky. The featured speaker will be Barbara Vines Little and topics will include Virginia tax records and Virginia migration patterns. There will also be free classes on using maps & gazetteers, researching German ancestors, and the use of DNA in genealogy research. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~kylgs/seminar2.html

Ontario, Canada Genealogy Fair

The Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society will hold a genealogy fair on August 25 at Stirling, Ontario, Canada. The speakers will be Fawne Stratford-Devai and Rick Roberts of Global Genealogy. For more information, go to: www.stirling-rawdon.com/genealogy.htm

Indiana Workshop

The Genealogy & Local History Services Department of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will hold a "Genealogy on the Internet" workshop on August 30 at Kokomo, Indiana. To register, call: (765) 457-3242

Missouri Seminar

The Ozarks Genealogical Society will host a conference, *Hidden Treasures*, on September 7-8 at Springfield, Missouri. The featured speaker will be Christine Rose. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/confogs.htm

California Seminar (That's Us)

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

England Fair

The National Family History Fair will be held on September 8 at Gateshead, England. This is one of the largest Fairs held in the United Kingdom. The presentations include:

- *UK BMD - Births Marriages and Deaths on the Internet* by Ian Hartas
- *How the Imperial War Museum can help your Family History research* by Sarah Paterson
- *Getting to grips with the basics in Irish Genealogy (Census Records, Church Registers & Civil Registration)* by Dr William Roulston
- *Exploring the farming community in Ireland - Genealogical Sources* by Dr William Roulston
- *Tracing Your Ancestors* by Gerry Toop
- *Parish Records* by Doreen Hopwood
- *They're not there! - using Census Indexes* by Jeanne Bunting FSG

For more information, go to: www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com

Missouri German Seminar

The St. Louis Public Library will host a German genealogy seminar on September 8 at St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. George Schweitzer and Lloyd Bockstruck are the featured speakers. For more information, e-mail: ksmith@slpl.org

Pennsylvania Lecture

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will hold a lecture, *The Story System: Genealogy Forward* by Jay Speyerer, on September 8 at

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is about telling your own story for others to read. For more information, go to: www.wpgs.org

Alaska Seminar

The Anchorage Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 15 at Anchorage, Alaska. The featured speaker is Sharon De Bartolo Carmack. For more information, go to: www.anchoragegenealogy.org

Utah Genealogy Fair

The Ogden Regional Family History Center and My Ancestors Found will hold the Northern Utah Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree on September 15 at Ogden, Utah. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com/events/event_speakers.php?event_id=20

Massachusetts Seminar

The Friends of the National Archives-Pittsfield, Massachusetts will hold a conference, *Life in the Past Lane IV*, on September 15 at Williamstown, Massachusetts. Speakers will include Jean Nudd, Meldon J. Wolfgang and Elizabeth Winthrop. For more information, go to: www.narafriends-pittsfield.org/calendar.htm

Genealogy Cruise

Legacy Family Tree is sponsoring a genealogy cruise to the Hawaiian Islands on September 19 to October 1. The cruise departs from Vancouver, British Columbia with overnights in Honolulu and Maui. The featured speaker is Dick Eastman. For more information, go to: http://legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2007.asp

Minnesota Seminar

The Minnesota Genealogical Society will hold their annual seminar on September 20 at St. Paul Minnesota. John Philip Coletta will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: <http://mngs.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

Illinois Polish Conference

The Polish Genealogical Society of America will hold their Annual Conference on September 28-30 at Schaumburg, Illinois. For more information, go to: www.pgasa.org/

Illinois Lecture

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will host a lecture on September 29 at Naperville, Illinois. Pamela Boyer Porter will discuss *Maps & Migration: Investigating Your Ancestors*. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm

Washington Conference

The Seattle Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on September 29 at Seattle, Washington. Henry Z. "Hank" Jones is the featured speaker and he will discuss:

- When the Sources Are Wrong
- Tracing Origins of 18th Century Palatines and Other Emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From Fiction

- How Psychic Roots became "An Unsolved Mystery"

For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~waseags/

Illinois British Conference

The British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois will hold a British Isles Conference on September 29 at Rockford, Illinois. Sherry Irvine will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail: pgleich@sbcglobal.net

Ohio Conference

The Cuyahoga County Council of Genealogical Organizations (CCCGO) and Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will host a conference on September 29 at Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Curt Witcher. For more information, e-mail: cuyahogawest@att.net

Nevada Conference

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 29 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The featured speaker is: Michael John Neill. For more information, e-mail: CCNGS@cox.net

Florida Seminar

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 29 at Fernandina Beach, Florida. George G. Morgan is the featured speaker and will discuss:

- Genealogy Orienteering: Using maps to Find the Right Place
- State-Land States & Federal-Land States: Researching Land Records
- The Genealogist as CSI (Crime Scene Investigator)
- Planning a Very Successful Research Trip

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

Michigan Seminar

The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 29 at Lawrence, Michigan. Topics and speakers include:

- *Church Records : the Ties That Bind*, by Shirley J. Hodges
- *Citing Sources : the Roadmap of Your Genealogy*, by Toni I. Benson
- *Land Records 101*, by Sue Sanders
- *Immigration : the journey to America*, by Shirley J. Hodges
- *Looking Under Every Rock: Lesser-Known Sources That Yield Results*, by Toni I. Benson.

For more information, e-mail: tbenson@vbd.org

Iowa Conference

The Iowa Genealogical Society will hold a conference on October 4 at Marshalltown, Iowa. The speaker will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. For more information, go to: www.iowagenealogy.org/

Minnesota Workshop

A Family History Workshop sponsored by The Heritage Education Commission, an organization at Minnesota State University Moorhead will be held on October 6 at Moorhead, Minnesota. For more information, go to: www.mnstate.edu/heritage/

Ohio Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society will host on October 6 at Shelby, Ohio. Dr. George K. Schweitzer will discuss:

Civil War genealogy
Cherokee research
Rivers to Trails to Roads to Canals to Trains, and more
A reception will follow at the OGS Library. For more

information, go to:
www.ogs.org

Maryland Conference

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society will host a conference on October 6 at Hagerstown, Maryland. John Philip Colletta will be the featured speaker. He will discuss Lesser Used Federal Records, The Germanic French, Researching Alsatian and Lorrainian Families, How to Assemble and Write a Genealogical Work that Is Both a Readable Document and a Readable Story, and Discovering the Real Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors. For more information, go to:
www.magsgen.com/fallmeeting.html

Utah British Institute

The International Society of British Genealogy and Family History will host the annual British Institute on October 8-12 at Salt Lake City, Utah. This is a week-long course of study about researching for your ancestors from the British Isles. Classes are conducted in the mornings covering genealogical resources, methodology and skill improvement. Research time is available each afternoon at the Family History Library. For more information, go to:
www.isbgfh.org/institute.htm

Utah Wales Workshop

In conjunction with the British Institute, there is a one day workshop, *Basic Wales Research*, on October 12 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The featured speaker is Darris Williams. For registration or more information, go to: www.isbgfh.org

Ohio Palatine Conference

The Palatines to America, Ohio Chapter, will host a seminar on October 13 at Zoar, Ohio.

Featured speakers are Amy Johnson Crow, Joanne McCue, and Steve Shonk. There is an optional tour of Zoar Village after the lectures. For more information, visit: www.oh-palam.org/seminar.php.

Pennsylvania Lecture

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will host a lecture on October 13 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Debbie Kapp will discuss *Ancestry Library Edition: Search Smarter, Not Harder*. The Ancestry Library Edition database collection is available free through Allegheny County libraries that are affiliated with the Electronic Information Network. For more information, go to: www.wpgs.org

Ireland Research Trip

The 2007 Celtic Quest Research Trip is a 7-day genealogy research visit for experienced and serious genealogists. The group will go to Dublin & Belfast, Ireland, on October 13-18. The trip includes accommodation, daily Irish breakfast, lectures and professional onsite research assistance. For more information, go to:
www.celticquest.net/

Virginia Genealogy Fair

The Botetourt Genealogy Club will hold a Genealogy Fair on October 14 at Fincastle, Virginia. For more information, e-mail: doreatr@rbnet.com

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

Arkansas Seminar

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on October 19-20 at Little Rock, Arkansas. The featured speakers are Carolyn Earle Billingsley and Sharon Tate Moody. For more information, go to:
www.agsgenealogy.org.

Oklahoma Retreat

Genealogy in the Woods is a genealogical and family history retreat held on October 19-21 at Sky Ranch at Cave Springs, Oklahoma. For more information, go to:
www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2007/

Illinois Conference

The Illinois State Genealogical Society will hold a conference on October 20 at Elmhurst, Illinois. The featured speakers are: Tony Burroughs, Shirley Gage Hodges, David McDonald, Kathy O'Leary, Dan Niemiec, and Matt Rutherford. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/

Vermont Meeting

The Genealogical Society of Vermont will hold their fall meeting on October 20 at Barre, Vermont. The speakers include Joann Nichols discussing *Other Free Persons as Heads of Households in the Vermont 1791 Census*, and Brad Hadley discussing *Putting our Cemetery Database Online*. The Vermont Historical Society Library will be

open for use of both books and manuscripts. Also the VHS Bookstore will be open. For more information, go to:
www.genealogyvermont.org

New York Conference

The Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County New York will hold a conference on October 20 at Saratoga Springs, New York. The speaker, Michael John Neill, will present four workshops:

- newspaper research
- court records
- problem solving applied to genealogy
- preparing for your genealogical research trip using your computer

For more information, e-mail:
melfrejo@aol.com

Indiana Seminar

The Tri-State Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on October 20 at Evansville Indiana. Lloyd Hosman will be the featured speaker, with topics including newspaper research, census research and Indiana research. There will be vendors, free help tables and door prizes. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~intsgs/seminar.html

Arizona Lecture

The Family History Society of Arizona will present a lecture, *Keys to Unlocking Your Past*, by Tricia Malone Williams on October 20 at Phoenix, Arizona. For more information, go to
www.fhsa.org

California Seminar

The Ventura County Genealogical Society will host an all-day seminar on October 20 at Ventura, California. Linda Jonas is the featured speaker and will discuss: Colonial America Isn't

the US: Understanding Colonial America; Colonial American Research; Finding Origins of Your Colonial Ancestors; and When the Colonial Paper Trail Runs Out. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~cavcgs/

Connecticut Seminar

The Connecticut society of Genealogists will host a seminar on October 20 at North Haven, Connecticut. The featured speakers will be Ed Strickland, a CSG Board Member, Leslie Albrecht Huber, and Michael Spellmon-Director of Colonial & Indian Research. For more information, go to:

www.csginc.org/csg_view_event.php?event=37

Massachusetts Conference

The Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society will hold their national conference on October 25 at Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, go to: www.aahgs-ne.org/

Texas Seminar

The Van Zandt County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 27 at Canton, Texas. The featured speaker is Trevia Wooster Beverly of Houston, Texas who will speak on:

- Daffodils and Cedar Trees: Finding and Researching Old Towns and Cemeteries
- Finding and Researching the Old Homestead
- Faith of Our Fathers: Finding Your Ancestors in the Church Records
- Where, Oh Where Can She Be?: Finding the Silent Women in Your Ancestral Line

For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~txvzcg/vzgs.htm

Washington Conference

The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 27 at Tacoma, Washington. Barbara Vines Little is a certified genealogist from Virginia and president of the National Genealogical Society, and is the featured speaker. The topics include:

- Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History
- Granny Possum's Pointers
- An Overview of Colonial Virginia Records.
- Documentation: A Formula for Every Day

For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/%7Eawatpcgs/seminar.htm

Louisiana Workshop

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library, Libraries Southwest, and Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc. will host a seminar on October 27 at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The featured speakers include John A. Sellers, Richard Hooverson, and Bennett Greenspan. After Hours research will be held at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library on Friday Evening. For more information, e-mail:
shirley@calcasieu.lib.la.us

Minnesota Conference

The Irish Genealogy Society International will host a conference on October 27 at Coon Rapids Minnesota. Twenty-four classes will be offered on a variety of topics. For more information, go to:
www.irishgenealogical.org/IGSI_Annual_Conference.asp

Wisconsin Seminar

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will host a

seminar on October 27 at Wausau, Wisconsin. J. Mark Lowe, CG will present four lectures including:

- Cheap Land on the Prairie (or That's What the Railroad Man Said)
- Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions
- My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for Your Rural Ancestor
- Locating Civil War Ancestors

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

Virginia Genealogy Fair

The Fairfax Genealogical Society will hold a Genealogy Fair on October 27 at Dunn Loring Virginia. Christine Rose will speak on Unusual Sources, Problem Solving, and Transcribing and Abstracting. For more information, go to: www.fxgs.org

Florida Seminar

The Bay County Genealogical Society will host an all-day seminar called *Ancestor Hunting Demystified* on October 27 at Panama City, Florida. Ann Staley, CG, is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flbcgs/seminar/>

Missouri Workshop

The St. Charles County Genealogical Society will host a workshop on October 27 at Cottleville, Missouri. Michael John Neill, M.S., will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~mosccgs/

Utah Research Tour

The New England Historic Genealogical Society will host a research tour to Salt Lake City for a week of intensive research

at the Family History Library on October 28 to November 4. Attendees will be assisted by NEHGS staff members and outside consultants. Included in this special program are NEHGS and Family History Library orientations, a computer lab, one-on-one research consultations, special lectures, and group meals. NEHGS staff include Christopher C. Child, online genealogist David Allen Lambert, and Rhonda R. McClure, as well as outside consultants Jerome E. Anderson and Maryan Egan-Baker. For more information, go to:

www.newenglandancestors.org/education/main/saltlake2007_main.asp

Genealogy Cruise

Wholly Genes, Inc. is sponsoring a genealogy conference aboard a cruise ship sailing from Ft. Lauderdale with stops at St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Princess Cays, Bahamas. The dates are October to November 13. The speakers include: John Grenham, John Titford, Dick Eastman, Hank Jones, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Cyndi Howells, Sandra Hewlett, Robert Charles Anderson, Marsha Hoffman Rising, Tony Burroughs, Bob Velke, John Cardinal, Lee Hoffman, Kent Riggins, Phil DeSilva and Barbara Grempler. For more information, go to: www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE

Virginia Conference

The Virginia Genealogical Society will host a conference on November 2 at Roanoke, Virginia. The speakers include Mary B. Kegley, nationally known author and speaker on southwestern Virginia, Craig R. Scott, CG, President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc. and author

and editor of many publications, and Laura S. Wickstead, Librarian of the Virginia Room of Roanoke Public Libraries. Vendors of books, software, forms and other material will be available. For more information, go to: www.vgs.org/events.htm

Illinois Workshop

The Lake County Genealogical Society will host a workshop called *Finding Traces, Here and Abroad* on November 3 at Round Lake Beach, Illinois. The featured speakers are Larry O. Jensen, Everett L. Butler, Edmund Iwanski, and Grace DuMelle. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/workshops.htm.

Michigan Lecture

The Livonia Civic Center Library & Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will host a lecture on November 3 at Livonia, Michigan. The speaker is Pamela Boyer Porter, a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer, co-author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* and *Research in Missouri*, FGS FORUM's Digitools columnist, a former board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and past editor of the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/

Texas Conference

The Texas State Genealogical Society will hold its 47th Annual Conference on November 9 at Tyler, Texas. The speakers are George G. Morgan and Drew Smith. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs

Utah ICAPGen Conference

The ICAPGen Family History Conference will be held on November 9-10 at Provo, Utah. Instructors include faculty of BYU, professional researchers, and other experts in genealogical and family history research. Whether you are a professional genealogist, or you would like to become one, this conference is for you. Workshops will cover advanced research techniques, advice on improving your genealogical business, information on preparing for the Accreditation examination, and some of the latest tools that have become available. For more information, go to:

www.icapgen.org

Toronto, Canada Scottish Workshop

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library will host a one-day workshop on Scottish family history research on November 10 at Toronto.

For more information, go to:

www.torontofamilyhistory.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

RootsMagic Cruise

RootsMagic will host a genealogy cruise on November 11-19. The ship will depart from Port Canaveral, Florida, and will sail to Cococay in the Bahamas, then on to St. Thomas and St. Maarten. Many nationally known speakers will give lectures on a variety of genealogy topics. For

more information, go to:
www.rootsmagiccruise.com/

2008 Events

California Seminar

The Lake Havasu Genealogical Society will host a seminar on January 26 at Lake Havasu City, California. Jean Wilcox Hibben is the featured speaker and will discuss:

- Bringing your Civil War Ancestor Back to Life: Songs & Stories of the War of Rebellion
- Get Along Little Dogie: Songs & Stories of Men and Women who Tamed the West
- Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time & Miles
- Researching German Records When You Live in America and Don't speak German.

For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~azlhgs/

Utah Jamboree

My Ancestors Found and the Washington County PAF User's Group will hold the Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree on February 8-9 at St. George, Utah. There will be more than 100 classes by speakers from all over the United States. Vendors will be there to show the latest genealogy products. For more information, go to:

www.myancestorsfound.com/

Illinois Seminar

The DuPage County Genealogical Society will host a conference on February 23 at St. Charles, Illinois. The featured speakers are Jana Sloan Broglin and Elissa Scalise Powell. Three session tracks covering twelve topics will be presented. The topics include migration and immigration, Ohio and Pennsylvania records, WWI-WWII records at the National Archives, using maps in your research, putting new twists on old data, organizing for better

productivity, and researching on a tight budget. Several exhibitors and vendors have been invited. For more information, go to: www.dcggs.org

NGS Salt Lake Research Trip

The National Genealogical Society will host their ninth annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City on February 24 to March 2, 2008. The trip will be led by Dereka Smith, the former librarian of the National Genealogical Society and by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, the upcoming president of the Virginia Genealogical Society. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutrips/altlake.cfm

Connecticut Lecture

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists will host a lecture by Janet Pestey on Irish research on March 15 at New Haven Connecticut. For more information, go to: www.csginc.org/csg_view_event.php?event=52

Ohio Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society will host their annual conference on April 17-19 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Watch the society Web site for further information: www.ogs.org/

California Seminar

Rhonda McClure will present an all-day seminar on 26 April 2008 at Santa Rosa, California. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/mcc lure.htm

Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will hold its 2008 Conference, *From Traditional Methods to Cutting Edge Science*, on April 26 at Topeka, Kansas. Megan Smolenyak is the featured speaker. For more information, contact Nora Patton Taylor at: npattontaylor@topekachamber.org

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

2009 Events

Australian Conference

The Australasian Genealogical Congress is held once every three years and will be held on January 16-20 at Auckland, New Zealand. It attracts more than 1000 delegates from around the world, with for four days of genealogical conference sessions, lectures and exhibits. Watch the Web site for date, place and program: www.affho.org/

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SV-CGG meets monthly, except December, on the second Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building, 875 Quince Avenue, Santa Clara, CA. We offer classes and sponsor guest speakers at meetings to help family historians with computer technology and research techniques. Membership dues are \$15 per year (\$20 for Canada and \$25 for other international). Members are offered classes at meetings, mentor help, *PastFinder* (a monthly newsletter published each month there is a meeting).

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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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