

# PastFinder Bulletin

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## SpiderWebs

### National Burial Index Expanded

FindMyPast.com has recently added 1,200,000 burial records to its online database. The new records are from the counties of Somerset, Dorset and Essex. They are contributed by the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society and the East of London Family History Society as part of an agreement with the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) to transfer local family history society records to Findmypast.com. The burial index includes parish registers, non-conformist registers, Roman Catholic, Jewish and other registers as well as cemetery and cremation records. With all the burial records in one index, the records can be searched by name with no need to know the place of death.

FindMyPast.com is a subscription Web site created in 1994 which has already accumulated more than 550,000,000 genealogy records from the British Isles. More information is being added each month as the Web site works with local genealogy organizations. Casual users can purchase pay-per-view units to access the information at the site. To visit the site, go to: [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) •

## Of Interest

### Privacy Complaint Against Ancestry.com

Privacy International (PI) is a London-based human rights group that is a self-appointed watch dog for privacy invasions

by governments and corporations. They have filed a complaint against Ancestry.com and their parent company, The Generations Network. The complaint is not for their publishing of genealogy databases and family trees on the Internet, but for their new DNA services for genealogists. Privacy International claims that Ancestry.com's new DNA service should be stopped immediately. However the complaint does not cite any specific violations of privacy. In fact, Privacy International does not claim there is a problem with the program, but only that there may be a problem. The organization wants to stop Ancestry.com from continuing with the new DNA program until they explain to the satisfaction of the government agencies and of Privacy International that there is no threat to privacy.

Since Ancestry.com has offices and Web servers located in the United Kingdom and in Europe, PI claims that Ancestry.com should address a few of the issues that PI has uncovered. These issues include:

- The security of the DNA samples and the DNA data that Ancestry.com will store
- The ability of the submitters of DNA samples to opt out of the program and have their DNA samples and test data returned to them
- The relationship of Ancestry.com with other organizations with whom they share rights to data such as The Generations Network (the parent company), Sorenson Genomics (the company testing the DNA), and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which has agreements with

Ancestry.com about sharing other genealogy data. The latter issue is unclear, particularly with Sorenson Genomics which test the DNA and handles the data from the tests. Ancestry states that they do not share test results with any other organization without the consent of the individual who submitted the DNA sample. However, there is no written consent for Sorenson Genomics which is a separate organization and not bound by the agreement between Ancestry.com and the individual supplying the DNA. Other issues are even more difficult to answer. If the U. S. Government should pass a law requiring government access to the data or to DNA samples stored by Ancestry.com, and if this is contrary to the laws or directives of countries outside the United States, Ancestry could have the DNA services shut down permanently. Another problem arises if Ancestry.com is sold to a new owner, perhaps a company based outside the United States or (as we all hope never happens) liquidated as a result of bankruptcy. Would the agreement be binding on the new company or could they sell the data to any buyer that they could find? Since there are multinational companies involved that do business around the world and almost no international law that is effectively enforced, there seems a valid concern about protection of privacy. Many individuals would see the question of privacy as a tempest in a teapot and ignore the issue. They would consider the DNA test and the data received from the test to be much more important than any issue of privacy. Others with no interest in genealogy and fears of identity theft, surveillance, and other unknown possibilities may take

an opposing view. We may reach a situation where there is no way to resolve the issues because one side or the other will not compromise to work out a solution. Those who want to know more details about this complaint may start with the details about the complaint on the Privacy International Web site at:

[www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd%5B347%5D=x-347-557923](http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd%5B347%5D=x-347-557923). The original complaint is posted at: [www.privacyinternational.org/issues/compliance/ancestry\\_complaint.pdf](http://www.privacyinternational.org/issues/compliance/ancestry_complaint.pdf).

## 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.

### 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](http://www.csginc.org/csg_view_event.php?event=52)

### Arizona Workshop

The Arizona State Genealogical Society (ASGS) will host a Photo Dating & Identification Workshop with Colleen Fitzpatrick on March 15 at March at Tucson, Arizona. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~asgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~asgs/)

### Florida Seminar

Martin County Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on March 15 at Stuart, Florida. Ann Osisek will speak on *Finding Female Ancestors* and *Connecting on the Internet*. For

more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~flmcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmcgs/)

### Utah Jamboree

The Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree will be held on March 22 at Logan, Utah. The event will feature more than 36 classes and 20 vendors and exhibitors. For more information, go to: [www.myancestorsfound.com](http://www.myancestorsfound.com)

### Georgia Meeting

The Cobb County Genealogical Society will have a panel to discuss *Breaking Through Brickwalls* on March 25 at Marietta, Georgia. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~gaccgs/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaccgs/index.html)

### Indiana Fair

The South Bend Area Genealogical Society of Indiana will host their tenth annual Michiana Genealogy Fair on March 29 at Mishawaka, Indiana. There will be twenty exhibitors and genealogy societies. The guest speaker will be Lloyd Hosman, genealogy instructor at Indiana University, who will discuss *Getting Started In Census Research 1790-1870*, and *Newspaper Research*. Contact Bill Minish at [WHMinish@aol.com](mailto:WHMinish@aol.com) for more information.

### Florida Lecture

The Marion County Genealogical Society will host a Round Table Discussion about *Tips for Beginning Genealogists* on March 19 at Ocala, Florida. For more information, go to: <http://MarionGenealogy.tripod.com>

### Florida Lecture

The Lee County Genealogical Society will present a lecture by

George Morgan, Donating Genealogical Materials to Libraries & Archives, on March 20 at Fort Myers, Florida. For more information, go to: [www.LeeCountyGenealogy.org](http://www.LeeCountyGenealogy.org)

### Canada Event

GENE-O-RAMA will be held by the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, in partnership with the Ottawa Public Library on March 28-29 at Ottawa Canada. For more information, go to: <http://ogsottawa.on.ca/geneoramal/>

### Wisconsin Seminar

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society-Barron County, Inc., will host a British Isles Genealogy Seminar featuring Tom Rice and Mike Puckett on March 29 at Barron, Wisconsin. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~wibhgsbc](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wibhgsbc)

### California Seminar

The Sacramento Genealogical Society will present its Spring Seminar on March 29 at Fair Oaks, California. The featured speaker is Geoff Rasmussen. For more information and to register, go to: [www.rootcellar.org](http://www.rootcellar.org)

### Virginia Lectures

The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society will host 4 lectures by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak on March 29 at Virginia Beach, Virginia. The topics include Trace Your Roots with DNA; Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options; Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones; Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs)

### Massachusetts Seminar

The New England Family History Conference 2008 will be held on March 29 at Franklin, Massachusetts. Alan Man, David Diltz and Mary Hill will be the featured speakers. For more information, go to: [www.nefamilyhistory.com](http://www.nefamilyhistory.com), send an e-mail to.

### California Seminar

The North San Diego County Genealogical Society will hold their spring seminar on March 29 at San Diego. Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG will discuss:

- Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case
- Military Records for Problem Solving
- County Land Records in Depth
- Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri.

For information and registration, go to: [www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/springsem.html](http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/springsem.html)

### Washington Seminar

The Genealogy Society of South Whidbey Island will host a seminar on April 5 at Langley, Washington. Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of *DNA and Genealogy* will be the featured speaker. For information and registration, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wagsswi/)

### Indiana Seminar

The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold a conference on April 5 at Evansville, Indiana. J. Mark Lowe, CG will be the featured speaker. The Willard Library will be open from 9 am until 8 pm on Friday for conference attendees. For information and registration, go to:

[www.indgensoc.org/conference.html](http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.html)

### Virginia Family History Institute

The Wythe County Genealogical And Historical Association is hosting the 13th Family History Institute of Virginia on April 5 at Wytheville, Virginia. Speakers include Mary B. Kegley, George Grocose, Sheila Hunt, Jane Dillon, Clay Bane. For more information, go to [www.wythecogha.org](http://www.wythecogha.org).

### Virginia Seminar

The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present its Annual Conference and Genealogy Expo on April 5 at the Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks. Speakers include Leslie Albrecht Huber, Chuck Mason, Elissa Scalise Powell, and Maureen Taylor. For more information, go to: [www.fxgs.org](http://www.fxgs.org)

### Oklahoma Seminar

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar, *Military Research*, on April 5 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Craig Scott will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: [www.okgensoc.org](http://www.okgensoc.org)

### Florida Lecture

The Jewish Genealogical Society Palm Beach County Inc. will host a lecture on "brick walls" on April 9 at Delray Beach, Florida. Phyllis Kramer, V.P. of Education of Jewish Gen and Board Member of JGSPBCI will chair the brick wall session. She is an amateur genealogist, with primary interest in Eastern European Jewish research. For more information, go to: [www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org](http://www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org)

### Indiana Software Presentation

The Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana will host a program of pros and cons of genealogy software (Family Tree Maker, Legacy, Roots Magic and PAF) on April 9 at Fort Wayne. Adam Barrone, Judy Bunn, Sue Downey and Phil Husband are the speakers. There will be a question and answer session following the discussion. For more information, go to: [www.acgsi.org/meetings.htm](http://www.acgsi.org/meetings.htm)

### Washington Czechoslovak Symposium

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society will hold their International Symposium on April 11-12 at Seattle, Washington. The Keynote Speaker will be Cyndi Howells. The Saturday program includes 10 speakers scheduled into five one-hour lecture periods. For more information, go to: [www.cgisi.org/news.asp?intNewsID=129](http://www.cgisi.org/news.asp?intNewsID=129)

### Wisconsin Event

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's 2008 Gene-A-Rama will be held Friday and Saturday, 11-12 April 2008, at the Plaza Hotel Suites & Conference Center in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The featured speaker will be Maureen A. Taylor. Please see the WSGS Website at [www.wsgs.org](http://www.wsgs.org) for more information.

### Washington Fair

The South King County Genealogy Society is sponsoring a Heritage Fair on April 12 at Federal Way, Washington. Dozens of non-profit historical, genealogical, heritage and ethnic-related organizations will be at the Fair. The South King County Genealogical Society is programming special entertainment, demonstrations,

and classes throughout the day. For more information, go to: [www.skcg.org](http://www.skcg.org)

### Indiana Workshop

The Indiana Historical Society will host a workshop on April 12 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Eugene and Marilyn Glick will discuss *Using HeritageQuest Online: Tips for Successful Searching*. For more information, go to: [www.indianahistory.org/](http://www.indianahistory.org/)

### Missouri Conference

The Saint Louis Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on April 12 at Saint Louis, Missouri. Paula Stuart Warren will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: <http://stlgs.org/faig.htm>

### North Carolina Conference

The North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Olivia Raney Local and Family History Library are sponsoring a speakers Forum on April 12 at Raleigh, North Carolina. Speakers for this event will be Caltherin Elias, Monica Hopkins, Jordan Jones, Victor Jones, Kevin Milus, Jason Tomberlin, Diane Richard, Jeffrey Haines and Jim Jones. For more information and to register go to: [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org)

### Florida Lecture

The Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, Inc. will host a lecture by Lynn Maynard on April 13 at Miami, Florida. She will discuss her British Isles research techniques, sources, and successes. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~flgsgm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsgm)

### Indiana Forum

The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society will hold a Genealogy Open Forum on April 14 at Terre

Haute, Indiana. There will be open discussion of all genealogy-related subjects. The public is invited to attend. For more information, go to: [www.inwvgs.org/wvgshomepage.htm](http://www.inwvgs.org/wvgshomepage.htm)

### 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/](http://www.ogs.org/)

### Saskatchewan, Seminar

The Prince Albert Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society will host a seminar on April 18-20 at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Several speakers will teach classes on using the Internet for research. For more information, go to: [www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Seminar\\_2008\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Seminar_2008_Brochure.pdf)

### Alaska Seminar

The Anchorage Genealogical Society will host their Family History Seminar on April 19 at Anchorage, Alaska. Christine Rose is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: [www.AnchorageGenealogy.org](http://www.AnchorageGenealogy.org)

### Georgia Seminar

The Cobb County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 19 at Marietta, Georgia. The speakers are: Sharon Tate Moody, Linda Woodward-Geiger, Beverly Foster, Monica Hopkins, Richard Rayburn, and Peter J. Roberts. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~gaccgs/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaccgs/index.html).

### Arizona History Convention

The 49th Annual Arizona History Convention will be held at the San Marcos Resort &

Conference Center in Chandler, Arizona. For more information, go to: [www.arizonahistory.org](http://www.arizonahistory.org).

### Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will host a seminar on April 26 at Waltham, Massachusetts. A variety of speakers and topics are included on the program as well as a workshop for writing family history stories. Speakers from the main track are from NEHGS. For more information, go to: [www.massgencouncil.com/program2008.html](http://www.massgencouncil.com/program2008.html)

### Virginia Seminar

The Virginia Genealogical Society will host their Spring Conference on 26 April at Richmond, Virginia. For more information, go to: [www.vgs.org/events.htm](http://www.vgs.org/events.htm)

### Illinois Conference

The 34th Annual Quad-Cities Genealogical Conference will be held on April 26 at Moline, Illinois. The featured speaker is Colleen Fitzpatrick. For more information, e-mail Linda Polich at: [bergie1985@frontiernet.net](mailto:bergie1985@frontiernet.net).

### Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will hold a conference" on April 26 at Topeka, Kansas. The featured speaker is Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. For more information, e-mail Nora Patton Taylor at [npattontaylor@topekachamber.org](mailto:npattontaylor@topekachamber.org)

### California Seminar

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

**Louisiana Conference**

The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society will host a seminar on April 26 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The speakers are Claire Mire Bettag and Augusta Elmwood. For more information go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~la-lghs/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~la-lghs/seminar.htm).

**England Show**

*Who do You Think You Are? Live* is sponsored by Ancestry.co.uk and is one of the largest genealogy and history shows in the world. Attendance is expected to be about 12,000. It will be held on May 2-4 at the Grand Hall, Olympia, London. For details, go to: [www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.co.uk/](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.co.uk/)

**Texas Workshop**

The Bay Area Genealogical Society is holding a workshop on May 3 at Houston, Texas. The featured speaker is Christine Rose. For more information, e-mail Alice Braud-Jones at [genealijonz@comcast.net](mailto:genealijonz@comcast.net)

**Texas Forum**

The Houston Genealogical Forum will celebrate their 50th Anniversary by presenting a Genealogical Problem Solving seminar featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills on May 3 at Houston, Texas. For more information, go to: [www.hgftx.org](http://www.hgftx.org)

**California Seminar**

The Conejo Valley Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on May 10 at Thousand Oaks, California. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to [rootsweb.com/~cacvgs](http://rootsweb.com/~cacvgs)

**Florida Seminar**

The Wakulla Genealogy Group will hold their Spring Seminar on May 10 at Crawfordville, Florida. Deanna D. Ramsey, Jack Butler and Mary Esther Raker will discuss Genealogy Profiling, Indian Wars, Finding Your Kin in Old Newspapers Land Records and Patents. For more information go to: [www.wakullagen.org](http://www.wakullagen.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](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

**Washington Conference**

The Washington State Genealogical Society will hold their conference on May 16-17 at Mount Vernon, Washington. Sandra Hargreaves Luebking will be the featured speaker. Other speakers for this event will be David Obee, James Copher, Scott Roley, Ruth Steele, Laura Sparr, Carol Buswell, Bill Ronhaar, Mary Kozy, Sarah Thorson Little, and Mary Douglass. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasvgs).

**Indiana Lecture**

The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society will host a lecture on May 17 at Merrillville, Indiana. Grace DuMelle, author, professional researcher and librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago, will give a program on "Tips & Tricks for Cook County Vital Records". For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~innwigs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~innwigs/)

**Florida Lecture**

The Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, Inc. will host a

lecture on May 18 at Miami Florida. Patti Martin will discuss *Citing and Evaluating Sources*. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~flgsgm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsgm)

**Indiana Workshop**

The Genealogy & Local History Services Department of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will hold a workshop, *Genealogy on the Internet*, on May 22 at Kokomo, Indiana. To register or for more details, phone (765) 457-3242.

**Ontario Canada Conference**

The Ontario Genealogical Society will hold the largest genealogy and technology conference in Canada on May 30 - June 1 at London, Ontario. The speakers include Dick Eastman, Steve Morse, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Geoff Rasmussen, Fawne Stratford-Devai, Louise St. Denis, Valerie Adams, Paul McGrath, Dick Doherty, Halvor Moorshead, Rick Roberts, Stephen Young, and 12 others. The 48 presentations are about how technology and the Internet can enhance genealogical research.. The Marketplace will have material relating to family research in Ontario and other provinces and countries. For more information, go to: [www.ogs.on.ca/conference](http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference)

**Ohio Palatine Conference**

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America will host a National Conference on Palatines to America on June 19-21 at Columbus, Ohio. Speakers for this event will be Marion Wolfert, Maralyn Wellauer, Meldon Wolfgang, Roberta Estes, Ken Smith, Ann Miller and Barbara Nuehring. For more information, go to: [www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org)

### Indiana Seminar

The Wabash Valley Genealogy Society will host a seminar on June 21 at Terre Haute, Indiana. There will be genealogy related vendors, door prizes and national speakers. Shirley Richison Fields, Indiana Genealogy Society project leader, will explain *Once A Hoosier* and *Family Search Indexing*. Kandie Adkinson, the Kentucky Secretary of State's administrative supervisor of the Land Office Division, will describe historical land-patenting processes. Beau Sharbrough, VP of Footnote.com, will present an educational, non-commercial demo of the Footnote site featuring original historical documents. For more information, go to: [www.inwvgs.org](http://www.inwvgs.org)

### California Jamboree

The 39th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree will be held on June 27-29 at Burbank, California. For more information, go to: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/2008/01/announcing-2008-southern-california.html>

### Wisconsin Workshop

The German Interest Group of Wisconsin will host a German genealogical workshop *Profiles of German Emigrants*, featuring Baerbel Johnson on July 12 at Whitewater, Wisconsin. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html)

### North Carolina Seminar

The North Carolina Genealogical Society & the Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on July 26 at Charlotte, North Carolina. David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, Director of the Records and Information Division of the

Family and Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City will provide sessions on *Irish Jurisdictions and Reference Works*, *Irish Immigration – the Sources in Ireland*, *The Scots-Irish in North Carolina* and *Irish Church Records: Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Catholic*. Additionally, he will discuss *Where Genealogy is Heading Over the Next Few Years*. For more information, go to: [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org)

### California Seminar

The British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A will celebrate its 20th anniversary by hosting a three-day seminar on August 7-9 at Long Beach, California. Speakers for this event will be Nancy Lee Bier, Michael Gandy, Linda Thompson Jonas, Annie Lloyd, Fintan Mullan, and Judith Eccles Wight. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar](http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar)

### Indiana Conference

The Indiana Historical Society will host *Midwestern Roots 2008*, a Family History and Genealogy Conference on August 15-16 at the Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information, go to: [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots).

### Jewish Genealogy Conference

An International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held on August 17-22 at Chicago, Illinois. Sixteen Special Interest Groups (SIGS) will host sessions concerning their research focus such as German-Jewish Genealogy, Ukraine, Poland, and Litvak Jewish Genealogy research. A number of specialists or archivists from Europe or Eastern Europe will be in attendance to make

presentations and advise attendees about resources available in their country. Some of the SIGS will hold luncheons with a featured speaker. For more information, go to: [www.chicago2008.org](http://www.chicago2008.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)

### England Family History Fair

The National Family History Fair will be held at the Gateshead International Stadium at Gateshead, England on September 13. For more information, go to: [www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com/index.htm](http://www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com/index.htm)

### Oxford, England Open Day

The Oxfordshire Family History Society Open Day will be held on September 20 at Kidlington,, England. The event will include an assortment of an assortment of visiting Societies, publishers, dealers in second hand books and postcards, and the like. The Oxfordshire Family History Society library, search services, and a beginners' helpdesk. There will also be computing demonstrations, which include genealogical software and the Internet. For more information, go to: [www.ofhs.org.uk](http://www.ofhs.org.uk)

### Illinois Seminar

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on September 27 at Naperville, Illinois. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will discuss "Unraveling Genealogical Puzzles." For more information,

go to:

[www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm)

### Utah British Institute

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History has announced its 8th Annual British Institute on October 6 -10 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to: [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org).

### Illinois Conference

The Illinois State Genealogical Society will celebrate 40 years as a society with a conference on October 18 at Elgin, Illinois. There will also be computer lab classes in effective Web searching. For more information, go to: [isgconference@sbcglobal.net](mailto:isgconference@sbcglobal.net)

### Oklahoma Conference

The Gregath Publishing Company will host a conference, "Land in America," featuring Mary Clement Douglass on October 25 at Grove, Oklahoma. For more information about this event, go to: [www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2008](http://www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2008)

### Genealogy Cruise

Wholly Genes, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, will have their 2008 Genealogy Conference and Cruise Oct 26-Nov 2. The 2008 conference will be on the *Caribbean Princess* as it sails from New York City to St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Thomas and San Juan, Puerto Rico. This is the largest family history conference on the seas. The conference will include at least 16 hours of expert presentations on genealogy methodology and tools. Instructors include: Elizabeth Shown Mills, Barbara Vines Little, John Grenham, John Titford, Craig Scott, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Cyndi

Howells, and Tony Burroughs, with private consultations with Robert Charles Anderson, Sandra Hewlett, and Dick Eastman. For more information, go to:

[www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm](http://www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm).

### Arizona Seminar

The Arizona State Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all day seminar on November 8 at Tucson Arizona. John Philip Colleta, Ph.D. will discuss *How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records, Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas, Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence, and Hacks and Hookers & Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesterday's English*. For more information, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~asgs/>.

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## 2009 Events

### Irish Genealogy Cruise

An Irish Genealogy Cruise will be held on January 10-18. The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This cruise will focus on Irish research. All speakers have presented at national genealogical conferences and are recognized as knowledgeable in their fields. There will be two tracks. Track 1 will have lectures on basic resources and techniques for Irish research. Track 2 will focus on more advanced topics and is intended for those with experience in using Irish records. The first thirty registrants will be given a one-hour private consultation with one of the professional genealogists on the program. For more information, go to: [www.tiara.ie](http://www.tiara.ie)

### 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/](http://www.affho.org/)

### New England Regional Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 22-26 in Manchester, New Hampshire. For more information, go to: [www.nergc.org/](http://www.nergc.org/)

### NGS 2009 Conference

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13-16 at Raleigh, North Carolina.  
For more information, go to:  
[www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).

### **Scotland Genealogy Conference**

The Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society will hold a conference on April 25 at Aberdeen, Scotland. For more information, go to:  
[www.anesfhs.org.uk/safhs2009.htm](http://www.anesfhs.org.uk/safhs2009.htm)

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The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference on September 2-5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, go to: [www.fgs.org/](http://www.fgs.org/)

### **Michigan Seminar**

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