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Of Interest

Generations Network Survey

The Generations Network recently did a survey commissioned by Ancestry.com and conducted by zOmnibus Survey, and found that very few Americans are knowledgeable about their family history. The results of a few of the specific questions on the survey are:

- One-third of Americans do not know the names of any of their great-grandparents
- Half of Americans know the name of only one or none of their great-grandparents.
- Six out of ten Americans do not know both of their grandmothers' maiden names
- Twenty-two percent of Americans don't know what either of their grandfathers do or did for a living.
- Although America is known as a nation of immigrants, 27 percent don't know where their family lived before they came to America.

The survey did find some positive trends. Approximately 83 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds are interested in learning their family history. Following closely are the 35- to 54-year-olds at 77 percent and Americans aged 55+ at 73 percent. About 50% of American families have done research on their family history. The results of the survey differed by region. Southerners were the least knowledgeable. Only 38 percent of those interviewed know the maiden names of both grandmothers. In the northeast, 50 percent knew both maiden names.

GeneTree and Sorenson Molecular Offer

GeneTree, a DNA-enabled family history-sharing Web site and the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF), a non-profit scientific organization currently expanding the world's most diverse collection of genetic genealogy information announced a new product. For an introductory price of \$19.50, individuals who submit DNA samples can receive their Mitochondrial DNA profiles from GeneTree. In the past SMGF has not been able to return results of DNA tests to those participating in their research program. In 2000, SMGF began collecting DNA samples to build the Sorenson Database, which now contains nearly 100,000 DNA samples and over six million corresponding genealogical records from participants in more than 170 nations throughout the world. The Foundation continues to accelerate the growth of the database.

To be eligible for this offer, participants must have ordered an SMGF participation kit prior to October 23, 2007 and returned the properly completed DNA kit, postmarked no later than December 31, 2007, to SMGF. SMGF participants who meet these criteria can access their mitochondrial DNA profiles (genetic information passed from mothers to all of their children) along with their SMGF-submitted pedigree information on the GeneTree Web site within about two weeks of their request. These profiles can be used to search for and connect with potential genetic relatives on the GeneTree site.

For more information about this offer, go to:

www.genetree.com/dna/unlock_smgf

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.

Quebec Canada Research Tour

The New England Historic Genealogical Society will host a research week on May 15-22 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Participants can visit two premier Canadian repositories, the Société Généalogique Canadienne-Française (SGCF) and the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ). A tour of the Village Québécois d'Antan, a living history site recreating provincial life in Quebec during the eighteenth century is also available on the program. For more information, go to:

www.newenglandancestors.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

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/

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

Oklahoma Meeting

The Gann Historical Society and Library will hold their 20th Annual Meeting on May 19-21 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The program includes lectures, workshops and seminars on the sources and methods of research, and various aspects of genealogy. For more information, go to:

<http://gannhistoricalsociety.org/meetings.htm>

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.

Illinois Workshop

The Newberry Library will hold its annual spring workshop "Railroad Ancestors" on May 30 - 31 at Chicago, Illinois. The program will feature Paula Stewart-Warren, Jim Metlicka, Craig Pfannkuche and Martin

Tuohy. More information, go to: www.newberry.org/genealogy/genealogyevents.html.

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

Ontario, Canada Genealogy Camp

Genealogy "Summer Camp" will be held the week of June 8-13 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The program includes tutorials and hands-on research at the many archives and reference libraries in Toronto. Some tutorials will emphasize Toronto sources, but most repositories have holdings from a much broader area. For more information, go to: www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summer.html

Quebec, Canada Research Tour

The New England Historic Genealogical Society will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec with a research week on June 15-22 at

Montreal, Quebec. Participants can use two premier Canadian repositories, the Société Généalogique Canadienne-Française (SGCF) and the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ). The tour will also include a field trip to the Village Québécois d'Antan, a living history site recreating provincial life in Quebec during the eighteenth century. For more information, go to: www.newenglandancestors.org

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

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

Kansas Conference

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies and the McPherson County Genealogical Society will host the 34th Annual KCGS Conference on June 21 at McPherson, Kansas. Pamela K. Boyer will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:
skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/conf.htm

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

Texas Conference

Angelina College will hold a 3-day conference "Keys to Discovery." on July 17-19 at Lufkin, Texas. For more information, go to:
www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm

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

Germans from Russia Convention

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and The Germans from Russia Heritage Society will hold a joint convention on July 28 to August 3 at Casper, Wyoming. For more information, go to:
www.germansfromrussia.net

Federation of East European Family History Societies 2008 Conference

The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) Conference will be held on August 1-3 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Leading experts in the fields of Central and East European Genealogy, DNA testing, Online Databases, one-on-one research consultations & more will teach. The keynote speaker on Friday morning will be Dr. Stephen P. Morse, Creator of the "One-Step Web Pages." The Saturday evening banquet will feature the talk by Joseph Bielecki, "Don't Stop for Red Lights: The Story of the Creation of the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning." On August 3rd, an optional event, The Rivers of Steel "Babushkas and Hard Hats

Tour" will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendors specializing in East European merchandise will be in attendance. For more information, go to:
www.feefhs.org

California Seminar

The British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A will celebrate its 20th anniversary by hosting a three-day seminar on board the Queen Mary 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

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. Speakers include Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Charles F. Kerchner, Roberta J. Estes, Stephen Morse, Susan Kaufman, Beau Sharburg, Dick Eastman, James Madison, Christine Rose, David Lifferth, Curt Witcher, Betty Warren, Alan January, Nancy Massey and Scott Sander. For more information, go to:
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

Florida Expo

The Tallahassee Genealogical Society will host its annual genealogy expo on August 23 at Tallahassee, Florida. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to: www.talgen.org

FGS 2008 Conference

The Federation of Genealogy Societies will hold its 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

Texas Seminar

The East Texas Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on September 13 at Tyler, Texas. Desmond Walls Allen will be the keynote speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txetgs/meetings.html

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

Minnesota Conference

The Minnesota Genealogical Society will hold the Minnesota Star of the North Genealogy Conference on September 19-20 at Saint Paul, Minnesota. Christine Rose and Paula Stuart-Warren are the featured speakers. For more information, go to: www.mnsgs.org

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 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 are available to attendees. There are also computing demonstrations, which include genealogical software and the Internet. For more information, go to: www.ofhs.org.uk

Indiana Symposium

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library will hold a military symposium On September 26 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL. Ms. Melchiori will discuss National Archive records for the Civil War, and research sources for Confederate and Federal soldiers. Curt Witcher will highlight the Our Military Heritage website at Friday evening's dinner. On Saturday afternoon there will be individual consultations on research challenges. For more information, go to: www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/Military%20Symposium.pdf

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

California Seminar

The Kern County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 4 at Bakersfield, California. Jean M. Wilcox Hibben is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cackgs

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.

West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy

The 8th Annual West Coast Summit on African American Genealogy "Family History- Putting the Pieces Together" will be held on October 10-11 at Bellevue, Washington. The featured speaker is Quintard Taylor. For more information telephone 206-784-0337 or 206-927-5039 or e-mail BGRG92@aol.com. Please note there is no walk-in registration for this event.

California Conference

The Monterey County Genealogical Society and the Monterey Family History Center will host *Heritage Harvest* on October 11 at Seaside, California. Geoff Rasmussen is the featured speaker. For more

information, go to:
www.mocogenso.org

Wisconsin Seminar

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on October 11 at Janesville, Wisconsin. Craig R. Scott will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.wsgs.org

Florida Seminar

The Imperial Polk Genealogical Society will host a one-day seminar on October 18 at Lakeland, Florida. The featured speaker is George K. Schweitzer. For more information, go to: www.ipgs.org/2008_flyer.html

Illinois Conference

The Illinois State Genealogical Society will celebrate 40 years as a society with a conference on October 18 at Elgin, Illinois. Featured speakers are D. Joshua Taylor, Beau Sharbrough and Loretto Szucs. Topics include:

- Discover and evaluate new Web sites, online databases and free tools on the Internet.
- Investigate Footnote, FamilySearch and NSDAR collections.
- Jumpstart your research with new techniques,
- Get organized using Word tools and explore easy procedures for scanning and restoring documents.

Harness the internet with a basic or intermediate hands-on computer session presented by Lori Bessler. There will also be computer lab classes in effective Web searching. For more information, go to: isgsconference@sbcglobal.net

Texas Conference

The Texas State Genealogical Society will host its 48th Conference on October 24-25 at Abilene, Texas. Thomas W. Jones will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/.

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

Nevada Seminar

The Clark County Genealogical Society will host a genealogy seminar will be held on October 25 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The featured speaker will be Beau Scarborough who will discuss:

- Excel for Genealogists: Spreadsheets can help researchers organize their information. They can be used to identify patterns that aren't obvious from other approaches.
- Restoring Family Photos: With an inexpensive scanner and some inexpensive software, as in free, anyone can make those old family photos come to life. In this presentation, you will see how to scan newspapers, prints and slides. And, when you're through, what to do with them. The options will be explored
- Footnote.com: One of the latest websites to come on line with access to millions of digitized, original documents of interest to

the genealogists. This presentation will include a discussion related to the NewFamilySearch website.

- Fetch, Rover! - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Automated Research tools
- For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nvccngs/fallseminar.html

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/>.

Florida Conference

The Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) will hold its annual conference on 14-15 November 2008 at Maitland, Florida.

Indiana Workshop

The Genealogy & Local History Services Department of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will hold a workshop, "Genealogy on the Internet," on November 20 at Kokomo, Indiana. To register for the workshop, call (765) 457-3242.

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

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 four days of genealogical conference sessions, lectures and exhibits. Watch the Web site for date, place and program: 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/

NGS 2009 Conference

National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on May 13-16 at Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information, go to: 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

2009 FGS Conference

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/

Michigan Seminar

The Michigan Genealogical Council will host a seminar on October 15-17 at Midland Michigan. Thursday a tour of the Midland County Historical Society facilities is scheduled. On Friday and Saturday, sixteen instructors will teach 32 sessions covering 4 tracks of genealogy topics. For more details or to register, e-mail: faeae@chartermi.net

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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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www.FamilySearch.org	free

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