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## Spiderwebs

### Rhode Island Mailing List

The Rhode Island Ancestors Group is a new Genealogy mail list for members who have Rhode Island genealogical, ancestor, or historical interests and want to communicate with others with similar interest. There are also pages to announce meetings and reunions, discuss cemetery clean-ups, customs, traditional foods common to Rhode Island, and announce family research sites. To visit the site, go to:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rhode\\_Island\\_Ancestors/1972](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rhode_Island_Ancestors/1972)

### Geni Adds GEDCOM

Geni is a social networking site where users can work together to build family trees. They have now added a feature to upload GEDCOM files to the site to share data with family and other family historians. The site is relatively new, having been started in January 2007, but the site owners intend to make it the number one site for family networking. The site began as a simple site to build family trees and has continually added features. Among these additions are enhanced privacy settings, unlimited photo sharing and tagging, birthday reminders, personal and family timelines, family discussion, virtual gifts, map and calendar. The result has been appreciated. Geni was a winner of the 2007 Webware 100 Awards, which named it one of the top 100 sites on the internet and one of the top 10 reference sites. It is by far the youngest site to receive this honor. It was nominated again in 2008 in the social (networking) category.

To visit the site, go to:

[www.geni.com](http://www.geni.com)

### New Version of the 1901 UK Census

A new version of the 1901 UK Census was announced by findmypast.com: Records from the first two counties, Somerset and Gloucester, are now online and available to search, and the remaining counties will be added during the coming months. Many fields of the census were transcribed so that the data can be searched online. The census can not only be searched for a name, but the calculated year of birth, age or occupation can be used. The user can also specify how the data is ranked. For example, names can be in order of age, or alphabetically starting with "A" or "Z." Other new features of the census search include the ability to search for an address, and the ability to retain search criteria to use in other searches. The 1901 UK census was taken on March 31. The total population was 32,527,843 at the time. To visit the site, go to:

[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com)

## Of Interest

### Georgia Launches Border Dispute

A few genealogists may have to change the state in their data base if a claim by the state of Georgia becomes a reality. Members of the Georgia Legislature claim that a survey done in the early 1800s placed the boundary between Georgia and Tennessee in the wrong place where it has remained for

190 years. Georgia now wants the land back. All 56 of the Georgia state senators have signed up to sponsor legislation to move the boundary to the 35th parallel where they say it belongs. The change would have to be approved by both state legislatures as well as by Congress. The Tennessee lawmakers have stated that the boundary is not going to change.

The border is supposed to be the 35th parallel. The move would give Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, and a portion to the Tennessee River to Georgia. Georgia needs the water from the Tennessee River, and would be able to use the water after the boundary change. However, after 190 years in Tennessee, there is little incentive for local residents to be part of Georgia. A similar attempt to change the border was rescinded in 1972 •

## 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 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](http://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](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)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm)

### Oregon Conference

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will host the Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference will be held on July 19 at Eugene, Oregon. The featured speaker is Cyndi Howells, creator of the Cyndis List Web site and author of several books on Internet Genealogy research. Topics by other speakers include: Researching Military Records; Finding Death Data on the Net; Consider the Source: Cite Your Sources; Going There, Walking their Ground...Doing On-site Research; What if You Can't Afford to Do Onsite Research?; Accessing Library Collections without Leaving Home; and Using Online Resources to Find

the Death Date and Obit of Mercer Girl Annie, A Case Study. There will also be one-on-one consultation with an archivist from the Pacific-Alaska branch of the National Archives and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists available to talk about brick walls. For more information, go to:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/conf2008/index.html>

### Maryland Workshop

The Maryland Genealogical Society will hold a Basics+ Workshop on census records on July 26 at College Park, Maryland. Staff from the National Archives and Records Administration will share their insights on United States census records. Presentations at the census workshop will address both widely used and less well-known census schedules, including: the general population schedules; 1890 veterans schedule; 1850 & 1860 slave schedules; 1880 dependent/delinquent/deficient schedule; mortality schedules; agriculture schedules; manufacturing schedules; social statistics schedules. For more information, go to: [www.mdgensoc.org](http://www.mdgensoc.org)

### 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)

### **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](http://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](http://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](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. 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](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)

### **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](http://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](http://www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm)

### **UGS Fall Conference**

The Utah Genealogical Association will hold their 2008 Fall Family History and Genealogy Conference on September-12-13 at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to: <http://www.infouga.org/site/index.php>

### **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](http://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](http://www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com/index.htm)

### **Ontario, Canada Conference**

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

(BIFHSGO) will host their 14th Annual Family History Conference, "Celebrate Your Anglo-Celtic Roots" on September 19-21 at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The Special Focus on England. Program includes: 18 presentations by more than a dozen experts in family history research and genealogy. A pre-conference course, workshop, and tour of Library and Archives Canada will also be offered as well as consultations with experienced researchers; research room with free access to genealogy data bases, and a marketplace of related products and services. The keynote speaker: Sherry Irvine, CG, FSA Scot. Sherry is an author and recognized specialist in English, Irish and Scottish family history, and a Past President of the US Association of Professional Genealogists. For more information, go to: <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/Conference2008.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.mngs.org](http://www.mngs.org)

### Montana Conference

The Montana State Genealogical Society will hold a conference on September 19-20 at Butte, Montana. The speakers include Michael John Neill, Ellen Crain and Christy Leskovar. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsg's](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsg's)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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/~cakcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cakcgs)

### 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).

### 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](mailto:BGRG92@aol.com). Please note there is no walk-in registration for this event.

### California SVC GG Seminar

The Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group (That's Us) will hold a Seminar on October 11 at Santa Clara, California. Barbara Renick will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: [www.svcomputergenealogy.org](http://www.svcomputergenealogy.org)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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 New.FamilySearch 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](http://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.

### Arizona Expo

My Ancestors Found will host a Family History Expo on November 14-15 at Mesa, Arizona. This event is for the beginning and experienced family history enthusiast. The keynote address and exhibit hall are free to the public. For more information, go to:

[www.myancestorsfound.com](http://www.myancestorsfound.com)

### 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](http://www.tiara.ie)

### Utah Institute

The 2009 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held on January 12-16 at Salt Lake City. There will be 10 courses taught by experts on various genealogy topics. For more information, go to: [http://www.infouga.org/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=103&Itemid=103](http://www.infouga.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=103&Itemid=103)

### 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/](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

National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on May 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)

### 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/](http://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](mailto:faeae@chartermi.net)

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Personal Ancestral File 2.3.1 Macintosh (CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 4.04(CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 5.2.18 and 4 (Windows), PAF 3, & 2.31 (DOS), lessons and user guide, Personal Ancestral File Companion 5.2 evaluation (Windows) (2 CDs)	US\$8.25
Personal Ancestral File 4.04.18 and 5.2.18, PAF Companion Evaluation or PAF User's Guide (English, Spanish, French, German, or Portuguese) downloaded from:	
<a href="http://www.FamilySearch.org">www.FamilySearch.org</a>	free

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<i>PastFinder</i> back issues if available, per issue	\$1 (order by mail or purchase at meetings)
Videos of classes	for titles and prices see: <a href="http://www.svcomputergenealogy.org">www.svcomputergenealogy.org</a>
<i>Family History Documentation Guidelines</i>	\$10 + postage (see <a href="http://www.svcomputergenealogy.org">www.svcomputergenealogy.org</a> for multi-copy orders)
Stuck-on Sources Post-It note pads	Available at meetings and on Web site
Flash Drives with SVCGG logo and loaded with 9000 Internet genealogy sites	Available at cost on Web site and at meetings