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Spiderwebs

GenealogyBank Adds SSDI

GenealogyBank provides historical and recent newspapers for family history research. The site has more than more than 82 million death records from 1937 to the present, and the thousands of newspapers and government documents can be cross-searched. GenealogyBank is a subscriptions site, but the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) will now be offered free of charge. For more information, go to: www.genealogybank.com

GenealogyFreelancers.com

Irbo Inc. operates a Web site, GenealogyFreelancers.com, that connects you to genealogists, researcher, translators and other genealogy specialists in the country of your ancestral roots. None of the specialists are connected with the company or Web site. The company has developed a method to screen those specialists that have a confirmed background in the field or who have educational experience in the field. Deborah Irwin, a professional genealogist herself and a founding member of Irbo Inc. says, "The professionals have worked diligently to gain a sound reputation by adhering to set principles and ethics and we respect 100% these standards. In turn we wanted to bring those who desire their family history the option of an affordable method in which to have this history investigated both domestically and around the world." To visit the site, go to: www.GenealogyFreelancers.com

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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.

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 program includes: 18 presentations with a special focus on England 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>

Illinois PGSA Conference

The Polish Genealogical Society of America will be hosting their 30th annual conference, *Honoring Our Ancestors* on September 19-20 at Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Guest speakers will include Jonathan

Shea, Orvill Paller, James Pula, Matthew Rutherford, Dris Rzepczynski and Beau Sharbrough. For more information, go to: www.pgsa.org.

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

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/~mtmsgs'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

Massachusetts Conference

The Friends of the National Archives-Pittsfield, MA will host a

Genealogy Conference, "Life in the Past Lane V," on September 20 at Williamstown, Massachusetts. Speakers include Jean Nudd, Gregory Pomicter, Horace Waters and Linda Blaser. Complete program details and registration forms can be found at: www.narafriends-pittsfield.org/calendar.htm

British Columbia Seminar

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society will hold a genealogy seminar and marketplace on September 26-28 at Kelowna, British Columbia. Nine speakers will provide 24 lectures on a variety of topics for beginners to the advanced genealogists. For more information, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bckdgs/>

Ontario, Canada Course

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering an overview course on the numerous records containing genealogical information at the Archives of Ontario. The class will be held on September 26 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The records to be discussed include land records, vital statistics and court records. For more information, go to: <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html>

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

West Virginia Genealogy Fair

The Berkeley County Historical Society will host a genealogy fair on September 27 at Martinsburg, West Virginia. The fair will provide researchers with the opportunity to exhibit family trees, photographs and stories of Berkeley County. Some of the area's historical preservation groups will be present to assist. Documents and photographs are being sought to refine family trees, land grant maps and local history. They can be scanned, copied or photographed and placed in the file of the BCVHS Archives and Research Center. "Unknown Photos" will also be available in hopes the public can help us identify them. For more information, go to: www.bchs.org/

Illinois Seminar

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on September 27 at Naperville, Illinois. Megan Smolenyak will discuss "Unraveling Genealogical Puzzles." For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm

Iowa Conference

The Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Conference will be held on October 2-4, 2008 at Des Moines, Iowa. Featured speakers include Meldon J. Wolfgang III and Galin Berrier. For more information, go to: www.iowagenealogy.org/events/activities/index.htm

Ontario, Canada Course

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering a course on research considerations for those with ancestors who immigrated to, or were residents of, the British Colonies that later became the United States on October 2 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The instructor will discuss common reasons for migration, migrant groups, and settlement patterns in the area, as well as information on research resources. For more information, go to: www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html

Kent, England Course

A one-day course on "Records of Death" will be held on October 4 at Chatham, Kent, England. The course will show students some of the various records they can use, how to locate them and interpret them and also how to use them as springboards for further research. They will also look at the possible repercussions of death and how to find out more about what happened to those left behind. For more information, go to: www.heritagefamilyhistory.co.uk/

Texas Seminar

The Victoria County Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on October 4 at Victoria, Texas. Christine Rose, a certified genealogist, a Fellow, American Society of Genealogists and a Certified Genealogical Lecturer, is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txvicto2/

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

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. Four courses will be taught by leading authorities: David Rencher,CG,AG,FUGA who will teach *Finding the Place of Origin for Your Irish Immigrant*, David McDonald,CG who will teach *Ecclesiastical Records in British Research*, Barbara Baker,AG who will teach *Scottish Research Basics* and Diane LoosleAG who will teach *Using Family Search to Find Your British Ancestors*. For more information, go to:
www.isbgfh.org.

Illinois African American Genealogy Conference

The Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago will hold their 26th annual conference on October 10-11 at Chicago, Illinois. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Deborah Abbott from Cleveland, Ohio, who will also provide two workshops on Saturday. She will be complimented by another nationally-acclaimed speaker, Reginald Washington, from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and other local lecturers. For more information, go to:
www.aaghsc.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 SVCGG 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

Kansas Conference

Kansas Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference on October 11 at Dodge City, Kansas. Arlene H. Eakle will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:
www.dodgecity.net/kgs/Upcoming.pdf

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

Kentucky Seminar

The Louisville Genealogical Society will host a Family History Seminar and Book Fair on October 11 at Louisville, Kentucky. The featured speaker is Michael John Neill. In addition there will be an Ancestor Road Show, Silent Auction and Vendor Hall. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~kylgs

California Family History Day

The Genealogical and Historical Council of Sacramento Valley and Roots Cellar Genealogical Society will host a Family History Day on October 11 at Sacramento, California. Activities will include talks throughout the

day by professional genealogy speakers, tours of the Archives, displays and information on genealogical and historical societies as well as libraries throughout the Sacramento Valley area. For more information, go to:

www.sos.ca.gov/archives/level3famhistday.html

Pennsylvania Resources

An overview of the Resources at the Archives Service Center, University of Pittsburgh will be presented on October 11 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Michael Dabrishus, Assistant University Librarian for Archives, Special Collections, and Preservation from the Archives Service Center will give the overview. For more information, go to: www.wpgs.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. He is an authority on military research and the owner of Heritage Books, Inc. He will be lecturing on Basic Military Research: Where to Begin; Pension Research: You Stopped Too Soon ; Treasury Records: Follow the Money; Publishing Your Genealogical Material: Getting the Ink on Paper. For more information, go to:
www.wsgs.org

Missouri Workshop

The Saint Louis Genealogical Society will host a workshop, *Finding Our German Ancestors*, on October 11 at Saint Louis, Missouri. For more information, go to: www.stlgs.org

Ontario Course

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering a course to help researchers examine their assumptions and rethink their analyses of problem situations in order to generate new research goals and tasks. The class, *Beyond the Basics*, will be held on October 15 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For more information, go to:

www.myfamilyhistory.org/course.s.htm

Michigan Polish Seminar

The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan will host a Polish research seminar on October 17-19 at Troy, Michigan. Lukasz Bielecki, creator of the Poznan Project, is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: pgsm.org

The Family History Society of Arizona will host a seminar on October 18 at Mesa, Arizona. *In Search of Annie Moore*, a video, will be the first of a two-part program. Annie Moore was the first passenger registered as coming through Ellis Island and the video traces her life after coming to America. The second part will feature Arizona's historian, Marshall Trimble. For more information, e-mail: gafaz@cox.net

California Seminar

The North San Diego Genealogical Society will host a one-day seminar on October 18 at Carlsbad, California. The featured speakers include: Wayne Anderson, "From Database to Book"; Phyllis Young, "Using a Short Run Publisher"; Larry Brooks, "Getting a Big Publisher's Attention"; Jan Mongoven, "Do-It-Yourself Publishing." For more information, go to:

www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/falls/amina.html

Alabama Seminar

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library will host a seminar on October 18 at Huntsville, Alabama. Megan Smolenyak will present *Genealogy for the 21st Century: DNA Research and Roots Television*. For more information, telephone: 256-532-5969.

California Seminar

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society will host an all-day seminar on October 18 at Chula Vista, California. Jean Wilcox Hibben will present *Discover Your Family History*. . . For more information, telephone: 619-425-7922 or e-mail Randy Seaver at rjseaver@cox.net

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

Ohio Palatine Seminar

The Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America has announced its Annual Fall Seminar on October 18 at Brookville, Ohio. The guest speakers include Carrie Eldridge, Donald Bowman, Gale Honeyman. For more information, go to: www.oh-palam.org

Texas Event

The Houston Genealogical Forum will host "Colonial Virginia" to be presented by Barbara Vines Little on October 18 at Houston, Texas. For more information, go to: www.hgftx.org

California Seminar

Ventura County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 18 at Ventura, California. The guest speaker, Henry "Hank" Jones, will discuss:

- When the Sources are wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine and Other emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to separate fact from fantasy in Genealogical research
- Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where we've been and where we're going.

For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~cavegs

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

Kansas Seminar

The Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 22 at Wichita, Kansas. Robert Winter Owl Vann will present *Did Granny Tell You Thre Was an*

Indian in Your Past? For more information or to register, telephone 316-264-3611 (Tuesday or Saturday mornings) or e-mail to mhgs1121@aol.com

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/.

California Event

The Corona Genealogical Society will host a "Stones, Bones and Ancient Tomes" Genealogy Event on October 25 at Corona, California. For more information, go to: www.coronagensoc.org

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

Pennsylvania Conference

The North Hills Genealogists will host a conference on October 25 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Speakers will include Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL of Springfield, Virginia and J. Mark Lowe, CG of Springfield, Tennessee. In addition to formal lectures, there will be small group discussions with the speakers. For more information, go to: www.northhillsgenealogists.org

Nevada Seminar

The Clark County Genealogical Society will host a genealogy seminar to be held on October

25 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The featured speaker will be Beau Sharborough 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

Personal Historians Conference

The Association of Personal Historians (APH) will hold a conference on October 29 – November 2 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Presentations will help prepare a personal history, organize piles of family records and photographs, or create a video interview. The keynote address, "Oral History: Use It or Lose It," will be presented by nationally respected family historian, author and speaker Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. For more information, go to: <http://personalhistorians.org/conference>

Arizona Seminar

The Northern Arizona Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 1 at Prescott, Arizona. Geoff Rasmussen will be the featured speaker. For more information go to: www.rootsweb.com/~aznags

Maryland Seminar

The Maryland Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 1 at Bowie, Maryland. "DNA and Family History - Exploring the 'Gene' in Genealogy." Will be presented by Thomas Shawker, Donn Devine, Robert McLaren and Alastair Greenshields. For more information, go to: www.mdgensoc.org

Washington Seminar

The Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society has announced its 2008 Seminar on November 1 at Puyallup, Washington. The featured speaker is Christopher Childs who will discuss researching in New England. For more information, e-mail Audrey Mills Roley, Seminar Chairman at laroley@rainierconnect.com

Maryland Seminar

The Maryland Genealogical Society will hold a fall seminar, "DNA and Family History - Exploring the 'Gene' in Genealogy,," on November 1 at Bowie, Maryland. Featured speakers include Thomas Shawker, Donn Devine, Robert McLaren and Alastair Greenshields. For more information, go to: www.mdgensoc.org.

Washington Seminar

The Seattle Genealogical Society will hold a fall seminar on November 1 at Seattle, Washington. Topics will cover

Native American, Swedish, Chinese and Irish roots. For more information, e-mail: sgsseminar@gmail.com

Utah Research Tour

The NEHGS will host a research tour of the genealogy facilities at Salt Lake City will be held on November 2-9 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Included in the program are NEHGS and Family History Library orientations, a computer lab, one-on-one research consultations, lectures, and group meals. The NEHGS tour staff members will be stationed on each floor of the Family History Library for scheduled personal research consultations. Participants can schedule consultations early in the program, and they are available for questions and concerns about research throughout the week. For more information, go to: www.newenglandancestors.org

Arizona Seminar

The Arizona State Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all day seminar on November 7-8 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/>.

Arkansas Seminar

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 7-8 at Little Rock, Arkansas. The featured speakers will be D. Joshua Taylor and Wendy Bebout Elliot. For more

information, go to: www.agsgenealogy.org

Texas Seminar

The 49th Annual Fall Seminar of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society will be held on November 8 at San Antonio, Texas. The featured speaker is Dick Eastman. For more information, go to: rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2

Illinois Workshop

The Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 8 at Round Lake Beach, Illinois. Tom Jones and David McDonald will present *Research Solutions: Methods and Localities*. For more information and registration form, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs

Florida Conference

The Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS) will hold its annual conference on 14-15 November 2008 at Maitland, Florida. The featured speakers include Jana Sloan Broglin, Ann Bergelt, Pamela J. Cooper, Amy Larner Giroux, George G. Morgan, Donna M. Moughty, Mary P. Parker, Drew Smith and C. Ann Staley. For more information, go to: www.flsgs.org

North Carolina Event

The North Carolina Genealogical Society will host "This Land was Their Land" by Rick Sayre, Monica Hopkins, Larry Cates and A. Bruce Pruitt on November 14-15 at Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information, go to: www.ncgenealogy.org

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

Ontario Course

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering an introductory course on the land granting process in Upper Canada, the main types of Crown Land Department records, and how to use the various related finding aids at the Archives of Ontario. The course will be held on October 15 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For more information, go to: www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html

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

California Seminar

The San Diego Genealogy Society will hold a seminar on January 10 at San Diego, California. featuring Lloyd Bockstruck will be the featured speaker. For more information go to: www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs

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

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.infoga.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/

Texas Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas will host a seminar on February 7 at Boerne, Texas. Dr. George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD, will speak on the Civil War, German Genealogical Research, and Genealogy in the Southeastern US. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/seminar.htm

2009 BYU Conference on Computerized Family History and Genealogy

The 2009 Brigham Young University Computerized Genealogy Conference will be held March 13-14 at the Conference Center in Provo, Utah. This is a major conference and will feature many speakers and topics. The speakers are not yet announced. For more information, go to:

<http://familyhistoryconferences.byu.edu>

Texas Event

The Houston Genealogical Forum will present "Ante Bellum Military Records" with Craig Scott as speaker on March 21 at Houston, Texas. For more information, go to: www.hgftx.org

New England Regional Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 22-26 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Featured speakers will include Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Tom Jones and Jim Hansen. For more information, go to:

www.nergc.org/

California Seminar

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 25 at Santa Rosa, California. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck will be the seminar speaker. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casgs/bockstruck.htm

Indiana Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will host a conference on April 25 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Pamela K. Boyer, C.G., C.G.L. will be the featured speaker. She

is Educations and Publications Director at the National Genealogical Society and has lectured at national genealogy conferences. Other speakers will be: Dr. Jack Early, Curt B. Witcher, Bennie J. McRae, Dr. Alan January, Kevin Flanagan, Dona Stokes-Lucas and Ronald L. Darrah. Topics will include military records, African American research, and Internet sources. For more information, go to:

www.indgensoc.org/conference.html

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will host a seminar on April 26 at Waltham, Massachusetts. Speakers are sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston and include: Michael LeClerc, speaking on *Online Resources for New England Research*. Josh Taylor will give two presentations on Essential Tools for Genealogists: *What to buy and How to buy it!* and *Genealogical Networking in Today's World*. Ann S. Lainhart will give two lectures on State Census Records and Massachusetts Institutional Records at the State Archives.

The program includes specialized topics such as *Researching Parish Records in Portugal* and *Recovering the Lost History of Annie Londonderry: An Idiosyncratic Search for the World's First Female Sports Star*. There are two lectures from New England History Festival founder John Horrigan including *Great American Fires of the 19th Century* and *Winters of the Revolution*. For more information, go to: mbrophy@brophygen.com

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 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
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www.FamilySearch.org	free

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