

# PastFinder Bulletin

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## SpiderWebs

### Deathswitch

A Web site called *Deathswitch* is offering a service where users can send e-mail messages to others after they die. The idea has practical applications. A person can send a list of important papers, valuable possessions, and other items to family members. He or she could send important passwords and safe combinations to fellow workers at the office. The e-mail could also be used to distribute memoirs or family history. Or, the e-mail could be an invitation to a funeral.

The service is free for a single e-mail. Most individuals will probably opt for the deluxe service which costs \$20 per year. There you get 30 e-mails with up to 10 recipients each. You need not worry about notifying the service about your death. They send you e-mails periodically, and if you do not respond, off go the e-mails. God help you if you lose the password to your computer and your recipients receive premature notification of your demise. For more information, go to: [www.deathswitch.com](http://www.deathswitch.com)

## Of Interest

### Mass Grave Discovered

A mass grave was discovered recently along the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad tracks at Duffy's Cut. The bodies buried there are presumed to be those of 57 emigrants from Donegal, Derry and nearby areas of Ireland. They sailed to America in 1832 to find a better life. Legend says that they died of cholera or were murdered by

locals who thought the group brought the disease with them to America.

The story and location of the grave were almost forgotten, but Dr. Frank Duffy, his brother William, and a team from Immaculate University began searching for the grave in 2002. This year, a skull and some bones were discovered at Duffy's Cut, the section of the railroad where the group of Irish immigrants had worked. Dr. Watson found the first skull and the dug up additional bones. They believe the skull belongs to John Ruddy, an eighteen-year-old laborer, who came with the immigrants. Brian Hegarty's uncle left with the group in 1832. His family received a letter from him soon after his arrival in America. That was the last that they heard from him. The researchers hope to identify his bones among those in the grave. DNA technology has advanced to the level where the researchers believe a positive identification can be made from samples of the remains and samples from relatives in Ireland. Once the bones are linked to the Irish immigrants and are identified, the researchers hope that the remains can be shipped back to Ireland where they can give a proper in consecrate ground.

### Northern Ireland Death Registration

This year, Northern Ireland amended the Civil Registration Bill 2008, allowing the General Register Office to modernize the delivery of their services. Clauses 13 and 22 of the bill allow Internet access to scanned images of the original register entries, starting with the earliest records in 1845. Recent records are excluded such as births in

the last one-hundred years, marriages in the last seventy-five years, and deaths in the last twenty-five years. The service is expected to be available the next two years.

## 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 Event

The CSG Annual Meeting will be held on May 16 at Berlin, Connecticut. The speaker is Irene Lambert, BS from Ryder University, Certified Graphoanalysis in 1985, Master Graphoanalysis certification in 1992 from International Graphoanalysis Society and recipient of the Graphoanalyst of the Year Award in 2005. She will discuss *Discovering the Personality Traits of Your Ancestors Through The Process of Graphoanalysis*. For more information, e-mail: [csginc@ctfamilyhistory.com](mailto:csginc@ctfamilyhistory.com)

### California Event

The Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego will host a meeting on May 16 at San Diego, California. The meeting begins with user groups for Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, and a Special Interest Group for DNA Genealogy. Randy Seaver will then present "Ancestry 101." He will explore the nooks and crannies of Ancestry.com, including rarely known features. For more information, go to: [www.cgssd.org](http://www.cgssd.org)

**Texas Event**

The Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. will present a free lecture, "Planning a Family Reunion" on May 17 at Plano, Texas. The speakers will be David and Paula Pitts. For more information, go to:

[www.genealogyfriends.org](http://www.genealogyfriends.org)

**Pennsylvania Seminar**

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research will host a seminar on May 16 at Erie, Pennsylvania. Hank Jones will present an all day program featuring the following subjects:

- When the Sources are Wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine Emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research
- How Psychic Roots became an "Unsolved Mystery!"

For more information, go to:

<http://erie.pa-roots.com/2009GeneConf.html>

**Washington Seminar**

The Seattle Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 16 at Seattle, Washington. The seminar will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD. Dr. Colletta is a national lecturer on genealogy from Washington, DC. The topics are: Breaking through brick walls, Lesser used federal records, (Homestead Files, Passport Applications, Civil War Income Tax, Appointments of Postmasters, to name a few); How to assemble a reliable family history; and How to write a readable family history. For more information, go to:

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/)

**Florida Lecture**

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West

Volusia County will host a lecture by Carolyn Carlisle on May 17 at DeLand, Florida. She will discuss French Canadian research.

There will also be a basic genealogy lesson. For more information, e-mail:

[jizzo3@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jizzo3@cfl.rr.com)

**London Family History Tour**

NEHGS will host The English Family History Tour to London on May 17-24 to London, England. The tour will be based at the Society of Genealogists (SoG), where researchers will be offered daily classes providing historical context and research methodology tips for working with the extensive record collection of the SoG. The library's holdings include more than 120,000 books and microforms featuring census indexes; family histories; biographies; service, professional, and trade directories; an apprenticeship index (1710-1774), school and university lists, will and marriage license indexes; runs of Burke's Peerage and Landed Gentry; a large number of manuscripts arranged by surname; and a miscellaneous card index of 3 million references. For more information, go to:

[www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org)

**Indiana Seminar**

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana will host a seminar on May 22-23 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The seminar is about the use of DNA testing in genealogical research problem solving. The featured speaker is Roberta Estes. This program consists of six sessions, including DNA and Genealogy-Introduction, Getting in Touch with Your Feminine Side-mtDNA, Twists and Turns in the Rocky Road-Case Studies, My Results

are Back-Now What?, Autosomal DNA Testing and You-What is It, What Does It Mean and How to Use It, and Making DNA Loveable - How to Take Your DNA Results and Turn Them Into an Heirloom Gift for Your Family. For more information, go to:

[www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/DNAWeb.pdf](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/DNAWeb.pdf)

**Ontario, Canada Conference**

The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will host the Provincial Conference on May 29-31 at Oakville, Ontario, Canada. There will be ten workshops plus the Houston Memorial Lecture on Friday, a plenary session and 20 lectures on Saturday, and 15 lectures on Sunday. The Houston Lecture will feature Mr. Kory L. Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG®, FUGA, Founding Director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. For more information, go to:

[www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.htm](http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.htm)

**Ohio Seminar**

The Kootenai County Genealogical Society and The Family History Store will host a seminar on May 30 at Hayden, Idaho. Colleen Fitzpatrick will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail:

[leory1@earthlink.net](mailto:leory1@earthlink.net)

**Indiana Workshop**

The Marion Public Library in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Howard County Genealogical Society, Indiana Genealogy Society and many others will present a one day workshop on May 30 at Marion, Indiana. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will present 5 sessions on Using DNA in Genealogy Research. For more information, go to:

[www.marion.lib.in.us/department/s/indianahistory/dna/dna\\_workshop.htm](http://www.marion.lib.in.us/department/s/indianahistory/dna/dna_workshop.htm)

### **Ontario Canada Summer Camp**

The Genealogy Summer Camp will be held on June 7-12 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The week-long program is for both out-of-town and local researchers with Ontario roots to the archives and libraries in Toronto. Each day, participants will travel as a group to a different repository, including the Archives of Ontario in its new location at York University, where they will receive tutorials on available records and spend time doing hands-on research under the guidance of local experts. For more information, go to: [www.torontofamilyhistory.org/su/mmer.html](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/su/mmer.html)

### **England Workshop**

The Canterbury Cathedral Archives Workshop will be held on June 13 at Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury, England. Wills offer a consistent line of evidence stretching back considerably further than parish registers, and may condense a family's relationships into a single document. But with their advantages come some difficult challenges: locating the records, tracking down associated documentation, translating the language, transcribing the handwriting, and understanding the formulas. Our experts will aim to impart the skills necessary to meet such challenges.

### **Ontario, Canada, Workshop**

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering a one-day workshop on June 13 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The workshop will highlight vital records (civil and church), census records and

probates (wills), showing how to extract and evaluate data. It will also touch on secondary sources, with examples of how to use online newspaper indexes as finding aids and newspaper accounts to flesh out other data. For more information, go to: [www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html)

### **Arizona Seminar**

The Arizona State Genealogical Society will hold a one day seminar on June 18 at Tucson, Arizona focusing on locating your immigrant ancestors and their documentation. For more information, go to: [www.azsgs.org](http://www.azsgs.org)

### **Kansas Conference**

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society will hold their 2009 Conference on June 20 at Wichita, Kansas. The featured speaker will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak. Her topics include: Trace Your Roots with DNA, Welcome to Roots Television, Reverse Genealogy, Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research. For more information, go to: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/>

### **New Jersey Event**

Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will host a lecture on June 22 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Richard F. Veit, Associate Professor in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University is the speaker. A historical archaeologist by training, his research interests include colonial and modern grave markers, early American material culture, and vernacular architecture. He is the author of Digging New Jersey's Past:

Historical Archaeology in the Garden State (Rutgers, 2002), and Mark Nonestied, Director of Exhibits=2 0 and Programs for East Jersey Old Town Village, a project of the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission. He will present, "Stranger Stop and Cast an Eye," an informative lecture on the last four hundred years of New Jersey Cemetery and Tombstone design. Historians Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied discuss the evolution of burial sites and grave markers from the seventeenth century to the dawn of the twenty-first century. Such topics as colonial gravestones, stone carvers, Victorian cemeteries, monuments, mausoleums, and ethnic and cultural burial are included. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/)

### **North Carolina Meeting**

The Gann Historical Society and Library will hold their Annual Meeting on June 25-27 at Charlotte, North Carolina. The program includes several local history presentations, including the Battle of King's Mountain. For more information, go to: [www.gannhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gannhistoricalsociety.org)

### **California Jamboree**

The 40th Annual Genealogy Jamboree, hosted by the Southern California Genealogical Society will be held on June 26-28 at Burbank, California. The event will focus on British Isles research. Feargal O'Donnell and David E. Rencher will be among the many lecturers for this event. For more information, go to: <http://scsgsgenealogy.com/>

### **California Event**

The Cornish American Heritage Society and the California Cornish Cousins have announced the 15th Gathering of

Cornish Cousins on July 21-26 at Grass Valley, California. Speakers will include Philip Payton, Valessa Beeman, Ros Paterson and others. For more information go to [www.cornishgathering.org](http://www.cornishgathering.org).

### Newfoundland Research Tour

NEHGS is sponsoring a research tour of Newfoundland on July 12-17 at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Participants will join expert genealogists at St. John's premier facilities, including the Provincial Archives – "The Rooms," the Maritime History Archive at Memorial University, the Registry of Deeds, and A.C. Hunter Library. Together these repositories hold vital records, church records, all census records, voter lists, probate, and land grants the Keith Matthews collection (a list of all people who worked in fishery from 16th century to 1850), ship lists, crew lists, logbooks, Irish and English parish records. For more information, go to: [www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org)

### Texas Conference

Angelina College will host their 13th Annual Genealogy Conference on July 16-18 at Lufkin, Texas. The speakers include Melvin C. Johnson, Trevia Wooster Beverly, Philip Burnett Adderley, Kelvin Meyers, Marynell Anderson Bryant, Emily Croom, Charlie Gardes, Pat Gordon, Donald Raney, and John A. Sellers. For more information, go to: [www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm](http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm)

### Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will hold an annual seminar and meeting on July 18 at Waltham, Massachusetts. The featured speaker will be Paula Stuart-Warren, a national

known genealogy and historical researcher. Ms. Warren is a course coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and has lectured at the NGS and FGS conferences since 1993. Paula's topics for the day will include:

- Using the Resources of the Family History Library
- What Next? Developing Step-by-Step Research Plans
- Why Do I Descend from THESE Families?
- American Indian Research (Panel Discussion)
- Becoming a Professional Genealogist (Panel Discussion)

Highlights of the seminar will include updates on legislation affecting genealogists' access to records on a national and state level. Other topics will include DNA and genealogy, Irish Research, Internet research, and using the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. For more information, go to: [mbrophy@brophygen.com](mailto:mbrophy@brophygen.com)

### Ontario, Canada, Event

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and La Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais will host the first Semaine de généalogie Genealogy Week on July 19-24 at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Researchers will travel with the group to resource centers to participate in tutorials and lectures on specialized topics. The rest of the day will be devoted to your research. Evenings may be used for further research or allow you to enjoy the Ottawa/Gatineau sights. Registration is limited. For more information, go to: <http://ogsottawa.on.ca/genealogyweek.php>

### Oklahoma Seminar

The Cleveland County Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on July 26 at Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. George K.

Schweitzer will speak on the topics, "Research in Virginia" and "Research in Burned Counties." For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okccogs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okccogs/)

### Pennsylvania Jewish Genealogy Conference

The 29th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held on August 2-7 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. French priest, author, and humanitarian, Father Patrick Desbois, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, go to: [www.philly2009.org](http://www.philly2009.org)

### Virginia Seminar

Wholly Genes, Inc. is sponsoring a Genealogy Conference and Land Cruise on August 26-30, Prompted by economic conditions, the company has dropped its annual conference on a cruise ship and is hosting this year's event at an historic hotel in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Its proximity to Washington D.C. offers the opportunity to follow up the preparatory lectures with an all-day research trip to research repositories of the nation's capital. This year's speaker list includes:

- John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. - a popular speaker, prolific author, and expert on research at the Library of Congress, among many other topics.
- Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL - a full-time researcher for 30 years, an expert on the National Archives, military records, and other topics.
- Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG - the Director of the National Institute on Genealogical Research, author, and an expert on research at the DAR Library

and National Archives, among other topics.

- Craig Roberts Scott, CG - publisher, professional researcher for more than 23 years, and an expert on a wide variety of record types and resources, including colonial, Civil War, federal records, migration, military, Quaker, and government publications

For more information, go to:

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

### England Conference

A family history conference will be held on August 28 at the East Midlands Conference Center, Nottingham, England. Speakers will cover a broad spectrum of subjects of interest to family, local and social historians, the conference will include something for everyone, from the novice to the advanced: family historians, local historians, community history groups, one-name and one-place researchers. Speakers are representing The Galleries of Justice, King's College London, The Library & Museum of Freemasonry, The Media Archive for Central England, National Maritime Museum, The Royal Observatory, National Monuments Record, Parliamentary Archives, Royal Geographical Society, The National Archives, Society of Genealogists and The Women's Library. Other top speakers from the family history world include Paul Blake, Else Churchill, John Hanson, Sharon Hintze, Maggie Loughran, Derek Palgrave, Geoff Riggs, Mary Teviot and Alec Tritton. For more information, go to: [www.openthedoor.org.uk](http://www.openthedoor.org.uk)

### 2009 FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference on September 2-5 in

Little Rock, Arkansas. There will be more than 160 lectures, workshops, and other learning opportunities presented by speakers from all over the U.S. For more information, go to:

[www.fgs.org/](http://www.fgs.org/)

### Germans from Russia Heritage Society 39th International Convention

The 39th Annual Convention of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) will be held September 9-13 at Rapid City, South Dakota. It will include workshops on genealogy, customs, history, cultural cooking and programs on using today's technology to bring your heritage to life. For more information, go to: [www.grhs.org](http://www.grhs.org)

### Illinois Polish Conference

The Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA) will hold their annual fall conference on September 18-19 at Schaumburg, Illinois. Speakers include: Don Litzer, former librarian of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN  
Kahlile Mehr, manager of the Slavic/Germanic Collection at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City  
Dr. Michael J. Mikos, professor of foreign languages and linguistics at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee  
Cynthia Piech, Board Member and Treasurer of the PGSA  
Craig Pfannkuhe, president of Memory Trail Research, Inc. and genealogical archivist at the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society  
Julianna Smith, editor of Ancestry.com newsletters, author of genealogy books and magazine articles  
Loretto Szucs, author of genealogy books and executive director and vice president of

community relations at Ancestry magazine.

For more information, go to:

[www.pgasa.org](http://www.pgasa.org)

### Massachusetts Conference

The Friends of the National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, Pittsfield, MA, will hold a full-day genealogy conference on September 19 at Williamstown, Massachusetts. For more information go to:

[www.narafriends-pittsfield.org](http://www.narafriends-pittsfield.org)

### Scotland Research Tour

NEHGS will conduct a research tour to Edinburgh on September 20-27. This weeklong intensive research program will be based out of Scotland's two premier genealogical repositories, The National Archives of Scotland (NAS) and the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS). Together these neighboring repositories house the major collections of government and vital records for more than 700 years of Scottish ancestry. The main holdings of NAS include records created by the government of Scotland beginning in the twelfth century, including records of the crown, parliament, legal registers, courts documents, and records of the Church of Scotland. Vital records including birth, marriage, and death from 1855 and parish registers from 1553 to 1854 are maintained by the GROS. For more information, go to:

[www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org)

### Missouri Conference

The Ozarks Genealogical Society will host a conference on September 25 at Springfield, Missouri. The speaker for this year's conference is Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG. Dr. Jones is joint editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, former trustee and a

past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and recipient of its 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit. Recently retired from a career in higher education, Dr. Jones works full time as a genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. For more information, go to: <http://ozarks.org>

### Montana Conference

The Montana State Genealogical Society will host a conference on September 25-26 at Helena, Montana. Jana Sloan Broglin will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail: [blgsmarket@aol.com](mailto:blgsmarket@aol.com)

### Illinois Conference

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will present an all-day conference on September 26 at Naperville, Illinois. Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck is the featured speaker and he will discuss "Colonial Connections." For more information, go to: [www.ilfvgs.org](http://www.ilfvgs.org)

### Florida Seminar

The Florida Genealogical Society (Tampa) will hold the annual Fall Seminar on September 26 at Tampa, Florida. Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, will present four excellent lectures:

- \* The Elusive Ancestor: There's No Such Thing as "Too Poor to Trace"
  - \* Sources & Citations Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA
  - \* The Identity Crisis: Right Name, Wrong Man? Wrong Name, Right Man?
  - \* Okay, I Got the Neighbors – Now What Do I Do with Them?
- In addition, an informal luncheon workshop about getting started with your genealogy will be

presented. For more information, go to: [fgstampa.org](http://fgstampa.org)

### Maine Conference

The Maine Genealogical Society will hold an annual conference on September 26 at Bangor, Maine. Featured national speakers include Marcia Melnyk and Joe Anderson. Workshop topics include: Deed Research, Taking an Oral History, Franco-American Research with Quebec Records, Immigrant Experience - Sailing to America, Maine's Early Churches, New Trends in Internet Research, Immigrant Research Strategies, Forms, Forms and More Forms, Breaking Through Brick Walls, Native American Genealogy in the Northeast and The Great Irish Potato Famine. For more information, go to: [www.maineroots.org](http://www.maineroots.org)

### New Jersey Event

The Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will host a lecture by Tom Riley, author of "Orphan Train Riders: A Brief History of the Orphan Train Era (1854-1929)" on September 28 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. His program will be Orphan Train Riders. From life in the ghettos of New York to the Children's Aid Society and the era of the Orphan Trains, Mr. Riley will take us on a journey through efforts to help children who were often found wandering the streets of New York. "The Orphan Train Era" In America during a seventy five year period (1854-1929) over 400,000 homeless children were relocated by means of what were known as "orphan trains." Placing children to live with people other than their parents has gone on from the beginning of time. Known by various names, placing-out has come to be known as "foster care" today. For more information, go to:

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/)

### Utah British Institute

The 9th Annual British Institute, sponsored by International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will be held on October 5-9 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For details, go to: [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org)

### Ohio Conference

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society will hold their International Genealogical/Cultural Conference on October 14-17 at Independence, Ohio. Thirty-eight presentations will be given during the 3 days by 21 speakers. The keynote address will be given by John J. Grabowski, PhD. from Case Western University and the Western Reserve Historical Society. Two of the speakers are from the Czech Republic and one is from Slovakia. For more information, go to: [www.cgsl.org](http://www.cgsl.org)

### Michigan Seminar

***This event has been cancelled because of insufficient funds.***

The Michigan Genealogical Council will host a seminar on October 15-17 at Midland Michigan. [faeae@chartermi.net](mailto:faeae@chartermi.net)

### Louisiana Seminar

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library, (a branch of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library), Libraries Southwest, the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc, and Friends of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library will host a seminar on October 16 at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The featured speaker will be Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph. D. Her topics for the seminar are Communities of Kinship: A

New Theory for Genealogy; The Reality of Researching Your Indian Ancestors; Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups; and History Lost – History Found. For more information, e-mail: [gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us](mailto:gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us)

### California Workshop

The Monterey County Genealogy Society will host a workshop featuring featuring Karen Clifford on October 17 at Monterey, California. Space is limited. For more information, go to: [www.mococgenso.org](http://www.mococgenso.org)

### Indiana Summit

The International Black Genealogy Summit "Reconnecting Lost Links" will be held on October 29 – 31 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, go to: [www.blackgenealogysummit.com/](http://www.blackgenealogysummit.com/)

### Michigan Seminar

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on November 7 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The speakers will be The Genealogy Guys - George G Morgan and Drew Smith who will each teach 3 topics followed by a joint session with George and Drew where they will records one of their famous Podcasts. For more information, go to: [gotancestors.com](http://gotancestors.com)

### New Jersey Event

The Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will present a lecture by Dwight de Stefan on November 23 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Dwight de Stefan, a practicing attorney and former mayor of River Vale, NJ, is the author, of "Emerson: From Basilicata to Etna," a history of the remote Italian province of Basilicata and cultural examinations of its

people who settled in the tiny hamlet of Etna, now Emerson, in the 1890s. His program, "Political and Cultural Events Causing Italian Immigration to USA from the Kingdom of Naples, 1790-1890," presents an overview of the modern history of the Kingdom of Naples from 1790 to 1890, focusing on the social conditions and political events that caused the massive emigration starting in 1890. For more information, go to: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/)

## 2010 Events

### 2010 NGS Family History Conference

The U.S. National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on April 29–May 1 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Ohio Genealogical Society 2010 Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on April 22-24, 2010 at the Seagate Convention Center at Toledo, Ohio.

### Ontario Canada Conference

The Ontario Genealogical Society will hold the 2010 conference on ,May 14-16 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Watch [www.torontofamilyhistory.org/conference2010/index.html](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/conference2010/index.html) for details when they are released.

### FGS 2010 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 Annual Conference: *Rediscovering America's First Frontier* will be held on August 18-21, 2010, at the Knoxville Convention Center at Knoxville, Tennessee.

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

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