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Spiderwebs

British Phone Books

Ancestry.co.uk and BT Archives BT are now placing 104 years of British phone books (1880-1984) available online. When complete, the collection of the British phone books will contain more than 250 million names. The first books to go online are for Greater London which includes the counties of Surrey, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent and Middlesex. These books include more than 72 million names from 430 telephone books. The phone books can be searched by name, year, and county. With this information, researchers can track a family or individual from one residence to another and fill in gaps in a family history. BT Archives is a part of the British telephone company and has the charter to preserve all of the phone books published by the company. To use the database, one must be a paid subscriber to Ancestry.co.uk. For more information, go to: www.ancestry.co.uk

Linkpendium Milestone

Linkpendium, a Web site with links to genealogy Web sites sorted by category, has reached a milestone with five million links. This makes Linkpendium the largest source of genealogy URLs. The links include:

- 5,032,855 total links
- 4,492,238 links worldwide sorted by surname
- 540,617 links sorted by U.S. states and counties

To visit the site, go to:

www.linkpendium.com

Woodland Cemetery at Dayton Ohio

Woodland Cemetery at Dayton, Ohio has a nice card catalog, but to use it, one had to travel to Ohio and visit the cemetery office. Now the index is online. When you find a person in the index, you will get the person's name, date of death and burial, and occasionally details such as the type of vault used.

The index contains 104,000 names placed on the Web site by collaboration of the Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, the Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the University of Dayton. The online database includes: given name, surname, burial location (section, lot, and tier), burial date, death date, age, birth place, and funeral home. An online search engine can search for a name.

The online database for Woodland Cemetery can be found at:

www.woodlandcemetery.org

Find a Family History Center

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) has built the largest genealogy library in the world. They also operate more than 3,500 Family History Centers around the world. These centers are staffed by volunteers who have an interest in family history. Each library can get almost any roll of microfilm or microfiche from the millions that have been filmed by filming crews who travel around the world and film records of genealogical interest.

The Family History Centers are open to the public. In fact, many of the volunteers who staff the centers have no affiliation with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To learn the

location of the center nearest to you, go to:

www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp Call to verify the hours they are open before going there, because hours can change based on the availability of volunteers and other factors. •

Stranger Than Fiction

Cemeteries Out to Pasture

Summer is a good time for family historians to wander through the old cemeteries, recording the monumental inscriptions on the grave markers where their ancestors are buried. In England and many other places, these family historians are finding destruction of the grave markers and other signs of vandals. In this case, the culprits are not teenagers out for a macabre adventure. The culprits at these cemeteries strike during daylight, toppling grave markers and leaving telltale cow pies and hoof prints. They are the cows and sheep brought in by neighboring farmers for a free lunch.

The foul-smelling churchyards have become repulsive to many of the family historians looking for grave sites. One has to carefully step around the mess left by the animals, and occasionally clean off droppings from a fallen marker. The animals are not malicious in their intent, but the weathered slate stone is not strong, and are occasionally broken by cows and sheep as they squeeze past the stones to get to greener pasture. Grazing on cemetery land has been common since ancient times in England. The practice has spread to the United States and many other countries which have the grazing animals conveniently available. The

farmers claim that the animals are much more efficient than the modern mowers used to keep the grass and weeds under control and they cost considerably less. An additional benefit is the environmentally-friendly fertilizer that the animals leave behind.

Many of the visitors are horrified when they see the sad state of the grave sites and the mess left by the animals. Even worse is the feeling of disrespect for the dead that is left with the visitors. In Aurora, Oregon, a small cemetery is the final resting place of Wilhelm Keil the founder of the German Colonies at Bethal, Missouri and Aurora, Oregon. The members of these colonies lived their communal life in harmony with each other. The cemetery was in a sad state a few years ago with toppled and broken tombstones, caused mostly by goats and cows. The cemetery was restored several years ago, because two Keil relatives donated several thousand dollars for the work. There is now an electric fence around the perimeter, and a wrought iron fence is being made.

There are people who care about their ancestors, and only a few people can make a difference. •

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.

Florida Lecture

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County will host a lecture on October 15 at DeLand, Florida. The speaker,

Ari S. Morse, will discuss "Probate Research." For More Information, e-mail: swilliamson1@cfl.rr.com

Wyoming Jamboree

The Cheyenne Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree will be held on October 20-21 at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The event will feature more than 40 speakers and 25 vendors. For More Information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com/jamboree/jamboreeCW.htm

Connecticut Seminar

The Connecticut Society of Genealogist will host a seminar on October 21 at Cromwell, Connecticut. The featured speakers are Daniel Lynch, Helen Ullmann, and Stephen Morse who will discuss: Advanced Genealogical Searching Tips in your Computer, Writing Your Family History in Register Style, Precise, Concise and Flexible & White, Blue Gray! What color Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use, and Playing Hide & Seek in the 1910 to 1930 Census. For more information, go to: www.csginc.org/csg_view_event.php?event=27

Arizona Seminar

The Family History Society of Arizona will host a Seminar on October 21 at Scottsdale, Arizona. The featured speaker will be Chuck Knuthson, who will discuss Researching Indexes, Federal Non-Population Census Schedules, Federal Land Records, and U. S. GenWeb Project. For more information, go to: www.fhsa.org

Delaware Genealogy Fest

The Delaware Genealogical Society and the Historical Society of Delaware will hold the Mid-Atlantic Genealogy Fest will

be held on October 21 at Wilmington, Delaware. For more information, go to: www.delgensoc.org

New Mexico Workshop

The Wilson-Cobb History & Genealogy Research Library will hold a workshop on October 21 at Roswell, New Mexico. Bill Utterback will speak on "Land-Worth Workin' For, Worth Fightin' For, Worth Dyin' For." For more information, go to: www.fgs.wilsobbdn.org

Washington Family Heritage Fair

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will host a Family Heritage Fair on October 21 at Burlington, Washington. The event will have book sales, free genealogical assistance, lectures and exhibits. For more information, e-mail Hazel Raser at: h.rasar@verizon.net

England Workshop

The Oxfordshire Family History Society Open Day 2006 will feature a demonstration and workshop on the scanning of old photographs; an assortment of visiting societies, dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers on October 21 at Oxford, United Kingdom. Attendees can also see the society's library and search services; a beginners' helpdesk, computing demonstrations with advice on which genealogical software package to choose, and how to use the Internet in family history research. For more information, go to: www.ofhs.org.uk

California Seminar

The Ventura County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 21 at Ventura, California. Alan Mann

will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~cavcgs

Washington Conference

The Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on October 21 at Seattle, Washington. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~waseags

Nevada Genealogy Summit

The West Coast Genealogy Summit is sponsored by the Nevada African American Genealogy Society and will present a program called *Discovering Your Roots and Branches* on October 20-21 at Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, e-mail:
isellvegas@yahoo.com

Utah Research Academy

The National Institute of Genealogical Studies will host a research academy on October 22-28 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to:
www.genealogicalstudies.com

Polish Genealogy Workshops

The Chester C. Corbin Public Library will celebrate Polish American Heritage Month with a free genealogy workshop on October 26 at Webster, Massachusetts. Webster is home to New England's first Polish Roman Catholic parish. For more information, e-mail:
lamend@cwars.org

2006 Afro-American Genealogy Conference

The Annual Conference of the Afro- American Historical and Genealogical Society will be held on 26-29 October 2006 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference includes pre-conference tours, genealogy workshops for various

levels of researchers and a featured Sunday morning opportunity to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple. For more information, go to:
www.aahgs.org/conference.htm

Texas Conference

The Texas State Genealogical Society and the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society will host their annual conference on October 27-28 at Fort Worth, Texas. Featured Speakers include J. Mark Lowe and Pamela Boyer Porter. For additional information, go to:
www.tsgs.org

New York Seminar

The Dutchess County Genealogical Society will host a Seminar on October 28 at Hyde Park, New York. Megan Smolyniak Smolenyak, Christine Crawford-Oppenheim and Linda Koehler will be the speakers at the event. For more information, go to: www.dccgs-gen.org.

California Conference

The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a Fall Seminar on October 28 at San Mateo, California. There will be 6 class periods with a choice of one of two topics each period. Topics will include Census and Land Records, four talks on Migration to the US and then across the Continent. Six states, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Louisiana, Missouri and California will be covered. For more information, email:
millieclough@sbcglobal.net

Indiana Workshop

The Elkhart County Genealogical Society and the Elkhart County Historical Society will hold their fall workshop on

October 28 at Bristol Indiana. The speaker will be Amy Johnson Crow, CG, a nationally-known genealogical lecturer and author. For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~inelkhar/ecgs.htm

Ohio Conference

The Athens District Chapters of OGS will host a genealogy conference on Oct 28, 2006 at Rio Grande, Ohio. The speakers include Carrie Idrige, Ellen L. Brasel, and Henry R Burke. For information, e-mail:
Lawcoloreman@aol.com

Kansas Workshop

The Johnson County Genealogical Society will host a workshop on October 28 at Shawnee, Kansas. The topics will be *Probate and Court Records; Migration Patterns in the United States; and When the Going Gets Tough and England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales Research* presented by Gordon and Carolyn Casper. For more information, go to:
www.johnsoncountykansasgenealogy.org

Toronto Canada Conference

A one-day conference devoted to English Genealogy will be held on October 29 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The speakers include Dr. Christopher Watts, FSG, author and lecturer from the UK, and speakers from the Toronto area. The program includes three sets of two concurrent sessions, an exhibitors' marketplace, and a brief annual meeting for Region V of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The seminar will be held at the newly renovated Toronto Botanical Garden. For more information, go to:

www.torontofamilyhistory.org/regionv.html

Utah Conference

ICAPGen and the BYU Center for Family History will host a conference on November 3 and 4 at Provo, Utah. Each class has been chosen to provide advanced training for the genealogical researcher. The topics include important techniques for research and writing, the culture of your ancestors from Germany, Scandinavia, Spain, and England. Each class instructor is an expert in his or her field. The keynote speaker will be David Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, who will speak on "Shifting Technologies Create a Shifting Profession." For more information, go to: www.icapgen.org/Programs/conference.htm

North Carolina Workshop

The North Carolina Genealogical Society will host a workshop on November 3-4 at Raleigh, North Carolina. The featured speakers are Helen F.M. Leary, J. Mark Lowe, and Ann Basnight who will discuss the following:
 "My Taxes Were Due When? (Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books)" - Lowe
 "Spotlight on the Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us and How to Ask" - Leary
 "Backtracking – From Present Residence to Former Address" - Leary
 "Wonder What's Over the Mountain" - Lowe
 Lectures scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4:
 "Colonial Court Day a Social Event" - Basnight
 "Nobody's Daughter: A Case Study in Proving the Parentage of a Mysterious Married Woman" - Leary
 "Following a Case Through Court" - Lowe

For more information, go to: www.ncgenealogy.org

West Virginia Conference

The Virginia Genealogical Society, the Greenbrier Historical Society, the Mining Your History Foundation and the West Virginia Archives will hold a conference on November 3-4 at Lewisburg, West Virginia. David R. Perkins, Ed. D., will speak on "How West Virginia Was Formed." Dorothy Boyd-Brag, Ph.D., will speak on "In the Beginning, Augusta was Everything." For more information, e-mail: mail@vgs.org

Utah Seminar

A Family History Seminar will be held on November 3-4 at Midway, Utah. Susan Easton Black (Professor of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University), and Kip Sperry (Professor of Family History, Brigham Young University) will be the speakers. The topics include writing biographies and personal histories, organizing your family history collections, making the most of your resources, establishing family history databases, using the computer to locate family history resources, using the computer to locate original records, what's new on the Internet for family history, and successful online research. For more information, go to: <http://home.byu.net/ks4>

Illinois Workshop

The Lake County Genealogical Society will host a workshop titled. "Records from Far and Near," on November 4 at Grayslake, Illinois. The featured speakers are: Claire Mire Bettag, Dan Niemiec and Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs

Texas Seminar

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society will host a seminar on November 4 at San Antonio, Texas. Hank Z. Jones will speak on the topics: 1) When the Sources are Wrong, 2) Tracing the Origins of Early 17th Century Palatine & Other Immigrants, 3) Family Traditions, How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research, 4) Genealogy in the New Millennium, Where We've Been & Where we are going. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2

Genealogy Conference and Cruise

Wholly Genes Software will sponsor a second genealogy cruise which will depart from Los Angeles on November 11 for seven days with stops along the Mexican Riviera at Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. The cruise last year attracted 450 genealogists and their guests and sold out in about two weeks. This year there is a larger cruise ship and more speakers. The speakers include:

- Robert Charles Anderson of the Great Migration Study Project
- Tony Burroughs, popular author, teacher, and lecturer
- Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
- Hank Jones, actor, author, professional genealogist, and popular speaker
- Marsha Hoffman Rising, President of the American Society of Genealogists
- Megan Smolenyak, genealogist, author and consultant
- Dick Pence, computer genealogy pioneer
- Bob Velke, President of Wholly Genes Software

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- Dorothy Turner, of Wholly Genes Software
- Barbara Grempler, of Archive CD Books USA

For more information, go to: www.whollygenes.com/cruise.htm

Oregon Seminar

Genealogy Forum of Oregon will host a seminar on Nov 11 at Portland, Oregon. Christine Rose will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.gfo.org/special.htm

Israel Seminar

The Israel Genealogical Society will host a seminar on Jewish Genealogy on November 20 at Beit Wolyn, Givatayim, Israel. Lectures discuss the Jewish military experience in Turkey, Eretz Israel, Algeria, Europe [using resources at Yad Vashem], and the Red Army to Britain and the United States. Lectures will be given in Hebrew and in English. For more information, go to: www.isragen.org.il/NROS/YY2006/index.html

Genealogy Cruise to Mexican Riviera

The WC-PAF Users Group is sponsoring a genealogy cruise on December 1-8 which will leave from San Diego, California and visit the Mexican Riviera. For more information, go to: www.cgslink.com

Salt Lake Christmas Tour

Leland K. Meitzler and Donna Potter Phillips will lead a tour of research and study facilities in Salt Lake City, Utah on December 3-9. Nearly a dozen professional genealogists will work side-by-side with participants to help with the toughest genealogical problems. For more information, go to: www.genealogy-tours.com

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Arizona Seminar

The West Valley Genealogical Society will host a genealogy seminar on January 10 at Sun City, Arizona. Rich Hooverson is the featured speaker and will speak on "Tricks of the Trade: Tried & True Research Techniques", "Life in the Past Lane: Everyday Life of Yesteryear" and "Unlocking Writers Block: Creativity and Technology". For more information, e-mail: sallypavia2001@yahoo.com

Arizona Seminar

The Lake Havasu Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on January 27 at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Shirley Hodges is the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail: gloharr@rraz.net

Florida Seminar

The Pinellas Genealogy Society will host a Seminar on January 27 at Largo, Florida. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs

Utah Jamboree

My Ancestors Found and Volunteers from the Washington County PAF User's Group will hold the Saint George

Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree on February 9-10 at Saint George, Utah. The event will feature more than 100 classes and more than 60 vendors and exhibitors and many drawings and prizes. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com/jamboree/jamboreeSG.htm

Arizona Lecture

The West Valley Genealogical Society will host a lecture on February 10 at Sun City, Arizona. Rich Hooverson will discuss "Tricks of the Trade: Tried and True Research Techniques"; "Life in the Past Lane: Everyday Life of Yesteryear"; and "Unlocking Writers Block: Creativity and Technology." For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~azwvgs/ln dex.htm

Virginia Conference and Expo

The Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will host a conference and genealogy Expo on March 18 in the Virginia suburbs of Washington DC. The speakers include Jana Broglin CG, Linda Jonas, Charles Mason, Jr. CG, George Morgan, and Laura G. Prescott. They will present twenty lectures on Colonial Research, the National Archives, Lives and Times, Mapping the Land, and the Civil War. For more information, go to: www.fxgs.org

Ohio Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will hold their 2007 conference in April 12-14, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, go to: www.ogs.org/events/index.php

Wisconsin Gene-a-Rama

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will host Gene-a-Rama on April 13-14 at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The featured speakers will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak and George Findlen, CGSM. For more information, go to: www.wsgs.org

Washington Conference

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) will hold their annual meeting/conference on April 13-14 at Wenatchee, Washington. The featured speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack who will discuss "Climbing Your Family Tree." For more information contact R.J. Berkley at r.berkley@verizon.net.

Wisconsin Workshop

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on April 21, 2007 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The featured speaker is Cyndi Howells. For more information, go to: www.milwaukeegenealogy.org

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 26-29, 2007 at the Connecticut Convention Center and adjoining Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut. The conference will have many speakers and a large attendance is expected.

California Seminar

John Colletta will be the featured speaker at an all day seminar on 28 April at Santa Rosa, California. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/colletta.htm

British Columbia, Canada Seminar

The Abbotsford Genealogical Society will hold a seminar of April 28 at Abbotsford, British Columbia. For more information, go to: www.abbygs.ca

Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will host a conference on April 28 at Topeka, Kansas. The speaker will be Russell P. Baker, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, and author from Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, e-mail: npattontaylor@topekachamber.org

Indiana Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will host a conference on April 28 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, go to: www.indgensoc.org/conference.html

England Conference

A Taste of Family History is a conference suitable for beginners to be held on May 4 at London, England. Topics will include births, marriages and deaths; church records; newspapers and directories; useful websites; and census records. For more information, go to: www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf

England Family History Show

The Family History Show will be held on May 5 at London, England. This event is the UK's largest family history show. It includes a free beginners' lecture; an advice centre; computer software demonstrations; and many exhibitors. For more information, go to:

www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf

NGS 2007 Conference

NGS will hold their 29th Conference in Richmond Virginia on May 16-19. For more information, go to www.ngsgenealogy.org

The National Orphan Train Celebration

The National Orphan Train Celebration will be held on June 8 – 9 at Concordia, Kansas. For more information, e-mail: othsa@msn.com.

California Jamboree

The Southern California Genealogy Jamboree and Resource Expo will be held June 8-10 at Burbank, California. For more information, go to: www.scsgsgenealogy.com

Pennsylvania Conference

the Erie Society for Genealogical Research and the Erie County Public Library will hold a conference on June 9 at Erie, Pennsylvania. James Beidler will discuss "Beginning Search for Pennsylvania Roots," "My List of Top Tens," and "Secondary Uses for Primary Sources." Richard Eastman will discuss "Grandpa in Your Pocket" and "Internet: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly." Stephen P. Morse will discuss "Playing Hide and Seek in the 1910-1930 Censuses" and "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools." For more information, go to: www.pa-roots.com/~erie/2007GeneConf.html

APG 2007 Conference

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will hold their annual conference on

August 15 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FGS 2007 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Allen County Public Library will hold their annual FGS/ACPL conference, *Meeting at the Crossroads of*

America: A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists," on August 15-18, 2007 at the newly expanded Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Maryland Seminar

The Maryland Genealogical Society will host a seminar on

September 23-24 at Columbia, Maryland. Paul Blake & Maggie Loughran, British genealogists will present lectures and hands-on workshops covering the topic, "British Isles - Finding Your Overseas Roots." For more information, go to: www.mdgensoc.org

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