

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th - 10:30 a.m.
Computers and Genealogy

Robert O Pulse

A generalized view of how the computer can aid in Genealogy. Not an in-depth analysis, but designed to give a brief overview, and lead into some of the subjects to be covered in detail in later sessions this year. Topics covered: Why track genealogy on a computer - Choosing genealogy software - GEDCOM - Computer Specifications - Computer options - Computer Operational concerns - To Publish or not - Photo touchup - Project management software - The updates to the WEB site

FEBRUARY 17th

Preserving the Union

Chris Kite

Chris will show examples of some of his family research which includes scanned images and much info on the Civil War.

MARCH 17th

How to Use Your Scanner for Genealogy

Steve Olson

Steve will show us how to use a scanner and what benefits we can apply to our genealogical endeavors.

APRIL 21st

What's New in 2001/CD-ROM Book

Ed Rosenthal

One of our best attended seminars. Our CAGG-NI President will update us on what the latest technological developments are in the computer industry.

MAY 19th

Software Shoot-out

Member Panel

Several of our members will demonstrate how different genealogy software packages handle the same data and tasks. Each presenter will use the same data and show how their software handles different genealogy situations. Some of the programs featured will be Family Treemaker, The Master Genealogist and PAF.

JUNE 16th

B.Y.U. Molecular Genealogy

Chris Kite

If there ever was a program designed for this millennium, this must be it! Learn how a small blood sample from you (DNA) and info on your four immediate generations can be used to trace where your ancestors are from. The speakers from B.Y.U. will explain this phenomenon and we will be providing an opportunity for you to participate in the program if you wish. A workshop will follow the session. It will consist of separate genealogy software groups for assistance, demonstration, etc. for the software you use or would like to see. For more info contact: <http://www.molecular-genealogy.byu.edu>

JULY 21st

Social Security - Not Just for Seniors

Larry Olson

There are several sites on the internet where you can look up your ancestors on the SSDI, but each of these sites provide different information and require different criteria for searching. Larry will explain these sites in detail and share with us some of the information that may be obtained.

AUGUST 18th

Palm Pilot Genealogy

Everett Butler

Learn how you can use these small hand held devices to further your genealogical research.

SEPTEMBER 15th

Research Using the Internet

Brother Joseph Martin

Learn how to utilize the internet to let your fingers do the walking.

OCTOBER 20th

Trust Your Research to Bygones

Bev Smallwood

Bev will demonstrate how to use this software package to supplement your current genealogical software.

NOVEMBER 17th

Elections/Project Management/Tips

Member Panel

Come and elect your next leaders and stay for the program. Learn some of the top tricks and techniques from some of our most experienced members.

DECEMBER 15th

Planning Meeting

Club Officers

All are welcome. Help us plan for next year and pick meeting topics.

President's Letter

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to make commitments of what can be accomplished for this New Year. If you are looking for something new or want to learn something new, Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois has it for 2001. No other genealogy group has the exciting program we have lined up. I hope you will have several opportunities to join our monthly meetings. At CAGG-NI, we believe it's important to give our members more than they expect. After all, in today's accelerating economy, merely "keeping up" isn't enough. Your time is valuable. You will have the "edge," of something extra, that comes from the membership experience. We have an exciting year planned with the help of some new volunteers, **Bob Pulse** and **Jim Cottrell**.

Bob Pulse conducted a planning meeting on December 9th which resulted in plans exceeding last year. This was not easy to do. It is our goal to do this every year. Where else would you see programs like *Molecular Genealogy* or demonstrations of new tools which will save you hundreds of research hours. We welcome **Bob** in his new role of Vice President/Program Director. You have already read more about this year's programs in this newsletter. By the way, **Bob** has also taken on the task of WebMaster.

Our newsletters are second to none in the Chicago area and now it has a new person at the helm and a new look to go with it. With the talent and volunteerism of **Jim Cottrell**, we have a "new" Newsletter Editor for CAGG-NI. What do you think of the new style? Send your comments to Jim. He has indicated that he is very open to suggestions. I think it really looks sharp!

Now you will get that something "extra" from our new team. Take advantage of the experience our experts contribute to this great monthly publication. Come socialize with our members and Directors prior to the meeting and maybe even learn something new from our presentations. Our team is still looking for additional volunteers. This volunteerism is what has made Computer-Assisted

Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois a successful group with over a hundred members. Come join the group!

The team and membership is looking forward to an exciting year of new programs. If you have any additional ideas you want to share with the members, please let us know. I am looking forward to meeting our new members and volunteers for 2001!

Ed Rosenthal



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Other Group Events

January Events

18 JANUARY 2001 - 7:30PM

How Can We Help You With Your (Genealogical) Problem?

**Forest View Education Center
2121 S Goebbert, Arlington Heights**

A panel of experienced Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists members will help you make progress in your research.

20 JANUARY 2001 - 10:00AM-12:00PM

How to Kick-Start Your British Isles Research

**Grace Lutheran Church
6000 Broadway St., Richmond, Illinois**

BIGWILL will "discuss the questions and problem solve. Bring your questions and your research ideas and we will begin discussions. Non-members are welcome to attend this meeting, especially those just beginning their British Isles genealogical research."

21 JANUARY 2001 - 10:00AM

FamilySearch.org

Scottish Home

28th and DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside

The Scottish Genealogy Society sponsors Maureen Brady speaking on effective use of this helpful site.

25 JANUARY 2001 - 7:30PM

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Meeting Room - Kane County Chronicle Building
1000 Randall Road, Geneva.**

The Kane County Genealogical Society presents Archivist Joel Thoreson of the ELCA who will discuss the history of Lutheranism and the historical resources available at the ELCA Archives which are located in Elk Grove Village.

February Events

2-3 FEBRUARY, 2001 - TWO DAYS \$110

Union and Reunion GENTECH 2001 Conference

**MESQUITE CONVENTION CENTER
DALLAS/FT. WORTH AREA**

General categories which the lectures fall into are Applications, Black History, Computers, Education, Ethnic Research, General, Imaging, Online Research and Publishing. Speakers are Desmond Walls Allen, Lloyd Bockstruck,

Randy Bryson, Tony Burroughs, Steve Cannon, Kent Carter, Karen Clifford, John Philip Colletta, Leslie Smith Collier, Dick Eastman, Holly Hansen, Matthew and April Helm, Cyndi Howells, Dean J. Hunter, Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, John W. Konvalinka, Robin R. Lamacraft, Rick Laxman, Helen F. M. Leary, Mark Lowe, Sandra Luebking, Alan Mann, Paul Milner, Joan Kirchman Mitchell, Bill Mumford, Michael John Neill, Richard Pence, Pamela Boyer, Barbara Renick, Christine Rose, Blaine Schmidt, Jennifer Schmidt, Beau Sharbrough, Jim Slade, Megan Smolenyak, Richard Wilson, Curt B. Witcher and John Vincent Wylie. The cost is \$110 with additional charges for special event meals. The conference room rate is \$84 per night. For complete information, see website: <http://www.gentech.org/2001home.htm>

3 FEBRUARY 2001 - 1:30PM

The Archaeology of Genealogy of a Local Family Cemetery

**Harold Washington Library
400 South State Street, Chicago**

The Chicago Genealogical Society presents M. Catherine Bird discussing what and how you can learn about your relatives in a cemetery.

8 FEBRUARY 2000 - 6:00PM - \$10.00

African American Genealogy

Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago

FOG presents nationally-known speaker and author, Tony Burroughs will discuss African American Genealogy. RSVP your attendance to Ahazi Dismukes at 312-255-3510 or dismukes@newberry.org. Members Free. Guests \$10. Parking at \$5.00 (with ticket validated by the library) is available nearby at 100 West Chestnut.

11 FEBRUARY 2001 - 2:00PM

Schmeckfest and Homemade Soups

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
11th & Lake St. Melrose Park, Illinois**

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia Northern Illinois Chapter present this social event.

15 FEBRUARY 2001 - 7:30PM

What's New at the Newberry

**Forest View Education Center
2121 S Goebbert, Arlington Heights**

The Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will have Rhonda Frevert, Newberry's Curator of Local and Family History will discuss the materials available.

Other Group Events

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17 FEBRUARY 2001 - 2:00PM

Brown Bags are Not an Organizational System! Glenview Public Library

North Suburban Genealogical Society presents Marian Richter Schuetz. The computer interest group moderated by Garth Conley meets at 1p.m.

24 FEBRUARY 2001 - 8AM-4PM

DuPage County Genealogical Society's 26th Annual Conference Hilton Hotel Conference Center 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle

Four sessions with three topics per session and lunch. Registration is \$33 for members, \$38 for non-members, \$43 after 3 Feb. Vendors will be present. For further information, contact Nancy Huston (630) 548-9095; email: DCGSMember@aol.com and the schedule and registration form are online at: <http://www.dcgs.org/wrkshp01.html>

March Events

24 MARCH 2001 - 9:00AM-3:00PM

Genealogy Computing Week 2001 \$35/day 3-10

Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Illinois

This annual computer/genealogy-related workshop is given by Michael John Neill. Small class size and hands-on practice. Topics include can be found at: <http://www.rootdig.com/sandburg.html>

April Events

6-7 APRIL 2001

Spring 2001 Seminar & Workshop Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's spring workshop features Marian L. Smith, Senior Historian of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>

12-14 APRIL 2001

Forward to the Past - a Millennial Milestone Salt Palace, Salt Lake City

If you are thinking about a trip to Salt Lake City, the Utah Genealogical Association conference will feature a variety of speakers, topics, and vendors. For details: <http://www.infouga.org>

21 APRIL 2001

FOG Annual Workshop

Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago

Featured speaker: John Philip Colletta

<http://www.newberry.org/nl/genealogy/L3gfriends.html>

28 APRIL 2001 - 8AM-4:45PM

2001 Annual Meeting and Conference Johanning Civic Center, Kokomo, Indiana

The Indiana Genealogical Society annual meeting and conference will feature Dr. John Philip Colletta. Conference registration is \$16 for IGS members and \$20 for non-members prior to 1 April 2000. Registration is \$25 after 1 April 2000. Information is available at the IGS Web site: <http://www.IndGenSoc.org>.

December Puzzler

You find something on the Internet you would like to print but when you do only half of it prints on a page. What can you do?

Answer: Right click on the image and save the image to your hard drive and print it using software on your computer which you can control. After the "Save Image As" (Netscape words but Internet Explorer will have similar option) function is complete, double click on the saved image file.

This will open the software on your system which processes that type of file. Choose the "Print Preview" selection to see what a printed image will look like. Then print it if that is satisfactory.

January Puzzler: Can you automatically create an index of your names for the genealogy masterpiece (book) you are about to publish using a word processor without having to manually add each?

Family Story Question of the Month:

How were you or your (grand)parents affected by the Depression?

What's The Buzz ?

From: "Patricia J. Weisshaus" <patjw28@interaccess.com>
[PAF-5] LDS Family Search Discussion List

There is a new E-mail discussion list to help us learn to use the LDS Family Search web site better, and to share the things we have learned. To try it out, you can join by sending an E-mail to LDS-FamilySearch-Website-subscribe@egroups.com and put the word subscribe in the text window. Don't put your name or anything else in the text window. You can also join by going to <http://www.egroups.com/group/LDS-FamilySearch-Website>

From: Beverly Smallwood <BSmallwood@CelluLan.com>
Country Codes in domain names

I found this link through the article listed below http://www.din.de/gremien/nas/nabd/iso3166ma/codlstp1/en_listp1.html

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 239 DOMAINS," by Drew Smith (Digital Genealogy, 8/1/2000) <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/digital/2066.asp>

By analyzing URLs, you can learn a lot about a Web site. Drew makes sense of abbreviated domain suffixes and country codes.

From: "GenCircles" <newsgroups@gencircles.com>
GenCircles (new site)

Hi everyone!

GenCircles is excited to announce the launching of its web site! There are now over 800,000 individuals in our growing Global Tree. You can upload your GEDCOM file and have it immediately published on our site. Please come visit us at: <http://www.gencircles.com/>

Here is a longer description of what our site is all about: GenCircles is an all-encompassing genealogy site that is the future of online genealogy. The site enables you to upload GEDCOM files and publish your genealogy on the Internet. After a your file is uploaded, it becomes searchable in our growing search engine of almost a million individuals (not enormous, but we just got started 2 days ago, after all). What makes GenCircles unique from all the other places that accept GEDCOM files is community. Every individual in our

database has its own message board.

Other users can post messages on these individuals, keeping the lines of communication open between the you and the users who seek your information.

This also allows for other users to also benefit from each other, as new information is discovered and immediately shared.

GenCircles' Matching technology does a statistical analysis of the submitted GEDCOM file. Using our Matching tool, you can have your GEDCOM compared against all other submitted GEDCOM's to look for users who have similar surnames. This is a great tool to find other genealogists you should be working with, but may not know about.

Enjoy!

From: "David Cox" <dfoxcox@pathcom.com>

Free Shareware/ Parish Finder??

Several years ago I found a free program on the internet that really was great. I think it was called Parish Finder. One could type in the name of a town and all the parishes in what ever distance one designated would pop up. I must have lost it when replacing my computer last year.

Does anyone know where it can be found.
Regards,
David Cox

From: "David Jackson" <jacko4@paradise.net.nz>
Re: Free Shareware/ Parish Finder??

Hi David,
Yes it is a handy little program, called Parloc, used for locating Parish's and the distance between them. The homepage is at:

<http://www.dmbennett.freemove.co.uk>

Good luck.

Regards.
David NZ

Family History Centers

Buffalo Grove

(Cook/Lake County)

15 East Port Clinton Road

(Corner of Prairie & Port Clinton Roads)

1-847-913-5387

Wed./Thurs. 10:00am-2:00pm and 7:00pm-9:30pm

Sat. 10:00am-2:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday

BG has a new acting FHC Director, Dave Arrington, who has taken over the reins since Gail Heidemann moved out of the area. As the weather has been a challenge this year, please call to insure that the FHC is open prior to coming.

Crystal Lake

(McHenry County)

5209 North Walkup Avenue

1-847-459-7475

Tues.-Thurs. 1:00pm-4:00pm, 7:00pm-9:30pm,

Saturday 10:00am-2:30pm

Closed Sunday, Monday and Friday

Crystal Lake held a successful open house on January 6th and they are planning another one later this spring.

Hyde Park/Ryan Woods FHC News

(Chicago, Cook County)

5200 South University Avenue

1-773-493-1830

Wed. evening 6:00-9:30pm, Sat. 9:00am-2:00pm

Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays: By Appointment

Closed Sunday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

This FHC is busy building resources for patrons with language and ethnic expertise. Their language expertise includes French, Latin and German assistance including reading Gothic script. Ethnic expertise includes Chinese and African-American research.

Naperville

(DuPage, Kane Counties)

1320 Ridgeland Road

1-630-505-0233

Tues.-Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm

Fri.-Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday

The first classes started on January 3rd. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00PM. Each class is separate and can be attended on a pick and choose basis. The classes for January are: Beginning Research: 3rd and 10th; Databases at the FHC: 17th; Documentation & Source Evaluation: 24th; FamilySearch.org: 31st.

February classes are: Research in Prussia at the Naperville FHC - 7 February; "Research In Sweden" - 14 Feb; "Discovering Those Polish Ancestors" - 21 February. Please call FHC to sign-up.

Orland Park

(Cook County)

13150 South 88th Avenue

1-708-361-5474

Wed. 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tues.-Thurs. 6:30pm-9:30pm

Thurs. and Sat. 10:00am-2:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, Friday

Due to severe weather, please call ahead to insure that the FHC is open.

Schaumburg

(Cook County)

1320 West Schaumburg Road

1-847-885-4130

Tues., Thurs. 9:00am-9:30pm

Wed 9:00am-4:00pm, 7:00pm-9:30pm

Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday and Friday

Closed: July, Thanksgiving week, 2 weeks over

Christmas & New Years

Always call to confirm hours. Please call in advance to insure FHC is open.

Wilmette

(Cook, Lake Counties)

2727 Lake Avenue

1-847-251-9818

Tues.-Thurs. 10:00am-3:00pm, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, Friday

Closed: 2 weeks over Christmas & New Years and shortened August hours