

**SATURDAY 10:30 A.M.**

**MARCH 17, 2001**

## **What's New in 2001**

### **Plus: Family Histories on a CD-ROM Book**

Ed Rosenthal

One of our best attended programs. Our CAGG-NI President will update us on what the latest technological developments are in the computer industry. 8 mm, slides, VHS, SVHS tape to Digital Video, DVD, and CD-ROM is all part of the new technology. Ed will also discuss programs that will play your family history by themselves on a CD-ROM Book including pictures, text, and video. You won't want to miss this!

**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **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.

**MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Palm Pilot Genealogy**

Everett Butler

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

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Research Using the Internet**

Brother Joseph Martin

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

**OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Trust Your Research to Bygones**

Bev Smallwood

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

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Planning Meeting**

Club Officers

Help us plan for next year and pick meeting topics.

# February Meeting Notes

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## Preserving the Union

**Chris Kite** presented a PowerPoint® presentation on his family research including Civil War research. PowerPoint® is a Microsoft product which is used by corporations to create presentations given at meetings, seminars and conferences. It creates a “slide show” which is projected to a screen or shown on a computer screen.

PowerPoint® can be used to combine images with text making your genealogy history sparkle amid the dates and events at a family reunion. Chris included photos, maps, book images which he has found in researching his Civil War relatives. One technique Chris used was to overlay a map of the United States with surnames and their location. This provided a visual representation of the immigration of the Kite and Kiser clan. As this was a PowerPoint® presentation, it was visual and a newsletter column cannot replace attendance at the meeting.

Two other members are related to the Kite/Kiser genealogy which **Chris Kite** is researching. Have you checked our surname page on the Internet to see if you are researching surnames which are also of interest to other members?

Chris added even more interest to his presentation by bring in Civil War artifacts such as a sword, photos and books. After the lecture, Chris provided an e-mail containing a number of links to assist in Civil War research. This e-mail was forwarded to all CAGG-NI members.

Extra notes: **Larry Olson** provided refreshments for the meeting which included a carrot cake, fruit and other goodies. All was very appreciated by those attending. **Linda Bower** would again like to remind members that a sign-up sheet is available at each meeting. Please look for it and sign-up. If no one volunteers for a month, there may be no refreshments at those meetings.

On June 16th, CAGG-NI's meeting will be again feature **Chris Kite** and personnel from the BYU1 Molecular Genealogy project presenting Molecular Genealogy. This project is explained at <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu/> To participate in this project, a four generation chart is requested.

# February Puzzler:

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What is an Insertion Point? Why do you care?

## February Puzzler Solution:

An Insertion Point is where data entry will occur. It is the point where anything keyed at the keyboard will appear. This is different than the cursor. The cursor is represented by an arrow, usually. (You may change the cursor visual representation in your settings window.) The visual representation of the Insertion Point is a large “I”. This “I” replaces the cursor arrow when active. The “I” will move with mouse movement when active. You can change where keyed data will appear by moving the “I” to a point and clicking. This will place the focal point at the “click point” for future data entry. This is useful for forms on the Internet as well as your word processor.

# March Puzzler:

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The scenario is that you have used a search engine (AltaVista, Google, Lycos, etc.) to find web sites of interest. You know that frequently you start reviewing and go off on a tangent. How can you use the results of this search as an “anchor point” when you are reviewing each of these returned web sites?

# Family Story Question of the Month:

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Where did your parent's marriage proposal take place? How long had they known each other?

# President's Letter

If you did not declare 2001 as a major year for your advancement of your family history research, it is time to do so. The year is still early! What I would recommend is to print out a simple list of what you want to complete for this year and post it near your computer. Secondly, make only one task a major task. What I mean by that is don't put a list together that will require twenty people to complete this year. For example, converting all of your 8 mm films to digital tape or DVD, scan and label all of your photos say 1000 pictures and put them on a CD-ROM, convert home movies that are on VHS, SVHS to digital tape and scan/convert/label 2000 slides into a CD-ROM. This work just will not get done! Set a goal to do one and only one and it will get finished this year!

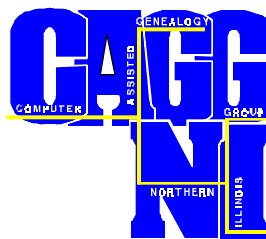
One way to complete these new tasks for your family research is to use the new technologies. I was very fortunate to attend an Adobe show a few weeks ago in down town Chicago. Adobe had some major announcements with their new software. With the software that is available today, it is possible to have a full-blown studio on a Pentium III or Pentium 4 computer. The software is priced for the consumer, but powerful enough to produce a real movie for the theaters or the networks. Years ago, I use to build television studios from \$250,000 to \$3,000,000. I saw a \$600 (retail but \$350 show price) Premiere 6.0 package that matched nearly everything that a TV studio can do. What does this all mean for us? Edit those old 8 mm or tapes to a short 20 to 30 minute history film of your family. Edit and keep the highlights and put them on a CD. Then make 10-20 copies and make sure the right people get them. It not only helps spread the word, but it will spark interest from other family members. You just watch what happens.

Another new technology is that researchers are trying to create genealogical map using DNA markers. As stated by **Ed Gaulin**, president of the Manasota Genealogical Society in Bradenton, Florida, "*I've seen three major advances in genealogy, the photocopier was the first. The next was the computer and the third one is DNA.*" Scott Woodward, a microbiology professor at Brigham Young University is directing a project that combines old fashioned genealogy with the latest technology in hope of making it easier to full out family trees, as stated in a recent article in the Chicago Tri-

bune. **Chris Kite** will have more on this in our June meeting.

We will talk more about these new technologies at our March meeting! Hope to see you there.

## Ed Rosenthal



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# What's The Buzz ?



## Subject: Efficient Web Searches?

From: DenisBeauregard <billspam@genealogie.com.invalid>

On Sun, 21 Jan 2001, singhals@erols.com wrote in soc.genealogy.computing:

Another associated problem : If the surname you're hunting happens to appear in the name of a company, and if that company puts its name on its webpages ...? I had one name that showed up hundreds of times, but as I clicked my way through the first 30 in the display, I noticed that the name was in the masthead/style-sheet/frame of *\*every single\** page the firm had on-line. (Try Busch and see how many Anhauser-Busch hits you get.)

With altavista.com, you may remove a site from the search. For example, when looking for sites with links to my sites and excluding my own sites, I can search for:

+link:www.genealogie.com-url:www.genealogie.com  
-url:www.franco-gene.com

So, I look for sites with a link to mine (link:) and exclude pages on my site (-url). To search for a name, replace the link: token by the name.

By the way, you can also exclude something else. For example: +bush -president will look for pages with "bush" and not containing "president".

Keep in mind that many search sites have their own language for search. Altavista allows for + and - and url: Not sure which other sites support that.

Denis

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## Subject: Microsoft Windows 98 USING THE OPEN WITH COMMAND

To: tipworld-win98tips@topica.com  
by Mark Richardson win98tw@hotmail.com

If you ever want to open a file with an application other than the one assigned to it, just hold down the Shift key while right-clicking on the file and select Open With from the contextual menu. When you choose this option, you'll see a list from which you can select a specific application to open the file, so you're not tied to the application normally associated with it.

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## Subject: Microsoft Windows 95 USE DETAILS VIEW TO SORT FOLDER CONTENTS

To: tipworld-win95tips@topica.com

Looking for something in a folder that contains a sea of files? Before you scroll through all the items inside (and cause yourself some real eyestrain), think about what you know about that file. All you need is one vital piece of information—the date on which the file was last modified, its approximate size, or its type—and that file is as good as found.

Inside the Open folder window, select View, Details. See those gray column headings? (You may need to enlarge the window to see them all.) Click the one that represents what you know about the file—for example, Modified, assuming you know the date you last worked on the file—and Windows sorts the contents by that piece of information. If necessary, click this heading again to reverse the sort order. Scroll down to find the correct date (or size or type), and there's your file!

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## Subject: Internet Tools: Test Your Connection

From: "Dummies Daily" <dd-internet@lists1.dummiesdaily.com>

Even if you have a 56Kbps modem, you won't connect at 56K every time. In fact, every time you connect to your ISP, it will probably be at a different speed. There's not much you can do about this — your modem connects at the fastest speed that your ISP and the phone connection allows at the time.

But if you're curious, you can check your dial-up ability with 3Com's LineTest [[http://www.3com.com/56k/need4\\_56k/linetest.html](http://www.3com.com/56k/need4_56k/linetest.html)] tool. It helps you figure out your phone line's capability. You can also try Net.Medic [<http://www.ins.com/software/medic/index.asp>], a browser companion that helps monitor, isolate, diagnose, and correct Internet or intranet performance problems. Net.Medic helps you identify the source of your network bottleneck, offers solutions for any problems you may have, and often fixes them automatically for you.

# Other Group Events Compiled by Beverly Smallwood

## March Events

19 MARCH 2001 - 7PM

### **Documenting Your Sources** Beach Park Village Hall

11270 Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park

The Zion Genealogical Society presents Ann Wells, of the McHenry County Genealogical Society, a professional genealogist and president of BIGWILL, who will discuss this important topic.

21 MARCH 2001 - 7:30PM

### **Roots and Reunions:**

### **Is it Different for Adoptees?**

McCormick Room, 225 North Cross, Wheaton

The DuPage County Genealogical Society presents Barbara Gonyo of "Truth Mothers in Adoption" discussing genealogy from this viewpoint.

24 MARCH 2001 - 8AM-4:30PM

### **CSAGSI Conference '01 -**

### **"A Quest for Ancestors" \$40-\$53**

William Tell Inn in Countryside, Illinois

The Czech & Slovak Genealogical Society of Illinois is hosting an all-day event featuring a variety of genealogical & ethnic activities. See their web site for further information. <http://www.csagsi.org/>

## April Events

3 APRIL 2001 - 9:30AM

### **Elgin Genealogical Society**

Gail Borden Public Library

200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

A story of 13 Quilts by Marge Edwards, Director of Dundee Historical

5 APRIL 2001 - 7PM

### **German Geography and Documents & Aids to Using the Internet for Research**

Tinley Park High School library

6111 W 175th St, Tinley Park, Illinois

Tinley Moraine presents Patricia Reeves, an instructor at Triton College. She has published The German Genealogical Primer and has worked as a consultant to the Max Kade Institute for German American Studies.

6-7 APRIL 2001

### **Spring 2001 Seminar & Workshop** **\$10-\$18**

Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's spring workshop features Marian L. Smith, Senior Historian of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service. A registration form is available on the website. Advance registration cut off is March 24th. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>

7 APRIL 2001 - 1:30PM

### **Scanning Photos into Genealogy Books**

Harold Washington Library

400 South State Street, Chicago

The Chicago Genealogical Society presents Jean Sekera and Jon Peters discussing this interesting aspect of creating our books.

12 APRIL 2001 - 7:30PM

### **Effective Use of an LDS Family History Center**

Naperville Municipal Center

400 S Eagle Street, Naperville

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will sponsor this topic by Maureen Brady, former Director of the Buffalo Grove and Crystal Lake FHCs, and current staff trainer for those Centers.

12-14 APRIL 2001

### **Forward to the Past** **A Millennial Milestone**

Salt Palace, Salt Lake City

The Utah Genealogical Association conference will feature a variety of speakers, topics, and vendors. For details: <http://www.infouga.org/confrence.htm>

16 APRIL 2001 - 7PM

### **German Research from Home Including Using the Internet**

Beach Park Village Hall

11270 Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park

The Zion Genealogical Society will sponsor Julie Weber.

19 APRIL - 7:30PM

### **Genealogical Holdings of the Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago** **Forest View Education Center, 2121 S Goebbert, Arlington Heights**

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists brings you Archivist Julie Satzick, who will discuss the holdings and their access.

# Other Group Events Compiled by Beverly Smallwood

21 APRIL 2001 - 8AM-3:15PM

**FOG 3rd Annual Workshop \$60 (\$45 for members)**

**William B. Ogden Elementary School  
24 West Walton Street, Chicago**

Featured speaker: John Philip Colletta will discuss (Ships') Passenger Arrival Records from an introductory and advanced perspective, Using Original & Published Sources: How to Evaluate the Evidence They Contain, and Discovering Your Immigrant Ancestor's Story Through Historical Context; Reservations are required by April 15th. A box lunch is included. Call 312-255-3510 for information. <http://www.newberry.org/nl/genealogy/L3gfriends.html>

22 APRIL 2001 - 2-5PM

**Escape and Survival: The Last Train Out**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1025 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, IL**

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia present Willi Wutzke of southwest Michigan. A charismatic speaker who will tell the story of his family's life from the time of the Russian revolution, being removed from the Poland/Ukraine region in 1940 and then trying to reach Germany during the horrors of WWII. Willi and his family immigrated to the USA in 1953.

28 APRIL 2001 - 8AM-4:45PM

**2001 Annual Meeting and Conference**

**\$16, 20, 25**

**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>.

## Looking Ahead . . .

24 JUNE 2001 - 8AM-5PM

**Midwest Jewish Genealogical Conference**

**\$45 - \$80**

**Ezra-Habonim/Niles Township Jewish Congregation  
Dempster and Kolmar, Skokie, Illinois**

Topics will include beginner's workshops, local and national archives and libraries, visiting ancestral homes, research on the internet, and Jewish Chicago including history and cemeteries. Early registration deadline is May 1st. For additional information and registration call (312)666-0100 or email [jgsi2001@aol.com](mailto:jgsi2001@aol.com). Details at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/workshop.htm>

12-15 SEPTEMBER 2001

**2001 FGS/Quad Cities Conference**

**Davenport, Iowa**

Brochure and registration information can be found at <http://www.fgs.org/2001conf/fgs-2001.htm>

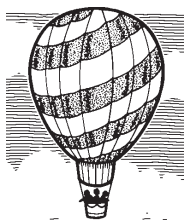
29 SEPTEMBER 2001 - 8AM-4PM

**Explore the Future of Your Past**

**\$25, 30, 35**

**Grace United Methodist Church  
300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville**

Fox Valley Genealogical Society Fall Conference features Michael John Neill. Details & registration at: <http://members.aol.com/fvgs1/worksh01.html/>



**COMING UP!**

Get ready for the **Molecular Genealogy** study on Saturday June 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Schaumburg Library! Let us know if you need help putting together a four generation pedigree chart.

See <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu> for more detail. If you can not come on the 16th, a study is also being held on the 15th at 6:30 p.m. at 7201 Woodridge Drive in Woodridge IL.



Our condolences are extended to the Huber family in the passing of **Robert E. Huber** in January. Robert just joined our group last year. We wish we could have gotten to know him better.

**Geneva Shay's** sister passed last week after an illness. Our condolences to Geneva and her family.

# Family History Centers

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## Crystal Lake FHC News

(McHenry County)

5209 North Walkup Avenue

1-815-459-7475

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

Saturday 10:00am-2:30pm

Closed Sunday, Monday and Friday

The Freedman's Bank CD is installed and ready to use.

## 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: 2:30-7:00pm by Appointment

Tuesdays and Fridays: 6:00-9:30pm by Appointment

Closed Sunday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

The Freedman's Bank CD is installed and ready to use.

## Joliet FHC News

(Will County)

655 Springfield Avenue

1-815-725-8621

Tuesday-Thursday 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Last 3 weeks of December

This FHC has a new director, **Ed Soja**. We all wish him success with his new assignment. Hours have changed since last posted.

## Naperville FHC News

(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

All books have been reorganized by Dewey Decimal System and can be easily found and used. The library holdings will be posted on the web site.

Freedman's Bank CD is available for use. The 1850 and 1860 Indiana Index is available. The 1850 Illinois and Indiana censuses are actual images. The last 10 CDs have been ordered completing the 1870 census. Classes continue Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM at the FHC building. This month's classes will be:

14th - Genealogical Resources at the Wheaton Public Library  
by **Donna Freymark**

21st - Searching Southern Roots by **Angie Turbak**

28th - Beginning British Research by **June Everett**

## Schaumburg FHC News

(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.

Schaumburg FHC now has the Freedman Bank CD. The bank was created to assist newly freed slaves during and after the Civil War. The records cover 1864 - 1871 and are limited but a valuable source for genealogy.

The FHC will start offering workshops in the month of April to assist people in preparing their four generation pedigree charts for the DNA study in June. Call us for more details!

## Westchester FHC News

(Cook, DuPage County)

1550 Haase

1-708-562-9688

Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday 7:00pm-9:00pm

Closed Thursday-Monday

The Freedman's bank CD is available for use by patrons. This FHC is interested in expanding their hours so they are looking for volunteers.