

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - 10:30 A.M. How to Use Your Scanner for Genealogy

Presented by Steve Olson

Steve will show us how to use a scanner and what benefits we can apply to our genealogical endeavors. He will be discussing scanning family photos (existing, new) and family documents - jpg vs. tiff vs. bitmap vs. other - scanners for documents, slides, photos and software for managing them - digital cameras - Photo CD/Picture CD - digital camcorders - connecting to your PC parallel/serial, usb, ilink (firewire) - summary of cost, choices. Be sure to mark your calendar as you won't want to miss this meeting.

**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.

# March Meeting Notes

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by Anne Jacobs

What's New in 2001/Family Histories on a CD-ROM Book

Ed Rosenthal once again packed 'em in for his annual presentation on the cutting edge of technology. Ed explained that the new developments in software (Windows XP) coupled with hardware (Pentium 4) will make this year the biggest in impact in at least 5 years. He mentioned a number of little tidbits which are of interest to those interesting in upgrading or buying a system soon. Items like:

- \* A new system (1.7 Gig code name "Foster"), is scheduled to be released in May

- \* Chip prices are cut at least once per month

Ed's presentation covered printers, scanners, digital cameras, CD-ROM drives as well as DVD drives. He had recommendations for the features and cost of all these products. For those who wanted to read further on any particular topic, he also gave sources of the information.

Finishing his technical presentation, Ed had a comparison of example available PC configurations for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001. Listed side-by-side, it was interesting how the power has double and tripled in just 3 years.

Then Ed gave a demonstration of what is possible to put together in CD form for a interesting family book. The future of family histories on CDs will include voice and video as well as the facts which we already are so familiar with collecting.

Refreshments were provided by **Lynn Haider**, **Gloria Frederickson** and **Pat Weisshaus** which included a carrot cake, fruit and other goodies. **Rose Marie Ducato** even brought some goodies without having signed up. **Bev Romag** was inadvertently omitted from the list of refreshment providers for the February meeting. We all appreciate these little repasts during the meetings. There is a sign-up sheet available at each meeting. Please look for it and sign-up. If no one volunteers for a month, there may be no refreshments so please volunteer.

# 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?

## March Puzzler Solution:

When you want to check out one of the links presented to you after a search, right-click the link. A dialog window opens which presents you with a number of selections. The first one is "Open in New Window". Select this option and browse to your heart's content. When you are done, simply close the window and you will be returned to the search results list window. Go on to the next one of interest.

# April Puzzler:

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What is an active window? What is a good way to determine what the active window is?

# Family Story Question of the Month:

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What occupations are represented by your grandparents?

# Tag Line:

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Can a first cousin, once removed, return?

# President's Letter

Last month we covered a lot of ground in the topic of "What's New in 2001". The purpose of this talk is to let technology work for you. We all know that it takes more than a lifetime of work to do our family research. So any tips to convert 1000 slides to a CD and to make a storybook out of it is welcomed. The problem is who has a few week of free time to do it? Secondly, we also like to make about 50 copies of these "CD books" to send out with our Christmas cards this year. All of these issues were discussed, but I felt that too much was covered in a short period.

The material that was presented at the March's meeting was taken out of over 50 published articles. Someone asked in the group about the products that we discussed that were going to be released in two to six weeks away and how do I get this information? All of the information that was presented is available to the general public. Why do this research? If you are going to buy a Pentium 4 and the price is going down a hundred dollars in a week or two is it worth the wait? For example, we all know now that the 1.7 GHz Pentium 4 will be release in May, so there is going to be another cut in price for the PCs around the corner.

There is no way to catch everything with the technology growing as fast as it is. That is why we have CAGG-NI. One hundred people that are focused to doing the same thing can work faster than one person. For example, if you know that a printer model has been available for a year, you know there is going to be a new model out soon. Maybe that new model will not do anything extra for you. Most of the time it doesn't. But if it takes ten minutes to print out a detailed photo and you have twenty to do and the new model does it in half the time for the same price, I would guess you would want the new model. The same is true with scanners. If you can cut three to four minutes out of each photo you scan, multiplied that by 1000, you will be saving several week-ends of work!

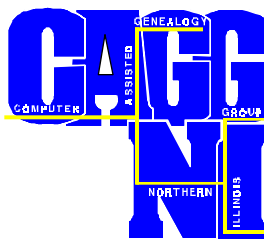
Most of the time, the price difference of a new model is within \$100 of the old model. Or a lot of the times the price of a new model is the same price and the older one is dropped down in price. I'm still looking for that scanner to do photos, slides, be portable and can scan slides in a few seconds and that is affordable to the general consumer. That equipment does not exists today, but it will. However we need the tools that can help us now and that are affordable.

We know that within a few years that we will be archiving most of our information to DVD. We know today however that a DVD recorder cost around \$5000 and that it will be around two or three hundred-dollar range within three to five years. But what if you can produce your slide shows today in a format that can be played back on a DVD today and converted if necessary to another format in the future.

That program is available today for less then \$100 and can work with your CDR. That program as we discussed is called Roxio's (Adaptec) Easy CD Creator 5 Platinum. It converts your slide shows to a MPEG file, which will be played as a VideoCD in your DVD player. Most of the new DVDs will play VideoCDs.

I have fun putting the presentation together. So if you have more questions on tools, please let us know and we will try to find the answers.

## Ed Rosenthal



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# How do I ... ?

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

That is the central question in genealogical research, second only to “who are the parents?”. A census page or death certificate that says your grandfather from Illinois had parents who were born in Ohio or Norway. How do you learn about research sources, repositories, and techniques for these new locations?

First, let me say that the number one reason that many genealogists fail at this point and declare a “brick wall” is that they are trying to skip back through the generations too quickly. Be sure you have covered all your Illinois bases before running willy nilly to Ohio or Norway! Michael John Neill recently covered this topic in his April 3rd article “One Step at a Time” <<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/3666.asp>>.

While you are tying up loose ends in Illinois, let’s discuss how to gather information about how-to-do-research in other locations. This also applies to other topics like Civil War research, Quaker ancestors, etc.

## **. . . Network with other researchers doing this type of research.**

Locate and join genealogical societies for that topic. Look for them in Elizabeth Bentley’s The Genealogist’s Address Book or The Ancestry Family Historian’s Address Book. Here you will be among like minded individuals. Even if you cannot attend meetings, you will receive newsletters containing book reviews, notices of society projects (cemetery readings, etc.), society publications, and QUERIES.

## **. . . Network online in the form of a mail list or newsgroup.**

If the list you join has a FAQ (frequently asked questions), read it. One of my favorite places to locate these lists is Genealogy Resources on the Internet by Chris Gaunt & John Fuller who have nicely organized them by topic, place, and surname <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/internet.html>>. Also

worth a visit is Cyndi’s List/Mailing Lists & Newsgroups <<http://www.cyndislist.com/mailnews.htm>> and it wouldn’t hurt to explore Internet Stuff You Need to Know <<http://www.cyndislist.com/internet.htm>>.

## **. . . Locate books about your topic of interest.**

The Mormon family history center catalog is an excellent starting point. You may do this search online at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, click on “Search” then “Family History Catalog”, input a place and look for the topic “[place] - Genealogy - Handbooks, manuals, etc.” We have links from our CAGGNI web pages to many libraries that have their catalogs on the internet. You may also search the various vendor catalogs: Amazon.com, Ancestry, Storbeck’s, Heritage Quest, Frontier Press, etc. (hint: <<http://www.cyndisList.com/supplies.htm#Vendors>>).

## **. . . Locate web pages about the topic.**

My favorite starting point is Cyndi’s List <<http://www.cyndisList.com/>>. There are also some wonderful pages at Rootsweb <<http://www.rootsweb.com/>> and their research guides <<http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/>>. Not to be overlooked are the wonderful pages put up by the Mormons. They began publishing research guides on countries, US states, and Canadian provinces many years ago. These are now available online. In addition, they have genealogical word lists and letter writing guides in many languages, tips on organization and filing, genealogical forms, record extraction forms, and much more. To access this treasure trove go to <<http://www.familysearch.org/>>, then click on “view maps, forms, guides, and other research helps” under “Search for Ancestors”.

Once you have done all these things, you’ll be an expert on Ohio or Norway or whatever... just in time to find out that the next generation migrated from somewhere else!

**The number one reason many genealogists fail . . . is that they are trying to skip back through the generations too quickly.**

# Other Group Events

Compiled by Beverly Smallwood

19 APRIL 2001 - 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 Satzik, who will discuss the holdings and their access.

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 \$25

Johanning Civic Center, Kokomo, Indiana

The Indiana Genealogical Society annual meeting and conference will feature Dr. John Philip Colletta. Information is available at the IGS Web site: <http://www.IndGenSoc.org>

29 APR 2001 - 2 PM

## The Newberry Library from a Jewish Genealogical Perspective

Congregation Beth Am  
225 N. McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois is sponsoring Rhonda Frevert, curator of the local and family history collection of the Newberry Library. <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/#meetings>

1 MAY 2001 - 9:30AM

## Elgin Genealogical Society

Gail Borden Public Library  
200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries by John Long of the Society Newberry Library

5 MAY 2001 - 1:30PM

## Making Good Use of Chicago Area Family History Centers (Mormon)

Harold Washington Library, 400 S State St, Chicago, Room 4 (fourth floor) N (north side) 10

The Chicago Genealogical Society presents Maureen Brady, a local expert, on this topic which is always well covered by her.

10 MAY 2001 - 7:30PM

## Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Hidden Codes to the Freedom of Slaves Through the Underground Railroad

Naperville Municipal Center  
400 S Eagle Street, Naperville

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society presents Dr. Clarice Boswell. The program uses quilts to display and discuss the significance of hidden codes in many of these quilts that enabled fugitive slaves to follow a safe route to the Underground Railroad and eventually to freedom.

10 MAY 2001 - 7PM

## Vesterheim Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library

Location to be announced

(see <http://www.mcigs.org/meetings.htm>)

The McHenry County Genealogical Society presents Blaine Hedberg. Those of you with Norwegian ancestry will want to attend this meeting.

16 MAY 2001 - 7:30PM

## Genealogy on the Internet

McCormick Room, 225 North Cross, Wheaton

The DuPage County Genealogical Society presents Jack Simpson, Newberry Library Reference Librarian.

19 MAY 2001 - 10:00AM-12:00PM

## BIGWILL - Computer and British Isles Research

Grace Lutheran Church  
6000 Broadway St., Richmond, Illinois

John McNamee will present a talk on use of computers in British Isles research. For directions see: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

20 MAY 2001 - 2 PM

## Silent Stones: Jewish Cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, Skokie

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will host Lisa Feder's photographic exploration of the lost legacy and present traces of the once large and vibrant Jewish communities of the former Czechoslovakia. <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/#meetings>

# Other Group Events

Compiled by Beverly Smallwood

**21 MAY 2001 - 7PM**

## **Clooz (Software Program)**

**Beach Park Village Hall  
11270 Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park**

Wanda Solheim will present for the Zion Genealogical Society.

**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**

Topics include British and Irish; Eastern European; German; Scandinavian; "Back to Basics" Lectures; Immigration; Naturalization; Afro-American; Computer/Internet; Details 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. Mr. Neill will present four topics: "Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Sources" - "Tried and Tested Tidbits" - "Documentation Roadblocks On the Information Superhighway" - "How to Use the LDS Family Search Website" Details & registration at: <http://members.aol.com/fvgs1/worksh01.html/>

**15-18 MAY 2002 - ALL WEEK**

## **2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States**

**Midwest Express Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Hosted by Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - mark your calendars!

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# Family History Centers

Compiled by Anne Jacobs

## **Chicago Land Family History Centers**

Joliet FHC News (Will County)

655 Springfield Avenue  
1-815-725-8621

Tues.-Thurs, 6:00pm-9:00pm,

Wed. 9:00am-12:00pm, Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Last 3 weeks of December

This FHC under the guidance of its new director, Ed Soja, has expanded hours to include daytime Wednesday hours.

## **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

This FHC will be closed the entire week of April 9 for inventory and cleaning. After this major effort, the FHC will be open to serve you even better. The Indiana Vital Records on CD has been ordered as well as the Indiana 1910 Census Index.

## **Orland Park FHC News**

(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

This FHC has a new director in Linda Diel. We wish her much success with her new assignment.

## **Schaumburg FHC News**

1320 West Schaumburg Road

1-847-885-4130

Hours: Tues., Thur. 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

A new director has been appointed for Schaumburg. Terry Kerestes is the new director, and Claudia Kerestes, his wife, will be his assistant. They have a great knowledge of the work and some wonderful ideas for the future of the FHC.

# What's The Buzz ?



CAGG-NI's newsletter contains links to Internet sites and is not responsible for the content located on or through, any such third-party sites. You should always take care when downloading and using software from the Internet.

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From: Deanna Spingola <deanna@spingola.com>

**Subject: Ellis island**

Hi, This was forwarded to me by one of our patrons:

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## COUNTDOWN TO ELLIS ISLAND OPENING

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On 17 April, The American Family Immigration History Center will open on Ellis Island, to great fanfare. Genealogists all over will be logging in to search the newly created database of passenger arrival records of 17 million people who immigrated through the port of New York from 1892-1924.

Ellis Island stands as one of the most prominent and recognized symbols of American immigration, with around 5,000 visitors a day walking through the same halls that many of our ancestors passed through so many years ago.

To celebrate this historic opening, Ancestry.com will be featuring articles and Web pages to help you locate your immigrant ancestors. Look for articles to help you get the most from passenger arrival records, and take you beyond Ellis Island to follow up with other resources. For those who are unable to locate their ancestors in passenger arrival records, we will look at alternative sources.

Stay tuned for all the latest information on the events planned. For more information, see the Immigration History Center page at: <http://www.ellisland.org/history.html>

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

## TODAY'S eTIP(TM): Taking the Temperature of a Newsgroup

A quick scan of newsgroup headers can reveal a lot about the subjects discussed, the group culture, general attitudes, and how accepting the group is of new-

comers. You need to judge the tone for yourself and only participate if you feel comfortable. Here are some other things to keep in mind:

\* Do you see a lot of current postings? If so, the group is probably active and a good place to get current information on a topic.

\* Do you see a lot of off-topic banter and cross talk? The group may have outlived its usefulness as a research tool and deteriorated into a social hangout or a total waste of time.

\* Do the headers themselves give you a good idea of what people are actually taking about? If so, it's probably going to be easier to find focused information here.

For research advice, pick up *Researching Online For Dummies* [<http://catalog.hungryminds.com/product.asp?isbn=0764505467>] by Reva Basch and Mary Ellen Bates, published by Hungry Minds, Inc.

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

## TODAY'S eTIP(TM): Framed?

When you're surfing the Web and you go to a page that has frames, you often find yourself stuck with those frames when you go on to another page. The frame stays with you no matter where you go. Getting rid of frames is pretty easy.

In Netscape Navigator:

1. Right-click within the frame.
2. From the popup menu, select Open Frame in New Window.
3. When the page opens up in a new window, close down the first version.

In Internet Explorer:

1. Hit your Back button to return to the page you came from.
2. Right-click the link you followed.
3. From the popup menu, select Open in New Window.
4. When the page opens up in a new window, close down the first version.