

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2001**  
**10:30 A.M.**

An invitation to participate in a  
**Molecular Genealogy Study**

Sponsored by Brigham Young University and CAGG-NI

Bring a 4 generation pedigree chart. A small (approximately 10 cc or 2 tablespoon) blood sample is taken. A consent form will be provided to cover privacy issues and the intent of the study. A presentation will be given at 10:30 a.m. Then the samples will be taken from those who choose to participate. Depending on demand the hours may be extended into later in the afternoon. The study intends to use genetic codes to provide new information about populations and localities around the world. Can the Y (BYU) help find the X in Malcolm X and in other families as well? Recruiting licensed phlebotomists, registered nurses, and medical technicians to assist (\$12+ per hour or volunteers welcome). 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 information see: <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu> or contact Chris Kite at [cwkite@home.com](mailto:cwkite@home.com) or 847-696-0609

**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.

**Interested in  
Finding Out  
More About  
Genetics?**

See Beverly Levine  
Smallwood's reference  
guide on Page 4

# May Meeting Notes by Anne Jacobs

## The Great Software Shoot-out

Although many other software packages could have been presented, the only presenter volunteers were for Family Tree Maker (FTM, FTW), Personal Ancestral File (PAF) and The Master Genealogist (TMG). The “volunteer” for FTM should be smiling right now (I hope). She, **Rose Marie Ducato**, didn’t “exactly” volunteer. I twisted her arm only 3 days prior to the meeting. Rose Marie did a great job presenting her favorite genealogy software with this short notice.

These packages represent the majority of our membership. Most members have reported on what software they own. Many members own more than one genealogy program choosing one as their primary package. They use more than one package for different features. It is best to enter into only one and transfer to other packages for the features preferred in that package. Prior to the recent request for updates to our records, the following indicates member’s ownership of software: FTM 49 members, PAF 38 members and TMG 30 members. Out of our 110 membership families, twenty-eight have not reported ownership of any software.

Each presenter used the same data, a common GEDCOM file, for the program to highlight how various software packages treat and display data. This GEDCOM file was supplied by Patricia Weisshaus.

**Rose Marie Ducato** started the demonstrations off with Family Tree Maker. This package is the most well known genealogy package. All software sections, of stores selling computer software, will have at least one version of this program. It is packaged with a number of different CDs and various versions of the program. A new version is released every 6-12 months with new features and new CDs. Rose Marie was at a disadvantage as her database was established as read-only and she could not demonstrate everything she wanted to show. Rose Marie demonstrated or discussed some program’s features which include importing data from other software packages, data entry, where various information is stored within FTM. She demonstrated a wall chart which you can add color to which sparks up presentation at a reunion. One of her favorite features of FTM is the To Do List. She uses this to indicate tasks she wants to accomplish for various repositories. She will print out this report when she is going to go on a research trip. FTM’s bookmarking capability is the reason that this is Rose Marie’s choice. She created a book in 20 minutes for this new family!

The next software presented was Personal Ancestral File (PAF). **Patricia Weisshaus** has been using PAF for many years. She has migrated very early versions to Windows version PAF 4. PAF 5 is available but has some problems so she is waiting until this new version settles down. This software is certainly the right price, it can be downloaded free from the <http://www.familysearch.org> site under the Order/Download Products link. Patricia stated that she uses PAF because of its simplicity and she can document her sources in the manner she finds acceptable; sources can be tailored to your own specifications. More

emphasis is placed on proof than in many other packages. A favorite feature of PAF is its FOCUS capability. This allows you to filter your database to display only those individuals of interest instead of the entire database. Patricia uses this feature to create a report of her TODO tasks. However, you can filter for only Cedar County Iowa events, or anything else you can dream up. There is a 231 page manual which you can print and there is an Internet mail list of PAF 4 users which provides excellent assistance. Software updates are free and install effortlessly (always backup before installing any new software). A list of standard events is supplied with the software and custom events can be created. Other capabilities are ditto to save entry and match/merge.

Both of these packages (FTM and PAF) support multi-media exhibits, connect directly to the Internet website of the producing company or their own CD-ROM disks.

The final software demonstration was The Master Genealogist (TMG) presented by **Larry Olson**. This has come to be known as the Cadillac of genealogy software. You can do anything with this software. The thing that people love and hate about it is that it is so flexible. This makes the learning curve steep. However, if you just start using it and not worry about doing it the most efficient, best way, you will be ahead of the game. Others of us (me) who fretted about how/why/where for far too long made it too difficult and lost valuable time. Some of TMG’s features are: events listed in a timeline so you can view a person’s life in the sequence they lived it, standard and custom events with standard sentences for each event which help you create narratives, standard and custom source template formats, ability to record multiple versions of data such as names or parents (adopted, natural, foster godparent). An unusual way you can use the software is to create a “non-person” such as a funeral home and list this as a witness for all the people who have been buried from that undertaker. In this manner, this software lends itself to becoming a research tool and not just a repository of data. You can see patterns and discrepancies more easily. Patricia Weisshaus commented on how interesting it was to see what Larry was able to do with the same data presented previously in FTM and PAF. CAGG-NI has a special interest group for users of this software which meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30am at the Schaumburg Township District Library. This group shares different techniques and ways they use the package as well as provide newbies with assistance.

## Extra notes:

Refreshments were provided by **Gloria Frederickson, Mary Ellen Marek** and **Bev Smallwood**. All goodies were greatly enjoyed greatly. 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. Anything left over will be taken to Dominck’s after the meeting for our lunch bunch group. Please join us if you have the time.

# President's Letter

First of all, THANK YOU to those who are volunteered board members and those who are volunteering their help. There are numerous activities that are going on and if it weren't for the many volunteers in our group, you would not see the success and growth to over 110 members. I'm learning different things every day of the week and enjoying it!



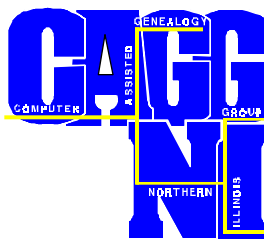
Several years ago, at a meeting, one of the board members requested volunteers for various activities. I volunteered because I get more from an organization when I have an active role. At the time, I did not know a number of members, but by volunteering, I got to know people, grow in my experiences and knowledge, contribute to the group and have fun.

In addition to offering you an opportunity, I want to help the board members avoid the dreaded burnout. Symptoms include, running around in circles, the inability to determine which way is up and lack of humor! Each year our group has monthly meetings, monthly newsletters, development seminars information, maintaining a web site and sending out several emails of the latest tips, plus some of the best food around! All of this is done with volunteers. We need help from our membership.

If you are unsure about volunteering for a specific committee and would just like to offer help as needed, please let me know.

In return for your help, we offer you the opportunity to learn from your experiences and from others. There is a lot of talent out there. We offer you a place to grow and to share your experiences. You will also have FUN! If you have a few spare cycles, would like to meet other members, would like to be more involved, please consider volunteering. We need your help!

*Ed Rosenthal*



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Family History Software Support (800) 346-6044  
fhdfhsup@ldschurch.org

# A Few More Observations on the Ellis Island Web Site

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

## Original Images

Once you find the immigrant, click on ship's manifest to get the text manifest and look for the link to the original manifest. When the thumbnail comes up, click on the plus sign to the right to open a full size image in a separate browser window. Once it is done loading, right click on the image and save it to file. Make sure you direct it to where you want it saved and rename it with something meaningful, like the date - 19130506a.gif. Most of the lists contain so many questions that they span more than one sheet of paper, so you may have to go forward or backward to see the whole thing. Sometimes the first page is before the second, sometimes it comes after.

The gif image is quite large (over 20 inches on each side) and has a low pixel count (72 dpi), making it difficult to print credibly. If you have an image editing program, open the file and resize it to fit on a letter size sheet of paper and increase the pixel count. It prints well at 150 dpi, but 300 dpi is better. You might also need to straighten the image and trim the edges a bit.

## Date of Arrival

The date of arrival is part of the index, but cannot be counted on 100 percent of the time. For instance, Elin S. Stenlund appears in the index as arriving on May 6th, 1903 from Liverpool on the Ivernia. The image of the original manifest clearly shows that the ship departed from Liverpool on May 8th and the arrival information is blank on this particular page. A quick look at the Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals shows the Ivernia arriving in New York harbor on May 11th, 1903.

A three day crossing is not impossible, but seems a bit short. To resolve the issue, I will need to look at other pages in the original manifest to see if they contain the complete departure and arrival information. I might be able to do this online or by looking at the microfilm.

# The "Gene" in Genealogy

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

Since we will be hosting the BYU Molecular Genealogy Study this month, I thought I'd share some interesting books and articles on genetics.

## *How Healthy is Your Family Tree?*

by Carol Krause

A complete guide to tracing your family's medical and behavioral history (New York City: Fireside, 1995)

## *Genetic Connections*

by Danette L. Nelson-Anderson & Cynthia V. Waters

A guide to documenting your individual and family health history (Washington, MO: Sonters Publishing, 1995)

## *"Genetic Codes Unraveled: New Clues to Human History"*

by Candace L. Doriott

Ancestry Magazine 18:1 (Jan/Feb 2000) <<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/ancmag/1480.asp>>

## *DNA & the Family Historian*

GenUKI - UK & Ireland Genealogy.

<<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/genetics.html>>.

## *"The Genetic Archaeology of Race"*

by Steve Olson

The Atlantic Monthly (Apr 2001) <<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2001/04/olson-p1.htm>>.

## *"Gene by Gene: Scientists Use Genetics to Trace Viking Heritage"*

by Svein Michelsen

abcNEWS.com <<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/scitech/DailyNews/Vikings010403.html>>.

A wonderful series of stories were broadcast on public radio. You may read and listen to them online at: The DNA Files by SoundVision Productions. <<http://www.dnfiles.org/>>.

There are many, many more articles online. Look for links at Cyndi's List: <<http://www.CyndisList.com/dna.htm>>.

# 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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## What to Do with 24,493 Hits

From: "Dummies Daily"

<dd-internet@lists1.dummiesdaily.com>

If you get thousands of hits from your search, here's one thing you should never do: Try to look at all of them! Remember the following:

- \* Utilize relevance ranking. Many sites give you the results that the engine thinks are best first. If you don't find what you want among the top 50 to 100 items, chances are that it won't appear farther down.

- \* Try another search engine. Perhaps you'll get more focused results.

- \* Add more search terms to your query. For example, if you got thousands of results when searching on "fitness walking," try adding more specific words like "fitness walking calories burned."

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## Photo Logic

From: Anne <ancestorseeker@mediaone.net>

Photo Wizard

Last week, someone sent me an e-mail inviting me to view their pictures in an online album. Curious, I went to the home page for this album service:

<http://www.photocountry.com> to look around.

What I found is a free program that will help you do lots of things with your photos. You can get pictures from your hard drive, digital camera, or scanner. The program will assist you in removing red-eye, crop your pictures, add a frame, adjust the brightness, and many of the options that you might find in some of the more expensive photo programs out there.

The main reason that Photo country gives this program away, is because it allows you to automatically upload your pictures to a web album that you can then share with your family and friends. I tried this feature, but found that I ran out of space after just one picture. PhotoCountry.com then took me to a web page that would allow me to purchase more space. For a free program, Photo Wizard has a lot of features, but I'm still looking for a place to store an online photo album.

## What do I open a doc file with?

From: Elizabeth Boston <eboston@GWI.NET>

Dear Computer Lady,

How do I determine what program to open a doc. with? When I download something in order to open it, it says "open folder with"... and then list all the programs on your computer. Thank you so much I really enjoy your newsletter.

Neva

Dear Neva,

When a file ends with the doc file extension, it means that it is a Word Document. If you have Microsoft Word on your computer, you should use Word to read the file. If you do not have Microsoft Word, you can still download a viewer from Microsoft at: <http://www.microsoft.com/office/000/viewers.htm>

Once you have downloaded and installed this viewer, you will be able to open and view, but not edit or create Word documents.

Elizabeth

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## How do I find a driver I need?

From: Elizabeth Boston <eboston@GWI.NET>

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

Dear Computer Lady,

I wanted to tell you that the lady who asked about the drivers for her video card. You can tell her that she can go to: <http://www.software.drivers.com> I had a similar problem with my audio drivers. I accidentally deleted them once and I went to the net to try to find the drivers to download. I did find them and the audio was working better than before. So maybe this will help her out. It will save her some bucks having to replace her video card.

Holly

Dear Holly,

Thanks for sharing this web site. While it does take some computer saavy to install drivers, if you know how to use them, the next step is knowing where to find them. My favorite place to look is: <http://www.driverguide.com/>

Elizabeth

# Other Group Events

Compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood

24 JUNE 2001 - 8AM-5PM

## Midwest Jewish Genealogical Conference - \$55 - \$80

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/workshop.htm>

Ezra-Habonim / Niles Township

Jewish Congregation

Dempster and Kolmar, Skokie, Illinois

For additional information and registration call (312)

666-0100 or email [jgsi2001@aol.com](mailto:jgsi2001@aol.com).

28 JUNE 2001 - 7:30PM

## Newberry Library discussed by Jack Simpson, Reference Librarian in the Genealogy Department

Kane County Genealogy Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

Meeting room of the Kane County Chronicle Building

1000 Randall Road, Geneva

03 JULY 2001 - 7PM

## Restoring Your Damaged Photos

by Al Mink and Homer Moore, EGS Members

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/page3.html>

Gail Borden Public Library

200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

10 JULY 2001 - 7PM

## Irish Genealogy by Kathleen O'Leary

Lake County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/meetings.htm>

Freemont Library, Mundelein

12 JULY 2001 - 7PM

## Digging into Land Records I: Cook County by Craig Pfannkuche

McHenry County Genealogical Society

<http://www.mcigs.org/>

Greenwood Township Hall

5211 Miller Road, Wonder Lake, IL

12 JULY 2001 - 6 PM - NON-MEMBERS \$10

## Finding Your People in the Census by Helen Shaw

hosted by

The Newberry Library Friends of Genealogy

at the Newberry Library, Chicago

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

14 JULY 2001 - 8:45AM-3:20PM \$24 - \$30

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 29TH

## Advancing Your German Research

Roger Minert of Salt Lake City

German Interest Group of Janesville, Wisconsin

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/workshop.html>

at UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin

16 JULY 2001 - 7PM

## Quirks and Tips on Using the Family History Library by Maureen Brady

Zion Genealogical Society

<http://nsn.nslsilus.org/wkkhome/zion/index.html>

Beach Park Village Hall

11270 Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park

21 JULY 2001 - 10AM-12PM

## Joy Reisinger will give two lectures on Canadian research

BIGWILL

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

Grace Lutheran Church

6000 Broadway St., Richmond, Illinois

26 JUL 2001 - 7:30PM

## Polish History & Genealogy by Rosalie Lindberg of the Polish Genealogical Society of America

Kane County Genealogy Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

Meeting room of the Kane County Chronicle

Building, 1000 Randall Road, Geneva

29 JULY 2001 - 2 PM

## "Researching the Origins of Our Czech Holocaust Torah" presented by Donald Kraft and "The Czech Torah Network"

presented by Susan Boyer

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

(312) 666-0100

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/#meetings>

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, Skokie

# Other Group Events

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**31 JUL - 03 AUG 2001**  
**2001 Genealogy and  
Family History Conference**

**Brigham Young University**  
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BYU Conferences and Workshops  
136 Harman Continuing Education Bldg  
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

**12-15 SEPT 2001**  
**2001 FGS/Quad Cities Conference**  
in Davenport, Iowa  
<http://www.fgs.org/2001conf/fgs-2001.htm>

**29 SEPT 2001 - 8AM-4PM - \$25 - 35**  
**Fox Valley Genealogical Society  
Fall Conference**  
**Explore the Future of Your Past**  
<http://members.aol.com/fvgs1/worksh01.html/>  
Grace United Methodist Church  
300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville  
Featuring four topics by Michael John Neill

**29 SEP 2001**  
**Cyndi Howells Conference**  
**McHenry County Genealogical Society**  
<http://www.mcigs.org/>  
McHenry County College (Details to be announced.)

**5-7 OCT 2001**  
**2001 FEEFHS**  
**(Federation of East European  
Family History Societies)**  
**Eighth International Convention**  
Ramada Inn South Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Registration form has been posted to the web site.  
<http://feefhs.org/conf/01mil/01mil-hp.html>

**20 OCT 2001**  
**Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's  
Fall 2001 Seminar - "Archives Research"**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>  
Alliant Energy Center  
(formerly the Expo Center), Madison, WI

**10 Nov 2001 - 8AM-4PM**  
**NGS Regional Conference  
in South Bend, Indiana**  
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confSouthBend.htm>  
Featuring Sheila Benedict, CGRS & Cyndi Howells

# Family History Centers

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Compiled by Anne Jacobs

## Buffalo Grove FHC News

(Cook, Lake Counties)  
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

The Buffalo Grove Family History Center welcomes Ron and Cathy Wiltbank as the new Assistant Directors. Congratulations to outgoing Assistant Director David Arrington for a job well done.

## Naperville FHC News

(DuPage, Kane Counties)  
1320 Ridgeland Road  
Ridgeland and Naper Boulevard  
1-630-505-0233  
Tues.-Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm  
Fri.-Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm  
Closed Sunday, Monday

The 1880 Census index and the complete 1870 US Census Index is on order. Ready for use is the National Burial Index for England and Wales. Also available are: Where We Walked - A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust which is wonderful gazetteer for Europe and Black Roots, A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree by Tony Burroughs.

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## May Puzzler

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What keystroke will show you all the windows you have open and walk you through them sequentially? Hint: It is a combination of keys.

### May Puzzler Solution:

The combination keystroke is ALT-TAB. By depressing alt and tab at the same time, a dialog window opens up with an icon for each active task you currently have open. There is a box (picture frame) around the active window's icon. By keeping alt depressed, releasing and repressing the tab key, this box will move to the next icon, release and depress again and it goes to the next icon. By releasing both keys, you are "moved" to the task currently framed.

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## June Puzzler

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What makes it a read-only file? What does this mean? How can you use it to your advantage? How can you change it?