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Preparing Your Home Movies for Future Generations



Presented by Everett Butler

This presentation will focus on video genealogy

Topics covered will be: Digital solutions and getting the most for your money in transferring from one media to another. Using what "Hollywood" has learned to improve your end-product. Tools for making video editing easier and produce results you can be proud of.

In 1982, Everett formed Mindware, Inc. — a company specializing in the design, development and implementation of training programs for the improvement of organizational productivity. Many of his projects for clients focused on developing software skills.

February 18, 2006

Real Research on the Web

Presented by Jeffrey A. Bockman

Jeff will review the basic steps of genealogical research while showing useful internet sites containing "real records", indexes, or information about where to obtain records needed to do real research.

<http://www.jeffbockman.com>

March 18, 2006

What's new 2006

Presented by Ed Rosenthal

Technology guru Ed Rosenthal will update us on the latest and greatest gadgets.

Previously, Ed has build several television stations and worked on TV shows such as Phil Donahue, Dinah Shore, and Al McGuire with Sports.

President's Letter

13. Thank You! To our work-horses—Anne Jacobs (Founding Mother), Bev Smallwood (Guiding Light), Gerry Czadowski (Tech Engine), Jim Cottrell (Editor-in-Chief), and Larry Olson (Pacesetter).

This team, and previous Presidents; e.g., Ed Rosenthal and Carolyn Meeker, as well as the Officers and our members, have brought CAGGNI up to 2006 as one of the most unique and excellent genealogy groups.

Please step up to the plate and contribute your efforts to CAGGNI!

14. Please check our website often: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni>

Gerry Czadowski and Bev Smallwood are willing to teach Website Development to other volunteer members who will help shoulder the load.

15. Jim Cottrell, our Newsletter Editor, welcomes articles from all of our members and he could use help in editing and publishing the Newsletter. Jim prefers that you open the current Newsletter folder in our Yahoo Groups List, and add your article file. You can also email your article file to jim@jcottrell.com

16. Yahoo Groups is intended to be our Virtual, Interactive Community.

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com>

Some of our members have never accepted the invitation, while others don't know how to get into CAGGNI-Members. We hope that 2006 will bring 100% participation in CAGGNI-Members Yahoo Group.

17. Program Change: the CAGGNI February 18th Regular Meeting will be held at the Schaumburg Family History Center, 1320 W. Schaumburg Road, turn left from the North end of the Schaumburg Library Parking Lot (Schaumburg Road) and go about a mile to the LDS Stake (Mormon Church)

18. CAGGNI is co-sponsoring the 2006 National Genealogy Society Conference to be held in Rosemont, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare from June 7-10.

Our event is scheduled Wednesday Evening, June 7th from 6:30-10 P.M.

There will be a Jazz trio, a cash bar, a one-hour dessert buffet, and a genealogy hospitality center for the cost of \$27. Although we will be welcoming visitors to Chicago, this will be a golden genealogy opportunity to talk with nationally-recognized genealogy experts. We hope to make this our fundraiser.

Until April 21, the cost for the Conference will be \$175 for NGS members and \$210 for non-members. CAGGNI and the Conference need publicity and volunteers.

http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/conf_program.cfm

<http://ngs2006.blogspot.com>

19. Bev Smallwood will be conducting a Genealogy class (#5541) for District 214 Continuing Education in Room 130 of Prospect High School at 801 Kensington Road.

The class will meet Mondays 7:30-9:30 P.M. from February 13 until April 10, 2006.

There will be 3 field trips to Wilmette Family History Center, Newberry Library, and Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Many of our members have already taken her course, and highly recommend it.

20. If taking Bev's course whets your genealogical appetite, then please consider taking a Typing course. Many of our most accomplished members still use the Hunt-and-Peck Method of typing. Remember that using a computer requires constantly learning new applications, skills, and upgrades. If you are more adventurous, consider taking a course on Database applica-

tions. Genealogical software is a Database application.

21. Many of our members have laptops with A/C power cords and Wi-Fi cards.

Please bring your laptop to every meeting. It is very important that the proper Firewall is installed, that you have Internet Security software such as Norton or McAfee, and that changes are made in default settings in Microsoft Windows.

22. The Consumer Electronic Show is held every January in Las Vegas.

<http://www.cesweb.org>
<http://www.cnet.com>

This show determines what, and how soon, you will buy new computers, software, and other accessories. Ed Rosenthal will review What's New at our March meeting.

23. When you are shopping for new computer and genealogical purchases, check the websites first; e.g., Best Buy, CDW, Compusa, Fry's, Microcenter, Office Depot, et al.

24. CAGGNI would like to Thank new members Ralph and Elaine Beaudoin for joining on-the-spot, and for presenting a talk about their recent cruise with Bob Velke of The Master Genealogist at the December TMG meeting.

<http://www.whollygenes.com>

Harve Mankopf

The Ten Net Commandments

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Permalink

Just a little something to keep in mind, going into the new year.

1. Thou shalt not buy merchandise found in pop-up ads or spam.
2. Thou shalt not post thy email address, phone number, address or social security number to the internet, nor shalt thou post anyone else's.
3. Thou shalt not forget to update thy Windows every second Tuesday.
4. Thou shalt not connect to the internet without installing an antivirus, nor shalt thou begin a scan without

checking for updates.

5. Thou shalt not connect to the internet without installing a firewall.
6. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's credit card number, nor his bank routing number, nor his social security number.
7. Thou shalt not enter thy credit card number without seeing the tiny padlock icon on thy status bar.
8. Thou shalt not reply to the email from the Nigerian banker.
9. Thou shalt not forward chain letters to thy friends and family.
10. Thou shalt not use "password" as thy password, nor thy birthday, nor thy children's names.

Swedish & Finnish Translator

From: Michael Mulholland
To: Bev Smallwood
Subject: Swedish & Finnish Translator
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2006 12:05 PM

Hi, Bev,

Hope you had a good holiday season. Happy New Year!

I want to let you know that we have a new volunteer from Finland who speaks Finnish and Swedish and has a reading knowledge of Danish and Norwegian. She will be here Thursday, January 19 from 10 -12 in the Shackley Room. She will help in translating documents and writing letters. We want to establish a "regular" time for her, so if you could please spread the word far and wide and let people know that they need not wonder any more about those documents concerning Great-Grandpa Gustaf.

The Public Information Office will send out a press release and it will be on the library's homepage. I will let all the volunteers, library staff, and area genealogy librarians know about her.

Is there anything you want translated??

Let me know.

Thanks,

Michael Mulholland
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Genealogy Librarian News

By Tony Kierna

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Office Hours: Tuesday (except 2nd
Tuesday Genealogy Group Meeting)
and Wednesday 10 AM until 2 PM
by appointment.

Copies of all Schaumburg Library
Genealogy Group Newsletters, as well
as meeting handouts, are filed at the
Information Desk on the 2nd Floor.

The Genealogy Collection is
located in the 929.1-.3 part of the
Circulating Shelves, the Reference
Shelves, and the Audio, Video, and
Microform (A/V) Department. Genea-
logical Magazines are shelved alpha-
betically in the Periodicals Department.

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Genealogy Newsletter [http://
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An "Extremely Critical Advisory
Notice" about Internet Explorer may be
found at:

[http://www.security.ithub.com/
article/
Unpatched+IE+Flaw+Is+Worse+Expected/
166164.1.aspx](http://www.security.ithub.com/article/Unpatched+IE+Flaw+Is+Worse+Expected/166164.1.aspx)

Consider Firefox or Opera as a
web browser. Posted by Dick Eastman
on 11/28/2005.

The Encyclopedia of Chicago is
available at:

[http://
www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org](http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org)
Posted by Dick Eastman on 11/12/
2005.

Charles Kerchner, Jr. has launched
a new site for people participating in
the new National Geographic Society
Genographic Project.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>

DNA-ANTHROGENEALOGY

Posted by Dick Eastman on 10/31/
2005.

"Wipe Your Hard Drive Clean"

If you sell or give your old com-
puter to someone else, you want to
remove all of your personal informa-
tion. Windows does not completely
erase data. Darik's Boot and Nuke
(DBAN) is a free program that will
wipe all data off of a drive by rewriting
new records on every sector of the disk.
<http://dban.sourceforge.net> Posted by
Dick Eastman on 11/10/2005.

Jim Beidler's weekly genealogy
column in the Lebanon (PA) Daily
News previews Family Chronicle's new
magazine: Internet Genealogy.

[http://www.ldnews.com/columns/ci
3323883](http://www.ldnews.com/columns/ci3323883)

Posted by Dick Eastman on 12/20/
2005.

"Laptop Security at the Library"

Last week, Dick mentioned that he had
used wireless Internet access at the
Family History Library in Salt Lake.
There is a half-inch slot on the back or
side of your laptop—a lock slot. To
accept the locking device on a laptop
cable lock. <http://www.eogn.com>

Posted by Dick Eastman on 12/20/
2005

Periodicals

Genealogical Computing, vol.25.2,
October/November/December 2005 has
good articles about "*How Long Will
Your Data Last?*" and "*Online Gene-
alogy Keeps Getting Better*".

There is a "Society Newsletter/
Periodical/Journal Directory" in
Everton's Genealogical Helper,
vol.59(#6), November/December 2005.
"*Do you want an Educational In-
Box?*" is a very informative article.

NGS NewsMagazine, vol.31(#4),
October/November/December 2005 is
the best issue in many years. The
variety and helpfulness of the articles is
outstanding.

Heritage Quest, vol.21(#3), Fall
2005 has a question and answer section

on Germanic genealogy. Another good
article is "*Timelines: Summarizing
Your Ancestor's Life*".

What better way to make a New
Year's Resolution than to make another
effort in an area that you have not been
able to solve in researching your
family. Lean on us. That's what we are
here for...all of us!

Tony

Blogwatch

By Beverly Levine Smallwood

As noted elsewhere in this newslet-
ter, a Blog is a web log in reverse
chronological order. That is to say, the
newest post is on top. Blogs are
becoming increasingly popular because
of spam, or more precisely spam
blockers. Many newsletters were
delivered via email. Unfortunately,
because of increased spam individuals
and ISPs are employing spam filters
and blocking software. Many legiti-
mate emails and newsletters get caught
up in these spam nets resulting in
unhappy subscribers. To get around
this, many newsletters recreated
themselves as blogs. A blog with the
addition of an RSS feed works around
the email problem and still delivers the
news to you. (RSS stands for Really
Simple Syndication)

My favorite feedreader is
Thunderbird's email program. It's free
and simple and handles items as though
they are email. Look for the RSS Feed
icon on all your favorite blogs to
subscribe.

A fuller explanation of RSS can be
read at Eastman's *What Can RSS Do
For You?* [http://blog.eogn.com/
eastmans_online_genealogy/2005/12/
rss_explained.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2005/12/rss_explained.html)

Texas Birth & Death Certificates Going up in Price

Here's some good news. Texas is
raising their fees for Birth & Death
Certificates. Why is that good?
Because the increased fee cost is being
used to digitize the certificates going

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Tracing Kate Back to Ireland

Submitted by Barbara Coughlin

To get back to our Irish roots, I needed to track down my great-great grandparents based only on vague information from my aging aunt. The story was that unknown first-name Coughlin and his wife Kate came to the U.S. as newly weds shortly before 1865 when their only son was born in Ohio. While the boy was quite young, his father was killed in a local railroad accident. His widowed mother left him with relatives in Ulster County, NY while she returned to Ireland for a while. By 1869 she was also living in NY State, married again and had a daughter named Honora; no surname or information on the second husband was known. The only other tidbits were that “Kate” was buried in the same cemetery as her son and that “Nora” married someone named Larkin who worked at the local knife factory.

The trouble is that the 1860s were too early for birth or death records in Ohio and too early for birth records in NY State. I scoured the 1870 census and could not find them. I searched for every Kate and Nora in the county. In 1880 I found the 15 year old son, John Coughlin, listed as “nephew” in the household of John Sheils – was the second husband named Sheils or could that be Kate’s maiden name? In the 1900 census I found Nora and her husband, William Larkin, who was listed as a grinder at the knife factory. I tried to obtain their marriage record locally without luck. I traced their death dates and obtained obituaries, neither of which mentioned her maiden name.

Through other research in NY state records, I knew that parental information might be included on marriage certificates and even on death certificates. I tracked down marriage dates for both John Coughlin and for Nora to Mr. Larkin and then requested the documents from the state archives in Albany. At a cost of \$22 each and a processing time of 4 months, I thought



it could be worth the gamble – and it was!

When I received them, they both listed ANN Sheils as maiden name of their mother with Michael Coughlin as John’s father and John Farrell, born in Ohio, for Nora. Nine months prior, I had requested Nora’s death certificate from New Jersey, where she died in 1962. When it did not arrive after 6 months, I thought I would never get it. Amazingly it arrived the same week as her marriage record. The death certificate stated that her mother with Ann Sheils and father was unknown O’Farrell. With that information, I returned to Ulster County cemetery records and confirmed that Ann O’Farrell was indeed buried in the Sheils family plot just steps away from her son John. No wonder I never could find a Kate there, the first name in family lure was incorrect! Luckily one of Ann’s brothers was a prominent businessman in the area and had an extensive obituary detailing the family’s journey from County Roscommon Ireland, naming the ship and the date of arrival. But another piece of the tale is incorrect, since Ann arrived unmarried with her birth family in 1853 – so my search continues.

Since Michael Coughlin died and was buried in the Zanesville, Ohio area I thought perhaps I would write to local catholic churches and cemeteries there to see what I might find. Does anyone have a suggestion? I would really like to discover when Michael arrived, where he was born and who his parents were but have almost no information to guide me. Any ideas would be appreciated.

Blogwatch

back to 1903. Read more about this at <http://genealogyblog.com/united-states-research/texas/texas-birth-death-certificates-going-up-in-price-4585> and http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/metro/stories/MYSA111905.04B.vital_records.20e70c9a.html

Let’s hope that the next logical step would be to make them available via the internet. Imagine the day in the not too distant future when you can search an index, locate the record, and open the certificate to print or save to your computer for a nominal fee.

Speaking of which...

FamilySearch Archive Adds Large West Virginia Online Genealogy Database

Birth, Marriage and Death records for the state of West Virginia are online and indexed thanks to FamilySearch Archives the West Virginia Division of Culture. Both the search and the image are free.

“Researchers and curiosity seekers can now search and view scanned images of original birth, death, and marriage records from six counties, as well as most statewide death certificates from 1917-54 at <http://www.wvculture.org/vrr>.” Read the full text of this announcement which includes counties and date ranges at http://eogn.typepad.com/announcements/2005/11/familysearch_ar.html.

Please read Dick Eastman’s *Ten Commandments of Genealogy*. Some of it is common sense. Some is common courtesy. The rest is good research guidelines. http://eogn.typepad.com/eostmans_online_genealogy/2005/11/ten_commandment.html

And, finally, always a complicated subject, Dick Eastman tackles *Copyright Myths*. Be sure to read the comments section below the article. Many of the readers offer informed discussion and other sources of information. http://eogn.typepad.com/eostmans_online_genealogy/2005/11/copyright_myths.html

Other Group Events *compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

22 JAN 2006 - CHICAGO

Judy Frazin - Beginner's Workshop
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/index.htm>

26 JAN 2006 - DARIEN

Mimi Raffenetti - WorldCat/FirstSearch
Indian Prairie Public Library - Genealogy Group
http://www.indianprairie.lib.il.us/genealogy_group.htm

26 JAN 2006 - GENEVA

ALBERTA ADAMSON

Freedom Seekers in Illinois
(underground railroad)
Kane County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

29 JAN 2006 - CHICAGO

Genealogy Committee Meeting

Contact: Brian Donovan (P) 773-282-7035
(Saturdays 9-2)

Irish American Heritage Center
<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

29 JAN 2006 - SKOKIE

Ask the Experts

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/index.htm>

02 FEB 2006 - TINLEY PARK

TBA

Tinley Moraine Genealogists
<http://www.tmgenealogists.org/>

04 FEB 2006 - CHICAGO

Court Records - Phil Costello,

ARCHIVIST FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
Chicago Genealogical Society
<http://chgogs.org/calendar.html>

06 FEB 2006 - JANESVILLE, WI

Carol Fosshage - German Wedding Customs
German Interest Group - Wisconsin
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>

08 FEB 2006 - WINFIELD

JACK SIMPSON

What's New at the Newberry Library?
DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dcgsg.org/>

09 FEB 2006 - McHENRY

MAUREEN BRADY

**Maureen's Hints & Helps:
Name Variance & Other Surprises**
McHenry County Genealogical Society
<http://www.mcigs.org/>

11 FEB 2006 - SCHAUMBURG

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP
TBA

CAGG-NI TMG Special Interest Group
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni/>

11 FEB 2006 - GLENVIEW

GRACE DUMELLE

**The Challenges of Searching for Windy City
Relations**

North Suburban Genealogical Society
<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/nsgs.asp>

11 FEB 2006 - HAZEL CREST

Jeff Bockman

No Birth Certificate, No Problem
South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ssgsh/>

14 FEB 2006 - MUNDELEIN

NANCY SALMELA

GRANDPA WAS BORN THREE TIMES AND GRANDMA DIED TWICE:
**Solving Errors and Other Conflicts in
Records**

Lake County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs>

14 FEB 2006 - SCHAUMBURG

DAN NIEMIEC

STDL Genealogy Group
Contact Tony Kierna at 847-923-3392
<http://www.stdl.org/>

16 FEB 2006 - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Dan Wertz

Family Tree Maker Tips & Tricks
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists
<http://www.mtprospect.org/nsgs/>

18 FEB 2006 - SCHAUMBURG

Jeffrey Bockman

Real Research on the Web
CAGG-NI
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni/>

Other Group Events

23 FEB 2006 - DARIEN

**Chuck Wingard - Photo & Document,
Restoration and Preservation**
Indian Prairie Public Library - Genealogy Group
[http://www.indianprairie.lib.il.us/
genealogy_group.htm](http://www.indianprairie.lib.il.us/genealogy_group.htm)

26 FEB 2006 - CHICAGO

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Irish American Heritage Center
<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

26 FEB 2006 - SKOKIE

BELLE HOLMAN

How to use the JGSI Library
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/index.htm>

26 FEB 2006 - GENEVA

KATHRYN BARRETT

The WPA: Its Records and History
Kane County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

Workshops & Conferences

26 JAN 2006 - CHICAGO

GARY MOKOTOFF

What's New in Jewish Genealogy?
Newberry Library
[http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/
genealogyevents.html](http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/genealogyevents.html)

04 MAR 2006 - ST. CHARLES

31st Annual Conference

FEATURING - JOHN KONVALINKA, ELIZABETH KELLEY KERSTENS,
CRAIG PFANNKUCHE, & MIKE KARSEN
DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dccgs.org/>

10-11 MAR 2006 - BYU CONFERENCE CENTER

Computerized Genealogy Conference
BYU Conferences and Workshops
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/>

01 APR 2006 - AUSTIN, IN

Annual Conference

FEATURING - DIANE VANSKIVER GAGEL, NAOMI SEXTON,
DOROTHY RICE & KANDIE ADKINSON
Indiana Genealogical Society
<http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.html>

08 APR 2006 - CHICAGO

Dick Eastman
Genealogy Research & Technology
Newberry Library
call 312-255-3700 for reservations
[http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/
genealogyevents.html](http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/genealogyevents.html)

08 APR 2006 - ST. LOUIS

Genealogy Fair
featuring Richard G. Sayre & Pamela Boyer Porter
St. Louis Genealogical Society
<http://stlgs.org/fair.shtml>

21-22 APR 2006 - SPRINGFIELD, IL

PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 15TH

**Illinois State Archives Tour and
Death Certificate Assistance Program**
[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/spwkshp/
06SPregistration.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/spwkshp/06SPregistration.html)

21-22 APR 2006 - STEVENS POINT, WI

Gene-A-Rama - John Konvalinka
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/>

22 APR 2006 - QUAD CITIES

**32nd Annual Quad Cities
Genealogical Conference**
JAMES L. HANSON, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN,
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Quad Cities Genealogical Conference
[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/news/
2006GenConference.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/news/2006GenConference.html)

07-10 JUN 2006 - CHICAGO!

NGS Conference
**CAGGNI is among the Consortia hosting
National Genealogical Society**
<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/registration.cfm>

01-04 AUG 2006 - BYU CONFERENCE CENTER

**38th Annual Genealogy and Family History
Conference**
BYU Conferences and Workshops
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal/>

30 AUG-02 SEP 2006 - BOSTON

**FGS and New England Historic Genealogical
Society Conference**
Federation of Genealogical Societies
<http://www.fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm>

Links Around the World

Column Submitted by:
Frank McGovern, Columnist*
Dan Wertz, Columnist

Welcome to a new year. We hope in this coming year we will be able to introduce you to links that will be able to resolve the problems that you could not solve in 2005. We also appreciate member participation. If you have a link that perks your interest please forward it to:
dan.wertz@comcast.net or
mcgovern34@hotmail.com

Library Ireland is a completely FREE service, offering access to out of print books and other Irish print material, which will prove useful to reader and researcher alike.

<http://www.libraryireland.com>

The GSI Society was founded in 1990. The society promotes the study of Irish genealogy, heraldry and social history at home and overseas. They publish a monthly news letter, "The Genie Gazette" available on line. [fee]

<http://www.familyhistory.ie/facts.htm>

The Newport Historical Society - If you are re-searching County Mayo, Ireland, in particular the Newport area, this site has a wealth of information. It is the main page for historical details of Newport and the parish of Burrishoole in County Mayo. The Newport Historical Society has back issues of a

publication called, "Back the Road". Fortunately I was able to purchase three of the back issues and found a gold mine of information on the O'Neills, Chambers, Murrays and Mulchrone. Also a possible source on a McGovern.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Park/7461/>

North of Ireland Family History Society [NIFHS] - Its object is to foster interest in family history with special reference to families who have roots in the North of Ireland and their descendants, wherever they may be. [fee]

North of Ireland Family History Society
c/o Graduate School of Education
The Queen's University of Belfast
69 University Street, Belfast BT7 1HL
Northern Ireland

<http://www.nifhs.org>

The County Meath Ireland Genealogical Project website, has a vast source of information on the site are maps, transcriptions of parish records, census records, cemetery data, vital statistics, and much more.

<http://genealogyblog.com/irish-research/the-county-meath-ireland-genealogy-project-4481>

We wish to thank Bev Smallwood for contribution this site to the news letter. Bev has added this genealogy blog to the CAGG-NI website.



NGS Conference Program and Registration is now Online

The National Genealogical Society 2006 Conference June 7th through 10th at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare program and registration is now online at <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/registration.cfm>.

Here you may explore the exhibit hall, browse through the topics and speakers, learn about the hotel, and more. You may register for the whole conference or for a single day. Some of the workshops have limited seating and added fees. Early registration is strongly recommended for these workshops. As an additional incentive, there is a discount if you register before April 21st.

Navigation is achieved by clicking on the various topics listed in the bar on the left side of the page. Topics will open into sub-topics when activated. For instance, clicking on Conference Program will open Highlights, Opening Session, Librarians' Program, and Participating Societies.

Once the Program is open, you may click on the program name for a more detailed description. If you have a favorite speaker, clicking on the speaker's name will open a biography and a list of other lectures he or she will be giving at the conference. This detailed information will open in a pop-up window, so if you have a pop-up blocker, you may need to watch for that.

Now is the time to start planning out your conference activities. Each day is divided up into multiple sessions (5 one hour sessions on most days) and there are eight topics to choose from each session. That's a lot of deciding.

To make finding the right sessions easier, there are "tracks" available from the top in a drop-down box. Selecting a track will show the session topics that fall into that category. For example: Basics brings up a full slate of lectures on Thursday and Saturday covering maps, document analysis, census mortality schedules, the WPA, baptismal records, organization, census,

church records, probate research, and indexing.

Other tracks include:

African American – A slate of programs on Saturday featuring case studies, National Archives resources, and using the records of private industry.

Ancestry.com – Five programs on Saturday will highlight various online collections at Ancestry and Rootsweb.

Basics – see above for detailed listings.

BCG (Board for Certification of Genealogists) – Tuesday programs require additional registration fees, but other BCG sponsored topics appearing throughout the schedule are open to everyone. They stress building the skills necessary to become a better genealogist. These skills are not only for professionals!

Computer Labs – offer extended time and hands on experience. Bob Velke, author of *The Master Genealogist* (TMG) will be presenting Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced labs. Bruce Buzbee will lead participants through RootsMagic. Rhonda McClure will show you how to use a scanner and Steve Broyles will show you how to use Deadmapper. Class size is limited and they tend to fill fast. Register early! There are added fees for the labs.

Ethnic – covers a wide spectrum of topic from general (Immigration & Naturalization) to specific (Austrian Military Records). Whether you are Jewish or Scandinavian, Polish or British, Irish or Italian, you are going to find something of interest here.

GENTECH – many, many sessions are offered to explore how technology enhances our research process, creates new problems to be solved, and cautionary tales. Learn about digital cameras, online sources, software programs, and new gadgets.

Illinois – features topics specifically about Chicago genealogy and local resources.

Librarian's Day – a slate of topics on Tuesday aimed at Librarians, but you don't have to be a librarian to attend.

Military – a full slate of topics on Thursday will cover our history from 1776 to 1918.

Records – is a general grouping of diverse topics from Railroad to Coal Mining, Passport applications to Vital Records, Court records to DNA.

States – an list of topics that pertain to specific states or regions featuring the Midwest and those states our ancestors came from or through.

If you have favorite speakers, there is a drop-down box at the top to list all sessions for a particular speaker.

At the top under "Session Group" you may look at Workshop to see those topics that require registration and a fee to attend. Because of their limited attendance, early registration is recommended.

Also under "Session Group" look at Social Event to get a listing of all luncheons, dinners, and our local host event: Sweets Home Chicago. Be sure to support your local host societies by attending Sweets Home Chicago. It's the perfect way to wrap up the first day of the conference. Come to Sweets Home Chicago for drinks, dessert, hot coffee and cool jazz. Compare your thoughts about the day's lecture topics. Pick the brains of expert researchers. Interest groupings will be posted to facilitate the exchanges or just kick back and enjoy the music.

We hope to see you there!



Sweets Home Chicago

Don't Miss the Local Host Event:
Sweets Home Chicago
Wednesday, June 7, 2006
The Hyatt Regency O'Hare

The Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium cordially invites you to attend our local host event, Sweets Home Chicago! You won't want to miss this evening of fun and relaxation.

Whether far from home or a subway ride away, you will enjoy the fellowship of other genealogists and the special treats that await you on Wednesday evening. We plan to welcome everyone to the area with Sweets Home Chicago. Share Chicago's fun, where a combination of big city energy and Midwestern welcome will be found.

We will start our evening at 6:30 with the sweet jazz sounds of the Ken Chaney Xperience. Ken's band was voted the Best Jazz Group in Chicago at the Ninth Annual Reggae Awards, and also won first prize for the Hennessey Best of Chicago Jazz Search. Ken has played all over the world, and has shared the bill with such luminaries as Natalie Cole and Miles Davis. His music will be the perfect start to the evening. Get a taste of the Chicago jazz scene as you mingle at the cash bar or pull up a chair at a table with old and new friends. But don't fill up on coffee, tea, soda or cocktails just yet...

A dessert buffet will arrive around

7 p.m. You will find sweets in all shapes and flavors, as well as coffee and tea. Do you prefer cheesecake or chocolate fondue? Cream puffs or strudel? Chocolate covered fruit and nuts, or cakes and tarts? Having trouble deciding? Have a few of each! The dessert buffet is designed so that your decision making is limited to how high to pile the sweets on your plate.

Later in the evening the band will start a quieter set as the Ken Chaney Trio. Ken is toning it down so those who desire can break away into interest tables and chat about their common research areas, problems and favorite things. Take some time to pull aside a Consortium member to grill them on the famous Newberry Library, Chicago's Harold Washington Library, NARA's Great Lakes repository, or how to catch that subway. If you don't want to break away feel free to stay where you are, eat more dessert, have another drink, listen to smooth jazz favorites, and enjoy the fellowship of the finest genealogists in the nation.

The bar closes at 9:30 p.m., so be sure to get your final beverage before last call. The event winds down at 10 p.m. so all can get a good night's sleep before a full day of learning.

Don't forget to sign up for Sweets Home Chicago when you register for the conference. For only \$27, you will enjoy a lot of sweet sounds, treats, and friendship. See you there!

NGS 2006 Blog

The Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium (CGC), of which CAGGNI is a member, is hosting the National Genealogical Society Conference June 7th through the 10th, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. To highlight events at the conference and research opportunities in the area, the CGC has started a Blog.

A Blog is an online journal and derives its name from web log. The entries are in reverse chronological order so that the most recent postings are on the top. In many cases, a shortened version of the article appears on the main page and you must click on a link "read more ..." to see the full article.

Articles posted to the CGC blog, so far, include:

- **RTA Trip Planner Makes Visiting Chicago a Breeze**
- **Some Favorite Chicago Genealogy Destinations**
- **Some Chicago Tourist Favorites**
- **What to do – Tuesday, June 6th**
- **Speaker Spotlight: Dave McDonald, CG**
- **Genealogy Jaunts Beyond Chicago: The ELCA Archives**
- **Vendor Spotlight: Photo Graftix**
- **Local Host Event: Sweets Home Chicago**
- **Practical Guide: Getting to the Newberry**

Articles will be added regularly, so be sure to check back often: <http://ngs2006.blogspot.com/>

If you would like to submit an article, or have an idea for one, please contact Beverly Levine Smallwood, CAGGNI's representative on the CGC, at caggni_bev@yahoo.com.

