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OF

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"SCOTLAND GENEALOGY"

Our guest speaker tonight is **Jack Schweikert**. His



program will focus on his experience in researching ancestors from Scotland. Jack's mother and her relatives were born in Scotland. Jack began genealogy research when he retired in 2002. He is currently

on the board of the Genealogy Society of South Brevard.

NANCY SIECK

Nancy has completed the radiation treatments, has the blood sugar under control, and is beginning the chemo treatments. She remains very weak but her strength is expected to improve.

GENEALOGY EVENT

The Genealogy Society of North Brevard has been invited to the 40th Anniversary of Genealogy in Brevard on December 9. The social event will held at the Cocoa Library at 9 AM. Further details will be forthcoming.

GENEALOGY WEB SITE PUBLISHES CIVIL WAR RECORDS

SALT LAKE CITY, (15 May 2008) - FamilySearch, a genealogy Web site maintained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, announced yesterday its agreement with Footnote.com to publish two Civil War-era databases online — the 1860 U.S. Census and the Civil War Pensions Index. The two collections will provide free online access to millions of names of individuals from 1860 to 1865 in the United States.

GENEALOGY THIS MONTH IN BREVARD

The **Brevard Genealogical Society** meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room of the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center (308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa.) This month's meeting will be held on **June 9th**. **Betty Eichhorn, Michael Boonstra, and Joan Bullard**, will present a "Brick Walls Workshop". Suggestions will be provided by the workshop.

The **Genealogical Society of South Brevard** meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) This month's meeting will be held on **June 11th** beginning at 9:30 am. **Anthony W. Young**, COL US Army Retired, will present a program on Gettysburg. This is an interesting and informative program on the battle at Gettysburg. Col Young will discuss this battle utilizing a large floor map. Another program to add to your "Don't Miss" list!

SUMMER BREAK TIME

There will be no meetings of GSNB during the months of July and August. This is our annual summer break that is enacted each year. Please make a note of the fact that the next meeting will be held on September 2, 2008. The speaker at that time will be Dr. Rachel Wentz.

NEHGS ADDS 3.2 MILLION SEARCHABLE NAMES ONLINE

New England Historic Genealogical Society is thrilled to announce the addition of more than 3.2 million names to its searchable online databases during 2007 to help its more than 20,000 members around the country with their family history research

SIX HINTS FOR GOOGLE BOOKS SEARCH

Posted by Allison

I've been playing around with Books Search to create a video demonstration of how it can help genealogists (watch it on our YouTube channel), and decided to share a few hints I picked up:

1. For best results, limit your search to books only: From the Google home page, click the more link in the top frame, then select Books.
2. Type a surname plus *subject:genealogy* in the search box to look for published family histories. Not that your results will also include books authored by people with that surname, even if that family isn't the primary focus. By searching for genealogy as the subject, you'll avoid lots of hits on books where the word *genealogy* just happens to appear in the text.
3. Search by county and local history books by typing the state, county or city name (use quotation marks around an exact phrase) and the word *history* in the search box. For example: *ohio "wood county" history*.
4. On the results page, look at the end of each listing for Full View, Limited Preview, Snippet View or No Preview Available. This tells you how much of the actual book you'll get to see.
5. If the book is too big or takes too long to download, an alternative is to save it to a personal Google library you create. You have sign up for a free Google account to use this feature.
6. For books with limited or no viewable pages, use the Find This Book in a Library link to go to WorldCat, where you can enter your ZIP code to locate it in a library near you or where you can get it on interlibrary loan.

SAVE THE DATE

The Family History Seminar will be held on November 1, 2008. The seminar title this year is "Discover Your Ancestors."

DIGITIZATION AGREEMENT NARA AND ANCESTRY.COM

The Generations Network and The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) signed an agreement that will make millions of historical records available on Ancestry.com. With the new agreement, Ancestry.com will have technicians and scanning machines onsite at NARA to continually digitize content for online access faster than ever before. To learn more about this agreement as well as NARA documents already available on Ancestry.com, visit <http://www.ancestry.com/nara>

NEW PERIODICAL SOURCE INDEX TO HERITAGEQUEST ONLINE

ProQuest and Allen County Public Library, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, recently added new data to the Periodical Source Index (PERSI). With this update, PERSI now contains more than 2 million citations from more than 6,600 periodicals published in the United States, Canada, and abroad. The new release includes indexing for more than 132,000 articles from 2006 and 2007. No other index covers periodical research in local history and genealogy as extensively as PERSI.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Anyone willing to serve on the nominating committee please contact Patrick Bowers.

TITUSVILLE COMPUTER CLUB
meets monthly
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 pm
St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church
(414 Pine St., Titusville)
Visitors always welcome!

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Dues: \$15/person or \$20/family per year
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FAMILY SEARCH SITE

Posted by Diane

You may have heard whisperings about a new FamilySearch Web site underway, and wondered what it's like and when you'll get a crack at using it. Today we got some information to share.

FamilySearch Labs is testing a variety of tools FamilySearch hopes to include on its Web site. The challenge, spokesperson Paul Nauta told us, is that each tool requires different architecture. FamilySearch's main site (at www.familysearch.org) hasn't changed yet because its architecture must be updated to accommodate all the cool new features in the works. Eventually, the tools will be built into that site.

But you already can use some of these features on the domains where they're being tested:

Record Search is a tool for searching the first digitized records—including censuses, church records, Civil War pensions and more—coming from FamilySearch's many partnerships with repositories and digitization companies. It has a microfilm reader-like viewer (minus the elbow-busting crank) that lets you zoom in on an image, nimbly move around, and switch from black on white to white on black.

Family Tree (previously called Pedigree Viewer), which lets users build an online, collaborative family tree, is available in demo version to the public. It's being rolled out gradually to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints locations, after which it'll go public.

The Family Tree Research Wiki is where experts post how-to advice about genealogical resources around the world.

FamilySearch Indexing is the site volunteers around the world are using to create indexes to digitized records. It'll tell you how you can volunteer, too.

Those are the main tools, but there are a couple of others you can try at FamilySearch Labs.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule for the remainder of 2008:

1 Jul	summer break	no meeting
5 Aug	summer break	no meeting
2 Sep	Rachel Wentz	"Ukraine Experiences"
7 Oct	Patti Kirk	"Orphan Trains"
18 Nov	Phillip Wright	"Hancock, Adams, the Salmon, and the Cow"
9 Dec	members	"Christmas Social"

THE END OF PAF

Everton's Genealogical Helper of May/June 2008 stated that PAF is "all but dead" and quoted the Ancestry Insider's Blog concerning the status of Personal Ancestral File (PAF) as follows:

Gordon Clarke read an official statement at the FamilySearch Developers Conference announcing future migration paths available to users of PAF genealogy software. Once New FamilySearch (NFS) is fully available, PAF users will have several options available. Users can perform a one-time transfer of their data to NFS which, like PAF, will be free. Or users can purchase a commercial genealogy program, many of which are currently developing support for NFS.

Family Tree DNA milestone

Family Tree DNA now has over 125,000 records in our database of Y-DNA results. We also have over 4,700 Surname Projects, which include over 75,000 surnames. Our mtDNA database has over 66,000 results.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please notify Jackie of any change to your email address to insure the receipt of GSNB email notices.

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 17 June
6 to 9 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 2 September
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Rachael Wentz
Topic: Ukraine Experiences

Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room
Titusville Public Library
(2121 South Hopkins Ave)