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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto except for February and December.

Directions to the Church may be found on our website citrusgenealogy.com and guests are always welcome to attend.

April 12 – "Family Tree Maker in 2016 and Beyond"

The speaker, Rick Mau will talk about the changes in Family Tree Maker software after it has gone out of business and has been taken over by another company. Also he will describe the problems involved in transferring information from Family Tree Maker to another software program.

May 10 – "Colonial Immigration – The English Pioneers of Early America"

The speaker, Beth Foulk, will give a **live** webinar about these people of unbounded courage, faith, and resilience who ultimately laid the foundation for the America as we know it. She will show what records reveal of their immigration, voyage and settlement in America and to look at what history has left us as sources of our national history.

June 14 – – "What Records are Most Likely to Establish the Identity of an Ancestor in the U.S."

This webinar on CD demonstrates the use of census records, vital records, land and probate records to prove the relationship of an individual to a family.

Election of Officers in April

Anyone may run for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Contact the Nominating Chairperson, Gail Kostelnick at 795-7653 if you are interested in running for an office.

Notes from the President

Mary Ann Macbonkin



Our February seminar was a great success and enjoyed by all. Drew Smith was an excellent speaker and I believe we all learned something new from the information he presented. Of the 85 who paid for the seminar, 83 attended.

I want to thank everyone who brought the delicious baked goods and those who worked at the seminar – Carol Engel and Janet Thompson who checked people in; Jamie Johnson and Carol Engel who worked in the kitchen; Pauline Flewett and Jackie Reiss at the membership table; Wes Brockway who sold raffle tickets; Elbert Holder and Ron Dunwoodie for arranging tables and chairs; Sid Taylor for publicity; Gail Kostelnick, Sandy Economou, Laurel Busacca, Mary Conant and Fran Cooperrider for cleanup; and Patricia Rizzio for garbage bag removal. Without the help of all of you, it would not be possible to host a seminar.

I also want to thank the following companies for their generous donations of genealogy subscription databases as prizes – MyHeritage; Fold3; FindMyPast; Mocavo; Genealogy Bank; and Newspapers.com.

“Who Do You Think You Are?” Returns

The series returns The two-time Emmy nominated series WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? returns April 3 at 9 p.m. on the TLC channel. This series continues to follow more of today’s most beloved and iconic celebrities as they embark on personal journeys of self-discovery to trace their family trees.

New Genealogy Series on TLC Channel

Long Lost Family on TLC to be Sponsored by Ancestry.com

The following announcement was written by the folks at Ancestry.com:

REGRET, LOSS AND REDEMPTION ON TLC’S
DOCU-SERIES LONG LOST FAMILY

The eight-episode docuseries premieres Sunday, March 6, 2016

Los Angeles, CA – LONG LOST FAMILY features the highly emotional and touching stories of people who have suffered a lifetime of separation and are yearning to be reunited with their birthparents and biological families or find children they had to place for adoption long ago. Either because of circumstance or fate, they’ve barely – if ever – met. The TLC series premieres Sunday, March 6 at 10/9c.

Hosts and well-known television personalities Chris Jacobs and Lisa Joyner are both adoptees who have embarked on their own journeys to discover their biological families. Each episode follows the hosts as they investigate the stories of two individuals or families who have longed to resolve their lifelong searches.

The stakes are incredibly high: a successful investigation offers the promise of not just a heartwarming reunion, but also a chance of redemption for people who have wrestled with emotional agony for years.

There is no simple path to find the missing loved ones. With tightly held family secrets in their way, the odds are stacked against them. Lisa and Chris conduct painstaking searches through public records, and utilize the latest DNA technology in their search for answers. But what they discover, and who they find, is anything but expected.

Source: Dick Eastman February 2, 2016

Area Seminars and Classes

National Genealogy Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time. The conference will be held 4–7 May 2016 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Conference highlights include a choice of more than 180 lectures given by nationally known speakers and subject matter experts on a broad array of topics. See the National Genealogical Society’s web site at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org> for more information.

Genealogy Magazines in the Lakes Region Library, Inverness



The genealogy society subscribes to the following genealogy magazines and donates them to the Lakes Region Library in Inverness to make them available for your use. The *Internet Genealogy*

magazine, *Your Genealogy Today* (formerly *Family Chronicle*) and *American Ancestors* magazines are located behind the reference desk. If you can't find them, just ask one of the librarians. The following are descriptions of interesting articles from recent magazines.

Internet Genealogy Feb/Mar 2016

“Swedish Household Examination Books” by George G. Morgan., pp 13 – 16. MyHeritage.com has made more than 46 million indexed, digital images available covering the period 1880 – 1920. The Swedish Church kept the official records of the people. These records can include place and date of birth, marriage, date of death, occupation and military service.

Also in 1851 the parish priests were supposed to keep a record of people leaving or arriving in Sweden from other countries. George shows the heading of the columns in Swedish and the English translation of them. He also offers suggestions for translating the text of the records. **(Note: MyHeritage is free to access in the Family History Center.)**

“Do You Have That Number?” Tony Bandy explores online historical Brooklyn, NY phone and city directories, pp 24 – 26. The city directories cover the period 1856 – 1908. And can be found at www.bklynlibrary.org/citydir

“War of 1812 Online Resources” Diane L. Richard looks at the growing number of resources online and available for US and Canadian research, although the indexing of War of 1812 records on Fold3 still is incomplete. pp 31 – 37.

Irish Online Records

www.irishgenealogy.ie is a free website with access to church records, civil records, census records, calendars of wills, Griffith's Valuation, tithe applotments, and church registers.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



New Horizons Genealogy is a website that specializes in New England and New York Colonial American Ancestry. The pension list of Revolutionary or Military Services 1813, 1818, and 1840 can be found at www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com Click on Military Records: however, there are also other types of records on the website.

Index to Pioneer and Early Settlers of Kansas
www.kcgs.us/forgot.htm

100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites from Around the World

From Genealogy In Time “...our rankings are based on a combination of three factors: visitors, content and time. The result is an objective and independent ranking of the top 100 genealogy websites.”

www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2016-page01.html

Free Genealogy Search Engine

Genealogy In Time has “Largest free Ancestral Search Engine on the Internet.” “It searches thousands of local sites in the back corners of the internet looking for ancestral records. Roughly 80% of the records it finds are not available on subscription websites.”

www.genealogyintime.com/tools/genealogy-search-engine.html

Canadian Passenger Lists, Immigration and Naturalization Records

The Library and Archives Canada www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx

New York, NY Index to Alien Crewmen who were Discharged or who Deserted, 1917 – 1957

This index gives name, age, name of vessel, date of discharge or desertion.

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2467808>

Free Access to Subscription Databases at the Family History Center

The Family History Center (FHC) has free computer access to Ancestry.com **World** records, My Heritage.com, Find My Past and Fold3. Volunteers from our genealogy society and the church give free help with genealogy. The FHC is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to Noon.

Dick Eastman's Newsletter

Dick Eastman publishes a free, daily online newsletter Monday through Friday at www.eogn.com with the latest information about genealogy. The following are examples from his newsletter and is printed with his permission.

Findmypast Announces Launch of 10 Million Irish Parish Registers

Leading family history site, Findmypast, announced today at Rootstech that it will launch 10 million Irish Catholic Parish Registers, one of the most important Irish record collections, in March 2016. Covering over 200 years from 1671-1900 and over 1,000 parishes, Findmypast has worked to transcribe the National Library of Ireland's online image collection of 3,500 baptism and marriage registers. This is the first time that the collection has been indexed with the images linked online, making the search much easier and the records more accessible. As a result, family historians will now be able to make all important links between generations with the baptism records and between families with the marriage registers. These essential records cover the entire island of Ireland, both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

The indexing of these important documents also allows researchers to witness the devastating effects of the Great Famine (1845-1852) first hand. Using the records to examine baptism rates in pre and post Famine Ireland has revealed that the number of children baptized across the whole of Ireland dropped by more 50% in the decade that followed. Across all 32 counties, 2,408,694 baptisms were recorded from 1835-1844, while 1,109,062 baptisms were recorded between 1851 and 1860, a difference of more than 1,299,000 baptisms. The records also reveal the worst affected regions, with counties Limerick, Wexford, Roscommon and Kilkenny seeing the most dramatic drops in baptism rates.

Source: Dick Eastman · [February 5, 2016](http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/05/) at <http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/05/>

Ancestry Adds the Largest Collection of Irish Catholic Parish Records Launched Online

Everyone seems to be adding the Irish Catholic Parish Records to their collections. Findmypast announced the addition two days ago. Now Ancestry.com has made a similar announcement.

Source: Dick Eastman · [March 2, 2016](http://blog.eogn.com/2016/03/02/) at <http://blog.eogn.com/2016/03/02/>

Note: Findmypast and Ancestry.com are subscription databases but are free to use on the computers in the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to Noon.)

Why is the Release of Irish Catholic Parish Registers so Important?

The parish registers are free to search on the website of the National Library of Ireland at www.nli.ie however you need to know which parish your ancestor lived in and his or her date of baptism, marriage or burial depending on what record you are looking for. Many people do not know where their ancestor lived in Ireland and have only approximate dates.

The advantage of searching the Irish records on FindMyPast.com is that these records have been indexed and digitized so you can search for a name only. If the name is a common one, you may get many results and then decide based on dates and location which person is your ancestor.

Use eGENEe to Search for genealogy and History Websites and Resources

eGENEe is a website containing a catalog of genealogy and history websites. Anita Brubaker, the owner of eGENEe, says she began keeping a list of useful, reliable websites in 2010. It was first a spreadsheet and later became a true database as the number of entries grew. It now has become eGENEe. The web site currently contains more than 150,000 links for US websites, and that number is growing daily. Currently only the United States is available, but there are plans for additional countries in the future.

eGENEe has a user interface that is very easy to use. You can search for web sites by locality, years, categories, name, title, price, URL, or any combination of these factors. Searches can sometimes come up with some obscure resources. In most cases, searching for a surname will not be productive.

However, eGENEe is an excellent tool for finding sources of records. I would suggest searching for the name of the town or county where some of your ancestors lived. eGENEe is available at:

<http://eGENEe.com>.

Source: Dick Eastman · [February 23, 2016](http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/23/) at <http://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/23/>

Dick Eastman Newsletter

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Family Tree Maker to be Continued with More Options Than Ever

The following was written by Kendall Hulet of Ancestry, Inc.:

Software MacKiev, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows.

This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward.

The second part of today's announcement states that RootsMagic will also be able to synchronize data with Ancestry.com's online family trees by the end of the year.

Source: Dick Eastman · [February 2, 2016](#)

RootsMagic Adds Direct Import of Family Tree Maker Files

Big news for anyone looking to switch from Family Tree Maker to another genealogy program: RootsMagic has added the capability to directly import Family Tree Maker databases without the use of GEDCOM. Indeed, GEDCOM import has always been an option in RootsMagic but GEDCOM is an imperfect solution. GEDCOM frequently loses data. The new capability added to RootsMagic 7.1 avoids the problem.

Quoting the *RootsMagic Blog* at <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2668>: Since Ancestry's announcement that they were parting ways with their Family Tree Maker software, thousands of FTM users have found a new home in RootsMagic. One of the first questions they have is, "How do I get my data from FTM into RootsMagic?"

Until today, the answer has always been through a GEDCOM file. But GEDCOM files from Family Tree Maker, while mostly effective, were often lacking data and details only found in the original file. Plus it added an extra step in the conversion process.

That's why we're excited to announce today's release of RootsMagic 7.1. In addition to various tweaks and fixes, this update adds the ability to directly import any Family Tree Maker file. And by "any" Family Tree Maker file, we really mean it. RootsMagic can directly import:

- Family Tree Maker 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014 for Windows (*.ftm, *.ftmb)
- Family Tree Maker 3 for Mac (*.ftm, *.ftmb)
- Family Tree Maker 2010 and 2012 for Mac (*.ftmm, *.ftmd)
- Classic Family Tree Maker Files (*.ftw)

In fact, RootsMagic can import a bigger variety of Family Tree Maker files than any single version of Family Tree Maker itself. Further details, including step-by-step instructions, are given in the *RootsMagic Blog* at <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2668>.

Source: Dick Eastman · [March 8, 2016](#)

Google is Shutting Down Picasa

Google's Picasa has been one of my favorite photo editing tools for several years. Now there is bad news and good news about the free service.

Bad news: Google will stop supporting the Picasa desktop application on March 15th, 2016. It will still work beyond March 15th, but Google will stop developing it and there will be no future updates.

Good news: Google is replacing Picasa with Google Photos, the company's new-and-improved photo service. In fact, Google Photos is a better app than Picasa although I am sure it will take some time for Picasa users to get used to the change. If you happen to have photos or videos stored away in a Picasa Web Album, Google says all of your media will already be available in Google Photos. Once you access Google Photos, you'll be able to share, download and organize all of your media in one location.

I just checked and found all of my photos from Picasa and from an Android cell phone are already waiting for me at <https://photos.google.com/>. For an Android user, Google Photos is an excellent automatic backup service for all photos taken with the Android device's camera. Google Photos is a more powerful, mobile-focused service than Picasa ever was. It lets users backup an unlimited number of photos and videos to the cloud for free, and also comes with a search function that leverages artificial intelligence technology.

Source: Dick Eastman · [February 17, 2016](#)

March Library Display at Lakes Region Library

Every year our genealogy society sets up a display at the Lakes Region Library. This year the theme was "Immigration of our Ancestors." We would like to thank Pauline Flewett and Sharon Darmstadt for setting up this display as well as all those who contributed materials for the display.



Pauline Flewett



Sharon Darmstadt

1870-1880: Migration & Immigration



The Gilded Age was in full flourish. Although industrialization was strong, the Grange organizations helped agriculture retain its place as the largest area of production in America. In the South, a strong cotton export economy remained. As factories grew in urban areas, cities grew ... The 1870's saw increasing belligerence by Native Americans as more and more of their land was taken away by white migration. The Indian's main source of livelihood, the buffalo, was being hunted to extinction. The Native American way of life was disappearing and their efforts to protect and preserve their lands failed.

There were victories for them such as the Battle of Little Big Horn, but the outcome was inevitable. The Indian Wars were essentially over with the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce on October 5, 1877. The coming of the railroads had only hastened the demise. The federal government was making some attempt to preserve the disappearing wilderness with the establishment of the first national park – Yellowstone.

The total number of immigrants into the country in 1877 was 141, 857. The greatest number of immigrants of this decade came from Germany (over 800,000) with Great Britain (548,043) and Ireland (436,871) not far behind. The newcomers influenced life in the country in many ways. In politics, especially on the state and local level, the voting blocks of the different ethnic groups allowed control of the government. The Tammany Hall regime of New York City was one of the more infamous (also called Tweed's machine).

In 1874 Mennonite immigrants from Russia came to Kansas with seeds for "Turkey Red" wheat. This drought-resistant strain was to turn the Great American Desert into the "Breadbasket of the World."

Resentment toward the immigrants was present and led to legislation at times. The Chinese were willing to work for lower wages and a backlash against them led to legislation in Nevada banning Chinese labor and in California to providing separate schools.

Source: Sutton, Bettye, et al. "19th Century: 1870-1879." *American Cultural History*. Lone Star College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.

Genealogy Books at the Lakes Region Library

There is a large genealogy section at the Lakes Region Library. Not all genealogy research can be done online. Books are a valuable addition to our research. There are books at the library with information from many states. There are also “how-to” books for finding ancestors in many foreign countries. Pay a visit to the library and browse the books to see if there is something that can help you.



Scene at Skibbereen during the Great Famine, by Cork artist James Mahony (1810-1879), commissioned by The Illustrated London News, 1847

Learn About the Great Famine in Ireland

Go to this Wikipedia website [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Famine_\(Ireland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Famine_(Ireland)) to learn more about the Great Famine in Ireland.

Records from the Netherlands

The subscription website, MyHeritage.com now has the following records from the Netherlands: births 1564 – 1910; marriages 1565 – 1892; civil registration 1792 – 1952; burial records; and much more. MyHeritage is free to access in the Family History Center.

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- **GenealogyInTime Magazine**

(www.genealogyintime.com) is a free newsletter that provides concise reviews of the most recent genealogy record sets and also presents original genealogy articles. The newsletter is sent once a week.

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