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### CALENDAR 2009

Send your news about genealogical events of interest to MoSGA members to the editor at: [89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM). Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

### ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS SCHEDULE 2009

#### January-April 2009

Join us for **this series of free programs** at the St. Louis Public Library. Pick & choose, or attend them all!

1. January 17--10 a.m. – Noon.  
Central Library, Meeting Room 1.

**Killed by the Cure: Civil War Medicine**—the injuries and diseases that plagued Civil War soldiers, and the (sometimes fatal) methods Civil War doctors used to try and heal them.

2. February 14, 10 a.m.-Noon. Buder Branch.

**Citizen Soldiers: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor**— book, microfilm, manuscript, and Internet sources of information about Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots.

3. March 21, 10 a.m.-Noon.  
Central Library, Meeting Room 1.

**St. Louis at War, 1861-1865: Arsenal, Forts, Hospitals, & Prisons** – the many ways in which St. Louis contributed to the Union war effort.

4. April 18, 10 a.m.-Noon. Buder Branch.

**4/14: The Plot to Kill President Lincoln** – the conspirators and the conspiracy, Booth's escape attempt, the trials of his co-

conspirators, and the punishments meted out by military tribunals.

Central Library  
1301 Olive Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-241-2288

Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63109  
314-352-2900

Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To register or for more information, please call us at 539-0381. Parking at Central Library is free on Saturdays, and you can park for free anytime at Buder Branch.

### TELL ME ABOUT IT

#### 28 March 2009

**Tell Me About It**, John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. Virginia Beach Genealogical Society presents well-recognized author, teacher, publisher, and wit to fine-tune your genealogical research & writing in his unique style for their 2009 Annual Conference, Saturday, 28 March 2009, 8:30 AM - 5 PM, at Central Library, Virginia Beach, VA.

Vendors, prizes, free DNA kits, magazines, goodies and much more. Registration form required: \$35\* members/ \$40\* others. Add \$5\* to payments received after March 16, 2009. For more details, contact J. B. Wright at 757.495.0672 or [jwright73@cox.net](mailto:jwright73@cox.net) or visit:

[www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs).

### IGS CONFERENCE 2009

#### 25 April 2009

**The Indiana Genealogical Society** will

celebrate its 20th anniversary with a special 4-track conference at the Indianapolis Marriott East on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 8 am to 5 pm. The conference theme will be "Honoring Our Warriors: Military Genealogy." **Pamela K. Boyer**, CG, CGL will be the featured speaker. She is Education and Publications Director at the National Genealogical Society and has been a lecturer at National Genealogical Society conferences since 1997 and at Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences since 1999. Other speakers will be: **Dr. Jack Early, Curt B. Witcher, Bennie J. McRae, Dr. Alan January, Kevin Flanagan, Dona Stokes-Lucas** and **Ronald L. Darrah**. Topics will include military records, African American research, and Internet sources. For more information or to register, visit:

<http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.html>

**NSGS CONFERENCE 2009**

1-2 May 2009

**Nebraska State Genealogical Society**

will hold its 2009 NSGS Annual Meeting & Conference at the Harms Advance Technology Center in Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska on May 1st & 2nd. The conference is hosted by the West Nebraska Family Research & History Center. The featured speaker will be **Julie Miller**, CGSM. For more information, visit:

<http://www.nesgs.org>

**KCGS 2009 CONFERENCE**

20 June 2009

This 2009 conference is presented by The **Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies**, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society, featuring Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak is scheduled for June 20, 2009 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas.

Sessions include:

Trace Your Roots with DNA

Welcome to Roots Television

Reverse Genealogy

Find That Obit: Online Newspaper Research

Early registration: \$45.00 [rec'd by 5/30/2009]. Late registration: \$50.00. Contact [kscouncilgensoc@juno.com](mailto:kscouncilgensoc@juno.com) for details or visit our website at:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/>

**MoSGA CONFERENCE 2009**

7-8 August 2009

**Missouri State Genealogical Association**

will hold its 2009 Annual Conference on August 7 and 8, 2009 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri, with featured speaker **Julie Miller**, CGSM. For more information, visit:

<http://www.mosga.org/conference2009.html>

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

Please note **that annual dues for MoSGA expire at the end of each calendar year**. Your prompt payment ensures uninterrupted mailing of the *MoSGA Journal* and "*Show-Me State*" *Genealogical News*. Postcard reminders and mailing of back-issues cost money, so please do your part to help reduce our costs. Dues are still only \$20 per household per year (\$400 for a lifetime membership), and may be mailed to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

**PRIMARILY TEACHING WORKSHOP**

13-17 July 2009

NARA-Great Lakes (Chicago) is offering this week-long **workshop for teachers** on 13-17 July 2009. The workshop will provide lectures, demonstrations, analysis of documents, independent research, and group work intended to introduce teachers to the holdings and organization of the National Archives. Participants will learn how to do research in historical records, create classroom materials from those records, and present documents in ways that sharpen student skills and engender enthusiasm for history, social studies, and the humanities.

<http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/archives>

Email: [Chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:Chicago.archives@nara.gov)

Phone: 773-948-9001

IN THE GENIE MAGAZINES

THE 1912 COLUMBIA AX MURDERS

We tend to think that violent crime is a recent curse that only affects the modern world, but as Abel could tell us if Cain hadn't done him in, it just isn't so. The modern media can make us aware of violent crimes much more quickly than in the past, and we hear about violent crimes in many places, not just our local area, so we tend to believe that more violent crimes are committed nowadays than in the past.

A number of mass homicides committed in 1911 and 1912 (including one committed in Columbia, Missouri) should serve to dispel our illusions. On 17 December 1912, Mary J. Wilson and Georgia Ann Moore were found in the home they shared, each killed by the blow of an ax. The finger of suspicion quickly pointed at Henry Lee Moore, grandson and son of the dead women, who had claimed to discover the bodies. His alibi for the time of the murders collapsed almost immediately, and it became clear that the serial womanizer had told several prospective conquests that he "stood to inherit a house from his mother shortly." The 37-year-old was sentenced to life in prison, and served 38 years before being pardoned by the governor in 1949.

The story might have ended there, but Department of Justice Special Agent M. W. McClaughry suggested that Moore might have also committed five other mass homicides in Illinois, Kansas, and Iowa (these five incidents claimed the lives of 24 victims). All of the victims were killed with a blow from an ax, pipe, or other heavy object.

In the end, few persons believed that Moore had committed the other murders, for the simple reason that those crimes had been perpetrated by a clever killer or killers who left few clues and were never apprehended, while Moore's crimes were so clumsily executed that the finger of suspicion pointed towards him almost immediately.

An article on the 1911-1912 ax murders appears in GSCM Reporter 27:4 (Jul-Aug 2008); you can access a lengthier version of the article here:

<http://studentaccess.emporia.edu/~bklingen/HI815%20Moore%20History%20Paper.pdf>

(You'll need to paste that URL into your browser address bar, not a search engine search box.)

FELLED BY THE FLU

Madison County (IL) Genealogical Society Quarterly 28:3 (2008) reprints an obit for Enid Jerome Elmore from the Collinsville Herald (22 September 1922). Mr. Elmore was just 25 years old when he succumbed to pneumonia. The article notes that he was a World War I veteran. How ironic (and sad): to survive the awful carnage of the Great War, only to be struck down while still a very young man by the flu!

NO-- HE DIDN'T EAT LIKE A PIG...

No, indeed-- he was in fact eaten like a pig!

On 9 September 2008, the Washington (Mo) Historical Society held a pig roast fundraiser. Turnout was good, and several local businesses donated items to help out. This rural Missouri luau was certainly successful - they made a profit of almost \$6,000!

More on this story in the Newsletter of the Washington Historical Society 14:4 (November 2008), including a pre-feasting, post-roasting photo of the guest of honor.

RAID ON FORT SCOTT

Bushwhacker Musings 40:4 (1 October 2008) reprints an article from the Ft. Scott Democrat on an 1858 raid on Ft. Scott by a company of men under the command of the free-stater, Captain Montgomery. Montgomery's aim was to free one of his men, Ben Rice, who'd been arrested on a robbery charge and was being held in the Ft. Scott jail.

Montgomery and a group of about 100 men entered town at daybreak on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The well-orchestrated raid involved the taking of some temporary hostages to ensure the cooperation of the townspeople. Some townspeople resisted anyway, however, and an exchange of gunfire was the result. During this exchange John Little,

son of Dr. Blake Little, was shot in the forehead and died shortly thereafter.

The raiders didn't just release their compatriot, however. They **also ransacked and looted several private homes and businesses**, carrying off what the reporter estimated as "at least \$5,000 worth" of cash, jewelry, and other valuables. The reporter also noted the widespread suspicion that one of the raiders was John Henry Kagi, a known associate of the fiery John Brown of Kansas.

#### UNCLE NICK REMEMBERS

GSCM Reporter 27:5 (September-October 2008) reprints an article from the Boonville Advertiser (25 July 1947). The article featured an interview with "Uncle Nick" Robinson, a **100-year old former slave** who lived at Gooch's Mill. "Uncle Nick" was born in Virginia. He was sold to a Missouri farmer named Hurt when he was only 13 years old. "Uncle Nick" worked as a field hand for about five years before being freed when the Civil War ended.

After emancipation, "Uncle Nick" somehow managed to reunite with his entire family-mother, father, and four siblings. **His family members proved to be extremely long-lived.** His parents both lived to age 97, and his two brothers lived to 90 and 95 respectively. A sister was 97 years old when the article was written in 1947. His wife, Eliza, was a relative youngster at age 87. "Uncle Nick" told the interviewer that he'd stopped dancing when he got married, because Eliza was a Baptist, **although he still chewed, smoked, and drank beer, wine, and whiskey** "when he could get it," although he added that he "never got drunk," also out of respect for the beliefs of his young(er) bride.

#### WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

You can send news **of a mailing address / email address change** to our Membership Chair, Rob Taylor, at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833, or to his email: [taylor.robert.w@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.robert.w@gmail.com). Thanks!

#### GENIE INTERNET NEWS

Send items of interest to the editor at: [<89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM>](mailto:89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM). Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

NOTE: You should check any downloaded program with your computer security

software before installing on your computer-better safe than sorry!

#### ARE YOU READY FOR UBUNTU?

If you're going to be in the market for an OS in the near future, and have shied away from the free **Ubuntu Linux OS** in the past because of the Linux "for IT geeks only" aura, it may be time to take another look:

<http://www.crn.com/software/211800390>

#### CANADA'S GREAT WAR DEAD

At the **Vigil 1914-1918** website:

<http://www.1914-1918.ca/>

#### CAPTURE SCREEN 1.6

CaptureScreen is a **free easy to use screen capture program** with right-click contextual menu access. Move and size the window to the desired location, select the "Capture" command for a region capture of the screen, or the "Full Screen" command for a full capture of the screen. Save the capture with the "Save" command; png format (by default) gives a perfect result. For precision, the "Image Size" menu displays or sets the real size (pixels) of the capture. The "Clear" command erases the capture and enables the commands to set the size of the capture.

For: Win2K, WinXP, Vista

Size: 25 k

[http://patrice-zwenger.net46.net/my\\_programs.html#P1](http://patrice-zwenger.net46.net/my_programs.html#P1)

Note: There's also a more full-featured shareware version (1.1 m) of this program.

#### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

Another site to check out if you need info on health conditions **with a genetic component** (great site to check for any health / disease info, actually):

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

CIVIL WAR BLOGS AND RE-ENACTOR COMMUNITIES

The Civil War Preservation Trust has a page devoted to these topics:

"Interested in learning more about all that is going on in today's Civil War community? The number of quality websites devoted towards discussing, reviewing, debunking and debating issues related to the American Civil War continues to grow at a rapid clip. And while there's simply not enough room to **showcase each great Civil War website**, we do have a number of sites below that might help to expand your interest and perspective on this great subject."

<http://www.civilwar.org/civilwarblogs/>

FICTION FINDER

No, it's not genealogy, but some of you are going to thank me anyway:

"FictionFinder is a project of OCLC Research **that provides access to 2.8 million works of fiction** found in the OCLC WorldCat database.

With FictionFinder, you can search for books, eBooks, and audiobooks by titles, authors, ISBNs, and other information such as literary awards and book summaries.

You can also browse the FictionFinder database by genre, fictional character, imaginary place or setting, and subject.

When you discover an item you are interested in, FictionFinder can help you find a copy.

Please click on begin to start using FictionFinder."

<http://fictionfinder.oclc.org/>

Note: You can, in fact, use "genealogy" as a search term **to discover works of fiction that feature family history/genealogical research** in their plots!

FOND DU LAC VITAL STATS, 1846-1994

If you're **researching Wisconsin ancestors**, this online finding aid may prove of interest:

<http://www.fdlpl.org/vital.html>

GENEASOFTS

If you **love your computer nearly as much** as you love apple pie or your faithful dog, Ruffy, you'll like this blog that keeps you posted on new and updated genie software:

<http://genealogyblog.geneanet.org/index.php/geneafeed/geneasofts>

GOVLOANS.GOV

Need a loan? In these troubled economic times, **you may well need some help**. The good news: your Uncle Sam is there for you at GovLoans.gov:

[http://www.govloans.gov/govloans\\_en.portal](http://www.govloans.gov/govloans_en.portal)

GREADER

"GReader (pronounced Gee-Reader) is a free software application **that can notify you of new emails in your inbox** by using a personalized character. It sits on your system tray and constantly checks your Gmail account. If new emails are received a customizable 'Agent' or character will speak to you and inform you of the emails, including who they are from and their subject lines. It currently only supports Gmail accounts. "

For: Win2K, WinXP, Vista

Size: 6.4 m

[http://freewarehome.com/index.html?http%3A/freewarehome.com/Internet/E-Mail/E-mail\\_Notification\\_t.html%232553](http://freewarehome.com/index.html?http%3A/freewarehome.com/Internet/E-Mail/E-mail_Notification_t.html%232553)

GREAT WAR FORUM

Interested in **World War I?** Then you should be hanging out here:

<http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums/>

HELPING PAPER GROW OLD GRACEFULLY

How do you find out how the passage of time **affects various types of paper?** You set up a test, of course-- and the Library of Congress did just that:

[http://www.loc.gov/preserv/rt/projects/100-yr\\_nat\\_aging.html](http://www.loc.gov/preserv/rt/projects/100-yr_nat_aging.html)

IF YOU NEED A SIMPLE CELL PHONE...

If you really only need a cell phone:

- for the occasional emergency
- for just a few phone calls per month

or if (let's face facts) any item invented after 1950 terrifies you, **a Jitterbug may be just what you've been looking for:**

<http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=5550&page=1>

**IF YOU'VE GOT JEWISH ANCESTORS,  
YOUR SHIP HAS COME IN...**

**NEW YORK CITY and PROVO, UTAH – Oct. 29, 2008** – Today Ancestry.com, part of The Generations Network, Inc., announced it has introduced the world's largest online collection of Jewish family history records. Ancestry.com has partnered with two leading organizations committed to the preservation of Jewish heritage – JewishGen, an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City that maintains the world's premier Jewish genealogy website, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an overseas humanitarian aid organization committed to providing relief for Jews in more than 70 countries. These partnerships will make millions of important Jewish historical documents available on Ancestry.com, many of which are online for the first time ever and searchable for free. These unique records, including photographs, immigration records, Holocaust records and memorials, can now be searched alongside other records already accessible on Ancestry.com, **creating the largest collection of Jewish family history records on the Web** with more than 26 million records documenting Jewish life.

Details about the new Jewish Family History Collection on Ancestry.com will be unveiled today at a ceremony at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

"Ancestry.com, the JDC and JewishGen are committed to the preservation of important Jewish historical records, and we're honored to be working with these well-respected

organizations to help in this effort," said Tim Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of The Generations Network, Inc. "For the millions of people interested in discovering more about their Jewish heritage, these new partnerships make researching family history easier than ever before."

Many documents digitized as a part of this agreement have never before been available online, including two important JDC collections:

\* **Jewish Transmigration Bureau Deposit Cards, 1939-1954 (JDC)**, a collection of records showing the amount of money paid by American Jewish citizens to support the emigration of friends and relatives from European countries during and after WWII.

\* **Munich, Vienna and Barcelona Jewish Displaced Persons and Refugee Cards, 1943-1959 (JDC)**, a collection containing records of displaced Jews who were provided with food, medical care and clothing and emigration assistance by the JDC.

"Since 1914, JDC has helped revitalize Jewish communities throughout the world and has helped save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews," said Steve Schwager, Chief Executive Officer for JDC. "We are excited to partner with Ancestry.com, providing descendants access to rare new information about their families and themselves. JDC and Ancestry.com are opening up a wealth of previously inaccessible information through the digitization and dissemination of 125,000 records of those who were helped and of those who helped provide relief to others during and directly after WWII."

**More than 300 databases** from JewishGen will also now be available on Ancestry.com. These JewishGen databases represent 14 different countries and contain more than 5 million records, such as:

\* **The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry**, an invaluable collection with more than 1 million names of Jews represented in nearly 2,000 Jewish cemeteries around the world.

\* **Yizkor Book Necrologies**, a list of the names of those murdered in the Holocaust which directs users back to the Yizkor Books themselves – memorials which offer vivid, first-hand accounts of the Holocaust and its aftermath.

\* **The Given Names Database**, which enables one to learn possible European, Hebrew and Yiddish translations of an ancestor's given name.

\* **A Holocaust Database of 2 million names such as Schindler's List**, which includes names of 1,980 inmates in Oscar Schindler's factories in Plaszów, Poland and Brännlitz, Czechoslovakia.

\* **Jewish Records Indexing (JRI-PL) Poland and All Lithuania Database**, representing more than 2 million indexed names from databases in Lithuania and Poland containing vital information on the regions.

"JewishGen began as a volunteer community devoted to gathering and sharing Jewish records," said David G. Marwell, Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage. "We are excited that, through this new relationship with Ancestry.com, we will be able to broaden our reach and extend our invaluable resources to a much larger group of researchers around the world. The entire community benefits when more people get involved in the fascinating and rewarding activity of researching their family history. "

In July 2008, JewishGen entered into a partnership with Ancestry.com that provides Ancestry.com with significant resources in the Jewish genealogy world. Under the agreement, not only will Ancestry.com eventually receive access to well in excess of 10 million records, some of which date back to the 1700s, but JewishGen's user base of more than 250,000 persons will be alerted to Ancestry.com's rich resources. Ancestry.com will also provide technical support to the JewishGen site.

The JDC and JewishGen databases included in this release will be *searchable for free* in a new Jewish Family History experience on Ancestry.com at:

[www.ancestry.com/JewishFamilyHistory](http://www.ancestry.com/JewishFamilyHistory).

These databases can be searched in combination with millions of other invaluable records documenting Jews available on Ancestry.com, including census records, passenger lists, military records and more.

#### **About the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), [www.JDC.org](http://www.JDC.org), gives global expression to the principle that all Jews are responsible for one another. On behalf of North America's Jewish communities, JDC works in over 70 countries to rescue those in danger, provide relief to those in distress, revitalize overseas Jewish communities, and help Israel overcome the social challenges that beset its most vulnerable citizens.

JDC also provides non-sectarian disaster relief and long-term development assistance to the world's least fortunate populations.

JDC's archives consists of approximately 40 to 50 million pages of archival materials dating from 1914 to present, many of which are of genealogical interest to scholars and Jews around the world.

#### **About JewishGen**

JewishGen <<http://www.jewishgen.org>> was founded in 1987 and has grown from a bulletin board with only 150 users to a major grass roots effort bringing together hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide in a virtual community centered on discovering Jewish ancestral roots and history.

Researchers use JewishGen to share genealogical information, techniques, and case studies. With a growing database of more than 11 million records, the website is a forum for the exchange of information about Jewish life and family history, and has enabled thousands of families to connect and re-connect in a way never before possible.

Need more info? Contact Ancestry PR Lady Anastasia Tyler. <mailto:at Tyler@tgn.com>

LAPTOP SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Advice on **shopping for laptops** (or other electronic devices) the day after Turkey Day:

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/kim\\_komando/2008-11-06-digital-deals\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/kim_komando/2008-11-06-digital-deals_N.htm)

#### THE LONG, LONG TRAIL

Fantastic website for anyone interested in the history of **the British Army in World War I**, with many great photos:

<http://www.1914-1918.net/index.htm>

#### MIKE'S INDEX

Interesting item about **the long-term efforts of one of genealogy's many unsung heroes**. Please note that journals indexed cover a wide variety of states and countries--list of journals covered by the index is available on their website.

"For more than 20 years (since 1981), Fox Valley Genealogical Society member Mike Fichtel has indexed the contents of journals and newsletters that have been received or were held by the society. Many society members worked for a year to put this index on-line. What you see here is the result of this volunteer effort!

Mike's Index consists of a record for each genealogically interesting item in our holdings, most of which are now in the Oswego Public Library. The Index includes references to surnames, obituaries, bible records, biographies, cemeteries, wills, histories, lists, pension records, newspaper abstracts, vital records, maps, etc. All articles in Mike's Index include the exact article titles for the many of the items of interest.

This large index includes 243 Journal / Newsletter Titles and over 5800 individual volumes. With over 36,000 entries, Mike's Index is a significant contribution to the genealogical community.

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society (DuPage County, IL) offers access to this wonderful Index and hopes that you locate something useful to your research. We would also invite you to join our society to receive other [membership](#) benefits."

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilfvgs/>

#### THE MOBILE GENEALOGIST

If you like **to take your gadgets with you on the road**, The Mobile Genealogist will help you keep up to date on what's new on the gadgets horizon:

<http://blog.northernhillssoftware.com/>

#### MoSGA HAS A BLOG!

Actually, we've been blogging since November 2007! You can find our blog, **MoSGA Messenger**, here:

<http://mosga.blogspot.com/>

#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF ARCHIVES

Lists of **UK archives holding historical records**. You can search by institution name, place name, or personal or family name:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/default.asp>

#### NEED A CAMCORDER?

If you'd like **to capture those family reunions / everybody home for the holidays moments for posterity**, here are some suggestions (including a camcorder that can give you 15 hours of HD-quality video):

<http://www.consumersearch.com/hd-camcorders>

#### NEED AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE?

A Seagate **may be your best choice**:

<http://www.consumersearch.com/external-hard-drives>

#### ONE STOP GENIE SHOPPING

Need gifts for the genealogists / amateur historians **on your Christmas list**? Don't forget the Missouri State Genealogical Association Bookstore (link on our homepage) for all your book, movie, music, and software needs:

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

#### ONONDAGA PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

"Local History/Genealogy (LH/G) is a research department specializing in the history of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York State, the New England States, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Librarians and materials are available to help answer a wide range of information needs from family history and genealogy to in-depth research on people, places and events in the Syracuse area. The following is a **brief overview of available resources** in the LH/G Department. We encourage you to visit and ask our librarians for assistance with these and our other materials."

<http://www.ocpl.lib.ny.us/website/LH/collections.htm>

#### OUR NATION'S CYBERSECURITY

What should President-elect Obama do with regard to securing the federal government's data networks? A commission **already has suggestions**:

<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2008/11/05/cyber-advice-for-the-next-president/>

#### QUARANTINE STATION AT GROSSE ILE, QUEBEC, CANADA

Online collection of documents **covering both immigrants and persons who lived on the island** in the St. Lawrence River during the period 1832-1937:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/grosse-ile/index-e.html>

#### UK HOSPITAL RECORDS

Need access to **records of a UK hospital**? Read on:

This database provides information on the existence and location of the records of UK hospitals. There are currently over 2,800 entries, which have been compiled by the Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine. These can be found by searching the database.

##### **Information includes:**

1. The administrative details of the hospitals, and their status or type
2. The location and covering dates of administrative and clinical records

3. The existence of lists, catalogues or other finding aids
4. Links to some online hospital catalogues on Access to Archives (A2A)

[http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/default.asp?source=ddmenu\\_search6](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/default.asp?source=ddmenu_search6)

#### WORLD NAMES PROFILER

Genealogists, you are going to love this site (if you haven't already discovered it)! You input a surname, and a map shows you **the incidence of that surname in the various countries of the world**. It also provides a tabular breakdown. Here are some stats on the Pearson surname, for example:

Frequency per million persons:

1. UK: 1025
2. Australia: 794
3. New Zealand: 666
4. U.S. 421
5. Canada: 213

Top Cities:

1. Sheffield, Yorkshire, UK
2. Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, UK
3. Leeds, Yorkshire, UK
4. York, Yorkshire, UK
5. Birmingham, West Midlands, UK

Most frequently used given names:

1. Louise
2. Pauline
3. Elaine
4. Doreen
5. Marjorie

Imagine if you'd had this resource when you were just starting to track down your ancestors!

<http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/>

#### WORLD WAR I DRAFT IN GREAT BRITAIN

A great introduction to WWI UK draft-- who was eligible, and who wasn't:

<http://www.1914-1918.net/msa1916.html>

#### YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU-- ON A THUMB DRIVE

"It" meaning all the programs and files you normally use to work on your genealogy. If you store that material on a thumb drive,

and clip that thumb drive to your key chain, you can work on your genealogy wherever you can get access to a computer:

<http://www.komando.com/downloads/category.aspx?id=5036>

#### **YOU REALLY SHOULD CALL AHEAD...**

If you've been planning to do any research at Nebraska State Historical Society headquarters at 1500 R. Street, you should be aware that a two-year renovation project begins in 2009. What that means for you is that the Reference Room is going to be closed at times- and during those times there will be NO access to research materials. To ensure that you have a happy and productive trip to Nebraska, be sure to check their website, email them, or give them a call before leaving for Lincoln.

Website: <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/>

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#### **DEBUNKING SOME COMMON ONLINE SECURITY MYTHS**

There are **some common myths that may influence** your online security practices. Knowing the truth will allow you to make better decisions about how to protect yourself.

##### **How are these myths established?**

There is no one cause for these myths. They may have been formed because of a lack of information, an assumption, knowledge of a specific case that was then generalized, or some other source. As with any myth, they are passed from one individual to another, usually because they seem legitimate enough to be true.

##### **Why is it important to know the truth?**

While believing these myths may not present a direct threat, they may cause you to be more lax about your security habits. If you are not diligent about protecting yourself, you may be more likely to become a victim of an attack.

##### **What are some common myths, and what is the truth behind them?**

\* Myth: **Anti-virus software and firewalls are 100% effective.**

\* Truth: Anti-virus software and firewalls are important elements to protecting your information (see Understanding Anti-Virus Software and Understanding Firewalls for more information). However, neither of these elements are guaranteed to protect you from an attack. Combining these technologies with good security habits is the best way to reduce your risk.

\* Myth: **Once software is installed on your computer, you do not have to worry about it anymore.**

\* Truth: Vendors may release patches or updated versions of software to address problems or fix vulnerabilities (see Understanding Patches for more information). You should install the patches as soon as possible; some software even offers the option to obtain updates automatically. Making sure that you have the latest virus definitions for your anti-virus software is especially important.

\* Myth: **There is nothing important on your machine, so you do not need to protect it.**

\* Truth: Your opinion about what is important may differ from an attacker's opinion. If you have personal or financial data on your computer, attackers may be able to collect it and use it for their own financial gain. Even if you do not store that kind of information on your computer, an attacker who can gain control of your computer may be able to use it in attacks against other people (see Understanding Denial-of-Service Attacks and Understanding Hidden Threats: Rootkits and Botnets for more information).

\* Myth: **Attackers only target people with money.**

\* Truth: Anyone can become a victim of identity theft. Attackers look for the biggest reward for the least amount of effort, so they typically target databases that store information about many people. If your information happens to be in the database, it could be collected and used for malicious purposes. It is important to pay attention to

your credit information so that you can minimize any potential damage (see Preventing and Responding to Identity Theft for more information).

\* **Myth: When computers become noticeably slower, it means that they are old and should be replaced.**

\* **Truth:** It is possible that running newer or larger software programs on an older computer could lead to slow performance, but you may just need to replace or upgrade a particular component (memory, operating system, CD or DVD drive, etc.). Another possibility is that there are other processes or programs running in the background. If your computer has suddenly become slower, you may be experiencing a denial-of-service attack or have spyware on your machine (see Understanding Denial-of-Service Attacks and Recognizing and Avoiding Spyware for more information).

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### MoSGA'S ELECTED OFFICERS 2009

\_\_\_\_\_**President– Darrell Jackson, CG, Lohman Mo. Darrell**, a graduate of U. of MO, holds a Ph. D. in Religious Studies from Yale U. He retired in 2003 as Director of Research for the Missouri House of Representatives and has served as 2nd VP and 1st V P of MoSGA; contributed articles to MoSGA Journal; attended IGHR and written family histories of 3 grandparent lines.

\_\_\_\_\_**Treasurer– David Sapp, Columbia Mo. David** served as President, VP and Publications Director of MoSGA and President of the Boone County Historical Society. He has been extremely instrumental in establishing *Boone Junction*, a recreated village at the Boone County Museum grounds in Columbia.

\_\_\_\_\_**Recording Secretary– June Sommer, St. Louis Mo. June** graduated from Brigham Young U. with a BS in Genealogy, Magna Cum Laude. She holds a MA Degree in Library Science from U of Missouri-Columbia. She is a Charter member of MoSGA, was a Branch Manager for the St. Louis County Library and is currently employed as a professional genealogist.

\_\_\_\_\_**Public Relations Director – Carolyn Branch, Fulton Mo. Carolyn** has served MoSGA in various positions including Webmaster and Public Relations. She is a Reference Librarian with the Fulton (Callaway County) Public Library and has held various positions with the Missouri Library Association Board including Public Relations.

\_\_\_\_\_**Editorial Director– Tom Pearson, St. Louis, Mo. Tom** is MoSGA Newsletter Editor and Blogmaster. He is a Reference Librarian with the Special Collections Department of St. Louis Public Library, and does programs on genealogy and military history for the Library.

\_\_\_\_\_**Library Director – Jean Foster Kelley, CG Tampa, Fl. Jean** has more than twenty years research experience with her family in the Midwest (Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio). Her educational background includes the NGS home study course, IGHR, and NIGR.

\_\_\_\_\_**Publications Director – vacant Member at Large– Barbara Huddleston, Fulton Mo. Barbara** became director of the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society and Museum after serving 8 years as the society's President. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation "Callawegian" and is a graduate of William Woods University and UMKC School of Pharmacy. She operated Dunavant's Drug in Auxvasse for 15 years.

\_\_\_\_\_**Nominating Committee Member - Martha Henderson, St. Louis Mo. Martha** retired as Branch Manager of the Genealogy Branch, Mid-Continent Public Library in 2001. She currently works part-time as a Reference Librarian for St. Louis Community College. She is a former Newsletter Editor and Librarian for MoSGA and previous MoSGA President.

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