



Computer Genealogy Society

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Newsletter

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview. Our speaker will be Kathy Then who will discuss "Searching Archives Online." She will talk about indexes that are online and archives in the U.S. and Great Britian.

Kathy works for the Suffolk County Historical Society and has been a volunteer at the Terryville Family History Center. She started and is still involved with the Longwood Genealogy Group. She is very familiar with both New York City and Suffolk County genealogy research.

As usual, if you are having any computer related problems, please send them to Don Eckerle at deckerle@optonline.net so he can prepare a response for the meeting. Please bring a friend to the meeting to help increase our membership.

At the October meeting, the topic was "Have You Published Your Genealogy?" Our presenter Mark Waldron discussed, among other things, how to host your web site on the freepages at Rootsweb.com. He explained how to request a freepages account, how to upload your GEDCOM file, how to filter the file, and options available for displaying the information. He has provided a hand-out on HTML editors and FTP programs which is attached as the second page of this newsletter.

GSU to digitize pension case files

According to a recent press release, The National Archives and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) have reached a five-year partnership agreement to digitize case files of approved pension applications of widows of Civil War Union soldiers from the National Archives.

The partnership will begin with a pilot project to digitize, index and make available the first 3,150 pension files. After the pilot project is completed, GSU, doing business as FamilySearch, in conjunction with Footnote.com, intends to digitize and index all 1,280,000 Civil War and later widows' files in the series.

MacFamilyTree 5 out of Beta

On Nov. 9, Synium Software announced the full release of MacFamilyTree 5. It is compatible with Mac OS X 10.4 and 10.5. It has a significantly faster database engine and a redesigned user interface. The cost of the program is \$49. For more information, go to <http://www.synium.de/products/index.html>.

What's new at Ancestry.com

For those interested in researching the military records of their British ancestors, there are two databases of interest available at Ancestry.com.

British Army WWI Service Records contains the surviving service records of non-commissioned officers and other ranks who served in WWI and did not re-enlist in the Army prior to World War II.

British Army WWI Pension Records contains service records of non-commissioned officers and other ranks who were discharged from the Army and claimed disability pensions for service in WWI.

In both cases, the type of information contained in these records includes: name of soldier, age, birthplace, occupation, marital status, and regiment number.

Commercial HTML Editor Programs

- ◆ Microsoft Publisher
- ◆ Microsoft FrontPage
(being replaced by Expression Web)
<http://www.microsoft.com/expression/>
- ◆ Publish With Adobe Dreamweaver
 - <http://www.adobe.com/products/dreamweaver/>
- ◆ Second Site™ (for users of *The Master Genealogist*)
 - <http://www.johncardinal.com/>

Free HTML Editor Programs

- ◆ CoffeeCup HTML Editor (free trial)
 - <http://www.coffeecup.com>
- ◆ HTML Kit
 - <http://www.htmlkit.com/>
- ◆ GED2HTML: A GEDCOM to HTML Translator
 - <http://www.starkeffect.com/ged2html/>

Free FTP Programs

- ◆ Core FTP at:
 - <http://www.coreftp.com>
- ◆ FileZilla at:
 - <http://filezilla.sourceforge.net>
- ◆ CoffeeCup Free FTP at:
 - <http://www.coffeecup.com/free-ftp/>
- ◆ SmartFTP at:
 - <http://www.smartftp.com>