



**December 2007  
Newsletter**

**There will be no meeting in December.**

**The next meeting will be Thursday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview.**

**Our topic will be a comparison of different genealogy software programs led by various club members.**

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

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**At the November meeting,** Kathy Then of the Suffolk County Historical Society discussed "Searching Online Archives." Her focus was on the National Archives of the United Kingdom, [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) and the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), a part of the Library of Congress, [www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc). She took us step by step through a search using NUCMC. The NUCMC catalog can include such items as diaries, letters, family papers and account books.

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### **Irish census records online**

The National Archives of Ireland and the Library and Archives Canada have completed the first part of a project to digitize, index and post online the 1901 and 1911 Irish censuses.

You now can search or browse Dublin's 1911 census records at [www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie). The rest of the 1911 records will follow and then the 1901 records will be completed.

Search on a name or place, then and click on a match to see a page with the household's residents and links to PDF images of the dwelling's census return forms.

On the Household Return for 1911 you can find the person's name, age, sex, relationship to the head of household, religion, occupation, marital status, county or country of birth, and ability to read, write and speak Irish. For married women, you will also find out the number of years married, number of children born alive and number of children still living.

### **Oyster Bay Cemetery list available**

The Town of Oyster Bay has released a guide called "Historic Cemeteries of Oyster Bay." The guide includes a list of 121 pre-1920 cemeteries, some which no longer exist and some which are still active.

To receive a copy, contact Town Historian John Hammond at 516-624-6359.

### **What's new at Ancestry.com**

Ancestry.com has recently added a database called, U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925.

For the most part, passports were not required of U.S. citizens for foreign travel until World War I. An Act of Congress given in 1918, established the passport requirement for citizens traveling abroad. This law lapsed with the formal end of World War I. In 1941, with the onset of World War II, the Congressional Act of 1918 was reinstated. U.S. citizens have been required to carry a passport for foreign travel ever since.

This database contains passport applications from 1795-1925, including emergency passport applications (passports issued abroad) from 1877-1907. It also contains passport application registers for 1810-1817, 1830-1831, and 1834-1906.