



March 2007  
Newsletter

The next meeting will be the 4th Thursday of the month, March 22, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington Avenue, Plainview.

We will have a roundtable discussion of members' favorite genealogy web sites. Bring two or three screen shots of your favorite sites on CD, Flash Card, portable HD, your laptop, Palm Pilot or other device, and we'll pool our knowledge.

At the February meeting...there was discussion of favorite genealogy software. Club president Walter Kehoe mentioned two pieces of software that he finds helpful, Crash Plan and Registry Mechanic.

Crash Plan enables you to store your computer files off-site, either on a friend's computer or on the Crash Plan server. The files are encrypted so no one will be able to read your information. For more information go to [www.crashplan.com](http://www.crashplan.com)

Registry Mechanic will clean and repair your Windows registry. For more information, go to [www.pctools.com/registry-mechanic.com](http://www.pctools.com/registry-mechanic.com).

Also mentioned at the meeting was the genealogy utility program GenSmarts. Gensmarts uses artificial intelligence to analyze genealogy files and produces research recommendations. It works with over 12 popular genealogy programs and also with any GEDCOM file. For more information, go to [www.gensmarts.com](http://www.gensmarts.com).

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### New genealogy podcast online

Genealogy Gems Podcast now has two episodes online. The podcast is hosted by Lisa Louise Cook and so far has been between 10 and 20 minutes. She hopes to produce the podcast on a weekly basis.

One episode is about Google searching and the other episode is about letters and journals. For more information on the podcast go to [www.genealogygemspodcast.com](http://www.genealogygemspodcast.com)

### Richmond County marriage index completed

An index to Richmond County marriage certificates has been added to the New York City brides index.

The index covers the years 1898-1937. You can access the index by going to [www.germangenealogygroup.com](http://www.germangenealogygroup.com) or [www.italiangen.org](http://www.italiangen.org) and then select Databases on the left side of the page.

### New edition of Digital Genealogist available

The latest edition of the Digital Genealogist is now available for download.

The new edition features articles on: digital photos at the cemetery, Google Earth, Footnote.com, computer safety and transferring files to a new computer. Cost is \$20 per year.

### What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has recently added information on Scotland and Canada.

Now you can search the transcripts of the 1841, 1851, 1871 and 1891 Scotland census. The actual images of the census, however, are available on a pay web site called ScotslandsPeople.com

The transcripts provide such information as name, martial status, occupation and birthplace.

Also new on Ancestry.com is a database of World War I Canadian soldiers. Information includes name, address, birth place, birth date, and name of next of kin and relationship to next of kin.

For more information, go to [www.digitalgenealogist.com](http://www.digitalgenealogist.com).