



April 2007  
Newsletter

The next meeting will be the 4th Thursday of the month, April 26, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington Avenue, Plainview.

Our guest speaker will be David Comcar of the Suffolk County Library System. He will discuss the Suffolk Historic Newspaper Project. If you'd like to look at the project web site before the meeting, go to [www.shn.suffolk.lib.ny.us](http://www.shn.suffolk.lib.ny.us).

Please bring a guest to the next meeting so we can double the meeting attendance. There is no cost to attend meetings. Dues are voluntary at the present time.

At the March meeting...there was a very interesting discussion on favorite web sites of club members. Bill Chamberlin gave a PowerPoint presentation about the National Archives of the United Kingdom, Gloria Anderson gave a presentation on the features of Photo Story 3 for Windows and Bob Farrell told members about his new book on the burial locations of Huntington men who fought in the Civil War. There is a **second page** to this newsletter to highlight many of the web sites discussed at the meeting.

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### Library of Congress digitizes newspapers

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers is available on the Library of Congress web site.

It features newspapers from 1900-1910 from the following states: California, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Utah and Virginia. The New York newspaper is The Sun.

For more information go to [www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/](http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/)

### Free access to passenger lists at Ancestry.com

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the busiest day in Ellis Island history (April 17, 1907), Ancestry.com is allowing free access to its passenger list records until April 30.

You will need to create a free username and password if you don't already have one. To access the collection go to [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and at the bottom left side of the page under More Collections select U.S. Immigration collection.

### Guide to rootsweb.com available

The Official Guide to Rootsweb is now available through the RootsWeb store. The book teaches you the tips and tricks to navigating this web site.

You can purchase an e-book for \$7.95 or wait for the print copy and pay \$12.95. For more information, go to [www.therootswebstore.com](http://www.therootswebstore.com).

### What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com recently added a database of more than 4 million names of individuals who crossed the U.S.-Canadian border between 1895 – 1956.

The records include more than 100 land-ports of entry including such towns of Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester, Detroit, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto and International Falls, MN.

Information includes place of birth, date of birth, age, nationality, nearest friend or relative in former country and nearest friend or relative at destination.

Some records even include a photo of the individual.

## Web sites discussed at the March CGSLI meeting

**Wired New York** – [www.wirednewyork.com/forum/showthread.php?t=5010](http://www.wirednewyork.com/forum/showthread.php?t=5010)  
Historical Manhattan photos from 1885.

**Photo Story 3 for Windows** -  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp>  
Use digital photos to create your own story book

**National Archives of the United Kingdom** – [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)  
The official archives for England and Wales

**Browning Guide** – <http://fleetwood.baylor.edu/layard/calendar/1861calendar.html>  
Features calendars for the years 1861-1912

**Civil War Soliders and Sailors System** – [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)  
Database includes servicemen from the Union and Confederate sides

**Nationwide Gravesite Locator** – [gravelocator.cem.va.gov](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov)  
Gravesite locator for veterans

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** – [www.suvcwdb.org/home/](http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/)  
Database of Union and Confederate soldiers

**Family History Society of Bremen** – [www.genealogy-net.de/vereine/maus/index\\_e.htm](http://www.genealogy-net.de/vereine/maus/index_e.htm)  
Information on Bremen, Germany

**Saxony Roots** – [www.saxonyroots.com](http://www.saxonyroots.com)  
Information on the state of Saxony in Germany

**German Genealogy Internet Portal** - [www.genealogienetz.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.genealogienetz.de/index_en.html)

**Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild** – [www.immigrantships.net](http://www.immigrantships.net)  
A volunteer group that has transcribed over 8,000 passenger lists

**Vital tree** – [vitaltree.bravehost.com](http://vitaltree.bravehost.com)  
This site collects donated vital records and make them available for downloading and printing.

**Google books** - [books.google.com](http://books.google.com)

**Footnote** – [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)  
Digitized documents from the U.S. National Archives. Searching is free but there is a fee to print and view many of the documents.