



October 2008  
Newsletter

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

**Our meeting will be a discussion of hardware devices you use for genealogy. Bring a device with you to the meeting explain how you use it for your genealogy research.**

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 September meeting,** there was a group discussion about favorite web sites used for vital records research. Because we had so many suggestions from club members, there are 3 pages attached to this newsletter listing many of the web sites discussed at the meeting.

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### November meeting change

Since Thanksgiving falls on the date of our regular November meeting, The Master Genealogists computer Group has generously agreed to a joint meeting with CGSLI.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, at our regular meeting time and location. The topic will be a demonstration of the software program, GenSmarts, led by TMG and CGSLI member Mark Waldron.

### Family Tree Magazine adds podcast

Family Tree Magazine had added a monthly podcast to its web site.

The host of the podcast is Lisa Louise Cook, who also hosts her own podcast, Genealogy Gems Podcast.

Each month a 30 minute podcast is posted at the web site covering topics discussed in the magazine. Show notes are included for each podcast. Months currently available are June, July, August and September.

To listen to the podcasts, go to

[www.familytreemagazine.com/podcast#episodes](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/podcast#episodes)

### New software review site

A new web site appeared at the end of September which lists reviews by users of many genealogy software programs.

Try it out at [www.gensoftreviews.com](http://www.gensoftreviews.com).

### What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com will be hosting another webinar in October.

The webinar, entitled "The World Archives Project" will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. by David Graham, senior product manager for the World Archives Project.

The most recent webinar offered was "Saving Family Treasures" on Oct. 15, presented by Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective.

All webinars are free.

To register go to [ancestry.custhelp.com](http://ancestry.custhelp.com) and click on the tab **Webinar**.

From this section you can also watch previous webinars.

## Online Vital Records Indexes

### Birth Indexes

Arizona birth index, 1855-1932, <http://genealogy.az.gov/>

Cook County Illinois – [www.cookcountygenealogy.com](http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com)

Massachusetts Birth Index, 1841-1910 -

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html>

Michigan birth index and images, 1867-1902 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

Minnesota Birth index on Ancestry.com 1935-2002

Missouri Birth Index pre-1910 - <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/>

Texas Birth Index on Ancestry.com 1903-1997

West Virginia births, 1853-1970 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

West Virginia births - [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_bcsearch.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_bcsearch.aspx)

### Marriage Indexes

Florida marriage index on Ancestry.com, 1822-1875, 1927-2001

Illinois statewide marriage index, 1763-1900 -

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/marriage.html>

Illinois, (Cook County) – [www.cookcountygenealogy.com](http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com)

Massachusetts Marriage Index, 1841-1910 -

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html>

Michigan marriage index and images, 1868-1925 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

Nevada (Clark County) - <http://redrock.co.clark.nv.us/RecSearch/MarriageSearchMain.aspx>

Nevada marriage index on Ancestry.com, 1956-2005

New Jersey marriage index, 1666-1799 and 1848-1867 - <http://www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html>

Philadelphia marriage index, 1885-1951 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

Texas marriage index on Ancestry.com, 1814-1909, 1966-2002

West Virginia marriages, 1853-1970 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)

West Virginia marriages - [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_mcsearch.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_mcsearch.aspx)

### Death Indexes

Arizona death index, 1844-1957, <http://genealogy.az.gov/>

California Death index on [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com), 1940-1997

Connecticut Death Index on Ancestry.com, 1949-2001  
Cook County Illinois – [www.cookcountygenealogy.com](http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com)  
Florida Death Index on Ancestry.com, 1877-1998  
Georgia death index and images, 1914-1927 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Illinois statewide death index, pre-1916 - <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/death.html>  
Illinois statewide death index, 1916-1950 -  
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/idphdeathindex.html>  
Massachusetts Death Index, 1841-1910 -  
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html>  
Michigan death index and images, 1867-1897 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing System <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/search.htm> - covers  
1867-1897  
Minnesota Death Index on Ancestry.com, 1908-2002  
Missouri Death index pre-1910 - <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/>  
Missouri Death Certificates, 1910-1957, <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>  
Ohio death index and images, 1908-1953 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Tennessee Death records, 1908-1912 - <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/death2.htm#a>  
Tennessee Death records, 1914-1926 - <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/tndeath.htm>  
Texas Death Index on [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com), 1964-1998  
Texas Death Index, 1890-1976 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Utah death certificates, 1904-1956 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
Washington death certificates, 1907-1960 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
West Virginia deaths, 1853-1970 – [pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)  
West Virginia deaths - [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_dcsearch.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx)

### **Other sites mentioned at the meeting:**

**Social Security Death Index at GenealogyBank.com** – <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/ssdi.html>.  
The search results include the death age in years and months and the last residence has longitude and latitude coordinates. Information is updated weekly.

**Irish Family History Foundation** – <http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/index.php?&set=yes> – Contains genealogy databases for Ireland which includes parish birth, marriage and death records. Searching is free.

**Oyster Bay genealogy books** - [www.oysterbaytown.com](http://www.oysterbaytown.com)- Has downloadable books: Historic Cemeteries of Oyster Bay, Index to Registers of Deaths Town of Oyster Bay (1881-1920) and 1847-1849 Birth Marriage and Death Records. Scroll to bottom of page and click on Brochures & Booklets.

**Forest of Dean (England) parish records** – [www.forest-of-dean.net](http://www.forest-of-dean.net)

Transcribed parish records for Forest of Dean, England as well as some records for Wales.

**FindAGrave** – [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

Check for burial information from all over the U.S. Some will include information on the stones and some will have grave photos and notes.

**Linkpendium.com** – [www.linkpedium.com](http://www.linkpedium.com)

Should be consulted to learn what, if any, records are available for a particular county or state.

**Awesome Genealogy** - [www.awesomegenealogy.com](http://www.awesomegenealogy.com) – Has a section on cemetery records

**Find My Past** – [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) – This subscription site contains information such as the National Burial Index, parish burial records, parish baptism records and City of London burials.