



**November 2008
Newsletter**

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20 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 joint meeting with The Master Genealogist Users Group. The topic will be “Using GenSmarts to Analyze Your Genealogy Data & Suggest Needed Research.” The speaker will be Mark Waldron. Remember, you don’t need to use The Master Genealogist to use GenSmarts. GenSmarts supports the following programs Family Tree Maker (including FTM 2008), PAF 5, Legacy ,The Master Genealogist (4, 5, 6, and 7), RootsMagic (1, 2, & 3), Ancestral Quest (including version 12), Ancestry Family Tree, Brother’s Keeper (Version 6), Family Trees Quick and Easy *, Heritage Family Tree Deluxe, NEW! Ultimate Family Tree, and Gedcoms. *Contact www.GenSmarts.com for information.

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, there was a group discussion about favorite hardware devices used for your genealogy. Some of the items brought in included a mini-scanner, a compact photo printer that works with digital cameras, a digital camera, a GPS device, a palm-size device that can store and display photos and a PDA with genealogy software.

Genealogy software for iPhone

Aster Software recently announced the release of its genealogy application that can be used with the iPhone and the iPod Touch.

FamViewer imports GEDCOM files and works in portrait or landscape orientation. You can view individuals, families, individual events and attributes, notes and sources. The cost of the program is \$14.99 and it can be purchased at www.applestore.com.

For more information, go to www.astersoftware.biz.

Widows’ pension records available at Footnote.com

In the middle of October, Footnote.com, in conjunction with FamilySearch, began uploading its collection of Civil War Widows’ Pension Records. Right now 3% of the collection is online.

Until now, the Widows’ Pension Records have only been available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Information in the files includes: proof of soldier’s service, proof of death, proof of marriage, proof of children, and when the widow was dropped from the rol

What’s new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com recently added a database from the National Archives of London entitled “UK Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960.”

The passenger lists date from 1878 to 1888 and 1890 to 1960. However, many of the pre-1890 lists were irregularly destroyed by the Board of Trade in 1900.

This database is an index to passenger lists of ships arriving in the United Kingdom from foreign ports outside of Europe and the Mediterranean. It includes ships leaving from New York.

Information includes the name of the passenger, their birth date or age, port of departure, port of arrival, date of arrival and ship name.