



May 2008
Newsletter

The next meeting will be **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview.**

Our guest speaker will be Gary Lutz and his topic will be “Ancestry.com Library Edition.”

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 April meeting, Dave Concar made a presentation about the Suffolk Historic Newspapers Project. Newspapers currently in the collection are: The Port Jefferson Echo, the South Side Signal (Babylon), The Corrector (Sag Harbor), The Long Island Traveler (Southold), and The Long Islander (Huntington.) Years range from 1839 to 1906. More newspapers are scheduled to be added later this year. For more information, go to <http://shn.suffolk.lib.ny.us>.

New content added at Familysearch Labs

Familysearch Labs, a beta project of FamilySearch.org, recently added part of the 1860 census, Civil War Pension Index Cards and Philadelphia records to its collection.

In addition to the 1860 census, the site also has the 1850, 1880 and 1900 U.S. censuses as well as state censuses from Wisconsin.

The Civil War Pension Index Cards also include information for veterans of the Spanish American War, the Philippines Insurrection, Indian Wars and World War I.

The Philadelphia City Civil Death and Burial Records, 1804-1915, is also available on the site. This database includes death certificates from the Bureau of Health, death registers from the Board of Health, death records from the Department of Public Health, burial records from the Department of Public Health and death registers from the prison.

For more information, go to <http://search.labs.familysearch.org/>

NYG&B reminder

The NYG&B library will close to the public on June 1. At this time, there is no scheduled reopening date or any announcement about the library's new location.

For more information, go to the society's web site at www.newyorkfamilyhistory.com.

What's new at Ancestry.com

In a recent press release statement made by Tim Sullivan, CEO of The Generations Network, here are some collections we can expect to see added in the next few months at Ancestry.com.

Historical newspapers – Adding 20 million images and over 1 billion names.

Cook County, Illinois Birth, Marriage, and Death Records (1871-1988) – This collection of vital records includes 24 million names.

U.S. Yearbook Collection – 6 million names and more than 6,000 yearbooks from various schools across the United States.

Florida State Census (update) – 4 million names added to the Florida State Censuses representing the years 1867, 1875, 1935, and 1945.