

**There are no meetings in July or August.  
Have a great summer!**

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**At the June meeting**, Stuart Gershon, the Digital Doctor, presented a program called "Introduction to Digital Photography." Mr. Gershon went over his Five Primary Rules for Digital Photography and also showed some examples of how to use photo editing software to enhance your digital photos. He also discussed a free software tool by Google called Picasa. For more information about Stuart Gershon, go to his web site at [www.digitaldoconline.com](http://www.digitaldoconline.com)

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**Cook county vital records now online**

The Cook County, Illinois Clerk's Office has a new website where you can search and obtain copies of Cook County and Chicago birth, marriage and death records.

Birth records must be 75 years or older, death records 20 years or older and marriage records 50 years or older.

The cost to download a record is \$15.

For more information, go to the web site at [www.cookcountygenealogy.com](http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com).

**Genealogical Helper available online**

The popular genealogy magazine, Everton's Genealogical Helper, became available in a online edition on July 1. It will be produced simultaneously with the paper edition.

Those already subscribing to the paper edition will have free access to the online edition. The cost for the online edition is \$12 per year. The cost of the paper and online edition is \$29. The online edition will contain hotlinks to all the website addresses in each issue.

For more information, go to Everton's web site at [www.evertons.com](http://www.evertons.com)

*A number of people from this area are going to the FGS national genealogy conference in Philadelphia Sept. 3-6. Please let Mark Waldron, [Waldron@optonline.net](mailto:Waldron@optonline.net), know if you are also going so you can meet up while there, perhaps for a dinner.*

**What's new at Ancestry.com**

The Ancestry.com search interface was recently redesigned and a free webinar will take place on July 30 at 8:30 p.m. to take users through the tools in the new search. The webinar will be given by Kendall Hulet, Director of Product Management.

Some of the topics to be covered in the webinar are: records previews, image snapshots, refined searches, type-ahead tools, global searches, filters, advanced searches and keyword searches.

To find out more about the new search go to <http://search.ancestry.com/search/help/TourNewUI1.aspx>.

The webinar is open to everyone and you do not have to be a member of Ancestry.com to register or attend the webinar. To sign up for the webinar, go to <http://event.on24.com/r.htm?e=112633&s=1&k=F61A5B2CBEC642037CADDF67687EA541>.