



# Computer Genealogy Society

OF LONG ISLAND

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Newsletter

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 25 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 on favorite online vital record databases. Come with a list of your favorite vital record resources to share with the group.**

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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## Canadian passenger lists available soon

According to a posting on Olive Tree Genealogy, on September 16, Ancestry.ca in partnership with the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) will announce the launch of the complete and fully indexed Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935.

This is a comprehensive collection of passenger lists for all Canadian ports during this key immigration period and includes more than 5.5 million names of those who traveled from around the world to settle in Canada.

## Vital Records Index available in Suffolk County

Long Island now has a copy of the New York State Vital Records Index. It is located at the Patchogue-Medford Public Library.

The index, on microfiche, covers the following time periods: births from 1881-1933, marriages from 1881-1958 and deaths from 1880-1958. The index gives names, event dates, locations and certificate numbers. It does **not** cover New York City.

The index is available to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Toni Raptis at 631-654-4700 ext. 228.

## Must read article on protecting your family history data

Club president Walter Kehoe recently ran across an online posting entitled "10 Essential Steps to Protecting Your Family History Data" by Sean dated August 27, 2008. You can find the article at: <http://sean.famthings.com/2008/08/27/10-essential-steps-to-protecting-your-family-history-data/>.

## What's new at Ancestry.com

Several Cook County, Illinois vital record databases were recently added at Ancestry.com.

The Cook County birth index covers the years 1916-1935. Information in the index includes the name, birth date and Cook County file number.

The Cook County marriage index covers the years 1930-1960. Information in the index includes the names of both spouses, the marriage date, the marriage license ID# and the Cook County file number.

The Cook County death index covers the years 1908-1988. Information in the index includes the name of the deceased, the death date and Cook County file number.

Included in each index is a link called Purchase from Cook County. This leads the user to the Cook County Clerk's Genealogy web site. It is located at [www.cookcountygenealogy.com](http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com). The cost to order a copy of a record is \$15. The County Clerk's office will do a search for vital records not included in the databases for the same \$15 fee.