



# Computer Genealogy Society

O F L O N G I S L A N D

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Newsletter

**The next meeting will take place on October 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington Avenue, Plainview.**

The topic will be a roundtable discussion of our favorite computer programs. Bring yours with you, either on your laptop or on a CD and we'll take a look at them as we discuss their merits.

Bring a friend or two with you this meeting and we will be on our way to revitalizing The Computer Genealogy Society of Long Island.

## **At the September meeting.....**

Member Don Eckerle discussed the 2006 FGS/NEHGS Conference recently held in Boston. He brought in copies of the 4 separate syllabi for each day of the conference and passed them around so members could see them. There were 2,000 people who attended the conference. They had to select from 16 tracks of programs, by world renowned speakers, that ran every 1-1/2 hours making the choices of what to attend very difficult. Also discussed were the different vendors - what they were selling and their free literature. Many gave away little objects like magnifiers, archival cases for business cards, rulers, pens, notebooks, etc. The next FGS conference will be in Fort Wayne, IN on August 15-18, 2007. The 2008 conference will be in Philadelphia.

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## **New site for Canadian research**

Anyone researching Canadian ancestors should check out a new site, [www.cangenealogy.com](http://www.cangenealogy.com). The site divides information by province and also has a national category for more general information.

There are also links for Acadians, aboriginal ancestors, loyalists and military.

## **Massachusetts Archives offers free databases**

Massachusetts State Archives is offering three online databases free to the public. They are: an index to Massachusetts deaths, 1847-1910, index to Boston Passenger Manifests, 1848-1891 and the Massachusetts Archives Collection Database, 1629-1729. The passenger manifest is an ongoing project that is not completed yet.

For more information, go to:

[www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/SearchWelcome.html](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/SearchWelcome.html)

## ***British telephone directories added at Ancestry.com***

Ancestry.com is in the process of adding the contents of British Telecom's historical phone book collection. It covers the years 1880-1984. Phone book information can be searched by name, year and county.

The Greater London phone books were the first ones added to the site. These include the counties of Surrey, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent and Middlesex. This collection contains over 72 million names. The total collection contains more than 250 million names.

**Just a note: The Family History Center in Plainview has changed its Saturday hours effective Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be open 11-3 p.m. instead of 10-2 p.m. Also most months it will be closed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, due to staffing issues.**