



Computer Genealogy Society

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Newsletter

The next meeting will take place June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington Avenue, Plainview.

Speaker will be member Walter Kehoe.

His topic will be Gedcoms: Creating, Reading, Using and Sending them to Family, Friends and Databases.

Following the presentation there will be an open discussion to answer any questions regarding Gedcoms or any other computer related topics you care to discuss.

As you can see, this is our first newsletter in many years and we are trying to make your Society the kind you want to belong to. We need your help also. Please bring a friend or two to the next meeting on June 22 and we will be on our way to revitalizing The Computer Genealogy Society of Long Island.

At the May meeting...

Member Mark Waldron lead a presentation on GenSmarts software. GenSmarts uses a type of Artificial Intelligence to analyze your genealogy data. It works against a database of known records and analyzes people, events, dates, and places in your genealogy file.

GenSmarts can then produce research suggestions for you. It can highlight and prioritize those suggestions which are likely to fill a gap in your data. GenSmarts can then link directly to an online site, fill in its search form and perform the search. It will work with many popular genealogy programs as well as GEDCOM files.

In addition to making research suggestions, GenSmarts can help clean up your data, and print outlines to prepare for a research trip. You can customize its list of place names, add your own repositories and their genealogy record sources, and filter the list of suggestions to narrow its concentration to your particular research objectives. It can be ordered from www.gensmarts.com: download a free trial or purchase it for \$24.95 (download only), \$29.95 on CD, or \$34.95 on CD with video training.

Genealogy podcasts available

Next time you log on to the Internet looking for missing ancestors, try listening to a podcast while you surf. Some popular genealogy podcasts are:

The Genealogy Guys - genealogyguys.com

DearMYRTLE's Family History Hour –
www.dearmyrtle.com/listen.htm

Genealogy Tech Podcast – www.genealogytechpodcast.com

New military database available through Ancestry.com

At the end of May, Ancestry added a new military database, World War II Fourth Draft Registration cards, 1942.

It contains cards from 14 states including New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Information includes birth date, residence, employer information and physical description. Men who filled out the cards were between the ages of 45 and 64.