



September 2007 Newsletter

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview. The topic of the meeting will be “Web Sites I Visited This Summer.” This will be a roundtable discussion moderated by member Chris Hoff. Please bring your favorite web sites to add to the list we will be presenting.

As usual, if you are having any computer related problems, please either send them to Walter Kehoe at wkehoe@optonline.net or Don Eckerle at deckerle@optonline.net so they can prepare a response for the meeting.

Remember to bring a friend to the meeting to help increase our membership.

Genealogy social networking sites

Lately there has been quite a bit of buzz being given to social networking sites geared toward genealogists. Below I've tried to summarize some of the web sites that have been mentioned on podcasts and in genealogy magazines.

We Relate – This site is a free wiki sponsored by The Foundation for OnLine Genealogy, <http://www.folg.org/>, in partnership with the Allen County Public Library, <http://www.acpl.lib.un.us/genealogy/index.html>. We Relate lets you create family trees by uploading GEDCOM files, and then add photos, scanned documents and even include family stories and biographies. Also, as part of the site, there is a research section where you can search on surnames and places. Find out more at www.werelate.org.

Geni – This free site is strictly for creating family trees. It offers 4 different tree designs. In addition, you can add photos, create a family calendar, and leave messages for family members. However, you cannot upload a GEDCOM file. Find out more at www.geni.com

FamilyLink – This site is part of the genealogy web site www.worldvitalrecords.com. Parts of the site are free and parts by subscription only. You can upload a GEDCOM file and set up controls for who can see your family tree and who can edit it. You can also search on surnames and places to see if someone else might be researching the same family or place. In addition, there is a Connect section where you can search for other genealogists. Find out more at www.familylink.com.

What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com recently added the Mississippi State and Territorial census collection to its collection of databases. This record covers the time period of 1792-1866.

Other state census collections on Ancestry.com include: Arizona Territory – 1864, Colorado - 1885, Florida - 1885, Iowa -1836-1925, Kansas - 1855-1915, Michigan – 1894, Minnesota - 1849-1905, South Dakota -1885 and 1895, Washington State - 1857-1892 and Wisconsin, 1895 and 1905.

We'd like to try a magazine exchange at the club meetings. If you have any genealogy magazines you'd like to lend to other members, please bring them to the next meeting.

The Family History Center in Plainview will be closed on Saturday, September 29th.