

**There will be no meeting in December.
Happy Holidays!**

At the November meeting, the topic was “Using GenSmarts to Analyze Your Genealogy Data and Suggest Needed Research.” The speaker was Mark Waldron. Mark demonstrated different aspects of the program. GenSmarts analyzes your family databases and offers suggestions of places to search for more information. It supports the following programs: Family Tree Maker (including FTM 2008), PAF 5, Legacy, The Master Genealogist (4, 5, 6, and 7), RootsMagic (1, 2, & 3), Ancestral Quest (including version 12), Ancestry Family Tree, Brother's Keeper (Version 6), Family Trees Quick and Easy, Heritage Family Tree Deluxe, Ultimate Family Tree, and Gedcom files. The program is \$24.95 for the download only and \$29.95 for a CD and the download. For more information, go to www.gensmarts.com.

New genealogy podcast available

A new podcast is now available from the creator of the Genealogy Gems Podcast.

Lisa Louise Cooke has a new podcast called “Genealogy Made Easy.” Each podcast is 30 minutes and features a special guest to talk about a specific topic. Some of the topics covered include: Paid Genealogy Records Online, What Your Relatives Can Tell You, Scouring Your Home For Clues and Tracking Down Death Records.

Some of the people on the podcasts have included: Dick Eastman, David Fryxell, Miriam Robbins Midkiff, Margery Bell and Lisa Alzo.

For more information on the podcast go to:
<http://personallifemedia.com/podcasts/415-family-history>.

Familysearch offers research class online

Familysearch.org offers a five lesson research class on beginning English research on its web site.

Each lesson has a video lasting about 30 minutes and there are also hand-outs for each lesson. Topics include: census records, church records and civil registration.

To find the class, go to www.familysearch.org then mouse over the library tab, then click on education. On the left side of the page click on Family History Library Research Series Online.

What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com recently added two databases of records from St. Paul's Church in Brooklyn.

St. Paul's church was founded in 1836 in Brooklyn. It was known as the “Irish Parish” because it served as the focal point for Irish immigrants in Brooklyn during the Great Irish Famine of 1845-1851.

One database contains baptisms records from 1837-1900. The baptism records contain the child's name, the birth date, the baptismal date, parents names and names of godparents.

The other database contains marriage records from 1837-1900. The marriage records show the bride's name, groom's name, names of the witnesses and date of marriage.