



Computer Genealogy Society

OF LONG ISLAND

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Newsletter

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview.**

Our topic will be a continuation of a discussion about different genealogy software programs led by various club members.

As usual, if you are having any computer related problems, please send them to Don Eckerle at deckerle@optonline.net so he can prepare a response for the meeting. Please bring a friend to the meeting to help increase our membership.

At the January meeting, staff members discussed two genealogy software programs, The Master Genealogist and Family Tree Maker version 2006. Club members showed the different features of each program and members could easily see the differences between the two programs.

A hand-out on a comparison of genealogy software programs was distributed at the meeting from the January 2008 issue of Family Tree Magazine.

Seminar early bird deadline is Feb. 28

The Third Seminar of the Genealogy Federation of Long Island, "Family Roots III: Where to Begin, How to Continue & Share," will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 8:30-5:00 at the Student Activities Center at Stony Brook University.

Early registration will be \$45 **by February 28**. Late registration (and walk-ins) will be \$55 after February 28.

For additional information, such as the registration form, conference program and submitting queries, call Angela at 631-587-5377 or check the Genealogy Federation of Long Island web site, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gfli/>.

The Computer Genealogy Society of Long Island is One of the sponsors of the seminar.

More database projects completed

Three more databases have been added to the Italian Genealogy Group and German Genealogy Group Web sites.

The new databases are: Early NYC Marriages – Brooklyn, Early NYC Deaths – Brooklyn and Queens and Early NYC Births – Brooklyn and Queens.

For more information, go to www.italiangen.org or www.germangenealogygroup.com.

What's new at Ancestry.com

In celebration of Black History Month, Ancestry.com recently added the Freedman's Marriage Records.

From 1865-1868, plantation marriages of thousands of former slaves from 17 Southern states were legalized. Ancestry.com's collection includes marriage certificates, marriage licenses, and other proofs of the marriage "legalizations."

Other collections of interest to African American genealogists include:

Freedmen's Bureau Records - documents include records of schools, labor contracts, hospital discharge papers and more from 1865-1872.

Freedman's Bank Records - more than 178,000 names of depositors of Freedman's Savings and Trust, which served African-American former slaves between 1865-1874 throughout the Southern States.

U.S. Colored Troops - records for more than 86,000 African Americans who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.