



August 2008
Newsletter

**There will be no meeting in August.
Have a great summer!**

A research tip was submitted by one of our club members regarding Irish genealogy. The Griffith's Valuation, compiled from 1847-64, is available free at the web site Ask About Ireland. For more information, go to <http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie>.

New genealogy program at USCIS

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has launched a fee-for-service, genealogy program, to expedite the process of requesting records for genealogists.

Records included in the program are: Naturalization Certificate Files from Sept. 27, 1906 to April 1, 1956; Alien Registration Forms from Aug. 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944; Visa files from July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944; and Alien Files numbered below 8 million and documents therein dated Prior to May 1, 1951.

On the web site there is information about how to make a genealogy request. There is a \$20 fee for an index Search and \$20-\$35 fee for a record copy request.

For more information, go to:

www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis and under What's New select "USCIS Establishes Genealogy Program."

World Vital Records Special offer

As a podcast listener of the "Relatively Speaking" program on KSL radio out of Salt Lake City, I found out about a special subscription offer to World Vital Records.

World Vital Records is offering KSL listeners a two year subscription to the U.S. collection for \$39.95 and a one year subscription to the World Collection for \$89.95. Normal rates are two years to U.S. collection for \$49.95 and the world collection is \$149.95 for one year.

For more information, go to www.worldvitalrecords/ksl. (Until the end of the Olympics, the World Collection is only \$88.08.)

What's new at Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch, recently announced they will work jointly on a project to significantly enhance the online U.S. Federal Census Collection.

FamilySearch is digitally converting master microfilm copies of the original U.S. Federal Censuses and, under this agreement, will give these improved images to Ancestry.com. All census images and indexes will be available on Ancestry.com. As projects are completed, images will be available for free in NARA reading rooms and Family History Centers.

The first census exchanged is the 1900 U.S. Census. FamilySearch completed a 1900 index in addition to Ancestry.com's original. FamilySearch added several new fields of searchable data, such as birth month and birth year. The two indexes will be merged into an enhanced index, available on both sites.

Ancestry.com will also provide FamilySearch its original 1920 U.S. Census index. Using this index as a first transcription, FamilySearch will create a new index with added fields and arbitrate discrepancies between the two indexes. The 1920 project is currently in progress.