



Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plainview.

We will have a round table discussion about "Goodies and Impediments or the best I've found and what kept me from getting there". Please bring in your latest findings on the internet, as well as problems you have had locating information.

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.**

Family Tree Magazine to offer webinar

Family Tree Magazine will offer a webinar entitled: "Intro to DNA Crash Course," on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Presenter will be Blaine Bettinger, author of The Genetic Genealogist blog. He will compare the different DNA tests that are available, discuss the top DNA testing companies and explain how DNA can be used to learn more about your ancestry.

The cost is \$49.99. For more information on the webinar go to: www.familytreemagazine.com

Database for Hart Island burials available

Hart Island, off the Bronx, has been the burial place for unknown or indigent people for over a century. Until recently, the names of the dead — when they could be identified — were into ledgers, which were largely inaccessible to the public.

This week, the New York City Department of Correction, which runs the cemetery, introduced a searchable database, available on its web site, for people to look up the names of those buried on the island. Stretching back to 1977, there are more than 65,000 names in the registry, and the plan is to add more names as they become available.

A fire on the island in the late 1970s that destroyed some important records, including some records from 1956 to 1960 and several years of records from the 1970s. The available records online are mostly for deaths that occurred in 1977 or later. Searches can be done by name, age, gender and year of death. The database also provides information on the place of death.

For more information, go to:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/doc/html/hart_island/hart_island.shtml.

Ancestry.com news

Ancestry.com has recently added a new database, "Naval Hospital Tickets and Case papers, 1825-1899."

This database is a collection of U.S. Navy hospital tickets, medical case papers, and similar documents dating from the early to late 19th century. "Hospital tickets" requested that men be transferred from ships or stations to hospitals for treatment.

"Case papers" describe hospital treatment and a history of the case. These records include the Civil War and both sailors and Marines. They also refer to hospitals both stateside and abroad.

Hospital tickets and case papers can include the following details: name of the patient, rate or rank, age, nativity, date and place of shipping abroad, medical history, present diagnosis and list of clothing.

You can find a list of hospitals included under the browse feature for this collection.