



**Computer  
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Society**

OF LONG ISLAND

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Newsletter

**Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plainview.**

**In the spirit of Memorial Day and its significance to our predecessors, this month's meeting will be titled "So your Ancestor was in the Service." Bring in your tips and strategies for uncovering the military history of your progenitors, and share them with the Society. This will be a round table seminar. If you make handouts for us to distribute, bring receipts for the copies and the Society will reimburse you.**

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

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### **Family Tree Magazine to offer webinar**

Family Tree Magazine will offer a webinar entitled: "Insider Secrets to Beat Your Missouri Brick Walls" on May 23 at 7 p.m.

Presenter will be Cheryl Lane. She is the manager of the Midwest Genealogy Center at the MidContinent Public Library in Missouri.

The cost is \$49.99. For more information on the webinar go to: [www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com)

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### **findmypast.com offers free access to records**

In honor of Memorial Day on May 27, findmypast.com will offer its collection of U.S. and International military records for free for several days.

The site has more than 26 million U.S. and International military records such as "Draft Registration Cards" and "Casualties Returned Alive". The records will be available free of charge beginning at midnight EDT on May 23 until midnight on Monday May 27. Anyone can access the records by registering for free on the site.

### **1940 census enumerator instructions online**

For information about the instructions that were given to enumerators of the 1940 census, go to the following link:

[www.census.gov/history/pdf/1940instructions.pdf](http://www.census.gov/history/pdf/1940instructions.pdf)

### **Ancestry.com news**

Some new Civil War databases have recently been added to Ancestry.com.

"U.S. Confederate Army Casualty Lists and Reports, 1861-1865" includes lists and narrative reports reporting casualties sustained by Confederate Army units during the war.

Records are arranged first by the state and then by battle or engagement. Documents vary but typically include the date and name of an engagement and names, ranks and organization, and types of casualties.

"U.S. Union Provost Marshal's Papers" concerns civilians who came in contact with the U.S. Army during and just following the Civil War. Records include names, dates, and details surrounding the reason for the record's creation, whether it's a pass, a request for parole, or explanation of a land forfeiture.

Each document in this database relates to one civilian, and records are arranged alphabetically by the subject's name.