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Saturday, Sept 8 , 2007

9:30 am, Plain, WI

Kraemer Library and Community Center

Our presentation will be "How to Digitize and Share Your Stuff" We will discuss how to convert your documents, LP records, tapes, VHS movies to computer format. We will talk about how to convert these items into DVD movies and CD disks.

This presentation will be packed with all the little tricks and tips to digitize your stuff. There will be lots of practical examples that will help you get started on your on projects.

Everybody is welcome.

**October 13th & 14th 20th & 21st
St Luke's 150th Anniversary
Plain, WI**

There will be lots of events that you won't want to miss.

Tuesday, Sept 25 , 2007

8:30 am?? , Madison, WI

**Wisconsin Historical Society Library
Milwaukee PAF Users Group MPAFUG**

Once or twice a year the MPAFUG group conducts a research trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison, WI.

The "official" bus of about 60 people is already spoken for and filled up. However you can still to come to the Library on your own. You will be able to listen to a brief introduction to the library and you can join me on a walking-tour of the library. I will be available to answer your questions.

The bus will be leaving Milwaukee around 7:30 am. I would suggest that you get to the library around 8:30 am and wait for our group in the "main area" just off the reading room on the 2nd floor.

This will be a good opportunity for you to visit the Library for the 1st or 50th time.

Please send me an email if you will be joining us.

Internet and Goodies

Stuff I Find Interest Blog Index

<http://tinyurl.com/yazc4n>

This is an excellent list of Internet sites that can save you a great deal of time and money. There are lots of sites that provide free software and unique sources of information.

St Luke's 150th Anniversary

<http://stlukecatholicchurchplain.catholicweb.com/>

Don't make any bar bets on this but I believe the Alumni of St. Luke's High School will be having a reunion the weekend of October 13th, probably on Saturday.

I believe the main celebration will be on Sunday October 21, 2007.

According to the church bulletin, there will be "Archive Viewing" on October 13 & 14 and October 20 & 21. These archives will include photos and neat memorabilia.

I plan to be around on the October 13th. This could be a good opportunity to talk to people who attended St. Luke's school and maybe even roam around the school with my camera.

St Patrick's Day 2008

<http://www.the-tidings.com/2007/080307/newsbriefs.htm>

St Patrick's Day is normally March 17th. March 17th, 2008 is a Monday in Holy Week. (This the week before Easter for you non-Catholic readers.) Holy Week trumps St. Patricks. Normally this feast day would be moved to Saturday March 15th. But, St Joesph's feast day was moved by the Catholic Church to March 15th in 2008.

I read where the Bishops in Ireland have asked for and received permission to move the feast day to Friday March 15th. It is unclear what will happen in the United States.

RSS Genealogy Blog of Current Events

<http://www.rssgenealogy.com/blog/?fr=box>

This Blog is a great source of information about new events and things happening in the field to genealogy.

10 Interesting Facts -Women's Maiden names

http://www.tribstar.com/history/local_story_175205951.html

This is an interesting newspaper article about women's maiden names. This online newspaper might also be a great source for information

Library of Congress - Stories by Veterans

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/themes.html>

Wars are experiences that shaped our ancestors lives. This site by the Library of Congress of the United States is a tremendous source of interesting stories told by the veterans themselves. The site covers several wars including World War II in Vietnam

Virtual Gum Shoe - Free online databases to search for people

<https://www.virtualgumshoe.com/resources/and>

This site is a nice collection of free web sites that can be used to search for people.

LDS Microfilms at WI Historical Society Library

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/microfilm/utah.asp>

Woo,Woo. This webpage describes how to order microfilms from the Genealogical Society of Utah's Collections (aka LDS Church, Family History Centers, Mormon) for use at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison.

The neat thing is that you can order films over the phone and by email. (Email will require a phone call if you want to pay by credit card.)

Wisconsin Heritage On-line
<http://wisconsinheritage.org/>

This is a tremendous web site for using digitized books online.

An illustrated history of the state of WI 1875
<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=moa;idno=AFK4349.0001.001>

You can read this book for free online. Reading history books written in the distant past can uncover vital historical facts that have been lost over time.

JewishGen Online Gazetteer
<http://www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSeeker/>

This is not an ordinary gazetteer. The names of many communities have changed over time. This web site lets you search for towns in unique ways.

1) Search for towns by name

Search for towns in Central and Eastern Europe, using exact spelling or the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex system. The results will display the latitude and longitude for each location, the distance/direction from the country's capital city, and links to maps.

2) Search for Jewish Communities

Search for Jewish Communities in Central and Eastern Europe, using various search criteria. The results will display each town's historical names and jurisdictions, and a link to further information and resources about that Jewish community.

3) Search for towns by location

List all of the towns within a certain distance of a given latitude / longitude coordinates. (You may find these coordinates using the above town search).

Sense4fun - Source of interesting customs / saying
<http://sense4fun.com/weird-history.php>

This is a great site full of fun stuff to look at.

One of its pages explains the history behind old sayings and customs. It has an interesting explanation why tomatoes were considered poisonous for so many years.

Schmidhuber Code

Nothing this newsletter.

LDS Indexing Project

Many genealogists have taken advantage of the world's largest repository of genealogical resources of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through the over 4500 Family History Centers. It can be tough for anybody to know what is available. First the collection contains almost everything, and second new items are being added daily.

www.FamilySearch.org is the best place to start. The Family History Library Catalog lets you search the large genealogical holdings by place, surname, keyword, title, call numbers, author and subject. Jane pointed out that you should look for red words in the detailed description for an item. This indicates that you can view an online digitized version of the item. The Church is in the process of digitizing a large amount of their holdings. There are currently over 500 books available online

Trick: When printing out these digitized holdings, do not use the printer icon on your browser, you should use the printer icon in the area next to the digitized page.

www.byu.edu The Brigham Young University is also a tremendous resource for researchers. <http://tinyurl.com/ynw7tm> is a link to free online self-study courses covering a wide range of genealogical topics. (Click on Independent Study → Free Web Courses).

They even offer online courses in bowling and intermediate swimming, no joke.

www.lib.byu.edu/ The Harold N. Lee Library of BYU. Some of the holdings of this Library are only available to students and faculty, but check it out. They have great stuff for genealogists.

New Record Access Program. In May 2007, FamilySearch announced its Records Access program which will establish relations between FamilySearch and other archives. FamilySearch will assist these other archives digitize and index their holdings. These indices and in some cases the actual digital images themselves will be available on the FamilySearch web site.

This program will also allow people to use parts of pay-per-use databases for free at Family History Center sites. Here are some of their partners.

www.footnote.com Footnote's site is a growing source of digitized historical documents that can be accessed online. FamilySearch and Footnote have a joint project to digitize and index US Revolutionary War Pension files.

www.worldvitalrecords.com WorldVitalRecords has a diverse and large collection of international records including newspapers, databases, military, land, vital records and pension records. Part of the agreement will provide free access to 25 million records of individuals who arrived at Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924.

quittingpublications.com Quitin Publications has an agreement with WorldVitalRecords which will allow researchers to have free access to over 10,000 databases at Family History Centers.

everton.com/b/library Everton Publishers also has an agreement with WorldVitalRecords which will allow Family History Center researchers access to databases and Everton's pedigree files and family group sheets.

FamilyLink.com This is a free social networking web site for genealogists. It allows you to add your personal contact information and cities that you're researching. The goal is to make connections with people researching the same areas.

KindredConnections.com This site has over 230 million pedigrees.

www.godfrey.org Godfrey Memorial Library has an extensive collection of genealogical and historical research resources.

heritagequestonline.com HeritageQuest online data will be available at the Hales Corners, Brookfield and Kenosha Family History Centers. This data is also available for free through many local libraries.

Another major project of the LDS church is to digitize and index their vast microfilm holdings. www.familysearchindexing.org gives you information on how to become a volunteer and help with this monumental indexing project.

Asking questions in a loud, clear voice at a FHC can be helpful in your research. One of the other researchers might hear your question and volunteer the answer.

The Hales Corners Family History Center has a printed "Tour Guide" to the microfilms, books, maps, and CD collections that they have. They also maintain an index of "Extended Microfilms", which are films ordered from Salt Lake City and are on long-term holdings status.

Your local Family History Center has a number of computer programs available for use at the Center including:

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| PAF & Companion | PAF Insight |
| PRF Magnet | Gen Viewer |
| Open Office | Personal Historian |
| Family Atlas | |

If you are going to do genealogical research you need to become a frequent visitor to Family History Centers and become friends with the volunteers.