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Spiderwebs

77 Million Geocoded Records at WorldVitalRecords.com

WorldVitalRecords.com began adding databases to its genealogy Web site. The first data includes the Death Master File (DMF), or Social Security Death Index (SSDI). The names are all geocoded so the location can be shown on a map. Jimmy Zimmerman, a developer of the site, says, "I don't know of anyone else right now who is doing map mashups with genealogy data. When you just receive the latitude and longitude numbers or zip codes, they don't make a lot of sense to anyone, but when you see the city on a map along with the neighboring counties, it provides a special representation of where the individual died." The number of records on the Web site is more than 77 million. If you want to see the database of geocoded records, go to: www.worldvitalrecords.com

Ancestral Cooking Forum

AfriGeneas.com is launching Ancestral Cooking Forum (www.afrigeneas.com/forum-food/), a Web site about foods eaten by African families. The site will have information about the various foods, how they are prepared. These foods can provide important clues about where the ancestors of African Americans lived on the African continent. When these ancestors came to America, there were many local traditions which can help to locate where the African American families lived in America. African cooking

included foods such as okra, meat jerky, greens, yams, peanuts, rice, onions, sesame seeds, black-eyed peas, hot peppers, bananas, coconut and cornmeal. Cooking was often entailed making stews that require long simmering periods, using a variety of meats and vegetables, cooking communally with large iron pots, combining fruit and meat in main dishes, and deep-frying meat and vegetables.

The Ancestral Cooking Forum is a useful addition to the other features of AfriGeneas Web site which includes message boards which address slavery, the reconstruction, the underground railroad, Blacks in the military, DNA research, genealogy and technology, family reunions, African-Native American ancestry, free persons of color, multi-cultural ancestry, general genealogical and family history discussions, and surname queries.

Google rates the site as the top-ranked African American genealogy site. Family Tree Magazine has listed the site with the top 101 genealogy websites for seven years in a row. To visit AfriGeneas, go to: www.afrigeneas.com/

Yorkshire 1841 Census

Origins Network: has added Yorkshire to the 1841 England and Wales Census on its Web site. Approximately 1.6 million names are found in the Yorkshire census. The records are completely indexed and searchable, and are linked to the images of the census. To visit the site, go to:

www.britishorigins.com/1841census-comparison.aspx

Stranger Than Fiction

Finding the Black Paul Bunyon

More than a dozen descendants of Venture Smith have given their approval to a team of archaeologists who want to dig up the 200-year-old graves of a slave family. Venture Smith stood 6-foot-1 and weighed more than 300 pounds according to local folklore. His biographer said that he carried a barrel of molasses on his shoulders more than two miles. Others claim that Smith carried a nine-pound ax and split seven cords of wood each day. Some refer to Smith as the black Paul Bunyan.

Venture Smith is not the source of the myth of Paul Bunyan and nobody has suggested anything of the kind. A lot is known about Smith, because in 1798 he told his life story to a writer and it became one of the first slave narratives in the United States to be recorded. What was unique about Smith was that he was able to earn enough to purchase his freedom and then purchase freedom for his wife and family. Unlike other slaves, Venture Smith became a landowner and left many written records to document his existence. He was not buried in an unmarked grave like most slaves, but was buried in a cemetery in East Haddam, Connecticut with a stone marker on the grave.

Many would ask, "Why would anyone want to disturb the grave to dig up Venture Smith. One individual, Nancy Burton, a disbarred Connecticut lawyer with no connection to the Smith family, challenged the dig in court. She filed a request for an injunction, contending that digging up Smith's grave is

disrespectful to Smith's legacy. The judge denied her request, allowing the digging to continue until arguments could be heard.

Descendents of Venture Smith feel that their ancestor wants everyone to know his story and the dig, which is to obtain DNA, will help to verify the facts of the narrative written about the life of Venture Smith. Scholars feel that the story may have been embellished as were the recorded narratives of other slaves. By looking at Smith's remains, the scientists can determine his height and weight, his diet and any injuries that he suffered. The DNA can pinpoint where it was in Africa that Smith was born, which can corroborate the account of Smith's early life.

Frank Warmsley Sr., believed to be the oldest living descendent of Venture Smith, believes that Smith was a great man and that the dig will yield evidence that Smith's narrative is true. Nicholas F. Bellantoni, the Connecticut state archaeologist is quoted as saying. "We can look at the biology and match it up with that history." David Richardson, spokesman for the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, a British group which has helped to finance the dig, has said the story of Venture Smith "was a story of optimism and hope, of someone who was brought from Africa as a slave but nevertheless freed himself and built a new life. In a way, we're carrying on what Venture himself wanted to accomplish."

If the court rules against the dig, many individuals will be disappointed. The family or Venture Smith, the black history scholars, and others interested in the life of the former slave all want him to be a hero. Of all the early slaves who left accounts of their lives, the account of the life of Venture Smith is the only

account of the life of an African slave that can be verified by scholars. And better yet, by his own account, Venture Smith is a man who overcame adversity and is someone we can all admire. •

Genealogy Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our members who may be traveling, vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to attend a special event.

Alaska Conference

The Anchorage Genealogy Society will host a seminar on September 16 at Anchorage, Alaska. John Philip Coletta is the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.anchoragegenealogy.org

Florida Seminar

The Florida Genealogical Society (Tampa) will host a seminar on **September 16 at Tampa, Florida**. Hank Z Jones is the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs

Texas Event

The Genealogy Friends of the Plano Libraries, Inc. will present "Colonial Trails" featuring Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck on September 16 at Plano, Texas. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~txgfpl

Polish Genealogy Conference

The Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast, Inc. and The Endowed Chair of the Polish and Polish American Studies, Central Connecticut State University at the Central Connecticut State

University will hold the 2006 Polish Genealogical Conference on September 22-23 at New Britain, Connecticut. It includes a beginner's workshop and lectures on finding the missing pieces of your Polish-American family history. Registration will close September 12. For more information, go to:

www.pgscctne.org or e-mail Diane Szepanski at Szepanski@ccsu.edu

Montana Conference

The Montana State Genealogical Society will host the annual state conference on September 22-23 at Gardiner, Montana. Patricia Walls Stamm will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~mtmsg

Italy Writers' Retreat

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and Elaine Trigiani will host a writers' retreat at Loro Ciuffenna, Italy on September 23-30. For more information, go to:

www.sharoncarmack.com

Maryland Conference

The Maryland Genealogical Society will host a Fall Seminar on 2006 to be held on Saturday & Sunday September 23 & 24 at Columbia, Maryland. Paul Blake & Maggie Loughran, British genealogists will present lectures and hands-on workshops on British Isles research. For more information, go to: www.mdgensoc.org

Ireland Conference

The Ulster Historical Foundation will host a genealogy conference on September 25-30. The conference will include research, sight-seeing tours, and lectures. For more information, go to: www.ancestryireland.com

2006 Pennsylvania Conference

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society have agreed to hold a state-wide genealogical conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 29-30, 2006. This is the first state-wide genealogical seminar held in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Watch the Web sites for information at: www.wpgs.org or www.genpa.org

Minnesota Conference

The Irish Genealogical Society International and Independent School District 11 will host the Annual Minneapolis Area Genealogical Conference at Coon Rapids, Minnesota on September 30. Speakers include Tom Rice, Beth Mullinax, Ida Troye, and Katheryn Otto. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm

Illinois Lecture

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society will host *Journey into Genealogy* by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking on September 30 at Naperville, Illinois. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm

Michigan Family History Festival

The Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, the Fred Hart Williams Genealogy Society, and the Friends of the Detroit Public Library will co-host a family history festival on September 30 at Detroit, Michigan. Dr. George Schweitzer, Dr. Deborah Abbott and Tim Pinnock are the

featured speakers. For more information, go to: www.dsgr.org

Minnesota Conference

The Irish Genealogical Society International and Independent School District 11 will host a Minneapolis area genealogical conference on September 30 at Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Speakers will include Tom Rice, Beth Mullinax, Ida Troye and Kathrynn Otto. For more information, go to: www.irishgenealogical.org

Utah British Institute

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will hold their institute at Salt Lake City, Utah on October 2-6. Instructors will be Sherry Irvine and Darris Williams. For more information, go to: www.isbgfh.org

Texas Workshop

The Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA) will host a weeklong workshop on October 2-6 at Fort Worth, Texas. The featured speakers are J. Mark Lowe and Linda Woodward Geiger along with support of the National Archives Southwest Region. For more information, go to: www.rigsalliance.org

Oregon Conference

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will host the Oregon Statewide Genealogy Conference on October 6-7 at Keizer, Oregon (near Salem). Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, will be the keynote speaker. Four tracks of classes will be offered on both Friday and Saturday. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/

Utah Conference

My Ancestors Found and the Ogden Regional Family History Center will host The Northern Utah Family History Conference & Symposium on October 6-7 at Ogden, Utah. This event will focus on beginning research strategies. Several nationally-known speakers are on the program. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com/NorthernUtah/northutah.htm

California Italian Conference

POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) will host a conference at El Segundo, California on October 6-8. Speakers include Suzanne Russo Adams, Elaine Alexander, Nancy Carlburg, James Chiampi, Teresa Fiore, David Kertzer, Louis Loccisano, Paula Packwood, Tony Perrone and Carolyn Ugolini. For more information, go to: www.point-pointers.net/CONF2006.htm

Utah Conference and Symposium

My Ancestors Found and the Ogden Regional Family History Center will co-host the Northern Utah Genealogy Conference and Symposium on October 6-7 at Ogden, Utah. Elder Marlin K. Jensen will be the keynote speaker. For more information and registration, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com/NorthernUtah/northutah.htm.

Washington, D.C. Fair

The Fairvax (VA) Genealogical Society will hold a genealogy fair on October 7 at Washington, D.C. For more information, go to: www.fxgs.org

Ireland Retreat

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and James W. Warren will lead a

Family History Winter's Retreat at County Limerick, Ireland on October 7-14. For more information, go to: www.EnchantingIreland.com

Ohio Conference

The Ohio Genealogy society will host a Genealogy Conference featuring John Philip Coletta on October 7 at Shelby, Ohio. For more information, go to: www.ogs.org

Georgia Seminar

The Georgia Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 7 at Morrow, Georgia. The conference theme is "A Day with the Shawkers." For more information, go to: www.gagensociety.org.

Illinois Seminar

The Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago (AAGHSC) will host a seminar on October 7 at Chicago, Illinois. Gwendolyn Hester and Janis F. Kearney will discuss "Researching in the States." For more information, write to AAGHSC, PO Box 37-7651, Chicago, IL 60637 or telephone 312-458-0837.

Nevada Seminar

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 7 at Henderson, Nevada. Christine Rose is the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~nvccngs/

Indiana Conference

The Clinton County Genealogical Society will hold a Family History Seminar on October 7 at Frankfort Indiana. Dr. George K. Schweitzer will be the speaker, with topics: Tracing Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic, Finding Your Ancestor's

Parents, and Indiana Genealogical Research. For more information. e-mail: dpmk@ccwave.net

Alberta Seminar

The Alberta Family Histories Society will host its biennial expo and seminar on October 13 & 14 at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The program includes demonstration displays of software, scanning, books, aids, and storage systems, and lectures of benefit to both beginners and advanced genealogists. For more information, go to: www.family-roots.ca

Wisconsin Seminar

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 14 at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Paula Stuart Warren will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.wsgs.org.

Illinois Conference

State Conference Illinois State Genealogical Society's Fall Conference will be held Oct 14, 2006 at Itasca, Illinois. Speakers include Sandra Luebking, Paul Milner, Margaret Kapustiak, Martin Tuohy, Dan Niemiec, Eric Basir, Brother Joseph Martin, and Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. Vendors will offer their genealogical products. Genealogy societies will be present as well. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/

Maine Conference

The Maine Genealogical Society will host a conference on October 14 at Portland, Maine. John Philip Colletta, Horace H. Waters, Joseph C. Anderson II, Cheryl Willis Patten, Howard Faulkner, Paul Bunnell, and Helen A. Shaw will participate on the program. For more

information, go to: www.maineroots.org

Nebraska Workshop

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogy Society will host a workshop at Lincoln, Nebraska on October 14. Dr. George Schweitzer will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~nellcgs/30th-anniversary/flyer.htm

Texas Seminar

The Humble Area Genealogical Society Fall Seminar-2006 at the Kingwood College Teaching Theater, Kingwood Texas on October 14. Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck is the featured speaker. For more information, email: gaknight1@cebridge.net or telephone 281-361-3932.

New York Conference

The Central New York Genealogy Society will hold an all-day conference on October 14 at De Witt, New York. The speaker will be Curt B Witcher, Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library. He will discuss Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Purposes, Effective Use of the ACPL Historical Genealogy Department, Using Military Records for Genealogical Research, and Using Church Records in Your Genealogical Research. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~nycnygs/meetings.htm

Florida Conference

The Fort Walton Beach Family History Center and the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County will hold a free conference on October 14 at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Jan Isosaari, Marilyn Howard and

Cheryl Harris are the featured speakers. For more information, go to:

<http://gsocmatters.blogspot.com>

New Mexico Workshop

The Wilson-Cobb History & Genealogy Research Library will hold a workshop on October 21 at Roswell, New Mexico. Bill Utterback will speak on "Land-Worth Workin' For, Worth Fightin' For, Worth Dyin' For."

For more information, go to:

www.fgs.wilsobdfn.org

Washington Family Heritage Fair

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will host a Family Heritage Fair on October 21 at Burlington, Washington. The event will have book sales, free genealogical assistance, lectures and exhibits. For more information, e-mail Hazel Raser at: h.rasar@verizon.net

England Workshop

The Oxfordshire Family History Society Open Day 2006 will feature a demonstration and workshop on the scanning of old photographs; an assortment of visiting societies, dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers on October 21 at Oxford, United Kingdom. Attendees can also see the society's library and search services; a beginners' helpdesk, computing demonstrations with advice on which genealogical software package to choose, and how to use the Internet in family history research. For more information, go to:

www.ofhs.org.uk

California Seminar

The Ventura County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 21 at Ventura, California. Alan Mann

will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~cavcgs

Washington Conference

The Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on October 21 at Seattle, Washington. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~waseags

Nevada Genealogy Summit

The West Coast Genealogy Summit is sponsored by the Nevada African American Genealogy Society and will present a program called *Discovering Your Roots and Branches* on October 20-21 at Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, e-mail:

isellvegas@yahoo.com

Utah Research Academy

The National Institute of Genealogical Studies will host a research academy on October 22-28 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to:

www.genealogicalstudies.com

2006 Afro-American Genealogy Conference

The Annual Conference of the Afro- American Historical and Genealogical Society will be held on 26-29 October 2006 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference includes pre-conference tours, genealogy workshops for various levels of researchers and a featured Sunday morning opportunity to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple. For more information, go to:

www.aahgs.org/conference.htm

Texas Conference

The Texas State Genealogical Society and the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society will host

their annual conference on October 27-28 at Fort Worth, Texas. Featured Speakers include J. Mark Lowe and Pamela Boyer Porter. For additional information, go to:

www.tsgs.org

New York Seminar

The Dutchess County Genealogical Society will host a Seminar on October 28 at Hyde Park, New York. Megan Smolynek Smolenyak, Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer and Linda Koehler will be the speakers at the event. For more information, go to: www.dccgs-gen.org.

California Conference

The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a Fall Seminar on October 28 at San Mateo, California. There will be 6 class periods with a choice of one of two topics each period. Topics will include Census and Land Records, four talks on Migration to the US and then across the Continent. Six states, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Louisiana, Missouri and California will be covered. For more information, email: millieclough@sbcglobal.net

Indiana Workshop

The Elkhart County Genealogical Society and the Elkhart County Historical Society will hold their fall workshop on October 28 at Bristol Indiana. The speaker will be Amy Johnson Crow, CG, a nationally-known genealogical lecturer and author. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~inelkhar/ecgs.htm

Ohio Conference

The Athens District Chapters of OGS will host a genealogy

conference on Oct 28, 2006 at Rio Grande, Ohio. The speakers include Carrie Idrige, Ellen L. Brasel, and Henry R Burke.

For information, e-mail: Lawcoloreman@aol.com

Kansas Workshop

The Johnson County Genealogical Society will host a workshop on October 28 at Shawnee, Kansas. The topics will be *Probate and Court Records; Migration Patterns in the United States; and When the Going Gets Tough and England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales Research* presented by Gordon and Carolyn Casper. For more information, go to: www.johnsoncountykansasgenealogy.org

Toronto Canada Conference

A one-day conference devoted to English Genealogy will be held on October 29 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The speakers include Dr. Christopher Watts, FSG, author and lecturer from the UK, and speakers from the Toronto area. The program includes three sets of two concurrent sessions, an exhibitors' marketplace, and a brief annual meeting for Region V of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The seminar will be held at the newly renovated Toronto Botanical Garden. For more information, go to: www.torontofamilyhistory.org/regionv.html

Utah Seminar

A Family History Seminar will be held on November 3-4 at Midway, Utah. Susan Easton Black (Professor of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University), and Kip Sperry (Professor of Family History, Brigham Young University) will be the speakers. The topics include writing

biographies and personal histories, organizing your family history collections, making the most of your resources, establishing family history databases, using the computer to locate family history resources, using the computer to locate original records, what's new on the Internet for family history, and successful online research. For more information, go to: <http://home.byu.net/ks4>

Illinois Workshop

The Lake County Genealogical Society will host a workshop titled. "Records from Far and Near," on November 4 at Grayslake, Illinois. The featured speakers are: Claire Mire Bettag, Dan Niemiec and Jeanne Larzalere Bloom. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs

Genealogy Conference and Cruise

Wholly Genes Software will sponsor a second genealogy cruise which will depart from Los Angeles on November 11 for seven days with stops along the Mexican Riviera at Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. The cruise last year attracted 450 genealogists and their guests and sold out in about two weeks. This year there is a larger cruise ship and more speakers. The speakers include:

- Robert Charles Anderson of the Great Migration Study Project
- Tony Burroughs, popular author, teacher, and lecturer
- Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
- Hank Jones, actor, author, professional genealogist, and popular speaker
- Marsha Hoffman Rising, President of the American Society of Genealogists

- Megan Smolenyak, genealogist, author and consultant
 - Dick Pence, computer genealogy pioneer
 - Bob Velke, President of Wholly Genes Software
 - John Cardinal, author of Second Site and TMG Utility
 - Jim Byram, expert TMG user and beta tester
 - Lee Hoffman, editor of "Getting the Most Out of The Master Genealogist"
 - Kent Riggins, developer of TMG's charting tools
 - Tim Cook, expert TMG user and beta tester
 - Dorothy Turner, of Wholly Genes Software
 - Barbara Grempler, of Archive CD Books USA
- For more information, go to: www.whollygenes.com/cruise.htm

Oregon Seminar

Genealogy Forum of Oregon will host a seminar on Nov 11 at Portland, Oregon. Christine Rose will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.gfo.org/special.htm

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Florida Seminar

The Pinellas Genealogy Society will host a Seminar on January 27 at Largo, Florida. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs

Virginia Conference

The Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will host a conference on March 24 at Fair Oaks, Virginia. The conference will feature speakers Linda Jonas, Chuck Mason, Laura Prescott, George Morgan and

Jana Broglin. For more information, go to: www.fxgs.org

Ohio Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will hold their 2007 conference in April 12-14, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, go to: www.ogs.org/events/index.php

Washington Conference

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) will hold their annual meeting/conference on April 13-14 at Wenatchee, Washington. The featured speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack who will discuss "Climbing Your Family Tree." For more information contact R.J. Berkley at r.berkley@verizon.net.

Wisconsin Workshop

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will hold a workshop on April 21, 2007 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The featured speaker is Cyndi Howells. For more information, go to: www.milwaukeegenealogy.org

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 26-29, 2007 at the Connecticut Convention Center and adjoining Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut. The conference will have many speakers and a large attendance is expected.

California Seminar

John Colletta will be the featured speaker at an all day seminar on 28 April at Santa Rosa, California. For more information. Go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/colletta.htm

British Columbia, Canada Seminar

The Abbotsford Genealogical Society will hold a seminar of April 28 at Abbotsford, British Columbia. For more information, go to: www.abbygs.ca

NGS 2007 Conference

NGS will hold their 29th Conference in Richmond Virginia on 16-19 May. For more information, go to www.ngsgenealogy.org

California Jamboree

The Southern California Genealogy Jamboree and Resource Expo will be held June 8-10 at Burbank, California. For more information, go to: www.scgsgenealogy.com

The National Orphan Train Celebration

The National Orphan Train Celebration will be held on June 8 – 9 at Concordia, Kansas. For more information, e-mail: othsa@msn.com.

FGS 2007 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Allen County Public Library will hold their annual FGS/ACPL conference, *Meeting at the Crossroads of America: A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists*, on August 15-18, 2007 at the newly expanded Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

APG 2007 Conference

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will hold their annual conference on August 15 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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Personal Ancestral File 2.3.1 Macintosh (CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 4.04(CD version)	US\$6
Personal Ancestral File 5.2.18 and 4 (Windows), PAF 3, & 2.31 (DOS), lessons and user guide, Personal Ancestral File Companion 5.2 evaluation (Windows) (2 CDs)	US\$8.25
Personal Ancestral File 4.04.18 and 5.2.18, PAF Companion Evaluation or PAF User's Guide (English, Spanish, French, German, or Portuguese) downloaded from: www.FamilySearch.org	free

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<i>PastFinder</i> back issues if available, per issue	\$1 (order by mail or purchase at meetings)
Videos of classes	for titles and prices see: www.svcomputergenealogy.org
<i>Family History Documentation Guidelines</i>	\$10 + postage (see www.svcomputergenealogy.org for multi-copy orders)
Stuck-on Sources Post-It note pads	Available at meetings and on Web site
Flash Drives with SVCGG logo and loaded with 9000 Internet genealogy sites	Available at cost on Web site and at meetings