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Stranger than Fiction

Immortal Computing

"Immortal computing" is a project at Microsoft which would enable people to store digital information in durable physical artifacts. Their goal is to preserve the information for future generations, and perhaps even for future alien civilizations. The information would be stored along with clear instructions for accessing the information written in multiple languages or hieroglyphics. You might choose to leave messages for your descendents, your biography or an interactive hologram on your tombstone. A spokesman for Microsoft claims that the new device could make a visit to a cemetery much more meaningful. •

Spiderwebs

Abenaki History and Genealogy

The Abenaki people of Western Maine have a Web site which has information about their history and genealogy. The Abenaki Indians from New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York are included as well, but the focus is on those Indians in Maine. The site has genealogy documents, data from the 1858 census of the Penobscot Indians, and a lot of history about the Indians, especially the warriors. The census was taken by school supervisor J.C. Knowlton to gather information about educational needs of the

people, but is quite useful for family history research. The section about the warriors is divided into time periods such as the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the U.S. Civil War. Information listed for each person listed includes name, military information, and tribe of origin, if the information is known. The site also includes a lot of history of the people as seen from the viewpoints of the Abenaki people and of the European settlers in Maine. The site is called Ne-Do-Ba, which means friends. Ne-Do-Ba is a nonprofit organization that focuses on "history, culture, community, family and self." The Ne-Do-Ba Web site can be visited at: www.avcnet.org/ne-do-ba •

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.

2007 Events

Tennessee Symposium

The Northeast Tennessee Heritage Symposium will be held on April 20-21 at Jonesborough, Tennessee. The featured speaker will be Mark Lowe who will discuss locating Civil War Ancestors and developing a research plan while heading to the courthouse. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~tnwashin/symposium.html

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

Arkansas Workshop

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will host a free workshop on April 21 at Little Rock, Arkansas. Russell Baker will discuss "Records of the Five Civilized Tribes" and Lynda Suffridge will discuss "Land Records." For more information, go to: www.agsgenealogy.org/

New Jersey Seminar

The Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Genealogical Society of Bergen County will hold an all-day seminar on April 21 at Bergen, New Jersey. The featured speaker will be Patricia Law Hatcher who will speak on: "Why Use Land Records? Because..." "Producing a Quality Family History" "Documentation—More Than Just a Source" "Look Again! What Did You Miss?" Two other well known speakers will round out the program. Also speaking is Larry Fermi who will present "Crossing the Pond-Finding Immigrant Origins" and "This Land Is Your Land, This Land is My Land! – Using Property Records." The third speaker is Michelle Chubenko who will present: "Special Censuses: Researching Beyond Decennial Enumerations" and

"Researching Your Ancestor's Locality," For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc/Seminars2007.html

Pennsylvania Seminar

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 21 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Michael John Neill will discuss: "Organizing Your Information: Seeing the Patterns" "Discovering Your Own Migration Trail"

"Researching Your European Origins Online"

"Brickwalls A to Z." For more information, go to:

www.rootdig.com

New York Jewish Seminar

The Jewish Genealogical Society in New York City will present an all-day seminar, "Family History and the Holocaust: A Day of Learning," on Sunday, April 22 at New York City. Five speakers will discuss Holocaust-related themes. For more information, go to: www.jgsny.org

California British Meeting

The British Isles Family History Society will hold a meeting on April 22 at meeting at Los Angeles, California. The featured speaker is Nora Keohane Hickey who will discuss "Irish Historical Primary Sources and Their Role in Irish Genealogy - 17th to 19th Century." For more information, e-mail: cardi2@aol.com

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. For more information, go to:

www.nergc.org/

Ohio Quaker Conference

The Third Annual Quaker Genealogy & History Conference will be held on April 27-29 at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio at and at The Mary L. Cook Public Library, Waynesville, Ohio. For more information, go to:

tinyurl.com/2k4osq

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

Indiana Conference

The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Conference at the newly-expanded Allen County Public Library on April 28 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The featured speaker will be Amy Johnson Crow, CG. Conference attendees can do research at the library from 6 pm to midnight on Friday, April 27. For more information, go to: www.indgensoc.org/conference.html

Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will host its conference on April 28 at the Kansas History Center in Topeka, Kansas. Russell P. Baker, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, and author will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail: npattontaylor@topekachamber.org

Ontario, Canada, Conference

The Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will host a conference on April 28 at Barrie, Ontario, Canada. The topics: The Internet, What is out there for Canadian Genealogists, The "M" in Genealogy, Ontario Crown Land Records, Napoleonic Veterans and Land Grants, How to find "Your" records at the Ontario Archives. For more information, e-mail: touchthesky5@rogers.com

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

Tennessee Seminar

The Tennessee Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 28 at Germantown, Tennessee. J. Mark Lowe, CG will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.tngs.org/markLoweForm.htm

Utah Research Retreat

My Ancestors Found will host a research retreat on April 30 to May 5 at Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to: www.myancestorsfound.com

New York City Conference

The New York Genealogy and Biographical Society will host a conference on April 30-May 6 in New York City. Participants will be given orientations to prepare them for research in the G&B Library, New York Public Library, National Archives Northeast Region, Municipal Archives of the City of New York, and other repositories.

For more information, e-mail:
education@nygbs.org

Nebraska Conference

The Nebraska State Genealogy Society will host a conference on May 4-5 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Sharon De Bartolo Carmack will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.com/%7Eenesgs/

Texas Seminar

The Austin Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 5 at Austin, Texas. Paula Stuart-Warren and Joshua Taylor will be the featured speakers. For more information, go to:

www.austintxgensoc.org/calendar.php

Missouri Genealogy Fair

The St. Louis Genealogical Society's 37th Annual Fair will be held on May 5 at St. Louis, Missouri. Eleven nationally known speakers are on the program. Topics and exhibitors will be of interest for anyone from beginner to experienced family historians. For more information, go to:

<http://stlgs.org>

England Conference

A special afternoon conference suitable for beginners, including lectures on births, marriages and deaths; church records; newspapers and directories; useful websites; and census records will be held on May 5 at London, England. For more information, go to:

www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf

UK Family History Show

The UK Family History Show, sponsored by the Society of Genealogists is the largest

family history show in the UK and is expected to have 15,000 attendees. This year the television show, *Who Do You Think You Are?* will be a sponsor of the show. The UK Family History Show will be held May 5-7. It includes a free beginners' lecture; an advice centre; computer software demonstrations; and a wide range of exhibitors. Sections this year in the hall on military history, house history, and historic travel will not only be of interest to family historians and genealogists, but are expected to attract many history buffs. For more information, go to: www.sog.org.uk/events/pdf/show2007.pdf

California Seminar

The Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego and The San Diego Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 12. Dick Eastman will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.cgssd.org/events.php3

NGS 2007 Conference

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

Idaho Conference

The Idaho Genealogy Society will hold their annual conference on May 17 at Pocatello, Idaho. For more information, go to: www.idahogenealogy.org

Arkansas Ancestor Fair

The Searcy County Historical Society and the Searcy County Library will sponsor the North Arkansas Ancestor Fair on June 1-2 at Marshall, Arkansas. Dr John Littlefield will speak on Native American Research.

Saturday, June 2, is the genealogical swap meet for north Arkansas families and organizations to exchange information. For more information, go to:

www.ancestorfair.us

Ontario Conference

The Ontario Genealogical Society will hold its annual Seminar on June 1-3 at Algonquin College in Ottawa Canada. Local transit can take you to the Library and Archives Canada in less than twenty minutes. The program includes 37 lectures and eight workshops by prominent genealogists and historians from across Canada and the US. For more information, go to: ogsseminar.org

Ohio Lecture

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Cleveland will host a lecture on June 7 at Beachwood, Ohio. Stephen P. Morris will speak on "One-Step Web pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools." For more information, go to: www.clevelandjgs.org

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.

Indiana Event

GenFest 2007, an old-fashioned barbecue for genealogists to meet and share information will be held on June 8-9 at Marion, Indiana. The Company Singers, a Civil War period vocal group from Huntington, will perform on the Jay House lawn. Shirley Fields who heads the marriage records indexing project for the

Indiana Genealogical Society will give morning and afternoon demonstrations of that project in the computer lab. A shuttle bus will be available at posted times to take researchers to visit Grant Memorial Park and The Historic Estates of Serenity cemeteries. For more information, go to: www.marion.lib.in.us/genfest/genfest07.htm

California Jamboree

The 38th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree and Resource Expo will be held on June 8-10 at the Burbank Airport Hilton in Burbank, California. For more information, go to: www.scsgenealogy.com

California Jamboree

The Southern California Genealogical Society will hold a jamboree on June 8-10 at the Burbank Airport Hilton and Convention Center. The jamboree includes many nationally-known genealogy speakers and an exhibit hall with many vendors. For more information, e-mail: jamboree@scsgenealogy.com

Pennsylvania Seminar

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research and the Erie County Public Library will hold a seminar on June 9 at Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. James M. Beidler will speak on Beginning Search for Pennsylvania Roots, My List of Top Tens, and Secondary Uses for Primary Sources. Also Dick Eastman will discuss Grandpa in Your Pocket, and Internet: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly. Mr. Richard Morse, the third speaker, will discuss Playing Hide and Seek in the 1910-1930 Censuses, and One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical

Search Tools. For more information, go to: www.pa-roots.com/~erie/2007GeneConf.html

Ontario Genealogy Camp

Family History researchers with families in Ontario can attend a summer camp and learn from experts using the many archives and reference libraries in Toronto. The event is held from June 10-15 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For more information, go to: www.torontofamilyhistory.org

Germans from Russia 2007 Convention

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will hold their national convention on June 10-17 at Hays, Kansas. For more information, go to: http://volgagerman.net/Convention/2007_Convention_Page_1.htm

California Writers Conference

The Southern California Genealogical Society will host a writers conference on June 10 at Burbank, California. This is part of the three day jamboree. The keynote speaker is Carolyn See, a well-known writer. She will discuss how to handle family secrets with discretion, honesty and sometimes humor. There will be something offered for every level of writer, and for every genre of family history projects, from memoirs, to journaling, to historical research, to technical tips for managing large writing projects. Other speakers include Judith Barrington, Linda Lawrence Hunt, D.G. Fulford, and Thomas Curwen, editor-at-large at the Los Angeles Times. For more information, go to: www.scsgenealogy.com

Quebec Canada Conference

The Quebec Family History Society will hold their conference on June 15-17 at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This is a large English-language genealogical conference with many well-known speakers who will discuss many aspects of family history research. There are also computer demonstrations and a book fair. For more information, go to: www.qfhs.ca

New Brunswick, Canada Conference

A genealogical conference will be held on June 16-17 at Rothesay, New Brunswick, Canada. Topics include:

- How cartographic records may be used in the context of family history research
- Irish immigration to the city and the evolution of the Irish Catholic community of 19th century Saint John
- The link between the politics of loyalist New York and loyalist Saint John
- The use of modern computer technology in ancestral research and web resources for tracing your ancestry in Canada and Great Britain

Research material from the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick will be available. For more information, go to: www.nbgssj.ca

Kansas Conference

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will hold their 2007 conference on June 16 at Salina, Kansas. The speaker will be Tony Burroughs, author, lecturer and professional genealogist. For more information, e-mail: kscouncilgensoc@juno.com

Idaho Irish Lectures

The Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Genealogical Society will host lectures on June 24 at Boise, Idaho. The speakers are Fintan Mullan and Dr. Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. For more information, go to: www.idahogenealogy.org/ulstermen_flyer.pdf

Utah Conference

The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) will hold their 2007 Conference on July 12-14 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Attendees can schedule individual consultations, by appointment, with the FEEFHS experts and Family History Library staff. A cultural presentation entitled "Got Culture? See, Hear and Experience Your Ethnicity" will be presented Thursday evening. For more information, go to: www.feefhs.org

Wisconsin German Workshop

The German Interest Group - Wisconsin will hold a workshop on July 14 at Whitewater, Wisconsin. The speaker will be Larry Jensen who is an Accredited Genealogist in German and Swiss research. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/worshop_page1-general_info.html

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will hold an educational seminar on July 14 at Marlborough, Massachusetts. The program includes topics for all levels of expertise and records access updates and information. The topics include "Getting Started" in Genealogy, Land and Probate research,

Revolutionary and Civil War Pension Records and more. For more information, go to: www.massgencouncil.org

Utah Jewish Genealogy Conference

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (www.iajgs.org) will host the IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy on July 15-20 at Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference includes networking with international researchers and experts, a film festival, breakfasts with experts, computer training workshops, special photographic exhibits, a resource room, special interest groups, the extensive resources of the Family History Library, a vendor room, tours and more. The program categories include: Eastern/Central/Western Europe; Eretz Israel (pre/post-1948); Genetics/DNA; holocaust; immigration/naturalization/migration; Jewish history/sociology; methodology; Sephardic/Mizrahi; non-European (e.g. India, China); photograph/document preservation; rabbinic research; repositories; South/Central America; technology/Internet resources; U.S./North America (includes specific locales) and Yiddish theater/Jewish music. For more information, go to: www.iajgs.org

Washington D.C. Institute

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (N.I.G.R.), will be held on July 15-20 at Washington D.C. and College Park, Maryland. This is an intensive program offering on-site examination of federal records. The focus this year is on commonly used immigration, military, land, cartographic, African American, and non-

population census records. Complementing those core lectures will be presentations on lesser-known federal records useful to family historians. One day at Archives II in College Park, Maryland, and optional evening sessions at the Library of Congress and the DAR library are included. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin

Germans from Russia 2007 Convention

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society will hold their 37th International Convention on July 19 -22 at Bismarck, North Dakota. There will be workshops on genealogy, customs, history, and programs on using today's technology to bring your heritage to life. For more information, go to: www.grhs.com

Texas Conference

The eleventh annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference will be held on July 19-22 at Lufkin, Texas. Desmond Walls Allen and Carolyn Earle Billingsley and other lecturers will speak on a variety of subjects. There will also be exhibits and vendors. For more information, go to: www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm

APG 2007 Conference

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will hold their annual conference on August 15 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, go to: www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html

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. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm

California Seminar (That's Us)

The Silicon Valley computer Genealogy Users Group will hold a seminar on September 8 at Santa Clara California. David Dilts will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.svcomputergenealogy.org

Alaska Seminar

The Anchorage Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 15 at Anchorage, Alaska. The featured speaker is Sharon De Bartolo Carmack. For more information, go to: www.anchoragegenealogy.org

Maryland Seminar

The Maryland Genealogical Society will hold their Fall Seminar on September 23-24 at the Hilton at Columbia, Maryland. Paul Blake & Maggie Loughran, British genealogists will present lectures and hands-on workshops for all levels of researcher skills. For more information, go to: www.mdgensoc.org

Illinois British Conference

The British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois will hold a British Isles Conference on September 29 at Rockford, Illinois. Sherry Irvine will be the featured speaker. For more information, e-mail: pgleich@sbcglobal.net

Nevada Conference

The Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society will host a seminar on September 29 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The featured speaker is: Michael John Neill. For more information, e-mail: CCNGS@cox.net

Wisconsin Conference

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold their Genealogical/Cultural Conference on October 18-20 at Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Lenka Matušiková, Archivist at the National Archives in Prague, Czech Republic, will be the featured speaker. The conference will include workshops, tours, networking, products, and entertainment. The program will be of interest to those with families of Czech, Bohemian, Moravian, Slovak, German, Hungarian, Jewish, Rusyn, and Silesian origin. For more information, go to: www.cgisi.org

Texas Seminar

The Van Zandt County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on October 27 at Canton, Texas. The featured speaker is Trevia Wooster Beverly of Houston, Texas who will speak on:

- Daffodils and Cedar Trees: Finding and Researching Old Towns and Cemeteries
- Finding and Researching the Old Homestead
- Faith of Our Fathers: Finding Your Ancestors in the Church Records
- Where, Oh Where Can She Be?: Finding the Silent Women in Your Ancestral Line

For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com

Texas Workshop

The Austin Genealogical Society will host a seminar on November 10 at Austin, Texas. Suzanne S. Bettac is the featured speakers and will discuss "Naturalization" and "Immigration". For more information, go to: www.austintxgensoc.org/calendar.php

2008 Events

NGS 2008 Conference

The National Genealogy Society (NGS) will hold their 2008 conference on May 14-17

2008 at Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org

FGS 2008 Conference

The Federation of Genealogy Societies will hold their 2008

conference on September 3-6 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm

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