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- * When Your Ancestor Speaks, Are You Listening?
- * Research by Time Period
- * Squeezing the Records Until They Talk



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September 27, 2008

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LUNCH
The buffet luncheon for \$12 will include two hot buffet items and three cold buffet items, plus potatoes, vegetable, rolls, & beverage. All coffee, tea, hot water included. Lunch in the Elks Dining Room with payment for lunch. Space available for brown baggers, too.

REGISTRATION AT SEMINAR: 8-9 A.M.September 27, 2008 **SATURDAY**

First Class starts at 9:15 a.m with a morning break, one-hour lunch, afternoon break, program ends about 3:30 p.m.

Snacks & drinks at morning and afternoon break come with your price of admission.

TOPICS FOR THE SEMINAR

Ann Carter Fleming is an author, lecturer, researcher, volunteer, BCG trustee, co-editor of the NGS series, "Research in the States," co-coordinator of Course 5 at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, former president of NGS and St. Louis Genealogical Society, co-author of Research in Missouri, author of *The Organized Family Historian*, and NGS Fellow.

What is the Serial Set?: This lecture is a good basic introduction to government documents with an emphasis on the U.S. Serial Set. Because this is a difficult and detailed subject, an extensive handout consisting of 12 pages provides many details and charts so the attendee can minimize his note taking.

When Your Ancestor Speaks, Are You Listening?: Time and time again, our ancestors try to talk to us via their stories, photographs, memorabilia, and documents. Are we listening?

Research by Time Period: Which records will help your genealogical research? The answer revolves around the time period in which you are working. By dividing your research into four time periods, you will learn about the most important and genealogically rich records in each area.

Squeezing the Records Until They Talk: Genealogical records tell us many things. As you review a document, consider why it was made, who the informant was, and what information was pertinent to the record. It is important to identify and separate the facts and clues in each document.

SITE OF THE SEMINAR**Milwaukie Elks Lodge****13121 SE McLaughlin Blvd****Milwaukie, Oregon**

Driving Directions: On McLoughlin Blvd. (Oregon 99E), 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie. Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (airplane to the south). On the west side of the street. Look for the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign near the boulevard.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don Holznagel

Although the regular summer GFO schedule does not include member meetings, this summer there is a major opportunity for members on Saturday, August 2. In addition to the All-nighter planned by Julie Kidd, we have a special presentation by Dr. Harold Hinds, a GFO member who is Distinguished Professor at University of Minnesota at Morris. His topic is about expanding your genealogy into a family history, and he will begin at 4:30 pm in the GFO Library. Harold's presentation is free. The All-nighter begins at 6:00 p.m., and the charge is \$15. I hope you will plan to be there. (see information all the All-Nighter on page 10)

Board members and division leaders will soon be setting priorities for the coming year. A personal priority for me this year is designing a system and action plan for the long-term financial health of the organization. I invite members to let me know if you have suggestions for organizational priorities.

We welcome new volunteers who have joined the Endowment and Education Committees, but there are still many needs for volunteer time. Please check with Jan Robinson or me regarding your interests. Also, it's not too early to put the Fall Seminar on your calendar for September 27. See the information elsewhere in this issue.

Editor's Note: Due to gremlins in the composition process, the uncorrected version of the *Insider* was inadvertently mailed out in July. To all of you, please accept my apologies.. jb

NEW INTERNET RESOURCE

I just found out that the State of Arizona has put all their viewable birth and death certificates online at—

<http://genealogy.az.gov/index.htm>

This site includes all birth certificates issued at least 75 years ago and deaths of the last 50 years.

I found my great - great grandmother, great grandmother, grandmother and all of her siblings on there! It is really a wonderful site by the State of Arizona and a lot faster than the mail.

The search engine will search for the parents' names as well as the person the certificate is issued to and is very easy to use.

Jeanette Hopkins, H369

All NEW GFO BULLETIN COMING IN September

by Peggy Baldwin

Lyleth Winther has retired from the GFO *Bulletin* and, admiring the energy she put in it, a number of us decided to divide the task up. So, now we have an Editorial Board of 4 people – Peggy Baldwin, Julie Kidd, Carol Surrency, and Judi Scott.

We will have various columns each month, each with its own column editor who will be responsible for writing an article or recruiting someone else to do it. We are working to keep the news in the *Insider* and offer more substance in the *Bulletin*.

Each year we will have a theme that all four issues will be organized around. This year, from September 2008 to June 2009, our theme will be the Oregon Sesquicentennial – September, Oregon Trail (Peggy Baldwin, editor); December, Oregon Statehood years (Carol Surrency, editor); March, Oregon in the early 1900s (Julie Kidd, editor); and June, Oregon retrospective (Judi Scott, editor).

The due dates for the issues that are still in production are October 1st for the December 2008 issue, January 1st for the March 2009 issue; and April 1st for the June 2009 issue. We welcome submissions from members, so if you have an article you would like to write, contact me (peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com) and I'll direct you to the proper issue editor.

Look forward to the September 2008 issue and please do give us feedback and ideas about what you would like to see in future issues. You will help us keep this publication relevant and useful.

Editor's Note: In September, go to www.gfo.org to see the latest news in the *Insider Extra* for the months

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Around GFO

LESLIE LAWSON ON “DOING ONSITE RESEARCH”

Leslie Lawson spoke at the recent GFO Monthly Program on “Doing Onsite Research, Walking the Land of your Ancestors.” She is also did the same presentation for the Genealogical Council of Oregon’s Statewide Biennial Genealogical Conference at Lane Community College in Eugene on July 15th.

Before starting your research this summer, make sure you have done your homework, advised Leslie. Make a list of all the gaps you need to fill, make sure you have exhausted the local resources in your home community, and then call ahead or check the Internet for hours and days of operations of libraries, cemeteries, and courthouses in the localities you intend to visit. In other words, try to make good use of your time in the towns of your research.— lw

perpetrated by a few enumerators seeking to raise their own pay and not a conspiracy of cities to inflate their populations..

There seems to be no evidence that Portland’s 1910 census was investigated for fraud. However, an article in *THE NEWYORK TIMES* for December 27, 1910 does include Portland in a list of cities that had doubled its population in the previous ten years.

What is the lesson here? Mistakes are made inadvertently and intentionally, and using census data as genealogical evidence should be backed up with additional proof.—jb

MARRIAGE RECORDS, OBITS LOOKUPS

Check the GFO records index online

Request a photocopy of the original record from:

Multnomah County Marriage Records

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2010 CENSUS LESS THAN TWO YEARS

When Vickie Bonagofski, GFO member, was doing newspaper research, she ran across this story in the *Yoncalla Times*, dated September 15, 1911. (The same subject appeared in *The New York Times*, dated October 16, 1910):

“FRAUDS IN CENSUS IN CITIES DISCOVERED

Great Inflation of the Populations of Western Centres Detected.”

Western cities cited in the article as having inflated their population numbers were Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma, WA, Aberdeen, WA, Portland, OR and Boise, ID.

A second enumeration done for Tacoma showed that city had padded their numbers by 33,296. Suspicions had arisen because of the 120 percent increase over the 1900 census.

Director of the Census Bureau, Durand, gives examples of “padding” as the registration of hotel visitors who came after census day, the appearance on enumerators’ records of unusually large numbers of “roomers” and “lodgers” and the evidence of pre-printed slips with the Census questions being passed out on street corners and filled out by thousands of individuals, who either had already been counted or were even fictitious..

The President, William Howard Taft, vowed to see the perpetrators punished, but after an investigation, Mr. Durand concluded that the fraud was

NOTABLE ANCESTORS

Do you have a notable ancestor, perhaps not famous or infamous, but worthy of note you would like to write about?

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Connie's Corner

Maps By Connie Lenzen, CG*

Give me a map, and I can entertain myself for hours. I like new maps, old maps, railroad maps, ward maps, shipping maps. Gerry and I go to a restaurant that has nautical maps under glass on the tables, and I can vicariously explore the bays and oceans. I'm not obsessive; I just like maps.

The Genealogical Forum Library has a dandy collection of maps. Some are on the bookshelves by the Rare Book Room; others are on the library shelves. The online library catalog has almost 100 entries for maps. When you search for atlases, which are bound collections of maps, there are even more. (Go to the GFO website, www.gfo.org; enter "maps" in the "Search our site" box.)

The Portland State Library in downtown Portland has the best collection of maps in the area. (Branford P. Millar Library, 1875 SW Park, Portland; accessible by TriMet bus from near the GFO library.) Their online map guide, <http://library.pdx.edu/findmaps.html>, is an entry point for learning about the collection and for finding weblinks. The "Find Maps" link takes you to pages that define Aeronautical charts, atlases, BLM maps, census maps, CIA maps, DMA maps, forest maps, geologic maps, nautical charts, soil surveys, thematic maps, and topographic maps. It further summarizes the PSU collection and provides online sources.

One of my favorite Internet map sites is the Library of Congress's map collection on "American Memory," <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>. The map collection includes Civil War maps, Louisiana Purchase maps, panoramic maps, railroad maps, maps of the Revolutionary era and World War II maps. When I was researching a Civil War ancestor, I was able to locate maps that showed where he had been. The panoramic maps are a real treasure. They are mainly for the 1800s and for cities. The beauty of the maps is that you can click on the images and go down right to the street level.

Another Internet map site that I like is the Oregon Digital General Land Office Maps at the University of Oregon website, <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/map/GIS/Data/Oregon/GLO/index.htm>. These maps show the outline of every donation land claim. The maps were created by land office surveyors, and some date from the 1850s. They show water courses, trails, locations of pastures, mills, schools, and churches. These same maps are on microfiche at the GFO library, but I like being able to download the maps.

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LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR YEAR 2008
 Monday, Sept. 1, 2008—Labor Day
 Spring & Fall Seminar Days—closed
 Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008—Thanksgiving
 Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008—Christmas
 Thursday, January 1, 200—New Year's Day

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www.archives.gov/aad/
www.usgenweb.com
www.rootsweb.com
www.cyndislist.com
www.familysearch.org
www.ancestry.com
www.nara.gov
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www.ccg-wa.org
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 (Western States Marriages to 1928)
www.kshs.org (Kansas)
www.ellisland.org
 HeritageQuestOnline (through multcolib.org)
www.findagrave.com
www.footnote.com \$ (free for 1st week)
www.genuki.org.uk
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LIBRARY COLLECTION NEWS

In the process of finishing end-of-the year paperwork last month, I was continually reminded of what a great organization we have in the Forum. Our members are generous with their time and donations of both library materials and needed cash. It takes all of us to make this great Library even better!

Donations in 2007-2008 ranged in size from a handful of useful periodicals to a donation more than 40 boxes containing a lifetime collection. Some donations come from outside our organization, such as the Mt. Hood Colony Oregon Society of Mayflower

Descendants' donation of eleven volumes of Mayflower books to complete our collection.

Members worked many hours to achieve our Library goals last year. Here are just a few random highlights from a long list of our achievements for 2007-2008:

— Thanks to your donations of Library material and cash, 1251 new items were added to our shelves.

— New cemetery materials came to us on loan from the Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association.

— A dedicated crew completed a three-year-long inventory of Library materials.

— Shelving was added allowing us to feature certain collections, such as NARA material, City Directories, and Oregon yearbooks.

In related activities, the Forum's Sales crew, headed by Jim Morrow, offered our surplus Library material to the membership at the Spring and Fall Seminars, then again at the Open House—our big sale of the year. The Sales crew's hard work and your donation of material added more than \$4000.00 to the Forum's General Fund last year!

Thank you all for your continuing support and generosity. It was a great year!

Sandra Whiteman

MORE NEW BOOKS

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**THE WRITER'S FORUM ANNOUNCES
THE GFO WRITING CONTEST
2009**

The theme of this next year's writing contest is "**Relics.**" Your story should be based on an artifact passed down through the family. Lawrence Goldrup in his book *Writing the Family Narrative* defines an artifact as, "a manufactured object such as a tool or an ornament, any natural object of substance that someone has altered or worked and left behind." Your story should involve an object that your family made or used, that has come down through the family. It could include items like decorative household items, farm equipment or other occupational tools, kitchen equipment, photographs, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, family Bible, baby shoes, baby books, Boy Scout badges, country-fair ribbons, military awards, and lots of other things not mentioned here.

A number of my great grandmother Jennie Mae Eldridge's possessions were passed down in our family – her father Orlando T. and uncle Thomas Eldridge's Civil War canteens, with Jennie's painted landscape on one side and their company and regiment numbers on the other; an Asian style jar containing her dried wedding roses; a silver brush, mirror, and crystal perfume bottle; and a doll chest made by Orlando T. for Jennie Mae. Depending on what I want to say about Jennie, I could use any one of those to bring my story to life.

Here's a paragraph that I wrote about the doll dresser:

Jennie Mae Eldridge was born in 1870 and the homemade doll dresser she used as a child is over 130 years old. Her father Orlando T. Eldridge painted the top of the chest brown, making it out of scrap wood, just the material that one would expect someone to use when making a toy for a child. It was not the quality of wood that would hold a fine stain. He made sides of better quality wood and stained them a dark brown. On each of the three drawers, Orlando screwed in place two porcelain knobs; the knobs on the middle drawer having a screw through the middle. He made the dresser 15 inches high and 8 inches deep (just the right size for a little girl's doll clothes), and gave it a top that overlapped the sides and front by 1 inch. The bottom front of the dresser was scalloped. By the time I saw the doll dresser as a child, it was peeling and the stain was very dull. As an adult, Jennie Mae treasured this reminder of her father and childhood and would not let her daughter, or later granddaughter, play with this doll dresser. She

probably would have interceded, if she had still been alive, when her great-grandson stored his chemistry set in it and spilled a bottle of ink in one of the drawers. Now that doll dresser has a place of honor in my study, where it connects me to my Great Grandmother Jennie Mae.

Any one of the items that Jennie Mae passed down could be used to base a story. I described the doll dresser and tried to give a sense of its place in Jennie Mae's life. It tells you something about what kind of person she was. I could use that paragraph as a way to begin a story.

Weave a true story around a family artifact. How did your ancestor use this object? What did it mean to your ancestor? What does it tell us about your ancestor? And, if this fits, and doesn't take your readers too far from the story you want to tell, what does it say about your relationship with your ancestor?

But, be careful about interjecting yourself, to not take away from the fact that this story is about your ancestor. If the person you are writing about is a family member you interacted with, it could become a tool to describe that relationship. Or, if it's something that came down through the family and you saw it as a child and wondered about it, that could make a good beginning to make your readers also wonder.

Contest Requirements:

Piece must be written to the theme: "Relic" – a true story inspired by an artifact made or used by your ancestor

Length — 750 to 5000 words.

Documentation in the form of endnotes or footnotes is **required.**

Story must be submitted in **electronic form**—Word or RTF file, submitted as an email attachment or burned to a CD or floppy disk.

Submitted between January 1 and April 1, 2009.

Plan ahead and make a concerted effort to attend the award presentation at the GFO Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Peggy Baldwin

If you have any questions, email me at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com. Also check out our web page—http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm.

**CONGRAULATIONS AGAIN TO THIS
YEAR'S WINNERS:**

1st place, Mickey Bennet Sieracky
2nd place, Alene Lorraine Burnett Reaugh
3rd place, Ruth McKendry

**OBITS AND MORE FROM NEWSPAPERS:
NEW DATABASE AVAILABLE AT WILSONVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Library members as well as guests can access the new database of obituaries and other news of the day from many of the large and medium sized towns across the nation at the Wilsonville Public Library. Over 30 million obituaries can be viewed. Before the 1977 cutoff year, actual images of articles and obituaries can be viewed and printed. After that year, most records have been digitalized.

For instance, a house fire in Philadelphia in 1771 was front page news of that period. Locally, there are articles and obituaries from 1988 to the present time, as well as from the newspapers of Coos Bay, Eugene, Astoria, Salem, etc.

When visiting the Wilsonville Public Library, ask the staff to show you the America's GenealogyBank database.

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<http://www.wilsonville.lib.or.us/>

BEGINNERS CLASSES CONTINUE

**INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY CLASSES
OR JUMP START YOUR GENEALOGY!
NEXT CLASS IS AUGUST 27, 2008**

Classes are 10 a.m.-Noon , the 4th Saturday of every other month except December. People do not have to be members of the Genealogical Forum to attend.

Following the class is a complimentary tour and use of the Library. There is a \$15 fee and preference is given to those who pre-register.

Send your checks to GFO, or call ahead to the GFO desk or register and pay the day of the class.

WHAT'S UP IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA?

This is an excerpt from an article written by Katherine Borges, director of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) submitted to the *INSIDER* by GFO's Emily Aulicino:

"The California Department of Health issued a 'cease and desist' letter on June 9, to thirteen DNA testing firms requiring California consumers to receive a doctor's note to purchase these tests and the companies to apply and be approved for a California clinical laboratory license. As a California resident, this now means I have to pay a \$20 co-pay to my Kaiser physician (for DNA testing).....

"The tempest has been brewing in the teapot for months now. The Journal of the American Medical Association's March 19 edition featured genetics but contained a particularly ominous article, "Genomic Profiles for Disease Risk: Predictive or Premature?"

"What has the medical community so concerned about direct-to-consumer (DTC) DNA testing? Kurt Knutson , the 'Cyber Guy', said in his June 25 feature that, 'Healthcare professionals now worry that any amount of genetic information (continued)

FORUM ALL-NIGHTER

**Sat., Aug 2nd — 6 PM to 6 AM Cost: \$15
Snacks provided with pizza party at midnight!
COME JOIN IN THE FUN!
Questions? E-mail Julie at rathernut@cs.com
or check with Forum desk
(503-963-1932)**

Visiting Speaker Aug. 2nd

Your Genealogy Is Complete. Now What?
Mining Basic Genealogical Sources To Expand It Into A
Family History: A Case Study

Dr. Harold E. Hinds, Jr. GFO member and Professor at the University of Minnesota Morris, will be speaking at the GFO Library on Aug. 2 at 4:30. He plans to retire to the Portland area in a few years, and this is a good opportunity for members to become acquainted with him.

Dr. Hinds teaches diverse history courses, including one on genealogy and personal family history. He has lectured extensively at all levels, from local to international, and has delivered several keynote addresses; has published 2 monographs, 1 genealogical guide, 21 edited collections of scholarly essays, 8 volumes of transcribed records, and more than 40 articles in genealogical and professional history journals; and is a member of numerous local, regional, and national history and genealogy organizations. He serves as Associate Editor of *Minnesota Genealogist*, as Program Chair of the West Central (MN) Family History Association, and as columnist for the *NGS News Magazine*. His current research focuses on genealogical and historical methods of conducting personal family history, New York Adirondacks, Kentucky Appalachia, New England, and the Pacific Northwest.

The GFO All-Nighter for August has also been rescheduled from August 16th to August 2nd following the presentation. Members are encouraged but not required to attend both for a great evening. The lecture is free, and the All-Nighter's cost is \$15.

could be misinterpreted which has insurance companies seeing dollar signs. Published articles by the healthcare communities are not the sole instigator in this saga either. According to a June 19 Guardian (UK) article, a California Department of Health spokesperson, Lee Brooks, stated that, 'Investigation began after multiple anonymous complaints were sent to the Health Department.'

... "All we can do now is wait. Wait to see if the State of California seeks action against the two California-based companies that refused to obey the order and to see if the anonymous letters are made public. Wait to see any further actions or reactions are made by healthcare and insurance industries. Wait to see if this causes a 'domino effect...' as other states consider California's action.

VOLUNTEERS

Library Collection News: We are looking for new volunteers. There are several jobs, small and large, that can be done at any time it is convenient for you. Some are ongoing and some are specific projects with a foreseeable end. Training is offered for all jobs. Here are some possibilities:

Periodicals

- Help evaluate our current periodical collection.
- Enter new periodicals in catalog and process for shelving.
- Search for new periodicals to add to our collections.

Donations:

- Enter new donations into donation log.
- Send thank you letters to donors.
- Help start new material processing.

New Book Purchases

- Help search for new books to add to our collection.

Book Reviews

- Do one or more book reviews. We always have one or more books waiting to be reviewed. This job is easy and fun..Good written instructions are available, and you get to see new material first!

If any of these jobs sound interesting to you, please contact Sandi Whiteman (Wednesdays 9:30-5:00 and Thursdays 9:30-3:00) or Volunteer Coordinator Jan Robinson at GFO 503-963-1932.

MEMBER CHARTS PROJECT

As stated in last month's Bulletin, we are in the process of reviving the member charts as a resource for other members. We include surnames that members are researching on the annual directory CD. We would like to expand on that base since that information is limited to whatever is included on a new or renewal application.

We are in the process of putting the paper copies and index of the member pedigree charts on CDs. This is not a high priority project but one that does need to be done. We need volunteers to transcribe the paper charts to electronic files. This project may be done at home at the convenience of the volunteer. Most of the charts are small (1-2 pages), but there are some that are extensive. So, if you've ever wanted to volunteer but couldn't find a way, here's one for you. We have 65 binders of charts, so your help would be of inestimable value. Transcribing may even include a bonus. I've already found three charts that have my lines on them. I would never have hunted through the card catalogue for them. I tried using the card catalogue once and pulled the appropriate binders only to find the charts were missing.

Some of the charts were microfilmed by the LDS Library years ago, but many were omitted because the birth dates on the charts were too recent. Fortunately, we do have the originals of the charts and they're being used for proofreading as well as making working copies. We are fortunate to be able to re-create the information.

We are also soliciting current members' charts, especially if you have submitted a paper pedigree chart in the past. These files need to be in an electronic format. I can handle The Master Genealogist, Family Tree Maker (Versions 1-11) or Family Search's Personal Ancestral File (PAF) and, of course, GEDCOM

formats. At this time, we cannot accept any paper versions. You can send your file to Sandy Sterling, who is creating an index as well as the CDs. The address is below.

While we have no plans to put any of this information including the index on the internet, we cannot guarantee that it will never appear there. Just as the paper versions of the charts have been used, so will the electronic versions.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jan Robinson at Desdemona @columbia-center.net. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Sandy Sterling slts@comcast.net.

DONATION LAND CLAIMS I INDEX NOW ON GFO WEBSITE !

Donation Land Claims were granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory who arrived prior to 1853. The files contain considerable genealogical data. Originals of these are located in the National Archives in Washington DC. The GFO has copies on microfilm and we can copy the entire claim file for you. Use our index of claim holders found on our web page, www.gfo.org to determine the office and claim number.

The cost is \$10 for the first ten pages and 50¢ for each additional page. You may request paper copies or a CD. If you'd like paper copies and a CD, please add \$1. To determine the cost for your file, please email gforesearch@yahoo.com or phone the GFO at 503-963-1932 (leave a message for Loretta). We need the index information and your phone or email.

Order a copy of a Donation Land Claim by sending your return address, index information, and the total cost (see above) to:

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THE FORUM INSIDER

GFO Calendar and Hours

AUGUST 2008

- 2nd Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Special Lecture by Harold E. Hinds, Jr. PhD no charge.
ALSO All-Nighter 6p.m.-6a.m. \$15.
- 4th Monday: Free Monday (Bring A Friend).
- 11th Monday: 1 p.m. DNA Meeting.
- 12th Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. GFO Board Meeting.
- 18th Monday: 7 p.m. Computer Group.
- 27th Saturday: 10 a.m. Intro to Genealogy: Beginning Genealogy Class (\$15.00).
- 15th Monday: 7 p.m. Round Table Discussion Group.
- 27th Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. TMG.(Kidd)

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 1st Monday: Labor Day. Library Closed.
- 8th Monday: 1-3 p.m. DNA Interest Group.
- 9th Tuesday: 5:30p.m. GFO Board Meeting.
- 13th Saturday: 9:30 Illinois Group.
11:45: Writers Forum.
2:00 p.m. Monthly Program.
- 15th Monday
7:00p.m. Computer Group.
- 20th Saturday: 9:30 a.m. TMG-SUG.
1:00 p.m. Irish Interest.
- 22nd Monday
Round Table Discussion 7 p.m.
- 24th Wednesday...6:30 p.m. TMG.
- 27TH Saturday Fall Seminar. Library Closed

OCTOBER, 2008

- 6th Monday: Free Monday (Bring a Friend)
- 11th Saturday:
9:30 a.m. Illinois Group.
11:45 Writers Forum.
2:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting.
- 13th Monday: DNA Interest Group 1:30 pm.
- 14th Tuesday: 5:30 pm Board Meeting.
- 20th Monday: 7:00 pm Computer Interest Group.
- 24th Wednesday: 6:30 pm TMG Forum.
- 25th Saturday 10:00 am Introduction to Genealogy.
1:00 pm British Interest Group .
- 27th Monday: 7:00 pm Round Table Discussion