

## UPCOMING GENEALOGY EVENTS

At the  
Mount Vernon Genealogical Society,  
Fairfax Genealogical Society,  
Prince George's County (Maryland) Genealogical Society,  
Centreville VA Family History Center,  
Washington DC Family History Center,  
Genealogy Club of the Montgomery County Historical Society,  
St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society,  
Carroll County Genealogical Society,  
Charles County (Maryland) Genealogical Society,  
Anne Arundel (Maryland) Genealogical Society,  
Frederick County Genealogical Society,  
Maryland Historical Society,  
Baltimore Family History,  
The Local Charles County Family History Study Group,  
Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society,  
Roots Users Group of Arlington,  
Fairfax County Adult & Community Education,  
RELIC at Bull Run Regional Library in Manassas,  
Friends of the Network to Freedom Association, Inc.  
Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg,  
The Botetourt Genealogy Club,  
The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society,  
Virginia Genealogical Society, Maryland Genealogical Society,  
Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia, Ohio Genealogical Society,  
North Carolina Genealogical Society, Indiana Historical Society,  
The New England Regional Genealogical Conference,  
National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives,  
Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society,  
and the National Archives.

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (See Details Below)

September 13, 2008 - The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) Fall Conference  
September 13, 2008 - Baltimore Family History & Genealogy Workshop  
October 4, 2008 - Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, Maryland  
October 11, 2008 - Anne Arundel County Maryland in Severna Park, Maryland  
October 11, 2008 - Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society in Bowie, Maryland  
October 25, 2008 - Fairfax Genealogical Society Annual Fall Fair  
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October 26-November 2, 2008 - Wholly Genes Caribbean cruise  
November 1, 2008 - Virginia genealogical Society Fall Conference in Newport News, Virginia  
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November 6-9, 2008 - AAHGS Annual Conference in Adelphi, Maryland  
November 13, 2008 - The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) Trip to North Carolina  
March 27-28, 2009 - Fairfax Genealogical Society Annual Conference and Expo  
April 22-26, 2009 - New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire  
May 13-16, 2009 - National Genealogical Society Annual Conference  
September 2-5, 2009 - Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas

## REGULAR MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Tips & Strategies on the Updated Archival Research Catalog (ARC)." Members of the ARC team will show researchers how to find records in the National Archives' updated online Archival Research Catalog (ARC). The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "Electronic Resources for Family History." The program will be presented by RELIC's Don Wilson. Learn about some of the latest and greatest online resources for genealogy. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

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Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Frederick County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Using a Digital Camera to Copy Books and Documents." The speaker is Harold McClendon. The program will show you how most digital cameras can be adjusted to photograph documents and books in a research facility. The program will be held at Homewood at Crumland Farms in their Community Room right of the lobby. They are located at 7407 Willow Road. Additional details can be found at <http://www.frecogs.com>.

Saturday September 13, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. The Annual Baltimore Family History & Genealogy Workshop will be presented in Essex, Maryland. The free workshop will feature at least 66 classes and 32 instructors covering all aspects of genealogy. There is no charge for the conference. Additional details can be found at <http://www.baltimorefamilyhistoryworkshop.org/>.

Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.. The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be presenting its fall conference in Richmond, Virginia entitled "Gems of Genealogical Research." The speaker will be Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL. Subjects to be covered at the conference include Investigating Your Ancestors; Research Sites on the Internet; Rogues & Rascals: Divorced, Litigious, Criminal Relatives; and a Mapping Workshop for Genealogists. The meeting will be held at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia. The registration fee is \$40/\$55. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vagriv/>.

Monday, September 15-20, 2008. The Friends of the Network to Freedom Association is presenting the "2008 Underground Railroad Conference." The conference will include presentations from the National Park Service, the National Archives, Dr. Gary Nash, and Lorene Carey. They will discuss the preservation, interpretation, documentation, and the numerous events surrounding the underground railroad. The conference will be in Philadelphia, PA. The registration fee is \$125/\$150. Additional details can be found at <http://www.ugrfriends.org/>.

Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Carroll County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Electronic Treasures at the Maryland State Archives." The speaker is Robert W. Barnes. The speaker will discuss is available electronically at the Archives and any changes that are taking place at the Archives. The program will be presented in the Dixon Room of the Carroll County Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.carr.org/ccgs.html>.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. The Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library will present a program entitled "Researching Your Family Tree: An Introduction to Genealogy." Learn the resources and techniques needed to track down your family's history. This class is an adult program and is intended for beginners age 16 and up. Registration is required. Call 703-293-6227 two weeks before the program. Additional details can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or by calling the Virginia Room at 703-293-6383.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present two programs. First, Jennifer Davis Heaps will talk about illustrated family records such as needlework samplers and fraktur. This will be followed by a program by the From the Records Book Group who will discuss "*Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the War for Independence*" This is a book by John C. Dann (Editor). A fascinating selection of information based on the testimony of embattled farmers who tell us in their own words what they saw with their own eyes. The *Revolution Remembered* uses 79 first-hand accounts from veterans of the war to provide the reader with the feel of what it must have been like to fight and live through America's bloody battle for independence. The military pension records at the National Archives provide an important source for this book. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. The book may be purchased anywhere; the Archives Shop offers a discount to those who are participating in the book group. Please check the Archives Shop (202-357-5271) for book availability and a special discount for participants. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting a program entitled "Genealogical Resources in the Fairfax County Library Virginia Room." The program will be presented by Suzanne Levy who is the Virginia Room Librarian. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "The Genealogy Doctor Is In." Schedule a private, 30-minute visit with RELIC's Don Wilson to start your research or to discuss and analyze an historical or genealogical problem that has stumped you. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society is presenting a program entitled "Evidence, Analysis: The Genealogical Proof Standard – Updated." The speaker is Charles S. Mason, CG. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. at the LDS Family History Center, 4560 Padgett Road, White Plains, Charles County, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdccmgs/index.htm>.

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the lecture on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, September 20, 2008 from noon–4 p.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Help! I'm Stuck." Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? An archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, "Help! I'm Stuck." The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "An Evening With James Monroe: Bringing History Alive." The program will be presented by Daniel F. Preston, PhD., editor of the Papers of James Monroe and professor at the Univ. of Mary Washington. Tickets are \$125 per person and seating is limited. For information contact Friends of the Thomas Balch Library at 703-737-2166.

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum will present a program entitled "Tracing Descendants of Alexandria's Freedman's Cemetery." The speaker is Char McCargo Bah. The speaker will share her findings on the descendants of Alexandria's Freedman's Cemetery. She will discuss and demonstrate genealogical techniques she used to trace pre- and post-Civil War individuals to historic Freedmen's Cemetery. She will also demonstrate how these techniques can be used for any cemetery research. The program will be presented at the Alexandria Black History Museum at 902 Wythe Street in Alexandria, Virginia. Reservations are suggested and can be made at 703-838-4356.

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia is presenting a program entitled "Identifying and Dating Family Photographs." The program will be presented by Maureen Taylor. Learn 10 easy steps for naming those unidentified pictures tucked away in shoeboxes. This is the annual RELIC After Dark fund raising program. The cost is \$25.00. In addition to the program, there will be a buffet dinner with assorted beverages, including wine and beer. Also all printing charges for the evening will be waived. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Carroll County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a Cemetery Copying Project at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. The cemetery is located at Route 30 and Dover Road in Upperco (south of Hampstead). Call 410-848-3752 if you have any questions and to check on the weather. Additional details can be found at <http://www.carr.org/ccgs.html>.

Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "The Civil War in Loudoun County Virginia: A History of Hard Times." The program will be presented by Stevan F. Meserve. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "Brick Walls Scaled & Ancestors Found." The speaker will be members of the Society. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "Electronic Resources for Family History." The program will be presented by RELIC's Don Wilson. Learn about some of the latest and greatest online resources for genealogy. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act." Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act and how the statutes impact public access to both archival and operational records at the National Archives. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be presenting a program in Richmond, Virginia entitled "Grandpa's Occupations." How did your ancestors make a living? And how can you find out? Tips on occupational research will expand your genealogical skills. The speaker will be Brent Morgan. The meeting will be at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 West Huguenot Road, Richmond, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vagriv/>.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Genealogy Club of the Montgomery County Historical Society will present a program entitled "German Research." The speaker will be Vernon Skinner. The meeting will be at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD. Call 240-314-5019 for directions. Additional details can be found at <http://www.montgomeryhistory.org/Genealogy.html>.

Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives at College Park will present a program entitled "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act." Ramona Branch Oliver will discuss provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act and how the statutes impact public access to both archival and operational records at the National Archives. Archival Research Catalog (ARC). The program will be presented in Lecture Room B. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Gathering Your Materials: Doing It Right." The speaker is Patricia Shawker. The Board for Certification of Genealogists has developed Data-Collection Standards which can be found in their publication The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual. Following these standards can save research time. This lecture will discuss how to collect the data properly the first time. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Local Charles County Family History Study Group will hold its monthly meeting to discuss, share, connect and workshop local Charles County and Southern Maryland families histories. The group is made up of local family historians who are working on building all of our local Southern Maryland families. The study group meets at the Potomac Branch Library in Bryans Road, Maryland. Additional details can be obtained by contacting Wanda Simmons at [cbs196395@yahoo.com](mailto:cbs196395@yahoo.com) or by calling Wanda at 301-743-2396.

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Declassifying Secrets: Opening Classified Records for Public Disclosure." Archivist Neil Carmichael will discuss the declassification process at the National Archives, past Executive Orders, present initiatives and the future of declassification in the executive branch. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

## OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the lecture on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Migration Routes in the US to 1850." The speaker is Sharon Hodges. The program will be held at Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/>.

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program entitled "Ten Shortcuts Used by Professional Genealogists." The program will be presented by Chuck Mason, CG. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svg.org](http://www.svg.org).

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "The Genealogy Doctor Is In." Schedule a private, 30-minute visit with RELIC's Don Wilson to start your research or to discuss and analyze an historical or genealogical problem that has stumped you. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcv.gov/library/relic/index.htm>.

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Manuscript and Archives Research at the Thomas Balch Library." The program will be presented by Stephanie Adams Hunter. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives at College Park, MD will present a program in Lecture Room B entitled "Declassifying Secrets: Opening Classified Records for Public Disclosure." Archivist Neil Carmichael will discuss the declassification process at the National Archives, past Executive Orders, present initiatives and the future of declassification in the executive branch. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, MD is presenting a Family History Workshop entitled "Immigration & Naturalization Records." Join noted author and genealogist Robert Barnes for this new series of workshops designed to introduce new family historians to techniques and allow seasoned researchers to find new resources. Mr. Barnes will be joined by guest speakers throughout the series. Each session will include continental breakfast and box lunch. Each session is \$40/ MdHS Member, \$50/ non-members, or you may purchase the series for \$140/ MdHS members and \$175/ non-members. Each session also includes a chance to ask questions of our experts and a chance to visit the MdHS Museum and Library during breaks. All sessions will include information on both print and online sources. Call 410-685-3750 ext. 321 or email [ekimes@mdhs.org](mailto:ekimes@mdhs.org) to register. The Maryland Historical Society is located at 201 W. Monument Street, Baltimore, MD. Additional details can be found at <http://www.mdhs.org/>.

Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Clerk's Office Tour, Loudoun County Courthouse." The program will be presented by John Fishback, Historical Records Manager for Loudoun County. People attending the tour will meet at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA prior to 6:45 p.m. and then walk to the courthouse. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "The Federal Register and the Electoral College." The program will be presented by Amy Bunk. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Beginning Genealogy". Get off to a great start on your family history research! Learn all about home sources, vital records, census and federal records, state and county sources, forms and charts, internet sources, and research methods. 4 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Robert E. Dunfield. The cost of the course is \$85 and the location of the course is Chantilly High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives at College Park, MD will present a program in Lecture Room B entitled "The Federal Register and the Electoral College." The program will be presented by Amy Bunk. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov>.

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "Tracing Your American Ancestors Through Land Records." The program will be presented by Karen Jensen. Are you wondering if maps, charts, and old dusty books at the courthouse can help you find your early American ancestors? The speaker will demonstrate the resources she used to trace one family line through several states and decades. Learn what secrets land grants, deeds, maps, land plats, and land tax lists contain and see examples of the types of records that are available online through state archives and the Bureau of Land Management. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Genealogical Society in Severna Park, Maryland will be presenting a program entitled "The DAR - How to Use the DC library and How to Join." The speaker is Jackie Ruffing. The program will be presented at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aagensoc.org>.

Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society will present its fall conference entitled "Genealogical Research in the Twenty-first Century." The speakers are Thomas Shawker, M.D., Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG, and John T. Humphrey. Topics include DNA Testing, Maryland Research, and German Research. The conference will be held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Bowie, Maryland. The cost of the conference is \$40-\$50. Additional details can be found at <http://www.magsgen.com/fallmeeting.html>.

Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Botetourt Genealogy Club will host a Genealogy Fair. The event will be held at the Family Life Center of the Fincastle United Methodist Church located at 137 South Church Street in Fincastle, VA. For more information, contact Rena Worthen at 540-473-8339 or [doreatr@rbnet.com](mailto:doreatr@rbnet.com). Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vaboteto/fair.html>.

Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Excavating at the Werowocomoco Site in 2007, Gloucester County, Virginia." The program will be presented by David Brown. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "1783: Subject or Citizen? The Treaty of Paris." The program will be presented by Lisa Royse. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008. The Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Genealogical Society in Severna Park, Maryland will be presenting a program entitled "Starting Out In Genealogy." The program will be presented at the North County Branch Library. Call the library for details. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aagensoc.org>.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Court Records Weave Your Family Roots Together." Courthouses hold land, estate, chancery cases, and other valuable records. Discover how to find these records and use them help weave your family history together in the absence of birth, marriage, and death records. 3 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Sharon Hodges. The cost of the course is \$65 and the location of the course is Edison High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

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Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society is presenting a program entitled "At Least Make the Skeleton Dance." The speaker is Bill Mitchell. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. at the LDS Family History Center, 4560 Padgett Road, White Plains, Charles County, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdccmgs/index.htm>.

Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. The Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Genealogical Society in Severna Park, Maryland will be presenting a Fall Seminar. The theme of the seminar is "Civil War - Blue and Gray." The program will be presented at the Glen Burnie Improvement Association. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aagensoc.org>.

Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "James Monroe, First Citizen of Loudoun." The program will be presented by James P. Lucier. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Carroll County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Ghosts of Legh Furnace." The speaker is Don Riley. The speaker will share what he has learned about Legh Master's life through extensive research here and abroad and the reason why he wrote the book. The program will be presented in the Dixon Room of the Carroll County Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.carr.org/ccgs.html>.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting a program entitled "Researching in a Small Town vs Large City-What You Need to Know About Both." The program will be presented by Sharon Hodges. If you haven't done research in a large city such as New York City or the District of Columbia, you may find it a little intimidating. Discover what you need to know about researching in both large and small locales, learn about guides for locating records in large cities, and see examples of types of records you may find. Sharon Hodges is a professional genealogist, teacher and lecturer, and has been doing genealogical research for 20 years. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Using Church Records Effectively." The speaker is John Humphrey. Church records are one of the more important record groups genealogists use. To fully exploit this record group, family historians need to understand how and why those records were created before. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society presents its Annual Fall Fair. The speaker is John Humphrey, CG. Topics to be covered are Developing the Skills to Become a Genealogist, Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors, and German Ahnentafels at the National Archives. A box lunch will be included. The registration fee is \$22/\$50. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org>.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Genealogical Society in Severna Park, Maryland is sponsoring a Cemetery Inscription Day at the St. Anne's Cemetery in Annapolis. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aagensoc.org>.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 from noon-4:00 p.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Help! I'm Stuck." Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? An archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, "Help! I'm Stuck." The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 - Saturday, November 1, 2008. Fly Away Travel is now taking reservations for the 2008 Genealogy Seminar at Sea, October 25 to November 1st. The seminar at sea will be hosted on board Royal Caribbean's brand new, unparalleled, Liberty of the Seas, which will be sailing to the warm Eastern Caribbean islands of Puerto Rico, St Marten & Royal Caribbean's private paradise of Labadee. Speakers include John Phillip Colletta, Laura G Prescott, George G Morgan, Donna M Moughty; Stephen J Danko; Paul Milner; Paula Stuart-Warren; and Paul Milner. Guest's will have the opportunity to choose up to 15 lectures that will take place in Liberty of the Seas four state of the art conference centers over a period of three days during the seven day cruise. Check out our exciting all-star line-up of topics for this event at [www.GenealogyCruises.com](http://www.GenealogyCruises.com) The cost of experiencing this week long seminar/vacation begins at just \$864 per person, including all port taxes and seminar fees. Traveling companions not attending the lectures qualify for a rate reduction, as well as the 3rd & 4th passengers sharing one cabin. (Ask for details).

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Local Charles County Family History Study Group will hold its monthly meeting to discuss, share, connect and workshop local Charles County and Southern Maryland families histories. The group is made up of local family historians who are working on building all of our local Southern Maryland families. The study group meets at the Potomac Branch Library in Bryans Road, Maryland. Additional details can be obtained by contacting Wanda Simmons at [cbs196395@yahoo.com](mailto:cbs196395@yahoo.com) or by calling Wanda at 301-743-2396.

Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Carroll County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a Cemetery Copying Project at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. This is a continuation of the work that was started on September 21st. The cemetery is located at Route 30 and Dover Road in Upperco (south of Hampstead) Call 410-848-3752 if you have any questions and to check on the weather. Additional details can be found at <http://www.carr.org/ccgs.html>.

Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "The Country Squire Who Changed Washington: David Finley, Quiet Force for America's Arts." The program will be presented by David Doheny. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Sunday, October 26, 2008 - Sunday, November 2, 2008. Wholly Genes will sponsor an educational and fun-filled voyage to the Eastern Caribbean while you learn about genealogical research methods, tools, and technologies from some of the most popular speakers and authorities in those fields. Don't miss this opportunity to learn new research techniques from the experts while also enjoying relaxing jaunts to warm and exotic ports of call. you'll be joined by twelve of the most sought-after genealogists and technical experts in the world, including the pre-eminent genealogists from the U.S., England, and Ireland. All genealogy lectures focus on family history resources and methodology (*without regard to any particular software*) and will offer valuable educational opportunities for every researcher. Pricing starts at \$843 per person. Additional details can be found at <http://www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE>.

Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "The 1918 Influenza Pandemic." The speakers will be David Roberts and Bill Mitchell. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St.Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Access to Archival Databases (AAD) for Genealogist." The program will be presented by Lynn Goodsell. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "Tracing Your American Ancestors Through Land Records." The program will be presented by Karen Jensen. Are you wondering if maps, charts, and old dusty books at the courthouse can help you find your early American ancestors? The speaker will demonstrate the resources she used to trace one family line through several states and decades. Learn what secrets land grants, deeds, maps, land plats, and land tax lists contain and see examples of the types of records that are available online through state archives and the Bureau of Land Management. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be presenting a program in Richmond, Virginia entitled "Using Genealogy to Reconstruct the Jamestown Story." The speaker will be Connie LaPallo. The meeting will be at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 West Huguenot Road, Richmond, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vagriv/>.

Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives at College Park, MD will present a program in Lecture Room B entitled "Access to Archival Databases (AAD) for Genealogist." The program will be presented by Lynn Goodsell. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov>.

## NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 8:45 a.m. The Virginia Genealogical Society will present its fall conference at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. The conference features lectures on 17<sup>th</sup> century immigration, settlement, and migration patterns in the Hampton Roads area counties; free African Americans in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; Virginia's land records; and genealogical materials at the Mariners' Museum presented by four well-known speakers: Jeanne Eubanks, Carolyn Goudie, Paul Heinegg, and Donald W. Moore, CG. Vendors of books, software, forms, and other items of interest to researchers will be available all day. The registration fee ranges for \$45/\$55 and includes a deli lunch. There is also an optional Friday program. Additional details can be found at <http://www.vgs.org>.

Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. The Maryland Genealogical Society will present its fall seminar entitled "DNA and Family History: Exploring the "Gene" in Genealogy." Speakers will include Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., Donn Devine, CG, CGL, Robert D. McLaren, and Alastair Greenshields. Topics include DNA Testing, Case Studies, and Surname Projects. The registration fee is \$50/\$55. Additional details can be found at <http://www.mdgensoc.org/>.

Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History (RELIC) in Manassas, Virginia will present a program entitled "Assembling Your Family History & Break through the Brick Walls." The speaker is John P. Colletta, PhD. This session will focus on various approaches to gathering and producing your family history and provide examples of how to break through your research brick walls. The program will be presented at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Reservations are required. They may be made via e-mail at [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) or by phone at 703-792-4540. Additional details can be found at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/index.htm>.

Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Advantageously Situated, indifferently Built: Leesburg on the Eve of the American Revolution." The program will be presented by Richard Gillespie and Tracy Gillespie. The talk will examine Leesburg roads, houses, shops, taverns, government buildings, churches, and frontier demographics around 1774, piecing together a picture of the budding county seat in its earliest state. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "United States Indian Scouts." The speaker will be Trevor Plante. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the lecture on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Using Church Records Effectively." Church records are one of the more important record groups that we use as genealogists. To fully exploit this record group family historians need to understand the tradition of record-keeping in general, and traditions as they relate to the church where their ancestors worshipped in particular. The program will be presented by John Humphrey. The program will be held at 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Public Library, Greenbelt, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/>.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program entitled "How To Research Colonial Dames in Virginia." The program will be presented by Janie Sherman. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svg.org](http://www.svg.org).

Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Leesburg's Historic District Files and Sanborn Maps." The program will be presented by Annie McDonald. The speaker will explain how to use architectural survey files, Sanborn fire insurance maps, and historic photographs to identify how a building changes over time. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives at College Park, MD will present a program in Lecture Room B entitled "United States Indian Scouts." The speaker will be Trevor Plante. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov>.

Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Genealogical Society in Severna Park, Maryland will be presenting a program entitled "Colonial Reenactment - Women's Clothes of the Revolutionary War." The speaker will be Allison Lavens. The program will be presented at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Severna Park, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aagensoc.org>.

Thursday, November 6, 2008 - Sunday, November 9, 2008. The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society will present its 30th Annual Conference. The theme of the conference is "Standing Tall on the Shoulders of Our Ancestors." The conference will be in Adelphi, Maryland. The Registration fee is \$250/\$435. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aahgs.org/conference.htm>.

Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Sixteenth Annual Loudoun History Awards." The program will be presented by the Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commissioners. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. For a brochure or information on nominating individuals, contact the Library Director at 703-737-7195. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Your Irish Ancestors." A difficult genealogy to research, you can nevertheless be successful with a good search strategy and an understanding of Irish history. Instructor will show you where to look for records in America and Ireland to further your search most effectively. 3 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Robert E. Dunfield. The cost of the course is \$65 and the location of the course is Chantilly High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Hugh Finlay and the American Colonial Postal System." The program will be presented by Alison Gavin. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Preserving Family Archives." Learn how to maintain the papers, photos, and objects of your family history according to archival principles and practices. Inspect sample materials and methods; discuss what to do yourself and when to invest in professional conservation treatment. 2 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Jane Pearson. The cost of the course is \$45 and the location of the course is Marshall High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:45 a.m. The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be sponsoring a trip to Raleigh, North Carolina to visit the North Carolina State Archives and the State Library of North Carolina. The cost of the trip is \$40/\$50. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vagriv/>.

Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives at College Park, MD will present a program in Lecture Room B entitled "Hugh Finlay and the American Colonial Postal System." The program will be presented by Alison Gavin. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov>.

Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, November 15, 2008 from noon-4:00 p.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Help! I'm Stuck." Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? An archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, "Help! I'm Stuck." The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Carroll County Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Nineteenth Century Baltimore: A City of Immigrants." The speaker is Wayne Schaumburg. The speaker will explore the dynamics of the waves of immigrants who arrived at the port of Baltimore from 1840 until the start of World War I, including their origin, their reasons for coming, and their impact upon the city, especially after the Civil War. The program will be presented in the Dixon Room of the Carroll County Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.carr.org/ccgs.html>.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting a program entitled "CyberLibraries." The program will be presented by Sandy Clunies. This program describes the ever-expanding sources of millions of pages and images of original documents and books now available at our fingertips. Learn how to locate catalogs and content, and then how to download and save what you need. Sandy Clunies has been certified by BCG since 1993 and currently serves as President of the National Capital Area Chapter of APG and on the APG Board of Directors. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Wednesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Genealogy Club of the Montgomery County Historical Society will present a program entitled "Free or Not: The African American Jackson Family from Pre-Revolution to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." The speaker will be Char McCargo Bah. The meeting will be at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD. Call 240-314-5019 for directions. Additional details can be found at <http://www.montgomeryhistory.org/Genealogy.html>.

Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society is presenting a program entitled "DAR & Lineage Societies." The speaker is Toni Benzing. The Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. at the LDS Family History Center, 4560 Padgett Road, White Plains, Charles County, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdccmgs/index.htm>.

Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Honesty, Courtesy and Confidentiality: Ethics for family Historians." The speaker is Tom Jones. How do ordinary genealogists benefit from ethics? How should family historians handle sensitive information like adoption, illegitimate birth, law-breaking, and suicide? What are standards of fair use and courtesy? The presenter will answer these questions and address issues related to ethics for all family historians. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "Researching Confederate Veterans." The speaker will be Rob Long. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 1:45 p.m. The Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) will be presenting a program in Richmond, Virginia entitled "Jamestown Celebration Memorabilia." Fred Mays and Dick Coltrane will exhibit and explain memorabilia from the Jamestown Celebrations of 1907, 1957, and 2007. The meeting will be at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 West Huguenot Road, Richmond, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vagriv/>.

## DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Research Facilities in the Washington Metro Area." Survey the holdings of the National Archives I and II, Library of Congress, DAR Library, and Bureau of Land Management. Includes logistics, procedures, and regulations for obtaining records. 2 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Chuck Mason. The cost of the course is \$45 and the location of the course is West Springfield High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 11 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the lecture on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program entitled "Records of the Northern Neck Property." The program will be presented by Vic Dunn, CG. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svgs.org](http://www.svgs.org).

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Fairfax County Adult & Community Education program presents a course entitled "Genealogical Gems." Learn what you need to know about using Passport and Seaman's Protection Certificate records; migration routes and information about why your family may have migrated; using maps in genealogy and other often unused records to help you find your ancestors. 2 sessions @ 2 hrs each. The instructor for the course is Sharon Hodges. The cost of the course is \$45 and the location of the course is Edison High School. You must enroll in advance of the first class. To enroll contact the Fairfax County Adult Education at 703-658-1201 or register on line at [www.fcps.edu/aceclasses](http://www.fcps.edu/aceclasses).

Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Loudoun County Historic Building Files, Assessment and Parcel Database." The program will be presented by Mary A. Pender and John Berfield. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Thomas Balch Library will present a program entitled "Purcellville, Virginia, 1908-2008: A Centennial Anthology." The program will be presented by Deborah A. Lee. The program will be presented at the Thomas Balch Library at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Make a reservation by calling 703-737-7195. Additional details can be found at <http://www.leesburgva.gov/services/library/>.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "China Trip." The program will be presented by Diane Dimkoff. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The Library of Congress will sponsor an orientation class entitled "Resources for Genealogical Research at The Library of Congress." The class will meet in room LJ G42 of the Jefferson Building. All participants must have a Reader Registration Card. You must bring a picture I.D. to obtain the card. The card must be obtained prior to the class and can be obtained in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. It is suggested that you arrive at the Madison Building at 9:30 a.m. to obtain the card and have time to walk to the class in the Jefferson Building. Advance registration is required. Call 202-707-5537, register in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, or go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/tours.html>.

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Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a Christmas Pot-Luck Supper & Gift Exchange. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

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## 2009

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Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Indexing: A to Z." The speaker is Pamela K. Sayre, CG, CGL. Learn how to maximize use of an index as a reader. Then discover the science and mechanics of indexing—from determining what belongs in it to creating and organizing logical categories. See a step-by-step demonstration of using Microsoft Word to mark and create an automatic index. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Saturday, January 24, 2009 from noon–4:00 p.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Help! I'm Stuck." Not sure where to begin your research? Is there a genealogical or historical problem that has stumped you? Would you like to explore new directions in your research? An archivist with extensive experience in genealogy and the records of the National Archives will be available to answer questions. Look for the sign at the Research Center desk reading, "Help! I'm Stuck." The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "City Directories and Obituaries with the Census as Your Guide." The speaker will be Diane Giannini. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

## **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program entitled "Confederate Genealogy." The program will be presented by Chris Ferguson. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svgs.org](http://www.svgs.org).

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "The David L. Gale Bible Project: A Case Study in Genealogical Research." The speaker will be Bill Mitchell. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Surname Distribution." The speaker is Leslie Dalley Bouvier. Don't know where to begin? Whether you want to go back in time or find living relatives, studying the distribution of your surnames may put you on the right path. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

## MARCH

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program. Content is still being developed. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svgsg.org](http://www.svgsg.org).

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "DNA Testing and Genealogical Research." The speaker will be Robert McLaren. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Quaker Migration: An Analysis of Movement." The speaker is Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG. This lecture traces the movement of Quakers out of Pennsylvania into Virginia and beyond. Emphasis is on reasons for migration and into what areas migration occurred in what time periods. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

March 27 & 28, 2009. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present its annual conference and Expo. Friday will provide for consultations and information on Google Maps. Saturday will include presentations by Chuck Mason (Basic Genealogy), John Humphrey (German Research), Claire Bettag (NARA Land Records), and Pam Boyer (Digital Organization). The conference will be at the Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

## APRIL

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program entitled "Researching Your Revolutionary War." The program will be presented by Craig Scott, CG. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svgsg.org](http://www.svgsg.org).

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The National Archives will present its "Fifth Annual Genealogy Fair." The program will be presented in the Pennsylvania Avenue Plaza and Research Center that can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

April 22-26, 2009. New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire. The title of the conference is "Discovering Family Treasures." Additional details can be found at <http://www.nergc.org/>.

Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Voter Registration Records - Make Them Count." The speaker is Sharon Hodges. These often ignored records can help unlock valuable information regarding your ancestors, but most researchers don't use them. Learn what these records may tell you and where they may be located. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, April 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "World War I Military Records." The speaker will be Craig Scott. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St.Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

## MAY

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting a program. Content is still being developed. The Society meets at the Handley Regional Library which is located at 100 W. Piccadilly St. (Corner of Braddock St. & Piccadilly) in Winchester, VA. Additional information is available on the internet at [www.svgs.org](http://www.svgs.org).

May 13-16, 2009. The National Genealogical Society Annual Conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. Additional details can be found at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present a program entitled "Write Your Family History." The speaker will be Nancy Waters Lauer. The program will be presented in the Garvey Senior Center, St.Mary's County Governmental Center, Hollywood Road (MD 245), Leonardtown, Maryland. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present a program entitled "Wild, Wonderful West Virginia: Genealogy Research in the Mountain State." The speaker is Michael L. Strauss, AG. Focus on records located within the boundaries of West Virginia. Included are records at the local level from the county clerk's office and other local historical societies. In addition, records at the State Archives in Charleston, WV will be researched. The Fairfax Genealogical Society will meet at the Lecture Hall of Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fxgs.org/>.

## JUNE

Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. The National Archives will present a program entitled "Introduction to Genealogy." Staff archivists will present the program on basic genealogical research and techniques. The program will be presented in room G-24 which can be reached through the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the building. Additional details can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/>.

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Mary's (Maryland) County Genealogical Society. They will present Annual Spring Dinner & Election of Officers. The program location will be announced at a later date. Additional details can be found at <http://www.smcgsi.org/>.

## **JULY**

July 12-17, 2009. National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives. The 2009 program is still being developed. Enrollment is limited. Application brochures will be mailed in early 2009. For more information about the 2009 program or to obtain an application brochure, visit the Institute's web site, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin/>; e-mail [NatInsGen@juno.com](mailto:NatInsGen@juno.com); or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 118, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0118. Scholarship information is available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin/scholarships.htm>.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

## **AUGUST**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

## **SEPTEMBER**

September 2-5, 2009. The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference in Little Rock, AR. Additional details can be found at <http://www.fgs.org/>.

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

## **OCTOBER**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

## **NOVEMBER**

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

## **DECEMBER**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS), Alexandria, Virginia will be presenting its regular monthly program. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The program will be presented in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Additional information can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.