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CALENDAR 2009

Send your news about genealogical events of interest to MoSGA members to the editor at: 89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM. Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS SCHEDULE 2009

21 March 2009, 10 a.m.-Noon. Central Library, Meeting Room 1.

St. Louis at War, 1861-1865: Arsenal, Forts, Hospitals, & Prisons – the many ways in which St. Louis contributed to the Union war effort.

25 April 2009, 10 a.m.-Noon. Buder Branch.

4/14: The Plot to Kill President Lincoln – the conspirators and the conspiracy, Booth's escape attempt, the trials of his co-conspirators, and the punishments meted out by military tribunals.

Central Library
1301 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-539-0381

Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63109
314-352-2900

Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To register or for more information, please call us at 539-0381. Parking at Central Library is free on Saturdays, and you can park for free anytime at Buder Branch.

TGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25 April 2009

Topeka, KS - The **Topeka Genealogical Society Annual Conference**, featuring speaker John Philip Colletta, will be held at the Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW Sixth Street, Topeka, Kansas. For more details and downloadable registration form (as they become available), see our website: <http://www.tgstopeka.org>.

IGS CONFERENCE 2009

20 June 2009

Wichita, KS - The 2009 conference of The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society features **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**. It's scheduled for June 20, 2009 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas. Sessions include:

- Trace Your Roots with DNA
- Welcome to Roots Television
- Reverse Genealogy
- Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research

Early registration: \$45.00 [rec'd by 5/30/2009]. Late registration: \$50.00. Contact kscouncilgensoc@juno.com for details or visit our website at:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/>

NSGS CONFERENCE 2009

1-2 May 2009

Nebraska State Genealogical Society will hold its 2009 NSGS Annual Meeting & Conference at the Harms Advance Technology Center in Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska on May 1st & 2nd. The conference is hosted by the West Nebraska Family Research & History Center. The featured speaker will be **Julie Miller**, CGSM. For more information, visit:

<http://www.nesgs.org>

PRIMARILY TEACHING WORKSHOP

13-17 July 2009

NARA-Great Lakes (Chicago) is offering this week-long **workshop for teachers** on 13-17 July 2009. The workshop will provide lectures, demonstrations, analysis of documents, independent research, and group work intended to introduce teachers to the holdings and organization of the National Archives. Participants will learn how to do research in historical records, create classroom materials from those records, and present documents in ways that sharpen student skills and engender enthusiasm for history, social studies, and the humanities.

<http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/archives>

Email: Chicago.archives@nara.gov

Phone: 773-948-9001

MoSGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

7-8 August 2009

Missouri State Genealogical Association will hold its 2009 Annual Conference on August 7 and 8, 2009 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri, with featured speaker **Julie Miller**, CGSM. Julie is a Certified Genealogist with more than 30 years of genealogy experience. She is a newspaper columnist for the Broomfield Enterprise and is on the Board of Directors for the National Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists, and International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Ms. Miller is the President of the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Past President of the Colorado Genealogical Society.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.mosga.org/conference2009.html>

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

This is a friendly reminder that annual dues for the Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA) **expired** December 31, 2008 (if you have already mailed in dues

for 2009, please disregard this notice-- and thanks for supporting MoSGA).

Annual dues for individuals or institutions are \$20; contributing members are \$40 annually; patrons are \$100 annually; and life memberships are available for \$400 (one time payment). Dues should be mailed to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

We appreciate **your timely renewal!** Postcard reminders and mailing of back-issues costs money - money we'd rather use to help the genealogical community.

Your continuing membership entitles you to:

** Current issues of the "Show Me" State Newsletter. We welcome news of happenings in your local society; books you are publishing, meetings, family reunions, etc. for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please send the information to the attention of our Newsletter Editor at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833 or email the editor, Tom Pearson, at 89ilguy@gmail.com.

** MoSGA Journal. This publication contains 64 pages per issue and is published 4 times per year with the first issue coming out in late March, thence every 3 months thereafter. Members are encouraged to send in the following for potential publication: Bible records, Cemetery listings, county records, etc. Please send materials to Journal Editor at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833 or email the editor, Bob Doerr at BOB.DOERR@gmail.com.

** Free "Queries" in the MoSGA Journal, up to fifty words each, as many as space will permit.

** Four Generation Chart. Please consider submitting a Four Generation chart that will be indexed on our Web site:

<http://www.mosga.org>.

Note: For privacy reasons, the "birth date" of LIVING individuals born after 1910 will not appear in the online index. Please sign your name to grant permission to publish the information and send it to PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833.

** Annual Conference is held in August, normally at a central location in the state.

Keynote speakers are nationally recognized, and our numerous supporting speakers help to provide broad subject areas. An exhibit hall allows you to shop for books and other materials. Networking with other family researchers is an added benefit.

** Speakers: Board members are available to share their expertise by presenting sessions at workshops and local society programs.

** Web Site: We have our own web site where you can find more information about our Association, a Publications List, upcoming Annual Conference and other news. Our web site address is:

<http://www.mosga.org>

Thank you for your continued membership in MoSGA.

Sincerely,

Rob Taylor,
3rd Vice President - Membership

UPCOMING FAMILY REUNIONS

27 April 2009

BUSCH - MOEHRIG Family Reunion at the Conservation Plaza, New Braunfels, TX, on Sunday, 27 April. Registration 11:30, lunch 12:30, business meeting to follow. Lunch plates \$10.00 For more info contact Vickie Moehrig vwm56@juno.com.

5-7 June 2009

QUARLES - The QUARLES Family 200 Years Celebration/Reunion will be in Cookeville/Algood, Tennessee on 5, 6, and 7 June 2009. You are invited to a reunion of the descendants of Lt. William P. Quarles of Virginia, who settled at White Plains, Tennessee in 1809 (present-day Putnam County). Associated families: Burton, Hawes, Hughes, Little, Huntsman, Hyder, Simpson, Lampton, and Snodgrass. Please visit our web site often for new information at <http://wpquarles2009.info>.

Questions? Contact Eunetta Finley Jenkins at mmouse@multipro.com or at 931-526-

9072 or 931-260-7651 or at 33 Ferguson Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38501.

IN THE GENIE MAGAZINES

*Note: Periodicals mentioned in this newsletter are available at the **Midwest Genealogy Center** in Independence, Missouri. Contact them if you'd like a copy of an article mentioned in this newsletter:*

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/mgc.htm>

HOME ON THE GRANGE

This article and the one that follows appear in Bushwhacker Musings 40:3 (July 1, 2008). The Grange, an organization for farmers popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, was founded in 1867 by Oliver Kelly. By the end of 1873, **there were 1,000 Granges in 31 states**. Vernon County was host to two long-time Granges: Stotesbury and Blue Mound.

CONFEDERATE CANNON AT WALNUT GROVE

That's right- there's a Confederate cannon at Walnut Grove (Mo) High School. It weighs 1,186 pounds, and was cast at the Augusta foundry in Georgia. It's a **twelve-pounder Napoleon smoothbore** (so-called because it fired round solid shot weighing approximately 12 pounds each). Fred Hall at Walnut Grove High School is spearheading a drive to restore the cannon's carriage to its 1863 appearance.

THE TWO JÄGERS

An interesting article in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly 96:2 (June 2008) attempts to prove that Casper Diederich Jäger and Heinrich Jäger are in fact the same man. The article helps illustrate ways to confirm identity of 19th century "mystery men" (and women). It also points out just how easy it was for 19th century people to change their names, since there was no requirement that they formalize the change in any court.

GENIE INTERNET NEWS

Send items of interest to the editor at: <89ILGUY@GMAIL.COM>. Items submitted may be edited for length and content.

NOTE: You should check any downloaded programs with your computer's security software before installing them on your computer-- better safe than sorry!

BRINGING HONEST ABE TO LIFE

If you're a **K-12 teacher looking for Lincoln resources**, look no further. This site has plenty to offer, including a great free poster for your classroom:

<http://www.abrahamlincoln200.org/>

Note: Click on "For Teachers" in the right-hand navigation bar.

THE BRITISH COLONIST

If you have British Columbia ancestors hanging on your tree, this will be great news: a large chunk of the archives (December 1850-June 1910) of **the British Colonist newspaper** (still publishing today as the Victoria Times-Colonist) is available online-- for free:

<http://www.britishcolonist.ca/>

BRITISH LIBRARY BLOGS

It sponsors quite a few- one will most likely interest you!

<http://www.bl.uk/blogs/index.html>

BRITISH LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center includes sections on Art & Culture, History & Citizenship, and Language & Literature. The section on History & Citizenship will be of great interest to those with British ancestors (myself included):

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/index.html>

BRITISH LIBRARY ONLINE GALLERY

This gallery includes images of 30,000 of the BL's most prized possessions-- if you can't find something of interest, you'd better check yourself for a pulse:

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/index.html>

BURNHAM CEMETERY

Listings for the **Burnham Cemetery** (Howell County, Mo)-- courtesy of Lisa Budd:

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/mo/howell/burnham/index.htm>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Have you ever thought about volunteering on the state level? MoSGA needs you! The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for several offices with all levels of exciting, challenging opportunities. E-mail Martha Henderson if interested. Thanks!

hendersonmartha@sbcglobal.net

CHEMICAL WARFARE IS NOTHING NEW...

The Persians **used it against the Romans** in 256 A.D.:

<http://www.physorg.com/news151145419.html>

CIVIL WAR BOOK REVIEW

Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge hosts this site that features reviews of **recently published books about the Civil War**:

<http://www.cwbr.com/>

CIVIL WAR BOOKS FOR KIDS

A **reading list of books** supposedly suitable for kids. Some good titles for kids are included, but it also includes books by William Faulkner and Walt Whitman, so the person who wrote the list was apparently writing with somewhat older kids in mind:

http://www.civilwar.org/historyclassroom/hc_childbooks.htm

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

You can send news **of a mailing address / email address change** to our Membership Chair, Rob Taylor, at PO Box 833, Columbia, MO 65205-0833, or to his email: taylor.robert.w@gmail.com. Thanks!

CONFUCIUS SAYS...

If you're descended **from the renowned Chinese philosopher**, great news: your family tree is complete!

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/01/content_10589437.htm

C-SPAN HAS PLANS FOR HONEST ABE...

And they involve **extensive programming to honor him** during his bicentennial year, 2009:

<http://www.c-span.org/lincoln200years/>

DATEPAD

DatePad is a **fairly simple calendar / text editor** that can be used for recording your memories for a family history / personal history:

"DatePad combines the power of a calendar with the ease of a text editor. It is a simple and easy multi-purpose application that can be used in a surprisingly large number of ways. DatePad is now available in English (default), Dutch, Spanish, Italian, French and German."

<http://leiden365.nl/datepad>

DEAR MYRTLE SAYS GET BUSY...

And **organize all those files and papers** that you've got lying around in cyberspace and meatspace:

<http://www.dearmyrtle.com/09/JanuaryOrganizationChecklist.pdf>

Robert Ragan also has a system **for putting your genealogical house in order**:

<http://amberskyline.com/private/OrganizeYourGenealogyStuff.pdf>

DIBS ON LINCOLN!

Which state **has the most legitimate claim to Abraham Lincoln bragging rights?**

1. **Kentucky**, where he was born and spent his early childhood;
2. **Indiana**, where he lived from ages 7 to 21;
3. or **Illinois**, where he worked as an attorney and made a political name for himself?

EASY DIARY

If you've finally decided **to leave some memories of your own life** for your

descendents, this free program may prove useful:

"Record your memories / appointments with ease. Each user can lock / unlock personal files by using his / her password. Also, users can search previously recorded memories or appointments."

<http://www.nontube.com/products/easy-diary>

EPPS CEMETERY

Listings for the **Epps Cemetery** (Howell County, Mo)-- courtesy of Lisa Budd:

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/mo/howell/epps/index.htm>

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY INDEX

There's a new Genealogy and Local History Index on the **Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center** website:

<http://www.mohistory.org/genealogy>.

The index contains references to personal and corporate names (primarily St. Louisans and St. Louis businesses) that appear in selected library, archives, and photograph collections. If you find a reference in the index, you may request a photocopy of the item. Please note: This index does not direct you to a digital image of the indexed item.

GOOGLE READER FOR BEGINNERS

I know that RSS, Atom, syndication, feeds, and feed readers are scary terms for some of you, but honestly, folks-- signing up for a **feed reader like Google Reader** can greatly simplify your online life. Google is trying to make it easy for you to set up a Google Reader account by hosting a Google Reader blog, and by making extremely helpful posts like the following:

Google Reader for Beginners:

<http://googlereader.blogspot.com/2009/01/google-reader-for-beginners.html>

HOMECOMING SCOTLAND 2009

If you've got Highlands blood coursing through your veins (or if you just want to visit a beautiful country that has friendly people, beautiful scenery, great castles, great

whisky, and great golfing) you should visit the **Homecoming Scotland 2009** website.

It includes news about upcoming events, a Scottish trip planner, and you can send a free e-postcard or sign up for their free newsletter:

<http://www.homecomingscotland2009.com/default.html>

I BEG YOUR PARDON

The website of the **Office of the Pardon Attorney** (that's the President's pardon attorney, mind you):

<http://www.usdoj.gov/pardon/>

There's also an A-Z of major pages within the website of the Department of Justice:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/a-z-index.html>

THE LINCOLN COTTAGE AT THE NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME

The **Lincolns lived there** from June to November of 1862, 1863, and 1864:

<http://www.lincolncottage.org/>

Note: If you've ever been to Washington during the summer, you know why...

LINCOLN IN BRIEF

If you could use a **brief but well-written and balanced intro** to the life of our 16th president, look no further-- James M. McPherson has come through for you:

<http://alincolnblog.blogspot.com/2008/12/mcphersons-abe-in-brief-really-really.html>

MAKING THE MOST OF A VISIT TO A FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Tips for **squeezing all you can out of a visit to a local center** or the big enchilada in Salt Lake City:

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1275887/how_to_use_the_family_history_library.html

MARKETING PLANS

Does **your genie society or other organization** need a marketing plan? Look

no further- free sample marketing plans and how-to articles:

<http://www.mplans.com/>

OPC- LANCASHIRE

That's Online Parish Clerks of Lancashire- meaning they're **adding transcriptions of Lancashire parish records** on an almost daily basis:

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/indexw.html>

PAPERS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

"Fire destroyed the office of the War Department and all its files in 1800, and for decades historians believed that the collection, and the window it provided into the workings of the early federal government, was lost forever. Thanks to a decade-long effort to retrieve copies of the files scattered in archives across the country, **the collection has been reconstituted** and is offered here as a fully-searchable digital database. Learn more about the restoration of the collection."

Thanks are due to the Center for History & New Media at George Mason University for making this wonderful resource available!

<http://wardepartmentpapers.org/index.php>

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL BOOKS

"View 253 digitized Renaissance festival books (selected from over 2,000 in the British Library's collection) that describe the magnificent **festivals and ceremonies that took place in Europe between 1475 and 1700** - marriages and funerals of royalty and nobility, coronations, stately entries into cities and other grand events."

These books will prove of interest if you would like information about:

- Court history
- Early music
- European royalty and the nobility
- History of costume
- Illustrated books
- Military history
- Performing arts
- Renaissance and Early Modern Europe

Renaissance architecture
Renaissance cities
Social and economic history
Tournaments

<http://www.bl.uk/treasures/festivalbooks/homepage.html>

RESEARCHING YOUR CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

The Civil War Preservation Trust's website offers a **good intro to researching Civil War soldiers** for the student starting a school project or the adult genealogist who is just starting to research a CW ancestor:

http://www.civilwar.org/historyclassroom/hc_geneologyactivity.htm

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION DIGITAL LIBRARY

Their **digital collectons** include sections on Expeditions & Explorations, and History & Culture:

<http://www.sil.si.edu/Galaxy.cfm?id=1.1>

STATE CENSUSES FINDING AID

Genealogy Research Guide - **State Census Records**:

<http://www.researchguides.net/census/state.htm>

STAY AT HOME STUDENTS

More and more US families **are saying yes to home schooling**-- 1.5 million kids were home schooled in 2007:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009030.pdf>

TEN GOOGLE TIPS

They call them "Ten Amazing Google Search Tips"-- if not amazing, **many are without doubt useful**:

<http://techtracer.com/2008/01/06/10-most-amazing-google-search-tricks/>

VIRTUAL CES SHOW 2009

Couldn't make it to the **Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas** this year? Wired Magazine shows you the sights and sounds of geek nirvana:

http://www.wired.com/gadgets/gadgetreviews/multimedia/2009/01/gallery_CES_outtakes

Note: This show proves that giant TV screens attract geeks like flames attract moths!

WHY THE BUDGET ALL-IN-ONE-DESKTOP WILL FAIL

Well, Wired Magazine certainly thinks **this latest consumer offering** is dead in the water-- and here's why:

<http://blog.wired.com/gadgets/2009/01/las-vegas---se.html>

CITY DIRECTORIES OF THE U.S.

by Don Litzer of Allen County Public Library

If an ancestor's timeline is viewed as a freeway, **city directories can provide important clues** at its mileposts. Head of household names, residence addresses, and occupations are usually found in directory listings. Details about churches, schools, fraternal societies, and other record-creating institutions are usually included. Address cross-references may facilitate the retracing of a census enumerator's route. In addition, directories occasionally provide completely unexpected information—for example, the inclusion of mortuary data in several Detroit directories from the 1880s and 1890 created death documentation for a significant number of that city's residents.

The Allen County (IN) Public Library's Genealogy Center city directory collection is extraordinary because it is both broad and deep. Largely because of its status as a depository of R.L. Polk directories, the Genealogy Center has more than 50,000 directories in print format from throughout the U.S. and Canada, mostly dating from 1964 to the present, but often extending back into the 1940s and 1950s, and occasionally even earlier. The Genealogy Center's extensive directory collection on microfilm and microfiche complements its holdings in print. Add county atlases and other rural directories in print and microtext formats, and researchers have the tools at the Genealogy Center to search far, wide, and deep into the past.

The "City Directories of the United States" collection, published by Primary Source Media, includes directories from 1875 through 1960. Directories through 1860 are available on more than 6,300 microfiche, and directories from 1861 through 1960 are on more than 10,000 microfilms, arranged alphabetically by city name, and chronologically within each city.

To determine whether the Genealogy Center's city directory collection may benefit your research, navigate to:

<http://www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy>

and click on the "Microtext Catalog" link. On the resultant page, click the "City & County Directories" button, then select a state to bring up a list of directories in microtext format for that state, sorted alphabetically by place. Pre-1861 directories are also listed in Dorothea N. Spear's "Bibliography of American Directories Through 1860" (O16.9173 Sp3b). Printed guides to the microfilmed "City Directories of the United States, 1902-1935" are also available (973 C498).

We invite you to visit the Genealogy Center to use the city directory collections in person. However, if you can't make it to Fort Wayne, send a completed Quick Search Form (download a copy at with payment to our Research Center:

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/QuickSearchRequest.pdf>

From: Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library No. 58, December 31, 2008. To subscribe to "Genealogy Gems," simply use your browser to go to the website: <http://www.GenealogyCenter.Info>.

Scroll down toward the bottom of the first screen where it says, "Enter Your Email Address to Subscribe to "Genealogy Gems."

Enter your email address in the yellow box and click on "Subscribe." You will be notified with a confirmation email.

2009 NGS CONFERENCE NEWS

2009 NGS Family History Conference-Local Tours, Pre-Conference Sessions, Free Events, and More

The 2009 NGS Family History Conference in Raleigh will take place in the brand new Raleigh Convention Center. Hotel rooms are in the adjoining new Marriott Hotel or nearby at the Sheraton or New Clarion Hotels. All conference hotels are offering free parking to guests.

Raleigh is the capital of the state of North Carolina and is known as the "City of Oaks" for its many oak trees. It is the second most populous city in North Carolina after Charlotte. It was founded in 1792 as North Carolina's capital city and named for Sir Walter Raleigh.

Downtown Raleigh has undergone much recent development with more than \$1.3 billion in investment, including the brand-new Raleigh Convention Center and Marriott Hotel. Fayetteville Street in downtown has undergone a major renaissance with outside artwork, outdoor dining, and many restaurants. Raleigh-Durham International Airport is just 15 minutes from downtown.

Attendees of the 2009 NGS Family History Conference will find Raleigh a great place to stay. In addition to the conference, visitors can explore the many great cultural and historical offerings in the city, and attend local tours, pre-conference, and free events. A complete listing of all the sessions and tours is available on their website:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

2010 NGS CALL FOR PAPERS

ARLINGTON, VA, JANUARY 5, 2009: Proposals will be accepted starting 1 January 2009 for the 2010 NGS Family History Conference, "Follow Your Ancestral Trails," to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 29 April to 1 May 2010. Salt Lake City is a place where you discover millions of records for ancestors who lived almost anywhere around the world. The international theme for this conference encourages submissions for lectures on topics about ancestral countries, both old and new. Other possible topics include methodology, problem solving, federal records, military records, land records, migration, ethnic, technology, and family history writing.

Sessions are generally limited to fifty minutes plus a ten-minute question-and-answer session. Syllabus material (PDF files) due in early 2010, is required for each lecture or workshop presentation and will be included in the syllabus distributed to all conference registrants.

Please see proposal guidelines at www.ngsgenealogy.org/callforpapers.cfm for instructions regarding submitting proposals. Speakers may submit any number of proposals.

NGS members will be given first consideration as speakers. Lecturers will be provided with complimentary conference registration and publications. Compensation, per diem, and lodging will be based on the number of lectures given, and transportation expenses will depend upon the speaker's home address.

FGS CONFERENCE 2009

Genealogists at the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Annual Banquet on Friday, September 5th, 2008, in Philadelphia saw the clock begin ticking down to September 2-5, 2009. Those are the dates for the Federation of Genealogical Societies and Arkansas Genealogical Society's Conference "**Passages through Time**" to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

If you are among those planning to join your fellow family historians in Little Rock next September 2-5, do think about arriving early to research, visit historic sites, take a ride on the Arkansas River, check out the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Park, and maybe rent a car to experience more than Little Rock. Drive north to experience the beauty of the Ozarks, south to Hot Springs, east to Memphis, Tennessee, and Elvis' home, Graceland, west to the Fort Smith area and the courthouse of the Hanging Judge, Isaac Parker. Those **are just a few highlights of Arkansas and the surrounding states.** Early arrival to research is urged since Labor Day is a week later next year (September 7th) and many research places will not be open immediately after the conference. Their blog carries information about many research places from staff and experiences users:

<http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/>

The host hotel is the Peabody Hotel which is attached to the Statehouse Convention Center. You **won't even have to go outside to move from your hotel room to the Exhibit Hall and lectures.** But, if you don't go outside you won't be able to:

- take a ride on the trolley that stops across the street from the convention center
- take that trolley to the beautiful William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park
- ride the trolley across the Arkansas River to see North Little Rock's beautifully restored historic residential district
- walk the paths behind the convention center and the Peabody that border the Arkansas River or sit and watch the river as it meanders
- sample the myriad of restaurants that are within walking distance
- visit the Farmer's Market just a short 2.5 blocks from the convention center
- tour the Old Statehouse Museum next door to the Peabody
- learn about Civil Rights history and the 1957 integration of Central High now known as the Central High School National Historic Site
- stop at the Arkansas History Commission for research
- research at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Institute which includes a Genealogy Division
- relax on the Arkansas Queen Riverboat

The greater Little Rock area has become known as a major tourist destination and its story and beauty await your visit. Many major cities are less than a day's drive away.

MoSGA HAS A BLOG!

Actually, we've been blogging since November 2007. You can find our blog, **MoSGA Messenger**, here:

<http://mosga.blogspot.com/>

The blog covers genealogical news of interest, **including notices about upcoming meetings, conferences, and publications.** We're especially interested in news from genie societies in Missouri and

neighboring states, so send us your news and get some free publicity:

mosgablog@gmail.com

YOU REALLY SHOULD CALL AHEAD...

If you've been planning to do any research at Nebraska State Historical Society headquarters at 1500 R. Street, you should be aware that a two-year renovation project begins in 2009. What that means for you is that the Reference Room is going to be closed at times- and during those times there will be NO access to research materials. **To ensure that you have a happy and productive trip to Nebraska,** be sure to check their website, email them, or give them a call before leaving for Lincoln.

Website: <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/>

Email: lanshs@nebraskahistory.org

Phone: 402-471-4771

SECURITY RISKS OF USB DRIVES

CYBER SECURITY TIP ST08-001

USB drives are popular for storing and transporting data, but some of the characteristics that make them convenient also introduce security risks.

What security risks are associated with USB drives?

Because USB drives, sometimes known as thumb drives, are small, readily available, inexpensive, and extremely portable, they are popular for storing and transporting files from one computer to another. However, these same characteristics make them appealing to attackers.

One option is for attackers to use your USB drive to infect other computers. An attacker might infect a computer with malicious code, or malware, that can detect when a USB drive is plugged into a computer. The malware then downloads malicious code onto the drive. When the USB drive is plugged into another computer, the malware infects that computer.

Some attackers have also targeted electronic devices directly, infecting items such as electronic picture frames and USB

drives during production. When users buy the infected products and plug them into their computers, malware is installed on their computers.

Attackers may also use their USB drives to steal information directly from a computer. If an attacker can physically access a computer, he or she can download sensitive information directly onto a USB drive. Even computers that have been turned off may be vulnerable, because a computer's memory is still active for several minutes without power. If an attacker can plug a USB drive into the computer during that time, he or she can quickly reboot the system from the USB drive and copy the computer's memory, including passwords, encryption keys, and other sensitive data, onto the drive. Victims may not even realize that their computers were attacked.

The most obvious security risk for USB drives, though, is that they are easily lost or stolen (see Protecting Portable Devices: Physical Security for more information). If the data was not backed up, the loss of a USB drive can mean hours of lost work and the potential that the information cannot be replicated. And if the information on the drive is not encrypted, anyone who has the USB drive can access all of the data on it.

How can you protect your data?

There are steps you can take to protect the data on your USB drive and on any computer that you might plug the drive into:

* Take advantage of security features - Use passwords and encryption on your USB drive to protect your data, and make sure that you have the information backed up in case your drive is lost (see Protecting Portable Devices: Data Security for more information).

* Keep personal and business USB drives separate - Do not use personal USB drives on computers owned by your organization, and do not plug USB drives containing corporate information into your personal computer.

* Use and maintain security software, and keep all software up to date.

* Use a firewall, anti-virus software, and anti-spyware software to make your computer less vulnerable to attacks, and make sure to keep the virus definitions current (see Understanding Firewalls, Understanding Anti-Virus Software, and Recognizing and Avoiding Spyware for more information). Also, keep the software on your computer up to date by applying any necessary patches (see Understanding Patches for more information).

* Do not plug an unknown USB drive into your computer - If you find a USB drive, give it to the appropriate authorities (a location's security personnel, your organization's IT department, etc.). Do not plug it into your computer to view the contents or to try to identify the owner.

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