



# NEWSLETTER

**Genealogy and Local History Section**

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*Hamilton Palace, Scotland c 1880*



*The Memory Station: the exchange of cultural knowledge between different generations in Brazil*

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## Words from the Chair



*Ruth Hedegaard, Chair of GENLOC*

I have just re-read my *Words* in the previous Newsletter. In that letter, I wrote with great enthusiasm about the planning of our pre-conference to take place in Aalborg and the North of Jutland just prior to Gothenburg. Unfortunately, things have changed. We put a lot of work into the arrangement, and succeeded in getting financial support. I think we came up with a very interesting program, but by the deadline for signing up only seventeen members had showed interest. We had estimated the participants to be around fifty to sixty since three IFLA Sections were

working together. Some of the financial support was dependent on this number of attendees. So by the deadline we sadly decided to cancel the conference.

We have tried to find explanations for the poor interest - financial crises, the holiday season, the fact that the main IFLA Conference had been moved to Gothenburg from Brisbane. Another explanation is the approval, by IFLA, of fifteen pre-conferences. We think it would be better to have fewer pre-conferences and hope that these would succeed in attracting enough participants. Fifteen pre-conferences with forty participants require an attendance of six hundred persons!



**Leaflet from Frederikshavn Stadsarkiv  
Ruth Hedegaard is the City Archivist of  
Frederikshavn, Denmark**

Anyway, we have not lost hope, and have already applied to organise a pre-conference in The Virgin Islands in 2011. From a Danish point of view, I have a special interest in the place. The Islands were owned by Denmark until we sold them in 1917. I have visited the Islands and know they are filled with Danish cultural heritage, and there are such interesting ways of communicating information about the history about the Islands.

Anyway, we have to turn our interest towards Gothenburg. The Open Session program on Wednesday is certainly worth attending - see information elsewhere in the Newsletter – and our study tour is settled. We have had so much help from Ulf Andersson, archivist at the Regional State Archives in Gothenburg in putting together a very attractive program, which you can see elsewhere in the newsletter. I can only hope that you might find the program so interesting, that you want to participate.

I hope to meet many of you in Gothenburg, and hope you will keep up your interest in the Genealogy and Local History Section

**Ruth Hedegaard Chair of IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section**

## **IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

**Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress**

<http://www.ifla.org/en/ifla76>



The IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section presents an Open Session each year at the annual World Library and Information Congress. The 2010 conference will be held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August in the [Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre](#) (Svenska Mässan) in Gothenburg, Sweden.



**Swedish Exhibition and Conference Centre**

The GENLOC Open Session has been organised by GENLOC Secretary Russell Lynch assisted by Newsletter-editor Elizabeth Melrose. The Open Session will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 13.45 pm – 15.45pm Room G3

There will be four presentations under the banner: **Family and local history – an enduring legacy for the next generation**

To see the 2010 presentations click on [www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-11](http://www.ifla.org/en/conferences-session-day/2010-08-11)

Scroll down to **Session No 73 – Genealogy and Local History**. Click on this title and a menu comes up showing the uploaded presentations and an appropriate translation where available. To date there are individual translations in Arabic, Chinese, German, Spanish and French.

- **The virtual Hamilton Palace: building a digital resource for local and family history**  
Professor Bruce Royan (Virtual Hamilton Palace Trust. Edinburgh, Scotland)

**Hamilton Palace: a virtual reconstruction**  
[hamilton.rcahms.gov.uk/palace3.html](http://hamilton.rcahms.gov.uk/palace3.html)

- **Using social networking tools to promote genealogy and local history collections and to instruct researchers in their use**  
Drew Smith (Academic Services, University of South Florida Tampa Library, USA)



**Bruce Royan**



**Drew Smith**

- **Museums, libraries and Archives (MLA) in collaboration to meet the needs of users**  
Lisbeth Forslund (Gävle Public Libraries, Sweden)  
Eva Lindelöw Sjöö (Municipal Archives of Gävle, Sweden)  
Conny Persson (Main Library, Gävle Public Library, Sweden)



**Lisbeth Forslund, Conny Persson & Eva Lindelöw Sjöö**



**H. İnci Önal**

- **Implementing historical thinking and developing local genealogical services**  
Dr H İnci Önal (Department of Information Management, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey)

Sophie Felfoldi of IFLA emailed Russ Lynch, on receiving the GENLOC Open Session papers for publication on the Conference Website:  
***I am very pleased to receive such well prepared papers! (To be expected from the Genealogy Section, as always!) Thank you very much!***

**The IFLA Genealogy and Local History Section welcomes all IFLA delegates to their Open Session**  
**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 13.45 pm – 15.45pm**  
**Room G3**

**The GENLOC Study Tour**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of August 10.00am - 16.30pm**

GENLOC has always organised an exciting Study Tour during the IFLA Conferences. This year, in Gothenburg, will be no exception. The Committee would like to welcome any IFLA delegates to join the Tour Programme – and the Committee members would like to thank Ulf Andersson, Head of Research Services, and his colleagues, Landsarkivet i Göteborg, in advance, for setting up the Study Tour.

**Programme**

**Gothenburg City Library/Possibly also the Regional State Archives**

10.00-10.30

Welcome.

Presentation of the resources of the City Library



**Gothenburg City Library**

10.40-11.00

Introduction

Genealogical research in Sweden



The structure of the Association, the special associations, the local communities, and the structure of the State Archives  
Publicity / accessibility

11.10-11.30

The Regional State Archives  
History, statistics, collections

11.40-12.40

Lunch (to be organised independently by the delegates)

12.40-13.30

Possible visit to the Regional State Archives -the Archives are under reconstruction, but hopefully a visit can be arranged. In that case, the rest of the time schedule will be changed, and the talks/visits shortened slightly

13.00-13.20

Sources for genealogy

13.30-13.50

Access to cultural heritage material through private companies

14.00-14.30

MKC (Mediakonverteringscentrum - Media Conversion Center) - The National Archives Department of Digitisation produces c.100,000 digital images per day. The scanning facility is considered to be outstanding in Europe regarding its capacity for scanning of historical documents

14.40-15.10

Coffee (Stadsbiblioteket)

15.15-15.45

Digital resources - databases etc.

15.50-16.30

Special sources - Newspaper archives, special collections

16.30-

Questions and farewell

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### **Making cultural connections between the older generation, children and young people in Brazil**

Thinking about the relationship between information, memory and education in the current age, we must consider technological advance as a crucial question. We live in an informational avalanche without historical precedent - an extraordinary acceleration from the production, circulation and the receipt of information, a

condition that affects our ways of dealing with them in order to build up our knowledge.

Wanting to make order out of the confusion of information and to attribute direction to it, as Maffesoli (1996) said, citizens go to a nucleus, *the tribe*. However, in virtual environments there are relationships without geographic limits. These may enrich the information exchange, but not necessarily the *experience*, as Benjamin (1993) states, an essential aspect of the construction of a social memory.

Older people and children have been isolated. Such a situation hinders the formation of important intergenerational bonds and deepens the transit of indispensable information to both parties.

If older people could rediscover sources of learning, encourage the growth of new social connections, and share experiences and memories of one another, children and young people could also benefit. As Perrotti indicates (1991), the confinement of children in separate places within the live memory of the city reduces their cultural repertoire, restricting them only to the present time.

The isolation of the generations can be compared to a vision of books without readers or, in other terms, of histories without listeners. We should therefore reflect on this disconnection between children, adolescents, adults and the elderly, and on possible forms of intervention and cultural mediation between the different generations. Our project considers and studies intergenerational relations in a contemporary age - from the formation of a net connecting older people, children and young people to the exchange of life experiences, wisdom and a worldview linking different age groups.



*Downtown region of Sao Paulo*

The project follows older people between the ages of sixty and ninety-two years old, who, since 1997, belonged to the group called *Memory Station*, developed by researchers from São Paulo University, with the Scientific Coordination of Professor Dr. Edmir Perrotti and, currently,

co-ordinated by Profa. Dra. Ivete Pieruccini. The *Memory Station* is a pioneer place dedicated to communication, education and to the exchange of cultural knowledge between different generations.

The group of older people had been talking, firstly through *blogs* and then person-to-person, about *unforgettable movies* with 30 adolescents, participants of the *Einstein Program in the Community of Paraisópolis*, a social project in the second biggest slum of São Paulo City. The *Einstein Program* was developed in 1997 by volunteers from the Brazilian Israelite Society and the *Social Responsibility* Department of Albert Einstein Hospital.

These older people had selected four movies and had shown these to the group of adolescents, between a relation of twenty and four commented movies featured on the *Memory Station's* blog



**The Blog:**

[www.estacaomemorianausp.blogspot.com](http://www.estacaomemorianausp.blogspot.com)

This *blog* was presented to the adolescents as an example of an information source where they could interact with comments. Moreover, this is a channel that can connect different generations through their culture and differing perspectives.

As well as this, the adolescents had done similarly. They had also chosen three “unforgettable movies” to show to their elders. They had also developed their own *blog*.

The adolescents from the *Einstein Program* had the greater facility in using the *blog*. At first, some of them complained about the old black and white movies; they had felt uncomfortable watching a movie with this old appearance. However, after some mediation by the educators, they came to understand that they were somewhat prejudiced against this kind of movie, and might lose the opportunity of enjoying and acquiring knowledge through, say, the Charlie Chaplin productions and

the classic *Modern Times* - the first movie they had been shown. Furthermore, they found it difficult reading the movie subtitles (they preferred dubbed movies), although, when they wrote their opinion on the *blog*, they showed a high level of functional literacy.

As result, during the network constitution, the *blog* not only served as a device for information transit and symbolic exchanges, but also as an instructive tool for revising and learning Portuguese grammar. The educators guided the adolescents in their writing and strengthened the importance of writing and reading for communication and the interpretation of texts.

On the other hand, the older people had different levels of difficulty in using computers. Some of the older people were afraid of writing within a virtual medium and most were totally unable to type. They preferred to disclose information and tell their stories personally. Some could register for printed correspondence courses, but, at present, these registrations are disseminated on the Internet. There were concerns in the group about the preservation of their image and there was still a fear of plagiarism and judgment of their personal ideas. This was the case with their oral memories though their reservations were more evident in the context of the Internet.

Though the virtual environment does not substitute for onsite learning activities, it does add a new way of communication. The intergenerational meeting had as its base the experiences of the group involved with the *Memory Station*. The older people and the young people can have an open dialogue; they can be divided into groups so that all have the chance to express their ideas, with the possibility of adjustments - in accordance with the nature of the meeting, but negotiated previously with those involved. (Pieruccini, 1999). In these meetings, values such as friendship, solidarity, and respect are mutual; the practical knowledge, experiences and life lessons had been exchanged.



The project became more than just discussions about movie culture. The stories and information from the older generation had inspired a new attitude in the adolescents. They had become curious listeners, increasingly interested in their family origins, their native land, music and professions, and many other issues. On the other hand, the older people were curious about the new movies and modern music and they are trying to learn more about computers and the Internet.

To conclude, the *blog* was the main device to initiate the communication net and the symbolic exchanges in a context of cultural diversity.

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### The Border and Beyond : 7<sup>th</sup> Victorian Family History State Conference 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Mulwala, New South Wales, Australia

The town's name is derived from an aboriginal word for 'rain'. In 1847 James McRae arrived to take charge of "Mulwala". He built a punt and a public house and obtained a licence for his Travellers' Rest Hotel in 1853.

In 1858 Surveyor Adams marked out a township at the site. In 1866 a new hotel was opened at Mulwala and a school established at the township. Mulwala Post Office opened in 1864 for about six weeks, closed and was re-opened on 1 June 1866. The pioneer, James McRae, died in 1866.

In 1872 Mulwala was described as a small township of about 100 inhabitants, possessing a church, a school, a post-office and a public house.

In 1887 it was reported that Mulwala had two hotels and two stores; a court-house had been erected and a sawmill started. (Wikipedia)

Two and a half days of family history by the Lake, albeit a cold and rainy Mulwala! From 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010 I represented the State Library of Victoria at the tri-annual Victorian Family History State Conference. The Conference featured an excellent range of speakers and was very well organised by the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (VAFHO) and Yarrowonga Family History Group. The theme *The border and beyond* was most fitting as it was held just over the river from Yarrowonga in Victoria.



Lake Mulwala      The Library & Council Offices



Jenny Higgins (National Library of Australia),  
 Anne Burrows and Tim Hogan (State Library of Victoria)

More than 150 people attended including representatives from a number of states (Victoria, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), South Australia and Queensland). There were also staff from a few Victorian and New South Wales public libraries, agencies including Public Record Office Victoria and State Trustees as well as the National Library of Australia.

#### Some highlights:

**Jenny Higgins:** *Plug into the National Library of Australia*

This talk gave us an insight into the uses of the National Library of Australia website, *Australia Trove* - <http://trove.nla.gov.au/> - for family historians.

**Paul Parton:** *What's new at FamilySearch?* - [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Paul outlined some new initiatives, such as free training classes available on the website on



subjects ranging from European research to US military records.

**Jenny Carter:** *Were they pushed or were they pulled?*

This was a thought provoking account of the many reasons motivating our ancestors to move around - for example, the lure of gold, family problems and looking for work in the 1930s. Jenny emphasised the importance of this historical context in family history research.

**Dr. Val Noone:** *Life and progress in Victoria's border regions, 1895 : Michael Davitt's views.* Dr. Noone, a University of Melbourne academic, continued on this theme with an excellent case study of Davitt's visit to country Victoria from May to November 1895. Davitt was famous in the English trade union movement and Irish home rule campaign. Dr. Noone's paper highlighted the intersection of family history with public events.

**Shauna Hicks:** *Family history on the cheap – tips and tricks.*

In the last address of the Conference on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Shauna gave us a number of time (and in some cases money) saving hints, beginning with the use of family sources, such as bibles and the importance of not 'reinventing the wheel', that is, checking what has already been researched.

The Conference proceedings on CD-Rom are available from the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (PO Box 10, Glen Waverley, 3150 Australia).

The next major family history conference in Australia will be held in Adelaide in March 2012 with the theme: *Your ancestors in their social context* - [www.congress2012.org.au](http://www.congress2012.org.au)

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## Family History Feast – Australian Style

On Monday 2 August, the State Library of Victoria in Melbourne will again host the seventh annual *Family History Feast* during Australian National Family History Week 2010.

*Family History Feast* is a day of free information sessions for family history researchers held at the Library. It includes the annual Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (VAFHO) *Don Grant Lecture*. The event showcases how the major Victorian government agencies for genealogical research can assist those researching family history.

In 2009, more than 150 eager genealogists (the largest group ever) attended the sessions, a number of them travelling from regional Victoria. There were also a big contingent of public librarians and staff from other agencies. Almost 1,000 people in total have attended the six *Feasts* held since 2004.



*The State Library of Victoria, Australia*

The event is truly collaborative and presented by the following Victorian organisations/institutions:

- The National Archives of Australia (Victorian Office)
- The Public Record Office, Victoria
- The State Library of Victoria
- The Victorian Association of Family History Associations
- The Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Feedback on the day has been positive from the inception of the event. Examples from 2009: : *Fantastic – has given me so many more options to continue my family research.* And this *As always well conducted, informative & gives me food for thought.* We change the program each year as we attract many regulars.

Some of the talks given at the past three *Feasts* can be accessed as podcasts through the State Library of Victoria website:

[www.slv.vic.gov.au/our-collections/collection-strengths/genealogy](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/our-collections/collection-strengths/genealogy)

You are most welcome to attend this year's Event! The program for the day appears the Library website and I can send the programs for previous years if you email me. I'll leave the last words on the *Feast* to a 2009 attendee: *Yum! Yum!*

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## Honour to the following:

### Janet Tomkins



Genloc Information Co-ordinator – after nine years as genealogy librarian (among other duties) at the Vancouver Public Library, Canada, Janet has been promoted to Team Leader for a new centralised system of ordering materials for branch locations and central subject units. She will continue as Genloc Information Co-ordinator until her term on the Committee completes in 2011.

### Paul Sturges



Professor Paul Sturges was awarded the OBE (Officer of the British Empire) in the UK Queen's Birthday Honours List. Professor Sturges was Chair of the Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Committee for 6 years from 2003. [www.ifla.org/en/news/former-faife-chair-paul-sturges-receives-obe-award](http://www.ifla.org/en/news/former-faife-chair-paul-sturges-receives-obe-award)

While Chair of FAIFE Professor Sturges and his Committee worked with GENLOC addressing issues of concern affecting online access to genealogy and local history information and records.

### Alan Godfrey

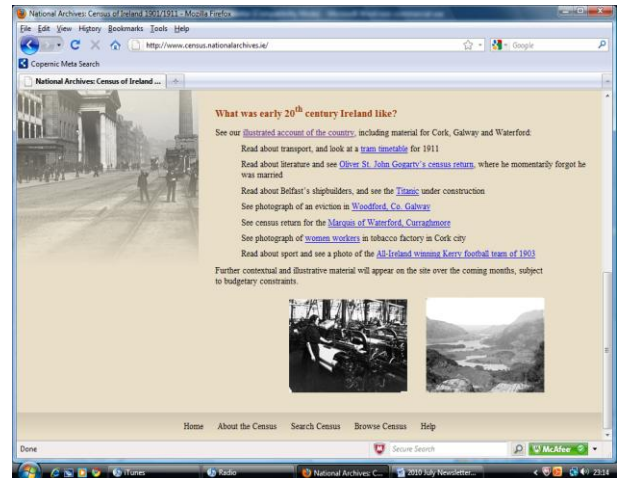


Alan Godfrey of the Godfrey Edition Old Ordnance Survey Maps of the UK, Ireland, and D-Day maps etc [www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/](http://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/) was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) for Services to Heritage in the UK New Year's Honours List. Mr Godfrey wrote about his maps series for family historians and genealogists in the Newsletter 14 (2009)8-9.

## The 1901/1911 Census of Ireland

The household returns and ancillary records for the censuses of Ireland of 1901 and 1911 – in the custody of the National Archives of Ireland - are now available to view online on the National Archives of Ireland [website](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie), all thirty-two counties, searchable by all information categories. The 1901

census was taken on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1901. This is the oldest surviving complete census for Ireland. The 1911 census was taken on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1911. Now digitized these details are freely available to view and search.



### The National Archives: Census of Ireland 1901/1911

The basic household return was filled in and signed by the head of the household. There is one for each household in the country.

Details include:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Sex
- ❖ Relationship to the head of the household
- ❖ Religion
- ❖ Occupation
- ❖ Marital status
- ❖ County or country of birth
- ❖ Ability to read and write
- ❖ Ability to speak the Irish language
- ❖ Disabilities (deaf, blind, idiot, imbecile, or lunatic)

The 1911 census also asks married women to state the number of years they had been married, the number of their children born alive and the number still living.

Other information included is described at: [www.census.nationalarchives.ie/help/about19011911census.html#whatcontain](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/help/about19011911census.html#whatcontain)



Additional pages describe *Ireland in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century*. Illustrated chapters include *Dublin themes; What was Galway like in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century? Sporting and cultural life in Cork in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century; Social conditions in Kerry in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century*, among so very many others.  
[www.census.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/)

### Heritage Months at the Library of Congress

At the Library of Congress, Washington, USA, we celebrate "heritage months." This year, we have done African-American History Month, Women's History Month. In May we had presentations on Jewish American Heritage Month, and Asian American Pacific Islander History Month.

For the latter the Asian Division showcased a collection of materials in the Asian Reading Room in the Jefferson Building - a display of books and ephemera from the special collections of the Asian American Pacific Islander Primary Holdings Initiative. These included:

- A display informing the public how, where and when Asians arrived in America – rather than the myths
- The original travel document issued by the U.S. in 1919 to a college student from Manila. This identified the student as a "U.S. National". This was before the issue of passports and there is a handstamped *visa* on the document allowing the carrier a stopover in Tokyo
- Early Asian community newspapers and journals (c.1930 from the Betty Lee Sung Collection, the Roy Morales Collection and the Tibetan - Mongolian Collections). These often published more current breaking news about the homeland before this was included in the U.S. mainstream papers
- *Koryo Saram* (Unreliable People) was a term for Koreans living in Russia during Stalin's regime. Exiled to the barren Russian steppes, they eked out an existence. Author Svetlana Kim's collection includes photos and ephemera along with a nondescript Soviet Certificate of Rehabilitation that was issued to her.

**See also:** *Koryo Saram The Unreliable People*  
<http://koryosaram.net/trailer.html>

This is a **Trailer** on the subject of the *Koryo Saram* (running time: 10 minutes. Size 40mgb, quicktime required) Meredith Jung-En Woo, Y. David Chung and Matt Dibble, co-writers

### The Making Memories community archives

In England, Hertfordshire County Council is holding scanning sessions in libraries for people to bring in their old photos and add their memories to a community archive. This record also links to images on *Flickr* (as well as videos on YouTube for oral histories, several films and so on).

The following sites are two of Hertfordshire's community archives:

#### Herts memories

[www.hertsmemories.org.uk](http://www.hertsmemories.org.uk)

The *Herts Memories* website celebrates life in Hertfordshire in the UK. The project started in May 2009 funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund for two years. Further funding to maintain the websites has been provided by Hertfordshire County Council, and the official launch was in January 2010. Staff from Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, Libraries and local museums work with volunteers to develop a number of websites. *Herts Memories* is the gateway to life in Hertfordshire and there are eight further websites planned for new communities in the county.

#### Out of sight, Out of mind?

[www.stalbansoutofsightoutofmind.org.uk](http://www.stalbansoutofsightoutofmind.org.uk)

This website commemorates the history, memories and photos about the former mental hospitals in the area of St Albans, England - Hill End, Napsbury, Cell Barnes, Harperbury, Leavesden and Shenley. These include a set of video recollections of Hill End Hospital *Recollections of the hospital* by a former patient.

[http://www.stalbansoutofsightoutofmind.org.uk/page\\_id\\_77\\_path\\_0p2p21p.aspx](http://www.stalbansoutofsightoutofmind.org.uk/page_id_77_path_0p2p21p.aspx)

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#### World Names Profiler

[www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/Main.aspx](http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/Main.aspx)

This site allows you to input a surname (a choice of eight million) and see the distribution of that name in at least twenty-six countries in the world.

## BLOGS

### UK Local Studies Group Blog

<http://communities.cilip.org.uk/blogs/lsgblog/>

At the last Committee Meeting of the UK CILIP Local Studies Group, our members discussed the idea of moving forward and having a *Local Studies Group Blog*. I was keen to be involved in this development, despite no longer being caught up in the administration of UK County Council libraries. Happily for me, our very skilful web-editor had few qualms about my ability to learn. She thought that any contributions that I might make could lighten the tone – and she had no worries about correcting my initial errors as I grasped how to process my blog entry once a week.

Since the beginning I have written a blog post most Thursdays, relating to quirky local studies items that I have found on my travels around Scotland and England. I have asked why a tombstone in Dunfermline Abbey (Scotland) has a carved inscription on it ending with the phrase *2 Rooms*....



*Tombstone inscription ending... '2 Rooms'*  
Dunfermline, Scotland

... and I have described my god-daughter's hunt in an abandoned and extremely overgrown, deserted graveyard in Netherthong, West Yorkshire (England), for the grave of her great-great grandfather, the Rev. John Jagger (1849- 1890), a Wesleyan circuit preacher, and his parents, James and Hannah Jagger

I have worked out how to insert photographs and how to avoid writing a *page* instead of a *post*!



*Finding and clearing the gravestone of the Rev John Jagger (1849-1890)*  
Netherthong, West Yorkshire, England

Friends are getting used to having walk-on roles in the blog and I am pleased to see that my entries have had quite a lot of traffic. I am getting more confident, and my next step is to find out how to insert video and YouTube clips into the blog pages.

<http://communities.cilip.org.uk/blogs/lsgblog/>

We are a team of seven Local Studies Group bloggers, one for each day of the week. This has so far ensured that the number of *posts* continues apace even if some members of the team are on holiday or have decided that they have nothing to say that week. What we would like is to have more written responses from local studies librarians reading the blog, but perhaps it is too early to hope for more *hits*. Meanwhile, I will continue to try to find items of news with a local studies angle on which I can comment.

*Elizabeth Melrose, York, England*

### Family Matters blog

In June 2010, the State Library of Victoria launched its new *Family Matters* blog

<http://familymatters.blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/>

The blog is published by the Library's Genealogy Team and aims to inform about family history events, services, training programs as well as new items received in the Genealogy Centre collection.

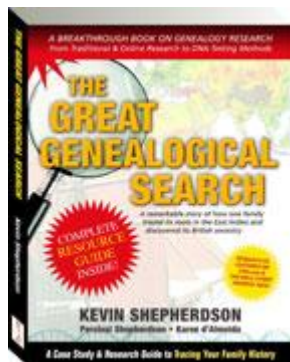
### How to start a Blog

[www.wikihow.com/Start-a-Blog](http://www.wikihow.com/Start-a-Blog)

[www.problogger.net/archives/2008/02/28/9-tips-to-start-blogging-successfully/](http://www.problogger.net/archives/2008/02/28/9-tips-to-start-blogging-successfully/)

## PUBLICATIONS:

Shepherdson, Kevin: *The Great Genealogical Search. A case study and research guide to tracing your family history*



Also available as an eBook

A new publication on Eurasian genealogical research and a remarkable story of how the Shepherdson family traced its roots over ten generations in the East Indies. Their ancestors came from Ramsgate in England from where they set off for a new life in Malacca and over the years the family has spread throughout Malaysia and Singapore.

[www.straitsconsultancy.com/the\\_great\\_genealogical\\_search](http://www.straitsconsultancy.com/the_great_genealogical_search)

This work has been highly recommended by Melvin Thatcher as being an inspiring work and helpful for other Eurasian researchers.

The following link is to a **YouTube clip** talking about the Shepherdson Family search in Singapore and showing the Reunion of more than two hundred members of the Shepherdson Family in December 2003

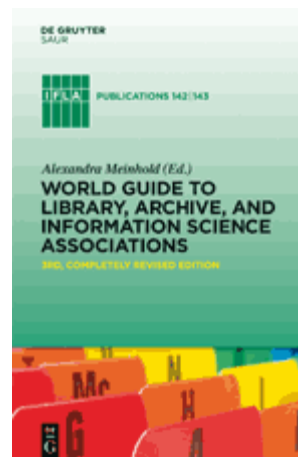
[www.youtube.com/kevinshepherdson#p/a/u/1/CH3e3ALmSwY](http://www.youtube.com/kevinshepherdson#p/a/u/1/CH3e3ALmSwY)

### ***World Guide to Library, Archive, and Information Science Associations***

3<sup>rd</sup> rev edition, ed by Alexandra Meinhold.  
Berlin/Munich: De Gruyter Saur, 2010  
(142/143 in the IFLA Publications Series)

This handbook provides thorough, up-to-date information on associations concerned with the fields of librarianship, documentation, information science and archives. The third, completely revised and expanded edition contains over 600

comprehensive and updated entries from over 130 countries. The first part lists internationally active associations in alphabetical order. In the second part, national associations are arranged by country, and listed within the countries alphabetically. The volume includes indexes of associations, official journals, officers and subjects.



Also available as an eBook

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Theimer, Kate: *Web 2.0 Tools and Strategies for Archives and Local History Collections*

Feb 2010; 272pp; pbk 978-1-85604-687-9



An introductory guide for anyone working with collections in archives and historical organizations.

This book will act as a tool to assess the current utility of an organization's web presence, and to identify how to improve that presence using the latest Web 2.0 technologies. The author draws on examples of good practice from real archives websites, providing a wealth of checklists and pinpointing available resources, offering what is needed to transform a website to achieve an organization's goals.



Chapter headings can be seen at

[www.facetpublishing.co.uk/downloads/file/sample\\_chapters/theimer-toc.pdf](http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk/downloads/file/sample_chapters/theimer-toc.pdf)

### Arons, Ron: **WANTED! U.S. Criminal Records lists state by state**

A reference book for information sources about criminals from America's historical past. This work lists archives, libraries, courts and online sites with information on prisons, courts, parole and pardon records, execution information, and investigative and police reports. There are examples of documents to be found in repositories and a primer on how to conduct genealogical research on criminals.

For more detail see: [www.ronarons.com/store.php](http://www.ronarons.com/store.php)

### **IFLA Journal volume 36 March 2010**

Each year the GENLOC Committee selects a paper from its Open Session and forwards this to the IFLA Journal adjudicating committee. In the past, several of our speakers have had their papers published in the Journal. In 2009 we were not so fortunate, but volume 36 March 2010 of the Journal includes two papers of possible interest to our members.

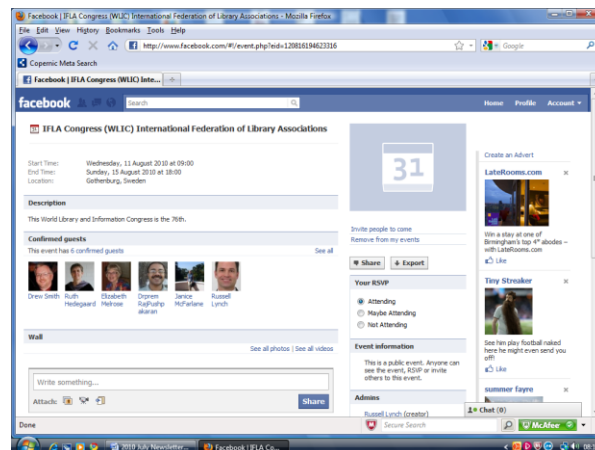
- The Cataloging Cultural Objects experience: codifying practice for the cultural heritage community by Erin Coburn, Elisa Lanzi, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Regine Stein and Ann Whiteside
- Content development in an indigenous digital library: a case study in community participation by Elizabeth Greyling and Sipho Zulu

The Journal can be accessed at:  
[www.ifla.org/files/hq/publications/ifla-journal/ifla-journal-36-1\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/publications/ifla-journal/ifla-journal-36-1_2010.pdf)

**GENLOC on the Web**  
[www.ifla.org/en/genealogy-and-local-history](http://www.ifla.org/en/genealogy-and-local-history)

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#### Promoting the GENLOC sessions - set up by Secretary Russell Lynch



Six Facebook attendees so far!.....

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The Index to the IFLA Genealogy and Local History (GENLOC) Newsletter nos.1 (November 2002) – 14 (June 2009) compiled by Richard E Huws of Wales can be found at:

[http://www.ifla.org/files/genealogy-and-local-history/newsletters/index\\_1-14.pdf](http://www.ifla.org/files/genealogy-and-local-history/newsletters/index_1-14.pdf)