

## UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	NAME	LOCATION
August 18-21, 2010	FGS Conference <a href="#">"Rediscovering America's First Frontier"</a>	Knoxville, Tennessee

## Genealogy Software from Microsoft?



Dick Eastman had information about Microsoft templates that might aid your genealogy research on his blog in March, 2010. You can find the information at: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-gb/templates/results.aspx?qu=genealogy&av=TPL000>. There are 15 templates on the above page. See if any of those templates will help you?

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## OGS Conference

Thanks for helping with GCS display:  
 Don Hengen  
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Jim Herzberg won a mug and a CD in a drawing sponsored by Family Tree Magazine.

## Deaths of persons related to GCS Members

Albert Dwight Featheringill, the father of Marge Waterfield, died on 8 May 2010. He was born in Columbus Grove, OH on 5 Oct 1908.

Pearl M. White, wife of Dick White, died on 31 May, 2010, at the Kingston Residence in Sylvania after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born on 26 Oct 1925 in Dubuque, IA.

## MERCHANT MARINE RECORDS ONLINE

by Marjorie Waterfield

American Merchant Marine data can be found at: [www.usmm.org](http://www.usmm.org)

If you had a relative who served in the Merchant Marines during WWII – there now is hope of finding some records. These men were not officially considered in the military so their service is not part of military records. You may want to look for background on the Merchant Marines at United States Dept. of Transportation, Maritime Admiralty site at: <http://www.marad.dot.gov>. If you are not familiar with what the WWII Merchant Marine's mission accomplished this will help.

The Merchant Marines were vital to the war effort. They transported supplies, equipment and personnel to every part of the war zones. Well over 215,000 men served the U. S. Maritime program. Nearly 9,000 were killed at sea. The Liberty Ships also were serviced by the Merchant Marines.

You can track down data on ship's logs, areas they served, photos and history of the ship on which they served and etc. This will give you a good overview of their life at sea at:

<http://www.usmm.org/contact.html#contact3>

Also search for maps of sites these ships served at: <http://www.usmm.org/sitemap.html>.

As men from all branches have reunions, these veterans also have a "Merchant Marines Veterans Convention" and other sources of contacts with those who served. Individual records are still difficult to locate but contacting others who served on the same ships is often a good way to find more on your own relative. Diaries and interviews with veterans can be found on many of the sites on ships and their newsletters online.

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<http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-genealogy-family-tree-software.htm>