



e-PAFinder

New Version of International Genealogical Index

By Mary Lou Harline

A new version of the International Genealogical Index is now available on the FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service (FamilySearch Internet). It is now known as the Internet International Genealogy Index (IIGI).

This new version contains the following enhancements:

- More Names. More names have been added to the index. These names were received since the last release in January 2000.
- Regular updates. The Internet index will be updated as new information is received. Note: There are no current plans to update the International Genealogical Index on compact disc.
- Individuals linked into families. Some individuals are linked into families and can be displayed on family groups and pedigree charts. The number of linked individuals is relatively small but is expected to grow significantly in the future. You can also download family group records and pedigree charts. [People are encourage to submit families not individuals so they will be linked.]
- Additional event information. All events that were in original user submissions are now displayed and can be used as search criteria. [Death dates and places will be included if they were in the original submission.]
- Improved searching. You can now search the index by given name, surname and state, and more types of events, even across regions. The processes used to find individuals in spite of spelling and other differences in the name have also been improved.
- Information to describe the source. When you display an individual's records, you will see messages that describe the source of the information.

See the updated IGI at: www.familysearch.org

Pedigree Resource File

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the addition of one million names to the Pedigree Resource File, a database of records submitted by individuals through the FamilySearch.org Web site. The online index now includes 45 million individual records with events, parent information and submitter information. More extensive information is available on CD-ROM, organized in family groups and pedigrees and including notes and sources. FamilySearch released a new set of five CDs to include the recently added records. To search the database or order the CDs, visit: www.familysearch.org

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Family History Writing Contest

All members who have recently published a family history book as an author or co-author can compete for the \$250 grand prize. The book may be a biography, genealogy, narrated scrapbook or even a children's book about family history. The deadline for the contest is the 9 November 2002 meeting. Get the rules and entry form at a meeting or on the Web site at: www.svpagug.org

Product Review:

Pocket Genealogist: Solid Software, No Matter the Age of your Windows PDA

Part 3 of a series

By Richard Rands

I tried Palm Pilots and Handsprings (with the Palm operating system) but didn't like squinting at the tiny screens and writing in Graffiti. So I settled on an NEC MobilePro with Windows CE. That means I had to find a genealogy program that would run well on a CE device with a rectangular screen 7 1/2 inches long by 3 inches high.

I settled on Pocket Genealogist by Northern Hills Software, which is available for a 30 day free trial and, when purchased, comes in two flavors: the basic version for \$20 and the deluxe version for \$35. The Web site boasts about 75 different models of CE and Pocket PC devices on which Pocket Genealogist will run. The program does not run on Palm OS devices. This review covers the deluxe version.

As with most handheld genealogy programs, the format of the display is radically different from the familiar family or pedigree screens of PAF. In my opinion, PG comes the closest to a pedigree diagram turned up vertically like a tree, as opposed to the horizontal pedigree of PAF.

I usually want to check out three primary questions when evaluating a handheld program:

- How quickly and easily can I navigate around the database to find the information I need?
- How many of my 40,000+ names and thousands of notes and sources can I load onto the device?
- How versatile is the program?

Ease of navigation refers to how intuitive it is to move from child to marriage parent, from the individual screen to the details screen, or from marriage to. PG excels in this area by making the primary screen a combination of a three generation

pedigree chart plus a family group chart. The couple in the middle generation are in the principal position, so that if you select either the husband or the wife, the details screen pops up, giving you eight tabs of details that can be stored for the individual. Close the detail screen and you are immediately back to the family/pedigree view. If you select any of the couple's children, or any of the couple's four parents, they are moved into the principal position, along with the spouse. If you have a color device, you can set the colors for the various relationships, making the screen more readable.

The volume of data that can be loaded into a palmtop or handheld device depends mostly on the memory capacity. The efficiency of the internal storage format becomes the limiting factor for squeezing in as much as possible. My MobilePro has 16Mb of memory, which must be shared by the Windows CE operating system and all the software and data that I need at my fingertips. Since I almost always have my laptop (with the full PAF database) with me when doing research, I use the handheld for quick name-and-date lookups. Therefore, I find it more useful to include the most possible names and marriages in my handheld database, rather than a mixture of names, sources, and notes. Using this approach, I was able to load more than 9,700 individuals and nearly 4,200 marriages into a single file on my handheld. This is far more than I ever achieved on a Palm or Handspring device with similar memory. Of course, you also can separate your main database into smaller GEDCOM files, load multiple files onto your device, and switch between them.

To load a database onto the handheld, you must follow the same procedure needed for most other handheld genealogy software except PAF for Palm: First you create a GEDCOM, then you open the GEDCOM in a translation utility program that saves the file so that the next time you synchronize your handheld with your desktop computer, a version of the GEDCOM will be loaded onto your handheld.

Besides setting colors for names and data, PG allows you to configure names to be displayed either surname first or given names first. You can set the home individual, and you can reorder the tabs in the detail screen. If you

navigate around your file looking for someone, PG builds a readily available history list that allows you to go back immediately to any individual that you looked at along the way, making it very easy to switch to a different branch of your pedigree.

The search feature is probably the weakest function, but not any more so than most other such software. When doing a search, you are limited to only the first letter of a surname, or the first letter of a location. A surname search results in a list of corresponding surnames and a count of the number of individuals for each of the surnames in the list. For locations, the resulting list displays a count of the events that took place for each of the locations on the list. If you select one of the entries, it lists each of the given names with that surname, or the details of each event at that location.

One significant weakness appears in the surname search. If the number of individuals with surnames beginning with the search letter exceeds the space for one page, the names are spread across multiple pages, but each page is sorted independent of the others, so that a specific name can appear on any of the pages. The page size can be set by the user. There doesn't seem to be any sort sequence for events in the location list.

The program would benefit from indexed, current documentation. The downloadable documentation apparently does not include all features of the most recent version of the software, which may result in some users not taking full advantage of the features. Making the software current would result in Northern Hills needing to maintain multiple versions of the users guide – but for \$35 software, that's not unreasonable. Also, documentation, which is well written, needs a thorough index.

It is unclear from the Northern Hills Web site just which features are now available and which are on the wish list for future releases. The company invites communication and feedback with users and maintains compatible versions of the software for an extensive list of devices, including many that the PDA hardware industry long ago abandoned. Fewer users would need to buy new PDAs frequently if more software companies were this responsive to consumer need.

Overall, PG is a good program for a CE handheld device. It uses Windows effectively to make the program fast and versatile. It has an intuitive look and feel, and it is inexpensive. •

Pocket Genealogist lists the family of John Warren Brigham and Nellie Wilson, who were married 31 Dec 1893. John Warren's parents are Curtis Brigham and Esther Metcalf. Nellie's parents are William Wilson and Phoebe Ann Overacker. Their first four children are John Wilson Brigham, Verna Esther Brigham, Alfred Curtis Brigham, and Forest Lewis Brigham. Data on more children are available with the scroll-down list at the bottom right.

Brigham Curtis 1821-1888	Wilson William 1846-1908			
Metcalf Esther 1830-1875	Overacker Phoebe Ann 1857-1938			
31 Dec 1893				
Brigham John Warren 1857-1940	Wilson Nellie 1875-1943			
Given Name	Sex	Born	Died	
John Wilson	M	1894	1965	
Verna Esther	F	1897	1957	
Alfred Curtis	M	1900	1936	
Forest Lewis	M	1907	1972	
Dwight Dutton	M	1909	1999	
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Recently Published:

Land & Property Research in the United States

Land & Property Research in the United States is a comprehensive look at land and property research. It is full of information about the land and property records and the information found in them. Not only is it a useful reference book for the genealogist, but it is used by title companies, law libraries, county government offices, and federal government employees. The current sale price of the book is \$39.95. It can be purchased at Ancestry.com at: www.ancestry.com •

Social History to Spice Your Family History

By Allin Kingsbury

Social history is the history of people. It is about families and communities and what they did in times past. Social History is the events, customs, activities and culture that shaped the lives of families and individuals. Social historians deal with the facts and records which describe how people lived at some time in the past. The difference between social history and family history is that family history is focused on a specific family and social history is focused on families living during a period of time and perhaps in a geographic area. Social history is to family history as setting is to a good novel.

Social History Helps the Family Historian

Often, the family historian can find only birth, marriage and death dates which mark the lives of ancestors. These individuals are merely names and numbers to the family historian until additional information is uncovered which describes each of these individuals. With the dates and places, social history can add depth to the descriptions of these ancestors by telling you what they wore, what they did every day, what the local customs were, and what events occurred that would capture their attention. These events often help a person understand why people did things such as change occupations, move to a new area, and many other things an ancestor may have done.

For the family history writer, social history can help provide details about life where an ancestor lived. Things like transportation, homes, family activities, income, cost of living, educational opportunities, local customs for the people who lived around your ancestor were probably the same for your ancestor. Stories about people in the community were probably known to your ancestor. In fact, the ancestor may have participated in the events. Including some of the social history information that you find as you write your family history will make the individuals real to the readers. It will make the narrative much more interesting to the reader as you retell events that happened as your ancestor lived in the community.

Social History in Your Family History

An ancestor of mine was born in Western Pennsylvania in 1812 and then moved on to Indiana about 1830. She was not in Pennsylvania when oil was discovered, nor was she there to see some of her neighbors become rich in the oil boom that followed. However, while her family lived there, a canal was built from Lake Erie to Meadville, Pennsylvania. The Erie Canal had also opened earlier as she lived near Meadville, bringing many thousands of immigrants into Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. Westward movement was on the minds of everyone in the area. If a family did not move on West, some of the children would probably move on when they came of age. Like most of these immigrants, my ancestors moved West to buy farm land at a low price, clear the land, and grow crops that would pay their debts and support the family. Knowing all these facts about what was happening around the family of my ancestors helps me picture what life was like for them, and how they viewed the events that affected their lives. It is solid material for a family history book.

Another ancestor came from England to Ohio in 1830. He went to Missouri about 1850 to buy a larger piece of land. He was offended by the practice of slavery there and so he traveled north to buy land in Iowa near Iowa City. His brother in law had come to live in Iowa and built one of the buildings in the state capitol complex in Iowa City before the capital was moved to Des Moines. He was also elected sheriff of Iowa City and had some experiences with the Mormons as they were driven out of Illinois and across Iowa in 1846. The family was profoundly affected by the historical events of the time. However, the role of my ancestors in these events could easily be forgotten if it we had not studied the local history and put together a scenario of what was happening as the area was settled.

Books, Magazines and Newspapers

Social History has become a popular subject of books since genealogy has become a popular hobby. Many new books about the subject are being

published. These few examples from books I have read differ considerably in what they cover and how they cover the subject:

- *Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History* by Katherine Scott Sturdevant
- *Private Life in the Fifteenth Century*, by Roger Virgoe
- *Social Change in the United States, 1945-1983*, by William Issel
- *The Reshaping of Everyday Life*, by Jack Larkin

History books contain much more than wars, catastrophes, and government politics. Local histories such as county and community histories are probably the best sources of social history because they record a lot of the interesting local events, customs and traditions. They occasionally describe the social life in the early days of a community.

Old autobiographies, journals and accounts of travels are available in many libraries. Books written by travelers like Marco Polo and many authors who followed his example have been popular in their time. They are of great value today because they describe the customs and culture of people living in times that would be otherwise forgotten.

Even fiction written by an author living where the story was set and written during lifetime of your ancestors can describe customs and events your ancestors experienced. Good writers use settings that are real and familiar to them. Charles Dickens became famous because he described the harshness of conditions of the working people caught up in the Industrial Revolution of England. His treatment of the setting is honest and accurate even though the characters are fictional. Early American authors like Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville describe life in early New England.

Magazines tend to have a shallow treatment of subjects when compared to books. Magazines like *Smithsonian*, *American Heritage* and *American History Illustrated* often have excellent articles. Scholarly magazines like the *Journal of Social History* may be found at university. Some older issues from

old magazines have been archived and are available over the Internet

The Internet has many thousands of online books, mostly older books with expired copyright (usually about 72 years). They can be a rich source of social history. Even novels written at the time the story is set have scenes describing typical activities, customs, social attitudes and family life. Nonfiction books of interest may include the categories of biography, autobiography, journals, and history. Thousands of books are being placed online by educational institutions. The best place to watch for new additions to the list of online books is at: <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/new.html>

Newspapers are the ultimate source of recorded social history. Aside from the front page headlines which describe world and national events, the bulk of older newspapers were devoted to local news that caught the interest of the readers. From a reading of the articles you could capture a picture what was happening in the community. The advertisements describe the products consumed at the time. The pictures give you a look at what your ancestors saw. The old newspapers and magazines are excellent sources of social history. Even the advertisements reveal the products of interest to people at the time. Many old magazines and newspapers are scanned and available online. An example of such a site, with old newspapers from Australia, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States, is found at: www.paperofrecord.com

Diaries, Journals and Letters

A diary or a journal often describes what life was like in a community long ago. If not written by your ancestor, these treasures are a valuable source of social history. My great grandfather wrote a journal while he served in the Civil War. He told of how the men were paid 10 cents each to cut railroad ties to reopen the railroad in Tennessee as General Sherman prepared for his famous assault on Atlanta. He also mentions that his unit slept in quarters that previously housed slaves. Being from the North, he had never experienced slavery and his short account of the experience was very poignant.

Although a few journals and diaries have been published, many more have not. You can find them in historical societies, libraries and museums or in the possession of a family member. Others that are published may be found in the card catalogues of various libraries. One of the best known examples of a published diary may be *The Diary of Anne Frank* which describes life for two Jewish families hiding from the Nazis in occupied Holland during the war.

Old letters are a treasure of information and improve with age. A copy of a letter written by a great-great grandmother describes how her grandfather and most of his married children and their families left Pennsylvania to go to Iowa to buy farm land in 1851. The large group traveled together on flatboats down the Ohio river and then up the Mississippi by boat to where they could load themselves, their animals and goods on the train to go to their final destination in Iowa. Letters like this provide much information about our social history. Many local libraries and historical societies have old letters which they have preserved. Letters can give you details about the settling of an area, the founding of towns, and descriptions of life in the area. Those that have little factual information provide insight into personality and attitudes. One would think to look for old letters in attics and basements, but we found a collection of family correspondence by members of my wife's mother's family, written during the early nineteenth century, at the Mount Allison University Library in Sackville, New Brunswick, about 20 miles from where the family lived. We had no idea they even existed. Small museums and historical societies often have collections of correspondence.

Pictures

A picture can add a lot to a page of your family history. Photography became very popular in the latter half of the 19th century. Before that time, pictures are limited to paintings, drawings and book illustrations. Pictures from older books with expired copyright (usually 72 years) may be copied and used without restriction, and are probably the best source of illustration for family history from the early 19th century and earlier.

Archives of pictures present visual images of social history. Early photographs and paintings of

individuals were posed and formal looking because of the long exposure time of the time a model posed for a picture. However, pictures show the clothes worn at the time, the homes where people lived, the vehicles in which they traveled, and the towns and villages where they lived. As candid photography caught on in the 20th century, we find more pictures of family activities and rituals, public events, and people at work. It is a delightful experience looking through photo archives to find a picture that conveys the image that go with your family history.

Many Web sites have pictures useful to the family historian. They include photo archive collections from libraries and archives, current and historical pictures of localities by chambers of commerce and other organizations, topical collections and exhibits of photos with a common theme, and many occasional photographs used to enhance Web sites. A few examples of Web sites displaying historic photographs:

- Historical photos from the California State Museum Resource Center are found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=925
- Historical photos of Kansas City are on the Kansas Public Library Web site at: <http://images/kclibrary.org/photographs>
- More than a thousand Civil War photographs from the Library of Congress are at: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/cwphoto.html>
- The Library of Congress site has more than 900 images of rural and small town life from the Northern Great Plains (1880-1920) at: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ndfahtml/ngphome.html>
- PBS has a pictorial overview of the Mormon's 1300-mile trek to Salt Lake City with descriptions of the journey from journal entries at: <http://www.pbs.org/trailofhope/>

Old post cards offer the family historian views of historic buildings, towns and cities with pictures taken many years ago. There are many sites on the Internet with old post card collections. One example is a collection of about 1000 started by a couple from Iowa when they married in 1912. See the site at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gentutor/postcards.html>

Maps

A map may not be considered a social history source, but a map provides an excellent display of the geographical setting of an ancestor's home. A map can also show the routs of available transportation by road, railroad, and by water. Features such as mountains, gorges, deserts and other transportation impediments may also be noted. Plat maps have the names of neighboring farmers listed for the year the map was made. There are many map collections on the Web. One example is the interesting collection of early maps at the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia at: <http://scarlett.lib.uga.edu/darchive/hargrett/maps/colamer.html>

Documentaries

Public radio and television and the History Channel have aired hundreds of documentaries in recent years.. There are many others which have been produced as films, articles, and books. The majority of the documentaries are based on sound research. If they pertain of the locality and times your ancestor, they can offer help with your family history even though they do not mention your ancestors.

Sources on the Internet

The Internet is by far the richest single source of social history information. Many sites are focused on a small local areas. These include sources like www.USGenWeb.org which has a site for every county in the US. www.rootsweb.com/~canwgv/ has similar coverage by county. Sites like www.RootsWeb.org have collected a lot of miscellaneous historical information. Subscriber sites like Ancestry.com and others may have social history information that you need. There are other smaller subscriber sites that are worth the cost of using. I reviewed one Web site that was devoted to Irish records for the family historian. It had a lot of history books and many picture showing the local villages.

The Internet is excellent in helping find information. Search engines like Google, AskJeeves, Lycos, Yahoo and many others can quickly find a site with information on a particular topic. Most sites have lists of links to other sites which address similar subjects. Sites like www.CydisList.com have accumulated huge directories of URLs of interest to the family historian.

Geographic and Travel Sources

There are many sites which tell you all you want to know about an area. Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States are creating Web sites. Many of these sites have a section with the town history and historic pictures. Occasionally they offer books and pamphlets which have historical information. You can find them easily on the Internet using a search engine. Tourist bureaus also offer similar detailed information with lots of pictures. Many tourist bureaus promote visits by family historians looking for their roots in the area.

History Sites on the Web

Often interesting stories and unusual events are found with collections of historical documents and scattered through history books. This is also true for Internet sites devoted to history. Many of the larger sites have developed online exhibits which focus on a variety of topics designed to entertain and capture the interest of visitors to the site. Many of these have material which could help family historians:

- The Library of Congress is an outstanding and comprehensive site for American history and general studies with primary and secondary documents, exhibits, map collections, prints and photographs, sound recordings and motion pictures. The American Memory Historical Collections contain huge collections of digitized materials. Go to: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/>
- The development and history of America's West covers westward expansion, Native Americans, cowboys, pioneers, gunslingers, and more with images, maps, music, and even a 3-D tour at: <http://www.americanwest.com/>
- WestWeb is a source of information for Western history which is arranged topically with an introduction to the era, primary and secondary sources, teaching guides, images, links to related sites, biographies, and bibliographical resources. Go to: <http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/westweb/>
- History Matters is an online resource for history teachers and students found at: <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/>
- PBS Online is a great source for information about historical events and personalities. The web exhibits

supplement the PBS television series with a resume of each episode, interviews (often with sound bites), a timeline, primary sources, a glossary, photos, maps, and links to relevant sites. Go to: <http://www.pbs.org/>

- Gilder Lehrman Institute has a site devoted to American history which includes a U.S. history e-textbook, over 400 annotated documents, short essays, multimedia exhibitions, chronologies, glossaries, searchable reference resources, hundreds of historical maps and images. Go to: <http://www.gliah.uh.edu/index.cfm>
- The CNN Archives feature reports current events, issues and personalities with historical overviews, articles, photographs, timelines or chronologies, video clips, maps, interviews, sources and more at: <http://www.CNN.com/SPECIALS/>
- The University of Tennessee has a Civil War Homepage with timelines, descriptions of battles (state by state), letters, documents, and links at: <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>
- Virginia Military Institute has a collection of Civil War resources including manuscripts and battle resource guides, a war chronology, Robert E. Lee's funeral and more at: <http://www.vmi.edu/archives/cwsource.html>

Military Records

General William Tecumseh Sherman said, "War is hell," but wars cause a lot of information to be recorded for the family historian. When you learn the name of the unit in which an ancestor served, there probably is a history of the unit which describes the battles, movements and activities of the unit. A good war story which your ancestor experienced first-hand can capture the reader of a family history and bring him to the scene your ancestor experienced many years earlier.

The military generated an enormous amount of documents relating to individuals such as muster rolls, pension applications, service records, discharge papers and more. These documents often have information which describes the individual, such as height, hair and eye color, health problems, wounds and so forth. Pension records often have information about the circumstances of a family, given to justify the need for a pension and to validate the identity of the individual who served in the

military. Wartime histories and political also may tell of events at home.

Subject Oriented Web Sites

If an ancestor belonged to an unusual group of people, or had an unusual occupation, or worked on a historically significant project, took part in a religious or political movement, or did something unusual, you may find a Web site that can provide more background on the subject. My great-grandfather worked on the Panama Canal along with my grandfather and other married children. There is little likelihood of finding these people mentioned by name, but the problems with mosquitoes and malaria, the climate and living conditions, the details of the canal project and information about Panama are usually mentioned when the Panama Canal is featured.

A few interesting examples of Web sites devoted to unusual social history subjects include:

- The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors pioneer women at: <http://www.cowgirl.net>
- A living history event sponsored by The New-York Historical Society displays historical games at: www.nyhistory.org

Conclusion

Social history is important for a good family history. It takes time to gather and understand this information, and more time to use the material in your family history, but the results are worth the effort. There are so many sources of information that you must be focused on the topics that you want to pursue. Finding the information can be done using Internet Search Engines, looking in card catalogs for libraries and archives, and asking people that know. I hope the result is a better family history for you to leave with your family. •

Ask Dr. PAF

"I Give No Answers Before Their Time!"

by Dr. Cornelius D. PAF

Q. In the newer updates of PAF I have ended up with multiples of wives and children when I have used Match and Merge. What is the easiest way of cleaning up the data base? How can I

prevent this from happening again when I add records from another source?

A. First, how to prevent too many multiples when importing another file: Be sure you first import it into a new, empty file. When you select those to import into your old database try not to import duplicates. For instance, if you would be duplicating all the descendants of your grandfather, export a partial GEDCOM file from that new database starting with your grandfather, include his ancestors but don't include the descendants. If you believe there might be some information in the descendants records that is different from what you have, you may want to include them and do the merge to see both entries and decide which is the correct one to be in your database.

You do have to import at least one duplicate so you can link the old and new together.

To get rid of the multiple wives and children: Did you do the original merge with the automatic match/merge? If you did, do it again, and it will probably find many more of the duplicates. After a merge, if there are two wives with the same name, write down the RINs and when the automatic merge is finished go back and merge those two RIN numbers. After you have done one pair, click on next match and still others may come up.

Don't be afraid of the "Automatic Merge" because the computer just shows you two to merge and will give you another choice if you don't like the first one. You still have to click the "merge" button, unless you have told it otherwise.

Did you print a list of possible duplicate names? That will have RINs so you can merge a set of duplicates. Looking at the spouse's name or father's names can help you determine whether they are really duplicates. Be careful not to merge children in a family with the same name and different birth dates. One may have died and the second one got the same name.

Q. I can't get a backup from PAF 5. It doesn't matter whether I click on "File" and then "Backup" or whether I choose to do a back up before merging or before logging off. It appears that a backup is being made but it disappears. My floppy disk doesn't have anything on it. What can I do?

A. Two things to watch when you are doing a back up in either PAF 4 or PAF 5. They are both in the "Back up to:" dialog box that appears when you click on backup from any of the starting points. The first place to check is the "Save in:" box. It shows the drive or folder where the backup file will be saved. Select the drive and/or folder that you want. The next place to check is the "File Name:" box. This will show the name of a previous backup if there is one on the disk or folder. It will show the name of the data file you are backing up. If you are backing up to a disk with a previous backup of the same file, a window will appear to ask if you want to write over the previous file. Remember that you want to have more than one backup disk; three is considered the minimum, you may want more to rotate the backups through more.

Both PAF 5 and PAF 4 allow you to choose where you want to store your backup so you don't have to manually make the change every backup. Click on "Tools," then on "Preferences." Click on "Folders" and enter the drive, or drive and folder where you want your backups to be saved.

Notice that you can also choose defaults folders for PAF files, for import/export files, for Web sites, and for reports when you print to file. •

News of the Weird:

Burials 1,000 Years Late

In 1999 builders working on new houses in the village of Cherry Hinton, near Cambridge, England unearthed the skeletons of 662 Saxon peasants and fragments of a cross. The local vicar feels that these people need a proper Christian reburial. The skeletons were tested by archaeologists and entrusted to St. Andrew's church, located near where these Saxons worshiped sometime between the eighth and tenth centuries. Reburial and a new cross will cost about £5,000, so the vicar is out raising the money. More information about this story can be found at: www.ely.anglican.org/parishes/cherry-hinton/ and at: www.hertfordshire-archaeological-trust.co.uk/projects.htm We wonder what someone will think when they see the genealogy records of an ancestor with a birth date in the ninth century and a burial date in 2002. •

Software of Interest

Family Tree Legends

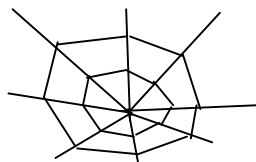
Family Tree Legends, a new Windows genealogy program soon to be released by Pearl Street Software, offers some new features that have not been available to genealogists. The program is integrated with the Internet to use its features to help with family history research. The program interfaces with GenCircles at www.GenCircles.com, a free online service that matches GEDCOM files contributed by members. Family Tree Legends will:

- Back up your genealogy database to a secure Web server
- Get facts about a particular city
- Find events that happened on a certain date
- Get information about an individual

The program uses a proprietary file system that saves your files from destruction. If your system crashes while you are editing data, a transactional file system protects your file from corruption. You can pre-order the program online for \$39.95. For more information, go to:

www.familytreelegends.com •

Spider Webs



American Radio Works

American Radio Works is the documentary project of Minnesota Public Radio and NPR News. These are the same documentaries heard on public radio, but you can hear them at your convenience from the Internet. They cover many 19th and 20th century events and social issues. Many of these documentaries are of interest to the family historian writing about ancestors caught up in the events and issues. To hear the ARW documentaries, go to: www.americanradioworks.org/index.html

The Perth Courier

The Perth Courier is the second oldest weekly newspaper in Canada, and has been independently owned and operated since 1834 at Perth, Ontario. Cold North

Wind Inc. and The Courier Publishing Company have now published searchable images for 139 years of The Perth Courier on the Internet. The old issues contain birth, marriage and death notices as well as local news items that would be of interest to the family historian with ancestors from this area. To see the old issues, go to: www.perthcourier.com

Census Information

There are many Web sites with census information. You can find the online census data that you need at the Online Census Finder which has links to 8,200 census records at: [Online Census Finder](http://Online.Census.Finder) www.imagein.net/~tracers/census1.html

Food Timeline

Some foods are modern creations and others have been around since ancient times. Other foods were imported as they were discovered by explorers sailing to the new world. The Food Timeline Web site is aimed at students in social studies classes, but will be of interest to the family historian who would like to know what his ancestors ate for dinner and how they prepared their meals before the era of the supermarket. To see the site, go to: www.gti.net/mocolib1/kid/food.html

Burke's Peerage & Gentry

The Burke's site is adding to its content with the 19th edition of *Burke's Landed Gentry*, volume 2, which contains records spanning centuries about significant but non-titled land owners in Ireland and their family histories. It is part of an Ireland collection which includes articles and other related resources. The site will soon add 1,600 records of American families with British heritage. Also, they plan to add the American presidential families collection, including the family history and a personal essay for all US presidents, plus their family trees and full genealogical records. See: <http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/peerageandgentry/sitepages/home.asp>

British History

For information about British history, you can find a searchable directory of more than 25,000 venues, organizations, and experts in the UK. The site has a timeline of United Kingdom history from 10,000 BC to the present. Go to: <http://www.history.uk.com>

Another British history site with a similar URL is found at:

www.uk.history.com

California County History

A Web site devoted to the history of California counties can be found at: http://esac.counties.org/counties_close_up/county_history

Last Name Dictionary

If you want to know the meaning of your surname, you may find the answer in the Last Name Dictionary at:

www.last-names.net •

British Isles Lectures



Inge Harding-Barlow & John Gleed

The British Isles research lectures by John Gleed and Inge Harding-Barlow will be continued at the November meeting. The second lecture of our series will be held at the November meeting and cover wills before 1858, probate jurisdictions and land tax assessments. For those who are British ancestor deficient, there will be other classes in November. •

Classes ~

November 9, 2002

PAF 4 & 5 Classes

- ◆ Beginning to Use PAF
- ◆ Using PAF Companion
- ◆ Creating and Using GEDCOM Files

Macintosh Class

- ◆ Innovative Problem Solving

General Classes

- ◆ British Isles Research - Wills, Probate, Land Tax
- ◆ Platting Land
- ◆ Using Temple Ready

Spiderwebs

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U.K. Probate Records

The Public Record Office (PRO) in England has added PCC wills to their Web site. More than 200,000 wills probated during the periods of 1820-1829 and 1840-1858 are already available. The free searches can be done by name, location, or by several other keywords. The search will return the name of the deceased, residence, occupation and date plus the name of the court having probate jurisdiction. To view the scanned image of the will, there is a charge of £3.00, which can be collected using a credit card number. Upon payment, the .pdf file for the will can be downloaded, saved, printed or viewed. When printed, the downloaded image is probably a better quality than a photocopy of the same will made at the PRO.

The PRO has several free wills available, including the will of William Shakespeare. You can practice downloading one of these wills to verify that your system is ready to accept and print he wills before you spend money on the other wills.

To search for PCC wills, go to:
www.pro-online.pro.gov.uk/

Curious Fox

Genealogists researching ancestry in the U.K. will be interested in a new Web site called Curious Fox. Users contribute information to the site which is arranged by location. Both local and family history are included in the database. The locations are based on a gazetteer of 50,000 UK villages, towns, and counties. Users can search for a village or hamlet, generate a list of nearby villages, link to a map of the area, and leave messages on a message board. The site can also be searched by surname, using a search process which only finds actual surnames.

The site is not financed by advertising banners. The owners of the site ask a modest fee of £5 to use all the features of the site. Paid members have their addresses posted so they can be contacted and can contact those who have not paid but who have posted information on the site. the site. Everyone using the site can use the

search features. To visit the site, go to:
www.curiousfox.com.

New England Research Help

The World Genealogy Project currently is a New England database of extracted records of births marriages and deaths. The records are available to family historians for a fee. It comes down to a choice of searching microfilms of the original records versus paying a fee and have the computer do the searching. A list of available services and fee schedule can be found at:
www.worldgenealogyproject.bigstep.com

Northwestern Ontario History

A new Web site, *The Gateway to Northwestern Ontario History Photos, Books, Drawings and Artifacts from Libraries and Museums of Northwestern Ontario*, is an excellent source of information if you have family that moved into Northwestern Ontario. If not, it remains a fascinating site to visit. The site has more than 1000 photographs of the frontier of Ontario. The site has no genealogical data, but it does give a vivid picture of the lives of the hardy pioneers that came to this area. See the site at:
www.nextlibrary.com/tbpl/home.html

American Basque Settlers

Basque immigrants came to the American West from Spain during the early twentieth century. The stories or the early settlers have been preserved on the Internet as part of a project at the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada in Reno and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise. For years, these organizations have interviewed Basques and have scanned hundreds of records to place on the Internet. The project is called *Oroitzapenak*, which is the Basque word for memories. For more information, see the following sources: An article in the online edition of *USA Today* at
www.usatoday.com/tech/webguide/inter-netlife/notablesites/2002-08-22-basque-online_x.htm
Basque Museum at
www.basquemuseum.com/oralhistory/index.htm
Center for Basque Studies at
www.basque.unr.edu

Recently Published

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Burnt Documents

A fire caused by an incendiary bomb during World War II destroyed about two-thirds of 6.5 million soldiers' documents from the First World War. The surviving records were mostly charred or water damaged and have been unavailable for research. They became known as the "burnt documents." In 1995 the United Kingdom Public Record Office began microfilming records, and the project was completed this year. About 2 million service records of soldiers' and non-commissioned officers' who served from 1914-1920. Most common among the records are attestation papers which include the name, address, date of birth and next of kin, medical records, discharge papers. There are also many copies of the Army Form B 103 which contains information about the individual's military career.

The microfilm is designated as WO 363, and is available in the Public Record Office at Kew. Copies are available through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Centers, .

The Search For Missing Friends

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has published a CD-ROM about the Irish, especially those who settled in New England. It is titled *The Search For Missing Friends* which can be found on the NEHGS online catalog at
www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

Springfield Massachusetts Vital Records

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has a new CD-ROM titled *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts to 1850* which can be found on the NEHGS online catalog at
www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

New Family History Library Catalog

The Family History Library in Salt Lake has a new Family History Library Catalog on CD-ROM. It lists more than 3 million microfilms, microfiche, books,

and other items available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The microfilm can be ordered through local family history centers administered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For anyone planning a trip to the Salt Lake Library, a "to read" list prepared from the library catalog will make the time at the library much more productive. You can order the CD-ROM now at www.FamilySearch.org.

Software of Interest

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Family Tree Maker

Version 10.0 of Family Tree Maker is now available with the following new features:

- A variety of blank charts can be printed to be filled out by relatives or used on research trips.
- A variety of new templates can be used to print out your data.
- A date calculator can calculate a date from your information, calculate the age from the date of an event, or display the day of the week an event occurred.
- Photo editing features such as removing red eye and adjusting color have been added.
- Charts and reports can be saved on Adobe Acrobat format.
- Reports can be exported in RTF format so they can be customized for desktop publishing.
- A family statistics view displays information about the family such as average life span and number of generations

Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our members who may be travelling or vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to travel to attend an event.

National Archives Central Plains Region Classes

The National Archives Central Plains Region will hold genealogy classes in Kansas City, Missouri for \$10 per class. Class sizes are limited. For information, call 816-823-5032.

- **Beginning Your Genealogy—** Learn how to put leaves on your family tree. Oct 10, 9:00 am by Marilyn Finke
- **Organizing Your Genealogy With or Without a Computer—**Get the most out of your research through organization. Oct 10, 1:00 pm by Marilyn Finke
- **Writing Your Family History Before It's Too Late—**Don't put it off forever! Oct 17, 9:00 am by Jo Curran
- **US Military Records—**Learn what records available and where you can find them. Oct 17, 1:00 pm by Don Ireland
- **Naturalization Records—**Learn how changing laws have affected the type and volume of records. Oct 24, 9:00 am by Mary Burtzloff
- **Inmates and Old Soldiers: Researching Residents of the Leavenworth Penitentiary & The Old Soldiers Home.** Oct 24, 1:00 pm by Tim Rives

Everton October Research Retreat

The Everton October Research Retreat will be from October 20 through 27 at the Salt Lake City Family History Library. Participants stay in the 4-Star Wyndham Hotel located across the street from the Family History Library and spend the week at research in the library with help from skilled genealogists. For details, call 800-443-6325 or go to: www.everton.com

Sonoma Family History Fair

The Sonoma County (California) Genealogical Society and Family History Center will co-sponsor a Family History Fair on 26 October 2002. There are 16 classes available at no charge. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/prelim.htm

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference

The National Genealogical Society and Ohio Genealogical Society will hold a regional conference in Dublin, Ohio, on 9 November 2002. Four different tracks are offered relating to various genealogical research and Internet related topics. The featured speakers include Sheila Benedict, CCRS,

and Cyndi Howells. For more details, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org

German Heritage Conference

A German Heritage Conference is scheduled for Nov. 9, at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. The subjects will cover a mix of genealogy and history. Dan Heinemeier, the featured speaker, is the author of books (in English) about the history of several of the German duchies. The German Reformed Church founded the college Nov. 11, 1850.

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will feature Sharon DeBartolo Carmack in a seminar on 22 March 2003 at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California. For details, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/carmack.htm

Visit to Appalachia's Ancestral Homelands

The East Tennessee Historical Society 2003 tour on 12-26 May 2003 will include visits to Appalachian villages Dublin, Edinburgh, Belfast, and Shannon, the early home of settlers from Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. Beside the guided tours, there is ample free time to explore villages and sites on your own. For details, see the ETHS website at: www.east-tennessee-history.org

FGS Conference in 2003

The Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held in Orlando on 3-6 September 2003. Watch for more details.

GENTECH2004

GENTECH2003 has been cancelled. With the NGS/GENTECH merger now completed, the planned GENTECH2003 conference to be held in Phoenix in January became a financial concern. Conferences this year have not been well-attended. The National Genealogical Society and the St. Louis Genealogical Society have begun planning GENTECH 2004 conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri in early 2004. Watch for further details.

Classroom Videos for Sale

The video of the Kory Meyerink Seminar, *Tracing German Ancestors Through America To Their Ancestral Home and Beyond*, can now be ordered. The cost is \$20. If a copy of the syllabus is wanted, the cost will be an additional \$7.

The syllabus is 64 pages and includes an extensive list of sources for research on immigrants to America and German-American families.

The following videos are also available and can be ordered by mail or through our Web site at www.svpafug.org

- 210 British Isles Research (John Gleed 3/13 1999) 100 minutes Research sources and strategies for ancestors from the British Isles (\$12)
- 211 US Military Records (John Gleed 3/13 1999) 53 minutes Research strategy for individuals who fought in military campaigns for the US (\$12)
- 212 Better Internet Search Techniques (Barbara Renick 11/14/1998) 68 minutes Basic techniques to use the Internet effectively for beginners and Internet users who want to improve (\$12)
- 213 Family Search Data Indexes (Lynn Melville 6/12/1999) 73 minutes The use of the Family Search CD-ROM indexes for those getting started using Family Search (\$12)
- 214 Using US Census Records (Helen Crisman 2/12/1999) 95 minutes How to find ancestors, information which can be gleaned, and some tips for keeping records (\$12)
- 215 Adding Graphics to Your Family History (Leslie Kippel 5/10/1999) 85 minutes How to create beautiful family history books with photographs and clip art (\$12)
- 216 Civil War Research (Grace Marie Hackwell 9/11/1999) 117 minutes A discussion of all the Civil War records available for genealogical information and to learn what an ancestor did during the Civil War (\$12)
- 221 Seminar: Internet Research in the US and British Isles (Alan Mann 3/11/2000) 204 minutes (\$20)
- 303 Finding Obscure Places Using Web Sites (Buck Lyons, Sep 2000) 100 minutes: a fascinating look at using global positioning for family history including hardware and software needed; finding and getting to places such as cemeteries, obscure places and historical sites; finding maps and marking locations.; and documentation with global coordinates (\$12)
- 304 Documentation Guidelines (Richard Rands, Aug 2000) 90 minutes: a detailed look at the SV-PAF-UG book, "Family History Documentation Guidelines" and how to use the book for better documentation (\$12)
- 305 Without a Will There's Still a Way, (Judy Svoboda, May 2000) 114 minutes: a thorough look at probate records and how to use them in genealogy research with emphasis on the hard cases where the deceased did not leave a will. (\$12)
- 306 Barbara Renick Seminar March 10 How to do family history research and be successful at it (\$20)
- 307 Contacting Distant Relatives in Norway and Sweden and Exchanging Family History Data by (Einar Bergstead 11 Nov 2000) A success story about contacting relatives abroad to exchange family history information (\$12)
- 308 Introduction to PAF 5.0 by Richard Rands 10 Feb 2001(\$12)
- 309 Getting the most from U.S. Census (Helen Crisman, September 2001) A look the soon-to-be-released 1930 census and overcoming the problems of finding your family (\$12)
- 310 Using Multimedia with PAF (Janet Brigham, August 2001) A look at the multimedia capability of the PAF (\$12)
- 311 Editing Scanned Photos (Janet Brigham, May 2001) How to remove damage due to dirt scratches, aging and correct for poor lighting (\$12)
- 312 Locating Hard-to-find Ancestors (Karen Clifford, Oct 2001) Family history research advice from a professional genealogist (\$20)
- 313 How to Become a Family History Author (Darlene Robison, November 2001) Tips on writing your family history from a member and family history teacher in the LDS Church (\$12)
- 314 Tracing German Ancestors Through America to their Ancestral Home and Beyond, Kory Meyerink (\$20)

Soon to be released:

- 315 PAF for Palm, Janet Brigham Rands (\$12)
 316 Getting Started With PAF, Richard Rands (\$12)
 317 Desktop and Genealogical File Management, Buck Lyons (\$12)



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Personal Ancestral File 2.3.1 Macintosh (diskette or CD version)	\$10
Personal Ancestral File 3.01M MS-DOS (diskette version)	\$15
Personal Ancestral File 4.0.4 Windows (CD version)	\$6
Personal Ancestral File 5.1 Windows (CD version)	\$6
Personal Ancestral File Companion 5.0 Windows (CD version)	\$13.50
Personal Ancestral File 4.04 and 5.1 downloaded from www.FamilySearch.org	free

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<i>PAFinder</i> back issues if available, per issue	\$1 (order by mail or purchase at meetings)
Videos of classes	see www.svpafug.org for titles and prices
<i>Family History Documentation Guidelines</i>	\$10 (see www.svpafug.org for volume price)