

e-PAFinder

Repairing Bad Linkages in PAF5

By Richard Rands

It will usually happen when you have been working merrily along entering new families, merging duplicates, or linking family lines. All of a sudden you discover that someone has two sets of parents, or you have children linked to the wrong parents, or you have someone married to the wrong person. There is no end to the possibilities for incorrect linkages in a database with tree structures such as PAF.

The most common problems are usually cases where someone is linked to two sets of parents, or someone is linked to two separate marriages with one of the spouses listed as Unknown. In most cases, undoing the bad connection is fairly easy, but you need to be careful or else you might end up making matters worse.

Multiple Parents

If you have discovered an unexpected "Other Parents" button appearing above the father position on the Family screen, this means that you have somehow managed to link the person in the Principal position to two separate marriages. There are legitimate reasons for the "Other Parents" button to appear, such as having both biological and adoptive parents in your database. But if you have two sets of parents when there should only be one, you will need to unlink the erroneous parental link.

Such a linkage is easily undone by clicking on the "Other Parents" button to display the Parents window. You will be able to select the incorrect set of parents and click on the "Unlink" button to remove the bad linkage. It will always be a good idea to check the possibility that other siblings may be linked to the incorrect parents as well.

Unknown Spouse

If you merge two individuals who are each linked to spouses, and then delete one of the spouse's records rather than merging the two spouse's records, you will end up with someone with two marriages, but one of them will be to a record shown as Unknown." You will

not be able delete the Unknown individual record. In order to eliminate the unnecessary marriage link, you must double click on the marriage box between the Principal person and the spouse. When the Edit Marriage window pops up, you can click on the Delete button to eliminate the marriage record. When deleting an individual who is linked to a marriage, it is always best to delete the marriage before you delete the individual. Of course, there are legitimate cases where a spouse is truly unknown and it is normal to have a marriage record with an Unknown spouse.

Children linked to the wrong family

When merging individuals who are part of a family, you must take care to merge everyone who are duplicates, including the children. If you merge the parents without merging the duplicate children, you will end up with a family having up to twice as many children as they should. To be safe, you should merge the duplicate children rather than deleting the duplicates. If you delete them, you may lose vital data about the individual, or you may leave descendents of the children without parents. When deleting an individual record, always be sure you have checked for any possible linkages for that record and deal with the linkages first.

If you do end up with children linked to the wrong family, unlink them one at a time while making note of the RIN numbers. Then add them to the correct family by selecting the existing RIN number. Do not delete them with plans to re-add them back.

If you add a child to an individual before you add the spouse, PAF will automatically generate a marriage record with an Unknown spouse. If you try to delete the marriage record, you will unlink the child at the same time, leaving the child's record unlinked to anyone. It is necessary to leave the

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Guide for Swedish Genealogists

By Allin Kingsvury

The Family History Library has a new 20-page guide for Swedish genealogists, which is part of a new series called *Finding Records of Your Ancestors*. It is part 1 of a two-part Swedish workbook which includes of step- by-step instructions on finding and using Swedish records, maps, historical timelines, naming customs and tips on using the Family History Library catalog. Records from 1860 to 1920 are discussed in part 1. The second part will be released next year, and will cover additional time periods and research strategies. *Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A Sweden* costs \$3.25 can be ordered by phone at (800) 537-5971 or on the Web at:

<http://www.familysearch.org>

Additional guides in this series are planned for publication later this year, and will include the British Isles, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Spain and Switzerland. A guide to Danish research was released by the Salt Lake Family History Library earlier this year.

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Family History Writing Contest

Remember: the grand prize is \$250 and the deadline is the November 2002 meeting. Get the rules and entry form at a meeting or on the Web site.

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unknown spouse's record in order to maintain the parent-child linkage.

PAF is very good about controlling the kinds of links you can make, and those you can undo. If you are struggling to fix a bad linkage, you should first clear up any family links or marriage links, and then deal with the individual records. You can use the Edit menu at the top of the screen, or you can double click on the box that contains the marriage or the individual record, or you can right click on the box and chose the edit option.

Book Review:

Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs

By Allin Kingsbury

Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs by Maureen Taylor is a book about identifying, analyzing and preserving the old family photographs. It addresses the problems and procedures for dating photographs and identifying the individuals in the pictures. The detective work can be difficult but rewarding as you find when electric wires were first installed, when streets were paved, when signs were erected, when the clothing fashions and hair styles in the picture were in vogue. The author has included some fascinating examples of pictures that she has analyzed, which in one case, corrected an erroneous identification of the person in the picture.

The process of analyzing a picture requires information about the contents of the picture. The author discusses procedures and sources which will help get the information that you need for thorough analysis. There appendices which list addresses of organizations and worksheets to help in the analysis. The appendices also include a bibliography about old photographs and a list of lectures (available on tape) about the subjects covered in the book. The book also has a 5-page index to find specific information in the book.

The book also includes a detailed history of photography and a discussion of the different techniques used to produce photographs. A detailed

timeline of the history of photography is very helpful in dating very old pictures. The history of fashions for both men and women is also discussed as a tool for analysis in dating photographs. Detailed timelines of fashions for men and women make it easy to find the time period of the picture.

Maureen Taylor, the author of the book, is a genealogist and photo-historian. She is the author of three books including *Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors*. She has written articles for *Rhode Island Roots*, *Rhode Island History*, *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, and *Daguerrian Annual*. She has also lectured at a genealogy and photographic conferences around the country.

Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs is published by Better Way Books and is a 145-page soft-cover book that sells for \$18.99. It can be ordered at your book store as ISBN number 1-55870-527-9.

Recently Published

Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents

Even the Germans have difficulty reading the old German handwriting. To help decipher the old documents, Robert P. Minert, Ph.D., A.G has written the book, *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents*.

The book contains a history of handwriting styles in Germany. He includes more than 150 examples to illustrate the different periods and styles. Many old German records include Latin and French text as well as German. The author explains his procedure for identifying the language and for translating the text.

Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents is 183 pages with index and is available from GRT Publications, 101 S. 1020 W., Woods Cross, UT 84087-2074. The soft cover edition sells for \$26.95 plus shipping.

Recordings of Past Genealogy Conferences

For less than the cost of flying to and attending a major genealogy conference, you can buy audio tapes of the conference and hear the same talks the attendees enjoyed. You can listen to these talks at your convenience and

repeat them as many times as needed to fully understand them. You can also share them with friends and family.

A company called Repeat Performance records lectures at major genealogy conferences and markets the audio tapes to both conference attendees and the general public. These cassette tapes sell for \$8.50 plus shipping. Most lectures are on a single cassette tape although a few longer lectures require a second tape.

Conference recordings include major events such as the U.S. National Genealogical Society conferences (since 1983) GENTECH (since 1995), and the Federation of Genealogical Society conferences (since 1985). Other conferences include those of the Michigan Genealogical Conference, the Allen County Public Library, International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, the Afro-American Historical Society, the Utah Genealogical Association, and the New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

Repeat Performance has a Web site at: www.audiotapes.com where you can browse the list of tapes and order tapes online.

The Pedigree Resource File Discs 36 through 40

The Family History Library is now shipping The Pedigree Resource File Discs 36 through 40. The set includes a new master index to all the Pedigree Resource File CD-ROM discs. You can order using a credit card on the Internet at: www.familysearch.com

Tracing the Evolution of the US Census

Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000 is a free 140-page publication about the US census from 1790 to the present day. It contains images or descriptions of the questionnaire and instructions to enumerators which were used in each census. The book illustrates the evolution of the census and discusses the historical significance of the information gathered. The book is a 15Mbyte file which can be read using Acrobat Reader. The book can be downloaded at: www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/po102-ma.pdf



Can You Have It All in One Palm OS Handheld Database?

Part 2 of a series by Janet Brigham Rands

In a perfect scenario, a handheld family history program would be as powerful and flexible as a desktop program, with more features than the typical user will ever discover. In real life, a handheld program is limited by the constraints of the handheld computer, and no single program does everything a user could want.

Two shareware programs, however, do two separate things quite well. Both **GedStar** (v. 4.3) and **My Roots** (v. 2.0) have useful features that fill in the gaps of **PAF for Palm** (reviewed in the previous issue of the *PAFinder*). **My Roots** works with Macintosh as well as PC--welcome news for Mac users. Both **GedStar** and **My Roots** import data from virtually any PC family history program that can export a GEDCOM 5.5 file, which is helpful to PAF users who have not upgraded to PAF 5. Both are reasonably priced.

Both import GEDCOM 5.5 files directly onto a Palm Operating System (Palm OS) handheld, including Palm, Handspring, Sony, IBM, Handera, and Symbol. For links to specific handhelds, see:

www.svpafug.org/palmrevw.html

Overcoming Limitations of PAF for Palm

Reasons for using handheld-based family history software are to have ready access to your database and to be able to note new information electronically without having to lug around a laptop computer. Toward this end, the free PAF for Palm software is easy to install, and its files are easy to generate and export. But PAF for Palm provides read-only access, it doesn't include source information, and it works only in PAF 5. **GedStar** and **My Roots** fill in these three gaps, although without the ease of installation of PAF for Palm, and with a more complicated file export system.

Both **GedStar** and **My Roots** require that a file be exported from a family history database into GEDCOM 5.5, and that the GEDCOM then be processed through a conversion utility. This two-step exporting system (not to mention the multi-step installation program) could hinder and confuse some users who do not work comfortably in a PC

Windows or Macintosh environment. For these users, PAF for Palm is a simpler solution.

GedStar. **GedStar** has a feature no other Palm OS program has: It imports source information exported from a family history program such as PAF. Not every scrap of information in a source entry is likely to be included, but source details, citation details, and actual text are among the included fields.

GedStar is so similar to PAF for Palm in design and navigation that it appears more like a sibling than a kissin' cousin. But before you take either PAF for Palm or **GedStar** to the library or set off with it on a family history trip, you'll need to spend an hour or so learning its navigational twists and turns. Combining its documentation with our PAF for Palm tutorial

(www.svpafug.org/handhelds.html), particularly our schematic of how the various screens and features of PAF for Palm are linked, will help considerably. This schematic is now online, separate from the tutorial, at: www.svpafug.org/scheme.html

Even once you learn to navigate PAF for Palm and **GedStar**, you may find that you need to refresh your memory if more than a week or two has lapsed from the time you last used either program. Nonetheless, many of the excellent features of PAF for Palm also exist in **GedStar**, with some extra navigational links at the bottom of the **GedStar** screen that enhance the program's ease of use.

The list of updates in **GedStar**'s recent 4.3 release is impressive: sources and notes supported for most major life events, bookmarks so you can jump to specified individuals, improved HotSync database download time, easy database switching, inclusion of spouses on descendant trees, and an improved Search utility that allows searching by Record Identification Number (RIN; use the *Index number* search and make sure that no other information is filled in on the lines above). It also has an "on this day" feature to show events occurring on a given day. As developer Doug Gordon notes, "This was added just for fun."

It also has a soundex generator for expanded searching (but don't expect *humfree woodberry* to link you to *Humphrey Woodbury*). In any case, the Search function in **GedStar** works more consistently across various Palm OS versions than does the PAF for Palm search utility.

The **GedStar** documentation, which is overall useful, indicated that virtually any GEDCOM file ought to work with **GedStar**. However, files must be exported in GEDCOM 5.5 with ANSEL or ANSI standard. Although the documentation indicates that non-ANSEL characters will be imported even if they would not display incorrectly, I found that not specifying ANSEL or ANSI crashed the conversion utility program. Similarly, PAF 5 files cannot be exported to **GedStar**.

On the whole, **GedStar** is a highly useful program, with substantial enhancements over PAF for Palm. At \$12, it's a steal.

My Roots. **My Roots** is unique in that that you can enter information into your handheld database, select those records that contain new information, upload those records to a PC or Macintosh, and merge the data into your master database. However, as the user's guide states in bold letters, you can't just export data from your desktop, import it into your handheld, export it back out to a GEDCOM file, import it back into your desktop program, and expect your data to remain intact. That said, the user's guide then details ways that you can minimize, if not entirely eliminate, the likelihood of losing data. The keys to this are steps we all eventually, grudgingly learn: Back up your database before importing anything, and follow the instructions.

Honesty in software documentation is always appreciated. In this case, it helps us know what we can reasonably expect from the program, given the limitations of today's handheld computers. I consider the explicitness of the user's guide a strength, even if what it is detailing is the program's limitations.

Indeed, **My Roots** has many strengths. The greatest one is that nearly any version of family history software that

can export in GEDOM 5.5 format is compatible with My Roots, regardless of platform (i.e., PC or Macintosh). My Roots also provides charts of descendants and ancestors, accessible from the Person Detail view. You can move backward or forward through generations within these views, although only a key person and three generations show on the screen at once. Additionally, it provides 38 predefined Events fields (including such diverse fields as Marriage, Bar Mitzvah, Marriage Banns, and LDS ordinances) and allows creation of custom events. My Roots' filtering system allows you to work with small, manageable segments of a larger dataset, reducing the need to create multiple small datasets for ease of information management. Nonetheless, most users will find it preferable not to load large datasets, since a large dataset is likely to run slowly on a handheld. My Roots does not handle datasets of more than 10,000 entries.

The program is well documented, with a web-based printable user's guide. I encountered only one case in the user's guide where the author referred to a feature (the Records menu) that was mentioned before it was explained. Aside from such small issues, the manual was useful and well organized. Another of its virtues is that information you enter into My Roots on your handheld is automatically tagged, so that you can use the program's filter to export only entries with new information to your desktop or laptop computer. Don't expect the uploaded GEDCOM to merge seamlessly with PAF -- it is likely to require tinkering, just like merging any GEDCOM file usually requires tinkering. However, having the information in one electronic format makes it easier to move to another electronic format without significant re-entry of data.

My Roots is a relatively straightforward, easy-to-learn program. Its design is more intuitive than GedStar's, and it is easier to navigate. Of course, none of these handheld programs is as easy to navigate as PAF itself, because of the limitations of handhelds. Organizationally, My Roots is simpler than PAF for Palm and its well-dressed cousin GedStar, although by achieving simplicity, My Roots' developer introduced at least one limitation.

Because all three programs run on the Palm Operating System, all are limited to what Palm OS can do. All three share a capitalization problem inherent in Palm OS, namely, that you must change surnames to all-upper case (e.g., *JONES*) or to both upper and lower case (e.g., *Jones*) before exporting to your handheld, because the Palm OS alphabetizes all-caps and caps-and-lower-case names separately. It's unclear whether this is a bug or a feature, but it is a reality that the user must remember and must work around. An additional limitation unique to My Roots is the abbreviation of spouses' and children's names in the Person Detail view, which is also a sort of family-view screen. To reach this screen, you tap either the name or the date field in the opening List of People view. This brings up the Person Detail view, with the person whose name or dates was tapped now showing up in a parent position. On this screen, you can see parents' names, a popup list of siblings, and a list of events, including marriages and birth of children.

If a spouse's or child's name consumes too many characters for one line, the given name is truncated to a first initial. Accessing the full name of such involves tapping on the name to bring up that person's own screen. Then, to return to the screen on which that person appeared as a child or spouse, you have to tap on the name of the parent you were first looking at. Not so big a deal, you're thinking? Try doing it in a family of 14 children. Tap on the child's name. Tap on the parent's. Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap...28 times, twice for each child in the family. Actually, the problem isn't the tapping, it's the likelihood of tapping in the wrong place, because handheld screens are small. Tap in a wrong place and you suddenly can find yourself tapping on the PDA's calculator.

We can hope that the next version of the software will have a small but mighty change: In the Person Detail listing, children's surnames could be truncated to an initial, and the given name could be spelled out in full. Since it is less common for surnames to differ among children than for given names to differ, this one change would simplify the family listing and would reduce the chance of tapping the wrong space and losing one's place. Spouses' given names could remain truncated, since the spouse's surname is probably a more

significant bit of information than the spouse's given name. This would make the program considerably more user-friendly for databases containing families with lengthy surnames and numerous children. And in the case of multiple children and multiple spouses, the user need only tap-tap to see a child's full name.

The most recent release of My Roots has a variety of enhancements over the previous release. Now, the maximum number of descendants that can be displayed for any given individual has been raised from 50 to 100. Also, siblings are ordered by date of birth. The "fund person" function has been expanded beyond the List of People screen, and new children or siblings are automatically given the father's surname, if the father is known. The name can be changed as needed. One change that might not be as welcome as others is that when a person is identified as a wife or husband, the sex is automatically assigned. This inflexibility, also seen in PAF 5, makes it difficult to assign some parenting relationships, such as a child raised by two unmarried relatives of the same sex who lived together. While these situations are not common, they can be problematic in that they do not fit neatly into software the preassigns sexes to parental roles.

Overall, My Roots is a useful tool, particularly for those Macintosh users and non-PAF 5 users who are unable to take advantage of the free PAF for Palm. Its price is modest; its download and installation are relatively easy; and its documentation is more than sufficient. I particularly appreciated the user's guide's candor in detailing workarounds to circumvent the limitations of importing and exporting data.

Try Before You Buy

You can download and try out both GedStar and My Roots without registration, although not all features will work and the program's functionality may be time-limited. If you are not sure that the program will be compatible with your handheld or your desktop software, you may want to try out the unregistered copy first, then register it for full use later. In both programs, registration information is emailed to you once you pay for a copy of the software. As soon as you enter the registration code into the program

on your handheld, your copy of either program will be fully functional.

It is best to not expect any one handheld program to manage everything in your family history. One Palm OS program, **HandyTree**, attempts to do this, but the data are not readily importable or exportable in GEDCOM format. Additionally, the program requires installation of a Palm OS utility called **thinkDB2**, which alone costs twice what HandyTree costs, and (for full features) also requires a desktop-based utility that costs even more. HandyTree is not designed for those who already have family history databases, and by itself it is sufficient only for light-duty family history work..

If you plan to buy a handheld computer rather than a laptop so that you can have mobile access to your database, you probably will want to invest an additional \$40 to \$100 in a thumbboard or portable keyboard to facilitate information entry. Some handhelds come with a thumbboard or small keyboard.

Decisions, Decisions

Three useful programs, big decision. What's a user to do?

If you want simple installation and use, and if you can do without sources, PAF for Palm's the program for you. If having sources at your fingertips is important in your work, use GedStar. If you want easier navigation and data

entry directly into the program, use My Roots and upload the resulting GEDCOM.

Or use them all! You can create a GEDCOM 5.5 file that you can then convert separately with the GedStar and My Roots conversion utilities. When you're working in PAF 5 and want a quick handheld version of your data, you can do a quick export to PAF for Palm.

These programs can all reside compatibly side-by-side on your Palm OS handheld. Maybe you *can* have it all!

The final installment in this series will review family history programs for Windows CE/Pocket PC.

COMPARISON OF FEATURES			
	PAF for Palm	GedStar	My Roots
Requires GEDCOM 5.5	no	yes	yes
Works with Macintosh	no	no	yes
Allows direct entry of data into program	no	no	yes
Allows saving new information to Memo file	yes	yes	no
Allows use of expansion cards to house database	n/a	yes	yes
Includes Notes	yes	yes	yes
Includes Sources	no	yes	no
Cost	free	\$12	\$17.95
Website	www.familysearch.org	www.ghcssoftware.com	www.tapperware.com
RATINGS			
* = inadequate **=adequate ***=good ****=excellent *****=superb			
	PAF for Palm	GedStar	My Roots
Ease of Download and Installation	*****	***	**(program and conversion utility download separately)
Documentation	* (tutorial at our website www.svpafug.org/handhelds.html fills in most gaps)	****	****
Ease of Navigation	**	***	****
Overall usefulness	***	****	****

News of the Weird

3.6 Million Fake People in Turkish Census

To boost budgets, census enumerators counted at least 3.65 million non-existent people in a national census in the year 2000. Sefik Yildizeli, the country's chief statistician, reported that the discrepancy has been verified and

the national population of 64,059,000 is considerably lower. The temptation to cheat was too much for local officials who are allocated budgets based on population. Statisticians are now working to strip the non-existent people from the census data and revise the population figures.

Before you laugh and say it could not happen here, be aware that a friend found her family twice in the Illinois 1850 census where enumerators were paid by the number of people they recorded. To hide the fraud, the enumerator had slightly altered the names and ages of the children.

Ask Dr. PAF

"I Give No Answers Before Their Time!"

by Dr. Cornelius D. PAF

Q. I changed my font sizes and decided I prefer the original sizes but I don't remember what sizes to enter to change them back. What can I do?

A. Choose "Preferences" from the "Tools" menu, and click on the "Fonts" tab. Click on "Defaults" near the bottom of the box and your font sizes will be returned to the original sizes.

Q. I carefully entered source citations for my ancestors but I can't find them when I try to look at them. Nothing shows when I click on the "yellow book" icon on the "Individual Edit" screen. What did I do wrong?

A. There are two steps for entering a new source citation. You have to create the source citation and usually the citation detail; then you have to "Select" it to be attached to an individual or a marriage record. Remember that you create a citation for a source only once and use it every time it is needed.

Remember the steps for entering a source citation. Click on the "S" found in the right of an event field, or click on the "Individual Sources" or "Family Sources" and the "Select Source" window appears. If you are reusing a source citation, highlight the appropriate citation and click on "Select." If you are creating a new citation, click on "New" and enter your description of the source and the citation detail. When you click "OK" the source description has been included on the Source List, but it has not been attached to a record. You still have to "Select" it. The Source Citation that you just entered will probably be highlighted at the top of the Source List, but verify that before you hit the "Select" button.

You can verify that your citation is connected to your record. For an event, the "S" will include an asterisk. If the citation was for an individual or a family source, an asterisk will appear on the appropriate button. You can also find all the sources that apply to an individual by looking in the "yellow book" in the "Individual Edit" screen,

and the "Marriage Edit" screen.

Q. I can't print a Family Group Record, but I can see the preview.

A. Previously did you choose to print a record to file and clicked on the "Print to File" box in the "Reports and Charts" window. The check stays there until you remove it and the report won't be sent to the printer until you do removed the check.

Q. I can't print a Family Group Record. I get the message that no data is available.

A. Look at the Family Group Record print screen. Is the "Use List" box checked. It is just above the "Search" button. When that box is checked you enter an MRIN, or a list of MRINs to be printed. When you want to choose a Family Group Record by a name, highlight the name and be sure the "Use List" box is unchecked. Also, be sure to choose whether you want the highlighted person to be a child or a parent in the family group record you print. Otherwise that can be a surprise too.

Q. I want to print 7 generations of my pedigree. Can I do that without printing each page separately?

A. Use the "Cascading Pedigree" chart. You choose the number of generations on a page. You also choose the chart numbering system: "Fixed" skips numbers when there is no information to extend the pedigree to the next page to save the number for when you do find information; "Sequential" assigns the continuation numbers as they are needed to refer to the page where the pedigree for a person is continued.

You can print only a part of a Cascading Pedigree by choosing the pages to print from the printer screen.

Tip: If you don't want to print your entire pedigree chart, you will not end with some empty generations on a sheet if you remember that with 4 generations on a page, 3 generations are added on each successive page, so you can ask for 7, 10, 13, etc. and fill each page (when you have the data to do so). With 5 generations a page, 4 generations are added, so ask for 9, 13, 17, etc. and with 6 generations a page, ask for 11, 16, or

21 generations.

Q. How can I print all the family group records for the persons on my pedigree chart. The Cascading Pedigree does not give me that choice.

A. In PAF 5, you choose Cascading Family Group Records to get that result. Remember that this includes only the couples on the pedigree chart. To get family group records for spouses not on the pedigree chart, you must enter them individually, or use the list and request them by MRIN.

Notice that when you choose the number of generations to print, you also choose whether these are "up" or "down" so can have both ancestors and descendants.

Finding Living Individuals

By Allin Kingsbury

The Internet is a great source of information about ancestors who are long dead. Living relatives are protected by the rights of privacy and are usually excluded from most family history sites. However there are a few sites that are helpful in finding these relatives while they are yet living. The mobility people have today often makes it difficult to find members of a family who have been become separated from their family through divorce, death of parents, or other circumstances. Often a person will move and not leave a forwarding address. To get online help in locating people, you can use a people search engine. You can enter the person's name and city where you think the person is living. The search will provide a street address, phone number, and occasionally an e-mail address. A few of the people search engines are:

555-1212.com
<http://www.555-1212.com>

Bigfoot

<http://www.bigfoot.com>

Internet Address Finder

<http://www.iaf.net>

Switchboard.com

<http://www.switchboard.com>

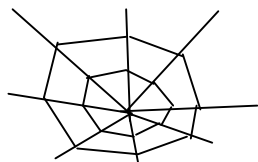
Who, Where?

<http://www.whowhere.lycos.com>

Yahoo People Search

<http://people.yahoo.com>

Spider Webs



The Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

A project by The Newberry Library of Chicago has produced *The Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, released in several books and on a Web site. The printed and online atlas documents every change in boundary and name changes for every county in the United States. Also the creation of counties from previously unorganized territory is also documented. The atlas even lists unsuccessful proposed counties which were scrapped along the way. Work on this project is not complete, but you can see the results to date at: www.newberry.org/ahcbp

The Scottish Archive Network

The Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) now has the complete index for all the registers of Scottish wills. This index is available free of charge on the Web. The digital images of these wills are being made available for purchase as part of a project due for completion in 2003. The project currently has three archivists from the National Archives of Scotland (NAS), two conservators, and 11 volunteers from the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU).

The site has two search options: a simple search by first and last name, and an advanced search which includes first and last names, title or occupation or place, and beginning date and ending date. As the document images become available online, you will be able to enter a credit card number and then view the images. Currently, the information in the index is helpful, and includes where to find the document on microfilm.

You can visit the Scottish Archive Network Web site at: www.scottishdocuments.com

PastPlaces

PastPlaces is a new repository for information, images and video clips of places and people. The creators of the site hope to get many of the millions of old photographs now in albums, draws

and attics around the world, which illustrate places, events and people. The memories of homes, streets, towns, and cities, friends, family and neighbors can be shared with a wide audience. The site may already have places and events that you need for your family history. Go to: www.pastplaces.com

Yale University Map Collection

The Yale Map Collection is one of the largest university collections in the United States. It has more than 200,000 map sheets, 3,000 atlases, and 900 reference books. Many of these cover New England and other states, but there are many maps of foreign countries. There are approximately 15,000 rare (pre-1850) sheet maps. When appropriate, these maps make excellent illustrations for a family history publication.

A small selection of these maps are now online. These include a few of the larger cities such as New York, Boston and Detroit made in their early history. Others include some of the early historical maps used of made by the explorers and adventurers who sailed the seas. Many of these maps were made in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

A search engine for the map collection is available on the Web site. I searched for a map for the town in Connecticut where my ancestors lived. The search engine found two sources, but neither was online. One source was the Sanborne fire insurance maps from the late 1800s which show individual homes and business structures. The library does have a photocopy machine which can make black and white copies up to 36" x 48" in size. Maps in bound volumes may be copied on a standard photocopier at the discretion of the curator. You will need to contact the library to arrange for copies to be made.

To visit the Yale Map Collection site, go to: <http://www.library.yale.edu/MapColl/index.html>

A Map of Any Town in the World

Maporama can provide you a street map of any city or town in the world and directions on how to get there from any other city. Although these are current maps, they may be what the family historian wants to mark locations of ancestors for whom the address is known. Current maps can also be

helpful in finding the locations of homes of ancestors who lived in rural areas. To use the site, you must register, but the registration is free. They do not tell you what they will do with the information that you supply when you register. To visit the site, go to: www.maporama.com

Early Maps of Scotland

A collection containing about 300 items with maps of Scotland for the first two centuries of existence apart from England. The collection includes the first engraved map of Scotland during the 1560s, the first atlas of Scotland in 1654, and the earliest Scottish town plans from the 1580s. Also included are early Dutch sea-charts, and later surveys of Greenville Collins and John Adair in the 1680s and 1690s. As time passed, there is visible change include the general improvement in the topographic accuracy of the maps, and the rise and fall of particular places, regions and features. In 1746, the English army found itself embarrassed for the want of a proper survey, and accurate maps of the country. This led to William Roy's military survey of Scotland from 1747 to 1755. Roy's map is now in the British Library, but photographic copies of it are in the Map Library of the National Library of Scotland. To visit the site, go to: <http://www.nls.uk/maps/>

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PAF 4 & 5 Classes

- ◆ Setting PAF Preferences
- ◆ Creating a Website from PAF

Macintosh Class

- ◆ PAF Extras on a Mac

General Classes

- ◆ Getting Started Using a Computer
- ◆ Updates on Using the Documentation Guidelines
- ◆ Social Security on the Internet
- ◆ Questions and Answers



Spiderwebs

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Revolutionary War Ancestor Look-Up

If you have an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, you may be able to get help from the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR Web site at <http://www.dar.org> has a DAR Patriot Lookup Service. To use the service, you fill out a request form, where you name the ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, and someone at the DAR will check their database to see if a member has joined the DAR using the service record of the ancestor. A response will come in about a week. If you are lucky and someone has joined the DAR because of that ancestor, not only will it make joining the DAR easier for qualified family members, but the genealogy information submitted in the application of the DAR member can help you with source information for your family history research.

Slaves and the Courts

The Library of Congress has added a new section to their Web site called *Slaves and the Courts, 1740-1860*. This collection has about one hundred pamphlets and books documenting the experiences of African and African-American slaves in the United States and American colonies. The materials include trial arguments, examinations of cases and decisions, proceedings, and other materials about slavery and the slave trade. The collection has a subject index, an author index, and a title index, which can be used online to find a specific document. The collection can also be searched by keyword. All items in the collection are available as page images, and most pages are fully transcribed and available online.

To visit this new resource, go to: www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/sthtml/

Which Scanner?

A flatbed scanner is an excellent PC accessory for the family historian. Digital storage of documents is both less expensive and more compact than storing copies on paper. Digital images, if converted from obsolete media will

never deteriorate in quality. The family historian can touch up faded family photographs and make inexpensive digital copies of valuable family photographs which can be printed or distributed by e-mail. He or she can add images to the source citations in a genealogy database.

PC Magazine has an excellent comparison of the leading scanners now on the market. The comparisons include a list of statistics, prices, and an evaluation of image quality by the PC Magazine editorial staff. The scanners which were reviewed varied in price from \$79.95 to \$3,269.99.

To see the scanner review, go to: <http://www.pcmag.com/article/0,2997,s=1480&a=25240,00.asp>

Boyd's Marriage Index Web Site Update

More than a million names have been added to the EnglishOrigins Web site bringing the total to over 3.5 million names. The additions include:

Devon (335,869)
Lancashire (521,656)
Durham (231,278)
Northumberland (249,140)

To visit the site, go to: www.englishorigins.com/bmi-details.html.

World History Compass

World History Compass is a free service which provides links to history sites anywhere in the world. The site may not have links to all history sites, but they do have an interesting mix. Many of these sites could be of interest to family historians. A simple search engine at the site can look for words or phrases. There is also an index arranged by location and by subject which can be browsed. Some of the sites listed include:

The Chinese Empire
From the Great Unification through the Yuan Dynasty

Montana History Resources
A list of resources from Montana State University - Billings

U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office

The Historian's office maintains a collection consists of approximately 500,000 unique and accessible images and a much smaller number of documents. The office is also responsible for managing the Coast Guard's artifact collection and the service's museum at the Coast Guard Academy.

Statistical Accounts of Scotland - EDINA

The two Statistical Accounts of Scotland, covering the 1790s and the 1830s, are among the best contemporary reports of life during the agricultural and industrial revolutions in Europe.

Idaho State Historical Society

The Oregon Trail in Idaho, timeline, library and archives

Tennessee History and Genealogy

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Royals, Database of the Al Saud

Royals is the comprehensive source for biographic and genealogical information on the Saudi Arabian Royal family.

To visit the site, go to: www.worldhistorycompass.com

New Jersey State Library

The New Jersey State Library is publishing books on their Web site which are unique and of interest to patrons. For the family historian, many of the books that have seen better days because of heavy usage are candidates for scanning for the Web site. The book, *Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, 1861-1865* is of interest to genealogists and is now on the Web site. Others are expected to follow. The search engine is much better than using an index or table of contents. The full Boolean search includes wildcards, searching for a word within a specified proximity to another, adjacent words, and other advanced search options. To view the site, go to: www.njstatelib.org/plweb/operat.html.

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Lectures

The "Virtual Lecture" series, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, was very successful and is being expanded. These online lectures bring you genealogy experts in the comfort of your home, complete with questions and answers. For information on schedule and topics, go to:

www.genealogy.about.com/mpchat.htm

Recently Published

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British Isles Data CD-ROMs

S&N Genealogy Supplies, a British vendor of U.K. genealogy data, has selected Heritage Quest to sell these disks to North American customers. One popular product, for example, is the Lancashire 1891 Census which contains digitized images and fills thirty-eight CD-ROM or three DVD disks and sells for \$79. Watch for the S&N products on the Heritage Quest Web site at: www.heritagequest.com/

Family Toolbox CD-ROMs

Family Toolbox has released three new CD-ROM disks for family historians:

- Index to Naturalization Records of the U.S. Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, 1802-1909
- U.S. Federal Index for Illinois Territory, 1810
- Record Cards of Letter Carriers Separated from the Postal Service, 1863-1899

The FamilyToolbox disks work with Windows, Macintosh, or Linux. For more information, go to: www.DigiSources.com

1066 and the Norman Conquest

Many family historians have traced their ancestors back to William the Conqueror or other Norman families who came to England after the Norman conquest. A CD-ROM called *1066 & The Norman Conquest* tells the historical events leading up to the invasion and conquest. The conquest

significantly changed England, and affected the English monarchy, English society, and the English language for ten centuries. The CD is filled with stories and anecdotes to enhance the historical narrative. There are many drawings, photographs, animations, sound, and video clips.

The book is written by Geoff Boxell, with help and co-operation from Regia Anglorum and Da Englisca Gesiðas. It is an educational CD-ROM written to meet the requirements of the Department for Education and Employment for the English National Curriculum. It can also be used for General Certificate of Secondary Education studies. The book will interest history students worldwide as well as many family historians. The CD-ROM can be read with Adobe Acrobat Reader or with a Web browser. The CD-ROM disk runs on either Windows and Macintosh. It is available for \$15 and can be ordered by e-mail at: jangow@beehivebooks.co.nz or from Wendlewulf Productions, 60 Oliver Street, Kihikihi, 2430, New Zealand.

Software of Interest

TimeLine Maker

Progeny Software is offering a free timeline program called TimeLine Maker. It is a general timeline program for use by historians, students, and others who need a timeline to see the timing and relationship of events. It is a much different program than GeneLines, a program offered by the same company, which creates timelines for family history. TimeLine Maker does not handle GEDCOM files. Data is entered by hand. However, it generates some beautiful reports in black and white or in color. Currently the program is free but with added features, it may become go up in price. To download the program or for more information, go to: www.progenysoftware.com

RootsMate

FormalSoft, a small company owned by Bruce Buzbee, has announced a full-featured genealogy program called RootsMate. Bruce is the author of Family Origins, a popular genealogy program originally sold by Parsons Technology, and later acquired by Genealogy.com. The Genealogy.com Web site now advertises Family Tree Maker and does not mention the Family Origins program. RootsMate is now in alpha test and not all the features are part of the program. When the program is complete, a group of beta testers will test it for bugs. For more information you can visit the Web site at:

www.rootsmate.com

Charting Companion

Progeny Software has released version 2.0 of Charting Companion for use with Legacy, Ancestral Quest and Ancestry Family Tree. The program expands the chart options for these programs. The program produces ancestor, descendant, fan and hourglass charts, plus the bow tie chart, a recent development of Progeny Software. The bow tie chart starts in the center with pedigree charts of the mother on the left and the father on the right. The price is \$19.95 to download the program or \$24.95 for the program on a CR-ROM. For more information about the program or to order, go to:

www.progenysoftware.com



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)
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- 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)
- Soon to be released:
- 314 Tracing German Ancestors Through America to their Ancestral Home and Beyond, Kory Meyerink (\$20)
- 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 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)