



Backing Up Your Computer Data

By Ray Froess

Why Back Up?

Years ago, I started having problems booting up my work computer. One morning, before it got too bad, I decided to backup my data – but that was the morning it wouldn't boot up. It took me most of a week to rebuild my system and recover most – but not all – my data. I lost a several more days recreating some files. Incidentally this was only a 10MB hard drive!

Another time, a "helpful" tech support person suggested some changes that trashed my operating system. Fortunately, this time I had a recent backup copy of my whole system on a separate hard disk. I swapped the hard drives then copied my latest documents from the corrupted drive. This whole process took a few hours and I lost nothing.

If something happened to your computer, could you replace your data? Most of us have been lucky so far but there are many ways to lose your data. For example, there are malicious viruses, hardware failures, software that goes errant, or you simply make a mistake. Other possibilities are your children, a fire, or even theft of your computer.

What Should I Back Up?

You say, "I have my program disks. So all I need to backup is my data." It's true that you can reinstall the programs. But maybe you only kept the program's latest update and forgot you'll need the previous version for verification. Remember all those updates you downloaded and installed? How long will it take you to configure each program's preferences? How did you organize your shortcuts? Do you remember your Internet connection settings and passwords? Do you have the drivers for your monitor, printer, scanner, modem, etc?

Let's talk about data. For a PC, most of your data is in "My Documents" but many programs store data elsewhere. Where are your browser's bookmarks

and cookies? Do you know where your email address book and correspondence is stored? Where are your fonts and word processor's supplemental dictionary? How did you arrange your "My Documents" folders and what were their names?

How Often Should You Back Up?

Statistically, you should back up when the time it takes to back up is less than the time it would take to restore your computer multiplied by the probability of losing your data. Forgetting this logic, I back up my whole drive about once a month. I also backup my email (Outlook's .pst file) and my Quicken financial data every few weeks.

Of course you want your backup as recent as possible. Backing up is an inconvenience. If it's difficult and takes a long time, you'll naturally postpone it. So the goal is to make it easy and fast.

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Creating a Web Site with PAF 5

By Janet Brigham Rands

You can create a Web site from your PAF 5 database and upload it to the Web, even if you do not know how to program or "code" the text and graphics. By following a series of comparatively simple steps, you can share your information with the world.

First, clean up any entries, sources, and notes in your database, and attach multimedia files, primarily low-resolution digital images.

Next, create a copy of your database, from which you will create your Web site. You might need to make some text changes that you will not want in your master database.

Start your Web site by selecting "Create a Web page" from the "Tools" pull-down menu.

Many Choices

Your first decision is whether you want a chart of (a) Ancestors, which starts with you or someone current and goes back for a number of generations, (b) Descendants, which starts with someone generations back and shows that individual's descendants, or (c) a chart of Selected Individuals.

The "Notes and Sources" section gives you several options for including notes and sources in your Web site. It is good to include the documented sources of your information, whether these are sources other people will be able to access or whether you are providing information that other people could not obtain, such as information in a family Bible in your possession.

In the "Multimedia" and "Other Options" section, you can choose to include multimedia, including digitized images, audio files, and video files. Be sure that the paths are correct for any multimedia files you link to.

Next, you should select whether to include GEDCOM file of the portion of your database that will be on your Web site. Some Web site hosting

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What Methods Are There To Back Up?

There are several considerations: capacity, speed, difficulty, reliability, cost, etc. The capacity you need depends mainly upon you. First decide if you want to back up your whole system (programs) or just your data.

For a PC, here's how to determine how much capacity you need. Put your mouse pointer on a folder, click your right-mouse button, scroll down to properties, and left-click it. The dialog box will tell you contents of the folder.

To back up my whole system, I looked at my C drive and it has 18GB (1,800MB) of files. To only back up my data, I right-clicked the "My Documents" folder. It has 2GB of data in 700 folders containing 9,000 files. Take a look at your computer to learn what your drive(s) contain. Then decide if you want to back up your whole drive or just your data files. (Remember that some of your data is outside your "My Documents" folder.)

Let's look at different media to use for backing up. Technology is rapidly changing and individual components vary widely in price and performance. So use the following information as a guide:

- **Hard disk** – These are the fastest if installed internally. Mine copies at 900MB/minute so I can copy my whole drive in ½ hour unattended. Bare drives of around 80MB capacity cost about \$100 and aren't difficult to install if your computer case has room. They are easy to use and very reliable.
- **Writeable CD and DVDs** – Writeable CD drives cost about \$100. Writeable disks are under \$1 and hold about 700MB. Although copying is slower, about 60MB/minute, you can

make multiple backups. (1X = 150KB/s) Writeable DVD drives cost several hundred dollars but have capacity of 4.8GB. Media is more expensive and recording is slower than the CD.

- **Tape** – Tape drives have lost popularity for personal use. They cost about the same as a CD drive, copying is slower, tapes are more expensive, accessing backed up files is tedious, and tape is only useful for back up. I used to use tape but as data grew to 2GB, it took overnight to back up so I just stopped using it.
- **Zip and Floppy disk** – USB connected external 250MB ZIP disks drives cost around \$150. Disks cost about \$12. Zip disks are ok but I think a writeable CD drive is a better choice. (There is a new 750MB drive for \$180.) Years ago, floppy disks were used for backup. But a 3 ½" floppy only holds 1.4MB so for any recent computer, its way too small.
- **Network solutions** – If you have a local area network, which is getting fairly common these days, you can back up to another computer. You can also upload your files to a Web site that provides backup service, but because of the large amount of data, you'll need a high-speed connection (cable or DSL).

So how do you decide? If you plan to back up your whole system or have a lot of data, I think the choices narrows down to either a hard drive, writeable CD, or writeable DVD drive. The hard drive is faster and more reliable. But once it's full you have to overwrite your old back ups. On the other hand, each CD or DVD has less capacity so you may require multiple disks and you have to baby sit your computer to change them. But you have the advantage of keeping an archive of back up copies.

It's always a good idea to store your back up copy away from your computer

in case of fire or theft. Rather than leave my back up hard drive installed in my computer, I purchased a removable tray system for \$12. My back up hard drive is in this tray. I plug it into the computer, make my backup, then unplug it and store it in my safe.

Back Up Software

If you choose to back up your whole drive, you have to use imaging software to copy all the files and put them in the correct locations on the hard disk. Two popular choices are Symantec's Norton Ghost and Power Quest's Drive Image (both about \$70). Both are easy to use and can be configured to automatically copy. (You don't want to make the mistake of copying your back up to your computer.)

File Compression

Data files such as word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and bit-mapped images can be compressed to about 40% making your back up file sizes much smaller. Also you'd like to package a group of files and maintain their folder structure.

Both of these objectives are obtained using a "zip" or "stuffit" utility program. Just drag and drop your files or folders into the program and they'll automatically create a single compressed file. These are shareware with zip being the preferred format for a PC and stuffit for the Mac. (Please purchase your shareware if you find it useful. It's only about \$30 and keeps the companies in business.) You'll find these programs great for emailing files as the smaller file transfer faster and usually solves incompatibility between AOL and other email programs. See footnotes for suggestions to find these programs.

Be aware that most graphic files such as .jpg and .gif are already highly compressed so these programs won't make them much smaller.

Selecting Files to Back Up

If you back up your whole hard drive, you don't need to worry about which files to back up. But if you want to back up just your data, then you need to know where it is located. You specify some of the locations such as where you keep your work processing documents and your genealogy data. But other files locations can be hard

Device	Drive Cost (Sept 2002)	Media Cost (Sept 2002)	Capacity Gigabytes	Record Speed Megabytes/min
Hard Drive	\$70 - \$290	N/A	40 - 160	300 - 900
CD - RW	\$70 - \$200	\$0.60 - \$1.70	0.70	140
DVD - RW	\$350 - \$500	\$6 - \$25	4.7 - 9.4	166
Tape	\$370 - \$4,600	\$6 - \$100	8 - 280	240 - 1,600
Zip disk	\$70 - 180	\$10 - \$100	0.1 - 0.75	36 - 144

to find.

As mentioned earlier, your email and browser data is probably buried in your computer somewhere. In a PC, a lot of settings are kept in the registry. One technique I use to find a data file is to make a change to it, such as editing an email address. Then I search the hard disk for files that have the most recent time stamps. Another place to look is the location where the program is stored. But frankly, I've pretty much given up trying to back up just my data files as it's impossible to find all of them. For me, I back up the whole drive. This solution isn't perfect but it's the best I've found.

Instead of back up all the files every time, you can select just the changed files. This is called incremental back up. In the PC, there's an "archive" bit associated with each file. When you create a file or change it, this bit is set. Some backup programs then reset this bit when they copy the file. This way the program knows if it should copy a file or skip it because it has a copy from a previous back up. Mac users will have to install a program like Retrospect to do incremental backup. However, when you restore you often have to start with the full copy then resort each incremental back up consecutively.

When and How to Restore

If the computer won't run, perhaps an expert can solve the problem. If they can't and the hardware is OK, then hopefully you have your whole system backed up and can therefore restore it. Otherwise, you'll have to reinstall the operating system and all the programs. If you have your data backed up, then it can be restored.

If a specific program won't run properly, see if it has a repair option. (Most Microsoft programs have this feature.) If not, it's far safer to reinstall the program from the original CD. If you attempt to restore it from a back up, you may miss files or create a mismatch in your system software.

Generally, data files are easy to restore as you know their names and locations. If you accidentally deleted the file recently, you can usually recover it from the recycle bin. But if the file is corrupted, it's often safer to change its name (such as add "bad"), restore your backed up file, and then delete the original after you are sure everything is working.

Conclusions

Don't put off backing up your computer data. Think about the countless hours of work it's taken you to install your programs and create your data. Often times all your data simply can't be recreated.

After you have a system, test it by deleting an unimportant file and then restoring it. Finally, establish a schedule for backing up your data. Like insurance, it's only when you need it is it worth having.

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3. Back up hardware - <http://www.pctechguide.com/index.htm> for technology and Fry's <http://outpost.com/> for products
4. Drive backup software - Norton Ghost can be found at <http://www.symantec.com/> and Drive Image at <http://www.powerquest.com>
5. Shareware sites - <http://www.google.com/> <http://shareware.cnet.com/>

Oldest American

Adelina Domingues has recently died in her sleep at the age of 114. She was born in the Cape Verde Islands to an Italian sea captain and a Cape Verdean woman and claimed she was born in 1887. A bit of research turned up a baptism date of 1888. At age 18, she married Jose Domingues, a whaling captain, and they moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts where they raised four children. After her husband died in 1950, Adelina moved to Southern California to be near her son who died in 1998. Although all her children died before her, Adelina Domingues is survived by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. At the time of her death she was recorded in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the oldest living American.

PAF Web Site

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services, such as RootsWeb, do not allow downloads. If you do not include a GEDCOM for download, you can include your e-mail address on your Web site, so that if others want to access your GEDCOM, they can contact you by e-mail.

Also, you can choose whether to include *Your Name/Address* (not a good option on a public Web site), or *Your E-mail Address*. You will want visitors to have a way to reach you, so using an e-mail address is a good idea. If you do not want your work or home e-mail address listed for privacy reasons, create another e-mail address on a site such as www.hotmail.com.

The option *Hide Details for the Living* is appropriate if you include names of living persons. If you don't want even their names to show up, do not check the box. If you want to include only the names of the living but nothing else about them, select Show Names. The *Include Places in Name Index* selection will result in a Name Index that list birthplaces. This could be very helpful to include in a Surname list.

The option to *Suppress RIN/MRINs* allows you to keep your database RIN and MRIN (Record Identification Number and Marriage Record Identification Number) from being included online. In most cases, these numbers will serve only to confuse visitors to your Web site, so it is best to suppress them.

The *Include LDS Data* allows you to choose whether to include LDS ordinance data (i.e., ordinances performed for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). Typically, this information is *not* included in public Web sites. In many cases, it will only confuse those unfamiliar with the LDS practice of proxy ordinances. Also, some non-LDS descendants may be disturbed that LDS descendants have had ordinance work done. These issues are best managed among family members, not in a public forum.

Names and Backgrounds

Next, you will define and describe the Web site. You can enter a paragraph describing your Web site. You could use this space to describe your family history efforts, to describe your family and its history, and to indicate that you welcome comments and communication

from others interested in your family history.

The default background of your Web site will be plain white. You may want something fancier. Notice that the preset images are all muted, with soft colors, so that they do not make the text hard to read. If you want to use your own family photo (which you can save in .jpg format in the same directory as the preformatted backgrounds), be sure it is light enough to work as a background.

Be sure to preview what you create before you upload it. After you select Finish, PAF will automatically generate your Web site. Allow PAF to bring it up in your browser so that you can read it over and see what you want to change. You can go back to PAF and re-create the Web site easily; PAF will remember the options you chose and the text you entered and will allow you to make changes.

You can obtain server space for your Web site several ways. If you want a free Web site, you can use any of several hosting services that provide you free space if you are willing to have advertisements on your pages. RootsWeb provides unlimited Web space. To sign up for a free Web site at RootsWeb, go to:

<http://accounts.rootsweb.com/>

You also might have Web space available through your Internet Service Provider or e-mail account. Next, upload files to your Web site.

Details on all of these steps are available in a downloadable tutorial, available on the SV-PAF-UG Web site: <http://www.svpafug.org/downloads.html>

Software of Interest

GENContacts

GENContacts is a correspondence management program available for both Windows and Macintosh computers. It allows users to manage all forms of genealogy-specific communication to and from societies, libraries, courthouses, relatives and more. E-mails, faxes, letters and phone calls can be recorded and managed by GENContacts. Users can create reports about contacts, categories and projects. There is no printed users manual, but the help menu provides instruction in using all of the features of the program.

The data is organized by projects. The user begins by setting up a project with the "Setup" tab. You could have one project for all your family or a project for each line. A professional genealogist could use the program to set up separate projects for each client. Once a project is established, the data entry can begin using the database entry screens. In the database, you can put contacts, activity/correspondence log, calendar (to track follow-up activity), and lineage (your relationship to the contact). Each letter, e-mail, FAX, phone call, or interview requires manual entry of relevant data to build the database.

GENContacts will also manage your memberships and subscriptions. The due dates for renewals or payment of dues will generate reminders. The dates are also marked in the calendar screens and appropriate printed reports. The reports and lists can either be printed or viewed on the screen.

GENContacts operates with Macintosh OS version 8.1 or later and 32 megabytes of memory, and PC version requires Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0 or XP and 16 megabytes of memory. computers. The program costs \$59.95 and can be purchased online from the Family Research Network, part of Everton Publishers, Inc. For more information, go to: www.everton.com

GenDesigner 3.0 Beta

GenDesigner is a Windows genealogy program that allows the user to design box charts showing ancestry, descendants, spouses, and other relatives. A beta version of 3.0 is available to the public to test. As the program is used, the screen displays information in a format similar to a spreadsheet with the information about the individuals in the family. The right portion of the screen has a large green box displaying the chart. Information can be entered manually or entered as a GEDCOM file. The chart is automatically created from the data in the spread sheet. The chart can be squeezed into a single page or printed on many sheets to be taped together. The charts can be done in a large variety of European character sets including Russian.

The beta program will operate for 90 days and then you must buy Version 3.0. For more information about GenDesigner or to download the beta version, go to www.gendesigner.com/.

Book Collector

Book Collector is a Windows program to manage the books you own. If you have a lot of books, you can list them, and record where they are stored. If the book is in print, the program will get the information about the book from the Internet when you enter the title. The book list can be sorted by author, title or genre, release date or purchase date. The list can be printed or exported as HTML or ASCII files. Loan Manager is another feature of the program that records the books you have loaned. The program does not give you a card catalog and would not be suitable for a library, but should meet the needs of most book collectors. Book Collector operates with Windows 95, 98, NT4, ME, XP, and 2000 and costs \$25. There is a free trial version which can be downloaded from the Web site at: www.collectorz.com/book/

Recently Published

County Boundary Changes

AniMap Plus County Boundary Historical Atlas - With Site-Finder U.S. Place Name Database and U.S. Cemetery Database, Ver. 2.5 for Windows, is a CD-ROM that can help you find a place and track the county of the place from year to year. There are more than 200 maps on the CD which cover every county in the 48 states. The databases list more than 240,000 cities, towns and other populated places; more than 30,000 historical sites, and more than 100,000 cemeteries. You can pinpoint any of these on the appropriate map. The CD-ROM will work on any Windows PC from version 3.1 to Windows 2000. The CD-ROM can be purchased for \$71.95 from Ancestry.com at: www.ancestry.com

United States Gazetteer

America, America, subtitled *The New Gazetteer of The First 48 States on CD-ROM*, contains the equivalent of 1,300 printed pages of information and lists almost every place name ever found in the United States. The information comes from maps, postal guides, the U.S. Government's Geographic Names Index Service, shipping guides, atlases, gazetteers, business directories, and city county and state histories. For more information or to order at \$29.95, go to: www.PlacesAndCounties.com

Ask Dr. PAF

"I Give No Answers Before Their Time!"

by Dr. Cornelius D. PAF

Q. I've received some GED files which were exported from PAF (version 5) and some of the notes contain a character which looks like a U with a little backward accent over it. At first I thought it was just a transmission error, but there is some pattern—for instance, if the funny U is followed by an S, that seems to mean a left quote, and if the funny U is followed by a T, that means a right quote. I am guessing this is some GED extension, but is there a list somewhere of what this funny U means?

A. I have not had any experience with a "funny U" and I am not aware of a list that would explain it. One answer could be that the notes were created in a word processor, maybe WordPerfect, and pasted into the notes. I am guessing that you are reading the notes in a regular PAF data file. WordPerfect's curly quote marks frequently cause funny characters when translated to another program.

If it appears that the "funny U" is part of a quote, and there are no other variations, you can just change it. I hope there aren't too many. You might send a sample, if you can reproduce it, to the Family History Support people, fhdfhsup@ldschurch.org. Be sure to give all the details of import and export, and if possible find out how the person who sent you the GEDCOM file wrote the notes.

Q. How can I indicate in PAF 4 that I have the same information from several sources? This would help me by way of indicating that I have "triangulated" on the data from several sources and can probably take it as credible.

A. Try these two solutions: (a) You can create a new source citation for each new source. (b) You can determine whether one (or several) is more reliable (has heavier weight?) than the others and put that in the source citation with information about the other sources in the comment field of Citation Detail. For instance, if one of your sources is a wedding announcement in a newspaper, and your main source is a copy of the marriage license or certificate, then use

the certificate as the main source in the Source Field and include information about the newspaper account in the Comment field. Put some of the sources in the Notes, with details.

Q. How can I document conflicts in information (as birth date, for instance) from several sources until I can sort out which one I find most credible? Master Genealogist allows this, but I can't figure out how to do it in PAF.

A. There is no comparable input in PAF. Use your notes to give details about each source and its reliability. Include comparisons of the different sources with arguments for and against. You can enter the date and place that currently appears to be more correct, and then use the "Comment" field to explain what other information you get from other sources, along with the arguments pro and con for each source.

Q. A while ago I found on the Internet some far related person, who has done some extensive research on one branch of my family. His database originally consisted of about 27,000 persons. During the past 2 years the amount of people has grown to about 40,000. Before I got his first database I already had some information that is also contained in his database. I record all available information that I have, whereas he will only record christening dates if he doesn't have the birth date. Somehow I want to merge the two databases. However on merging I have to get rid of the multiple records afterwards and hold the ones with the most information. How should I do this?? By the way I recently found a new GEDCOM file of information which needs to be dealt with on the same manner.

A. If you are asking how to merge the two databases from the relative, one way would be to have the smaller database in a file, the larger one in a separate file. In the larger file, use the Advanced focus filter feature to find all the records that were changed after the smaller database was sent. Use the field filter "Last changed date." Create a GEDCOM file from this list and import it into the smaller file. You will have fewer exact duplicates to match and merge.

If you want to just merge the larger file into your database, follow the same general instructions.

When using the match/merge feature to merge the duplicates, you might first try matching with the exact same spelling as an option. The automatic match does not merge but does bring up possible duplicates for you to determine whether there is additional information you need. If you are not certain about using the match/merge feature, read the various help screens and related topics. Also read (or print out) the pages in the PAF 5 users guide for match/merge. Take care when choosing to merge notes, you will get two copies if the notes are in both records.

The new source of information should be put into a new PAF file and searched for possible problems and to determine whether the place names are written as you want (no abbreviations for example) and whether the names of people are in full capital letters. It is easier to change these things before adding them to your file. If this new source has descendants that you don't want, or ancestors of your aunts and uncles that you don't want, again put the GEDCOM file into a new PAF file and use the relationship filter to get just the ones you want. •

British Isles Lectures



Inge Harding-Barlow & John Glead

The British Isles research lectures by John Glead and Inge Harding-Barlow will be continued. The second lecture of our series will be held at the November meeting and cover wills before 1858, probate jurisdictions and land tax assessments.

Both John and Inge have lectured as a team, giving a comprehensive series of classes on British Isles research at the Menlo Park Family History Center here in the bay area. For those who are British ancestor deficient, there will be other classes.

The social history lectures by Charlotte Scoble originally announced for October have been postponed. We will announce a new date as soon as we can.

Book Review: The Genealogists Question and Answer Book

By Allin Kingsbury

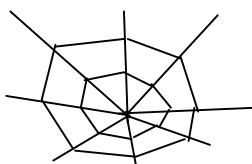
The Genealogists Question and Answer Book by Marcia Yannizze Melnyk is more than a collection of questions and answers. The information is presented as a series of questions and answers, but these are organized into a logical series of subjects which would be of interest to a genealogist getting started with some serious family history research in the United States. The book is divided into twelve chapters which cover the basic sources for genealogy which include: home sources, vital records, census, military records immigration, land records, probate, periodicals, and cemetery records. The questions give a broad and thorough treatment of each of the topics. Many of the questions ask, "Why are . . . records important?" and the following question asks, "How do I access these records?" The typical question and answer varies in length from one-half page to several pages. Occasionally there are examples of documents such as naturalization papers, passenger lists and a family Bible. A few work sheets are included to help the genealogist extract the important information.

The information is presented in a logical progression. A five page index makes treatment of a topic easy to find. Some information is presented in a tabular form which makes an excellent reference tool like the tables of state-by-state availability of U.S. census records and the items information appearing in each census. Definitions of terminology are presented partly in a Q&A format and partly in glossary format, but divided into specific subject areas.

Marcia Yannizze Melnyk is a professional genealogist, lecturer and author. One of her well-known works is the New England Historic Genealogical Society's popular *Genealogy 101* course. She also wrote *The Weekend Genealogist* and *The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*.

The Genealogists Question and Answer Book is published by Better Way Books and is available as a 227 page soft cover book for \$18.99. It can be ordered at your book store as ISBN number 1-55870-590-2.

Spider Webs



Multimap

This site, based in the United Kingdom, has maps from around the world which can be downloaded. Go to:

www.multimap.com

Digital Cameras

A Digital camera is a great tool for the family historian. You can take snapshots and load the images immediately into the computer. For reviews of the digital cameras available, go to: www.steves-digicams.com

East German Town Names

Kartenmeister is a Web site with a data base of the towns in Eastern Germany. If you are trying to locate places in the East German provinces, go to: www.kartenmeister.com

Arkion Soleftea

Arkion Soleftea is part of The National Archive of Sweden. For family historians working on families from Sweden, this site has census records for 1890 and 1900, birth, marriage, and death records for the county of Jämtland from 1860 through 1872 and records of Seaman Houses (for merchant sailors) from 1752 until the 1960s Another database under construction will document released prisoners, many of whom obtained free passage to America from the Swedish government. The site does charge for use of their records. To visit the site, go to: www.arkion.se

Genealogy Search Engine

For a fee, you can use Origins.net, a Web site that has provided subscription databases Ireland, England and Scotland, and now has a search engine that looks for surnames in a database of genealogical Web sites. The site has a database which is based on millions of Web pages containing genealogy data. Users can search based on surname, given name, year and place of birth, and residence. A feature called "NameX" is

said to find a broader variation in surname spellings than any other software. The user must pay to use the search engine, but for many, the quality of the results may easily justify the cost. Visit the search engine is found at: www.originsearch.com

Genealogy Trip Planning

If you are planning a trip to visit cemeteries, libraries and other genealogy-related sites, the Microsoft Streets and Trips 2002 Web site can help with maps to help with your travel plans. Visit the site at: www.microsoft.com/streets/features

Irish Genealogy at OtherDays.com

OtherDays.com is a Web site dedicated to Irish history and genealogy. It claims to have "historical and genealogical sources never before available on the Internet." The site also has information about the life style of Irish ancestors. Among the sources available at the site are:

- Bartlett's Scenery and Antiquities of Ireland: The classic illustrated work about early nineteenth century Ireland
- Griffith's Valuation: A listing of persons who rented land or property from 1847-64, indexed ("occupiers" and "immediate lessors") and correlated to the original image and the corresponding Ordnance Survey map
- Lawrence Photograph: Images of Ireland from 1870 - 1910, covering every county and most towns and villages of Ireland (searchable)
- Library of Rare Books: Books by and about those who journeyed through Ireland throughout the nineteenth century.
- Map Room: Includes beautifully illustrated parish, barony, county, and national map collections.
- Newspapers: Includes Freeman's Journal, Belfast Newsletter, Dublin Penny Journal, and others
- Ordnance Survey of Ireland: The first detailed mapping of Ireland showing each town land in sufficient detail to identify individual houses (searchable by place name)
- Prints and Drawing: A collection spanning the years 1730 to 1860
- Place names of Ireland: More than 80,000 place names including all towns, villages, town lands, and streets (searchable database)

- Topographical Dictionary of Ireland: A detailed description of every parish, town, and village in Ireland (searchable by place name)

With Genwizard, a feature of the site, you can create a file about an ancestor. You are asked if the ancestor emigrated from Ireland. If so, Genwizard takes you to sources from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. Genwizard allows you to record and maintain ongoing research. You can record notes about information requested, people to contact, sources searched, and other relevant notes. The ancestor file can be updated anytime you are logged in as a member.

With Portfolio, another feature of the site, you can create family folders and individual ancestor records, and maintain and report on all of your ancestors. You also can record relationships between family members; dates of personal events like military records, adoption, marriage, burial, emigration, fostering; records of additional marriages; and more. Portfolio gives you a simple family tree where you can record ancestor details as they are found in your research.

Portfolio helps you assemble information about culture and customs, social history, geography of the local area, so you can describe the Ireland where your ancestors lived. You can search and browse through the collections of photographs, maps, books, newspapers, and other information. Items that you want can be added to your portfolio with the click of one button.

OtherDays.com is a business and charges an annual subscription fee of \$65 with a 20% introductory discount. To see the site, go to: www.otherdays.com

Connecticut Newspaper Microfilm

The Connecticut State Library's newspaper microfilm room, Room L-112, has reopened after changing over to more efficient storage facilities. The library has an excellent collection of Connecticut newspapers available for interlibrary loan. Approved libraries in the United States and Canada may borrow up to three reels of microfilm for six weeks. Upon return of the film,

another three reels may be borrowed. Libraries can submit the interlibrary loan requests to:

Connecticut State Library,
Interlibrary Loan
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
860.757.6565

To see the online catalog of newspapers on microfilm, go to: <http://csulib.ctstateu.edu/search~b1o1c1ilpr1a1/>

Writing Family History

GenWriters is a site devoted to writing family history. For help in converting your collected information into insight into the lives of your family, go to: www.genwriters.com

Appleton's Books & Genealogy

The Appleton bookstore has been operating for seven years in Charlotte, North Carolina. The mail order and Web business appears to be generating more sales than walk-in customers do since most of the family historians acquired bunny slippers and spend a lot of time on the Internet. The bookstore announced the closing of the walk-in store so they can specialize in Internet sales. All you need is a shopping list and a credit card. They are currently having a clearance sale. To visit, go to: www.appletons.com.

Noble Ancestors?

Burke's Peerage and Baronetage has put their records of English nobility online. If you can find a family with a title in your family tree, you should be able to find genealogy records of the family which explain how the title was passed on in the family. To visit the site, go to: <http://www.burkes-peerage.net>

Family Reunions Popular

The Travel Industry Association reported that 37 percent of all Americans planned to attend a reunion this summer, 25 more than in 2001. Another estimate places the number of reunions in the United States this year at 200,000.

News of the Weird:

Is Crime Hereditary?

Justice Department figures indicate that 47 percent of state prison inmates have a parent or other close relative with a criminal background. One example of this that made into the press is the story of Tracey Bogle inherited his family tendency toward kleptomania, and many other criminal tendencies. He is currently serving time in Oregon for assault, burglary, kidnapping, rape, and robbery. His oldest brother is serving a life term for murder in Arizona. His mother just got out of jail last month.

The patriarch of the family, Rooster Bogle, came to Oregon from Texas in 1961, with a rap sheet that included beating his wife and teaching his children to steal. By the time his boys were ten, they were robbing liquor stores and hijacking hundreds of tractor-trailer trucks. His girls supported their drug habits by stealing. Each child in Rooster's family served time. A total of 28 Bogles have been arrested and convicted.

This does not prove that crime is hereditary, but it is said that many genealogists will avoid the temptation to tell people about that black sheep in the family tree. Other family historians may love your story, but the local law enforcement authorities may decide to investigate your family.

Classes ~

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PAF 4 & 5 Classes

- ◆ Using PAF with Windows
- ◆ Getting Started Using and Placing Multi-Media with Your Data

Macintosh Class

- ◆ PAF Extras on a Macintosh

General Classes

- ◆ 101 Family History Gift Ideas
 - ◆ Internet Browser Basics
 - ◆ Overview of the Open Office Program
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Spiderwebs

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Unusual Family Structure?

If you have problems with modern families complicated with children who are his, hers and ours, you may need some of the special family tree charts created Life Preserves for "blended" families. To see the site, go to:

<http://www.lifepreserves.com>

Family and Local Histories for Individuals

Genealogy.com and ProQuest have agreed to make the the ProQuest database available to individuals on the Genealogy.com Web site. This service, which has thousands of family and local history works, was only available through libraries. Users must be paid subscribers to Genealogy.com to use the service. For more information, go to www.genealogy.com

International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry

Many are familiar with the DAR and other organizations composed of descendents of ancestors who fought in the American Revolution or participated in some other historical event. Descendents of slaves now have their society which promotes research into the family history. The society has research material including a slave database, oral histories, old photographs, census data, and birth and death certificates. Their Web site is at: www.rootsweb.com/~ilissdsa/

French Ancestors in New Brunswick?

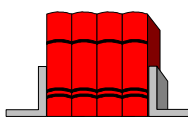
For help with research of Acadian descendants in northern New Brunswick (Canada) see the Web site at: www.secondenation.com

New York Arrivals

For help with finding New York passenger arrival records from 1820 to 1957, there is a listing of finding aids such as online indexes, microfilm, books and CD-ROM disks. Go to: www.germanroots.home.att.net/ellisistand/nypassengers.html

Eighteenth Century Books

The Gale Group, a company that provides data for libraries, schools, and businesses, plans to digitized 18th century books in cooperation with the British Library and other major research libraries. They will digitize nearly 150,000 English-language books published between 1701 and 1800. This will result in about 20 million text-searchable pages. An announcement of this project is found at: www.galegroup.com/servlet/PressArchiveDetailServlet?articleID=200206_eighteenth



Recently Published

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Is there a Doctor in the Family Tree?

If there is a doctor in you family, you may want to consult *Genealogical Records: Directory of Deceased American Physicians 1804-1929*, edited by Arthur W. Hafner, a CD-ROM published by Family Tree Maker. The CD-ROM contains details for approximately 149,000 physicians, including education, publications, death date, death place, cause of death, birth date, birth place, and location and years of practices. The cost is \$39.99. Go to: http://www5.genealogy.com/genealogy/71_marthe.html

New York State Probate Records

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has released *New York State Probate Records: A Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records* by Gordon Remington, FASG, FUGA. This book helps locate probate records in New York State covering about three hundred years. There is also help finding these records using the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Other chapters discuss access to probate records in New York's sixty-two County Surrogate Courts, and other repositories. This 161-page soft-cover book costs \$19.95 and can be ordered

online at:

www.newenglandancestors.org/store/browse/product.asp?sku=100626308

Software of Interest

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Family Tree Legends

Family Tree Legends, a new Windows genealogy program soon to be released by Pearl Street Software, which 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 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.

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.

The Irish Genealogical Conference

The Irish Genealogical Conference will be held in Braintree, Massachusetts on 27-28 September 2002. The conference is co-sponsored by the New England

Historic Genealogical Society and by TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association). The program includes two days of lectures on Irish genealogical research from experts in the field. For further details, go to:

www.newenglandancestors.org/events/events/Default.asp?id=118

Yellowstone Genealogy Forum

The Yellowstone Genealogy Forum will host the Montana State Genealogical Society Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Billings, Montana on Sept. 20-21. John Phillip Colletta of Washington, DC will be the featured speaker at this event. For more information, contact Verba Valentine, 406.656.9840; blgsmarket@aol.com.

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Conference

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa will hold its Eighth Annual Fall Conference on September 20-22, 2002 at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. Tom Devine, Institute Director, Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, and Research Professor in Scottish History, University of Aberdeen will speak on emigration and immigration. For more details, go to: www.bifhsgo.ca

Metropolitan New York Family History Fair

The Archivists' Round Table of Metropolitan New York is holding a free family history fair on Sunday, 6 October 2002, in Manhattan, New York City. The event will include many seminars and many representatives of genealogical and historical societies, archives, vendors and other groups will be there. For more information, go to: www.nycarchivists.org/fhf.html

Ask the Experts: Chicago Resources

Panelists from the Circuit Court Archives, the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the Newberry Library will answer questions on Chicago area resources at the Newberry Library in Chicago on Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m. For more information, call (312) 255-3510.

2002 National Preservation Conference

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will be holding their 2002 National Preservation Conference on 8-13 October 2002, in Cleveland, Ohio. The speakers at about 100 sessions will explore how to preserve historic downtowns, inner city neighborhoods, older suburbs, and rural areas. An exhibition of preservation related products and services will be open. Details are available at: www.nationaltrust.org

Central Coast Genealogy Conference

Karen Clifford, an Accredited Genealogist and a recent speaker at SV-PAF-UG, will speak at the Central Coast Genealogy Conference to be held 12 October 2002, in Monterey, California. Conference topics include: ProQuest and the New Histories Online, Evaluating Conflicting Pedigrees, Organizing Your Genealogical Materials with the Aid of Technology, Immigrant Research on Both Sides of the Atlantic, and When, How, and Why to Use Original Records. For more information, go to: www.mocogenso.org/

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

Digging for Your Roots

The Concord California Family History Center is holding an all-day seminar with a choice of 32 classes at 3700 Concord Blvd. in Concord CA. On October 12, 2002. There will be a syllabus. Register by September 30. The cost is \$15. For more information, contact Jackie at 925-827-4729

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.

Sonoma County Genealogical Society

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack will be the all-day speaker for the Sonoma County Genealogical Society on 22 March 2003, in Santa Rosa, California. For details, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/carmack.htm

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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The following can be ordered from www.FamilySearch.org or at 1-800-537 5950:

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)