

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th 10:30 A.M.

Preserving the Union

Chris Kite

Chris will show examples of some of his family research which includes scanned images and much info on the Civil War.

MARCH 17th

How to Use Your Scanner for Genealogy

Steve Olson

Steve will show us how to use a scanner and what benefits we can apply to our genealogical endeavors.

APRIL 21st

What's New in 2001/CD-ROM Book

Ed Rosenthal

One of our best attended seminars. Our CAGG-NI President will update us on what the latest technological developments are in the computer industry.

MAY 19th

Software Shoot-out

Member Panel

Several of our members will demonstrate how different genealogy software packages handle the same data and tasks. Each presenter will use the same data and show how their software handles different genealogy situations. Some of the programs featured will be Family Treemaker, The Master Genealogist and PAF.

JUNE 16th

B.Y.U. Molecular Genealogy

Chris Kite

If there ever was a program designed for this millennium, this must be it! Learn how a small blood sample from you (DNA) and info on your four immediate generations can be used to trace where your ancestors are from. The speakers from B.Y.U. will explain this phenomenon and we will be providing an opportunity for you to participate in the program if you wish. A workshop will follow the session. It will consist of separate genealogy software groups for assistance, demonstration, etc. for the software you use or would like to see. For more info contact: <http://www.molecular-genealogy.byu.edu>

JULY 21st

Social Security - Not Just for Seniors

Larry Olson

There are several sites on the internet where you can look up your ancestors on the SSDI, but each of these sites provide different information and require different criteria for searching. Larry will explain these sites in detail and share with us some of the information that may be obtained.

AUGUST 18th

Palm Pilot Genealogy

Everett Butler

Learn how you can use these small hand held devices to further your genealogical research.

SEPTEMBER 15th

Research Using the Internet

Brother Joseph Martin

Learn how to utilize the internet to let your fingers do the walking.

OCTOBER 20th

Trust Your Research to Bygones

Bev Smallwood

Bev will demonstrate how to use this software package to supplement your current genealogical software.

NOVEMBER 17th

Elections/Project Management/Tips

Member Panel

Come and elect your next leaders and stay for the program. Learn some of the top tricks and techniques from some of our most experienced members.

DECEMBER 15th

Planning Meeting

Club Officers

Help us plan for next year and pick meeting topics.

President's Letter

Computer Aided Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois is a growing organization directed by a volunteer board. As we start a new year with a new board, I would like to take this opportunity to explain what goes on behind the scenes as the 2000 Board of Directors passes the baton from the 2001 Board of Directors. We are very fortunate that all of the 2000 Board has taken other positions that directly support the 2001 Board in many other ways.

As I mentioned earlier in December the old and new boards met to begin the transition. We went over the board's methods of working and how the monthly board meetings are conducted. We reviewed the long-range plan. The long-range plans were re-baselined last year and outlined our goals, target dates and responsibilities. We reviewed the chapter by-laws, which specify the functions and responsibilities of each board position.

As you can tell from the January's meeting the new team is out to a great start. Bob Pulse talked about "Basic Computer Genealogy". This covered the complete gamma of setting up files in Windows to touching up your old photos to make them look good again. Bob even performed a live example!

Even with this great start, everything is NOT set in stone. This does not mean that we have no room for extra speakers or that we don't have any room for new ideas. We could always add to one of our meeting days or have a special meeting in the middle of the week if needed. There are no boundaries! We need to think out of the box every so often, because a lot of the time the best ideas are expanded.

From the parent of our enjoyment in Salt Lake City (LDS), has a goal of reaching ONE Billion names this year! If you didn't receive the email from Anne Jacobs, ask her about it. It is totally unbelievable of where this family research is going to take us this year starting from The Church of Latter Day Saints.

The year 2001 is "that year" that everyone read about several decades ago. There will be a number of new changes in the way we do our research. We all

know that our research can not be completed in one lifetime. So we all need that extra help to at least complete our objectives. Our membership consists of over 100 different people from all types of backgrounds. You don't have to be a "master genealogist" to volunteer one of your topics. We want to hear about these new ideas of yours. How about an article or even a monthly email of your findings?

Many thanks to the 2000 board for helping with the transition. Best wishes for the 2001 board as we move forward. And don't miss our next meeting! It's called "Preserving the Union", from Chris Kite. You will be taking about it for years!

Ed Rosenthal



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January Puzzler

Can you automatically create an index of your names for the genealogy masterpiece (book) you are about to publish using a word processor without having to manually add each?

January Puzzler Solution

The answer is probably yes. It depends on the word processor you use. A full featured word processor will do this but not NotePad or Write. The concept used is to create one document file which includes the entries you want indexed using this as a "lookup" tool against your masterpiece book (another document). The technique is called a concordance file. You can use the Help in your word processor to learn how to do this.

However, here is a brief description which uses Microsoft Word terms. Create a document file which consists of a 2 column table. The first column is a list of the names you want to index. The second column contains the index entry for that name (how you want the entry in the index). For example, the first table entry would be

Charles Jones	Jones, Charles
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After completing this document, close it. Open the document file you want indexed and navigate to the place in your document where you want the index (usually the end of the document). Select Insert menu. Select Index and Tables from this list. Select the Index tab and the Automark button. When it asks for the Index Automark file, navigate (or enter) the 2 column table document file name in the box. Select OK and MAGIC.

Now how could you automate this further? (Please be aware that I realize that many do not use the tools mentioned below. I barely do. However, we want the computer to do the work, not us.) Create a list of names out of your genealogy software. Use this for the basis of your concordance file. Copy the list of names to the second column of the table. Use a macro to arrange the names as you wish in each column of the 2 column table. Close the file and run it against your document as indicated above. Now, who would like to present this as a demonstration for an upcoming program? It's not simple until you have done it a couple of times and then it's a breeze as is anything after practice.

January Meeting Notes

Computers and Genealogy

Robert Pulse presented this program which discussed various aspects of genealogy using computers. Some points Robert made were:

- Computers ease data collection and reporting because there is one change necessary to affect all "views" and reports. Using a computer aids in project and data management
- Discussion of various genealogy software available pointing out that use of GEDCOM (Genealogy Data COMMunication) import/export facility means that your first choice does not have to be your last
- As Robert uses FamilyTreeMaker, he demonstrated some features of this software as well as importing a GEDCOM file into a new database
- Various computer concerns and options available when purchasing a computer were discussed. The difference between Zip drives and zip files was also presented
- Computer/genealogy practices were presented including computer backup philosophy, computer and paper filing systems and naming conventions
- Security and privacy issues were discussed as a caution in this electronic age with identity theft and fraud aided by indiscriminate distribution of data

Linda Bower provided refreshments for the meeting which were well appreciated and consumed. Linda also started her duties as Refreshment Coordinator. She will be communicating with those who have volunteered to provide refreshments each month. As no one has volunteered for some months, there may be no refreshments at those meetings. A sign-up sheet is available at each meeting. Please look for it and sign-up.

February Puzzler

What is an Insertion Point? Why do you care?

Family Story Question of the Month

What three words describe each of your parents?

Other Group Events

15 FEBRUARY 2001 - 7:00PM

Elgin Genealogical Society

Gail Borden Public Library
200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

Herstory: Stories of Elgin by Linda Rock

15 FEBRUARY 2001 - 15 FEBRUARY 2001

What's New at the Newberry

Forest View Education Center

2121 S Goebbert, Arlington Heights

The Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists will have Rhonda Frevert, Newberry's Curator of Local and Family History, speaking about the materials available.

17 FEBRUARY 2001 - 2:00PM

Brown Bags are Not an Organizational System!

Glenview Public Library

North Suburban Genealogical Society presents Marian Richter Schuetz. The computer interest group moderated by Garth Conley meets at 1p.m.

24 FEBRUARY 2001 - 8AM-4PM

DuPage County Genealogical Society's 26th Annual Conference

Hilton Hotel Conference Center
3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle

Four sessions with three topics per session and lunch. Registration is \$33 for members, \$38 for non-members, \$43 after 3 Feb. Vendors will be present. For further information, contact Nancy Huston (630) 548-9095; email: DCGSMember@aol.com and the schedule and registration form are online at: <http://www.dcgs.org/wrkshp01.html>

25 FEBRUARY 2001 - 2:00PM

Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe

Biennial Election Meeting at

Skokie Library (5215 Oakton Street)

The videotape on the Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe — the rediscovery and examination of these treasures — will be shown. Call (312) 666-0100 for a recorded message that gives you date, time and place of our next meeting or go to: <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/#meetings>

March

3 MARCH 2001 - 1:30PM

Chicago Tribune Reporter on Chicago History

Harold Washington Library, 400 South State Street, Chicago

The Chicago Genealogical Society presents Rick Kogan reporting on Chicago History.

24 MARCH 2001 - 9:00AM-3:00PM

Genealogy Computing Week 2001

\$35/day 3-10

Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Illinois

This annual computer/genealogy-related workshop is given by Michael John Neill. Small class size and hands-on practice. Topics include can be found at: <http://www.rootdig.com/sandburg.html>

06 MARCH 2001 - 9:30AM

Elgin Genealogical Society

Gail Borden Public Library
200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

A Dramatization of a True Story Related to the Abraham Archibald House of Elgin by Mary Hill

08 MARCH 2001 - 7:30PM

Using The CD-ROM Holdings of the FVGS Library

Naperville Municipal Center

Sue Degges, a Fox Valley Genealogical Society member will talk about the CD holdings of the FVGS library and will also include information about other genealogical CDs which are available elsewhere.

15 MARCH 2001 - 7:00PM

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What Genealogy Does for Me; member sharing

15 MARCH 2001 - 7:30PM

Organizing Your Genealogical Records

Forest View Education Center

2121 S Goebbert, Arlington Heights

Beverly Smallwood will discuss various filing methods and organizational tips at the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists March meeting.

17 MARCH 2001 - 10:00AM-12:00PM

BIGWILL- program TBA

Grace Lutheran Church

6000 Broadway St., Richmond, Illinois

For directions and topics, see: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

21 MARCH 2001 - 7:30PM

Roots and Reunions:

Is it Different for Adoptees?

McCormick Room, 225 North Cross, Wheaton

The DuPage County Genealogical Society presents Barbara Gonyo of "Truth Mothers in Adoption" discussing genealogy from this viewpoint.

Other Group Events

April

6-7 APRIL 2001

Spring 2001 Seminar & Workshop \$10-\$18

Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's spring workshop features Marian L. Smith, Senior Historian of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service. A registration form is available on the website. Advance registration cut off is March 24th. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>

12-14 APRIL 2001

Forward to the Past - a Millennial Milestone

Salt Palace, Salt Lake City

If you are thinking about a trip to Salt Lake City, the Utah Genealogical Association conference will feature a variety of speakers, topics, and vendors.

For details: <http://www.infouga.org>

21 APRIL 2001 - 8AM-3:15PM

FOG 3rd Annual Workshop

William B. Ogden Elementary School
24 West Walton Street, Chicago

Featured speaker: John Philip Colletta; call 312-255-3510 for reservations and information. <http://www.newberry.org/nl/genealogy/L3gfriends.html>

28 APRIL 2001 - 8AM-4:45PM

2001 Annual Meeting and Conference \$16, 20, 25

Johanning Civic Center, Kokomo, Indiana

The Indiana Genealogical Society annual meeting and conference will feature Dr. John Philip Colletta. Conference registration is \$16 for IGS members and \$20 for non-members prior to 1 April 2000. Registration is \$25 after 1 April 2000. Information is available at the IGS Web site: <http://www.IndGenSoc.org>.

29 SEPTEMBER 2001

Fox Valley Genealogical Society Fall Conference

Featured speaker will be Michael John Neill. Details to follow.

12-15 SEPTEMBER 2001

2001 FGS/Quad Cities Conference Davenport, Iowa

Topics include British and Irish; Eastern European; German; Scandinavian; "Back to Basics" Lectures; Immigration; Naturalization; Afro-American; Computer/Internet; Details and registration information can be found at <http://www.fgs.org/2001conf/fgs-2001.htm>

What's the Buzz?

To: annej@inorbit.com

Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2001 12:01:53 -0600

Subject: Re: HP Printing

X-Mailer: Juno 4.0.5

From: Linda J Auchincloss <ljauch@juno.com>

Per our conversation concerning white space with HP printers, I just successfully printed the Newsletter as follows:

Click File, print setup

Click Properties

Setup tab for print quality, I prefer "econofast"

Now click on color tab and select "print in grayscale"

Cheap, fast and complete. What more could you ask for?

L J A

"B & I Baerg" <bribrg@telus.net> wrote in message
Hi Everyone

I am hoping this is the place to ask this question so please excuse me if I am in the wrong place.

I am putting my family photos into a bookform on a CD and want to write the story using a font that would look like it was from the era of the photo. Can anyone suggest a font suitable for the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's or suggest where I could find this information.

Thanks in advance
iris

Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 22:59:01 GMT

From: "johnf" <john_fNOSPAM@bigpond.net.au>

Subject: Re: FONTS

To: GENCMP-L@rootsweb.com

Try the following sites

<http://www.wantedfonts.com/>

[browse.phtml?field=category&val=9](http://www.wantedfonts.com/browse.phtml?field=category&val=9)

<http://www.freepcfonts.com/index.html>

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What's the Buzz? (continued from page 5)

Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2001 15:07:55 -0600
From: Beverly Smallwood
<BSmallwood@CelluLan.com>

I see that the winter 2001 issue of Genealogical Computing also has a review of various Mac programs. — Bev

Subject: SE: RE: FTM 8.0 and shareware
Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2001 10:50:59 -0500
From: Don Westblade <don.westblade@hillsdale.edu>
To: swedes@smultron.com
Hej Smultrons,

I was searching for a genealogy program this past week for my MACIntosh that would read and produce GEDCOM files. In my search, I happened across a shareware program called Gene (current version: 4.3) authored by David Eppstein of UC Irvine. Having used it for just a couple of days, I have to say I am very impressed! It is very easy to use, it produces very nice ancestor and descendent trees, creates output for printer, for html, and for GEDCOM, it has been very positively reviewed by MacUser and MacWorld, and the shareware fee is only \$15.

If any of you are working with a MACIntosh, I can recommend this as a great and affordable little program. There are versions for both PowerPc and for the older 68K macs. Both are under 2 megs. (By the way, this is an anonymous recommendation. I don't know the Eppsteins and I'm not getting any commissions for passing along this positive review. I'm simply happy to have stumbled across something that's working very nicely.) If anyone else is using this software I'd be interested to exchange observations or to learn from your longer experience.

You can download the program from the Eppsteins' site at:
<http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gene/>
or from the list of other Mac genealogy software at:
<ftp://ftp.cac.psu.edu/pub/genealogy/mac/INDEX.html>

By the way, the Gene site also has a list of links to other genealogical helps and programs at:
<http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gene/links.html>

Mvh,
Don W
westblade@hillsdale.edu

Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2001 03:30:45 GMT
From: Jim Elbrecht <elbrecht@email.com>
Subject: Re: Efficient Web Searches?

rick.parsons@bigfoot.com (Rick Parsons) wrote:-
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Does any one know a way of web searching so that I only get hist on stuff that is new? i.e. a way to perhaps take note of hits I have had before and only give me new ones?

Before I found Google, and saw how much more thorough [and I love the 'cache' feature] it was, <http://hotbot.lycos.com/> was my search engine of choice. It has an easy to use drop down box which will time limit searches.

Google is pretty responsive— you might try to ask them if they could add it to their 'advanced search' capabilities.

Just to compare the engines, I just did an 'elbrecht' search;

2340 on Google
1200 on Hotbot
300+ Hotbot- 'last 6 months'
200 Hotbot last month

Hotbot's limiter isn't perfect though. It has one of my pages that I haven't touched in months as being updated within the month— and I found another that was an Oct 1999 news report.

I would suspect a counter on my page as throwing them off— but I have counters on other pages & they didn't show up. Just another net-mystery, I guess.

Given the difference in efficiency between Google & Hotbot, I think I'd consider asking Google if they can add it.

Editors Note: Google is the web site <http://www/google.com>

Love for Chicago Goes Way Back

Chicago Tribune Article by Sue Ellen Christian - Article forwarded by: Steve Olson

For some people, a place isn't home until they know the curve of the streets on the way to work, the best local spot for fresh-brewed coffee and how the seasons alter the sunlight coming through the living room window. For Ulrich Danckers, a German native who relocated to the Chicago area in 1956 to study radiology, the city wasn't home until he made discoveries of a far more historical nature: Why were there so many French names about town? Who were Hubbard and Kinzie Streets named after? And what happened to the American Indians who lived in the region? "I didn't feel at home," Danckers, 72, said in a quiet voice still thick with a German accent. "So I began to collect books and information on Chicago history. Since I wanted to raise my family and adopt this country as my own, I wanted to acquire the depth most people acquire by simply growing up here." He paused, looking out the window of his River Forest home. "You can't fully appreciate a culture if you don't know its history." The result of Danckers' decades of immersion in the stories of Chicago is a richly designed, 430-page compendium of the region's people and events through 1835. The bulk of the work is an encyclopedic listing of thousands of historically significant items, including every person to come through early Chicago who left any trace that the authors could find—from the first blacksmiths to the first bride. The book also includes essays, maps, pictures and a hefty bibliography. Titled "Early Chicago," the book, with its thick pages and lush printing, is the tangible symbol of one resident's personal courtship with the place he has come to call home. "It wasn't a commercial venture," Danckers said. "It was a labor of love of Chicago and it fulfilled us." The project resulted in a similar love affair for the book's co-author, Jane Meredith, a 50ish Oak Park native who now lives in La Grange Park. The two authors met at a book-binding seminar at the Field Museum in 1984, and Meredith discovered that the 15 years she devoted to the book made metropolitan Chicago "a fuller place to live and more remarkable; it enhances one's life." The co-authors approached university publishing houses, including those at Loyola and the University of Chicago. "We got uniformly high grades from the historians who looked at the book, but from their businessmen we got thumbs down," Danckers said. "This kind of work doesn't sell a lot to a mass audience, and the way we'd styled the book was too costly for them." Danckers and Meredith, an illustrator by profession, negotiated with several publishers, but the two wouldn't budge on their vision of "making a book for bibliophiles, something to really be proud of," Danckers said. "We wanted only the highest-quality binding and paper, and it was too much for the publishing houses." The rejection didn't discourage the two. Instead, they immediately knew they would publish it themselves. "We decided to go ahead even if it was a money-losing proposition, because it was so important to us," Danckers said. The book cost Danckers and Meredith about \$60,000 to publish. Distribution has been similarly independent. The 1,000 or so orders they have gotten since 5,000 copies of the book was printed a year ago have been through single orders from former and current Chicagoans who heard about the book, as well as Danckers' personal delivery of "Early Chicago" to stores ranging from Marshall Field's on State Street to Borders in Oak Park. The book costs

\$59.95 in stores. Now, the co-authors are at work on a CD-ROM version of their book. In many ways, the project is a coming together of Chicagoans who have made local history their personal passion, not their profession. A contributing editor is John F. Swenson, a former attorney based in Glenview who began studying Chicago history when he was in law school in the 1950s. Paintings and renderings of Ft. Dearborn in the book were contributed by local architect-turned-historian Donald Schlickan. "It takes people with a different kind of passion and almost people with history as their avocation rather than vocation to do something like this," said Russell Lewis, the Andrew W. Mellon director for collection and research at the Chicago Historical Society. "Early Chicago" differs from a book produced by professional historians who would interpret the facts from a particular perspective—something that the non-narrative forms of the book's timeline and encyclopedic listing don't easily allow, Lewis said. "This is a different kind of publication and it serves a purpose," he said. "They've done a wonderful, great service. They lived up to their promise, and it's lived up to their expectations." Robert Karrow Jr., curator of special collections and curator of maps at the Newberry Library, said the compendium fills a niche among Chicago history books. "I can't think of any other source that brings so much information about this time period together," Karrow said. "I love that if you look up 'breweries,' it will tell you who the first brewer was and where; it's wonderful." In a foreword to the book, Mayor Richard Daley calls "Early Chicago" an "essential reference" that brings the beginning of the city's remarkable story to life. Readers of "Early Chicago" will learn all sorts of things that make present-day Chicago more intriguing. For instance, according to Swenson, the name "Chicago" is derived from the local Indian word "chicagoua" for the native garlic plant, not the onion, as is commonly thought. They'll also learn that the oldest building in Chicago is the Clarke House. Built in 1836 by merchant and land speculator Henry Brown Clarke, the Greek revival-style house is now at 1855 S. Indiana Ave. in the Prairie Avenue Historic District. And they'll learn that what is now Wacker Drive between Clark and Dearborn Streets was home to Chicago's first printer and publisher, John Calhoun, who produced Chicago's first newspaper, the Chicago Democrat—which was later absorbed by the Chicago Tribune. Such stuff is what made Danckers feel like he knew the place. The Chicago area is now as much home to Danckers as anyplace he has lived. Danckers was born in Nicaragua, where his father was a German consul. When Danckers was an infant, his mother died of typhoid fever, and he was sent to live with an aunt in northwestern Germany. After World War II, the teenage Danckers went to live with his father and stepmother in Hamburg. Danckers came to Evanston Hospital in 1957 for a radiology residency and in 1962 became chairman of the radiology department at Westlake Community Hospital in Melrose Park, where he remained for 32 years. Once in Chicago, Danckers amassed several hundred reference books and realized the early history of the city was "not drawn together in a systematic fashion; there was a void, and I had the material," he said. "It was a matter of applying myself. It was too obvious to me to have to talk with anyone else about the need to do it."