

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2001
10:30 A.M.

Trust Your Research to

Bygones
Genealogical Research Note-Keeping Program

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CAGG-NI member Beverly Levine Smallwood will demonstrate Bygones, a Basic Genealogical Note-Keeping System to organize your research notes and logs.

See page 4 for more information

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.

LOOK at THIS!

Complete 1880 Census Index Now Available on CD

See Nancy Stein's
article on page 2

1880 Census Index Now Available on CD

by Nancy Stein

Genealogists have just been given an answer to the item at the top of their wish list - a full index to the 1880 Federal Census. Previously, only families with children 10 years and under were in the federal soundex, which was indexed by surnames. No other searches were possible.

Thousands of volunteers, chaired by the Family History Library have created this treasure trove of 56 CDs. This is a complete US census with selected items typed in the order that the original census taker used.

There is national index that covers the entire country (20 CDs) but there is also a state index on the state CD (36 CDs). The country is divided into

7 regions, and they include the AZ, MT, WY, NM, ID, UT & WA Territories, as well as the western states of Colorado, Nevada, California & Oregon

You can search by 1) given name or last name; 2) birth year with the search using a 5 year range ; 3) Gender - male, female or both; 4) race; 5) birthplace specifying either state & or country; 6) search in a specific county, and/or city/town or any combination of the above. "All" is always a choice in each of the areas. Wildcards make it possible to search for spellings you never even dreamed could exist.

It is possible to find the parents through the listing for the child. Relationships to the head of household are given. You could get all the women with the name Abigail in the county or the township.

Note: This is not an image of the page. This is a typewritten abstraction. As such some readings of the names might differ from your expectation. Wildcard searches and soundex help find those poorly written by the census taker or possibly misread.

By selecting View, from the toolbar, then details the occupation, and the birthplace of individuals shows as well as that of their parents if the census taker wrote it down. The page number, the county and township are noted for searching the images of the census page elsewhere. All other information on this census will require the census image on the familiar microfilms. This rich census on the original includes number of months individual unemployed, school attendance, whether individual can read or

write, the street name and house number in the cities, and there is handicapped information.

Another plus is that the index is typed in

the order of the census page so neighbors of the household or a page by page search of a county is possible.

Many local libraries are purchasing this set for their patrons. You may purchase a set for yourself through the Distribution Center at (800) 537-5950 or order it online through a secure connection at <http://www.familysearch.org/>. There is currently a link on the left hand side of the home page and it may also be found under 'ORDER/DOWNLOAD PRODUCTS' then 'SOFTWARE PRODUCTS'. The price is \$49.00 including postage. The 56 CDs are in plastic sleeves in a 4 ring binder that is durable and handsome. There is a table of contents card with phone numbers for tech support and a listing of which states are in which region. A Resource File Viewer is included. The installation is easy.

The System requirement to run the CDs includes: pentium processor or higher, Operating system minimum: Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 . Ram: 8-MB min. 16 MB recommended. CD-ROM drive 4X Min recommended. 35-MB hard disk space needed.

Thousands of volunteers, chaired by the Family History Library, have created this treasure trove of fifty-six CDs.

President's Letter



Due to the tragedies that occurred on September 11th, my first thoughts were to re-schedule the September 15th's meeting to another Saturday. However, after polling the board members it was decided to go ahead as planned. With the topic of

"Research Using the Internet", Brother Joseph Martin brought in nearly seventy members and guests. It definitely was a well received and enlightening CAGG-NI meeting. The members and Brother Joseph's welcomed humor could have gone on all day. Even after the meeting, there were about twenty members who went to lunch together. We have an excellent board and members working as a team. They have demonstrated flexibility, a willingness to assist one another and a desire to get things done to help others. I truly think of the CAGG-NI members as family.

Ed Rosenthal

Family History Centers

Naperville FHC News

(DuPage, Kane Counties)

1320 Ridgeland Road

Ridgeland and Naper Boulevard

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Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm

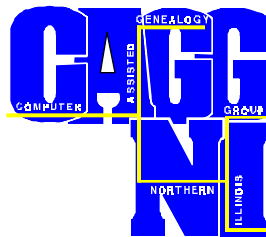
Fri. - Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday

The goal of Naperville FHC is to acquire all of the Chicago area Catholic Church films. The FHC and the Polish Genealogical Society of America are working in conjunction to accomplish this and plan to have the Polish parishes in the area by spring.



Please fill out our Program Director's survey so we can provide you with the programs YOU are interested in!



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Trust Your Research to Bygones by Beverly Levine Smallwood

When I was a “baby genealogist”, I was told to keep a log (or research calendar) of everything I did or intended to do, and record the search objectives and results in the appropriate columns. I started with a spiral notebook for my notes, reasoning that it would serve the same purpose and hold my notes as well. The problem of keeping such a log soon became apparent. It was chronological by its very nature and just kept getting bigger. That meant a great deal of reading to determine whether I had ever searched a particular source; far simpler to just search it again than determine whether I already had. It never occurred to me to break the log into smaller parts.

A decade later and I am finally learning to do things correctly thanks to an electronic solution named ByGoNeS after the initials for a Basic Genealogical Notekeeping System. Bygones was built around the concept of an electronic research log in which you record all searches, positive and negative, along with your notes. Designed to facilitate note taking on a laptop, it is almost as useful on a desktop computer. You see, once you’ve entered your notes, you may search on any word anywhere. You may sort and print extracts, logs, and even labels to affix to your copies.

Bygones is actually a collection of related databases designed to make note taking easier. You simply type your notes into an extract form. If you want to take it a step further, you may choose to use the Index and People databases. These will create lists of events or sources for a particular person. They can be especially useful in one name studies or when you don’t know quite how people fit together yet.

In addition to research notes, it can store scans of the originals, notes about localities, maps, an address book, and your correspondence. You may also create templates for your frequently consulted sources. Version 9c added the photo database and 9d will add an index and thumbnail report for that. 9d will also add the ability to add form letters to your correspondence file and html output capabilities for most databases.

As you enter your research, Bygones assists in pointing to the physical file location of your originals, copies and notes. But, unlike other record keeping systems, Bygones does not dictate how to file. It was designed to work with just about any filing system. The manual is on the web site, and while incomplete, it does give an overview of the various filing systems and how to use Bygones with them.

The first thing you will encounter is the “Log File” which corresponds to how you keep your paper research logs. You might keep a separate research log for each family group sheet, by surname, by place, by type of research, or any combination thereof. Bygones automatically assigns the next

available extract number to the log file selected as you enter new extracts. You can set the first number anywhere you’d like, so if you already have documents 1 through 20 in the file, start with 21. You may key in the first 20 at a later date.

If you file your documents with your research log, you need do nothing else. For example, your log file is “Nash, Charles & Rose Huntington” and you file your documents with the family group sheet and research log, then the extract number and log file point correctly to the document’s location. If, however, you file your documents somewhere else, like “Nash - Illinois” or “Nash Family” or “Illinois - Marriages” etc., then you will also use the “document file” option. This will number the documents within the document file regardless of which research log they belong to. Thus, you can file your research logs one way and your documents another.

Two problems which seem to stump beginners are printing and source templates. Bygones was built using File Maker Pro, a database program, and its print utility is a little different than usual. File → Print (or CTRL+P) brings up the print window. In the upper left hand corner of the window is a drop down list containing “Records being Browsed”, “Current Record”, or “Blank Record”. The first option will print all “found” records. For instance, you could do a “find” for all extracts for a certain date and print that day’s research for filing. Current record will print only the extract you are viewing. Blank Record gives you a formatted blank for taking notes while away from the computer.

The Source database allows you to create templates for use in the Research database. Once a source template is created, go to Research and click on New Extract. At the top are spots marked “Source No.” (if you know the template number) and “Source Name” (a drop down box, if you don’t) and a button labeled “Source Lookup”. Either type in the source number or locate it in the drop down box, then click “source lookup”. This will copy and paste everything entered in the template onto your new extract, potentially over something you have already typed - so be careful. This speeds entry of frequently used sources, but you are not required to use it.

Bygones is distributed free of charge, but without technical support. It comes in two flavors: Macintosh or Windows (95 or better). The web site <<http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones/index.htm>> has the program for download, installation instructions, and a manual in pdf format. (There is also a link to download a free pdf file viewer, Adobe Acrobat.) There is plenty of help to be had on the Bygones mail list, including participation by the program’s author, Steven Troy Adair. Instructions for joining the list may be found on the web site and the list archives can be read at <<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/bygones-users>>.

Other Group Events

Compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood

18 OCT 2001 - 7:30PM

Resources for Genealogical Research at the Allen County (Indiana) Library

Susan D. Kaufman
Historical Genealogy Department, ACPL
Forest View Education Center, 2121 S Goebbert,
Arlington Heights
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists
<http://www.mtprospect.org/nsgs/>

18 OCT 2001 - 7PM

Finding my Cousins - Gary Biesterfeld

Elgin Genealogical Society
Gail Borden Public Library, 200 N. Grove Ave.,
Elgin
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/>

20 OCT 2001

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's Fall 2001 Seminar Archives Research

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm>

20 OCT 2001 - 2PM

Orphan Trains

Kathryn Barrett
North Suburban Genealogical Society
Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road
<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/nsgs.htm>

25 OCT 2001 - 7:30PM

Scottish research prior to Civil Registry

Maureen Brady
Kane County Genealogy Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>
meeting room of the Kane County Chronicle Building
1000 Randall Road, Geneva

27 OCT 2001 - 9AM-12NOON

\$10 MEMBERS; \$15 NON-MEMBERS

Indiana Chapter Palatines to America - Fall Workshop featuring Ernest Thode

Community Room of Flanner and Buchanan, 2950
North High Road, Indianapolis

For further info: Nancy I. Meyer, Registrar, 234 W. Jefferson Street, Tipton, IN 46072-1850. Pre-registration is requested by October 10, 2001

<http://www.palam.org/events.htm>

28 OCT 2001 - 2PM

Stories My Grandfather Never Told Me

by Franklin Mills, JGSI member
Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/>
Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton, Niles

03 NOV 2001 - 8AM TO 4 PM

\$25 - \$28 - \$30

Lake County Fall Workshop - "Take the Mystery Out of Family Research"

at the College of Lake County
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/wkshp.htm>

Featured speaker is Kathleen Hinckley, genealogist, author and private investigator. Glenn Longacre and Bob Heck are featured in an alternate track.

03 NOV 2001

Arlington Heights Memorial Library

NO FEE - REGISTER AT (847) 392-0100

9:30 am—noon Beginning Genealogy - by Michael MulHolland, of AHML

1:30-2:45 English Genealogical Research by Ann Wells, of BIGWIL

2:45—4:00 Irish Genealogical Research by Brian Donovan, of the Irish-American Heritage Center

06 NOV 2001 - 9:30AM

Abigail Webster, Mother of Daniel

Barbara West
Elgin Genealogical Society
Gail Borden Public Library
200 N. Grove Ave., Elgin
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/>

07 NOV 2001 - 7 PM

Italian Research by Linda Davenport

Naperville FHC
(630) 505-0233
1320 Ridgeland Road
(Ridgeland and Naper Boulevard)

Other Group Events

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08 Nov 2001 - 7PM

TLC for Present and Future Family Heirlooms: Clothing and Linens

Practical advice from a representative of the McHenry County Historical Society

McHenry County Genealogical Society
<http://www.mcigs.org/>

Woodstock Public Library, 414 Judd Street,
Woodstock, IL

08 Nov 2001 - 7:30PM

Unlock the Secrets of Your Home's Past

by Betsy Gurlacz

Fox Valley Genealogical Society
Naperville Municipal Center

<http://members.aol.com/fvgs1/index.html/>

10 Nov 2001 - 2 PM-4PM

Italian Genealogy Group - POINTers In Person Chapter #27 (Chicago-North)

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~itappcnc>

or contact

Dan Niemiec pipnorth@aol.com for more info
Schaumburg District Library, 130 S Roselle Rd

10 Nov 2001 - 8AM-4PM

NGS Regional Conference in South Bend, Indiana

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/confSouthBend.htm>

Featuring Sheila Benedict, CGRS & Cyndi Howells

11 Nov 2001 - 2 PM

The Waves of Immigration and Community Building, 1850-2001"

Dominic Pacyga, author of

"Chicago's Polish Neighborhoods:

Social Hall of the Polish Museum

984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago

Polish Genealogical Society of America

<http://www.pgsa.org/meetings.htm>

14 Nov 2001 - 7 PM

Writing Other's Histories

by Karen Morgan

Naperville FHC phone (630) 505-0233

1320 Ridgeland Road

(Ridgeland and Naper Boulevard)

14 Nov 2001 - 7:30 PM

Computers, Internet and Genealogy

by Beverly Levine Smallwood - CAGG-NI Member

Des Plaines Public Library

1501 Ellinwood Street

Friends' Meeting Room B, 1st floor

Call (847) 376-3001 to register

15 Nov 2001 - 7:30PM

Caring For Your Family Photographs

Joy Matthiessen, Museum Director,

The DesPlaines Historical Society

Forest View Education Center, 2121 S Goebbert,

Arlington Heights

Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists

<http://www.mtprospect.org/nsgs/>

15 Nov 2001 - 7:30PM

The Sociology of Cemeteries

Helen A. Shaw - Anthropologist

DuPage County Genealogical Society

<http://www.dcps.org/>

McCormick Room (downstairs)

in the Wheaton Public Library

17 Nov 2001 - 10AM-12PM

Peggy Gleich will talk about reminiscing & writing

BIGWILL

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

Grace Lutheran Church

6000 Broadway St., Richmond, Illinois

18 Nov 2001 - 2 PM

How to Publish Your Family History using Family Tree Maker

by Mike Karsen, JGSI & CAGGNI member

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/>

Meeting location TBA - (312) 666-0100

19 Nov 2001 - 7PM

Finding Ancestors in Great Britain by Paul Milner

Zion Genealogical Society

<http://nsn.nslsilus.org/wkkhome/zion/index.html>

Beach Park Village Hall, 11270 Wadsworth Rd,

Beach Park

September Puzzler

How would you view two different parts of a document on the same screen using Microsoft's Word®? Is there a way to do this in Excel®?

September Puzzler Answer

You can divide your document window into two panes. This is accomplished by placing the cursor at the top of the scroll bar on the right side of the screen at the black mark until it turns into a line with arrows above and below. When this happens, left click "grabbing" the black mark and pull it down. The farther you pull it down, the larger the top pane becomes. You now have two scroll bars and can position each pane in a different location in the document. Try the same technique in Excel®.

October Puzzler

How can you track the changes you make to a document in a word processing package? The solution given will be for Microsoft's Word® however the same concept will be available in any full service word processing package.

Family Story Question of the Month

Were there other relatives who shared your home?

Tag Line

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ARK, Professionals built the TITANIC.

September Meeting Notes

Doing Research on the Internet

presented by Brother Joseph Martin

The September meeting was so well attended that we were bursting at the seams. We were scheduled in a different room than usual which was smaller but our attendee population was also larger. Brother Joseph Martin was very entertaining and very well received. Although his presentation was not interactive (a "live" surfing presentation) but delivered using transparencies, much was gained by those attending the meeting.

Accompanying his lecture were a number of handouts which may be accessed from our website, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni> following the links to our 2001 programs and September's link. In addition, a list of Brother Martin's future speaking engagements are listed if you would like to attend more lectures.

Brother Martin's lecture covered general sites, search engines, e-mail and e-mail lists, electronic newsletters, searching techniques on various web sites and on-line access to libraries. Some highlights of the talk were:

- * Set a goal for your on-line session and keep that in focus. This will help prevent finding yourself at midnight with nothing to show for the last 4 hours except a lot of new bookmarks.

- * Keep a log of sites visited and what you searched for during the session.

- * Use more than one search engine. That commercial on TV about "I finished surfing the Internet" is impossible, just as one search engine indexing or searching the entire Internet is also impossible.

- * When you write a query, make it an effective communication starting with the subject line. Do not title a query "Searching for family" or "Looking for information". These messages will be deleted by all except the most persistent mail reader. If you are looking for information John Adams in Columbus Ohio in 1844, use that as the subject of the message. Within the message, include enough information so the reader will have some background and be able to ascertain if there is a connection. One trick which Brother Martin uses in his own research is to include "all" his research on a person: parents, origin, children including all years. In this way, if he finds himself at a research center without his "papers", he can go to an Internet computer, search for his own message and there he has his "papers" at a remote location. This is especially handy if you are in Columbus Ohio and were not planning on researching but find a free afternoon available.

Refreshments were supplied by **Frank McGovern** and **Betty Helsper** with **Linda Bower** organizing the treats and **Harold Bodinet** manning the water brigade. As we didn't have the kitchen, we were unable to have coffee but resourceful Harold got water as our liquid refreshment. Some attendees continued discussions at a Dominick's lunch after the meeting.

What's The Buzz ?



compiled by Anne Jacobs

CAGG-NI's newsletter contains links to Internet sites and is not responsible for the content located on or through, any such third-party sites. You should always take care when downloading and using software from the Internet.

Subject: Internet: Thinking Critically about Internet Resources

From: DummiesDaily <feedback@dummiesdaily.com>

Here it is — one of the most simple tips for judging the quality of on-line information. In a nutshell: trust but verify. Leave yourself open to the possibility of knowledge coming from unexpected, and previously undiscovered, sources. But don't accept any of it at face value. Apply the following critical filters:

- * Is the info backed by a brand name or trustworthy reputation?
- * Can you verify an expert's credentials, or determine who's really responsible for a site and what he or she is trying to accomplish?
- * Can you determine whether the document in front of you is complete, unaltered, and current?
- * Did a credible source point you to the site or information source in the first place? If not, can you verify the information in a least two other independent sources.

You may not want — or need — to go through the full interrogation every time you read and decide to use something you find on-line. But keep these questions in mind.

For more research strategy help, seek a copy of *Researching Online For Dummies*, 2nd Edition

Subject: Internet: Server Not Found

From: DummiesDaily <feedback@dummiesdaily.com>

Getting a Server Not Found error is a common occurrence and often means that you can't get through. Usually, the Web server you're trying to reach is down, either temporarily or permanently. But often this message just indicates a glitch in the Net that keeps you from getting through, so try twice before you give up. Many surfers have gotten through to the Web sites they wanted to view by just trying again after getting an error message. So don't give up!

For more info on the Internet, see *CliffsNotes Getting on the Internet* [<http://catalog.hungryminds.com/product.asp?isbn=0764585266>], by David Crowder and Rhonda Crowder, published by Hungry Minds, Inc.

Subject: Internet: Returned E-Mail Messages

From: DummiesDaily <feedback@dummiesdaily.com>

Sometimes, the e-mail message that you send is returned to you undelivered. The error message reporting this may tell you that the address doesn't exist. If you don't think the message is right, try again. Waiting a few hours before resending the message is best. That's usually enough time for the network administrator at the receiving end to find and solve the problem.

For more info on the Internet and e-mail, see *CliffsNotes Getting on the Internet* by David Crowder and Rhonda Crowder, published by Hungry Minds, Inc

Subject: Internet: Search Operators: NOT

From: DummiesDaily <feedback@dummiesdaily.com>

In Yahoo!, Google, and numerous other popular search engines, special words and symbols, known as search operators, can improve your searching capabilities.

The NOT operator can be very useful. NOT excludes keywords from being matched and is typically symbolized by -, the minus sign (the hyphen key on your keyboard). The NOT symbol is placed immediately before any word you want to exclude from matching.

An example of NOT searching would be orioles -baseball, which would match to sites about birds but not the baseball team.

For everything you could ever want to know about Yahoo!, look for *Yahoo! For Dummies*, 2nd Edition [<http://portal.hungryminds.com/etip.asp?topic=dd11&link=catalog.hungryminds.com/product.asp?isbn=0764507621>] by Brad Hill, published by Hungry Minds, Inc.

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