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Map Maker, Map Maker, Make Me A Map

PRESENTED BY
CHRIS W. KITE



Chris's father was a geologist and genealogist who taught him a love of maps and family history. He was raised in Houston, Texas, got a degree in math and masters in business administration from Brigham Young University, and has marketed and designed financial planning and life insurance software for over 20 years. Chris and his wife Lynne are active in their church and community. Lynne is a nurse and they have 3 children from age 14 to 19. Chris's brother Greg played professional basketball for 13 years, including four NBA championship series and two rings with the Celtics. Chris got to sing the national anthem at the Boston Gardens. Last year Chris coordinated two meetings for CAGG-NI—one on the Civil War and Family History and one on molecular genealogy.

The presentation will use maps to unfold family history and migrations. Web sites for maps will be reviewed. Any suggestions for your favorite maps or websites for maps can be sent to Chris Kite, <mailto:cwkite@attbi.com>.

June 15, 2002

Creating a Web Page

VIRGINIA JENKINS

In this presentation we will discuss what you might want to include on your site, hints on how to arrange your information, and most importantly, how to create a document that can be read by your browser and displayed as a web page complete with pictures, links, and formatted text (all about your ancestors, of course.)

July 20, 2002

Trust Your Research to



BEVERLY LEVINE SMALLWOOD

Our CAGG-NI President will demonstrate Bygones, a Basic Genealogical Note-Keeping System to organize your research notes and logs.

April Meeting Notes

by Janice Wasmer

April's meeting was entitled: "What's New in 2002" Some meetings are easier to review than others. The April meeting happened to fall into the latter category. Therefore, this review won't be as comprehensive as previous ones have been. Our guest speaker for the April meeting was Edward Rosenthal who did a presentation on computers, printers, cameras, and CD equipment. Most of the information presented involved charts, graphs and copies of newspaper ads comparing the pricing on all the equipment. He noted that the speed and power for PCs have quadrupled in the past three years, while the prices have gone down, and that the reduction in the cost of the Intel Pentium chips is responsible for much of the cost reduction. During his discussion on digital cameras, he noted that cameras are getting better, although there is still a great deal of room for improvement. A 6 meg digital camera, which would give very good quality pictures, costs in the \$3000 range; it bit pricey for the casual user. Our discussion moved on to DVD and MV Camcorders, where Ed noted that through Bluetooth Technology, it is possible to dial up email and send out pictures immediately. Computers aren't even needed to share these pictures. Tapes, as a medium is out, and it's a bad idea to backup your photos on tape. Eventually it will be impossible to view them. [Remember Beta tapes? How about 8-tracks? Some day, (sooner than we can imagine,) people will be talking about those 'old' tapes.] Saving to chips and sticks will make them more accessible for a longer time. When it comes to saving JPEG files, be aware that each time you save a JPEG image, you lose some of the data and the quality. Therefore it's a better idea to save them in a Tagged Image File Format (.TIF). The inconvenience of a higher image file size is offset by the quality of the photos. As for scanners, choose a scanner with a Zenon bulb for most consistent light and less heat buildup. A 24-bit scanner is sufficient when it comes to color depth for normal use, but they are hard to find. A 30-bit is more common. He demonstrated how to make a flip album for a family record including music, video, pictures, indexing, as well including narration. Once finished, it can be packaged and sent to someone else via the computer, or it can be uploaded onto a website. Finally, he noted that a 3.0 GHz Pentium 4 is on the drawing board and is expected to be released by end of this

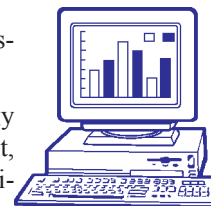
year. And a 22-inch LCD monitor is also coming out. Prices are due to continue to decline, and he suggested that if you're contemplating buying a new computer, you could save a lot of money if you put the purchase off until after the end of May, when prices are expected to drop again.

Chris Hermann, Shirley King, Frank McGovern and Jan Wasmer were among those supplying refreshments. **Lynn Haider** and **Harold Boninet** managed the kitchen and coffee. We had lots of goodies, enough for dessert at the Dominick's luncheon afterward. Thanks!

Recycle Your Computer

Technology can help students with disabilities achieve success.

A great deal of assistive technology exist - but access may be limited by cost, and a lack of information about and experience with technology.



The Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN) is a statewide system for recycling valuable computers and other technology from businesses and individuals to Illinois special-education students.

Since the program's inception in 1995, ATEN has provided more than 15,500 computer systems to over 825 schools in 302 cities. Computers and other technology that can improve the lives of students with disabilities is expensive. ATEN provides much-needed technology to Illinois schools at little or no cost.

ATEN gives businesses and individuals an easy way of disposing of equipment and software that they are no longer using. In addition, donating businesses and individuals may qualify for tax deductions.

ATEN solicits donations of used equipment and software from organizations, corporations and individuals. ATEN upgrades and repairs this equipment and distributes it to requesting Illinois schools.

Businesses or individuals may donate equipment by calling ATEN at (800)476-2836 and provide a brief description of items to be donated.

Equipment in working order is preferred.

Donors are provided with documentation of their donation for tax purposes. Corporate donors may qualify for special tax benefits. Shipping costs also may be deductible under applicable rules and regulations.

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President's Letter

Hi everybody! So sorry I can't be with you this month; I'll be up in Milwaukee for the National Genealogical Society conference. I know **Chris Kite's** presentation will be excellent. Maps are one of my favorite topics, so I'll be sorry to miss it.

I had a chance to use the Chicago Tribune index¹ last month. A couple of years ago the Tribune announced that they would be digitizing and indexing most of the paper, including death notices. It is a work in progress, so you need to check it again from time to time. My searches revealed one cousin was an assistant state's attorney in the 1950s and another lost his tavern license for dealing in stolen goods! I found another cousin on a World War II casualty list and still another received a promotion on his railroad job. All this thanks to Mike Karsen. You see, he shared his find with our group in a recent newsletter.

This is the idea behind the library project. I added it this resource to our database as well as some other new items. Please visit these pages and contribute! You don't need to inventory everything at once. Just send it in a little at a time if you wish. You are not volunteering for any more than you contribute; no long term responsibility. It's your database. It's as big, as useful, and as helpful as YOU make it.²

And lastly, a word or two about our next project. CAGG-NI has quite possibly the highest member attendance of any group I've seen. It is something to be proud of, but we can't rest on our laurels. We need to continue to grow. More members means more new blood, more ideas, more voices, more viewpoints, more presenters. To prevent or mitigate any growing pains, we are embarking on a fund raising effort. We have set Shop & Share dates with Jewel and Dominick's food stores. They will contribute 5% of your purchases to CAGG-NI -- at no added cost to you. Fund raising will give us the cushion we need should we outgrow our meeting facilities or require a projector of our own.

We will distribute Shop & Share slips at our meeting and post a copy to our website so you can print as many copies as you can use. Please give a certificate to everyone you know: friends, family, neighbors, strangers. We are restricted from handing them out at the grocery store though, so please respect that or we will lose our privileges permanently.

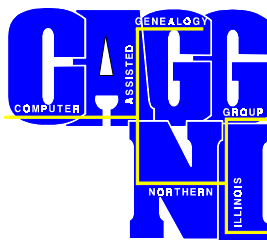
Our first Shop & Share dates are June 3rd through 5th at any Jewel-Osco. Please save your major purchases for those dates and remember to take the slip with you. Anne Jacobs will be sending out a reminder by email as we get closer to the dates.

See you next month!

Beverly Levine Smallwood

¹ Chicago Tribune Historical Archives 1849-1984 is an internet subscription database. It's available at Arlington Heights Memorial Library (and perhaps others?). I was just able to do a search from home through the Evanston Public Library. <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/EPL/exo_folders/>

² To contribute to the Library database: <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni/resource/libraris/input.htm>>



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What is WorldCat and How Do I Use It?

by Anne Jacobs

Have you ever been referred to a book which your local library does not have? Libraries have this great service called “interlibrary loan”, which allows you to borrow from a library for where you don’t have a library card. Not all books are let out on an interlibrary loan but many are. WorldCat is one way you can find out who has the book you want.

WorldCat is actually one of many databases which are available under a service called OCLC FirstSearch. Some of the other OCLC databases:

- ArticleFirst – index of articles
- GPO – US Government publications
- NetFirst – Internet resources
- WorldCat – catalog of books and web resources worldwide

There are a total of 15 databases available with each one having its own unique focus.

In Illinois, this service is provided by the state to libraries. However, you can use it at home if your local library allows it. (If they don’t, why not? These are your tax dollars at work and that policy should be changed. ;>0)). Some libraries have an interlibrary loan page on their site. You have to register at the library for access to this page (Arlington Heights is an example of this). You have to determine whether this “search page” provides a search facility designed and controlled by your library limiting the capability of OCLC. Other libraries provide their patrons with the OCLC authorization code and password so you can go directly into the search facility from home. Try your library’s web site first to see if they have a link.

Depending on how you access this facility, the page will look different. If it is your own library’s website, the rest of this article may not be useful. However, if your library’s page allows you to access WorldCat, there may be some features available there which are not when you go di-

rectly into the OCLC site. If you want to access it directly, you can find an URL by doing a search in your favorite browser. An URL for OCLC FirstSearch can be found by entering “worldcat firstsearch oclc” (without the quotes) in a search engine (browser screen). Google, <http://www.google.com>, is my favorite. It is my home page (see Bev Smallwood’s article this month.) Many sites will be returned by the search engine. Select one of the sites returned; key in the authorization and password; and begin searching. Each site has its own format and choices so I my step by step instructions may apply conceptually more than literally.

After you get passed the sign-in screen, select WorldCat. There are many ways to search: keyword, author, ISBN, publisher (location), subject or title or combinations of these.

As my quest for the Luxemburger Gazette is what started this, I selected ‘keyword’ and entered ‘luxemburger gazette’ in the form box. Note that I did not capitalize either word even though it is a proper name of a publication. Using a capital letter can change your entire search so it is best to always use lower case. Nine hits were returned. None of them were the English version of Luxemburgers in the New World. This is because I have not spelled Luxemburg as it appears in the

title of this book and Gazette is not in the

title. Going back to the search screen,

enter ‘luxemburger’. Now fourteen

hits are returned. Still Luxemburgers

in the New World is not listed,

except in German. Try

‘luxembourgers’. Now forty

hits are returned AND Luxem-

bourgers in the New World is

one of them held by the Arlington

Heights Library. Don’t

give up if your first attempt is

unsuccessful; think about other

ways to search. just like you

would on many other searches on

the Internet (Ellis Island,

FamilySearch, etc.)

Each hit’s description contains title, author, publication date and place (if available), document description (book, article, language, etc.) and libraries owning the book. Look for the entry you are interested in and



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then click on the link which is the title. A new screen is displayed containing much of the same information as well as ownership. This is how you can find what libraries own the book. The number of libraries owning the title is listed as well as the link to a list of these libraries. Seventy-two libraries own this two volume set. Click on "Libraries that Own Item" link or the icon at the bottom titled Libraries To open a new screen which lists all the owner libraries by state as well as a complete description of the publication. This is what your librarian will need to get the book on interlibrary loan, so you will want to print it out.

You can print the page in a number of ways. Select the print icon at the top or bottom of the page or return to the previous page and click on the box after the word "Mark:". If you are looking for more than one book, just mark each interesting publication during your session and print all of them at once. After you have completed your publication research, select "Marked Records" at the left side of the screen. Only your marked records will be displayed. Now select "Detailed" and on the next screen "Libraries that Own Item" and now the print icon. Proceed with each marked record until you are done. You might want to print a copy for yourself so you can keep track of what you have ordered. You could also e-mail yourself the page and keep track of your orders electronically. Take these printed pages to your Reference Librarian and ask for an interlibrary loan. Sometimes there is a charge, depending on from where the book comes; out-of-state books cost about \$3.00.

If you really want to be electronic about it, e-mail your request to your library, if they will accept orders in this manner. (Arlington Heights, Wheaton and Naperville will NOT.) Check with your library to see if you can use the e-mail feature, and, if so, get the e-mail address they prefer to use for these requests. Of course, you would have to give your library card number as well as a way to contact you, such as an e-mail address or phone number, so they could inform you if the book was not available, or costs are involved, or it has arrived.

Using this search tool to find books your local library does not have, is a great way to extend the scope of your library research. The size of your community's library has just been extended to the virtual world. Try it, it doesn't cost you anything, most of the time.

Bygones Adds Tutorial

Troy Adair, the author of Bygones, has added a slideshow tutorial on the Research database to his website. <http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones/index.htm#Tutorials>

It is planned to be the first in a series. With nearly 400 slides it is a bit long, so allow plenty of time to do it. Like most slide shows it runs on a self-timer. You may speed things along or slow it down with the controls on the right side of the window. These controls will, from top to bottom: return you to the beginning; return you to the previous slide; play or pause toggle; and move you to the next slide. The only improvement would be to allow you to jump to a specific slide or chapter-like bookmarks. I don't know if the software allow either possibility.

If you would prefer to download the tutorial rather than viewing it over the internet, he has provided instructions on how to accomplish that as well. <http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones/tutorialdownloads.htm>.

TMG 5.0 Debuts Tuesday, May 21

From the TMG Newsletter

You've heard about. You've wished for it. You've waited for it. And now your patience is going to pay off. The Master Genealogist v5.0 will be released on Tuesday, 21 May 2002, as a download from the Wholly Genes web store. This brand new product represents a complete rewrite of the most powerful family history project manager on the market. It has the long-awaited 32-bit interface with right-click menus, long file names, and support for the mouse wheel but that's just the beginning. It includes updated versions of the exclusive technologies for which TMG is famous, including GenBridge (direct imports without GEDCOM) and Visual Chartform (powerful charting tools) and it adds dozens of new and enhanced features. The Master Genealogist v5.0 raises the bar again and family history software will never be the same! We have heard your passionate pleas and we're releasing TMG v5.0 as a downloadable product even before the CDs and printed Reference Manual are in stock so that you can start using it as soon as possible.

Other Group Events Compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood

01 JUN 2002 - 1:30PM - NEWBERRY LIBRARY
What's New at the Newberry / Hit a Brick Wall?

Chicago Genealogical Society
<http://www.chgogs.org/>

04 JUN 2002 - 9:30AM - GAIL BORDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Barbara Gonyo, A Reunion Consultant with Truth Seekers in Adoption

Elgin Genealogical Society
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/page3.html>

05 JUN 2002 - NAPERVILLE FHC
English Sources - Sandra Trapp
call 630-505-0233 to register

06 JUN 2002 - 7PM
Brown Paper Bags Are Not an Organizational System - Marian Scheutz
Tinley Moraine Genealogist, at the Tinley Park High School, 6111 W 175th Street

08 JUN 2002 - 10:30AM - SCHAUMBURG LIBRARY
TMG (The Master Genealogist) User Group Meeting
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcaggni/>

08 JUN 2002 - HAMMOND
Suzanne Long offers a Tour of the Calumet Room at Hammond Public Library
South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society -
http://www.rootsweb.com/~ssghs/sscal.htm#SSGHS_Calendar

11 JUN 2002 - 7PM - FREMONT LIBRARY IN MUNDELEIN
Swedish Research - Beverly Smallwood
Lake County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/meetings.htm>

11 JUN 2002 - 7:30 PM
Break out sessions/small group discussions
Schaumburg Township District Library Genealogy Group

12 JUN 2002 - NAPERVILLE FHC
Using PERSI - Deanna Spingola
call 630-505-0233 to register

13 JUN 2002 - 7PM - WOODSTOCK
Rebecca Quinn of Creative Memories - TLC for Present and Future Family Heirlooms II: Photos and Paper

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

17 JUN 2002 - 7PM - BEACH PARK VILLAGE HALL
Ships of Our Ancestors - Paul Valasek
Zion Genealogical Society
<http://nsn.nslsilus.org/wkhome/zion/index.html>

20 JUN 2002 - 7PM - GAIL BORDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Trails & Tribulations by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

Capture those persons who lived "On the Fringe" of mainstream society.
Elgin Genealogical Society
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/page3.html>

27-29 JUN 2002 - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
East to West (Midwest, That Is)
Palatines to America National Conference
<http://www.palam.org/events.htm>

30 JUN - 07 JULY 2002 - DES MOINES, IOWA
33rd Annual International AHSGR CONVENTION
See AHSGR website for details.
<http://www.ahsgr.org/calendar.htm>

08-11 JUL 2002 - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Illinois State Genealogical Society's 8th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America
LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK, SANDRA H. LUEBKING,
MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, PAUL MILNER
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/gima/gima1.htm>

14-18 JUL 2002 - DEARBORN, MICHIGAN
International Roots Conference
<http://rootsconference.com/Index.html>

04-09 AUG 2002 - TORONTO
IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy
<http://www.jgstoronto.ca/Conferences2.html>

07-10 AUG 2002 - ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA
The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) at the Ontario Convention Center
<http://www.fgs.org/2002conf/FGS-2002.htm>

Family Story Question of the Month:

Have you found your family bible?

How did you find it and where?

May Puzzler:

Is there a hot key stroke(s) you can use if your mouse does not work to access Windows functions?

May Puzzler Answer:

You will now have uses for that funny key between the Fn and the ALT key which has the Windows logo on it. That is the Windows Key. Depress it (the Windows key) by itself to access the Start Menu; Windows Explorer; Win-dows key and R simultaneously for the Run window; Windows key and D simultaneously for the Desktop screen (Windows key and M simultaneously also works); Windows key and F for a Find (search) window. Depending on your software installation, you could also try the Windows key and H or V. What does that open up?

Tag Line:

I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.



Question 1


I have a spreadsheet of extracted marriages that lists the parents of the bride and groom. I want to create hyperlinks from the parents that will take me to the parents marriage. If I create a link and then resort the spreadsheet, the link continues to point to the same cell which now contains different dates. How do I set it up to keep the link pointing to the right family after their row is sorted?

Question 2

Is there any software that will automatically break up a large scanned image into smaller separate files? I scan, as one image, the entire flatbed with as many photos as I can fit. Now I have to load each big image and cut and paste to save each photo as a separate file. Can some software do this for me?

If you can answer these, please email **Dan Niemiec**:
mailto:famigliabari@aol.com and copy the editor and we'll print the answers in the next newsletter.

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Home Sweet (Internet) Home

By Beverly Levine Smallwood

When you start your browser, it opens the “home page” by default. Internet Explorer likes to point you to a Microsoft page and Netscape will set up NetCenter as its home. After waiting (patiently?) for the page to load, you can then proceed to the web site you really wanted in the first place. Why not set the home page as someplace you generally go to every day anyway? It’s really easy. Start by navigating to your most frequently visited web page.

In Netscape, select Edit > Preferences and click on Navigator under Categories. On the right side of this window towards the middle you’ll see “Home page” with the options to type or paste a URL, Use Current Page, or Browse. Click “Use Current Page”.

In Internet Explorer (IE), select View > Internet Options and click on the General tab. Home page is right at the top, and again you can type a URL or paste one in, but the easiest of all is to click on “Use Current”.

Of course, both Netscape and IE allow you to save shortcuts to interesting places so you can revisit them. Netscape calls them “bookmarks” and they are stored in a single html file at <C:\Program Files\Netscape\Users\{“default” or your user name}\bookmarks.htm>. IE stores them as individual files with the extension “.URL”, generally found at <C:\Windows\Favorites>. If you have trouble finding the directory in Win2000 or XP, try the following: Win+F (hold the Windows key, located between Ctrl and Alt, while you press the “F” key). This brings up the Find files dialog box. On the Name & Location tab type (without the quotes) “*.URL” in the Named box and click on “Find Now”.

Both Netscape & IE allow you to edit, delete, rename, and reorganize these bookmarks or favorites. In Netscape, click on Bookmarks > Edit Bookmarks, or Communicator > Bookmarks > Edit Bookmarks, or Ctrl+B. On IE’s top menu bar click on Favorites > Or-

ganize Favorites. I like to create folders and subfolders to group my bookmarks by topic.

Did you know you can open the browser to something other than the home page you just designated? Microsoft placed “Favorites” right on the start menu. All you need to do is click on start, favorites, and click on a web link. Your browser will then open and load that page rather than the home page.

Does this mean you are out in the cold if you use Netscape? Nope! Netscape users can convert their “bookmarks” into “favorites” using small, free, utility programs you can download. I’ve been using FavTool* which converts in either direction. Whenever I want to update my favorites with my latest bookmarks, I go to the C:\Windows\Favorites directory and select and delete all, or most of, the files found there. (I generally

leave the shortcut to My Documents and any other local file shortcuts I’ve created.) Once I have a clean slate, I run

FavTool to create favorites from my current bookmarks. That way, when I go to the Start > Favorites > link, it opens my designated browser, Netscape, to the page I want to see first.

* To learn more about FavTool, go to <<http://www.infopeople.org/howto/convertbkmk.html>>.

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