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Video/Digital Conversion

Presented by Ed Rosenthal
and Everett Butler



Converting you photos and videos to digital files for preservation.

About the Speakers ...

Ed Rosenthal has served three terms as the President of CAGG-NI and has been doing family research for over 20 years. He has been a user of Family Tree Maker® (FTM) software for over 10 years. Ed's profession is a Senior Program Manager and has held positions with Rockwell, Motorola and NEC. Ed has over twenty years experience directing engineering, communications and software projects.

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October 15, 2005

Meeting Cancelled Please Attend the Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference

CAGG-NI members will be presenting one of the tracks at the Conference.

CAGG-NI members who register for the conference will be getting a discount on the registration fee.

November 19, 2005

Software Duel

Presented by Anne Jacobs

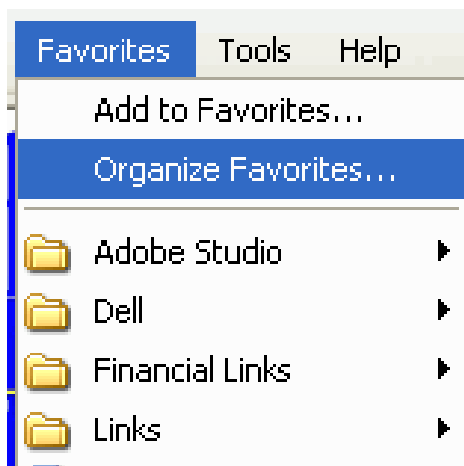
Learn the differences between our members' three most popular genealogy software packages. Each package is demonstrated by a member who uses that software.

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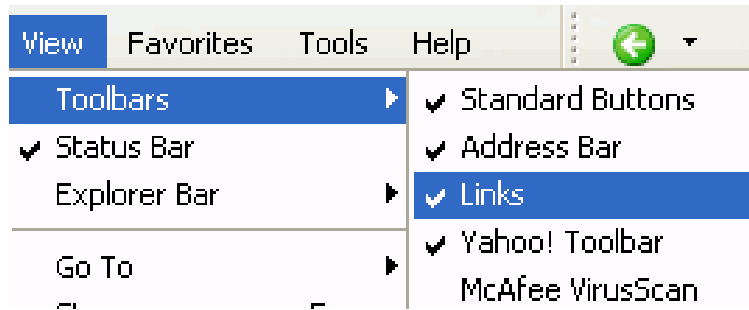
After the August meeting, one of our members came up to ask me about how I've customized my browser. He noticed that I had all the links I normally used right at the top, and wanted to know how I did that. Well folks, it is so simple it should be a crime not to have it your way.

In Internet Explorer (IE), all bookmarks to web pages are stored as "Favorites". When you get a new computer or reinstall Windows or your browser, it comes loaded up with all kinds of stuff you will probably never use. You can clean up Favorites either by selecting "Organize Favorites" from the Favorites menu or by activating the Favorites side bar.

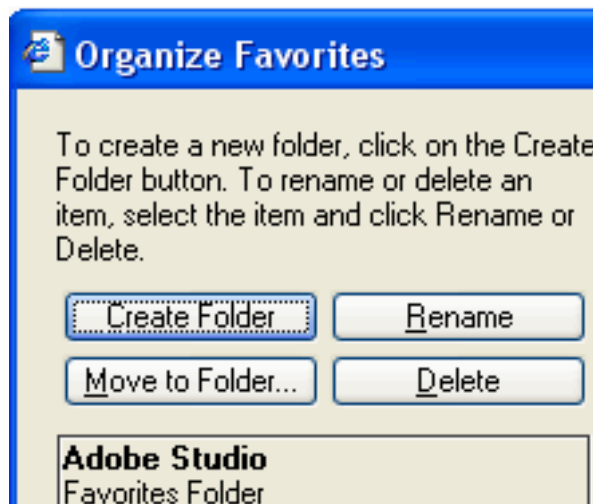


Delete all the junk that you'll never use. Create folders and subfolders to group similar web sites together in categories. IE has a special folder called "Links". Move or drag all the folders/links you need on a regular basis to the Links folder. Next, from the View menu, make sure "Links" has a check mark after it on the Toolbars submenu. Uncheck "Lock the Toolbars" if necessary. You may need to drag and drop the Links toolbar to the bottom if necessary. Rearrange the rest as you like. You may make further selections by right clicking on the toolbars and selecting "customize".

Once you have it all set up, go back to Views - Toolbars - Lock the Toolbars and click again to check/lock



it. Now your favorite Favorites are right at your fingertips. Please understand though, there is only so much room across the bar, so limit yourself to a handful of folders or you won't be able to see them all. Another trick I use



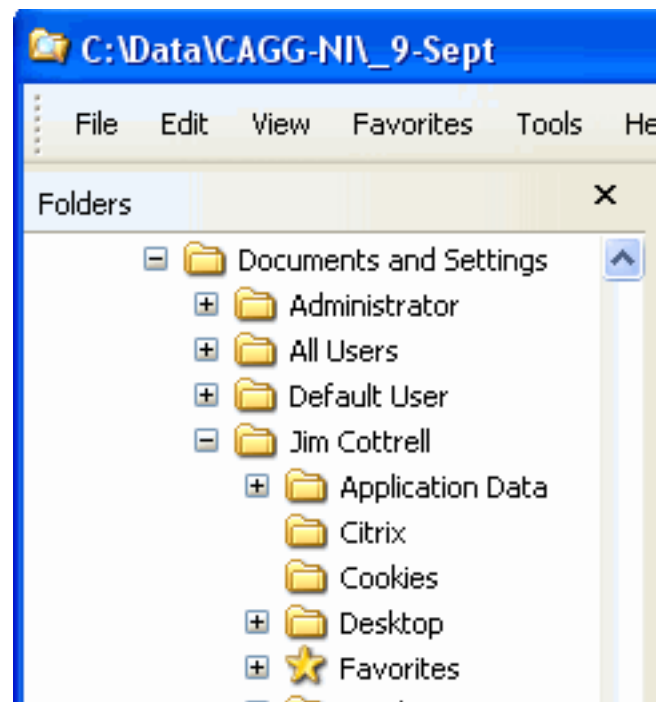
is to rename some of the links. "National Genealogical Society" takes up much more horizontal space than "NGS".

Ongoing, be sure that you save new links to the proper folders and subfolders. To do this, click on Favorites - Add to Favorites, then navigate to the right folder or subfolder - creating one if necessary - before clicking OK.

Copying your links to a new computer? Easy! Internet Ex-

plorer links are each small files stored on a folder on your hard drive. Mine are stored under: C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\Favorites. "Owner" is the username. Yours may differ. You may also rearrange your Favorites by

going to My Computer and navigating to this folder. Then select and delete links, right click to create new folders, drag links to folders, etc. Your changes here will show up in the browser when you reopen favorites from there. You may back up your Favorites by copying this folder as well.



President's Letter

The September 17 meeting will be followed by a planning meeting. We would like to put part of next year's programs together so that we can hand out brochures at the October 15, ISGS Conference in Itasca. Also, we will be assembling a slate of officers for next year.

I will not be returning as President for next year. I am

Cook Memorial Public Library District Programs

These programs are part of Cook Memorial Public Library District's celebration of Family History Month. For more info check their website:
<http://www.cooklib.org/Attend/Adult%20Programs.htm>

Write Your Family History NOW

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005. 7:00 P.M.

Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street,
Libertyville, Illinois

Genealogists are very good at doing research on their families, but often delay publishing the results of their efforts. Genealogy instructor Mike Karsen will teach you how to organize and publish your findings. Call the Library Reception Desk at 847-362-2330 to register or for additional information.

Genetic Genealogy: A Case Study of the Bassett Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005. 7:00 P.M.

Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street,
Libertyville, Illinois

Speaker Jeffrey Bassett will explain the basics of DNA testing and how it can be used to further your family history research. Call the Library Reception Desk at 847-362-2330 to register or for additional information.

Genealogy...After Hours

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005. 6:00 P.M.

Cook Memorial Public Library District, 413 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, Illinois

Need a little more time to work on your genealogy research? Reference librarians Sonia Schoenfield and Arlene Lane will present an introductory program and provide personal assistance from 6:00 to 10:00 for registered participants to access the library's genealogy book collection, periodicals and computer databases. Call the Library Reception Desk at 847-362-2330 to register or for additional information. Registration for this program is limited to Cook Library card holders until October 7.

anticipating surgery for a knee replacement in the spring. I had my left knee done in 2003 and I know it will take all my energy for a couple of months to get through having my right knee done next year. I inherited the bad knees from my maternal grandmother. My brother, Ronald, is in rehab after having a knee replacement and will have the other one done in November. My sister, Louise, had both of hers done last year. I think I am lucky that I had a couple of years between the surgeries.

I will continue to come to the meetings when I can, next year, and will be happy to contribute in other ways to the organization. Being a member of CAGGNI has certainly broadened my genealogical horizons.

See you on September 17.

Carolyn Meeker



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Antiquus Morbus - The Genealogist's Resource for Interpreting Causes of Death.

A Glossary of Archaic Medical Terms, Diseases and Causes of Death in twenty two different languages.

<http://www.antiquusmorbus.com>

The Olive Tree Genealogy

Have you hit a brick wall with your ancestors? Search for your family origins on Olive Tree free Ship's passenger lists, church records, land records, family surnames and much more will help you find that elusive ancestor.

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

Our Roots - a gateway to Canada's past.

Tales to be discovered include those of the Irish at Grosse Isle, the American invasion of 1775, the Sackville telephone exchange and much more.

<http://www.ourroots.ca/e/about1.asp>

Discover Canada through National Maps and Facts

This online Atlas offers a collection of maps and related information about Canada. Select and view over 900 maps dating back to 1906.

<http://atlas.gc.ca/site/english/index.html>

The Genographic Project

Who was your first ancestor? New DNA studies say that all humans descended from an African ancestor who lived only 60,000 years ago. Uncover the specific paths that led from him [her] to you—the ultimate history, as written to our genes. To participate in the study, visit the Genographic Project Web site.

<https://www5.nationalgeographic.com/genographic>

Genealogy Search at Ebay

Family Bibles, books, publications and material being auctioned.

http://everythingelse.listings.ebay.com/genealogy_woq

When U.S. Works Pass Into The Public Domain

By Lolly Gasaway. University of North Carolina. A simple chart which indicates when public domain takes over.

<http://www.unc.edu/~uncnlg/public-d.htm>

San Antonio Public Library

Texana/Genealogy

Preserving Your Family Heritage. "Saving the Past for the Future" Preserving family photographs, personal papers, and other precious materials provides a valuable legacy for future generations. This website will give you the guidelines to keep your family memories safe.

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/texana/preservefamily.asp?res=1024&ver=true>

The Officer Down Memorial Page

Since 1791, over 17,000 American law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty. Each of these stories have been told within this site. Remember all of the law enforcement heroes.

<http://www.odmp.org>

Group participation makes every group grow. If CAGG-NI members have any sites of interest please forward them to:

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or

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More Census Search Tips

by Beverly Levine Smallwood

At the August meeting, I demonstrated several search techniques for finding people in the newly created electronic census indexes. I'm in Salt Lake City this week and more than ever I am seeing just how much genealogy has changed due to a series of 1's and 0's. I was working with several 19th century "indexes" for court and vital records. By index, they mean that all surnames starting with "C" are grouped together in chronological order. Sometimes, they group by first two or three letters, but even so, I saw many names in the wrong group – and so those that I was unable to find were undoubtedly similarly misplaced.

There is only one way to search a printed/written index – the way it was designed. You can either look up each spelling in an alphabetical list or scan down each entry in a grouped list. You cannot search for first names, dates, or other material because there are no cross-indexes.

How much nicer is it to be able to search and limit by multiple criteria?! I adore the fact that I can search by first name, age, and place of birth. I love that I can use wildcard characters and soundex to get name variations. What a timesaver!

Even so, you will not always find your target on the first or second try. Here are some ideas you can perhaps apply to your next search. Some of them may even help you with alternate spellings for old-fashioned indexes.

Experiment with spacing

My brother-in-law's family is French Canadian, by way of Kankakee County. One of the family names is L'Ecuyer. If found it in various indexes under L'Ecuyer, L Ecuyer, LeCuyer, Le Cuyer, etc. I've found it spelled in original records as Lecure!

I demonstrated McCabe and McCabe bringing up different results in some searches. When dealing with McC and Mac names, create a list of variations involving spacing and, even

though your family never spelled it "Mac" the recorder may have, spelling.

Sound it Out/ Write it Out

I was looking for Szuszetky. I tried this spelling both with and without the soundex option. This found some of them, but not all. Next I tried Szu* for Michigan and sifted through the results. This found a few more.

My last resort was to search for August Szuszetky merely as Aug*, living in Michigan for 1900. This gave me everyone whose first name starts with "Aug" (August, Augusta). Scrolling through the list. I found him. He was indexed as SZNSZITSKY. On the actual census the N and the U look so much alike that I can see how this happened.

Lesson: in addition to wild cards – be aware of letters that are easily confused in their appearance like u-n, w-m, etc.

Looking for the same man in 1880, I again had no success looking for the surname. This time I was able to search for anyone in Manistee, Manistee County, Michigan named Aug* who was born in 1866 +/- 2 years. The result? His family is listed as Chuchutski.

Lesson: SZ can sound like CH or SH to the census taker – but soundex won't work if the first letter is wrong. Say the name out loud. Imagine how a stranger might have spelled the name. Remember that many letters have similar sounds: s-c-z, c-k, d-t, etc. Try alternate first letters like Karlson vs. Carlson and Cedarleaf vs. Sitterlof. [These are actual spellings from actual documents]



Different Language/Different Pronunciation/Different Spelling

Your immigrant ancestor probably had an accent. How did the name sound in the native language? A Swede might sound like he's saying Larsh rather than Lars because the "rs" combination is often pronounced "rsh". In both Swedish and German, and probably many other Germanic languages, "V" and "W" sound alike and are freely substituted for one another.

One of my nephew's ancestral families is Leverenz, a German family. Searching the soundex brought many alternate spellings, but then I thought of the v-w thing.... Lewerenz would soundex out differently! I found several entries for the family with W rather than V. You could get some of these with wildcard searches "Le?erenz" but there is also variation in the number and placement of vowels.

Another of my brother-in-law's family names is Begnoche. It is French Canadian and pronounced "BENosh". I've found it spelled in actual records as Begnoche, Benoche, Bergnoche, and Bnoche.

In closing, consider how the name sounded to determine how a reasonable person from perhaps a different ethnic group might have spelled it. Then consider how letters look when written down to determine how a transcriber may have indexed it.

Other Group Events *compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

13 SEP 2005 - MUNDELEIN, IL

Lili Stephenson - Family History and Scrapbooking: The Perfect Marriage
Lake County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/meetings.htm>

15 SEP 2005 - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Joan Murray - The Spirit of Antje Demarest: The Life of an 18th Century Woman
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists
<http://www.mtprospect.org/nsgs/>

15 SEP 2005 - ELGIN

Stephen Quick - An American Epic: The Civil War - The Whole Story
Elgin Genealogical Society
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/>

15 SEP 2005 - CHICAGO

Researching Chicago's Local History: A Panel Discussion
ALICE MAGGIO, ELAINE COORENS, PEGGY TUCK SINKO AND
JENNIFER MASENGARB
Newberry Library
<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/L3gabout.html>

19 SEP 2005 - BEACH PARK, IL

Paul Milner - Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest
Zion Genealogical Society
<http://wkkhome.northstarnet.org/zion/zgsmeeting.html>

21 SEP 2005 - WINFIELD

Peggy Gleich - Family History Quirks, Idiosyncrasies, White Lies and Downright Deceit In Genealogy
DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dcgsg.org/>

22 SEP 2005 - GENEVA

Marilyn Robinson - History of Elburn, IL
Kane County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

25 SEP 2005 - CHICAGO 1-3 P.M.

Irish American Heritage Center
Genealogy Committee Meeting
<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

01 OCT 2005 - CHICAGO

Ginger Frere - Catholic Church Records
Chicago Genealogical Societ
<http://chgogs.org/calendar.html>

03 OCT 2005 - JANESVILLE, WI

FATHER STEPHEN UMHOEFER
Bavarian Research Techniques and slides from trips to Germany
German Interest Group - Wisconsin
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>

11 OCT 2005 - MUNDELEIN, IL

DEBBIE MIESZALA, CG AND JEANNE LARZALERE BLOOM, CG
An Option in Post-Adoption in Illinois
Lake County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/meetings.htm>

12 OCT 2005 - WINFIELD

Jackie Torrence - Scottish Research
DuPage County Genealogical Society
<http://www.dcgsg.org/>

13 OCT 2005 - TINLEY PARK

DR. EILEEN McMAHON, PHD
What Parish Are You From?
Tinley-Moraine Genealogists
<http://www.tmgenealogists.org/>

17 OCT 2005 - BEACH PARK, IL

Gloria Henke - Using State Censuses in Genealogical Research
Zion Genealogical Society
<http://wkkhome.northstarnet.org/zion/zgsmeeting.html>

20 OCT 2005 - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Everett Butler - Digital Archiving, Picture Preservation, and Document Management
Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists
<http://www.mtprospect.org/nsgs/>

20 OCT 2005 - ELGIN

DEBBIE MIESZALA
World War I Draft Registrations
Elgin Genealogical Societ
<http://www.elginarea.org/egs/>

27 OCT 2005 - GENEVA

Sharing your family history with your family. How do you do it?
Kane County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

Other Group Events

30 OCT 2005 - CHICAGO 1-3 P.M.

Irish American Heritage Center

Genealogy Committee Meeting

<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

19 NOV 2005 - RICHMOND, IL

**Paul Milner - Effective Use of England's
National Archives**

BIGWILL

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

21 NOV 2005 - BEACH PARK, IL

MAUREEN BRADY

Cook County Births, Marriages & Deaths

Zion Genealogical Society

[http://wkkhome.northstarnet.org/zion/
zgsmeeting.html](http://wkkhome.northstarnet.org/zion/zgsmeeting.html)

27 NOV 2005 - CHICAGO 1-3 P.M.

Irish American Heritage Center

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<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

Workshops & Conferences

16-18 SEP 2005 - SCHAUMBURG, IL

**Polish Genealogical Society
of Amerca Conference**

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

17 SEP 2005 - STONE PARK, IL

Italian Genealogy Conference

<http://italianancestry.com/conference/>

24 SEP 2005 - NAPERVILLE, IL

JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, PH.D.

More Excellent Adventures in Genealogy

Fox Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/worksh05.htm>

05-09 OCT 2005 - JOHNSON, IOWA

IGS Annual Fall Conference

FEATURING MEGAN SMOLENYAK SMOLENYAK AND JIM BEIDLER

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

15 OCT 2005 - ITASCA, IL

**Illinois State Genealogy Society
Fall Conference**

Featuring a CAGGNI technology track

[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/fallconf/
2005falconf.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/fallconf/2005falconf.html)

15 OCT 2005 - NEENAH, WI

WSGS Fall Conference

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

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

CGC News

*Beverly Levine Smallwood, CAGGNI delegate to the
CGC*

Hi Folks

I'm writing you from sunny Salt Lake City. I traveled all this way for two purposes. Firstly, to do lots and lots of research. Secondly, the Federation of Genealogical Societies is having their annual conference here September 7th through the 10th.

I've been attending national, regional, and local workshops and conferences ever since I started doing genealogy 15 years ago. Why? In a short time you are exposed to the experts in many different fields. You hear about new sources and techniques. You absorb attitudes, knowledge, and energy. Vendors come from all over and you have the opportunity to browse books, videos, supplies, novelties and more before you buy. Buying on the Internet is nice, but seeing it before making that buying decision cannot be beat. Software vendors give demonstrations. Pick up tips or tell the programmers what feature you've been longing for.

Doesn't this sound like a worthwhile couple of days? Don't like to travel great distances anymore? Great news! The National Genealogical Society is putting on their 2006 conference here in Chicagoland June 7-10, 2006. CAGGNI has joined together with seven other local societies to form the Chicagoland Genealogical Consortium (CGC) to act as the "local host society".

The local arrangements chairperson, Jeff Bockman of DuPage Genealogical Society, has created a web page to keep us up to date. Visit [http://users.anet.com/~jeffb/jabco/
/cgc/](http://users.anet.com/~jeffb/jabco/cgc/) for the latest news.

We are looking for two things from you. We need volunteers to help with the conference. Several of you have already approached me about volunteering. Thank you! I've passed your contact info on to the conference chair. I hope you've been contacted. If you have a specific area of expertise, please feel free to contact those committee chairs - listed on the web site above.

The other thing we are looking for is your participation in the conference as an attendee. Seize the opportunity. This is the first national conference to come to Chicago since I started doing genealogy. Don't let the chance slip past.