

Let's Discuss It Meeting December 10, 2009

From our members:

Free access to World War II records through December 2009: <http://go.footnote.com/wwii/>
Civil War photos: <http://www.mikelynaugh.com/VirtualCivilWar/New/Originals2/index.html>
Info on Genealogy Gems toolbar: <http://play.goldmail.com/q8cn3lu9qn9j>

iPhone genealogy application:

FamViewer: <http://www.astersoftware.biz/>

Genealogy sites you may not have visited recently, or with major updates:

Maryland State Archives: <http://www.msa.md.gov/>
Library of Congress newspaper search: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/>
The Library of Virginia: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/>
The Allen County Public Library: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>
The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Collection: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/research.html>
The Allen county Public Library State Specific Resources: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/stateres.html>
Fort Wayne and Allen County Indiana Resources: <http://www.genealogycenter.info/fwacdb.php/>
The Wisconsin Historical Society: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/>
Canadian Naturalization: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html>
New Brunswick Historical Documents:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/12/early-new-brunswick-historical-documents-placed-online.html
Bavarian WWI Personnel Rosters: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/12/ancestryca-places-bavarian-personnel-rosters-19141918-online.html
Canadian Genealogy Centre Website Update:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/11/canadian-genealogy-centre-web-site-updated.html
Ontario Rural Histories:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/11/ontario-rural-histories-to-be-placed-online.html
Canadian County Atlas Project: <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/>
Community Trees on Family Search:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/11/community-trees-on-familysearch-labs.html
Sanborn Fire Maps: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/11/sanborn-fire-maps-online.html
DeSoto County MS Genealogy Site: <http://msgw.org/desoto/>

Useful non-genealogy specific sites that can be used for genealogy:

Want to have your favorites/bookmarks available on every machine you touch? Try DELICIOUS:
<http://delicious.com/>
Want Google to search for things while you sleep and email the results to you? Try Google Alerts:
<http://www.google.com/alerts>

Free non-genealogy Windows (sorry Apple people) applications you might find useful. Some I use, some I don't use:

Notepad++: a quick little Notepad replacement: <http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>
7-Zip: A file compression/archiver: <http://www.7-zip.org/>
iTunes: plays music; buy music; free podcasts; create CD's: <http://www.apple.com/itunes/>
Audacity: Audio Editor & Recorder: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
Avast: Free antivirus Software: <http://www.avast.com/>
AVG: Free antivirus software: http://download.cnet.com/AVG-Anti-Virus-Free-Edition/3000-2239_4-10320142.html?part=dl-10044820&subj=dl&tag=button&cdlPid=11014801
CCleaner: System optimization & cleaning tool: <http://www.ccleaner.com/>
Firefox: Browser alternative to Internet Explorer: <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/personal.html>
Foxit Reader: Adobe Reader alternative: http://download.cnet.com/Foxit-Reader/3000-10743_4-10313206.html?part=dl-116442&subj=dl&tag=button/
Other (non-free) Foxit Software: <http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/reader/>
GIMP: Photoshop alternative: <http://www.gimp.org/>
Google Earth: Satellite imagery: <http://earth.google.com/>
Kindle for PC: Amazon's books now available to be read on PC:
http://www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html/ref=kcp_pc_mkt_lnd?docId=1000426311
KeePass: Password Manager: <http://keepass.info/>
Launchy: Quick Launch Utility: <http://www.launchy.net/>
Ad-Aware: Get rid of ad ware: http://download.cnet.com/Ad-Aware-Free-Anti-Malware/3000-8022_4-10045910.html?part=dl-ad-aware&subj=dl&tag=top5
Spybot S&D: Spyware removal; <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/mirrors/index.html>
Only2Clicks: Show Favorites/Bookmarks as Picture Snapshots: <http://only2clicks.com/tour.php>
Fences: Clean desktop by organizing icons: <http://www.stardock.com/products/fences/>
OpenOffice: a full Windows Office Replacement: <http://www.openoffice.org/>
Paint.NET; photo editing: <http://www.getpaint.net/>
Picasa 3: Photo editing & organizing: <http://picasa.google.com/>
Skype: Make free phone calls anywhere: <http://www.skype.com/welcomeback/>
Stickies: Little notes on your screen: <http://www.zhornsoftware.co.uk/stickies/>
ImgBurn: read/write CD's DVD's as image files: <http://www.imgburn.com/>
TidyFavorites: change bookmarks/favorites to graphical form: <http://www.tidyfavorites.com/>
TrueCrypt: encryption software: <http://www.truecrypt.org/>
Evernote: have notes with you on any computer or device you use: <http://www.evernote.com/>

I didn't add a few we'd already listed in previous meetings, like DropBox. Links to those can be found on previous handouts.

Here are other sites listing MORE free software:

<http://www.freeapps.co.uk/>

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

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

<http://www.econsultant.com/i-want-freeware-utilities/>

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

http://www.seopher.com/articles/the_70_cooler_free_applications_in_existence

Next Meeting is January 23, 2010