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## Let's Discuss It

1. If you have Kentucky ancestors, this is a site worth your time. Make sure you don't miss the Sanborn map section.  
<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>
2. The genetic discussion from "Faces of America":  
[http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2010/03/06/faces-of-america-and-genetic-genealogy-testing/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+TheGeneticGenealogist+%28The+Genetic+Genealogist%29&utm\\_content=Google+Feedfetcher](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2010/03/06/faces-of-america-and-genetic-genealogy-testing/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheGeneticGenealogist+%28The+Genetic+Genealogist%29&utm_content=Google+Feedfetcher)
3. Kentucky Historical Society - Kentucky Ancestors archives: <http://history.ky.gov/sub.php?pageid=118%EF%BF%BDionid=3>
4. Photobie photo editing: <http://www.photobie.com/>
5. 137 years of popular science magazine: <http://www.popsoci.com/archives>
6. Family History Library online classes:  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2010/03/family-history-library-classes-now-available-on-internet.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/03/family-history-library-classes-now-available-on-internet.html)
7. Locknote; encrypts files: <http://www.steganos.com/us/products/for-free/locknote/overview/>

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Sam created these links for you:

### 1. COMPUTER PROFILER

Belarc Advisor [http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html) Builds a Profile of your computer

### 2. DESKTOP APPLICATIONS

Weather [http://www.weather.com/services/downloads/?refer=dt\\_header](http://www.weather.com/services/downloads/?refer=dt_header) Weather in menu or tool bar

Fences <http://www.stardock.com/products/fences/> Clean & Organize your desktop

Stickies <http://www.zhornsoftware.co.uk/stickies/> Post-its for your computer

### 3. PRINTER APPLICATIONS

CuteWriter <http://www.softpedia.com/get/Office-tools/PDF/CuteWriter.shtml> Makes PDFs

GreenPrint <http://www.printgreener.com/> See Tutorial –Wasteful printing

### 4. MICROSOFT APPLICATIONS

File Format Converters <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en> Older versions of MS Office can open, edit, & save version 2007

5. PPT. Viewer <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=048dc840-14e1-467d-8dca-19d2a8fd7485&display=en> View Power Point Presentations without having the power point program

### 6. GRAPHIC APPLICATIONS

Pixie <http://www.nattyware.com/pixie.php> Finding Colors for matching

Fontster <http://www.nattyware.com/help/fontster.php> See all your available fonts

Decimal Chart No URL..... will share PDF of Decimal Equivalent Chart

### 7. EMAILS

Email Stripper <http://www.papercut.com/emailStripper.htm> Gets rid of all those >>>>

### 8. WHAT'S LEFT

Foxit Reader <http://www.foxitsoftware.com/downloads/index.php> Replace Adobe PDF reader

Dropbox <https://www.dropbox.com/> Sharing Files with multi-computers

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You asked for this information. Several folks in the group have a lot to add to this also.

Things you can do to speed up your computer

### 1. Keep programs from loading - the Startup Folder in the Start Menu

Start/All Programs/Startup

Right-click on program

Cut

Right-click on desktop

Paste (onto desktop)

After all desired short-cuts removed from the Startup folder, restart your computer. If everything is fine, delete shortcuts on desktop. If something doesn't work, copy and paste shortcut back into startup folder.

### 2. Keep programs from loading - in the program itself

Example: Look in system tray at Dropbox. Right click/Preferences. Notice checkmark in Start Dropbox on System Startup. Can uncheck that program and close that program. When system restarts, the program won't start automatically.

3. Keep programs from loading - the System Configuration Utility

Start/Run

Type msconfig

Click the Startup Tab

Uncheck the box next to the program name you do not want to start at Windows Startup.

If you don't know what one is, you can Google the name and find out. If in doubt, don't disable it.

Apply your changes, exit and restart your computer. You might want to uncheck just one or two at a time to see how things work.

When the system reboots, a message appears telling you the system is starting in selective mode. Click the box shown to not have the message shown in the future.

4. Keep programs from loading - the System Registry

I suggest you don't do this. Using MSCONFIG is safer, letting you disable without deleting.

5. Keep programs from loading - the Task Scheduler

Start/My Computer/C:/Windows/Tasks (folder)

The Tasks folder lists the programs that run automatically. You can drag entries from this list, to the desk top (to be deleted later), to keep them from running.

Other things to consider:

6. Do you have enough ram?

7. Delete unused or no longer needed programs [start/control panel/add or remove programs]

8. Clean up your disk: Start/All Programs/Accessories/System Tools/Disk Cleanup

9. Run the system file checker: Start/Run/ Type: SFC /SCANNOW

Then click OK

10. Scan for Viruses, Spyware and Adware and run a registry cleaner

11. Defragment the hard drive (after backing up all important data)

12. As a last resort, reinstall Windows (backup data, and you'll need to reinstall programs used.)

Speed up Windows Load

Start/Run

msconfig

Choose Boot.INI tab

To the right, change timeout: 30 to Timeout: 3

Disable services that run at start-up

Start/Run

services.msc

This is the Services Management Console. It gives you a description of each service. Note whether it is started manually, is disabled, or is started automatically (at startup). Highlighting the service gives you a description. If you want to disable a service, right click on it and choose Properties. You can choose Manual from the Startup Type drop down list, or choose disable. To test it, turn off the service by clicking Stop The Service in the left pane or right-click and choose stop.

Things to remember:

Deleting an icon/shortcut to a program does NOT delete the program

Delete programs from: Start/Control Panel/Add or Remove Programs

Delete programs from: Start/All Programs/Program Name Uninstall

Create restore point before doing anything drastic

Not more than one anti-virus program

Look for spyware and adware

Defrag

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And finally, my photo project: You have to be at the meeting to SEE this one!!

Here's a link to the fabric supplier: <http://www.outofmymindprints.com/>  
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