

LET'S DISCUSS IT SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

Don't forget to sign up for the Michael John Neill seminar and workshop (October 16th 9AM-3PM)

Marvin had asked how he could compare two GEDCOM files.

The GEDCOM file is simply a text file, so I found a utility DIFFMERGE: <http://www.sourceforge.com/diffmerge/downloads.html>. I created two GEDCOM files and it showed me the differences between them. It can create a three window view where you can merge two files into one also.

See- DIFFMERGE, TOWNE1.GED and TOWNE2.GED

Hardware info this month:

1. replaced 100gb harddrive in laptop with 300+gb drive. Used EZ Upgrade Universal for 2.5" PATA drive (can also handle SATA).
2. LCD went out in laptop (50 days left on Dell contract - lucky me!)
3. Updated iPhone software to new version. There was a bug in their software that turned some of the thumbnail pictures black. The picture was actually there if you clicked on the black square. I found a fix online and downloaded iPhone Explorer to allow me to look at the files on my iPhone like any other hard drive and delete the files that had become corrupted. I then restarted the iPhone and it rebuilt a new file. I've had this happen in Picasa where it started showing duplicate files and it was the indexing that had become corrupt. I had to delete the index file and let Picasa rebuild the index.

Here are the instructions I found that worked for anyone who may have this iphone problem (I found several sets of instructions that did NOT work):

Here's the location of iphone explorer: <http://www.macropant.com/iphoneexplorer/>

1. In iPhone Explorer go to Preferences "Allow access to real root." This will let you "see" all the necessary files.
2. connect your iphone using the usb cable
3. launch iphone explorer
4. backup and then delete the following files:
/Media/PhotoData/MISC/Info.plist
/Media/PhotoData/Photos.sqlite (or /PhotoData/Photos.sqlite)
/Media/PhotoData/PhotosAux.sqlite (or /PhotoData/PhotosAux.sqlite)
5. reboot your iphone

I installed Family TreeMaker 2011.

I taught a couple of classes in the TNGS series. There are three more classes in the series. I hope you can attend.

Some genealogy organizational tips:

<http://www.thefamilycurator.com/home/2010/7/9/four-tried-and-true-systems-for-organizing-genealogy-researc.html>

<http://www.shoestringgenealogy.com/article/Org.htm>

Some public records directory and people search sites:

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

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

<http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/index.php>

<http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>

http://www.governmentinfopro.com/federal_info_pro/2010/07/mining-public-records.html

<http://publicrecords.netronline.com/>

<http://www.governmentinfopro.com/PublicRecordsGuide.pdf>

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

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

Maps

<http://www.familyhistory101.com/maps/1795.html>

Scanning

A scanner coming that will scan a book in one minute???

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ghwX0gzowfGb1Pb6CrDzYkRDCNhA>

How big is/was something really?

<http://howbigreally.com/>

Cemeteries:

Chatham Illinois Municipal Cemeteries to be online:

<http://www.sj-r.com/firstinprint/x1808631318/Chatham-to-put-gravesite-details-on-Web>

Place to find the most essential free apps:

<http://www.freenew.net/>

Derek sent info on The Next Generation: <http://lythgoes.net/genealogy/software.php>

Software Reviews:

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

Riley sent the site for Elmwood tours: <http://www.elmwoodcemetery.org/tours/>

Google will be digitizing the Austrian National Library's Old Books:

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=8388>

E-Learning Sites:

http://www.aarp.org/personal-growth/life-long-learning/info-01-2010/learn_anything_online_for_free.html

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp>

<http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Webinars.aspx>

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/education/frameset_education.asp?PAGE=education_research_series_online.asp%3FActiveTab=2

<http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/free.cfm>

Missouri Soldiers from War of 1812 to World War I: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/>

Alternative Search Engines:

<http://lifelife.com/143293/seek-and-ye-shall-find--top-ten-alternative-search-engines>

Whatever Happened to the Ironclads from the Civil War:

http://www.familyhistory101.com/blog/?p=561&utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=whatever-happened-to-the-ironclads-from-the-civil-war

Marvin sent this Family Tree Maker update for those using Vista and Family Tree Maker 2005, 2006 or 16:

<http://past.familytreemaker.com/vistaupdate/>

Sirius Genealogy:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/09/announcing-the-new-and-improved-sirius-genealogy-20.html

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

Revisiting an old site - death indexes:

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

CheckPlaces: Check bookmarks for live links in Firefox:

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/10897/>

Ancestry.com just acquired iArchive. Ancestry just bought Foonote.com.

Look at these pretty family tree charts: <http://blogs.babble.com/family-style/2010/09/16/top-5-most-unique-family-trees/>

“Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763--1865).” <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html>



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