

## **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

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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.macrolab.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

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

Some public records directory and people search sites:

<http://www.cvgadget.com/>  
<http://www.peekyou.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://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.elmwoodcemetary.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.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://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://lifehacker.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](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://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>



**Next Let's Discuss It: October 23, 2010**

