

Let's Discuss It meeting June 28, 2014 next meeting September 27, 2014

This session we'll talk about software tools useful in your computer research and in maintaining the health of your hardware and software.

Google Alerts: <http://www.google.com/alerts>

Windows 7 comes with a sticky note app (under accessories), but this is an enhanced version. It lets notes be "see through" and has many other functions: <http://www.greeneclipse.com/stickypad.html>

Duplicate file finder: http://download.cnet.com/Duplicate-File-Finder/3000-2248_4-10300084.html Options including preview.

Printing file to PDF instead of printer: <http://www.cutepdf.com/>
<http://www.win2pdf.com/>

Install useful apps on a new computer: <https://ninite.com/>

PDF Readers: http://www.foxitsoftware.com/Secure_PDF_Reader/
<http://get.adobe.com/reader/?PID=6154649>

Cloud storage:
Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/>
Google Drive: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/drive/?hl=en>

FTP Client:
Filezilla: <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Free Password Savers:
KeePass: <http://keepass.info/>
LastPass: <https://lastpass.com/>

Anti Malware (this is in addition to your anti-virus software):
MalwareBytes: <https://www.malwarebytes.org/>

Zip-File handler: <http://www.7-zip.org/>

Resize windows quickly. Some of this function is available in Win7 by default, but this gives enhanced capabilities:
AquaSnap: <http://www.nurgo-software.com/products/aquasnap>

Maintenance utility:

CCleaner: <http://www.tomsguide.com/us/download/CCleaner,0301-1039-49307.html>

Recuva: Recover deleted files: <http://www.piriform.com/recuva>

What is running at startup? Autoruns: <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb963902.aspx>

Need to buy more memory and to know how many slots are left (if any) for new memory? <http://www.crucial.com/>

Virtual Magnifying glass: <http://magnifier.sourceforge.net/>

Disk Usage/Statistic Viewers:
Windirstat: <http://windirstat.info/index.html>
Space Sniffer: http://www.uderzo.it/main_products/space_sniffer/
Process Explorer: <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb896653.aspx>

Software Key finder:
JellyBean: <http://www.magicaljellybean.com/keyfinder/>

Evernote: <https://evernote.com/evernote/>
More info from Cindy Rodgers on Evernote: <http://www.gouldgenealogy.com/2014/06/evernote-and-genealogy-theyre-made-for-each-other/>

Free Genealogy software:
RootsMagic Essentials: <http://rootsmagic.com/Try/RootsMagic/>
Legacy Family Tree Standard: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/DownloadLegacy.asp>
Reviews to choose your software: <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>

Try more tools: <http://www.nirsoft.net/>
<http://www.makeuseof.com/pages/best-windows-software>
<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2381528,00.asp>

Don't forget to design a backup strategy for your data. It could be a removable hard drive. It could be cloud storage. It could be rotated thumb drives. It's important to keep a backup copy offsite as well as any onsite backups (can you spell t-o-r-n-a-d-o?).

New links for the month:

FamilySearch books:

<http://www.networkedblogs.com/XhWj0>

From Cindy Rodgers. Irish Townlands:

http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=5392

Also from Cindy Rodgers: Tennessee Gravestones:

<http://tennesseegravestones.org/gpp-info.php>

Ancestry.com has some unindexed collections that you might want to browse instead of trying to "search":

<http://www.geneamusings.com/2014/06/tuesdays-tip-use-ancestrycom-card.html>

Cindy Rodgers sent this link on finding military records:

<https://www.fileright.com/naturalization-family-roots-military-records.html>

Cindy Rodgers sent this genealogy software review site:

<http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

Suggested by Joe Burnes: Hathi Trust collection of books and manuscripts: <http://www.hathitrust.org/>

A reminder from PZ: It was announced that mycanvas is being discontinued through ancestry.com September 5, 2014. In the last couple of weeks, with their DoS problems, I think they've extended that deadline a bit so users can download their data.:

http://www.ancestry.com/cs/fag/mycanvas-faq?o_xid=60671&o_lid=60671&o_sch=Email

Several things ancestry is retiring (including GenForum, yDNA & mtDNA (going to Autosomal)):

<http://nblo.gs/XsLMs>

AND they're destroying the DNA after 90 days, so download your info quickly:

<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/06/08/why-ancestry-why/>

From Cindy Rodgers – various links and research guides:

<http://www.researchguides.net/index.htm>

What is a first cousin once removed? Nibling is a new term to me!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM79Epw_cp8

Digitized North Carolina Deeds:

<http://genealogybyginger.blogspot.com/2014/06/online-deed-records-north-carolina.html>

I added a webinar category to Pinterest:

<http://www.pinterest.com/letsdiscussit/webinars/>

Cindy Rodgers sent this link that will help you figure out DNA and the companies offering the DNA tests, although the videos from Ancestry, on the site, seem to be BEFORE the recent announcement of the dropping of their Y and mtDNA tests.: <http://howtodna.com/>

Census enumeration district maps:

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2329948>

Cindy Rodgers shared this info on ordering a document from a familysearch index resource. It's a FREE service:

<http://www.examiner.com/article/how-to-order-an-indexed-document-from-family-search>

FindMyPast has purchased Mocavo:

<http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/06/new-chapter>

They have made census indexes free (1790-1940):

http://www.mocavo.com/1790-1940-United-States-Census/126199?utm_source=announcement_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fmp_mocavo_press_release&utm_content=search_now

Wanda Day sent this link on a Beginner's Guide to Genetic Genealogy:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/beginners-guide-to-genetic-genealogy>

Wanda also sent this link about appointed administrators of estates in early Virginia:

<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/06/23/a-matter-of-priority/>

Virginia Goodwin-Gray sent this Library of Congress article that has recommendations for file-type for document preservation:

<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/rfs/>

Canadian Ancestry free through July 1 (until midnight):

<http://www.ancestry.ca/cs/ca/canada2014>

Now to PZ and your questions on Ancestry.com, Family Tree Maker and FamilySearch.org.

Happy Summer – See you in SEPTEMBER!