



Bytes & Branches

We meet at the Roswell Family History Center the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM till noon.

VERIFY—DOCUMENT— PROOF— EVIDENCE

HOW ACCURATE IS YOUR DATABASE?

Our April 8th program promises to be one of the most enlightening on a subject that many members do not understand.

Most genealogist will agree with the 80-20 rule. 20% of the information we get from cousins, obituaries and other sources, particularly from the internet, is inaccurate.

Even the IGI vital records will show different dates and places for the same individual's events.

It is the responsibility of genealogists to verify the accuracy of their information to the best of their ability.

If you are like me, you promise yourself that you will do it manana, which is sometime in the future.

What options do I have? What is acceptable proof? Where do I find the evidence? . . . How and where do I show it in my computer genealogy program?

Our April program promises to be one an important programs.

Brooke Hunter will be with us, and maybe bring some helpers, to enlighten us on this very important subject of proof.

Not only will they show us where and how to locate the evidence, but will also show us how to input it into our various programs. The programs will include PAF, Family Tree Maker, Family Origins, Ultimate Family Tree, and The Master Genealogist.

Join us on April 8th for this interesting program

• Cookies

- Cookies are one of the most misunderstood areas to be included in the computer. This will not help your understanding, but it will allow you to control.

CONTROL YOUR COOKIES

1. Click My Computer
2. Click Control panel
3. Click Internet options
4. Click Security
5. Click Custom level
6. Scroll down to cookies
7. Select options:
Disable
Enable

Marvin's Column

Useful Knowledge on Computers by Marvin Tedjamulia Martech Computers.

A. Problem with Downloading Large Files

Many people have problem downloading large files because of noise in the telephone lines or just because the connection got dropped. There is a FREE program that you can get from GOZILLA.COM that will help you with this problem. With GOZILLA running on the background, you can reconnect and start the download where you were. It does not require you to start all over again. GOZILLA will allow you to download many different files from different sites by filling the blanks on their user friendly scheduler. The scheduler will start the download at any time: while you are asleep or when the internet sites are less busy.

B. How do I check my e-mail when I am away from home ?

Now you can check your e-mail from any computer by just going to MAILSTART.COM. You can be anywhere in the world and if you have access to a computer with internet connection, just go to MAILSTART.COM. Put in your screen name and password, and your e-mail messages will be displayed in front of you. Don't forget to delete those e-mails before you leave the computer. Note: Sorry, but MAILSTART.COM does NOT work for AOL user. AOL uses a non-standard internet connection.

C. Are you tired of paying long distance charges to your telephone company?

We have a solution for you. Just go to DIALPAD.COM, register your name and select a password. After that you can make any long distance call in the continental US for free. There is NO charge to join DIALPAD.COM. The beauty of this program is that when you call somebody, you are calling on his/her regular telephone. The connection is very good. The other party will not know that you are using DIALPAD.COM. The other party does not have to be on the internet or have internet services.



The computer that you use must have a microphone and speakers. I recommend using DIALPAD.COM if your connection to the internet is higher than 28.8 Kbps; otherwise you will notice some delay.

US has blocked international calls using DIALPAD.COM. However if you are a registered user, anybody outside US can call you for free using DIALPAD.COM. So take this advantage, tell your international friends to call you and talk talk and talk to you for free.

Note: DIALPAD.COM will not work for Iran or Iraq..... politics of course.

D Best Anti-Virus for your Computer

Currently the best Anti-Virus is by far the Norton Anti-Virus 2000 by Symantec. Remember, an Anti-Virus is only good if you download the latest Anti-Virus definition. As of today (3/13/2000) the latest Anti-Virus definition is 3/06/2000 which will protect you against 46,953 known viruses. McAfee is the second best and it has been going down hill since the company was sold to a different company. Dr. Solomon Anti-Virus and PC-Cillin have a lot of catching up to do.

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Tips to Maintain Your Privacy

1. Keep in mind that Web sites can "harvest" information about you. If that bothers you, use a Web site that hides your identity when you browse. Try :
www.anonymizer.com/3.0/index.shtml
2. If you want to see what your Web browser is revealing to anyone who cares to look, go to this site:
privacy.net/anonymizer/
3. Avoid leaving public messages that include your e-mail address.
4. If others use your computer, clear the history cache that makes it easy for others to see Web sites you've visited. The technique for doing this varies with both the browser you use (Internet Explorer or Netscape), with the type of computer you have (Macintosh or PC) and with the version of *your browser*. But if you use the key-word "history" in your browser's help section you'll get directions for doing this.
5. For confidential e-mail messages, consider using an encryption program such as PGP (Pretty Good Privacy). You can download a free copy at:
www.PgP.com/
6. Or use a Web-based free service that protects the privacy of your e-mail. Go to **www.ziplip.com/**
7. If you have a cable modem or DSL connection, you may be more vulnerable. Consider turning off your computer when you are not using it to avoid hacker attacks.
8. If someone -- even someone who seems to be working for your Internet service -- asks for your password, don't tell him or her. This technique is often used, especially in e-mails and instant messages on America Online.
9. If cookies -- tiny text files sent to your computer by some Web sites that identify you the next time you log on -- bother you, use this service:
internet.junkbuster.corn/
10. Many e-commerce sites use the encryption of your browser to protect your credit card information. You can test the encryption of your browser at this site:
www.fortify.net/ssicheck.html

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- **Ancestry.com** to Attempt Online Reconstruction of the 1890 U.S. Census

The following announcement is from Ancestry.com:

Ancestry.com is undertaking a historically-significant project to reconstruct the immense amount of information lost when a 1921 fire in the basement of the Commerce Building in Washington, D.C. destroyed nearly all of the 1890 census. Part of the MyFamily.com, Inc. network of sites, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>) is using numerous sources to create an online substitute census with information to which hundreds of millions of Americans can trace their roots. More than 20 million records have been identified for inclusion in the census substitute and additions will be made regularly as records become available for posting.

"Few records shed as much light on individuals, families and communities as census records. The 1921 fire destroyed an insight entire generation's occupations, family origins, birth information and much more," said Andre Brummer, general manager of Ancestry.com. "The project goes far beyond trying to reconstruct a historically-significant set of documents. We are determined to provide millions of people a powerful resource for discovering information that has long been out of reach."

Ancestry.com is working with the National Archives and the highly regarded Allen County Public Library to acquire portions of the vast amounts of information necessary to offer the first substitute for the 1890 census. The substitute census will consist of information from fragments of the original 1890 census that remained after the fire, special veterans schedules, several Native American tribe censuses for years surrounding 1890, state censuses (1885 or 1895), city and county directories, alumni directories, and voter registration documents.

"When fire destroyed the original census it was a huge loss not only for family historians, but for sociologists, historians, economists and many others," said Loretto Szucs, vice president of Publishing for Ancestry.com and co-editor of best-selling reference book 'The Source.' "By merging 1890 information from several sources, Ancestry.com intends to make the census substitute an unparalleled resource for understanding a culturally and politically diverse period in United States history."

A large portion of the census substitute consists of city directories, which list the head of household and other working adults at a particular residence. The reconstruction will reference city directories from multiple years, making it possible to determine if a person or family moved to a different location during the years referenced.



IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100 PEOPLE...

If the world's population of nearly five billion people was reduced to a village of 100 people, this would be the result:

AREA:

58 would be Asians
12 would be Africans
10 would be Western Europeans
8 would be Latin Americans
5 would be North Americans
1 would be Australian or New Zealander

LANGUAGE:

17 people would speak Mandarin
9 people would speak English
8 people would speak Hindi or Urdu
6 people would speak Russian
6 people would speak Spanish
4 people would speak Arabic

The rest would speak Bengali, Portuguese, Indonesian, Japanese, German, French, and 200 other languages!

RELIGION:

29 would be Christians
17 would have no religion
14 would be Moslems
13 would be Hindus
12 would be Buddhists
9 would be Confucian and Shinto
5 would be Animist (traditional)
1 would be Jewish

EDUCATION:

70 would be illiterate
1 would have a college education

HEALTH:

50 would be malnourished
33 would not have clean, safe drinking water



This month's Epitaph

Elizabeth Rich

Eufaula Historical Cemetery

Eufaula, Alabama

36-33-01-24-17

Honey you don't know what you did for me,

Always playing the lottery.

The numbers you picked came in to play

Two days after you passed away.

For this, a huge monument I do erect.

for now I get a yearly check.

How I wish you were alive,

for now we are worth 8.5

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This Month's Quote

I would rather be a failure at something
that I enjoy
Than be a success at something
I hate

-George Burns



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I'm frustrated

In last month's newsletter, an entire page was devoted to a survey.

This was sent to 70 members.

The instructions were to complete and return to me.

I thought some members would bring it to the meeting . . . No luck.

In fact, not one of the 70 members even bothered to return a survey!

Did I not have clear instructions?

Does no one read the newsletter?

Are people afraid of participating?

Any comments?????????????