

Karen Opp and Jack Bolton brought us an excellent program on organizing your genealogy data at our March meeting.

On Saturday, April 14th, they will tell us about the many resources available at the Roswell Family History Center .

Over the years, the Mormon Church has been the major research source for genealogist.

Today, we are hypnotized with the overwhelming information to be found on the Internet. We all agree that the information found on the Internet is suspect due to the many errors found there. Today, more than ever, we have to verify every bit of our information.

Over the years, the church has photographed many vital records. Also, through the church, we can find out the names of local cemeteries, church records and thousands of other helpful bits of information to allow us to verify our information.

The Family History Centers are still our best one stop source for genealogy research.

Don't miss this informative meeting.

Legacy

Legacy has always been one of my favorite genealogy programs since the first day that I saw it in operation. The new version didn't let me down; it improves on an already top-notch program. If you are thinking about moving up to a more powerful genealogy program, I would suggest that you consider Legacy 3.0." *Copied from an earlier Dick Eastman Newsletter.*

Genealogist still using basic programs like Family Tree Maker, who are interested in upgrading to a more comprehensive program now have some excellent choices. Do not overlook this program. It is not a new program. It is a program that has evolved over the years with numerous small upgrades that have been downloaded free to registered owners.

Now, you can download legacy 3.0 at no charge. Their URL is <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/> You can buy the deluxe addition which includes a manual. A even better option is to download the free version and buy their Legacy 3.0 training video for \$14.95 plus \$5 S&H. This a 90 minute video that is the finest tutorial I have every seen. If you have ever suffered through a users manual trying to understand what to do, you will welcome this approach. After reviewing this tutorial, you will understand how to use all the features of the program. This video offers a learning experience not available on any other program.

The only criticism I have heard of was their lack of graphic reports. They do have family group sheets and pedigree charts and now have introduced drop charts on the new Tree Draw which you can buy.

Thoughts to Ponder

The Golden Telephone

This one's for all us Southerners; native born or transplanted...truer words were never spoken, especially at this time of the year.

It seems a man in Topeka, Kansas decided to write a book about churches around the country. He starts by flying to San Francisco and working east from there.

He goes to a very large church and begins taking pictures, etc. He spots a golden telephone on a wall and is intrigued with a sign, which reads "\$10,000.00 a minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asks about the phone and the sign. The pastor answers that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven, and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. He thanks the pastor and continues on his way.

As he continues to visit churches in Seattle, Denver, Boise, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, and on around the United States, he finds more phones with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrives in the South. Upon entering a church, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone. But THIS time the sign reads "Calls: 25 cents." Fascinated, he asks to talk to the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone, and I have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but in the other churches the cost was \$10,000.00 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replies, "Son, you're in the South now. It's a local call."

What Difference Will it Make Fifty Years From Now?

By the year 2051, we will be gone from here. We will not be here to answer our grandchildren's questions. The questions that we wish we had asked from our parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles. Oh yes; there will be grave-stones and our obituaries, but what will they reveal to future generations. Will they find a number of photographs with no names in the attic? Will your notes that you spent so much time researching also be there? Can they understand them? Are they correct? Did you show the source or the evidence to prove the validity?

Fifty years from now our floppy disks will be as outdated as the tintype photos of the Civil War era. Remember the eight track tapes that were so popular less than fifty years ago. What would you play them on today?

Where are the results of your years of researching effort?

Is your data on a web site?

Did you send hard copies to the local libraries, history groups or county genealogy societies?

When an individual dies, a whole library is lost.

What will you leave behind?

Do we need to exist?

I have asked this question many times. We have a loyal group of attendees who are present for most meetings. However, when you ask them to accept some of the workload for maintaining this organization, they are reluctant to accept any responsibility.

Peggy Greer has accepted the position of company treasurer, which Frank Dartez has done from the beginning of the organization eight or nine years ago. We are indebted to Frank for doing such an outstanding job for so long. We are also indebted to Peggy for volunteering to take on the job. Glen has done an outstanding job of giving us visibility on the web. At this time, he is irreplaceable, as we do not have another member with his talents. For a number of years, Wilma reminded us when to attend the next meeting, by sending us a timely newsletter. When she felt she had served her time, not one member in our organization was willing to spend the time and effort to produce a newsletter. It makes you wonder if you're wasting your time developing a newsletter.

Marilyn keeps up with the badges that allow us to remember each other's name. Charley hauls the library in to each meeting.

Over the years, I have gained knowledge from our association. I think most of our regular attendees would agree they have learned from our meetings.

If you think this organization should continue, is there something you can contribute to lighten the load of arranging programs, writing a newsletter or leading the organization?

The April Epitaph

Bletchey Bucks, England

**Here lies the body of Thomas Kemp
Who lived by wool and died by hemp**

**Thomas was a sheep rustler who
met his end on the gallows.**

Quote of the Month

The truth of the matter is that you
always know the right thing to do.

The hard part is doing it.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf

The Genealogy Computer Society, International Division

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phase in plan that would be known as "EuroEnglish."

In the first year, S will replace the soft C. Certainly this will make the sivil servant jump with joy. The hard C will be dropped in favor the K. This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome PH will be replaced with the F. This will make words like "fotograf" 20 percent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent Es in the language is disgraceful and that they should go away.

By the fourth yar peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing TH with Z and W with V. During ze fifth yar, ze unesesary O kan be dropd from vords containing OU and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After zis fifz yar, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer.

ZE DREM VIL FINALI KUM TRU!

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