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August Program

August 18, 2015

7:00 PM Searching for your Civil War Ancestor Judy Jones Herring
Mrs. Herring will address finding ancestors who served in either the Union or the Confederate Armies during our Civil War.

A Few Words from Your President Bev Johnson

As I welcome you all back after a dormant month of GSSC activities during the month of July, I must do so with a note of sadness. Anytime our society loses one of our own, we are diminished by their loss. Such is the case in the passing of Lowell Beachler, charter member and cornerstone of our Society. I believe words are forthcoming about Lowell but I for one can only hope to emulate some small part of the content of his character. Thank you, Lowell Beachler, and Godspeed.

As our society enjoyed a break during the month of July, I hope you were finding as many opportunities as possible to celebrate your family; past, present, and future. With perhaps too much time on my hands, I have been reflecting on a number of things as our society moves forward into the second half of 2015. Last December, your newly elected Board of Directors identified GROWTH as a goal for 2015, both personal and as a society. Boot Camp I and Boot Camp II were developed with growth as a focus and during which we welcomed several new members. Through simple attrition, the reality is growth is essential for our society to be a relevant, energized, and welcoming organization that reflects the goals of our society.

At a time when technologies are being developed and implemented faster than the speed of light, I believe it's past time to think outside the box on how we can better market our society. This is not just a directive for the Board of Directors but to each of us. I await your emails in this challenge - jbevjohnson1@att.com - and I am committed and eager to take your input to the Board of Directors.

Are you signed up for the research bus trip to the Sutro Library and Archives in San Bruno on September 17th? This is a cost effective activity in which we must cover the expense of the bus by the number of participants. If we can't reach that goal by August 15, we will need to cancel the trip. Contact Clede Lane or Vicki Wolff to sign up. Happy August, all.

August Program Searching for your Civil War Ancestor By Sharon Hawley-Crum

Our guest speaker, Judy Jones Herring, a member of the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society has been doing family research for twenty years. Her interest in this topic was sparked when she found an autobiography of her great grandfather, Edward Dean Jones. Based on her extensive research she wrote a book about her Civil War veteran. However, she didn't stop there but, based on the interest of others, she went on to develop a step-by-step process to locate, review and use a wide variety of resources to find and learn about ancestors who were engaged in the "War of the Rebellion," or what we commonly call the Civil War. She will address finding ancestors who served in either the Union or the Confederate Armies. I am sure you will find this topic stimulating and that the resources included in this presentation will help move your own research along. If you have specific questions for her please send them to me, via email sjhawley@sbcglobal.net, and I will send them on to her so she will be prepared to meet the needs of our group.

Lowell Harvey Beachler (died 07-12-2015)

By Mildred Starr

When he was born and when he died are just data. What he was and did in the more than eighty years he graced the world is important. First he had his faith. Then he had love, respect and care for all.

Born to Harvey and Mildred Cover Beachler, Lowell very early became a history buff. He needed to explore every bit of local and family history he could find. As always his attention to the smallest fact or item made him a wonderful recorder. He wrote books, starting as a very young person. I say barely in his teens, but I think he told me nine. All were about what he loved, family and history. When we think of the old proverb, "When a man dies a library burns to the ground", we do not think of Lowell. He spend every moment of his free time sharing his knowledge and all of the knowledge he could gather in written form. I am so fortunate to have his book of the Wood Colony District. I look through it and marvel at the talent, stamina and dedication needed to produce that beautiful book.

Later as an adult, he was a Charter Member of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County in 1968, serving as the first vice president. He held that position again in 2006 or 2007, providing us with a wonderful tour of the Wood Colony area. This included the Brethren Heritage School and their museum and the Wood Colony Cemetery, and the home where the Cover family spent many years, on the corner of Dakota and North Avenues. I am so glad he was Lowell and did an informative presentation about the orange trees that came on the train from Whittier California with their roots and some dirt bundled in old cloth, and are still growing on that corner in the company of the tallest walnut tree you will ever see. Just a regular day with Lowell--perfection. Then we had the pleasure of viewing his two private museums and having lunch in the shade of the wonderful trees in his back yard. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity. When the project to publish the records of local cemeteries was started Lowell was in the forefront leading us with the wonderful records of Wood Colony he handed me--needed no proofreading and became the Volume Number One in the series and a gold standard that we could not duplicate.

Lowell for many years was the go-to person at Salas Bros. Mortuary, never morbid or thoughtless--always uplifting and attending to every small detail with tender care. Going one step beyond was his normal. A story he told me many years ago was of a man waiting to be buried. He had no family or known friends in the community. Lowell found a book of matches in his pocket that had a place name printed on it AND had a handwritten telephone number inside. Lowell on his own time, called that number and explained who he was and about the body in his care. The response was overwhelming gratitude. The family and friends across the continent would never have known of the fate of their cherished one without his eyes and mind for detail and caring so much to go one step further to find the family.

Lowell adored his mother, all the while altering her given name of Mildred into 'Dread the Mil.' because that is my given name I grew fond of that title and used in often to identify myself on the phone. That was just one of the laughs we shared. When he retired I would joke with him that, now I could not die without him on the job to take care of the details. He always replied that he would come back for me as he did for other friends.

I am not laughing now Lowell. You are missed.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Genealogy How to Basics Part 7

By Lewis M. Ruddick

For this month's contribution I am providing Katheryn Miller Marshall's handout for her June 20th Boot Camp 2 presentation. We had a great attendance and continued past the "closing" hour. The information provided by Dr. Marshall is valuable to any genealogical researcher. You will find her complete handout attached before the list of GSSC Officers and contact information.

Research Tip:

If you can't find a female ancestor's parents' names, you might be able to identify her brother and then establish his parents

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/beginning-research.ppt> A useful tool for NARA research. It's free!



The 2016 Salt Lake City Research Trip

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

Sunday, April 24, to Sunday, May 1, 2016



Family History Library, the world's largest genealogical library, in Salt Lake City

All this is included:

- ✓ ***Transportation to and from the airports***
- ✓ ***Your airfare***
- ✓ ***Baggage handling***
- ✓ ***Tips***
- ✓ ***Your room at the hotel closest to the library***
- ✓ ***Monday Night Group Dinner***
- ✓ ***Expert research assistance and classes at the library***

Plan now to join us for the GSSC 2016 Research Trip to Salt Lake City!

Estimated trip costs:

Single Room	\$1245
Double Room (each)	\$ 920
Triple Room (each)	\$ 820
Quad Room (each)	\$ 745

Your airline reservation will not be made without your \$200 deposit (due October 1st). Your remaining balance will be due in five equal payments from November 1st to March 1st. Group airfare is non-refundable. No refunds after February 15th. If you think you may have to cancel this trip, please consider purchasing trip insurance.

Questions? Contact the GSSC Salt Lake City Research Trip Committee:

Lisa Bruk (lbruk@comcast.net),
 Bev Johnson (jbevjohnson1@att.net),
 Judith Welch (welchjudith@yahoo.com)

Please send your \$200 deposit (payable to GSSC) and this completed form to Bev Johnson, 1924 Red Oak Dr., Modesto, CA 95354, by October 1st

Full Legal Name (as it is on your driver's license) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth (required for the airline reservation) _____

Roommate(s) _____

I need a roommate(s) _____ I am requesting a room for 1 2 3 4 (Please circle)

RESEARCH TRIP REMINDER

September 17, 2015

To Reserve Your Seat Click [HERE](#)**NARA**

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Sutro Library

GSSC “Jobs Announcement”

The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County had a number of positions available. There is but one requirement, your membership. If you would like to expand your role in our society, please contact President Bev Johnson or any of the other society officers and express your interest in “growing the organization”. The experience will expand your ability to improve and complete your genealogy. Spoken from experience – your Editor.

Basic Genealogy Research Tips:[Organize your research:](#)

- Chart your family tree.
- Make duplicates of primary documents.
- Create folders or binders for different branches of your family tree.
- Create a database on your computer just for your genealogical research.
- Create a research log to help you remember what you searched and what resources you used.

Also see: <http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/tips.html> Our National Archives have some great tips.

Did You Know NARA has the following records online?

Here's a list of some of our online records that might help you with genealogy.

- [Casualty lists for the Korean and Vietnam Wars](#)
- [Selected Chinese exclusion lists](#)
- [Fugitive Slave Case Papers, 1850 - 1860 and Petitions Filed Under the Fugitive Slave Act \(Fugitive Slave Petition Book\), 1850-1860](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Fort Smith, Arkansas: 50,000 Criminal Case Files](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Appointments and Oaths of U.S. Marshals and Deputy Marshals, 1864-1912](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Alien Registration Affidavits from the U.S. District Court, Phoenix Division](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Chinese Exclusion Act files](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Sample Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, ca. 1800 - ca. 1900](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Records of Death and Interment at Camp Nelson, KY, 1864-1865](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Sample Case Files of Members, Battle Mountain Sanitarium, 1907-1934](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Spanish-American War Compiled Military Service Records for 1,235 "Rough Riders"](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [State Summaries of War Casualties for the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard during World War II, 1946](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel, 1946](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Dawes Rolls Index and Final Rolls](#), Search in the National Archives Catalog
- [Casualty lists for WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War](#), Search in AAD (Access to Archives Databases)
- [Prisoner of War lists from WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War](#), Search in AAD
- [Passenger lists into the Port of New York, 1846-1851, the "Famine Irish data files"](#), Search in AAD
- [Japanese-American Internee File, 1942 - 1946](#), Search in AAD
- [Records of Duty Locations for Naval Intelligence Personnel, 1942 - 1945](#), Search in AAD
- [Index to the Gorgas Hospital Mortuary Death Records, 1979 - 1991](#), Search in AAD
- [Records of Awards and Decorations of Honor During the Vietnam Conflict, 10/1968 - 12/1972](#), Search in AAD

Beginning Genealogy Boot Camp 2

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

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OVERVIEW OF RECORDS WHERE ANCESTORS ARE FOUND

Privacy blocks protect the living from identity theft during their life spans. Beyond the privacy block years, **search public records across America's most readily accessible, document rich period from 1850 to 1940.** **FamilySearch.org** (free from home), **Ancestry.com**, **MyHeritage.com**, and **FindMyPast.com** (subscription sites that are free to the public at Family History Centers) offer vast collections of censuses, parish records, immigration and naturalization records, military records, and more.

- A **US Federal Census** has been taken every ten years since 1790. Check each census year to **find whole family groups and how they changed over time.** Discover who was born or died since the last census, who got married, who came of age and moved out of the family home, parents' birthplaces, occupations, and who moved in with relatives as they aged. Censuses are available through **familysearch.org**, **ancestry.com**, **heritagequestonline.com**, and other sites. Utilize the free access to subscription sites available at Family History Centers and some public libraries, or purchase your own subscription as needed. **Get a free 30 page guide** from <http://ftu.familytreemagazine.com/find-your-ancestors-in-us-census-records/>
- **Prior to the Civil War**, 85% of white males in the US owned land. If you know the name and the state where your ancestor lived, you can visit the US Bureau of Land Management web site, <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>, to find out if your ancestor was awarded land by **patent for military service**, or obtained land for free by **homesteading** (building a home on a piece of property and residing there for a certain number of years), or purchased land as western territories opened to settlement. On the BLM web site, you can see a digital image of the original **land patent** and obtain a legal description of the property. With a township and range land description, GoogleEarth can zoom right to your ancestor's home, show the property boundaries, and allow you to virtually **look around the terrain that your ancestor called home.** [Note: Twenty states were not administered by the BLM system. For "state land" states, check the local County Recorder for deeds.] Use **Animap** to check for state and county boundary changes. For example, when your ancestors lived in Illinois, it might have been today's Michigan. Montana and the Dakotas were once part of Louisiana Territory. What was the name of the governmental jurisdiction at the time your ancestor lived? Record location names as they existed in your ancestor's time.
- If your family lived in a **big city around the turn of the century**, they probably appeared in a **city directory.** City directories typically show the address and names of everyone in the household, often the occupation and where the husband worked. When the husband died, the next year's city directory might state that the wife was now a widow and

- sometimes even showed where she moved after her husband's death. Trace your ancestor's **job history** and residence on **familysearch.org**, **ancestry.com**, or **ProQuest.HistoricMapWorks.com**. Then as now, people moved where there was work to be had. Knowing your ancestor's occupation can give you clues to migration.
- **Local histories** give fascinating details about the communities where your ancestor lived. Major industries, economic challenges, accomplishments, mineral resources, cultural activities, prominent citizens, epidemics, droughts, major fires, religious life, and other details on life in your ancestor's home town provide a context for his or her life experience, even if your ancestor is not personally mentioned by name. **Check the Family History Library Catalog** for Location, then Local Histories, often on microfilm you can order. **Digital images of maps created when your ancestor lived, cadastral maps** (showing the name of property owners), **local histories**, and **city directories** are available in the **antique atlases** collection available through the FHC Portal web site, **ProQuest.HistoricMapWorks.com**, which even displays atlas pages with the same GPS.
 - Family tradition may tell you that an ancestor arrived from "the old country" on a particular ship or landed at a particular port. Ellis Island was a common destination, but don't limit your search. Passengers chose from over a hundred ports to bring them closest to their inland destination. Find out when and where your ancestor's ship sailed. **View an image of the ship on which your ancestor arrived in this country**. Check **passenger lists** to find your ancestor and with whom he or she traveled. The **Steve Morse One Step** web site, <http://stevemorse.org>, provides the best search engines and explanations of passenger lists.
 - Passenger lists often lead to **immigration and naturalization records**, which may show your ancestors' **home towns abroad** [the key piece of information needed for **research outside the US**], relatives in this country, intended occupation, physical description, how much money your ancestors had in their possession, where they were going, and other details. Records are available through **local county courts** and **Family History Library microfilms**. Some digitized records are posted on **ancestry.com**, **fold3.com**, and other subscription sites (free to the public at the FHC).
 - **Military records** are a treasure trove of genealogical data, revealing not only the battles in which your ancestor fought, but physical descriptions, injuries sustained, and testimonies by or about family members applying for pension benefits. Visit **Fold3.com**, NARA's <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>, **ancestry.com**, **familysearch.org**, and <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> for more information.
 - Ancestors frequently appear in **court records** for wills and probate, adoptions, business dealings, bankruptcies, criminal proceedings, and granting of citizenship through the naturalization process. Court records are broadly available online and their indexing varies, but they can be invaluable. Check the **Family History Library Catalog** under the Location tab to order court records that are available on **microfilm**.
 - **Church or parish records** are the primary source for birth, marriage and death information outside the US. In predominantly Catholic countries such as Mexico, baptismal certificates generally recorded three generations of the family. Parish records are continually being digitized and uploaded to FamilySearch.org. Those not yet available online are likely to be on Family History Library microfilm. Order microfilm from FamilySearch and view it at your local Family History Center. **FindMyPast.com** posts

- digitized British parish records online.
- **Cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions** can provide birth, marriage, and death information. Visit **FindaGrave.com** or **BillionGraves.com** to search for tombstone images, biographies, family relationships, and more. **Obituaries** are rich with genealogical data.
- **Newspapers** include obituaries, wedding announcements, news of family members who were visiting from out of town, squabbles, crimes, business notices, personal inquiries, local events, and issues of importance to the community. **NewspaperArchive.com** and **GenealogyBank.com** host millions of pages of digitized newspapers. If your ancestor's town did not have its own newspaper, check nearby communities and big cities where their news was often reported. Ordinary people appear in the papers, not just the rich and famous.

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG AFFILIATES

- Use **RecordSeek.com** to generate source citations for documents and images you find online. Display your browser's *Bookmark Toolbar*. Then drag the green button from RecordSeek.com's home page to the *Bookmark Toolbar*. When you find a web page such as a census image, simply click the *RecordSeek icon* on your *Bookmark Toolbar* to have a source citation generated automatically. Add a description. Attach the citation to specific ancestors in your Ancestry.com Public Member Tree or your FamilySearch Family Tree, or send the citation to your FamilySearch Source Box for later consideration. [Note: If you have been using RecordSeek's Tree Connect, replace it with the new RecordSeek button. The API was recently changed.]
- Use **Find-a-Record** to identify individuals in your FamilySearch FamilyTree who are missing data, along with links to find the records you seek. Go to <https://www.findarecord.com/>.
- Use the **FamilySearch Place Research Tool**, which returns proper results even when a place name has changed over time. Go to <https://familysearch.org/int-std-ui-research/>.
- **Source Tracker from TreeSeek.com** identifies all the US Federal Censuses in which each of your ancestors might appear. It shows which censuses you have already attached to your ancestor, which are still needed, and directly links you to them. The site also generates an array of pedigree charts, fan charts, and name clouds. Click the blue button labeled *Login now to create your chart*. Use your FamilySearch user name and password. Under Chart Type, select *Source Tracker*, and click *Create Chart*. TreeSeek can also generate charts from a GEDCOM file.
- **RelativeFinder** identifies how you are related to your friends, co-workers, and historical figures like US Presidents, royalty, explorers, scientists, and writers. Sign in to Relative Finder with your FamilySearch login. Create groups of friends or co-workers and see how closely related you are. Go to <https://www.relativefinder.org/>.

USING SEARCH ENGINES

- For Google searches, use **all upper case for Boolean operators** (AND, OR, NOT). Note: Other search engines may accept lower case.
- Google assumes **AND** between multiple words in a search field, but the **words do not have to appear next to each other** on the same page.
- Use quotation marks to specify a **contiguous** string of words **in that exact order**, such as “Washington Irving Stubbs”
- Use ? to stand for one character in a word
- Use * to stand for zero to multiple characters in a word
- Use **given name * surname** (e.g., **William * Stubbs**) to search for name variants, such as William Irving Stubbs, William I. Stubbs, William Stubbs, Will Stubbs, W.I. Stubbs, and W. Stubbs with one search. * finds all occurrences of the words William and Stubbs separated by one or more words.
- Filter your results list by adding a location or other key words.
“William * Stubbs” AND (Elk OR Preble OR Polk)
- Some search engines support the Boolean term **NEAR**. Google does not.
- Google search supports the Boolean term **AND**. Not all search engines do.
- Insert a minus sign immediately in front of **terms to be excluded**. **No space between the minus sign and the term**. For example, to search for Stubbs ancestors not associated with Wrightsborough, input **Stubbs -Wrightsborough**
- **To search within a date range**, separate numbers by two periods without spaces to see results that contain numbers in a range.
Example: **1857..1864**
- Insert a tilde immediately in front of a term to search by synonyms for that term.
Example: **~reverend** might produce minister, pastor, priest
- site: Search for results from a particular site
- link: Search for pages that link to a given page, using its URL
- related: Search for sites that are similar to a known web address, (e.g., related:www.findagrave.com)

INTEGRATING FAMILY TREES

To synchronize data on your home computer with data on FamilySearch Family Tree:

- **In Legacy:** Click the FamilySearch icon (stylized tree) in the upper left of the screen near the Legacy L logo. Legacy connects with the FamilySearch Family Tree database. Match your ancestor with the corresponding person in FamilySearch. Check for any possible duplicates. Share your data with FamilySearch and vice versa. Simply click the arrow to copy data from one side to the other. Or, click Import Tree from the center right to download descendants and/or ancestors of a designated starting person. You are the default, or input the FamilySearch PID of one of your ancestors. Indicate how many generations you want to import. Click OK.

To synchronize information from Ancestry.com with FamilySearch.org:

- Go directly to the ancestor's record in FamilySearch.org from Ancestry.com by clicking the *FamilySearch tree icon*. From the drop-down menu, click *Compare person on FamilySearch*.
- Note: A message currently appears saying, "*The ability to share and transfer relationship and sources information is coming.*" Relationship records will soon be available for comparison and synchronization on this screen. Users will check a box and click Save. Meanwhile, go back one screen.]
- Click on the FamilySearch tree icon. Select View this person on FamilySearch to open a new browser tab with the FamilySearch *profile page* for the ancestor in question.
- Scroll down to *Family Members* and select *Edit Couple*. Locate the type of information to be modified or added. Click *Edit* in the upper right corner of the event box. Make the changes or additions.
- Add a comment on *Reason This Information is Correct*. Click Save.
- See <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/exchange-details-ancestry-family-tree-2/>

MAIDEN NAMES

Records of female ancestors can be elusive because maiden names are commonly dropped when women marry. Mary Smith becomes Mrs. [husband's name]. Historically, women had limited legal rights in business, voting, and land dealings, so they appear in fewer documents under their own names. However, women's names can be found by searching records of their kin.

- **Death certificates** from the late 1800s to the present generally provide a woman's maiden name, birth and death dates and places, plus her father's name, her mother's maiden name, and her husband's name.
- **Death certificates of a woman's children** may list her maiden name.
- **Marriage records** list the wife's maiden name.
- **Passenger lists and records of indentures** contain women's names.
- **Cultural practices** vary. Italians and French women used their maiden names on all legal documents. Their children would be listed under the father's surname. Check indexes for the children under the father's name. The mother is often listed with them.
- Daughters, nieces and granddaughters are often provided for in **wills** by their parents, unmarried uncles, or grandparents. Check the local court for wills and probate records.
- Widows may appear in **military pension applications**.
- A woman may appear in **censuses** living with her children, grandchildren, or sibling.
- A woman may be named in a **land deed**. Check adjoining properties. Women also had **dower rights (one third interest in her husband's estate)**, which had to be released when the land was sold.
- Women appear in **voter registrations** after suffrage was granted in their state.
- **Obituaries** often provide valuable information on women.
- **Newspaper accounts** may mention a woman who was involved in a factory **strike** for safer working conditions, shorter work days, or increased pay.
- **Court records** may name women who petition for **divorce**, whether or not it was granted.
- **Tombstones** often list unmarried women as "[name], daughter of parents' name]."
- **Police records** may name women involved in suffrage movements.

- **Baptismal records** contain women's names.
- **Orphans and guardianship records**
- **City directories**
- **Legislative petitions** for suffrage, women's property rights, moral reform, the abolition of slavery and other causes were signed and submitted by hundreds of thousands of women. Search for petitions in Congressional Records at the National Archives under the names of legislators from your ancestor's locale.

TECH TIPS AND UTILITIES

Use scanners or digital cameras to make digital copies of documents, photos, and artifacts.

- For most archival purposes, select at least 600 dpi. For archiving, select a format like TIFF or PNG that does not compress the image (discard data to reduce file size). Use Save As and Convert the file format to JPEG as needed for uploading to certain web sites.
- Popular handheld scanners for use on family history trips include VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand Portable Scanner and the Flip-Pal mobile scanner, priced \$50 - \$150.
- Clean the scanner bed or lens prior to the scan.
- Optimize natural lighting when possible, being careful not to "blow out" the image with too much light.

Using two monitors with your desktop computer or laptop

- **Desktop PC with second monitor:** Display is set to Extended by default. No changes to Settings are needed to drag a window from one screen to the other.
- **Laptop with second monitor:** A mirror image of your laptop's desktop appears on the second monitor by default. To drag a window from your laptop screen to the second monitor, go to *Display Settings* and extend your display.
- **To change your display settings to Extended,** click *Start > Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization > Adjust screen resolution*. From the *Multiple displays* drop-down menu, click *Extend these displays > OK*.
- **To move a window from one monitor to another,** click the title bar of the window. Drag the window to the other screen.
- Short training video
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/move-windows-between-multiple-monitor-s#1TC=windows-7>
- Portable monitors for laptops are powered by USB, weigh 2-3 pounds, and run between \$90 - \$250. With a fold up stand, they can be used in portrait or landscape orientation. Higher resolution monitors with better color matching are best for image work.
- To zoom, click anywhere in the window. Hold down the Ctrl key and adjust size with the mouse wheel.

Dragon Naturally Speaking: Voice Recognition Software (\$99 - \$199; PC or Mac)

<http://www.nuance.com/dragon/index.htm>

- **TIP:** Dragon is designed to recognize one voice at a time. When transcribing an interview or conversation with multiple speakers, listen to the recording through a headset. Pause

the recording. Repeat what is being said by other speakers in your own voice.

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) transforms a digital image into text that can be edited or inserted into documents with Copy (Ctrl+C) and Paste (Ctrl+V).

- OCR software comes bundled with many scanners. Look for it in the menu or settings.
- **OmniPage Ultimate: Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software**, top end
<http://www.nuance.com/for-business/by-product/omnipage/ultimate/index.htm>

Screen capture utilities

- **Windows Snipping Tool**
- **FastStone Capture:** screen captures include portions of the windows to which you must scroll down, not just what is visible on screen
- **Evernote**

Use password encryption utilities

Image sharing

- **Dropbox**
- **Picasa Web Albums**

Backing up and preserving cloud storage, such as gmail correspondence

NOTE: There is a mistaken belief that cloud storage is permanent and secure. Cloud storage companies generally provide server level backups, but if data in individual accounts is lost to hackers, fires, or other disasters, there is no recovery. If your ISP goes out of business, your e-mail messages, contacts, and bookmarks may be permanently lost.

To back up gmail

In the *Sign in* window (upper right corner), click *Account*. Scroll down to *Account Settings*. Under *Account Tools*, *Download data*, select the account whose data you wish to download. The default selects all data, or select specific data set(s) to archive. Click *Create Archive*. Google will create an archive of your data, (choose .zip for most purposes), and send you an email when it is ready. This may take hours or even days. When notified, download your data archives, which may be broken into smaller parts for transmission. The archive is kept for seven days. Establish a new account into which you will transfer the mBox data. See github's wiki for instructions on transferring your data to a new service.

<https://github.com/jay0lee/got-your-back/wiki>

To back up your bookmarks

Click *All Bookmarks* > *Unsorted Bookmarks*. At the top of the display of your bookmarked web sites, click on the *Import and Backup* tab. Select *Export Bookmarks File*. Save in the new location of your choice.

Google Inactive Account Manager

Specify what should happen to your account data when you are gone. Go to your *Google Account Settings*. Select *Inactive Account Manager*. Set a **time period** after which Google will consider

your account inactive. Specify up to ten **trusted contacts** to notify when the account is inactive. Click *Share my data with this contact*. Click *Next* to select which Google products you wish to share and to provide contact information for your trusted parties. The Inactive Account Manager will alert you by text message or e-mail before the timeout period ends. Alternatively, you can instruct Google to delete your account on your behalf after the timeout period ends, or you can delete the account yourself from that window.

CREATING FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

Automatically generate family history books with your pedigree software.

- In Legacy, choose the *Reports* tab. From the *Publishing Center*, select the type of book desired and what you want to include. Add blank pages where you wish to insert additional material. Pagination will be automatically adjusted. See *Preview* before printing.
- In RootsMagic, choose *Reports, Publisher, Create new book*. From the drop menu next to *Add*, select pages you wish to include. Pedigree charts, scrapbook pages, narratives, family group sheets, text pages, etc. can be selected from *Other Reports* in the drop down menu.

Clarify your purpose for writing to your target audience.

- Creating an enduring, scholarly record for yourself and serious researchers
- Honoring ancestors and endearing them to family members in coming generations
- Preserving a little known slice of history, cultural or religious practice
- Providing life's lessons from the past, examples of character, moral choices
- Engaging children and young people in family history
- Creating an enriched, fictionalized account based on known facts and surmised details
- Preserving your own life story

For professional looking **page layouts**, use **InDesign** or **MyPublisher**.

Timelines

- **Legacy's Events feature and Chronology tab** at www.legacyfamilytree.com
- **TimelineMakerPro** (\$)
- **Genelines** available for free at Family History Centers or (\$) www.legacyfamilytree.com

Adding historical context and contemporary accounts

- Newspaper Archives, AmericanAncestors.com, GenealogyBank.com for newspapers
- PaperTrail.com for wagon trains
- HistoricMapWorks
- NUCMC and universities for manuscript collections

Maps

- GoogleEarth and the [David Rumsey Map Collection](http://DavidRumsey.com)
- Animap
- RootsMapper
- DeedMapper

For children and youth

- Puzzlemaker (free) at <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker>
- Crossword Kit (\$) or Crossword Weaver (\$)
- Paul Jackson, The Pop-up Book
- Robert Sabuda
<http://wp.robertsabuda.com/make-your-own-pop-ups/>
- RelativeFinder at <https://roots-fb.cs.byu.edu/>
- TreeSeek.com's Name Cloud for end papers

Online publishing

- **Adorama.com:** Best quality, lay flat pages with no gutter, pricey
- **MyPublisher.com:** Excellent quality, easy interface. Frequent sales, discounts, and free books. Wide array of templates. Prepare your book pages in advance and wait for a sale.
- **Picaboo.com:** Frequent sales, wide array of templates.
- **lulu.com:** Select paper quality for printed material, price breaks on personal use and not-for-profit books.
- **Blurb.com:** "Slurp my blurb." Create books from Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts.
- **lulu.com** primarily for text. Discount pricing for non-profit and personal use purposes.

Consider themed books

- Military service, regimental histories, insignia, uniforms, opposing powers and missions
- Transportation (wagon, canal boat, clipper ship, mule, ox-drawn cart, handcart, train, Model T, passenger liner, airplane)
- Fashion, textile arts, quilt history, needlework
- Occupations, tools, daily/annual routines
- Avocations – creations, interests, influences
- Animals and pets
- Religious history (ministers, churches built)
- Musical instruments played, compositions, performances
- Sports involvement, equipment, competitions, being a fan
- Culinary matters, family recipes, food rationing, food raised, plates, stemware, flatware
- Evidence of character traits, values lived by an individual; virtues embodied by ancestors
- Medical history, DNA, nutritional lessons believed and observed
- Circle of friends, business associates, civic involvement
- Landscapes – the flora and fauna of their surroundings, challenging seasons
- Impact of storms, natural disasters, epidemics
- Bad choices and hard times
- Social media archives from blogs, Facebook

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