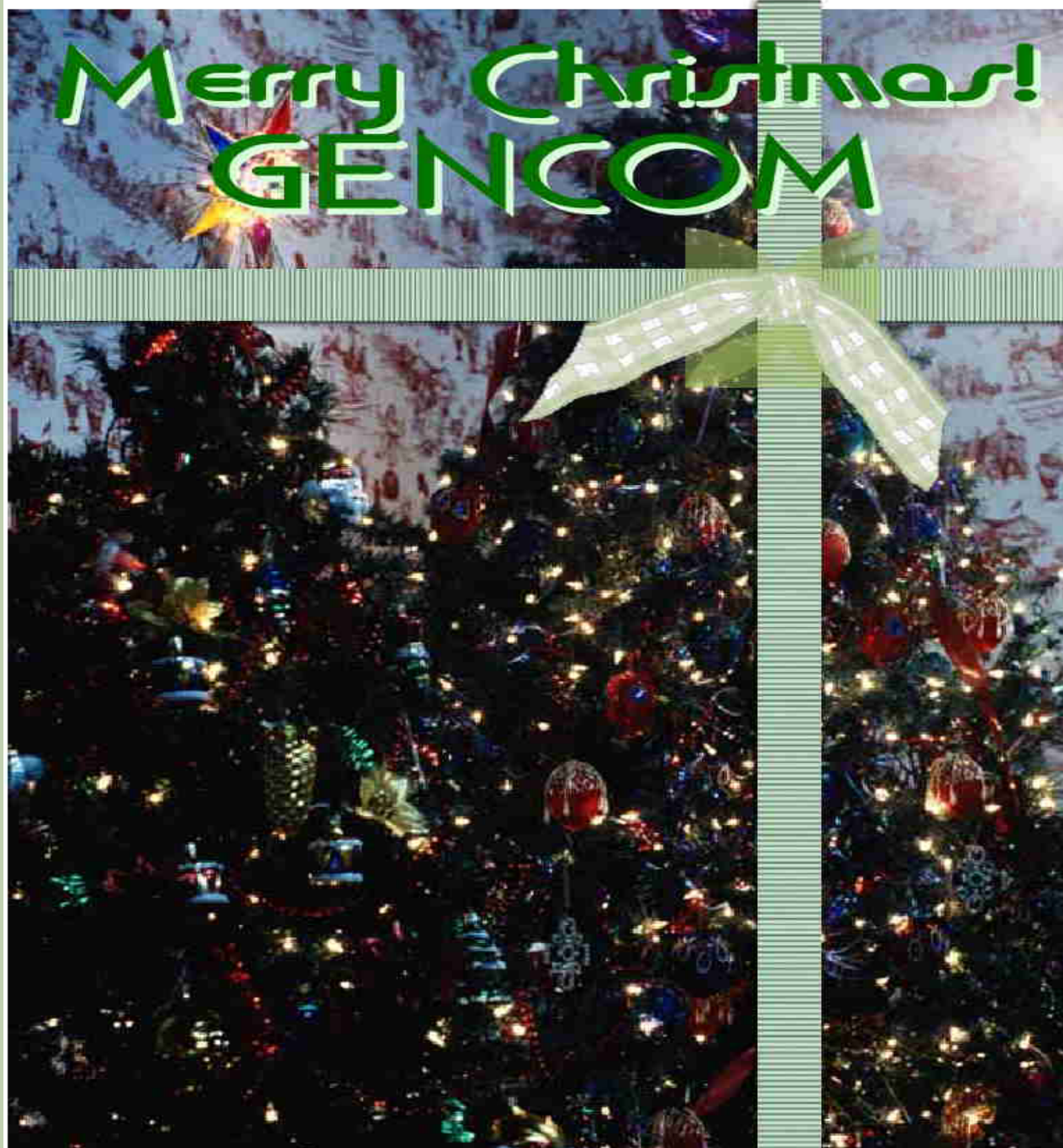


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New and Free DAR Online Databases

A fabulous Christmas gift
for the genealogist!

The following announcement was written by the Daughters of the American Revolution:

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on our public website. Here are the direct links:

http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm or www.dar.org (and click on the Library button at the top, then the second tab in the left-hand column).

The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. There are still some kinks we're working out here and there.

When you go to the link above, you will find several tabs that will enable searching in the various databases:

Ancestor – established DAR Revolutionary War Ancestors and basic information about them with listings of the applications submitted by descendants who joined the DAR [updated daily]

Member – limited access to information on deceased/former DAR members – not current members.

Descendants – index of generations in applications between the DAR member and the Revolutionary War ancestor. There is much eighteenth and nineteenth-century information here. [ongoing indexing project]

GRC – everyname index to 20,000 typescript volumes (some still being indexed) of genealogical records such as cemeteries, Bibles, etc. This index is not limited to the period of the American Revolution at all.

Resources [In particular, the digitized DAR Library Revolutionary Pension Extract Card Index and the Analytical Index Cards.

Other information sources will be coming in the near future, mostly relating to Revolutionary War service, bibliographies, Forgotten Patriots (updates), etc. Read the introductions to these to learn why these are both important genealogical indexes. For example, the Rev. War pension index includes the names of people mentioned in those pensions that were abstracted (not just the pensioner or widow)!!!!]

DAR RECORDS ONLINE

Library Catalog – our book, periodical, and manuscript holdings

Each of these has interrelated content, and a description of each is given more fully on the website. You will notice restricted information in many search results. This is the result of a concerted effort to protect the identity of our members while providing historical genealogical information to researchers.

The national numbers of members (without the names of living members) given in the search results are needed to order copies of applications and supplemental applications. They do not lead online researchers to any other information about the member.

Posted by Dick Eastman on November 1



DAR member insignia with ancestor name on pin above

Do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your family tree? Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Over two hundred years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a member of DAR, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can continue this legacy by actively supporting historic preservation, promotion of education, and patriotic endeavors. .

Note:

GENCOM members who are also members of DAR are Shirley Huss and Patte Bettis. New members awaiting approval of application are Esther Jones and Chris Stoll.

If your mother, grandmother, or aunt was a member, you can find her member number and order her application papers. Men can use that information to join SAR.

GENCOM members of SAR are Harry Lazarus, Don Zesch and awaiting approval Jim Jones.



This is the Sons of the American Revolution website: <http://www.sar.org/>



Carolyn's Corner

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Carolyn Franklin

I am going to give you some links today that will help you enjoy the Christmas Season.

This is a link to Christmas tags that you may use for your Christmas greeting cards or to add to your Christmas e-mail. Just open the graphic, right click, and then save as. I have a folder call "Christmas" that I put related graphics, recipe links or anything else pertaining to the season.

<http://d21c.com/tas/pages2/cmas.html>

You may create and send a free Christmas card to friends and family at this site.

<http://www.alighthouse.com/christmas.htm>

I found some great holiday recipes here.

A GREAT BUNCH OF RECIPE WEBSITES!!!

<http://www.angelfire.com/myband2/images/CHRISTMASRECIPES.html>

Christmas Music

<http://www.lockergnome.com/midi/>

And last but not least some internet shopping sites.

Three are Pricegrabber.com, NexTag.com and Shopping.com. They are most helpful if you already know what you want to buy. Simply enter the item and in return, you'll see a list of online retailers offering the product.

You can sort them by price or the stores' ratings. Shoppers' reviews determine the ratings.

<http://tinyurl.com/yaqtyhe>



Bob Carolyn
and
Miss Mini



Merry Christmas
Geneom Members

*It's a time for fond remembering
Of those we've met along Life's Way,
who mean so much to us!
When candlelight glows
In the twilight of winter evenings...
When the great peace of Christmas
comes to the world...
I'll be thinking of you!
Patte Bettis*

The President's Message



Roy Henderson



On behalf of the officers of our GENCOM group, I wish everyone according to your faith a Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah and best wishes for a prosperous year 2010.

Year 2009 has been a most interesting program year. It has been a year that we experienced a cooperation, comradeship and member expertise of our genealogy friends from the three local societies. Thanks to the foresight and spirit of cooperation of our three group's 2009 leadership, the joint programs have been very

successful. The same can be said for our recent GEN-FEST at the end of October. Our group is blessed with talent and expertise in many phases of our genealogical interest and yes for some of us, passion.

I believe that the sub lineal program of our members making a serious effort this next year of creating some sort of organized publication of their genealogy stories and records can be a highlight for each of us. The effort, in whatever "published" form, will be a blessing and a cherished gift for our families in the future.

A new publication *Family Tree Legacies*, from *Family Tree Magazine* that can be purchased and used as an organizer format for creating "your interactive Family Album" is available. Created by the editors of *Family Tree Magazine* who suggest it to be a "customizable family keepsake (and) is the perfect place to record and share your family's story." The loose leaf book along with other helpful tool publications can be seen at the January meeting.

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