



Connections

The Newsletter of GENCOM, The Computer Genealogy Group of North Louisiana
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January 25 Meeting
Sunday afternoon 2:00
Hamilton S. Caddo Library

*"Central and North Louisiana
During the War Years
of '63-'64"*

Presented by Billy Adams



Between April 17, 1862 and May 18, 1864 20 major Civil War battles and engagements were fought on Louisiana soil. Lives were upturned and destroyed. Tragedy and bravery gave way to bittersweet success and failure —grand beyond imagining;



***The Prize: Control of the
Mighty Mississippi River.***

The Cost: Immeasurable

In Louisiana, the war took a heavy toll, out of proportion to the extent of the fighting. Only three states suffered as much or more: Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina. Approximately one-fifth of the state's able-bodied white males and hundreds of black soldiers were killed in battle or died of disease.



Carolyn's Corner January 2009

I Hope that you and yours had a safe and Happy New Year.

Below you will find some web sites and other tips that I think are interesting.

People Search

123 People is a great people search. Just type the first and last name of the person you're looking for into the search field and then click on the gold arrow button. That will start your search. It will then search the Web and compile all the results it found for that name. The results include: images, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, Web links, etc.

You can also use the search feature to search for people by location using a city or zip code.

This is a great search engine, check it out.

<http://www.123people.com/>

Dress up Your Emails

You may change the appearance of your Outlook Express email or Windows Mail by adding stationery. To use the stationery feature, just follow these steps:

1. In the Outlook Express main window, click the arrow on the Create button.
2. Select a stationery option listed in the menu that appears, or choose the Select Stationery command to get more choices.
3. In the Select Stationery dialog box that appears, select a stationery from the list.
4. Click OK to apply the stationery to the new message.

With a new, reply, or forwarded message open, you can apply stationery by using either of these methods:

Choose Format--Apply Stationery, and then click a stationery to apply.

Choose More Stationery to access the Select Stationery dialog box.

If you have applied stationery and decide that you don't want to use it anymore, just click the arrow on the Create button and select No Stationery from the drop-down menu.

Now try this and send me an email message. fcfrank@comcast.net

More things you can do in Google

Check your portfolio.

To see current market data for a given company or fund, type the ticker symbol into the search box. On the results page, you can click the link to see more data from Google Finance.

Find local movies and show times.

To find reviews and show times for movies playing near you, type "movies" or the name of a current film into the Google search box followed by your city and state or zip code.

Going on a Trip?

Find out if what to pack.

To see the weather for many U.S. and worldwide cities, type "weather" followed by the city and state, U.S. zip code, or city and country. www.google.com

Create a Desktop Shortcut for a Web Site that you Frequently Visit

Open the Web site you want to create a shortcut for. Once you're there, look in the address bar at the top and you'll see a little Internet Explorer icon (it's a blue "e"). **Drag** that with your mouse and just **drop** it on your desktop. A new icon for it will then appear. You can then right click the icon, choose **Rename** and give it a proper name.

Then when you want to visit the site, just double click on the icon and you will be taken to it automatically.

Well this is Mardi Gras Season, Enjoy



Change Your Home Page

A home page is the default page that you see when you open a browser whether it is Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Firefox or Google Chrome.

TIP: Search the Internet for the page you want as your home page. When it is on your screen go up to the toolbar and click on **Tools**. From the drop down menu that appears click on **Internet Options**. In the window that appears select the **General Tab**. The first item on that tab is the Home Page. Here you can type in or copy and paste the URL (**Uniform Resource Locator**) for the page you want. It is easier to just click on the **Use current** button and the URL is automatically entered for you. Click on Apply, OK and your done. Now when you open your browser the page you selected will now be your home page. You may change it whenever you like.

NOTE: As with other features in windows there are several ways to do things but this seems to be the easiest for novices. If you don't see **Tools** on your browser, right click on the tool bar area and from the drop down menu that appears click on the **Menu Bar**.



FGS 2009 Annual Conference:
Passages Through Time
at the Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2-5, 2009

The most exciting news imaginable for area genealogists!
A national Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference
within a days driving distance!

If you have never attended one of these, be assured .. You will come home with renewed enthusiasm for the search!

The latest discoveries of software, methodology, everything that pertains to Family History research are introduced at these annual seminars.

I attended in Seattle, Orlando, St Louis, Austin, Richmond and have been most disappointed to miss the past two years due to the difficulty in flying at this time. If I were offered my choice of a trip to any-where...I would choose the FGS National Conference!

We will publish the scheduled speakers as they are available!

I hope many of us can go! PMB



From: [B Don Zesch](#) Subject: Spin Control...

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this ancestor.



Remus Reid

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory.

On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'



So Judy recently e-mailed Senator Harry Reid, NV for information about their great-great uncle. Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889,

Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'

NOW THAT is how it's done folks! That's real SPIN.

The Confederates Get Religion

*The generation that fought the war, North and South alike, was a deeply religious one. Chaplains were customarily attached to regiments of both armies, and numerous preachers visited the troops 'with or 'without official status. One of the most interesting features of the history of the Confederacy was the series of revivals that swept the armies, both East and West, throughout the war. There were a few revivals in the winter of 1861-62, but the "great revival" came in the Army of Northern Virginia in the winter and spring of 1863 and spread to the armies of the West. The Reverend John W. Jones, whose *Christ in the Camp* is perhaps the best history of this great revival, estimates that no less than 150,000 soldiers "got religion" that year. What is equally interesting is that the religious revival affected the leaders of the Confederacy as well as the rank and file. It was at this time that Jefferson Davis, Generals Bragg, Ewell, Hood, Hardee, and Joseph E. Johnston all entered the church. It is entirely possible that General Lee's deep piety played a role here.*

The two brief excerpts given here describe the great revival of 1863 in the Army of Northern Virginia. Benjamin W. Jones was a private in the 3rd Virginia Infantry Regiment; John Dooley a Virginia boy who left Georgetown College in 1862 to enlist in the famous 1st Virginia Infantry--a regiment whose history dated from 1661.

Religion In The Confederate Army

Camp Roper, Va., Feby. 20, 1863

My dear Friend: I hear that a great religious spirit and revival is spreading throughout Lees army, and some of the other armies of the South, and there are some evidences of it here, and in other camps about Richmond. Old professors that had become lukewarm in their zeal, are arousing to a sense of their duty, and many of the openly sinful are growing more temperate and reverent in their conversation and regard for religious things. There is less of cursing and profligacy, and much less of card playing in our Company now than formerly. The voice of prayer is often heard in camp among the men, and many commands now have regular, or at least, occasional, preaching. Many ministers have gone out as evangelists to the armies, and some have gone into the ranks as private soldiers, or have become regular chaplains in some command. Their example and teaching are exerting a wide-spread and salutary influence. Rev. J. W. Ward, of Isle of Wight, has preached to our Company once recently, and other ministers hold meetings near us occasionally.

Almost nightly now, before the tattoo is sounded, we hear the voice of song in our camp, religious and revival songs and hymns. There are several men here who sing well, and these assemble together and pass an hour or two together at night very pleasantly. Sergeant N. B. Ponds tent is headquarters for these exercises, and doubtless, to some extent, this method of praise and prayer is doing good here and toning down some of the rougher vices of the men. May it lead finally to a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the armies, and all the people of all the South. A soldier may fight and be a religious and God-fearing man, too.

Your friend, B. JONES,
Under the Stars and Bars"



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Looking Ahead to our New Year!

Don Davis has agreed to present the latest version of Family Tree Maker at the April meeting. He will also conduct a study session in March for prospective members and for any of us who feel we need a refresher course. This will be held on a weekday afternoon at either Broadmoor or Hamilton Library. Lets be thinking of friends who would like to begin their family research.

Don will discuss plans and give us an opportunity to sign up at the January meeting.

Some Program Suggestions...

What do you like? Which could you help present?

- Publishing your home page on the net
- Exploring the FamilySearch site
- Introduction to News groups
- Maps available on line
- Using mailing lists, Surname Lists, & Newsgroups
- Scanning documents and OCR (Optical character recognition)
- How to manage your (PC) computer
- Demonstrations of various genealogy programs
- Web browsers and search engines
- Using GEDCOM files and GEDCOM Viewers
- Introduction to Video Editing (making a genealogical video)
- Introduction to CD writers
- "Sources" and correct citation, with demonstrations.
- Photo touch-up.
- Non-genealogical databases: Excel, PC File, MS Access
- Using the various [Birth-Marriage-Death indexes](#) available on the internet
- Personal family history web sites, from free-form personal sites to large gedcom-generated sites

The President's Message



Bob Franklin



Just wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year! May 2009 be one that is blessed and wonderful for all of you. The start of a new year is always a great time to consider fresh, or just different, approaches to our programs. We can all make our small contributions to make this year a better year for GENCOM. Let the cumulative effect work its wonder, we just have to come together with new ideas. I'd appreciate your thoughts and input, tell us what programs you would like to see in the future.

Genealogy is more popular today than ever before. It is one the most popular topic on the Web today, however attendance at all genealogy organizations is reportedly declining. If interest in genealogy is growing, why are we not seeing an increase in membership? I recently came across this ancient proverb that says, "Where there is no vision, the people will perish." Over the years of my GENCOM membership, I can not recall any type of membership campaign. Is it time to seek out new members with fresh ideas and new visions for GENCOM?

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone, a New Year has been ushered in, and it has been 79 days since our last meeting. Well, time flies when you're having fun. Our next meeting will be January 25th at Shreve Memorial Library - Hamilton/South Caddo Branch. The program will be "Central and North Louisiana During the War Years of 1863-1864" presented by Billy Adams. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Have a Great Year! Make a Great Year!

Bob Franklin

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