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Genealogy for the Information Age

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November 27 Meeting
Sunday 2:00
Hamilton S. Caddo Library



Featuring the second in our
"Germans to America" series

Speaker: Don Zesch
presents
**"The Germans
Who Immigrated to Texas"**

Remembering GENFEST 05

Our sincere thanks to Robert Franklin
for chairing the event!



And for the great presentation on backing up our treasured data...Reminding us just how much time and effort we put into accumulating it...and how quickly it could all be wiped out, if our hard drive should go!

And to Carolyn Franklin for seeing that Dinner on the Grounds went so smoothly.. What a great group of cooks you are!



Jimmie Davis made this gorgeous Fruit Pizza



Recipe wanted! Who brought the apple, celery, nut salad?
It was wonderful with the spaghetti!

Thanks to your generosity we have cookies and cake left
(in my freezer) for the November meeting PMB



Glenda Conradi continues to counsel members on digital photo concerns. And Bernie shares his computer expertise so generously. I recently heard someone say, "Glenda and Bernie should be cloned!" We could think of no one who has given so much to their community!
(We want you to know...You are appreciated!)



It was good to see our old friend and early member Joe Morgan— here with Charles Byrd.



Good to have Joy Stephenson back from her summer in Washington! That is Margaret Clark in far right ..we thank her for the lovely blessing she offered before dinner.

**Our thanks to Margaret MC Gilvray for her most inspirational
Genealogical Display**



Margaret brought not only the beautifully mounted family pictures, but her artistic signs and scrapbooks and some of her favorite books on scrap-booking. I am sure we all got new ideas from her work.

Heritage Quest Tip

Land Warrants are under "Revolutionary War" section of HQ. When the main or "home" screen comes up, click on the "Revolutionary War" title, then follow the directions. As I recall, a search function came up, I entered each name I was looking, successively, and a list of results came up. I clicked on the most likely ones, and the image came up. If it was what I wanted, I downloaded it in PDF format to my computer for later printing and reference

THE GERMANS WHO CAME TO AMERICA

The series began with

“The Germans who came to Louisiana.

Thais Tooke took us back to Old New Orleans for a loving look at the city where her parents and grandparents made their home. Her presentation on “The GERMANS who came to New Orleans” revealed the important role the German element played in the development of the city. Our thanks for a memorable presentation!



Thanks to Don Davis for his presentation of the new Family Tree Maker and the new Charting Companion program. He not only covered the new features of the software but generously answered questions from members on their use of FTM. His continuing assistance with the program has helped make us the knowledgeable group we are!

Glenda Conradi keeps us abreast of the developments in digital photography. Apparently there are many like myself, who just want the camera to work (without knowing why or how) I am impressed to see that she actually understands what the settings mean—And can explain how to achieve the results we hope for. We do appreciate our members sharing their special interests! We are indeed fortunate to have so many experts in the skills we are so interested in learning!



Bob Franklin, our Computer Advisor, is doing his best to help us understand just how to protect our computers from virus...and how to protect our data by learning how to save and back up on schedule!

Google Search Shortcuts-Google Cheat Sheet

Google for Power Searchers

Here are the top Google Shortcuts that any savvy Googler should have under his or her belt. You'll find that using these Google Search Shortcuts will greatly cut down on your Google search time, as well as make your Google searches more effective and more efficient.

Google Shortcut Finds Pages That Have...

nokia phone the words nokia and phone

sailing OR boating either the word sailing or the word boating

"love me tender"the exact phrase love me tender

printer -cartridge the word printer but NOT the word cartridge

Toy Story +2movie title including the number 2

~autolooks up the word auto and synonyms

define:serendipitydefinitions of the word serendipity

how now * cowthe words how now cow separated by one or more words

+addition; 978+456

-subtraction; 978-456

*multiplication; 978*456

/division; 978/456

% ofpercentage; 50% of 100

^raise to a power; 4^18 (4 to the eighteenth power)

old in new (conversion)45 celsius in Fahrenheit

site:(search only one website)site:websearch.about.com "invisible web"

link:(find linked pages)link:www.lifehacker.com

#...#(search within a number range) nokia phone \$200...\$300

:Editor's Note This happens to be one of my pet peeves...was pleased to find someone had addressed the subject!

Spam Filters Choking Online Genealogy

By *Peter Savage of Australia*



It seems that once, when you found possible cousins by their family tree on RootsWeb, they sent you a reply almost every time.

These days it seems that I am lucky to get a 50 percent reply rate, and some of them only after a second or third e-mail. The reasons for this can be many. Some are old e-mail addresses that still exist but are not in use. Other folks are perhaps just not as polite about replying to e-mail as they used to be. But more and more often I find people trashing my e-mail as spam without even knowing it, because their spam filters are set to always trash e-mail from strangers, or because my e-mail mistakenly ended up in their trash folder and they didn't check it before deleting.

To paraphrase the old quote, there are no strangers in genealogical research, just cousins we haven't met yet. Like my wife's cousin who sent her photographs of her 3-great-grandfather and his family when previously we had only known his son by a nickname, and even went out of her way to photograph the headstone of someone who wasn't her relative.

Or the other cousin who sent us copies of pages from a family Bible and an excerpt from a book referring to an ancestor mortgaging a slave.

These are things we wouldn't have had access to without an initial e-mail to a stranger.

Genealogists need to examine the settings of their spam filters and NOT block strangers or complete domains (e.g. all of Hotmail.com), but only block single e-mail addresses known to be spam sources. We should also check each e-mail source and subject carefully before trashing it.

Spam can be an almost overwhelming tide. People submit their trees to the WorldConnect for the express purpose of making connections with cousins to further their research. We should not allow ourselves to be denied these vital contacts.

Don Davis introduces us to Dead FRED. THIS IS AN ADVENTURE!

Have you ever looked at this cite. <http://www.DeadFred.com/>

Meet Fred

The founder of this Archive, Joe Bott, is of German descent. His great-great-grandfather lived during the reign of Frederick III. By paying homage to Fredrick, the author also honors his own lineage and provides a venue by which to tie the living present with the quiet past.



Another Exciting Advance in Genealogical Research!

"LDS Family History Library has announced that it has begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. About 5000 books have been digitized and are available, and they have announced that they are adding about 100 titles a week to the on-line collection. Copyright issues are playing a role in determining the order in which they progress through this task; books out of copyright are being done first."

Go to the web site of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU, <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> then on the home page, from the list of collections that are displayed, follow the links:

Find Other Materials;
Electronic;
On Line Collections at BYU;
Text Collections tab;
Family History Archive, Search



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A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS NOW and THEN!



In recognition of the battles fought for freedom and independence, we have ordered the Sons of the American SAR Patriot Index, Edition III, and the SAR Revolutionary War Graves, Millennium Edition CD-ROMs for our CD library. They are packed with early American history and the genealogies of patriotic ancestors.

Together there are 872,000 family history records of Patriots and many of their descendants. Also included are burial locations of soldiers, sailors, and civilian Patriots of the Revolutionary War as well as many of their spouses.

You can search a database of 732,000 family history records of Patriots who served in the American Revolution and many of their descendants.

In addition, volunteers from across the country have submitted PHOTOS of tombstones for OVER 800 people! As well, additional comments from the original SAR application may also be included in the 'Notes' section.