



Connections

The Newsletter of GENCOM, The Computer Genealogy Group Editor: Patricia Minton Bettis

October 26 Meeting

Hamilton Library
2:00 Sunday Afternoon

Celebrating Family History Month

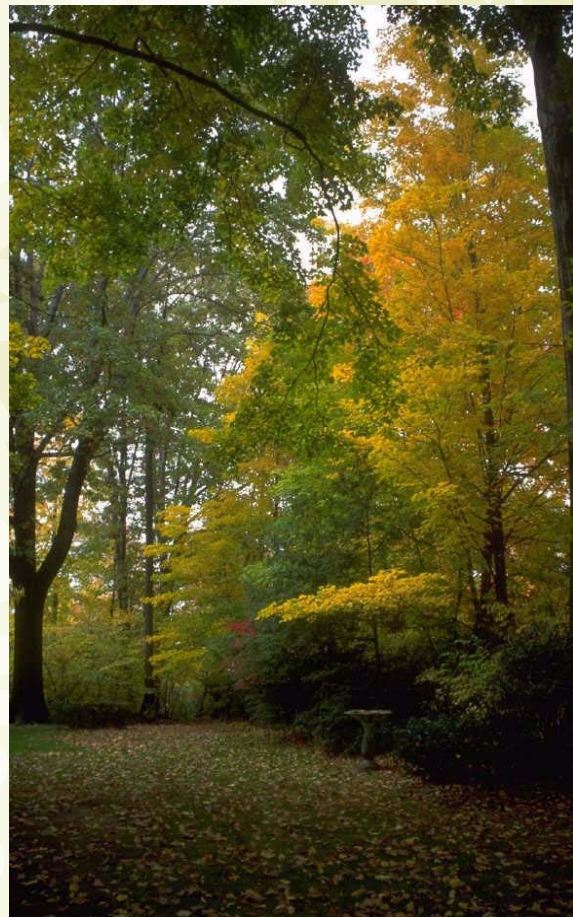
Since September 26, 2001, October has been recognized as the Family History Month. This initiative was passed by unanimous consent from the Senate more than seven years ago.

We will give everyone an opportunity to seek help with their genealogical research at this meeting!

Bring your questions to present to the group. We have experts in many fields of study. As we are
THE COMPUTER GENEALOGY GROUP

Computer usage questions will also be welcomed, and given equal time!

(Details to follow)



Q&A

Experts Among Us

Bring your questions to our October 26th GENCOM meeting. Our members have answers. We want to draw upon the many experts in our group to answer question you may have. Road blocks and stone walls that have frustrated us from time to time have also been experienced by someone in our group.

I will collect your questions, open and moderate the expert's answers from our members present. This should be an enlightening and fun experience for all present.

Questions should be genealogy or computer related. They might be concerning genealogy software, Windows, old photograph copies, court house research, graveyard exploring and stone recording courtesy to name a few ideas but not limited to them only.

Please bring your typed or hand printed questions to the meeting.

**Better still, while you are now sitting in front of your computer..type your questions and email them now to:
henderson373052@bellsouth.net**

. Email will allow them to be enlarged for easy and accurate reading.

If your question involves hands on demonstration, we will try to have it included in the November Annual GENFEST.

Roy Henderson

GOOGLING

Patte Bettis



First, Let me say I have no stock in Google (sadly).—My only motive in praising the marvels of Google is to share my continuing amazement at this font of information that is available to us.—FREE for us to partake of this vast storehouse of knowledge at will.

I hope that everyone is coming to the realization that there are few questions that cant be answered by Google. Learn to phrase your question-.they have made it easy for us. Ex. *You need help with deciding on a new purchase—* Key in : *Compare laser printers.*

And, as for genealogical questions—
.Say marriages in TN, or MA early birth records.
Allen Family of New Jersey. Express simply.
Any appliance of computer accessory can be found by model/manufacture. An enlarged view of the device and a manual can usually be found.

Go to Google Scholar and see what all is available—Book Search takes you to WORLD-CAT which is an index of the World's libraries.—
- Patents shows all US. Patents with original drawings and application (there were three patents obtained by my grandfather, Calvin J. Minton, the first obtained in 1904 in OK. Terr.)

If you have the Google desktop you can click Cntrl twice, wherever you are, and it will bring up the Google search bar. Example: If you are writing a story in Word, and think you would like a graphic or photo included in your document...just click Cntrl twice and you can download your graphic without leaving Word!.

To enlarge text on websites, the new browsers -Firefox and IE7 - allow you to control it yourself!! Just hit Control and + [Plus] at the same time and see what happens. Repeat if you want it still larger! This is wonderful! The very small types sizes are no longer a barrier to studying some of the old manuscripts that have been a challenge to some of us with limited vision.

Lets continue to enjoy, and to share all of the exciting new developments that today's technology is bringing us !
Patte

Al Taglavore gave us a fine program on Digital Photography in September.. We thank him for a most amusing and informative afternoon!



LETS CELBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Since September 26, 2001, October has been recognized as the Family History Month. This initiative was passed by unanimous consent from the Senate more than seven years ago.

There are many ways to celebrate Family History Month.

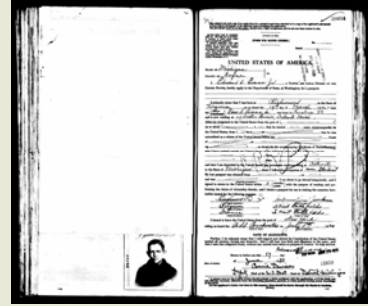
Here are a few suggestions from WorldVitalRecords.com.

- Share a story with your children about your childhood. If you don't have children, share a story with your spouse or parents.
- Encourage your children to write in a journal.
- Start writing your personal history.
- Record one of your relatives talking about his or her life.
- Add a new page to your scrapbook.
- Sort through and label your pictures.
- Ask one of your relatives for a family recipe. Make it and share it with your family.
- Start a family website.
- Perform some searches for your ancestors on WorldVitalRecords.com.
- Plan a family trip.
- Attend a family reunion.
- Write a letter to one of your relatives. If you are searching for some information on your family, ask for it. If you have done the research, share it.
- Watch a home video of your family. If you don't have one, make one.
- Convert some old VHS or 8 mm to DVD. Make copies and share them with your family.
- Start or add to your family tree.
- Make a family calendar for Christmas that includes photos of your family and important dates.
- Visit a cemetery where one of your relatives is buried. Take pictures of the cemetery and upload them to Find A Grave (if the photo is not already there).
- Trace your family medical history.
- Make copies of important family documents. Put the copies in a safe place, and share them with other family. Making the copies digital and putting them online is also recommended.
- Tell a friend that it is family history month and send them these tips!

Quotable Quote From our sage, Leroy Terry

“It is never to soon- or too late to start writing your family History”

PASSPORTS TO GEORGIA



From 1785 through 1820, individuals from Georgia or traveling through Georgia from other states who desired to travel to or through Indian Territory were required to obtain a passport from the Governor.

Included in the Archives Collection, File II, (Record Group 4-2-46) are approximately one hundred recommendations for passports. These recommendations are from neighbors, friends, and local officials vouching for the character of the individual requesting a passport.

The original passport was issued to the traveler and a copy was recorded in the Executive Department Minutes (Record Group 1-1-3).

Transcripts of all known Georgia passports and recommendations may be found in the following two sources:

- Bryan, Mary G. *Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1785 to 1820*. National Genealogical Society Quarterly, 1977 [reprint].
- Potter, Dorothy Williams. *Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1770-1823: Indian, Spanish and other Land Passports for Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, North and South Carolina*. Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1982.

PASSPORTS ISSUED BY GOVERNORS OF GEORGIA 1785 TO 1809 AND FROM 1810 TO 1820

Page 263 - Thursday 1st October 1801

ORDERED

That passports through the Creek Nation to the settlements on the Tom of Don Bigby river, be prepared for the persons and all their families Lewis McClain, John Burney, Micajah Wall, and John Young, and also for the following persons without their families - Majr. John Powers, Benjamin Pierce, Stephen Gatland, Edward Gatland, and James Gatland - and for Thomas Harris and Benjamin Edwards - which were presented and signed

Page 398 - Monday 3rd April 1809 On the recommendation of several respectable inhabitants of this state and South Carolina

ORDERED

That Passports through the Creek Nation be prepared as after mentioned, to wit, One for Jesse Parker and his family - One for William Pearce, One for Peter and William Roberts and one for John Tison - which were presented and signed

Page 501 - Monday 16th October 1809

On recommendation ORDERED That passports through the creek nation be prepared as after mentioned -to wit - one for Michael Mathews, one for William Moore, and one for Thomas Pearce - which were presented and signed

Page 28 - Saturday 9th December 1809

On application

ORDERED

That passports be prepared for the following persons to travel thro the Creek Nations of Indians, to wit - one for John Gayle, one for Mathew Gayle, one for Nathan Shackelford - one for James Young, and one, for William Pearce - which were presented and signed

Page 74 - Thurs. 8th February 1810

On application

ORDERED

That a passport be prepared for Bryant Sheffield to travel through theCreek Nation of Indians - which was presented and signed page 101 - Sat. 31st March 1810

On application

ORDERED

That passports be prepared for the following persons to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians, to wit, one for Moses Brown and Daniel Brown,the former with his mother-in-law, four children and five negroes from the County of Liberty in this state - one for John Adams and Mallich Coward, the former with his wife, four children and three negroes, from Barnwell District, South Carolina - one for William Burt, Mathew Lard and Mathew McCravy, the former with his wife, three children and four negroes, and the latter with his wife and one child all from Barnwell District, South Carolina, and one for George W.S. Pearre [sic] from the County of Columbia in this State - which were presented and signed

Page 124 - Wednesday 3d July 1811

On application

ORDERED

That a passport be prepared for Messrs. Thomas F. Lovett, Joshua Pearce and Archibald Mills, the two first from the County of Scriven, and the latter from the County of Burke in this State, to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians - Which was presented and signed 2nd November 1797

Patrick Brown, John Wheat, Kinchill Sheffield, Sampson Mounger, his wife and four children, exhibited passes to pass thro' the Creek Nation, signed Com. Freeman and countersigned by Edward Price



Carolyn's Corner
Carolyn's Corner

Carolyn Franklin

I will share a few tips with you this month that will make using your computer easier.

An easier way to scroll

If your mouse has a scroll wheel, try giving the wheel a click. Just press your finger directly down on the wheel and you should see a big double arrow appear on your computer screen. You can then just move your mouse up and down and it will do an "automatic scroll" for you. Once you click the wheel, you no longer have to actually scroll. Just move your mouse around.

This feature will not work everywhere. However it does work on Web pages, different e-mail programs and in MS Word. It's very easy to use. When you finish scrolling, just give the wheel another click and your mouse will go back to normal.

Bookmark Quickly

A quick and easy way to add a web page to your favorites or bookmarks (different browser's call them different names) is to hold down the CTRL key and press the D key once. This web page should now be in your Favorites for you to access at a later date.

Outlook Express or Windows mail

You can dress up your messages' by adding the look of stationery.

This can really pep up a dull e-mail message.

To use the stationery feature,

Open your mail program

- 1: 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: Select stationery from the list.
- 4: Click OK to apply the stationery to the new message.

If you have applied stationery and decide that you had rather not use it, just click the arrow on the Create button and select No Stationery from the drop-down menu.

And now, a music site for you to enjoy.

<http://www.geocities.com/~goldenoldies/jukebox5060Font3.htm>

Hope you all have a Happy Halloween!!!!



The President's Message



Bob Franklin



I want to start off by saying how much I enjoyed Al Taglavore's presentation on Digital Photography at our last meeting. For those that missed the meeting, Al covered all aspects of using your camera in his two hour presentation. It was a real treat, and many thanks to Al.

Fall and the cooler temperatures it brings is a welcome change from the sweltering heat of the summer months. While we are cooling down in October, let's not forget that October is Family History Month. Celebrate Family History Month with your family during the month of October, it may enhance your genealogy experience. I want to encourage everyone to visit these Web sites giving insight into Family History Month.

<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/services/6792.asp>

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/holidays/tp/family-history-month.htm>

Our Fall GENFEST will be Saturday, November 8th this year at the Shreve Memorial Library, Hamilton/South Caddo Branch. Please bring any demonstration suggestions for GENFEST to the October meeting, as GENFEST will be only a couple of weeks away.

We have many experts among us in both computer and genealogy fields, so the October meeting will be a computer and genealogy related question and answer session, moderated by our Vice President, Roy Henderson. Please bring your typed or hand printed questions and also be ready to answer a question someone else may ask. **Bob**

GENCOM

Officers

2008-2009

President: Robert Franklin

Vice President: Roy Henderson

Treasurer: Charles Byrd

Membership Chairmen

Margaret Mc Gilvray

Jean Whitaker

C.D. Librarian and

FTM Consultant : Don Davis

Social Chairmen:

Julious Windham, Dorothy Rosson,

Thelma Windham

Technical Consultant:

Bernie Conradi

GENFEST Coordinator:

Carolyn Franklin

Historian: Jeanice Vaughn

Facilities Chairman: Hallie Bellotte

"Connections" Editor: Patricia Bettis

pmbettis@comcast.net

"Connections" Columnist: Carolyn Franklin

Dues are still just \$15.00

Checks may be sent to Treasurer

Charles Byrd

2529 Brown Circle

Bossier City, LA. 71111