



Connections

September 2009

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

September 27 Meeting

Sunday 2:00 Hamilton Library

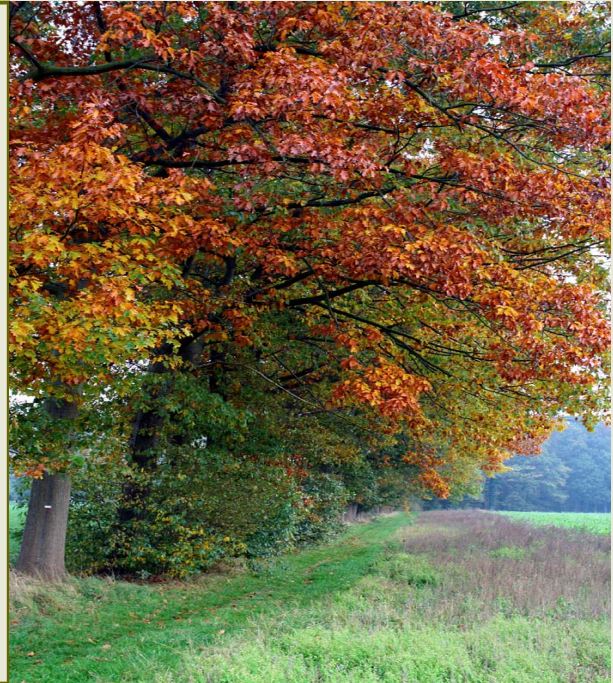
Welcoming Autumn — recalling—*What I did last Summer!*

Members who attended
The Federation of
Genealogical Societies
National Conference in
Little Rock September 3 to 7, 2009

Will share information on the new technological
advances introduced at the meeting!

Members will report on
Family Reunions they attended this summer.

*Your family reunion is important,
and so is your interest in genealogy.
Combine the two to expand your audience and
enhance your research!*



The Value of Family Reunions

What better place to share the exciting results of your genealogical passion than the family reunion? Sharing the results of your research will provide a sense of common history for reunion participants. One way to incorporate shared family history into the reunion is to hold it near a place of significance to your family such as a homestead or cemetery. As for timing, you could hold the reunion on an important historical date (for example, the anniversary of your ancestors' arrival in the U.S., a wedding, or birth date).

Consider using storytelling as a method to encourage older members to join in sharing tales. Many families take time during their reunions to remember legendary ancestors — funny, heroic, outlaws, famous or infamous.

Ask members to bring *mystery* photos. Indicate who brought each photo, then ask everyone to see if they can identify the people in the pictures. This is an opportunity for some of your older members to shine because they know the people and places, occasions and reasons why the pictures were taken.



GENCOM 17th Birthday Cake



Gerald Fussell, Our first President, gave us an interesting and amusing account of the founding of the organization and our early history.

The July Meeting



Our new Vice President Jim Jones
President Roy Henderson



Hugh Rutherford, our 2nd President, who played a most valuable role in our development. Hugh conducted the installation of Officers for 2009-2010



Carolyn Franklin, Jeanice Vaughn, Bernie Conradi, Don Davis, Doug Vaughn, Patte Bettis, Nan Vaughn, Margaret Mc Gilvray, Charles Byrd

GENCOM Officers for 2009-2010

Celebrating our 17th Birthday!



This fabulous cake with 17 candles, a tiny computer and a copy of a census was a product of The artistry of Jimmie Davis.



On behalf of the membership Patte Bettis thanks outgoing president, Bob Franklin for his excellent leadership these past two years.



Lise' Taylor Broadmoor Genealogy Library, presented a most interesting talk, and Power Point Presentation "*Picnicin In the Cemetery*"



Special guests were Jim Johnson, President of Ark-LA-Tex Genealogy Assn.



Brenda Randall, President of Friends of Genealogy

TRIGEN

As you may remember, in March of this year, GENCOM joined with the other two local Genealogical Groups (Ark-LA-TEX and Friends of Genealogy,) to sponsor the very successful Irish Seminar on St Patrick's Day.

With our combined talent and resources we had a crowd of over 80, and received a very positive response from the attendees.

Jim Johnson, President of ALT and Brenda Randall, President of Friends of Genealogy and I have kept in touch and look forward to jointly sponsored events in the future.

In planning for such, it seemed that our first move should be a list of the members. It was decided that a surname database would be developed and we would have it ready to find cousins at our next meeting on November 7. The logical name for the group seemed to be TRIGEN!

Instructions for adding your surnames to the database are on another page. **GENCOM** members are already listed.. You have only to add your four surnames to the TRIGEN database. PMB

The November 7 Meeting

"Finding Jim's Mary, a World War II Sweetheart"

Jim Roy & Philip Adderley, CGSM



A TRIGEN Program sponsored by the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Inc.; Friends of Genealogy, Inc.; and GENCOM.

Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library,
1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana

7 November 2009, 1:00 pm

“James Edward Roy, a World War II two-time purple heart honoree and veteran of the U. S. Navy Seabees, developed a close friendship with Mary Beatrice Woods following his return to Shreveport after the war. He lost contact with her in 1948. Sixty years later, Mr. Roy was referred to genealogist Philip Adderley in February 2008 in an effort to locate her and to learn what happened to her in the six decades past. They will share the results of their journey together on Saturday, 7 November 2009, at 1pm at the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library. Jim's is a heartwarming story, and a lift to the human spirit.

The genealogical methodology used in the search is a story within the story.”

TRIGEN Database

Greetings everyone: Our database is ready!

Click on <http://www.gencomnla.org/surname/listnames.php>

GENCOM current roster is loaded. There is a field to show which organization the member belongs to.

A for Ark La Tex,

F for Friends

G for GENCOM.

It is designed to allow each participant to add their own data.

GENCOM members have only to add their surnames.

The other two organizations have the option of having one person add all participants or requesting members to add their own information.

For privacy concerns, this database is not linked in to the GENCOM website and can only be accessed through the specific url which will be published only to members of the three participating groups.

My daughter, Jill Probst, designed this plan, is still working on it but she says there is no reason that we cant start entering data.

GENCOM, you will note *Edit* by your name. You can add your 4 surnames..

ALT and FOG go to bottom of list to *ADMIN* and the page opens, go to *Add a Name* and there is the form to which you add your information.

We think this list can be useful for many purposes in the future!

Let me know of any problems or questions.

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How Dixieland Got Its Name and Other French Influence Facts in the United States



How the southern states got to be known as Dixieland is just another example of the French influence in the United States. If you go back in history from the 16th Century through the 19th you will see that every major region in our nation was explored and settled by Frenchmen and French Canadians.

Let's look at Dixie first. The name was born and coined before the Civil War. Money was pouring out of the port of New Orleans like crazy. Boats of every description lined the levee on the riverfront waiting for cargoes to be loaded down the Mississippi and up the river to America's heartland or even overseas.

The city was divided at Canal Street. On one side were the French and on the other were les Americains. Kentucky and Tennessee men with lots of cash after selling their cargoes blocked the street.

Mais they had to use de l'argent Francais on the downriver side of the street and American money on the upriver side. But the officials of Citizen's Bank of New Orleans met and said 'On vas arranger ca.' So to the satisfaction of all—the bank began issuing bilingual \$10 bank notes. On the face of the note was the English word "ten" and the French word 'dix' and the boatmen corrupted the word dix (which is French for ten) by saying they were going to New Orleans "to get those old dixies." So that is how the word dixie became an adjective to describe things of Southern origin and from there it became a noun to describe the South itself. *And I'm just crazy about the Dixie Chicks!*

The United States has over 5000 communities with French names. How did these places acquire French names? They were named by French refugees settling here and Huguenots or even earlier by French explorers who opened up the central United States. The map of the United States is full of such names sometimes transformed and Anglicized (the Ozarks were named Aux Arcs).

Other places are named after prominent Frenchmen such as Hugoton Kansas named after Victor Hugo, author of Les Miserables. Louisville Kentucky named after King Louis XVI Talleyrand Indiana named for the Talleyrand/Perignard family.

Other municipalities in the U.S. are named after French cities and towns such as Brest, Michigan, Fountainbleu

Caribou, Colorado,,L'Anguille (eel) Arkansas, Pomme derre Minnesota, Papillon Arkansas Terre Haute Indiana Ville Platte Louisiana and how about L'Anse Aux Pailles L'Anse Bleu L'Anse Megre and La Pointe Aux Pins. And sorry but Patasa is not a French name it's a Choctaw Indian name meaning "flat fish.

The forty two cities named Lafayette named after the Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834) who at the age of 19 and a very rich man came to join General George Washington in 1776 to help win the Revolutionary War. Invited by the U.S. Congress in 1825 he returned on a triumphant voyage to where he had helped liberate a people. The grateful new nation bestowed upon him the special title "Citizen of the United States" transmissible to all his direct descendants. The law is still valid today. George Washington said that without Lafayette's help the war could not have been won.

We learned in history that the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth Rock in 1604. But we were not taught that one of the pilgrims was a Frenchman. His name was Guillaume Mullins (probably of the French family Molines) and he arrived at Plymouth with his wife, two children, son Joseph and daughter Priscilla and servants, George Saule and Robert-Cardé (Cartier). The American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) a descendant on his mother's side immortalized his ancestor's story in his novel The Courtship of Miles Standish. (Longfellow also immortalized our parish namesake in his epic poem Evangeline). And the first white child born in New York is believed to be by most historians Jean Vigne the son of a French protestant.

We were taught in high school history about the midnight ride of Paul Revere what we were not taught is that Paul Revere's real name was Paul Rivoire the son of Apolos Rivoirea gold and silversmith. Paul Rivoire played an important part in the struggle for American independence when he rode his horse from Charleston to Lexington to warn the Americans of an attack by the British. He was immortalized in "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." He worked as a bellmaker and furnished Fulton with copper sheeting for the construction of the first steamship.

You probably remember studying about John C. Fremont (1813-1890) in high school history. Actually his name was Jean-Charles Fremont and he was the son of a Quebecois. Fremont arrived in California in the middle of the 19th century when he was already well known as an explorer. At Sonora de Los Angeles in 1846 he commanded one of the armies which vanquished the Mexicans in the struggle for the country. He was governor of a free California until its annexation to the U.S. in 1850. The electors of the new state chose him as their senator.

The French Influence

Jean-Charles Fremont was the Republican Party's first candidate for president of the United States. Part of his platform was halting the advance of slavery into the free state ringed Kansas into the Union, changing the policy of President Franklin Pierce and building the Pacific railroad. He was defeated by James Buchanan. He later served as a Union general in the War Between the States (1861-1865) and after the war he became president of the Memphis El Paso and Pacific Railroad. He was governor of the territory of Arizona in 1878 and he was a major general in the American army.

William Gilletcount de Foix, a French Huguenot was the ancestor of the Gillette family in Connecticut. And one of the best investments in history was made by twenty individuals who in 1901 paid \$250 each for 500 shares in a new company organized by an erstwhile sidewalk vendor named King C. Gillette - the company manufactured safety razors. Only fifty-three razors were made in the U.S. in 1903. If someone had made the original investment and held onto his/her stock until 1975 his worth would have been in the neighborhood of 50 million dollars!

Other prominent Americans of French ancestry include the Tiffanys who came from Champagne, France (Louis Tiffany founded the internationally known company in New York 1837)

John Jay, a French Huguenot was the first chief justice of New York and secretary for foreign affairs. He later became the first chief justice of the U.S. and in 1794 signed a treaty with Lord Grenville which became known as Jay's Treaty—ending the military dispute between the United States and England. He later became governor of New York.

John Audubon (1785-1857) American ornithologist, painter and naturalist was of French descent and he painted many of the birds in his classic collection of "Birds of North America" while living in the Felicianas in south Louisiana.

In the early 1960s Charles DeGaulle, president of France visited New Orleans. After meeting the general the colorful sheriff of St. Landry Parish D.J. "Cat" Doucet told his friends "Tu connais lui il parle beaucoup bien en Francais." (You know him he speaks very good French.)

I bet you were not taught any of this in high school history. Jusqu'a une autre foisque le bon Dieu vous benisse mes amis



The Editor's Notes

Patte Bettis

In the past we have studied the influence of several nationalities that figured prominently in the development of America.

The Germans who came into Pennsylvania and followed the Great Wagon Road to the Shenandoah area of Virginia... and the Germans of Royal Blood who came to Texas in hope of establishing a new Monarchy. The shrewd German businessmen who figured so largely in the prosperity of pre-Civil War New Orleans.

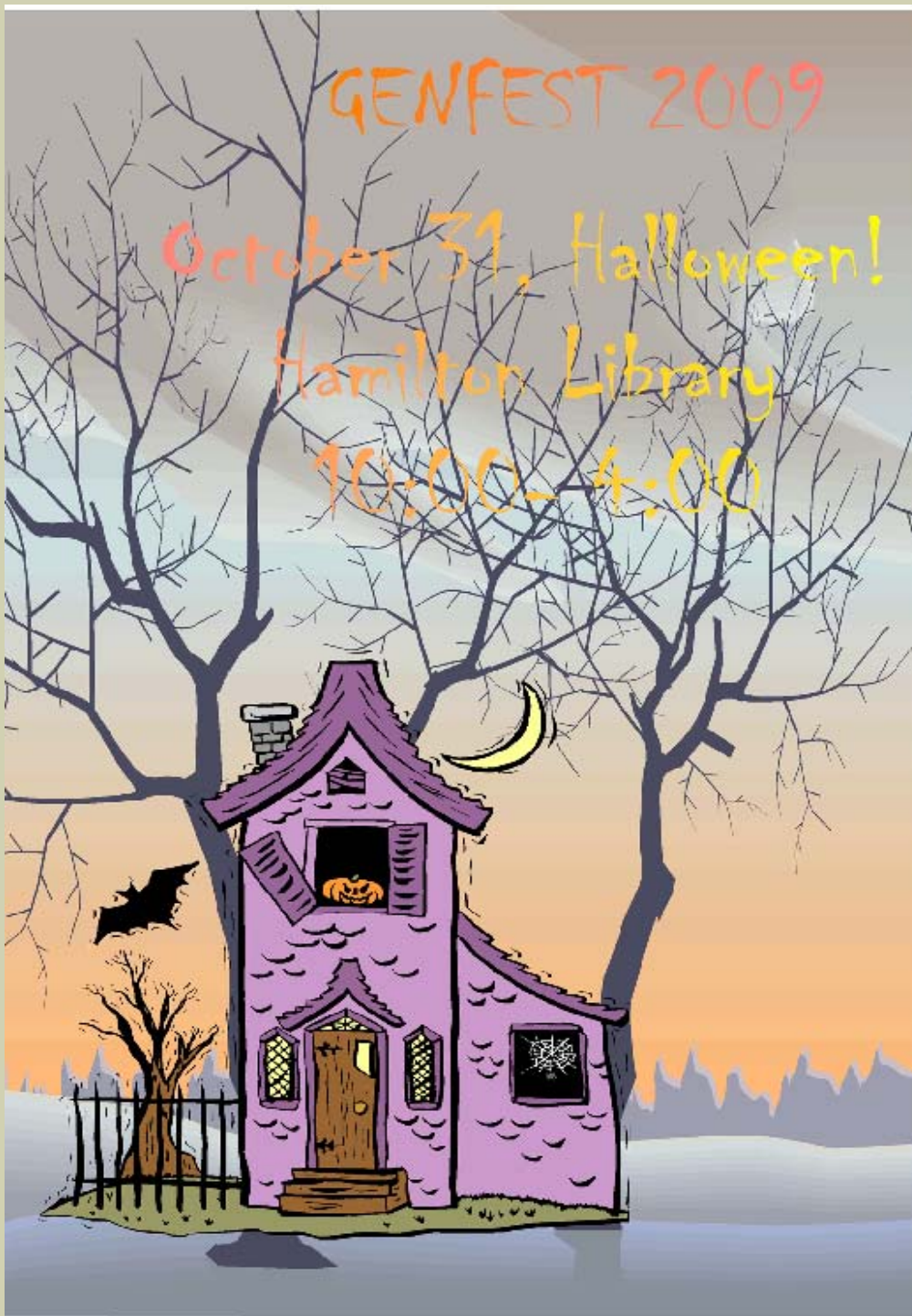
We studied the stalwart Scots who aided the Colonies in the war against the British. Scots-Irish represent the largest group of our forbears. Hordes of those German and Scots-Irish settlers used the Great Wagon Road to move from Pennsylvania through the Shenandoah Valley... the Carolinas and Virginia ...about 800 miles. We had a special chance to learn about Irish genealogy this last St Patrick's Day with the visit of speakers from the Irish Foundation!

We now have the opportunity to enjoy the French perspective!

I've been corresponding with Lisa Mc Cauley of Lafayette, who has assembled and edited the works of Pascal Fuselier. He wrote many historical and cultural anecdotes of French Louisiana. *Du Crow's Nest par Pascal Fuselier* (From the Crow's Nest by Pascal Fuselier) was how this writer began his weekly newspaper column in the little Cajun town of Mamou, Louisiana. Starting in 1971, Pascal wrote hundreds of articles; he offered 30 years of political commentary, current events, Cajun French language instruction, old war and sea stories from his time in the US Navy during World War 2 and the US Merchant Marines, and plenty of historical and cultural anecdotes from French Louisiana.

Editor Lisa McCauley offers Pascal's most pointed, entertaining, and remarkable writings for the first time as a collection – gathered from Mamou residents' attics, garages, and scrapbooks. Although Pascal has passed on, it is the editor's hope that his stories remain with us forever.

I have selected the article on French families who became prominent in America, and the many cities that bear French names. Lisa has given her permission to publish several stories from her book. (Available at Amazon and Lulu publishers.)



GENFEST IS ON HALLOWEEN

Mark your calendar!

October Family History Month Observance

The
Broadmoor Genealogy Dept.
is hosting
Laura Street Conerly, LSU-S

Sunday October 18th
from 2:30 to 4:00pm.

*“Life at the Turn of the
Century
In Shreveport*



Steamboat on the Red 1890



Texas Street in 1920s



September '09

Carolyn's Corner
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I hope everyone is ok. Bob and I are getting ready for our fall travel (senior bus tours). Cape Cod and of course the Branson Christmas Shows are on our agenda.

This month I will share with you some interesting web sites I have visited.

The Weather

What's the weather going to be like today?

<http://weatherflash.com/>

This is a simple site to keep up with the weather in any location.

I made a shortcut to it on my desktop.

Genealogy

I found this interesting Genealogy site.

I will share it with you even though some of you may already know about it.

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/>

Paint Shop Pro.

My favorite photo editing program is Paint Shop Pro.

Bill Morgan introduced me to it in his SIG (special interest group) through NWLAPCUG.

Here are some links where you can get many free tutorials.

Paint Shop Pro Users Group

<http://www.pspug.org/>

PaintShop Tutorials

<http://www.mccannas.com/pshop/menu.htm>

Not feeling well?

Here you can look up the symptoms for a Man, Woman or Child

<http://www.healthcentral.com/symptom-checker/>

<http://symptoms.webmd.com/symptomchecker>

Some of the more reliable medical info sources from Kim Komando

- MedlinePlus <http://medlineplus.gov> A directory of articles from the US National Library of Medicine
- NHS www.nhs.uk The website of the UK National Health Service. Its other website, NHS Direct www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk, now focuses primarily on the swine flu outbreak
- Mayo Clinic <http://mayoclinic.com> A not-for-profit medical practice with hospital and research facilities across the US
- WebMD www.webmd.com Written by doctors and reviewed by an independent board

Government Senior Health

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/>

Well that is all for September.





Welcome to FamilySearch Labs

FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

The FamilySearch Labs blog has the latest scoop on our current projects.

Current Projects • [FamilySearch Indexing](#)

Extract family history information from digital images of historical documents to create indexes that assist everyone in finding their ancestors.

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Record Search

Record Search is a quick and easy way to search millions of historical records for clues about your ancestors. Click on a map to see what records exist for a geographic area or enter what you know about an ancestor, click search, and see matching records - all online. We're adding millions of new records so be sure to check back often.

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[Life Browser Prototype](#)

With the Life Browser we are exploring possible ways to get to know ancestors through pictures, records, stories, maps, timelines and collaboration.

Try dragging and dropping records to attach them as evidence. Zoom in to photos. Annotate artifacts. Not everything works, but we are interested in concepts.



on records and photos - your feedback on the

- [Pedigree Viewer](#)

See and interact with a large pedigree or descendency. (requires [Adobe Flash Player](#))

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GENCOM

The Computer Genealogy Group
presents

GENFEST 2009

October 31, 2009 Halloween

Saturday 10:00-3:00

Hamilton S. Caddo Library

Welcome: Roy Henderson, President

10:00-12:00 Genealogical Software

Demonstrations and Displays

12:00 *Dinner on the Grounds*

1:00 Demonstrations Resume

2:00 GENCOM Monthly Business Meeting

3:00 Adjournment

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Information 861-7570

We are all looking forward to spending a leisurely day

visiting and discussing the many fascinating subjects

with which we have become involved—

while pursuing our common interest in Genealogy.

At the September meeting, we will discuss

what members would like to display this year,

Planning our Dinner on the Grounds— Your suggestions for a better
GENFEST invited!

The President's Message



Roy Henderson



Please accept my gratitude for having enough confidence in my leadership to elect me as our group's President for this next year. I regret that I was out of town on the day of the installation of the new officers, but I do hereby pledge that I will do my best to carry out my duty as elected. I thank Bob Franklin, our outgoing President for his strong leadership and for leaving the organization in such fine order!

The recent Board and Program Committee planning meeting hosted by Patte Bettis, would have made the membership proud of their dedication to purpose. We can look forward to another year of excellent programs and speakers.

Our first general meeting on September 27 will be at Hamilton Branch Library at 1-3 PM. Various members will report on summer trips including Shirley Huss, Chris Stoll and Patte Bettis, who will tell about their participation in the Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference in Little Rock.

Members are invited to share information on their family reunions, Subjects planned include family visitations with these topics of interest: Family Research at National Archives in Washington D. C., Estill County "Back Porch Reunion, and " 50 Different Websites for Research at National, State and Family level.

We look forward to future programs on Census 2010, The Gunfight at Eldorado Court House, Gravesite Research and Photo Copies of Rare Book Collections.

May, June and July programs will be determined later as we get closer to the summer months. We are open to suggestions from the membership. If you have ideas or comments, please share them by E-mail to: henderson373052@bellsouth.net.

Our Annual GENFEST '09 will be October 31st. Please see the GENFEST '09 program information and the announcement about TRIGEN joint meeting on November 7th in this issue of Connections.



July Guests

Lise' Taylor Jean Taylor
Lyn Butler Martha Holler
Gerald Fussell Jim Johnson

Welcome NEW MEMBER!
Brenda Custer Randall

GENCOM

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