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*Scenes from the 15th Anniversary Celebration July, 2007  
Courtesy of Glenda Conradi*



Honoring our Presidents

Gerald Fussell Hugh Rutherford Joy Stephenson  
Julious Windham Don Davis Patricia Bettis



**REMEMBER! NO AUGUST MEETING**

**But, we have home work! An interesting challenge!**

In Don Zesch's presentation in July he mentioned that he had all 16 of his Great Grandparents. I kept thinking about it and wondered how many of us have the Birth, Death and Marriage dates for our 16 grandparents.

I printed a pedigree chart and found I had names and data for all but one GGGrandfather and wife...parents of my GG Grandfather Hicok born in New York in 1825.. And I have nothing but a name for a GGmother who was Margaret Brown born in Ohio in 1836.This should keep me busy during the hot days of August!

Lets all make a chart and see who and what is missing! PMB

In appreciation of the value of the relationships that we develop through participation in our clubs churches and social organizations

*In Defense of our Clubs and Organizations!  
And the value of the connections they provide!*



Happy Retirement , Bob!



Julious Windham updates us on his DNA project.

I often quote James McCormick who applauds the importance of us “ *sharing our enthusiasms.*” And recently Dr Nancy Schollenburg in her book “*Successful and Happy Retirement* “ suggests that we find others who have a passion for the same pursuits.

She cites the case of a very successful business man who on retirement was given a million dollars in gratitude for his services... In 60 days he was totally miserable, bored and restless and didn't know where to turn...obviously, money was definitely not an issue...But, in establishing his business he had never had time to develop hobbies or other interests, so had nothing to turn to in these days of leisure.. His friends were his co—workers and they were still busy with their own endeavors and he had no other contacts... I wont go further but the point was made!

How very important it is to our happiness and

contentment in later years to be a part of organizations of people with whom we share an abiding interest (Dr Schollenburg stresses the value of the subject being one that requires life time learning. *Which certainly includes Genealogy*)

So, it seems that our networking of organizations is most important to a satisfactory retirement!

As genealogists we share similar interests with the historic and hereditary societies. in particular. In that regard,...we were particularly pleased to have John Preston. as our July guest. ( We became acquainted as members of the Civil War Round Table.) As our networking would have it I was a guest at the SCV Independence Day celebration and invited him to come and tell GENCOM about SCV. I have heard several of our members express interest and we have wondered about membership require-

John Preston, SCV



ments. We welcomed John, Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. John told about his organization and the requirements for membership.

He then showed an impressive book, *The Preston Family History* , told us about his Rev. ancestor from VA., and displayed pictures of the 18th century Preston Mill in Bedford County,.



Pat MC Dowell lead a discussion of Genealogical programs . Both she and Hugh Rutherford are most impressed with Roots Magic We look forward to it being demonstrated at GENFEST

## *The President's Message*

*Bob Franklin*



### **30thANNIVERSARY**

Bob and Carolyn are celebrating their 30th anniversary this month. Our congratulations and best wishes to one of our favorite couples..

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of GENCOM for entrusting me as your President for the upcoming year. GENCOM has just celebrated its 15th Anniversary and with your help and support we will make the upcoming year a great success just as in past years. Let us not forget why GENCOM was created. The primary goal is to promote genealogy through the use of computers and the Internet, thus "*Genealogy for the Information Age.*"

I think it is essential for GENCOM to maintain a balance between genealogical research and the computer and technical aspect of our organization. With that in mind it is my hope that our programs will be a well balanced blend of genealogical and technical information.

A Program Committee has been formed to plan the programs for the year. I ask that you please give suggestions and your support to the Program Committee

Remember, ask not what GENCOM can do for you, but what you can do for GENCOM!  
Looking forward to a great GENCOM year!



**Bob and Carolyn 1977**

**Bob Franklin**

# GENCOM 2007

## 15th Anniversary



Board Members

Special guests were Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander John Preston and Past Presidents Gerald Fussell and Hugh Rutherford.

Also honored were past presidents, Julious Windham, Joy Stephenson, Don Davis, Patricia Bettis



Pattie Bettis passes the gavel to new president Bob Franklin





# Carolyn's Corner

Carolyn Franklin

*This month I will share some of my favorite web sites.*

*I hope there is something you can use.*

*This is a wonderful medical site. Their Tutorials are very informative and easy to understand.*

[Symptom Checker](#) When I m not feeling well I like to go and look at a symptom checker like this one to see what could be going on. There is a list of symptoms for adults and children. Choose the appropriate list for the person you are checking the symptoms for and then look at the list of symptoms to choose the one that matches. This will take you to a page for that symptom where you will fill in the checkboxes for everything that applies. Go through each section for your symptoms. Then click Submit. It will then load a page of diseases and conditions that your symptoms match, as well as, information on the disease, what symptoms matched each disease and when you should seek urgent medical care. This is only a guide and it shouldn't serve as a diagnosis for a condition. It just helps you with the questions you should ask your doctor. <http://tinyurl.com/39guyb>

## Drug interactions

This site lets you find out if your medicines interact with each other.

First, create a list of the products you use. Include:

- Prescription medicines
- Nonprescription medicines
- Herbs, vitamins, and supplements.

It also checks for interactions with alcohol, food, and tobacco.

<http://tinyurl.com/2uq9t6>

## A new search engine **Sputtr**

this is a search site where you can search from 37 different search engines one single page. You will save time by searching from one central site rather than visiting each individually. Check it out.

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

## News report links to 33 news sources and more

Instead of going to each site from my favorite links, I just go to this site and from there visit the news links.

<http://tinyurl.com/3e5358>

I have made all the above links into "Tiny URL'S"

If you find any of these helpful, please add them to your favorites as I am not sure how long the "tiny URL will work".

Until September

## ANCESTRY Adding DNA Test Results

WASHINGTON (AP) - For less than \$200 and a cheek-swiped cotton swab, amateur historians will soon be able to add DNA results to family tree Web sites.

The rapidly growing field of online genealogical searches is expanding to genetic testing, courtesy of a new partnership between the Internet's largest family history Web site, Ancestry.com, and Sorenson Genomics, a privately held DNA research firm.

Sorenson and Ancestry.com's Provo, Utah-based parent company, The Generations Network, will reveal details of their venture Monday.

Ancestry.com plans to launch the DNA testing product by the end of summer, offering customers the possibility of finding DNA matches in the site's 24,000 genealogical databases.

"DNA research becomes more meaningful to people searching for relatives as more people's DNA results become part of the database," said Doug Fogg, chief operating officer of Salt Lake City-based Sorenson Genomics, a division of Relative Genetics.

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On the Net:

The Generations Network: <http://www.myfamilyinc.com>

Sorenson Genomics: <http://www.sorensongenomics.com>

**The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to building the world's foremost collection of DNA and corresponding genealogical information.**

SMGF is making their collection available for searching on this web site. Finding matching DNA results and pedigrees in the Sorenson Database can help you make new family connections throughout the world and across generations.

The Foundation is a world leader in DNA research with direct application to genealogy. Their work complements other studies that focus on the "deep ancestry" of humankind.

SMGF was inspired by discussions in 1999 between philanthropist James LeVoy Sorenson and BYU Professor Scott Woodward about using DNA in genealogy.

Since that time, SMGF has collected more than 60,000 DNA samples, together with four-generation pedigree charts, from volunteers in more than 100 countries around the world.

Y-chromosome DNA results and pedigree charts are available for searching in the Sorenson Database. Y-DNA results

Bob Reed of Houston who sends us interesting tidbits for Connections contributes this wonderful collection of research tips from Trevia Beverly. Shirley Huss and I had the pleasure of meeting her, and attending her lectures at Lufkin. I had written her several months ago and asked permission to reprint some of her work....she graciously replied that we could use anything she writes ( of course we shall give credit, when we do so!) If you subscribe to Root-L you see her contributions almost daily. She responds to questions as well as sharing her discoveries of Websites and resources. When scanning those columns, it is well worth your time to check her entries!

From: "treviawbeverly" <[treviawbeverly@comcast.net](mailto:treviawbeverly@comcast.net)>

Miscellaneous helps ...Hope you find something useful in these links.

Trevia

Library of Congress - <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with more than 130 million items on >approximately 530 miles of bookshelves.

The collections include more than >29 million books and other printed materials, 2.7 million recordings, 12 >million photographs, 4.8 million maps, and 58 million manuscripts.

"Family maps aid historians, genealogists." The Rolla Daily News - MO

The "Family Maps" books also contain information about homesteads, roads,

waterways, towns, cemeteries, railroads and more in each of the counties

they ... read more at

<http://www.therolladailynews.com/articles/2007/06/18/news/news03.txt>

<http://campus.umar.edu/archives/Pages/Archival%20Resources/clairmann/General%20History1.html>

The Clair V. Mann Collection of General History; State, National, and Special Persons, Missouri Early Records: R:3/3/5

And if you are working Missouri --- <http://home.ptd.net/~nikki/MO.htm> ---

A true 'goldmine' Country Insights -

[http://www.intercultures.ca/cil-cai/country\\_insights-en.asp](http://www.intercultures.ca/cil-cai/country_insights-en.asp)

Current information on the business climate, news, history, political structure, economic landscape, and relevant statistical data are provided in a region and country-specific format, covering 196 countries. A rich collection of country and region specific international business links adds to the vast collection of information.

American Journeys - <http://www.americanjourneys.org/>

American Journeys contains more than 18,000 pages of eyewitness accounts of >North American exploration, from the sagas of Vikings in Canada in AD1000 >to the diaries of mountain men in the Rockies 800 years later.

Documents for the Study of American History ...

<http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/>

NationalAtlas.gov ... <http://nationalatlas.gov/>

Make interactive maps within your web browser! This program allows you to make your own maps. Select, change, and display map layers. Roam across America and zoom in to reveal more detail. Point at map features to learn more about them. Locate and map more than 2,000,000 geographic names in the United States. New map layers are added each month. Research Guidance for every US state & Canadian Province and major countries of the world. Also look at "Tracing Immigrant Origins" for ideas for researching in the country of departure and the country of arrival. These outlines are written by research experts. part of the Family History Library.[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/search/RG/frameset\\_rhelps.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp)

The Editor's Notes

Patte Bettis



Greetings Everyone:

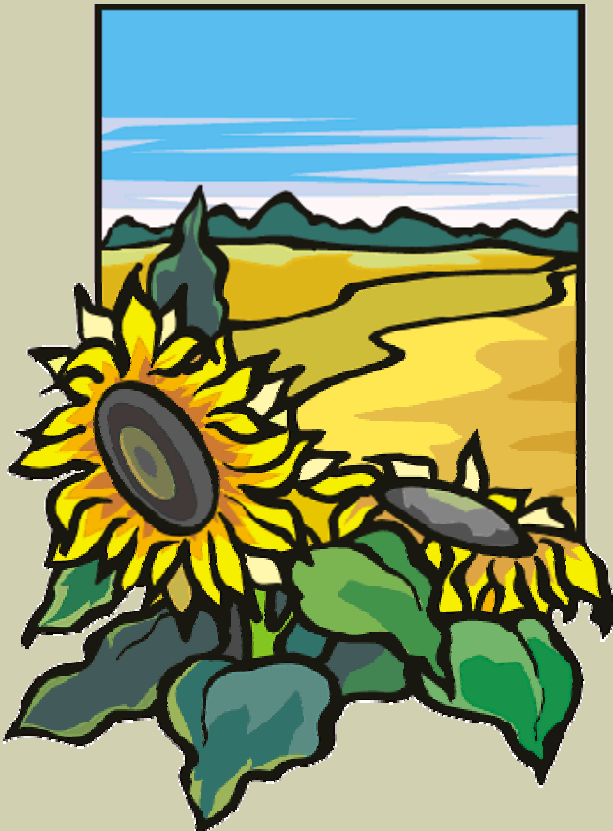
I hope you are all taking advantage of these hot summer days to find the answers to your genealogical questions. I always plan to accomplish so much during the summer, but seldom manage to realize that dream.

We had quite a productive board and Program Committee meeting and I am most excited over the plans for the coming year. We have programs planned through February with some most interesting subjects!

The September 23rd meeting will launch an occasional series entitled "Adventures in Genealogy". Members will recount their experiences in exploring the home places of their ancestors. Pat Mc Dowell will lead off this series with an account of her adventures in rural Illinois a few years ago. She is not only a fascinating raconteur but has so many genealogical tips to share. We must remember to ask her to tell us how she communicates with others who are researching the same surnames. (This is such a simple but clever idea, I couldn't believe I had never thought of it!)

Our new president Bob Franklin has some great plans for the October 27 GEN-FEST...As you may remember October is Family History Month and we will be doing our part to promote the observance!

The September Connections will have details and a listing of future programs!  
PMB



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The GENCOM year

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