



April 2007 Newsletter of GENCOM The Computer Genealogy Group

April 25 Meeting
Sunday 2:00 Hamilton Library
Troy Rushing
presents his new book
"Hot Biscuits & Corn Cob Wars"

Troy Rushing grew up in the BIBLE and COTTON belt of Northeast Louisiana. His book is a different way of passing on to future generations our way of life on small cotton farms in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

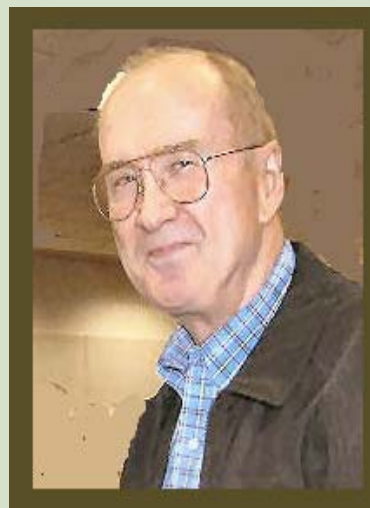
"Hubcap Biscuits & Corncob Wars." attempts to show the humorous side of that life and his later life through short episodes of mostly one to three pages.

A short list of some titles from the book will give you a sense of the book's essence:

Start'n school, smoking Bull Durham, The Sears and Roebuck catalog, The Great Truck Wreck of 1946, The Outhouse, Bathing in a #3 Washtub, Run-Away Horse, Big Creek Baptism, Corncob Wars, The School Bus, Community Character, Birds & Bees & the Farm, An Inquiring Mind in the Bible Belt, Barefoot Clodhopper, Tarzan seeks Jane, Geezer Socks, Burma-Shave, Bike Wreck (Am I Alive?), Going to a Shivaree, Country Marriage Counseling, Bear of a Nightmare, Cornflakes & Bananas & LSU - and the list goes on about humor from the farm and life in general..

Rushing went to LSU on a basketball scholarship and eventually became a chemist with Pennzoil Research Lab.

Recommended for those individuals who like a chuckle every page or so.



Troy Rushing

Author, Raconteur

The Computer Segment

Q & A

Conducted

by

Robert Franklin

Members are invited to share their family stories. We are very interested in displaying the different ways to preserve and present our family histories. Troy's method of assembling the many stories he had written over a ten year period will prove an inspiration for many of us!

I plan to present a brief Power Point presentation on my Shafer family...these take very little time, perhaps others would like to do that too! PMB

The March Meeting

Hallie Bellotte received accolades for solving our setup problem by coercing her grandson Nat to take over that duty for us. Our gratitude is boundless!



Don Davis presented a fine program on DNA testing. His aim was to explore a complex subject in layman's terms.

With the growing popularity of genetic genealogy, science is becoming more and more a big part of roots research!



Bob and Carolyn Franklin (Do note Carolyn's Column
On Computer Tips and Tricks on another page)



Carolyn's Tips and Tricks

From April issue of Red River Monitor

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Carolyn's Tips and Tricks for April 2007

by Carolyn Franklin

Saving text only in a WEB Page

A quick way is to select (highlight) the web page then go to Edit, Copy. Open a Word Document and choose "Edit" "Paste Special." Then select the "Unformatted Text" option, OK and Word will paste only the text without HTML and graphics. You can then, select the text, and edit it anyway you want using the options Word gives you. Be sure to save it as a .doc file

TO ALPHABETIZE THE PROGRAMS LIST:

To prevent going to the Programs list on your computer and searching through the whole list to find a certain program you can have the list in alphabetical order.

Just follow these simple instructions.

1. Click on **START**. Place the cursor on **PROGRAMS**. You will have a list of all the programs that are on your computer.
2. Move the cursor to the list of programs. Find an empty space to the right of the list of names, (don't go outside of the program list box). Click the right mouse button to get a menu. From the menu, click on **SORT BY NAME**. The list will be sorted in alphabetical order.
3. Repeat the above procedure each time you install a new program to keep the list alphabetized.

Pin a Program to the Start Menu To place (pin) a program that you frequently use to the start menu Go to Start, all programs, find the program, and right click on the program name, Then left click on "pin to Start menu." The shortcut will be copied to the left hand side of your start Menu and remain there.

From The St Louis GENSOC Newsletter

Contributed by Don Zesch

Research Series

Pamphlet #1 from the Illinois State Archives.

This collection chronicles Illinois land transfers from 1678- 1814. There are 157 microfilm reels of selected government records and private papers. Raymond Hammes abstracted these records and recorded more than 10,000 land grants, transfers, and other contract transactions. The Federal records consist of documents and volumes of the

U.S. General Land Records. Records of Madison, Randolph, and St. Clair counties primarily include deeds, mortgages, and probate and county court papers. The collection's private manuscripts are from French settlements in Kaskaskia and Cahokia (translations are included).

Also included in this bulletin are Public Domain Land Sale listings, 1814-1876, and County Deed records, 1768-1978.

From the Illinois Genealogical Society Newsletter, July 2006, :

“Over a million persons immigrated through the Port of Boston between January 1848 and July 1891. Volunteers are creating an online index of those persons from the Passenger Manifest Index cards at the Massachusetts State Archives.” The project is ongoing, but check out what has already been completed at

<www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html>.

One can search by name, ship name, date of arrival or departure, age, country of origin, destination, companions, occupations, etc.

Some facts on the history of American Immigration

Did you know that the first restrictions on immigration affected only people with criminal records, people with contagious diseases, and polygamists?

“The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 barred most Chinese immigration and naturalization,,but did not affect Europeans.

The Quota Acts of 1921 and 1924 limited the number of people who could legally emigrate . . . more from Northern Europe and fewer from Eastern and Southern Europe

. The stated goal of this legislation was to reduce the number of workers who came to work and then return home. In reality, it greatly reduced the number of Catholics, Italians, and Slavic immigrants” These quotas were not changed until 1952.

The above was a summary of an article co-edited by Kathleen

Smith and Thomas Pearson in “Help!!” Gateway Family Historian, vol 5, no. 3.

From the Forum Insider, vol. 18, no. 2: Here is a new place to search for genealogy-related items:

<www.goodwillbooks.com>. That's right, Goodwill.

If you didn't know, Goodwill stores sometimes have donated family genealogy books for sale. Go into Advanced Search and choose Genealogy to find books of interest. You can search by title (or enter family name). Who knows, you may find that unusual book you've been looking for. Maurita Lutton, StLGS Librarian

News Release from Library and Archives Canada Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the completion of the database of the Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers (LI-RA-MA) collection.

Created between 1898 and 1922 by the consular offices of the Tsarist Russian Empire in Canada, the approximately 11,400 files pertain to Jewish, Ukrainian, and Finnish immigrants who came to Canada from many locations within the Russian Empire. The files include passport applications, identity papers, and questionnaires containing general information. Since the initial release of the database in October 2006, 35,000 digitized images have been added, bringing the total number of images to 55,000.

The LI-RA-MA collection is located at

<www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/li-rama/index-e.html>. Click the Search link on the left to search the database.

The LI-RA-MA database is one of several launched recently as part of LAC's "Moving Here, Staying Here" project. You are invited to visit the site at <www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants>. For more information, please contact the Project Manager, Alain, at <webservices@lacbac.gc.ca>.

Brigham Young University's Family History Archives, <www.lib.byu.edu/fhc>, a website that provides a search engine to access a large number of digitized contributed family and local histories. First thing to do at this site is click on Advanced Search. This expands the options for your search terms and allows you to restrict your search to one or several types of documents. Enter your search words and click on Search to yield a list of hits (if any). Select the item of interest to get a list of document pages with those relevant to your search highlighted. Click Access this Item to see a .pdf image of the page.

List of general genealogy databases

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (Updated March 9, 2007)

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This is a list of genealogy databases and online resources that are not specifically restricted to a particular place, family set, or time period in their content.

This is an [incomplete list](#), which may never be able to satisfy certain standards for completeness. Revisions and [sourced](#) additions are welcome.

- America's GenealogyBank ([external link](#)), a site available to libraries; It contains over 1,300 newspapers; over 120,000 books; over 23 Million obituaries; and the only [Social Security Death Index](#) site to be updated weekly.
- AncestryBank.com ([external link](#)), user-generated genealogy database of pre-1885 primary source documents from personal collections.
- Ancestry Connections ([external link](#)), a site that has a large searchable surname list with links to individuals' Genealogy research sites.
- Ancestry.com ([external link](#)), a site that offers subscriptions to view American, British, Canadian and German [census](#), Birth, Marriage, Death and Military records, as well as other useful documents. Owned by [MyFamily.com, Inc.](#), which owns several major genealogical portals, among these being Genealogy.com and RootsWeb.com.
- AncientFaces.com ([external link](#)), Free member-generated genealogy and family history database allows the sharing and searching of family photos, stories, and recipes.
- Ancestry24.co.za ([external link](#)) South Africa's Premier Genealogy Web site. Over 5 Million names + 3 million records. Subscription based. Free Tree builder + free Learning Library.
- CensusDiggins.com([external link](#)) Genealogy databases of census records, marriage records, Civil War records and Civil War Prison information.
- Cyndi's List ([external link](#)) a list of over a quarter of a million genealogical links that include many databases.
- DeadFred.com ([external link](#)) Free searchable genealogy photo database populated by user and owner contributions.
- Family Record Centre (UK) ([external link](#)) BMD info++
- Family Tree Registry ([external link](#))
- Family Tree Club ([external link](#)), a database populated by user contributions and research.
- FamilyHistoryOnline ([external link](#)) - a pay-per-view service run by the Federation of Family History Societies providing online databases of information for family history and genealogical research.
- FindMyPast.com (formerly 1837online) ([external link](#)), a British site with complete [General Register Office](#) civil registration indexes for England and Wales, census records, military records and migration records.

- FreeBMD ([external link](#)), an online searchable partial index of births, marriages, and deaths in England & Wales from 1837 based on [General Register Office](#) records.
 - FreeReg ([external link](#)), The FreeREG Project's objective is to provide free Internet searches of baptism, marriage, and burial records, which have been extracted from parish registers and non-conformist church records in the UK.
 - GEDCOMP ([external link](#)), Automated [GEDCOM](#) COMParison related to [Denmark](#).
 - Genealogy-List.com ([external link](#)) - millions of names with related ancestry.
 - GenealogyLinks.net ([external link](#)) - Over 50,000 genealogy links to ships passenger lists, cemetery transcriptions, censuses for UK, Ireland, Scotland, US, Europe, Canada, Australia.
 - GenealogyBank ([external link](#)) - a site with over 1,300 newspapers; over 120,000 books; over 23 Million obituaries; and the only [Social Security Death Index](#) site to be updated weekly. Search for free to see a brief record. Paid subscribers see the full record.
 - GenealogyBuff ([external link](#)) - a database of historical and surname data, searchable by geographical location.
 - Surname Database ([external link](#)), database of family surname origins.
 - LostCousins ([external link](#)), which has databases linking the people recorded in published censuses with their living descendants, enabling researchers with common ancestry to make contact.
 - Marriage [GeneaNet](#), an international genealogy database
 - Genebase Bionet Builder ([external link](#))
 - GenForum ([external link](#)) Queries and family history data grouped by surnames.
 - Gensline, Swedish Church Records Online - the main sources of genealogical information in Sweden([external link](#))
 - Genesreunited ([external link](#)), limited UK census data, plus community generated family trees.
 - Internet Search Engines ([external link](#)), databases and links to other databases of marriage searches by geographical location.
 - MyHeritage Research ([external link](#)), an aggregated search system covering a large number of genealogy databases
 - Names Archive ([external link](#)), Utilizes some "mash" technology to provide resources from across the internet for any of nearly 9 million names
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 - Northumberland parish Index ([external link](#)) Index of parishes in Northumberland
- Origins Network ([external link](#)), Specialists in British and Irish online records. Offering subscription access to Census records, Wills, Marriages, Court records, Apprentice records and more. Collections date from 1200s up to 1800s. Exclusive partnerships with The Society of Genealogists, Eneclann, The National Library of Ireland and The Borthwick Institute

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- RootsWeb.com ([external link](#)) The oldest and largest Free genealogy site supported by Ancestry.com

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- Cemetery Junction ([external link](#)), a repository of cemetery transcriptions from the United States, Australia and Canada
- DeathIndexes.com ([external link](#)), a directory of online death records indexes, including death certificate indexes, probate records, obituaries and cemeteries
- Findagrave ([external link](#))
- Interment.net ([external link](#)), a global repository of cemetery transcriptions
- Newspaper Obituaries On The Web ([external link](#)), A directory of over 6 million free newspaper obituaries on the internet restricted to the US
- Obitsarchive.com ([external link](#)), a database of published obituaries, restricted to the United States
- Obituary Central ([external link](#)), another database of United States obituaries, created by indexing the contents of online newspaper obituary databases
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Copyright Law

Contributed by Don Davis

Genealogy for the Information Age

In copyright law, the first definition is paramount; an author's work need not be different than another's, only that it is independently created by him or her. As Justice O'Connor has stated, "The sine qua non of copyright is originality. ... Originality requires independent creation and a modicum of creativity." (Feist) The common explanation is that anyone can pen (and claim a copyright in) an exact copy of Ode to a Grecian Urn as long as they had never seen or heard Keats' poem.

A "tangible medium of expression" can be any method of recording "now known or later developed, from which [the work] can be perceived, reproduced, or otherwise communicated, either directly or with the aid of a machine or device." Spoken words are not tangible unless recorded. Ideas are never tangible and do not receive protection, but their expressions do.

When Copyright Arises

Under current U.S. copyright law, a copyright arises when a work is fixed in a tangible medium of expression. That is, it automatically comes into being when it is recorded in any fashion. The immediate owner of a copyright is the author, or authors in the case of joint authorship. Works created by employees of the U.S. Government and most state and local governments are not protected by copyright. Copyrights in "works made for hire," that is, works created by employees as a part of their employment, are owned by the employer.

Transferring Copyrights

A copyright may be transferred to another, as is commonly done when authors assign their rights in a work to a publisher in order to get the work published. A major part of the publishing and movie business concerns itself with buying, selling, and tracking copyrights.

Ownership of Copyright

Ownership of the copyright is distinct from the ownership of any material object in which the work is embedded. Mere possession of a book, for example, or a CD-ROM, does not give the possessor absolute right to do anything they please with the contents of the book or CD-ROM.

Public Domain

A work that is not copyrightable or whose copyright has expired or lapsed is considered "in the public domain." There are no restrictions on what can be done with works in the public domain.

Term of Copyright

Newly created works are protected during the author's lifetime and an additional fifty years thereafter. (Congress is considering a provision to add 20 years to this limit.) Works created before 1978 are governed by the law then in effect, generally for a total term of 75 years. In general, any work published before 1922 is now in the public domain.

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is knowing where to find it!"*

And—

*"Curiosity one of the permanent and certain
characteristics of a vigorous mind!"*

—Samuel Johnson

1709-1784

Today, with the plethora of information available to us, keeping up with these sources for our special interests requires constant vigilance. It is the aim of GENCOM to keep abreast of the ever changing developments that pertain to Genealogical Research..

We thank our members who contribute to Connections.

To Don Davis for the article on Copyright Law, to Don Zesch for the St Louis newsletter which is a compilation of gems from other genealogical society letters.

And to Carolyn and Bob Franklin who share their computer expertise with us.

After many years of research, many of us are at the stage where we are ready to reveal the results of our labors. We are most interested in the various methods of writing family histories, and memoirs or sharing them on video , CD or DVD.

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I am planning to show a brief Power Point Presentation on my German Shafer family. This is an experimental effort... I invite others to participate with a PP show or any other mode of communication they are using! Sharing our efforts is half the fun, and we always get new ideas and discover new concepts from each other.

Please send me an e-mail with your suggestions, so we can plan the program!

Enjoy Spring,

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