



Let's Discuss It 26 February 2010

Links came from my activities this month. Kim, a friend of my cousin, had found a huge cache of letters written to her mother during World War II. These letters were from quite a few men with quite a few stories to tell. These men had written to her mother for over a year and some for even longer, placing mementos and many great stories in these letters. Kim decided to track down these men and get their stories written down for all to enjoy. She contacted me to get an idea of how to find people who might or might not be alive now. We discussed the usual Social Security Death Index, Military Enlistment Database etc. The discussion led me to the various directories online (and not online), census records and birth and death records and marriage records, after we figured out a few birth places. Where would you have sent her on her search?

Derek sent info on www.rootsireland.ie

Sam sent a link to the Virtual Vietnam Veterans Memorial: <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

Helene had a question on the "Census Secrets" CD: offered by Family Tree

The 1940 census will be available April 2012

Trying to talk Marvin into using screentoaster for instruction on backing up data files!

Marvin sent the Feedbooks link (below), which got me started on all the book links

Someone in the December meeting had asked to see the Melungeon book. Roberta had brought it to the January meeting but most had left before she had a chance to let you know she had it.

Google Digitizes the Ottawa Citizen newspaper archives

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/02/google-digitizes-the-ottawa-citizen-archives.html

PBS Faces of America started February 10th: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/facesofamerica/>

Here's a link with episode descriptions: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/facesofamerica/about/>

NBC Series coming March 5th "Who Do You Think You Are?": <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

In conjunction with this show, ancestry.com is having a \$20,000 sweepstakes event in travel cash to your homeland:

http://ancestry.promo.eprize.com/sweepstakes/?o_iid=42781&o_lid=42781

Google docs now allows all types of files to be uploaded and shared.

<http://docs.google.com>

<http://www.google.com/google-d-s/tour1.html>

North Carolina Family Records Online:

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/>

Tennessee Genealogical Society:

10:00 a.m. Saturday March 6: Huguenot Society Meeting

The Bolton-Dickins Feud: Elmwood Cemetery volunteers Vincent Astor and Donald Harrison portray the two men and bring the tale to life. See <http://www.tngs.org> for details

Footnote has improved their viewer: http://blog.footnote.com/newer_viewer/

WorldVital Records has it's World Collection Membership at 50% off: 49.95

https://www.worldvitalrecords.com/get_started8.aspx?

Online Collections Historical Society of Pennsylvania: <http://www.hsp.org/default.aspx?id=976>

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

And then I got into free software downloads again:

Kim Komando's Free Downloads: <http://www.komando.com/downloads/>

Ask Computer Jim Downloads: <http://askcomputerjim.com/downloads/>

Hard Drive Failure Detection Software [HDD Health]: <http://www.panterasoft.com/>

Tried to open a Word 2007 [DocX] file from Word 2003? Download this:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word/ha100444731033.aspx>

UltraDefrag Software: <http://ultradefrag.sourceforge.net/>

Enhanced Windows Clipboard: Ditto: <http://ditto-cp.sourceforge.net/>
A more powerful and thorough program uninstaller: Revo Uninstaller <http://www.revouninstaller.com/index.html>
CNET Windows Downloads: <http://download.cnet.com/windows/>
Tucows Software: <http://www.tucows.com/index.html>
ZDNet Downloads: <http://downloads.zdnet.com/>
FileHippo Downloads: <http://www.filehippo.com/>
DownloadAtoZ: <http://www.downloadatoz.com/>

Other things that caught my interest:

Print a poster of any size: <http://www.gdsoftware.dk/Downloads.aspx>
Fill in a PDF Form: <https://www.fillanypdf.com/>

Then Marvin sent me a free book site which led to the rest of these:

Project Gutenberg: Free Digital Books: http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page
25 Places to read free books online:

http://educhoices.org/articles/Online_Libraries_-_25_Places_to_Read_Free_Books_Online.html

Free Audio Books: <http://www.booksshouldbefree.com/>

Free Audio Books: <http://www.free-books.org/>

Public Domain Books: <http://www.feedbooks.com/publicdomain>

Google Books: <http://books.google.com/books?hl=en>

Free Genealogy Software:

PAF at www.familysearch.org

Legacy at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>

RootsMagic <http://www.rootsmagic.com/>

Family Tree Builder at <http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder?gclid=CJDxjYGq6p8CFZhb2godDkkgkXQ>

Lists of Software at <http://www.cyndislist.com/software.htm#Free>

Lists of Software at <http://download.cnet.com/windows/genealogy-software/>

Lists of Software at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Free_genealogy_software

Find people:

Don't forget Facebook and other social networking sites too.

411.info <http://www.411.info/find-a-person/>

AnyWho <http://www.anywho.com/>

Argali: <http://argali.com/>

CEOExpress: <http://www.ceoexpress.com/default.asp>

Finding people sites on Cyndislist: <http://www.cyndislist.com/finding.htm>

Pretrieve: <http://www.pretrieve.com/>

Locating Living People: <http://zroots.com/locating.htm>

WhoWhere: <http://www.whowhere.com/>

PeekYou: <http://www.peekyou.com/>

Wink: <http://wink.com/>

Addresses.com <http://www.addresses.com/>

PeopleSearch.net: <http://www.peoplesearch.net/>

Pipl: <http://www.pipl.com/>

Freeality.com <http://www.freeality.com//findrev.htm>

Reverse Phone Directory: <http://www.reversephonedirectory.com/>

Switchboard <http://www.switchboard.com/>

Real Yellow Pages: <http://www.yellowpages.com/>

Ultimate White Pages <http://www.theultimates.com/white/#phone>

Veromi.net: <http://www.veromi.net/processor.asp>

White Pages: <http://www.whitepages.com/>

Yahoo People Search: <http://people.yahoo.com/>

Zaba Search: <http://www.zabasearch.com/>

Some of my favorites:

Zip Code Lookup: <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>

BRB Publications: <http://www.brbspub.com/freeresources/pubrecsites.aspx>

Plagiarism checker: <http://www.copyscape.com/>

Get a Human and out of Voicemail Limbo: <http://gethuman.com/numbers/us/>

More phone shortcuts for companies: <http://ivrhacks.com/>

Specialized search sites: <http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/research-beyond-google>.

Send questions, comments, links
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