

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road

Chapter Meeting

17 January 2009

Greeters: Pat Foster and Marilyn Rohrer

WELCOME: Connie Stewart- President - 10:10 a.m.

Opening Prayer Helen Lenz

→Welcome was extended to all members, noting we had several new members in attendance this day.

→Ron Coleman, Treasurer is residing in the far corner to take all membership dues ... please note any new address or email changes.

→The newsletter is ready to go but will be sent out upon the return of Curt and Denece from Salt Lake City Area.

→Becky Carroll is ill and will not be our presenter today. June Morton will be doing a Techno Time on Family History and Internet Search Engines; Max Turpin will be bringing information on Find-A-Grave.com and both he and Fran Lightner will tell you of the St. George Cemetery Project.

→Alaska Cruise will be on June 19 -26, 2009 handouts available. Classes are to be held for those interested/or not. Cruising is always fun and even more so with friends.

→Becky Carroll will back in February to instruct us on Blogs.

→Don Snow noted that FamilySearch Wiki has started a new project called Barn-Raising, wherein individuals input information on the State of Maryland.

→St. George Family Expo will be held on February 27-28 . . . MyAncestorsFound.com will have the agenda online.

→Thank You was extended to John Callister for his donation to the WC-PAFUG.

PRESENTER: Techno Time June Morton

June is the Secretary of the WCPAFUG. She has been a member of a PAF User Group since 1992 in Pocatello, Idaho. She is currently serving a Mission at the Regional Family History Training Center. June arrived in St. George six years ago to live in the Temple Apartments and to enjoy Temple Service; during that time she was also involved with the local Record Extraction Group.

After about a year she felt the need to return to research and family history work, and applied for a Service Mission at the Regional Center . . . she is currently in her fifth year at the center and is blessed daily for her service.

June is the mother of two daughters, eight grandchildren and currently 13 great grandchildren . . . who she loves dearly and of course, they are the best, the brightest and the cutest around. Her only regret is that the family lives too far away in Pocatello and Salt Lake so visits are few and far between.

Family History and the Internet Search Engine from the new book ... 'Google Your Family Tree'

A short Power Point presentation accompanied June's presentation on the Commands and Syntax instruction which can help one's search on Google and other internet search engines.

Handouts of various Commands and Syntax which help in searches are listed below, as well as a list of Internet Search Engines.

Effective Google Searches

Quick Reference Card for Genealogists

Command	Description and Example Syntax for Use
AND	Find results containing <u>all</u> of the keywords included in this search (Google will use an implied AND if no other instructions are specified) ▶ lynch AND eugene AND connecticut ▶ lynch eugene connecticut
OR	Find results containing <u>either</u> of the keywords separated by OR ▶ lynch eugene OR patrick ▶ lynch boston OR "new york"
" "	Find results containing the <u>exact phrase</u> specified ▶ "eugene lynch" ▶ "eugene lynch" OR "lynch, eugene"
*	Used as a <u>wildcard</u> inside quotations to replace one or more characters (One asterisk replaces one string of characters, two replaces two, etc.) ▶ "eugene * lynch" ▶ "eugene * lynch" OR "eugene lynch" OR "lynch, eugene" ▶ "eugene ** lynch" ▶ "waterbury is in * county connecticut"
-	Find results for a query that will <u>exclude</u> a word or phrase or command ▶ "eugene lynch" bridgeport OR waterbury -vermont
+	Find results including exactly this keyword, excluding variants ▶ "eugene lynch" +birth
~	Find results with the keyword or words <u>similar</u> to the keyword ▶ "eugene lynch" connecticut ~genealogy
" "	Find results within a certain <u>date range</u> (or other numeric range) ▶ "eugene lynch" 1880..1900
site:	Find results <u>on a specific website</u> matching other search parameters ▶ orsatti boston OR "new york" site: immigrantships.net ▶ orsatti boston OR "new york" site: gov ▶ "eugene lynch" bridgeport OR waterbury -site: com
filetype:	Find results matching your query, but for <u>a specific file type</u> ▶ "eugene lynch" filetype: ged ▶ "new haven county" ~genealogy filetype: pdf

SEARCH ENGINES

Google	www.google.com
Yahoo! Search	www.yahoo.com
MSN Search (Windows Live Search)	www.live.com
Ask.com	www.ask.com
AOL Search	www.aol.com
Clusty	www.clusty.com
Mamma MetaSearch	www.mamma.com
Cuil	www.cuil.com
ChaCha	www.chacha.com
Dogpile MetaSearch	www.dogpile.com
Lycos	www.lycos.com
AltaVista	www.altavista.com
Euroseek	www.euroseek.com
Kaartoo	www.karto.com

PRESENTER **Max Turpin**

Max is a Board Member and has been a member of the WC-PAFUG for six-seven years now. He is a retired U. S. Postal Service worker and has lived in Washington City for 16 years. He has a strong liking for the computer world.

In Max's handout he has noted the Ten Top Genealogical Sites as listed by Dan Lynch from the new book . . . 'Google your Family Tree'. The book shows a picture of the opening page with a description of each:

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter www.eogon.com
 Ellis Island Passenger Arrival Records www.ellisland.org
 FamilySearch www.familysearch.org
 Immigrant Ships' Transcribers Guild www.immigrantships.net
 One-Step Search Tools by Stephen Morse www.stevenmorse.org
 Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness www.raogk.org
 Wayback Machine (Archives.org) www.archive.org
 Wikipedia www.wikipedia.org
 World Gen Web www.worldgenweb.org.

Max also noted information regarding PAF Insight.

- ❶ Can be purchased at www.ohanasoftware.com
- ❷ #1 Best-selling PAF add-on
- ❸ Quickly synchronizes your records with www.new.familysearch.org
- ❹ Highly intuitive database merging, syncing, and cleanup
- ❺ Unlimited phone, chat, and email support - The download cost is \$25.00

Max also likes the special features and time saving that the program PAF PAL offers.

- ❻ PAF PAL can also be purchased at ohanasoftware for an additional \$18.00
 - ◆ The fastest way to change U.S., Canadian and UK postal code abbreviations to fully spelled out names.
 - ◆ Facilitates searching with links to Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com and RootsWeb.com.
 - ◆ Global search and replace available for notes.
 - ◆ Enhances PAF with more photos, special markers and more.

FIND-A-GRAVE.COM

While serving a mission in Washington on the Cooley Dam on an Indian Reservation he helped a woman of Indian descent find her ancestor's cemetery plot and a picture on Find-A-Grave, which had been entered by others. So the indepth entry and cemetery visits begin.

Find a Grave was created by Jim Tipton of Salt Lake City, Utah. It has grown to include cemeteries in most states in the United Sates and some counties throughout the world with almost 30,000,000 entries, adding a million entries every 45 days or less.

Max moved through the program from place to place, family member to family member demonstrating how to use the program.

He instructed us on how to create links from one page to another, link family members. The formula is ... person's name Max noted it had to be exact to work.

PRESENTER Fran Lightner

Fran is the past-president of our group and now serving as a board member. She was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in Indio, California. She is the Mother of three children, Grandmother of nine. She and her husband John will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary next month.

Fran has lived in California, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah. She started genealogy about 35 years ago when John received a request from a cousin to send her a family group sheet for their family and his parents and siblings. Life's never been the same since catching the bug from that cousin's request.

ST. GEORGE CEMETERY PROJECT ...

As a group we are trying to add to the Utah Cemeteries.com project by adding pictures of the tombstones and eventually including them on the Find-A-Grave site. Fran is seeking volunteers for this project. The comment that struck us all was the 'we need to give back to our community and help with this project' we have so much and our family and friends interred need to be indexed so they can be found by those searching for them.

The Meeting was a great success with much information proceeding forth to help us in our research effort.

CLOSING PRAYER Thayle Smith

RECORDING SECRETARY: June Morton

Members Attending: 39
Visitors: 2
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 41