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Connections

The E-Letter of GENCOM The Computer Genealogy Group
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Meeting
2:00 Sunday
Hamilton Library



Leroy Terry

Presents

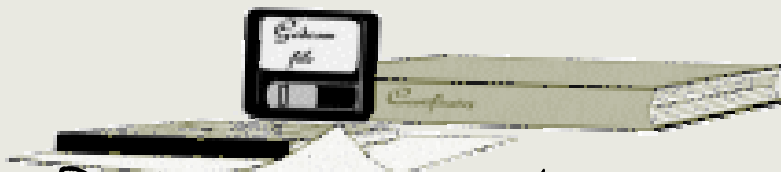
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TextAloud uses voice synthesis to convert text into spoken audio. Listen on your PC or create MP3 or WMA files for use on portable devices like iPods, PocketPCs, and CD players.

*Open Word, PDF, and HTML files, Advanced Pronunciation Tools
Toolbar plug-ins for Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Outlook*

- *Leroy has used this program to record his family data! The current version is entirely different from those produced a decade ago. The voices are pleasant and well modulated. Different accents and languages are available. Imagine how helpful it can be for those with failing eyesight.*

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On-line Research Tips

• *GenWebSearch.com*

The search for the past for a new generation

Currently indexing 4248 top rated Genealogy Websites



There are many different online phone books that let you look up phone numbers and addresses based on a person's name, here is where you will find 4 popular ones:

1. Google Go to www.google.com, and type in any of the following in the search box: * first name (or first initial), last name, city (state is optional) * first name (or first initial), last name, state * first name (or first initial), last name, area code * first name (or first initial), last name, zip code * phone number, including area code * last name, city, state * last name, zip code
2. Infospace, at www.infospace.com
3. Switchboard, at www.switchboard.com
4. Yahoo! People Search, at <http://people.yahoo.com>



- Interested in Pennsylvania Records?

Don Zesch sends us this . Another fine State Archives

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/>

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Genealogybank.com

October 18, 2006

Genealogy Bank has gone online with millions of documents of genealogical interest.

The new online database will contain images of millions of documents of genealogical interest. Ninety-nine percent of these documents have never been available before in electronic format, and perhaps 50% of the documents have not even been available on microfilm. Many have never been available in any format other than the original paper documents, if you could find them. Now these millions of documents will be available to everyone in a new online database., fully indexed and searchable by every word. You can see images of the original documents on your computer screen.

This site is expected to expand significantly within the next few years.

The link to the Family History Library Catalog is this:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp

Do you remember that you may find the family histories of your surname. often printable versions of the book?

These include histories of families which intermarried with yours. Perhaps, giving you an unknown source of information. A most valuable tool.

<http://www.worldvitalrecords.com>



And do check this out !

Family Genealogy & History Internet Education Directory

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CURRENT url: <http://academic-genealogy.com/>

The Melvyl System has now been placed under: Academic Education Learning Resources

<http://academic-genealogy.com/academiceducationlearningresources.htm> which includes a connection to "academic genealogy", as well as regular genealogical research.

Additional links go to such items, as: Genealogy and the Semantic Web [Monique Leahey Sugimoto UCLA Department of Information Studies IS 277:

Information Retrieval Systems June 15, 2006]

<http://polaris.gseis.ucla.edu/mleahey/genealogyAndSemanticWebXHTML.htm>

Webster's Online Dictionary Example: Surname Riordan, at: <http://www.websters-online-dictionary.org/definition/Riordan>

SEE: Melvyl? System - University of California: Worldwide Genealogy and Family History Research <http://academic-genealogy.com/melvyluniversityofcaliforniagenealogyfamilyhistory.htm>

University of California at Davis - UCD Genealogy, Family and Local History Research <http://www.academic-genealogy.com/genealogyucd.htm>

What's New in Genealogy & Family History Resources? <http://academic-genealogy.com/whatsnewingenealogyfamilyhistory.htm> includes: What's New in Family History, Genealogy & Local History Books? <http://academic-genealogy.com/whatsnewbooks.htm> This last site should be updated by the end of the month. You may also be interested in: Schools - Colleges - Universities: Alumni and Genealogy Education <http://academic-genealogy.com/schoolscollegesuniversities.htm> There is a tremendous amount of change. We adjust accordingly. As the volume of internet sites increase, comprehensive resources replace smaller links and the more encyclopedic data references are being added, providing general and specific links within various sections. We are not interested in having the greatest number of genealogy or family history sites on the Internet, only the highest quality and most complete, inclusive resources.

The site is created for the following individuals, as determined by a three-year review of University of California - Davis Shields Library System, in conjunction with SLC LDS Family History Library: Academic Supervisory Relationship Specialist, Adoption Specialist, Agency Historian, Archivist, Bibliographer, Biographer, Bookseller, Building Historian, Business Historian, Columnist, Communications Specialist, Conference Planner, Consultant, Curator, Digital Preservation Expert, Documentation Specialist, Editor, Elderly Care Advisor, Ethnic Specialist, Expert Witness, Family Historian, Family Relationship Expert, Genealogist, Geneticist, Heritage Specialist, Indexer, Inheritance Researcher, Instructor, Internet Researcher, Kinship Specialist, Lecturer, Librarian, Lineage Specialist, and many others. SEARCH: Family Genealogy and History Internet Education Directory <http://academic-genealogy.com/searchthissite.htm> You may quote and distribute as desired. V. Chris & Tom Tinney, Sr.



January 17, 2007
The Bi-Centennial
Observance of
Robert E Lee's Birthday



Almost every Southern state celebrates his birthday and there are many magnificent statues in his honor.

Have you seen these?



- **New Orleans commemorates his memory**
- Since it was built in 1884, the most prominent monument in [New Orleans](#) has been a 60-foot-tall monument to General Lee. A sixteen and a half foot statue of Lee stands tall upon a towering column of white marble in the middle of Lee Circle. The statue of Lee, which weighs more than 7,000 pounds, faces the North (because he believed that you should never turn your back on your enemy). Lee Circle is situated along New Orleans' famous [St. Charles Avenue](#). The [New Orleans streetcars](#) roll past Lee Circle and New Orleans' best [Mardi Gras](#) parades go around Lee Circle (the spot is so popular that bleachers are set up annually around the perimeter for Mardi Gras). Around the corner from Lee Circle is New Orleans' Confederate Museum, which contains the second largest collection of Confederate memorabilia in the world.

In a tribute to Lee Circle (which had formerly been known as Tivoli Circle), former Confederate soldier [George Washington Cable](#) wrote:

"In Tivoli Circle, New Orleans, from the centre and apex of its green flowery mound, an immense column of pure white marble rises in the ... majesty of Grecian proportions high up above the city's house-tops into the dazzling sunshine ... On its dizzy top stands the bronze figure of one of the worlds greatest captains. He is alone. Not one of his mighty lieutenants stand behind, beside or below him. His arms are folded on that breast that never knew fear, and his calm, dauntless gaze meets the morning sun as it rises, like the new prosperity of the land he loved and serve so masterly, above the far distant battle fields where

so many thousands of his gray veterans lie in the sleep of fallen heroes."

(*Silent South*, 1885, The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine)



Richmond Civil War Era Newspapers Digitized and Online

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Old newspapers usually are either crumbling or on hard-to-read microfilm, and without any sort of index.

Only the most resolute of scholars venture into them.

"Newspapers are often the most difficult in which to find information and," University of Richmond history professor Robert C.

Kenner said at the Virginia Library Association's annual conference here yesterday.

Not now.

Old Richmond papers just became easier to read than on the day they were published.

Kenzer and UR special collections librarian James E. Gwin yesterday unveiled the online digitizing of the Civil War years of Richmond's Daily Dispatch.

The Daily Dispatch, one of four predecessors of The Times-Dispatch, was chosen because its circulation was equal to those of all other Richmond papers combined, it was independent of any political party and it was able

to continue publishing throughout the war.

It also contained news from the entire East Coast, reprinting articles from distant newspapers and even the letters of captured Union soldiers.

The state-of-the-art digitizing project, which includes more exacting search techniques, used a \$478,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and was conducted with Tufts University of Boston.

Thousands of pages were transcribed from microfilm by a Cambodian company, made tougher because ink often "bled through" on old newsprint and type from two pages overlapped.

The collection contains images of original pages and transcripts of each article in the 1,384 issues from November 1860 through December 1865.

The Richmond paper was one of three in the project. But mostly due to economics, The Philadelphia Ledger and William Henry Garrison's abolitionist paper in Boston, The Liberator, have not received full digitizing.

The Daily Dispatch now becomes one of only a handful of Civil War newspapers to be searchable online.

A smaller Richmond paper, The Examiner, is also online. So are small papers from Augusta County, Va., and Franklin County, Pa., included in the landmark "Valley of Shadows" project at the University of Virginia. The originator of the "Valley" project, Edward L. Ayers, coincidentally was announced yesterday as UR's new president.

The Dispatch digitizing is already being eyed by other projects for its state-of-the-art searching.

James Rettig, UR's chief librarian, said yesterday that the site is intended for scholars and the public, including students, genealogists, Civil War Buffs and re-enactors. He urged users to complete a short online survey.

Rettig said the new site already has received praise. "We heard from a graduate student in Australia . . . And a genealogist who finally found how his great-great grandfather had died."

Those pages, once lost to history, have been reclaimed.

Kentucky Records



According to tradition, among the many historic documents that were lost when the British burned the Capitol in Washington during the War of 1812 were the first two censuses of Kentucky, the earliest one compiled while Kentucky was still a part of Virginia. Owing to the destruction of these census records, genealogists doing research in Kentuch have been obliged to reconstruct the lost data from a number of related records. Particularly tax records.

Those printed here represent all the tax lists ever published in The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society and are among the earliest Kentucky tax records in existence.

In a few cases these tax records date from a period either immediately before or after the 1790 and 1800 enumerations, and show, by comparison with the reconstructed census records for 1790 and 1800, published by Charles B. Heinemann and G. Glenn Clift respectively, the movement of early Kentuckians from one county to another. In other cases the records serve both as an adjunct and a corrective to the Heinemann and Clift works, though the vast majority of these tax lists—giving the names of about 12,000 taxpayers, their counties of residence, and the number of persons and chattels attached to their households—do not appear in either work.

The consolidation and reprinting of these tax lists will not only assure their continued survival but, owing to the scarcity of the Register itself, will afford the researcher access to materials otherwise well out of his reach. Tax records included in this work, showing county and date of assessment, are as follows: Campbell County (1795), Christian County (1799-1800), Fayette County (1788), Floyd County (1790), Franklin County (1795), Hart County (1819), Henderson County (1799), Jefferson County (1789), Knox County (1800), Lincoln County (1789), Logan County (1795), Madison County (1788, 1792), Mercer County (1789, 1795), Montgomery County (1797), Nelson County (1792), Shelby County (1795), Washington County (1792), and Wayne County (1801).

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