

BEGINNING GENEALOGY





Digitally Preserving Your Family History



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Why Digitize?

- To enhance access,
- To share information,
- To improve preservation.



Preservation Through Digitization

- Helps Preserve precious materials.
- Helps reduce wear and tear on fragile items.
- Digital copies can be seen as replacement for original artifact.
- Digital files are not permanent: must periodically be transferred to new formats.



Planning for Digitization

- Who will have access to the material?
- What materials will you digitize and why?
- What is the scope of your digitization project?
- Who has the originals? How will you get them?
- How will you preserve the originals?



Managing Files and Folders



Hey, where did my photos go?



File and Folder Naming Strategy

There is nothing more frustrating than spending several hours looking for one image that you really need. Two key strategies will help keep your photos organized: naming your images consistently and sorting them into folders.



Editing Photographs





Bob's Genealogy Folders

Genealogy







Bruce Bulletin Bruce County Genealogical Society Volume 17, Issue 1 Box 1083, Port Elgin, ON February 2006 N0H 2C0 ISSN 1184-7387 http://www.rootsweb.com/~onbcgs **Upcoming Meetings and Other Events** Marilyn Perkins invited everyone to participate in the silent book auction. A very delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church and appreciation March 10, 2006 BCGS Meeting at the Bruce was given by Mary Schwass. County Museum and Cultural Centre, 1:30 p.m. Marie Charbonneau introduced Dennis Roll Call: Bring an old family picture. Speaker: Bill Fitzgerald on Paul Kane's visit to Mulligan, a noted speaker in Ontario and Michigan. who presented an informative and entertaining talk Saugeen about Illegitimacy in Genealogy. He explained some Conveners: Beth Slumskie & Audrey Underwood of the situations of our ancestors and outlined what to look for in early Christening Records He April 10, 2006 BCGS Meeting at the Bruce

Cemetery File Structure Within RootsMagic

- RootsMagic
 - Cemeteries
 - Country 1
 - Country 2
 - State 1
 - State 2
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 - Cemetery 1
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Cemetery File Structure within RootsMagic (2)

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Cemetery Pictures

Burial File Structure Within Roots Magic

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 - A First Letter of Surname
 - B First Letter of Surname
 - Surname 1
 - Surname 2
 - Name 1
 - Name 2



Burial File Structure Within RootsMagic (2)



Editing Your Photography

- Remember: Your original photos are your negatives.
- Correct images taken in poor light.
- Improve color on faded documents.
- Repair damaged documents—cracks in photos.
- Crop unwanted areas of image.
- Stitch parts of large documents to make a single document.

Editing Your Pictures

Before Edit



After Edit



Images separated





Digitizing & OCR









Editing Your Documents

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Before Edit

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Restoring Color



Eliminating Fog



Before Edit

After Edit

Headstone Example





Before Edit

After Edit

Scanning



Scanner Buying Tips

- Don't buy additional software unless you really need it.
- Get at least 4800-dpi resolution.
- Get USB 3.0 for faster scans.
- One-touch buttons are nice.



Scan Your Color Photographs First



Optical Character Recognition

- Turn scanned page into text file to use in family history program.
- **OCR using Omnipage software**
- **Converts electronic picture of text Into MS Word document.**





I. Mary Lois Banks, daughter of John Delbert and Harriet Emma <u>McKell</u> Banks, was born November 5, 1909 at Spanish Fork, Utah. I was named Mary after my father's sister, and Aunt Mary Bona. I was named Lois after Dr. <u>Warners</u>' wife. Dr. Warner was the attending physician when I was born.

I was blessed January 2, 1910 at the Fourth Ward Chapel by Albert Swenson. The dress I wore was white and very long trimmed with a lot of lace. I was baptized May 5, 1918 by <u>Gerlad McKell</u> and confirmed by Albert Swenson.

I attended school at what was known as the "Ideal School." It was located where the present Rees School is built. My first teacher was Miss Mary Thomas. The school yard was full of large trees and surrounded by an iron fence so that it reminded me of a castle set back in a forest. At recess were played such games as "Run, <u>Sheepy</u>, Run," and "Hide and Seek." We also played other games among the large trees I went here to school for second grade to Miss <u>Leora</u> Hughes. She surely was a good teacher. I remember the stove in our <u>school</u> room and when the wind blew or there was a therewasa

Videotapes



If you plan to keep the memories, it is important that your VHS tapes be converted to digital.

Digitizing Videotapes

- VHS tapes wear down with each playing addition to deterioration due to heat and humidity.
- Converting VHS tapes will stop the deterioration. In addition you can edit footage:
 - Cut out boring,
 - Add music or narration, and
 - Make extra copies for families and friends.



Converting Videotapes to Digital

- To get started you need:
 - DVD burner to transfer files to DVD.
 - Video capture device to get the video in and out of your computer.
 - A VCR which can play your old videotapes.
 - Editing software.



8mm, Super 8, and 16mm Film



Take your reels to Costco. It is simpler and safer.

Audio Recordings



Recording and Editing Software

- Most PCs don't come with software to enable you to record to your hard drive.
- A variety of programs are available to record audio ranging from freeware to expensive recording and editing programs.
- Many software programs have limited time free trial periods.
- Rule of thumb: try before buying.





Copyright

- When you digitize make certain you don't violate copyright laws.
- You can make copies or records for backup and your own use.
- It's not legal to sell copies of your records or post them on a web site.
- It's not legal to copy a record and later sell the original.





Please Backup Your Valuable Data ASAP

Bob's Cloud Storage





File History Backup






Managing Your Cloud Data





Web-Based Applications

 Online applications or <u>web applications</u> are becoming more popular, particularly since broadband Internet access has become more common and more available. With online applications and services, you do not need to download and install them in your computer to use them—you just need to open up your browser and access them online.



Web Based Applications



Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and Dropbox are each cloud-based data storage providers.

Do You Really Care Where Your Computing is Performed or Where Your Software and Data are Stored?



Cloud Data Storage Defined

CLOUD Data Storage is the practice of using a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet to store, manage, and process data, rather than on a local server or a personal computer.



Cloud Data Storage Simpler Definition

• The CLOUD is nothing more than a figure of speech for the Internet, or more literally, the vast array of storage servers around the globe that comprise it. When a file is stored in the cloud, it simply means the file resides on one of those servers and can be accessed through an Internet connection.



Key to Cloud Data Storage



High Speed Broadband Internet Service

Advantages of Cloud Computing for Home Users

- You can access your files/programs from any device anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Program updates, support, and maintenance are done by your online service provider.
- Scalability
- Lower cost.



There are Many Cloud Data Storage Providers



"Backing Up" Definition

"Backing up" means to manually or automatically copy files from one location to another, usually from one physical drive to another, although it could also be to a cloud location.



"Syncing" Definition

"Syncing" means to manually or automatically copy or delete files as needed to ensure that two or more locations have an identical set of files. Syncing is quicker than backing up but carries a greater risk.



Google Drive

<u>Google Drive</u> is the home to access Google Docs including documents, presentations, spreadsheets. It allows you to easily create, share and edit files in real time online, or upload an existing file to the system with 15 GB of free storage.



Google Account

If you have any Google account, you can use that account to log in to Google Drive.





MS OneDrive is a file hosting service that allows you to upload and sync your files to cloud storage and then access them from a Web browser or your local device.

OneDrive Account

To start using OneDrive, go to OneDrive.com , and sign in to your account. If you don't have a Microsoft account, click "Sign Up," and sign up for free.



Accessing Google Drive and OneDrive

There are several ways to access Google Drive and OneDrive. For the most flexibility, get their apps for all of your computers and all of your mobile devices.



Option 1: Using a Browser

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Option 2: Using an Android or iPhone/iPad App **Android Google Drive APP** iPhone/iPad Google Drive App **Android OneDrive App** iPhone/iPad OneDrive App



Option 3: Using Your Desktop Download the Google Drive Desktop App

OneDrive Built into Windows 10 File Explorer



Boot Camp 2018

Download Google Drive for PC



Get Drive Everywhere

Add files to Drive from your PC and they sync with your other devices — automatically.



Uploading Files to Your Cloud Drive

To save files in Your Cloud Drive, you can:

Automatically Sync Your Files



Drag & Drop Files and Folders to Google Drive & OneDrive

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Uploading Files & Folders to Google Drive



Uploading Files & Folders to OneDrive



Selectively Sync Your Cloud Data

Both Google Drive and OneDrive let you be selective about which files you bring down from the cloud to your desktop. This means you can leave some stuff in your cloud drive and only download it when necessary.



Which OneDrive Files are Online and Which are Offline?

There's a "Status" column that appears only in the OneDrive folder. This shows you the status of your files and folders whether they're "Available when online" (the cloud icon), "Available on this device" (the green checkmark), or "Syncing" (the blue refresh icon or progress bar). You can also mouseover these icons to see a tooltip explaining what they mean.

OneDrive Status Icons

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Favorites	C2	3/6/2016 1:20 PM	File folder
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Periodicals	C2	3/6/2016 11:46 PM	File folder
Pictures	6	3/6/2016 1:17 PM	File folder
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Roots Magic Backups	6	1/3/2018 9:13 PM	File folder
RootsMagic Full Backup	6	1/3/2018 6:03 PM	File folder

Sync Individual Folders in Google Drive

Everything in "**My Drive**" will sync to your Google Drive folder, unless you choose to sync individual folders.

- 1. Organize your files into folders that you plan to sync.
- 2. On your desktop, click the Google Drive icon 🔊.
 - On a Mac, the icon is usually found in the menu bar at the top right of your desktop screen.
 - On a PC, the icon is usually found in the taskbar in the bottom right of your desktop screen.
- 3. In the top right, click the overflow menu : .
- 4. Select Preferences.
- 5. Check the box next to "Only sync some folders to this computer."
- 6. Select which folders you'd like to sync to your Google Drive folder.
- 7. Click Apply changes.

Bob's Synced Google Drive Folders

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Files in Google Drive which are not in a folder will always sync.

Visit Shared with me

To sync files shared with you, drag files from "Shared with me" into My Drive at Google Drive on the web.

Sync Individual Folders in OneDrive

- On your desktop, right click the OneDrive icon.
- Click Settings.
- Click the Account tab.
- Choose "folders to Sync on this device."
- Check folders you wish to sync.



Bob's Synced OneDrive Folders

Sync your OneDrive files to this PC

The files you sync will take up space on this PC



Remaining space on C: 609.0 GB

Syncing Cloud Files Takes Up Disk Space on Your Device


Organizing Your Cloud Drive Files

Rename files

Create, move, or delete files and folders Search for and sort your files



Sharing Your Cloud Storage Files

You can share your Cloud files and folders so other people can edit, view, or comment on them.



To Back Up an Application

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- > 📜 Board Share Folder
- > 🗦 Google Settings
- 🔉 🏃 Public Share



- 1. Create Backup Folder in Cloud Drive.
- 2. Backup Application to Backup Folder



Backing Up RootsMagic to Google Drive

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