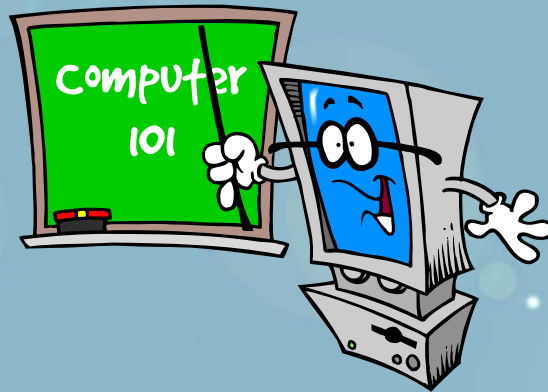


First things first...

Get to know your system.



Hardware

- Computer
- Monitor
- UPS
- Disk Drives
- Output Devices
 - Printer
 - Modem
 - Speakers
- Input Devices
 - Keyboard
 - Mouse
 - Scanner
 - Camera
 - Microphone
 - Modem

Software

- Wordprocessing
- Spreadsheet
- Database
- Presentations
- Communications
- Graphics/Photos
- Games
- Virus-scanning
- File compression
- Browser
- File Management
- Special Interest
 - Genealogy Data
 - Web Design
 - Document Collections
 - Data Collections
 - Multimedia
 - Maps

Tip: Keep up with service packs and updates.

Shareware & Freeware

*Price does not always = performance.
But you usually get what you pay for.*

- Software Reviews
 - <http://www.cnet.com>
 - <http://www.zdnet.com>
- Download Sites
 - <http://www.tucows.com>
 - <http://www.shareware.com>



Windows Shortcut Keys

Control/A	Block ALL
Control/C	Copy
Control/F	Find
Control/P	Print
Control/S	Save, continue working
Control/V	Paste
Control/W	Close active window
Control/X	Cut
Control/Z	Undo
Right Mouse Button	Opens special menus
Left Mouse Button	Use to click or block (highlight)



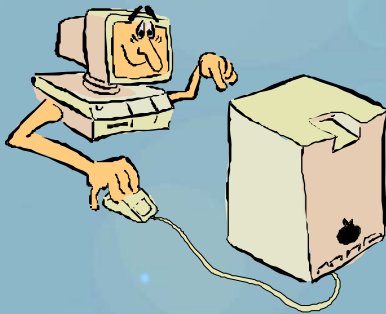
More Shortcut Keys

Single vs. Double-click	Know when to use which
Tab	Move forward field-to-field
Shift/Tab	Move backward field-to-field
Alt/Tab	Move between open programs
Home	Top of file/screen
End	Bottom of file/screen
Shift/Right Arrow	Block to end of line
Shift/Left Arrow	Block to beginning of line
Control/Right Arrow	Block to end of word
Control/Left Arrow	Block to beginning of word
Alt/F4 (function key)	Close Windows session



Caveats

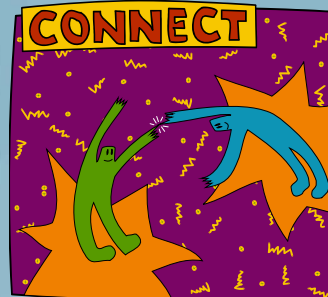
- The computer is just a tool.
- Data are only as good as the enterer.



- Even if you put your data on computer, make a hardcopy backup.
- **ALWAYS** backup your data -- *twice!*

Get Connected

- Dial-Up Modem Speeds
- Full-service Internet Service Provider (ISP)
 - Earthlink = Pacman ☺ (Mindspring, USIT, Sprint)
 - Bellsouth
 - Esper
- Internet Gateway via Commercial Service
 - America On-Line, CompuServe, Prodigy
- Cable, DSL, ISDN Modem Access



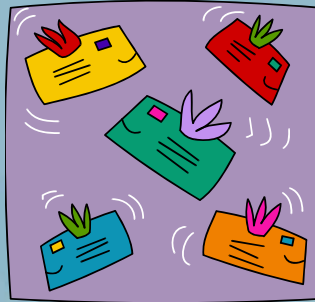
More Connections

- WebTV
 - Cheaper
 - Limited features on many pages
- Limited Access *via* Freenet -- KORRnet
- Limited Access *via* local University
- Free services
 - Netzero, Juno, K-Mart's Bluelight.com
- Second phone line? Consider DSL or ISDN
- ***Tip: Have a backup account***

Free Access in Knoxville Area

- Public Libraries
- Senior Centers
- Knoxville Center (East Towne Mall)
- UT Reference Dept., Main Library
- Some area schools

Electronic Mail



“The more elaborate our means of communication,
the less we communicate.” — Joseph Priestley

E-Mail Basics

- Person-to-Person
- Person-to-Group
- “Privacy”
- “Anonymity”
- Storage: Saving trees
- “Permanent” Accounts



E-Mail Benefits

- No postage cost
- No long-distance charges
- Instant delivery
- Fast distribution of data



Web Mail Pros & Cons

- Accessible nearly everywhere
- Lots of built-in features
- Limited storage space
- Address book and messages not private
- Must clear cache for security



E-Mail Cautions

I believe the world is increasingly in danger of becoming split into groups which cannot communicate with each other, which no longer think of each other as members of the same species. — C. P. Snow

- Real people are on the other end.
- Travels through insecure servers.
- Read, read, and read again before you hit send.



E-Mail in the Workplace

The number of employers monitoring employee e-mail and web-browsing is increasing daily.

- You can be fired for your e-mail and Web activities, even if it's your own account (Yahoo, HotMail, etc.).



"Core Rules for E-Mail Netiquette"

by Virginia Shea

1. Remember the Human [the person who will read your message].
2. Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life.
3. Know where you are in cyberspace [private e-mail? list mail? chat? newsgroup?].
4. Respect other people's time and bandwidth.
5. Make yourself look good on-line.



"Core Rules for E-Mail Netiquette"

by Virginia Shea

6. Share expert knowledge [build up your "good genealogy karma"].
7. Help keep flame wars under control.
8. Respect other people's privacy.
9. Don't abuse your power.
10. Be forgiving of other people's mistakes.

[<www.albion.com/netiquette/>](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/)



The Two Main Points

I'm not convinced that the world is in any worse shape than it ever was. It is just in this age of almost instantaneous communication, we bear the weight of problems our forefathers only read about after they were solved. — Burton Hillis

- Thou shalt not use e-mail to harm other people; and,
- Thou shalt use e-mail in ways that show consideration and respect.

from The Ten Commandments for Computer Ethics



Be a Successful E-Mailer

- Pretend your mama's watching you.
- Without permission, do not
 - add people to your joke distribution list.
 - send attachments.
 - use styles or embed graphics.
- Cut out all the prior recipients on forwarded messages.
- Snip quoted text; put your reply on top.
- Use the BCC: feature routinely.
- Check out all virus warnings and pleas for help before forwarding to anyone
 - <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/>
 - <http://www.urbanlegends.com/>



E-Mail Emoticons

- Smiley faces -- use them! :)
- :> :-) ;*) 8*) ;-P 0;-) @;->
- :(
- <g> <G> ::g::
- <wink> <grin> <evil smirk>
- ROTFL...MAO
- LOL



E-Mail Jargon

- FWIW
- IMHO / IMNSHO
- BTW
- TTFN
- TTYL
- <snipped>



E-Mail Discussion Lists

- Pros
 - More connections than you can imagine
 - Free of charge
 - Subscription required = spam reduction
 - Wider distribution of messages
 - Archived messages
- Cons
 - Personalities and politics
 - Copyright infringement
 - Badly formatted and off-topic posts

Lurking: Pros & Cons

- Get to know the personalities
- Understand the topics and rules
- Get comfortable in your own little corner
 - sometimes territorial
- Hoarding vs. sharing



Sample Mailing Lists

Regional

Multi-state

DEEP-SOUTH-ROOTS

National CANADIAN-ROOTS

State server KYROOTS

Stephens' server KYRoots-L

Rootsweb Kentucky-L

County-specific

Dumplin Valley, East TN

DumplinTN@rootsquest.com

Jefferson Co. TNJeffer-L

Sevier Co. TNSevier-L

Special Interest

Quaker QUAKER-ROOTS

Melungeon MELUNGEON-
ROOTS

Native American INDIAN-ROOTS

Sunday Afternoon Rocking

Surname Lists

ACUFF

BIBLEBROYLES

HANNA HARRISON

HILL HOLLOWAY

INMAN KIKER

LOONEY MULLINS

ROGERS WARD

Where to Find Mailing Lists

- Genealogy Resources on the Internet
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/internet.html>
- Larry Stephens' Regional Lists
<http://php.indiana.edu/~stephenl/genealog.htm>
- Cyndi's List of Mailing Lists & Newsgroups
<http://www.CyndisList.com/mailnews.htm>
- User Mailing Lists Hosted by Rootsweb
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~maillist/>
- Yahoo's eGroups <http://www.egroups.com/>
- Newsgroups <http://www.deja.com/usenet/>

Subscribing to a Mailing List

- Instructions on Webpages
- Basic server instructions
 - Listserv
 - Majordomo
 - Rootsworld
- Open vs. closed lists
- Digest vs. message mode
- Moderated vs. unmoderated
- Keep your “welcome” messages!

Mailing List Netiquette

*Put it before them briefly so they will read it,
clearly so they will appreciate it,
picturesquely so they will remember it
and, above all,
accurately so they will be guided by its light.*

— Joseph Pulitzer

Mailing List Netiquette #1

- Stay on topic
 - If it starts out “This has nothing to do with genealogy, but...” don’t send it!
- Respect the edicts of the listmeister!
- **Limited** cross-posting
- No ads, if you have a vested interest
- Endorsements okay – and welcomed

Mailing List Netiquette #2

- No virus warnings (contact the listmeister personally and let him/her handle it)
- No humanitarian aid requests
- No lengthy posts
- No file attachments
- No “test/delete” or “am I getting posted” messages

Mailing List Netiquette #3

- Check reply-to
 - Personal messages don't belong on the list
- Don't ask for look-ups from available sources
- Quote only for context
 - Put your response at the **top!**
- Don't over-abbreviate!

Mailing List Netiquette #4

- No embedded graphics
- No fancy fonts or styles!
- Mixed case letters in body text
 - All-caps for surnames only!
- Short signature lines / files
- Don't embarrass your spelling and grammar teachers...

Mailing List Netiquette #5

- Use subject lines!
 - Concise, specific subjects -- change when needed
 - Good: Walker, Jefferson County, 1825-1870
 - Bad: My brick wall or Need help please
- Fix your configurations
 - Put your name in AOL configuration
 - Send a message to yourself to test
- Sign message if using another's e-mail

Mailing List Cardinal Sins

- Starting or fueling flame wars
- Forwarding Web pages
- Forwarding attached files
- Forward others' messages without permission



Example of Signed Message / Reply-To Field

From: George Jetson <gjetson@spacely.com>

To: knoxcotn@rootsquest.com

Subject: [KnoxCoTN] Knox Co families

Reply-To: knoxcotn@rootsquest.com

Hello. I am new to the list. I have information to share (and hopefully can learn more) about the following Knox Co families:

[snipped]

Thanks

Elroy Jetson

Example of Full Header Information

Received: from seeker.rootsquest.com (majordomo@rootsquest.com [209.19.155.237]) by us7.usit.net (8.9.3/8.9.2) with ESMTP id UAA04147; Tue, 11 Apr 2000 20:32:06 -0400 (EDT)

Received: (from majordomo@localhost) by seeker.rootsquest.com (8.8.5/8.8.5) id RAA13679 for knoxcotn-outgoing; Tue, 11 Apr 2000 17:29:43 GMT

Received: from hotmail.com (f17.law3.hotmail.com [209.185.241.17]) by seeker.rootsquest.com (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id RAA13675 for <knoxcotn@rootsquest.com>; Tue, 11 Apr 2000 17:29:42 GMT

Received: (qmail 94482 invoked by uid 0); 12 Apr 2000 00:30:48 -0000

Message-ID: <20000412003048.94481.qmail@hotmail.com>

Received: from 147.97.1.162 by www.hotmail.com with HTTP; Tue, 11 Apr 2000 17:30:48 PDT

X-Originating-IP: [147.97.1.162]

From: "Barbara Brinkley" <barb_brinkley@hotmail.com>

To: knoxcotn@rootsquest.com

Baaaaad to the Bone



Things not to do in list
messages...

Bad Subject Line; Verbose and Disjointed

From: Deleted

Subject: [TN] I need your help PLEASE

To: TNROOTS-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU

Hello list,

I am in such a mess and need your help please???

Does anyone connect to this family??? I need anything possible on them.

So far this is what I have traced my XXXXX family back to, but I have a very big problem...I am missing the next generation that would connect my xxxx XXXXX born 1804 in Virginia to the below xxxx XXXXX.

I am missing the family info on xxxx XXXXX parents/siblings, and his children and their families.

I know this sounds weird but please bear with me and I will try to explain...

From early XXXXX records by: xxxx XXXXX

Bad Subject; Bad Intro; Lookup Request; Lengthy Report

From: Deleted

Subject: [TN] NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

Comments: To: 2 other lists

To: TNROOTS-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU

Hello all,

I just recieved a tidbit of info and would appriciate lookups in the census for this couple. I have very little to go on here but hope someone can help me.

They are not in the 1830 XXXXXX,Co. census.

I am also hoping someone knows who the parents, siblings and birth info is for xxxx XXXXX.

Thanks in advance for all help!

Xxxx XXXXX

+ xxxx XXXXX

...xxxx XXXXX b. 18xx

....+ xxxx XXXXX

.....xxxx XXXXX

Rent the Film or Pay Ancestry.com...

...and Change the Subject Line!

From: Deleted

Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 12:28:44 EST

Subject: Re: [TN] XXXXX County TNGenWeb New URL and Host

To: individual, TNROOTS-L@listserv.indiana.edu

Hello, List:

Does anyone have access to an 1860 census for XXXXX County, TN where they might have any XXXXX listed? I have a xxxx XXXXX born in TN (possibly XXXXX County) in 1853 and I have no clue who his parents were, so am hoping that the 1860 census might show a XXXXX. Thanks much in advance.

Forwarded Message; Insufficient Subject Line

From: Deleted

Subject: [TN] Tombstone info

To: TNROOTS-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU

I got this info from another list, thought it might be helpful.

Dating Tombstones

One way to help find the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material from which the tombstone is made. If your ancestor has a stone made of slate or common fieldstone (except wood used by pioneers), chances are the stone dates from 1796-1830.

Embarrassing to Committee; Should Ask It Directly

From: Deleted

Subject: [TN] Co. Heritage Book?

Comments: To: A county-specific mailing list

To: TNROOTS-L@LISTSERV.INDIANA.EDU

Does anyone know the status of the XXXXX County Heritage Book. A year ago I mailed articles, photo and a check in the amount of some fifty-odd dollars.

Several months ago I recall a statement that we should expect the finished product about December 1999. What can we expect at this time?

Thanks for any replies.

Fueling a Flame War; Horrible Language

From: Deleted

To: ETN-L@rootsweb.com

Dear [Original poster]:

This gobbledy gook about squirrels is cluttering a research place for genealogy. If you want to reminisce, please send a personal letter to the person you are speaking to, don't clutter my computer with all this f***ing s**t!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This was one person's response to an on-going list discussion of killing, preparing, and eating wild game (something our ancestors did do...)

"Ruffled Feathers" Lobs a Response

An apology to the list from the poster of the message that elicited the preceding ugly message --

From: Deleted

Subject: Re: [ETN] skins of squirrels

Please accept my apology for mentioning wild game on this list. The letter was meant to be sent privately and I was careless in sending it.

About genealogy, where are all you people who have so much to contribute; the list has been dead since the Souse debacle?

Getting in the Middle of a Flame War

Message in support of perceived off-topic post:

Subject: Revived list!!!

I feel you did a super job of reviving this board!!!
Guess some lives are just too busy to tolerate anything that is not of their interest. Wonder how they behave when they are caught in traffic? Traffic lanes have no delete key, so they must REALLY get in a "stew". Oh well! A big THANKS for the revival.

Was good while it lasted. East TN history and genealogy encompasses myriad possibilities of enrichment but seems some want to limit subject only to names.

Feeling Vindicated & Gotta Have the Last Word

This is the "See? I was right" message from the original poster to the list, thanking everyone for taking his/her side in the flame war after the list had already been jammed with "shut up and leave him/her alone" messages:

From: Deleted

To: ETN-L@rootsweb.com

Subject: Re: [ETN] Fw: Revived list!!!

Dear List, Thank you for your letters of support.

Post-War Personal Diatribe

From: Deleted

To: ETN-L@rootsweb.com

Subject: [ETN] helpful

I didn't see a message even to acknowledge that xxxx XXXXX had asked this list for help. If you responded privately, I apologize but I doubt either of you two fat slugs had the courtesy to say hello. Your expertise lies in grouching and complaining about something someone else has said.

Results?

- List is kludged with arguments pro and con “off-topic” discussions.
- Digests are full of unnecessarily quoted material.
- Feelings are hurt – list is divided.
- Flurry of unsubscribe messages, either departure notices or commands sent to the list instead of the server.

Forwarded Web Page: Genealogical Experts Link Elvis to Jimmy Carter

This came off Reuters today...

http://my.netscape.com/news/Entertainment/01_07_2000.reuvf-story-bcpeoplepresley.html?cp=aim
[Net Search](#) | [WebMail](#) | [My Netscape](#) | [Members](#) | [Download](#)

[Click here!](#)

You are here: [Home](#) > [Entertainment](#) > Entertainment

Entertainment

Departments

[Top Stories](#)

[World News](#)

[Business News](#)

[Tech News](#)

[Political News](#)

[Sports News](#)

[Entertainment News](#)

[Offbeat News](#)

[Weather](#)

[Comics](#)

Local News

Choose a city and click go. Albuquerque Atlanta Atlantic City Austin Baltimore Boston Buffalo Charlotte Chicago Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus, OH Dallas - Fort Worth Denver Detroit Ft. Lauderdale Grand Rapids Hampton Roads Harrisburg Hartford Houston Indianapolis Jacksonville Kansas City Las Vegas Los Angeles Memphis Miami Milwaukee Nashville New Orleans New York Oklahoma City Orange County Orlando Philadelphia Phoenix Pittsburgh Portland, OR Providence Raleigh - Durham Richmond Sacramento Salt Lake City San Antonio San Diego San Francisco Seattle South Florida St. Louis St. Petersburg Tampa Bay Twin Cities Washington, DC West Palm Beach

Forwarded Web Page: Genealogical Experts Link Elvis to Jimmy Carter – Part 2

Web Directory

[News](#)

[Columnists](#)

[Filters](#)

[Internet](#)

[Magazines](#)

[Media](#)

[News Indexes](#)

[Newspapers](#)

[Online](#)

[Politics](#)

[Satire and Humor](#)

[More...](#)

[Become An Editor](#)

[Suggest Links](#)

[About...](#)

[Tell](#) us how we can improve this site to better serve your needs.

[Send Page](#) Saturday - 12:23 01/08/2000, EST

Genealogical experts link Elvis to Jimmy Carter

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - What do Elvis Presley and former President Jimmy Carter have in common? Genealogists say the answer is a 17th-century German ancestor who might make them sixth cousins once removed.

In honor of the King's 65th birthday he would reach retirement age Saturday if still alive a San Francisco genealogical Web site Friday reprinted little-known research claiming that Presley and the 39th president of the United States are part of the same family tree although Carter is best known for a toothy grin rather than a swinging pelvis.

Forwarded Web Page: Genealogical Experts Link Elvis to Jimmy Carter – Part 3

The publishers of RootsWeb Review (<http://rootsweb.com>) said the findings were first published in a scholarly work, "More Palantine Families," in 1991 by Henry Z. Jones, a researcher specializing in Palantine (German) genealogy.

According to Jones, the immigrant ancestor of Presley's paternal line was Valentine Preslar, born in Germany around 1669, who immigrated to New York with his wife, Anna Christina Framse, in 1709. Among their three sons and two daughters was Andreas Preslar, who was born in Germany in 1701 and died in Anson County, North Carolina in 1759, Jones found.

The same research shows that Carter also descends from Valentine Preslar (the name sometimes is spelled Presslar, Presler, or Bressler) and Anna Christiana Framse, through their son Andreas and his wife Anne (Antje) Wells.

In another book titled "Notable Kin, Volume Two," genealogist Gary Boyd Roberts concludes that Presley is probably a sixth cousin once removed from Carter.

Representatives for Carter, 75, were not immediately available for comment.

An article in Roberts' book also suggested that Presley might be a distant relative of North Carolina Republican Senator Jesse Helms, but RootsWeb Review said that was discounted by later research.

RootsWeb also said, "If you find names like Preslar, Presslar, Presler or Bressler on your family tree, you might be related to a president and a king too."

Presley died in 1977 at age 42.

Reuters/Variety

Previous Article: [Notable Quotes](#)

Next Article: [Calendar: Upcoming Arts, Culture & ShowBiz Events \(March-May\)](#)

[Help](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Company Information](#) | [How to Get Netscape Products](#) | [Advertise With Us](#) | [Add Site](#)

Know Your List Server

- AUP
 - Copyright
 - Archiving
 - Can't remove messages
 - Redistribution rights
- Blocking & Banning
- Solicitation
- Can list be deactivated?

On-Line Journals

- Read them all!
- Usually free
- Web-based or e-mail
- Daily, weekly, or monthly delivery



On-Line Journals

- Eastman's <http://www.ancestry.com/columns/eastman/index.htm>
- USIGS Signal <http://www.usigs.org>
- Treasure Maps <http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmapmenu.html>
- Ancestry Daily News <http://www.ancestry.com>
- Family Tree Maker <http://www.familytreemaker.com>
- National Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group <http://jb.com/~carla/>

More On-Line Journals

- *Missing Links; Rootsweb Review* <http://www.rootsweb.com>
- *Journal of On-line Genealogy* <http://www.onlinegenealogy.com>
- *Heritage Quest News* <http://www.heritagequest.com>
- *The Genealogical Helper On-Line Edition*
<http://www.everton.com>
- *GenExchange Newsletter* <http://www.genexchange.com>
- *Family Tree Magazine On-Line Edition*
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com>

E-Mail Practice



Course Pre-Reading Sites

- What is the Internet?
<http://www.apec.co.uk/whatis.html>
- Internet Glossary
<http://www.apec.co.uk/glossary.html>
- History of the Internet
<http://www.internetvalley.com/intval.html>
- Web Teacher Basic Primer
<http://www.webteacher.org/winexp/indextc.html>
- A Basic Tutorial on Searching the Web
<http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/bones.html>

On-Line Tutorials

- Learning to Surf the Internet Effectively
<http://www.gsh.org/wce/troutner.htm>
- BCK2SKOL Lessons
<http://www.sc.edu/bck2skol>
- Web Classes
http://home.rose.net/~webclass/lessons/assign_0.html
- Amby's Tools for Educators
<http://amby.com/tools>