

Genealogy Computer Workshop

2-3:20 pm Thursdays in Room 202 or 214

Getting Started

Each week, we will begin with 10-15 min presentation.
You will have handout(s) to follow along.

Class Web Site: <http://udel.edu/~tdoherty>

Make link a "favorite" or "bookmark" in your browser at home.
It's the home page in all the Workshop Computers

Our goal is to help you find your ancestors!

More Questions? Come to Computer Interest Group at 3:20pm

Genealogy Computer Workshop Volunteers

We are here to help you find your past – please ask!

Rm 202 Teachers: Frank Czeiner/Linda McMeniman

Volunteer Help: *Dick Burns*
Suzanne Milazzo
Susan Noonan
Jack Worton

Rm 214 Teachers: Tom Doherty/Kim Paterson

Volunteer Help: *Richard Chappel*
Jane McKinstry
Colette Watson

Roaming (laptop and - *John Dietz (Sept 10th)*
ID/password needs) - *Tom Keane (first few weeks)*

Can anyone else in this class help out for a few

Computer Workshop Ground Rules

- ◆ *We have a wait list for workshop, so please email tdoherty@udel.edu if you cannot attend.*
 - *Your spot that week will go to someone on wait list*
- ◆ *We need more laptop volunteers to give up PC seat*
- ◆ *Wireless laptops: to access Web, first register at Arsht:*
 - *<http://udel.edu/~tdoherty/WirelessConnection-UDNetwork.pdf>*
- ◆ *When enter workshop, take your assigned seat, except #1*
- ◆ *Confirm your email/phone on class list (pink page)*
 - *check attendance column*
 - *answer ID#/password, wireless laptop questions*
- ◆ *If still need UDel Net ID#/password, tell us in lab*
 - *or see audio/visual person in Academy office*

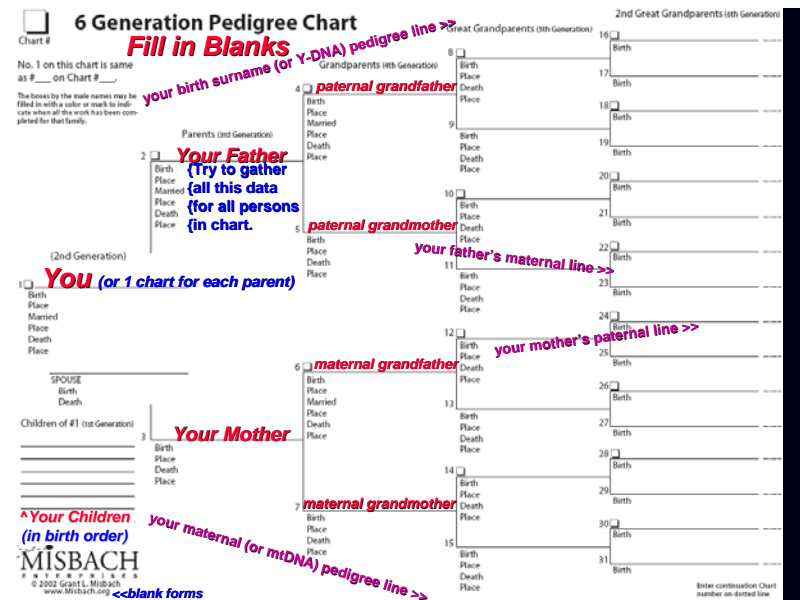
Today's objective: find your relative in census or passenger list

Handouts - Communications

- ◆ *If handouts, find on chair/table as you enter*
 - *6 today: 2 presentations, 3 charts, class web page*
- ◆ *Most handouts posted on class web site*
 - *preliminary before class; final after*
 - *available in color or black and white*
 - *click on lecture date or links under date*
- ◆ *If you can't download "handouts",*
 - *file is probably too big (please tell me)*
- ◆ *I'll keep you informed by email, usually weekly.*
 - *You may need to adjust filter to receive email*
from tdoherty@udel.edu and tdoherty@magpage.com

Workshop: Computer Procedures

- ◆ Click on "Genealogy" profile (butterfly icon)
 - Password = gene
- ◆ Open Internet Explorer to class web site
- ◆ Open a database and start finding ancestors, e.g.
 - Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest, Google
 - Familysearch.org (LDS church [Morman])
- ◆ Don't hesitate to ask for help!
- ◆ We don't know everything, so please be patient.
- ◆ Everyone works on their own family, but please help others when you can.
- ◆ Turn off computer before leaving workshop (Start, Turn off)
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Finding Your Family Roots

*is like assembling
a giant jigsaw puzzle...*

but with a few missing pieces!

*While you can never finish the puzzle,
you can open many doors
to new adventures.*

The fun is in the hunt!

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How to Find Your Roots

1. Talk to all your relatives to learn
 - who, when, where and stories
2. Decide scope of your search
 - paternal and/or maternal lines?
 - just the facts or put flesh on bones?
3. Search for your family on Web*
 - Exactly where did they live?
 - Where did they come from?
4. Research your family where they lived
 - Visit local/state archives, churches

*Especially Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest, Google, Familysearch.org (LDS church [Morman]), Footprint.com [pay]

The Class Website: <http://udel.edu/~tdoherty>

- ◆ Many useful genealogical links
- ◆ Left frame: class schedule, handouts, slides
 - Click on date for lecture slides: see other links
- ◆ Center panel has many useful links
 - Examples of types of data/images available
 - Alphabetical Potpourri of Searches
- ◆ Right frame has access to databases
 - UD library, Delaware Public Libraries
 - Mormon (LDS) library, including Pilot Site*
 - Google, MapQuest, Newsgroups
 - Delaware Genealogical Society + web links
 - pdf995 download

Caveat: Most genealogy info is not on Web – now just tip of iceberg
*LDS goal: put images from all their microfilms on-line & indexed by 2016

The Class Website - Adjusting

<http://udel.edu/~tdoherty>

1. Page best viewed at 1024 x 768 resolution or finer.
2. Reduce text size to reduce overlap

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the 'View' menu open. The 'Text Size' option is selected, showing a list of options: Largest, Larger, Medium, Smaller, and Smallest. The website content is partially visible, showing a table of class slides and a search section. The URL in the address bar is <http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty/Start9f.pdf>.

3. Click on date of class to download copies of slides (in color) or in black and white (b/w)
4. When cursor on link, you can see file name in lower left corner of browser

Free Genealogical Databases From Home

- ◆ U. of Delaware (Ancestry Library Edition, others)
 - follow directions below Blue Hen on class site
 - free to UD students (that's you)
 - you need UDelNetID# and password to access
- ◆ Delaware Public Libraries
http://www.state.lib.de.us/Collection_Development/Electronic_Resources/DeLAWARE
 - free to Delaware residents (\$ for others)
 - need library card # & password to access
 - get at any Delaware or other public library
- ◆ Mormon (LDS) Pilot site (original images): to convert all microfilms to digital with indexing by 2016
- ◆ More: see <http://udel.edu/~tdoherty>

Which Sources to Believe?

Original* vs Secondary** Records

- ◆ Closest to date of event (original images)
- ◆ Made by eye witness to event
- ◆ Unbiased and competent
- ◆ No reason to hide the truth (e.g. age)
- ◆ Incentive to be accurate

* handwritten census, passenger list, draft registration
- but some dates (e.g. birth) are previous events

** history/genealogy book, on-line transcription, hearsay, such as uploaded personal research without sources