

# 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

## Computer Workshop Ground Rules

- ◆ *We have a wait list for workshop, so please email [tdoherty@udel.edu](mailto: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*

**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 10<sup>th</sup>)*  
ID/password needs) - *Tom Keane (first few weeks)*

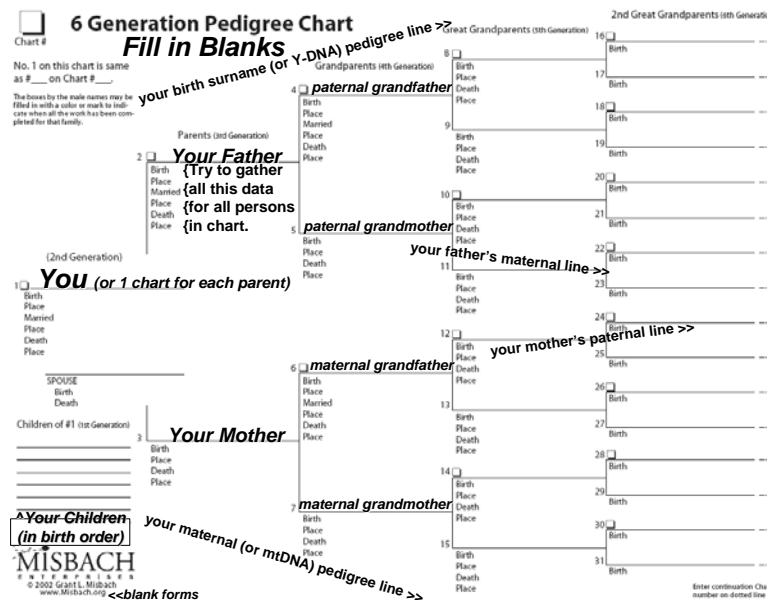
Can anyone else in this class help out for a few

## 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](mailto:tdoherty@udel.edu) and [tdoherty@magpage.com](mailto: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)
- ◆ Questions? come to Computer Interest Group @ 3:20pm  
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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

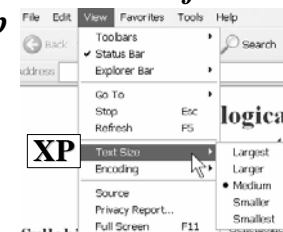
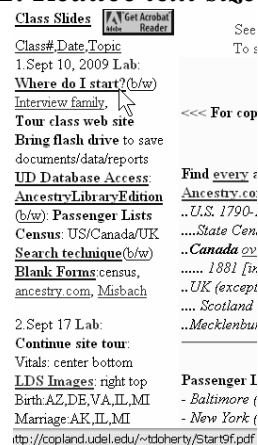
Caveat: Most genealogy info is not on Web – now just tip of iceberg  
\*LDS goal: put images from all their microfilms on-line & indexed by 2016

## 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](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>

## 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



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

## 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