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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday May 17, 2012

Regular meeting, LDS Church, 7 PM

- Finding Unmarked Graves, presented by Peggy McKeand, Western Heritage Services

Thursday June 21, 2012

Regular meeting Albert Community Centre

- Dessert Social

Thursday September 20, 2012

Regular meeting, location TBA

- Open House/Genealogy Fair

Saturday September 22, 2012

FamilySearch Workshop

- Watch website and newsletter for details

This Edition's Coordinating Editor is Bonnie Lymer

MEETING INFORMATION

Place: Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue S.

Dates: Third Thursday of each month, except July & August.

Time: The Library is open from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

The Meeting runs from 7:15 - 9:30 PM. Meetings start with the President's report, followed by member interest discussions, guest speakers or genealogical workshops.

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MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER INFO

Branch membership fees are \$20.00/ year. There is a \$15.00 charge for all NSF cheques. Joining the Saskatoon Branch (SBSGS) requires that you also join the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) which has an annual fee of \$40.00 (regular rate) or \$50.00 (value-added rate). Branch membership also includes 10 branch meetings, access to our Saskatoon Branch Library, access to the SGS Library and a copy of this newsletter 5 times during the year.

This newsletter will be published near the beginning of January, March, May, September & November, and it is available in either printed form or as a Portable Document Format file (pdf) version via Email. For those members of our local branch who wish to have a printed version of the newsletter mailed out, please bring a self addressed, stamped large (9x12) envelope to a general meeting or mail them to the branch or newsletter editor. The number of self-addressed envelopes determines how many times a year the newsletter is mailed out to you.

Articles are always required for the next issue and future issues of the Newsletter. Please submit by the third Wednesday of the month prior to publication month.

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Our branch will only remain viable if volunteers step forward with fresh new ideas to assist in the running of our society. If you have some ideas on the direction the branch should take and are up to an interesting & rewarding challenge.

Please VOLUNTEER!



THE FAMILY TREE

Housekeeping Rules:

Everyone is requested to assist with setup and re-stacking tables and chairs.

We must leave the facilities clean and tidy so please come prepared to help clean up after each meeting.

We are expected to set up and take down all tables and chairs for every event held at Albert Community Centre.

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From the President

What value is there in a genealogical newsletter?

From announcements about worldwide indexing and transcription projects and their progress, online availability of previously-unavailable data, notification of new published works, reviews of books and published articles, announcements of coming educational events and recaps of past ones, how-to and where-to tips and hints, even reprints of old newspaper articles, genealogical newsletters are replete with useful information.

Many, many articles of a personal nature, whether it is a story of an ancestor of the author, or the story of how an ancestor was found, live on in these newsletters. On more than one occasion I have encountered someone who has commented that they have found a relative or relationship from an article or query in a past newsletter that was produced by a genealogical society somewhere.

The SGS has decided to drop one issue per year of The Bulletin. Subscribers to this newsletter will have noticed that regularity of publication has suffered. This is NOT because the value of the newsletter has diminished; it is because volunteer contributors of articles have become fewer in number and in content.

We want to hear about your research, failures as well as successes. It is the fact that you are attempting to honour your ancestors, beginning with uncovering their identities, that is of utmost importance. Someone in the genealogical sphere can provide a hint on how or where to look further, but cannot do so if they are unaware that you are looking!

I encourage all members to devote a few hours of your time to keep our community informed about your research—who you are seeking and where and what time period, the places you've looked, the sources of information that you've uncovered on the way, and what you have discovered about your ancestors.

René Stock, President

Note from the Editor

This will be the second last newsletter of the year.

Unfortunately, this has been a year of great writer's block on my part and stories from members have been few and far between.

If you have a story you would like to tell (and I know that you all have a lot of great stories), please contact me as soon as possible so that we can get your story into the next newsletter.

This issue contains a definite technology focus. We have a review on a mobile scanner, and part one of a two part series on timeline tools. There is also a review on mobile genealogy applications.

Hopefully, you will find something in this issue that you can use.

NEW MATERIAL IN THE SASKATOON BRANCH SGS LIBRARY

SK S 130.514	SASKATCHEWAN MENNONITE HISTORIAN. Official Periodical of the Saskatchewan Mennonite Historical Society 2010- Vol. XVI, No. 3
USA/GEN F 6	FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE
CAN F .113	FAMILY CHRONICLE. The Magazine For Families Researching Their Roots. 2012-Mar/Apr.
SAULT/STE/ON S 3	SAULT CHANNELS. Sault Ste. Marie & District Branch OGS Newsletter 2012 - Vol. 30, No.1.
WELL/ON T 20	TRACES & TRACTS. Newsletter of the Wellington County Branch OGS. 2012 - Vol. 11, No.4
SASKATOON SASK A 18	ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST. Saskatoon Branch SGS Newsletter 2012 Issue 69.

Family Search Workshop September 22, 2012

The Branch is planning a one-day workshop at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1429 10th Street East, Saskatoon for Saturday, September 22, 2012.

The purpose of the workshop is to increase awareness of the vast pool of genealogical resources made freely available to the public by FamilySearch. The focus will primarily be on the tools that are available to the public to access these resources.

A sampling of topics under discussion includes:

- a) Family histories, journals and writing your story, with reference to Research Wiki, one of the Family Search Tools;
- b) PAF - what does PAF do for you?
- c) Family Search - finding your family member, using Family Search to link to other search tools
- d) Indexing
- e) Research Courses to build your skills
- f) Microfilm system and other tools and toys - this would include using the Premium Sites

Watch the website and the next newsletter for registration and schedule.

Share Your Photos with 1000 Memories

By Bonnie Lymer

There are many photo-sharing/storage sites on the web. The one that I would like to discuss today is a site called 1000 Memories (<http://1000memories.com>).

1000 Memories is a site that allows you to store and share your photo memories online. It is free to join.

Once you have an account on this site, you may create numerous “shoeboxes”. A shoebox is essentially a collection of photos created around a theme or event – in essence, an online photo album.

I have often shared photos and albums on my Facebook account. One of the limitations that I have found on Facebook has been that in setting privacy levels, you must set the same level of privacy for all of your albums (i.e. viewed by friends only, viewed by only oneself, etc.). 1000 Memories, however, allows you to set the privacy level of each individual shoebox so that some may be private and limited to only certain individuals, while other albums may be public. Likewise, your profile itself can be set so that only invited individuals can find you, or so that anyone can find your profile using Google or other search engines. If you are concerned about your online privacy, this ensures that your privacy remains intact. However, for people like me, this also allows to set your settings in such a way that you may be found by “long lost” relatives.

I have set up my profile to be visible by anyone searching. I have a general shoebox of photos that I allow anyone to see, but most of my photos remain private, so that I control that they are only being viewed by persons that I chose to show them to.

1000 Memories is a great way to showcase your photos, new and old, and to share them with friends and family.

4-H Genealogy Project

The project that was begun by the Branch a few years ago to develop a Genealogy Project for 4-H clubs across North America, in an effort to spark interest in genealogical research among youngsters, has been adopted by the College of Certified Genealogists of Saskatchewan to complete the advanced phase.

The project consists of 8 modules including a Leader’s guide, student’s manual and workbook.

For further information contact Bev Gutenberg, beverleygutenberg@sasktel.net

The attached quote was provided by Eleanor Ritchie, and I thought it was worth including in the newsletter:

“...this packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it’s the family stories that are worth the storage.” Ellen Goodman, Columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Ancestry.com Launches New AncestryDNA Service

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/05/ancestrycom-launches-new-ancestrydna-service.html#more

Ancestry.com has greatly expanded its DNA offerings with a new service called "AncestryDNA." It should become very popular at the modest price of \$99, although that price is offered by invitation-only to present Ancestry.com subscribers. After the introductory period, the price is expected to go up.

The AncestryDNA test is designed to determine geographic and ethnic origins but will not say whether or not you are related to a specific individual. Those tests are available elsewhere, typically at higher fees.

Here is the announcement from Ancestry.com:

Affordable DNA Test Combines Depth of Ancestry.com Family History Database With an Extensive Collection of DNA Samples to Open New Doors to Family Discovery

Ancestry.com (Nasdaq:ACOM), today announced the launch of its highly anticipated AncestryDNA(TM) service, a new affordable DNA test that enables purchasers of the DNA test and subscribers of Ancestry.com to combine new state-of-the-art DNA science with the world's largest online family history resource and a broad global database of DNA samples.

The new DNA test analyzes a person's genome at over 700,000 marker locations, cross referencing an extensive worldwide DNA database with the aim of providing exciting insights into their ethnic backgrounds and helping them find distant cousins who may hold the keys to exciting family history discoveries. By combining these genetic matches with Ancestry.com's 34 million family trees and 9 billion records, AncestryDNA intends to provide a differentiated experience that helps find common ancestors dating back as far as the middle 18th Century.

"We've worked hard at Ancestry.com for more than a year building, testing, and reinventing our approach to genetic genealogy," said Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com. "We think AncestryDNA has created a unique and engaging experience that will provide existing Ancestry.com subscribers with an entirely new way to make amazing discoveries about their family history. We are excited to be making AncestryDNA available to loyal Ancestry.com subscribers first...but we look forward to eventually opening up this service to everyone. We think it will allow us to extend our mission to help people discover, preserve, and share their family history to an even greater audience."

AncestryDNA helps determine geographic and ethnic origins by comparing test-takers' unique DNA signatures to the DNA of people from across the globe -- drawn from the preeminent collection of DNA samples assembled by the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. The current version of the test includes 22 worldwide geographical and ethnic categories, including six regions in Europe, five regions in Africa, and Native American.

"We think the newest DNA technology will dramatically change family history research. For the experienced genealogist it will help break down brick walls and for the casual family historian it will make it easier than ever to get started," said Ken Chahine, Ph.D., J.D. Senior Vice President and General Manager of

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Ancestry.com DNA, LLC. "While the science is cutting edge, the new online experience is simpler and more intuitive than ever before. We've already had overwhelming response and positive feedback from beta users as they discover relatives and uncover the treasures their ancestors passed down through DNA. DNA picks up where the paper trail leaves off. Genomic science can extend family history research into parts of the world where few paper records are available."

Interest in exploring family history is rising quickly, especially on the scientific front, and that interest extends all the way back to the "old country," wherever it may be. In fact, 56 percent of Americans recently surveyed by Harris Interactive are interested in taking a DNA genealogy test, up from 42 percent less than a year ago*. What's more, people's family history interests reach back beyond arrival in America – nearly two in three respondents told Harris that learning about pre-U.S. family members is one of the most important benefits of researching family history.

Pricing and Availability

Due to very strong early interest and demand, AncestryDNA will initially be made available by invitation-only to Ancestry.com subscribers for \$99, with the expectation that the service will be made available to the general public later this year. To learn more about AncestryDNA, or to sign up to be notified once it's available, please visit www.ancestrydna.com.

In preparing to bring AncestryDNA to market with the best science and a broad set of research assets, AncestryDNA has organized a distinguished and independent Science Advisory Board and has also acquired access to DNA samples, many of which had been assembled by the non-profit Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. AncestryDNA will be offered through Ancestry.com DNA, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ancestry.com.

Science Advisory Board

With the continued focus on developing a solid DNA platform that stays ahead of the genetic genealogy trends, AncestryDNA has assembled a well-respected Scientific Advisory Board that can advise the company on best practices in the emerging field of DNA and genomic testing. The board consists of:

Carlos D. Bustamante, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Genetics at Stanford University School of Medicine

Mark J. Daly, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medicine Harvard Medical School Center for Human Genetics

John Novembre, Ph.D., Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Los Angeles

Jeffrey R. Botkin, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Ethics, Associate Vice President for Research, University of Utah

Philip Awadalla, Ph.D., Director of the CARTaGENE BioBank, Saint Justine Hospital, Montreal, Canada

Addition of DNA Assets from the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation

In March, Ancestry.com DNA, LLC acquired access to an extensive collection of DNA assets from Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, a non-profit organization. Founded by molecular genealogy pioneer, James LeVoy Sorenson, this organization has been dedicated to building the world's foremost collection of DNA samples and corresponding genealogical information. Over the last 12 years, the Sorenson Foundation collected a one-of-a-kind DNA database of tens of thousands of DNA samples with documented family histories in more than 100 countries on six continents. This DNA database gives AncestryDNA test-takers an expanded family history genetic resource, and should enable new levels of discovery about people's family backgrounds.

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Jim Sorensen, President of Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, added, "We are pleased to bring this far reaching, unique DNA collection to AncestryDNA. My father, James L. Sorenson, envisioned creating a genetic map of the peoples of the world that shows relationships shared by the entire human family and with the shared vision and resources of AncestryDNA his legacy will greatly expand. We are confident in the capabilities and dedication of the team to realize the potential of genetic genealogy faster than anyone else in the field. We see this as a great benefit to consumers as well as the scientific community by combining some of the best science with the leader in family history."

About Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com Inc. (Nasdaq:ACOM) is the world's largest online family history resource, with more than 1.8 million paying subscribers. More than 9 billion records have been added to the site in the past 15 years. Ancestry users have created more than 34 million family trees containing approximately 4 billion profiles. In addition to its flagship site, Ancestry.com offers several localized Web sites designed to empower people to discover, preserve and share their family history.

About Ancestry.com DNA, LLC

Ancestry.com DNA, LLC is a subsidiary of Ancestry.com Inc. AncestryDNA uses a simple test to analyze an individual's DNA. AncestryDNA offers the potential of identifying new insights into people's ancient ancestry to help them collaborate with distant cousins and make even more discoveries in their family history. For more information visit www.ancestrydna.com.

Forward-looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such forward looking statements include statements concerning the benefits we expect customers to gain from access to AncestryDNA's service offering and related database of genetic information, and the anticipated growth in interest of consumers in family history and genealogy services including genetic genealogy. Risks and uncertainties include the ability to make our new products and services easy to use, and accurate, the success of the DNA service in attracting and satisfying customers, our ability to retain existing and attract new subscribers by introducing new or improved services as well as our ability to integrate new products and services into Ancestry.com's on-going business. Information concerning additional factors that could cause events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and in discussions in other of our SEC filings. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date and we assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements.

*Survey Methodology

These surveys were conducted online within the United States by Harris Interactive on behalf of Ancestry.com from March 13-15, 2012, among 2,211 adults ages 18 and older and from August 5-9, 2011 among 2,950 adults ages 18 and older. These online surveys are not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. For complete survey methodologies, including weighting variables, please contact mediarelations@ancestry.com.

Timeline Tools

By Bonnie Lymer

Timeliness can, as many of us know, greatly enhance your genealogical research. They can bring your research to life by linking the events in the history of your ancestors with known historical world events. Timelines can also act as a summary of the lives of your ancestors and aid in tying the events and locations together in ways that may push your research forward by enabling you to view the common links among different ancestors. It is a useful tool for creating biographies and assisting in writing a family history.

Personal Historian is a software program from the makers of Roots Magic. It is available for a one time purchase price of \$29.95. (There is a free trial download available on the website <http://rootsmagic.com/personal-historian/>.) This is a very user friendly program. It is easy to install and easy to use. It contains many categories of events and all timelines are printable.

There are also many web-based timeline tools. One such site is *timetoast.com*. This site provides a free method of creating timelines and sharing them online. Different categories of events – such as science, politics, music, etc. – can be chosen for the timeline. You are able to upload images and website links. My first attempt at creating a timeline on this site left me with the impression, however, that this is not a user friendly site and it was not easily apparent how to go about creating a timeline here. Another downside is that there does not appear to be any way of keeping timelines private on this site, probably because it is a free site. Most of these observations, however, are just based on first impression, and I may just have not spent enough time investigating this site. (I intend to play around on this site a bit more and will give an updated report in the next newsletter.)

Another web-based timeline tool is *Preceden*. Timelines on this site can be either private or public. Timelines can be saved as printable PDF files and timelines can be embedded on other websites. Users can use “layers” to organize timeline events. (A layer is essentially a group of similar events, such as locations, occupations, etc.) Timelines can go back thousands or even millions of years. Images can be added to the timelines, as well as links to other sites. The user has the option to adjust his/her permissions in order to share the timelines with other users. Although it is possible to sign up for a free trial (five events/timelines maximum), to get the most out of this website, the user must sign up for the Pro version, which involves a one time cost of \$49. This price gives the user unlimited events/timelines. (For the next newsletter, I intend to review the trial version of this site.)

The last timeline option that I intend to review is *Time Glider*. This, too, is web-based and there are three different options available. The free version allows up to three timelines and enables the user to publish timelines up to 1,000 visits per month. The Plus version, available for \$5/month, gives the user the opportunity to collaborate with other users and the ability to import and export data. The user can publish up to 10,000 visits per month. The third option is the Enterprise version. The price of this option was not indicated on the website (interested parties are asked to contact the site owners for more information). The Enterprise version seems to be focussed more on organizations and probably not something that would interest the average SBSGS member.

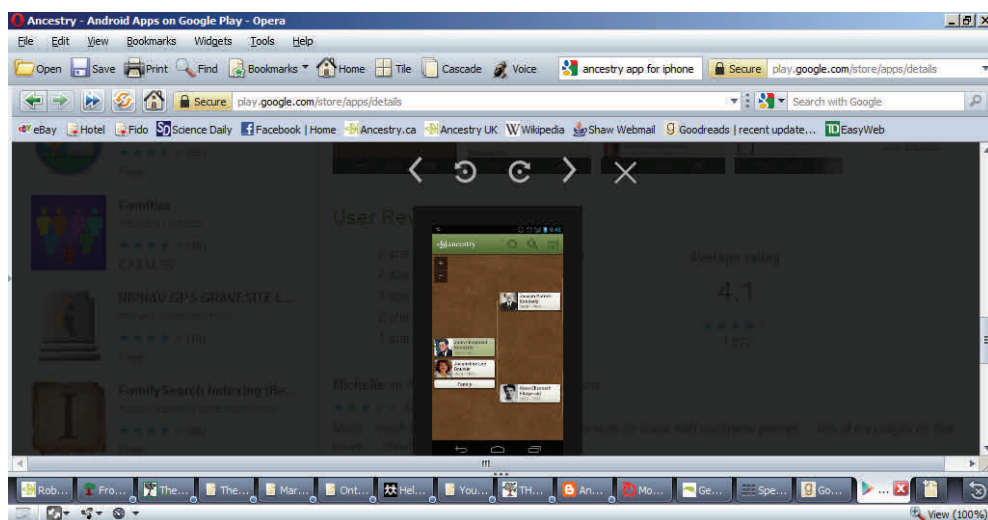
Over the next month, I intend to create similar timelines using all of the four tools indicated above and will report back in the next newsletter as to the pros and cons of each.

Mobile Apps for Genealogists

Those of you with smartphones may be interested in knowing that Ancestry has developed a mobile app for your smartphones and tablets. Versions of this app are available for both the iOS (Iphone/Ipad) and Android.

My experience is with the Android version, so that will be the focus of this article.

I really like the appearance of this application. (In my opinion, it looks much nicer than the current interface on the Ancestry website.) The screenshot below, unfortunately, does not do justice to the appearance of the app, but hopefully, you can at least get some idea as to the look of the app:



This is an easy app to use. It is not difficult to navigate; by simply sliding your finger across the screen you can easily move from one person to the next one. Drilling on to the icon of the person will bring up a screen with the details that you have already entered for this person (i.e. birth, marriage, death, etc.) Initially, the app was “view only”, but Ancestry has recently made improvements to allow you to actually edit/add/delete data on the app. Assuming that you have an internet connection, either by wi-fi or phone data, this will also have the effect of updating your data on your Ancestry account online. You may view family members, source information attached, and photos included from your Ancestry account.

This app provides a great way to keep your data mobile, especially if you are planning to show it to other family members, or if you want to be able to take your data along when pumping relatives for more information.

This application is available for no charge on Google Play for the Android version and on the App Store for the iOS version.

Family Search, too, has developed an app for your phone. Like the Ancestry app, the *Family Seek* app is available on Google Play for no charge. For me, that is where the similarity ends. I would like to be able to recommend this app. A recommendation would be easier to make if I had ever been able to actually connect to this app. Unfortunately, every time that I have tried to log in (a New FamilySearch account is required to log into this app), I have received the message “Login failed.” This is not a case of my not remembering my login information; I have had no problem logging onto the new Family Search website. I should probably attempt to contact the developer of the app to determine where the problem may be. I might attempt to do this sometime. However, my thoughts about most apps, particularly free ones, is that if

it is not immediately workable, I will generally move on to something else, rather than waste time trying to get it working.

One other free app that I can recommend is one called *Relationship Finder*. This, too, is a free app on Google Play intended for use on Android systems. This is a simple app, but it does what it is supposed to do. Taking a common ancestor into account, you enter the relationship of Person A to the common ancestor and the relationship of Person B to the same common ancestor. *Relationship Finder* will then tell you how Person A and Person B are related.

There are many other genealogy applications on Google Play for Android tablets and smartphones. Simply go to Google Play (or the App Store, if you have an Iphone or Ipad) and search on the word ``genealogy``. You will be pleasantly surprised what you will find.

New Archival Tool for Genealogists

By Bonnie Lymer

Have you ever found yourself conducting research away from home, wishing that you had some way of copying documents quickly, without having to deal with a lot of paper? Do you often find that relatives are reluctant to lend out photos that you want to copy for yourself? If so, then the Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner may be the product for you.

After reading several positive reviews about this product, I decided to take a chance and order one for myself. I am satisfied with what I have received.

The unit is lightweight (1.5 pounds) and with dimensions of 12"x9"x2", is compact enough to fit into a laptop bag or briefcase.

Two settings are available for copies – 300 dpi (dots per inch) and 600 dpi. Although it would be nice if higher quality images were available, 600 dpi is certainly satisfactory enough for archival purposes, especially if dealing with black and white photos. 300 dpi is all that is necessary for text documents.

Original images of up to 4x6 inches may be scanned. It is possible to scan larger images by taking multiple scans and stitching them together using special software available from Flip-Pal. The available software also enables the user to enhance or restore color to faded or yellowed photos. The software also provides a method of uploading scans directly to your Facebook account. The scanner also comes with a 2 GB SD memory card, which is sufficient to store 900 to 1,200 scanned images.

The Flip-Pal scanner is supported on Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and several Mac versions.

So far, I have not attempted to scan anything larger than 4x6 images, but have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of the images. I have several old family albums where I am hesitant to remove any of the photos, lest they be damaged. The Flip-Pal scanner is perfect for that situation. It is much easier to use this item, as opposed to trying to fit large, bulky albums onto my larger home scanner.

In terms of using this item, I was quite surprised by how easy it has been to operate. It really is as simple as powering on the unit and hitting the scan button.

I did not find any local retailers that carry this product. There are several websites that carry this unit. I found that for Canadian orders, all of the online vendors charged \$199 (the US price is only \$149). However, when I checked on the manufacturer's website, flip-pal.com, I was able to order directly from them for the price of \$149.99 USD plus shipping costs of \$15.95.

I highly recommend this unit. Although it will not take the place of a higher end scanner, it is definitely a useful tool for your research travels.

News Highlights from the Federation of Family History Societies

From the website of the Federation of Family History Societies, <http://www.ffhs.org.uk>

Welsh History of WW1 to go online

The National Library of Wales has also teamed up with the libraries, special collections, and archives of Wales to digitise primary sources relating to World War One. The aim of the project is to give a deeper understanding of the effects of World War One on Wales. "The online resource will provide an invaluable resource for teaching, research, and commemoration in time for the 100th anniversary of the start of the War," said Andrew Green, Librarian of the National Library of Wales. The digitisation will bring together materials which are currently fragmented, sometimes inaccessible and make them available to researchers, students and the general public and will be launched in June 2013.

Census of the Catholic Congregation of Preston 1810 and 1820

Freedom to worship as a Catholic did not come until 1829. Lancashire was one of the main 'Catholic' areas where people practised their faith in secret. As it was a condition of Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act (1754) to marry in the Church of England, it may be difficult to identify whether an ancestor was a Catholic. The Census of the Catholic Congregation of Preston 1810 and 1820 by Rev Joseph Dunn and transcribed by Margaret Purcell was first published in 1993. This book lists Catholics living in Preston in 1810 and 1820. The 1810 Census contains names, some ages and some relationships. The 1820 Census contains names, ages and addresses. The book has 185 pages and costs £5.00 plus postage. If you would like to purchase a copy please contact LFHHS Sales Officer, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, BB5 3LU. For further information on Catholic Ancestors visit the Catholic Family History Society website.

Quebec Family History Society

The Quebec Family History Society (QFHS) has launched a new website. It has several new sections including research tips, surname interests and Gary's Genealogical Picks. QFHS members will benefit from the Jacques Gagné Church Compilations in the members' section. Jacques Gagné is a long standing member of the society and has compiled information about more than 1,000 English and French protestant churches, from 1759 to 1899, across Quebec.

Ancestry.co.uk adds new record collection - Victoria Cross Medals

The Victoria Cross is Britain's highest award for bravery "in the face of the enemy". The latest record collection provides extensive details of the 1,357 soldiers, sailors and civilians under military command who had earned it up to 2006. Victoria Cross Medals, 1857-2007, provides each recipient's name, birth and death dates, their last known rank or unit, and a full description of the courageous act that won them the medal. For most of these heroes, you'll even find a portrait photo, plus details of their final resting place.