

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road - Membership Meeting - 17 February 2007

Welcome by President Fran Lightner at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Sterling Davis

Announcements:

- Don Snow: Ancestry.com is opening it's dbase for three free days.
BYU Genealogical Conference – 15-16 March 2007
BYU Computer Science Conference for “techie” - 14 March 2007
BYU FHC Directors Meeting – 14 March 2007
- Fran Lightner: WC-PAF-UG Tee Shirts for sale at \$3.00 each.

Introduction of Speaker: Fran Lightner

Bruce Buzbee is the President of RootsMagic, Inc. an author and developer of genealogy software for over 14 years.

Mr. Buzbee presented and instructed the membership on the use of his “Family Atlas” program. He stated that “Family Atlas” is the fun and easy way to map your family history. Trace your ancestors migration around the world and pinpoint the sites of important family events. Import your family data directly from your genealogy software, then automatically add markers to create personalized maps. Print maps or save them to several graphics formats. For Windows XP, 95, 98, ME, NT and 2000.

“Family Atlas” also provides powerful tools like the Gazetteer, Nearby Places list and Coordinate Converter. Enter a place (or a part of a place) and Family Atlas will display a list of matches from its 3.5 million name place database. You can even choose a place from the list and ask Family Atlas to show you the exact location of that place on the map.

He also presented information on his “RootsMagic” Program vs PAF and instructed us all in the use of this program also. Mr. Buzbee stated that although “RootsMagic” is the easiest to use genealogy software available, it is also one of the most powerful.

The edit screen lets you add an unlimited number of facts for every person (i.e. birth, death, marriage, occupation, religion, description, etc). If you want to add a fact type that isn't in “RootsMagic” predefined list, you can simply create your own fact types. The program also allows notes and unlimited source citations for every fact.

The RootsMagic Explorer is the heart of “RootsMagic” search system. The Explorer makes it easy to find and edit anyone in your file. Quickly search by surname or given names, or perform sophisticated searches easily. Even find women by their married names.

The program offers a large selection of printouts, all available from a single report dialog. Pedigree charts, family group sheets, wall charts, 7 styles of narrative reports (where RootsMagic writes the sentences for you), numerous lists, mailing labels, calendars, relationship charts, individual summaries, photo tree, and blank charts. As well as it allows you to create beautiful full color ancestor, descendant, and hourglass wall charts.

Plus many other attributes which Mr. Buzbee enthusiastically demonstrated.

Fran thanked Mr. Buzbee for his informative presentation. She also thanked the membership for the many volunteer hours spent at the Genealogical Jamboree held last week.

MARCH Presentation:

Bob Booth and Adam Marshall of My Computer Dealer will instruct us on the upkeep and cleanup processes of our computers.

Closing Prayer: Don Ward

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

June Morton - Secretary