

HACKER VIRUS

There's a dangerous phishing e-mail going around with the subject line: "CNN Breaking News -- Mitt Romney Almost President." If you receive this email, I recommend you delete the e-mail immediately!

Inside the e-mail are legitimate looking links that will take you to a malicious website. This site will put a virus (Trojan) on your computer that leaves it wide open for hackers. They can steal your information, including online passwords and financial data.

<http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/romneyalmost.asp>

Also, if you get a letter from American airways for two round trip tickets, it is a scam

The Villages Computer Club Friday, November 2 at La Hacienda Recreation Center 1p.m.

Hello All

It a privilege to have [Blain Barton from Microsoft](#) with us this Friday November 2nd at the La Hacienda Recreation Center, Time 1:00 PM. Blain will discuss the recent release of [Windows 8](#) and how it might impact the computer users in The Villages. There is quite a bit of conversation around this operating system because its so different. You don't want to miss this meeting.

We will have approximately 500 seats set up and that's the maximum capacity of the room so come early to make sure you get a seat.

We will also be accepting VCC renewal and new memberships for 2013 at this meeting. The cost of membership is still only \$5.00. So bring a \$5 bill so we can process membership quickly. We have the new and renewal membership down to a very quick process so there will be no waiting in line.

Also please bring some canned goods for the food pantry, there is always a need to help. Thank you for considering this.

This meeting is sponsored by The Villages Computer Club and The Villages Computer Plus.

Paul Rabenold

If you have any questions, email TVCC.Pres@gmail.com

Genealogy and the Internet

Great sites to check for your family information

www.mytrees.com or www.kindredkonnections.com

Most of what you will find on these web sites is supplied by users to mytrees.com, as stated on the web site "The concept of DATABASES FREELY GIVEN will be FREELY SHARED". There is a fee to access detailed data, but that fee maybe generated with sweat equity by submitting you own GEDCOM. If you pay the fee, the subscription prices are: \$7 for ten days,\$15 for one month,\$35 for one quarter or \$100 for one year. (Prices may have changed).

Cyndi's List at www.cyndislist.com This is the largest most comprehensive list of links to genealogical related links in the world. The best part of this web site is FREE.

International Genealogical Index (IGI) at www.familysearch.org . This site was created by Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints or LDS. This site is also FREE. If you need to see a microfilm or microfiche they may be ordered at the LDS church in Leesburg and viewed there.

Rootsweb at www.rootsweb.com. This is another large collection of free indexes. The information here has NOT been verified, however you can use it as a starting point for you own research and verification.

Ancestry.com at www.ancestry.com. This is a paid site. They are currently selling monthly memberships at 29.95 US only or 39.95 for the world. If you choose an annual world the fee is 347.40 a year. These prices have gone up, but is you use Family Tree Maker 2006 you almost need to pay these prices to get copies of the indexed data.

Heritage Quest at www.heritagequestonline.com. This site may only be accessed at your library. If you had a membership in a society that had access, that access is going away as soon as the subscription expires. From what I can tell as of this writing only Marion County Library and Sumter County has remote access. The Lake County Library has access, but you need to be there in person to view the data.

Here is a list of other Florida libraries that will allow access with a library card..

- Alachua County Library District <http://www.acl.d.lib.fl.us>
- Boca Raton Public Library <http://www.bocalibrary.org>

- Brevard County Library System <http://www.brev.org>
- Fort Walton Beach Library - site invites "all residents of Fort Walton Beach & Okaloosa County to join our city library."
<http://www.fwb.org/content.php?page=50>
- Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative <http://www.hcplc.org>
- Indian River County Main Library <http://indian-river.lib.fl.us>
- Marion County Public Library
http://www.marioncountyfl.org/Library/LI_home.htm
- Martin County Library System <http://www.library.martin.fl.us>
- Miami/Dade Public Library <http://www.mdpls.org>
- Nassau County Public Library System - To obtain a library card without charge you must be a permanent resident of the state of Florida. Apply in person. <http://sirsi.nassau.lib.fl.us>
- Polk County Library Cooperative <http://www.pclc.lib.fl.us>
- St. Petersburg Public Library System <http://st-petersburg-library.org>
- Suwannee River Regional Library (Suwannee, Hamilton & Madison Counties) <http://www.neflin.org/srrl/>
- Tampa Bay Library Consortium <http://www.tbtc.org/about/coop.shtml>
- Taylor County Public Library <http://www.tcfl-libinfo.com/library.htm>
- Winter Park Public Library <http://www.wppl.org>

If you are researching in the UK www.freebmd.org.uk may be what you need if you are looking for births, marriages and deaths for England & Wales from 1837 to 1919. This site is a work in progress. The price is FREE.

Scotland has another good site. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk This is a fee site on a pay per view. The charges vary and may be seen at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&409> These charges may be paid with a credit card. Caution though. When charging in a non dollar denominated currency, the credit card company may charge you a fee in addition.

For New England genealogy the New England Historic Genealogical Society at www.newenglandancestors.org may be the place to check out. To research all of their data bases has a cost of \$75.00 per year. However, some of their information is free such as the SSDI.

For many of us the newsletter that is produced by Richard Eastman is a way to keep up with what is happening in the field of genealogy. The plus addition is fee

based and has some extra articles that may be of interest. I subscribe to the Plus Edition and pay through Pay-Pal at 19.95 per year..

To obtain a subscription to Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – Plus Edition, go to <http://www.eogn.com>.

To receive a free e-mail notification whenever a new Standard Edition of the newsletter becomes available, go to <http://eogn.com/subscribe-standard.htm>

For those of us that are not able to go to the LDS in Salt Lake City there is an alternative in Indiana, It is the Allan County Library. You can see what is offered there at <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>. After getting to the home page click on Genealogy on the left hand side.

Locating ancestors online

The Internet provides easy access to records, lists, and indexes. The kind of information that used to be hidden away on microfilm in library basements is now at your fingertips.

These are the kinds of things you're looking for:

- Death, birth, immigration, and marriage records
- Military indexes
- Census reports
- Court transcripts and reports
- Local records and family registries
- Old telephone directories
- Google.com Enter the name of the person and SEARCH

The quality and quantity of information available on the Internet is improving every day. There are over 100,000 genealogy sites out there, not to mention newsgroups, genealogy search engines, databases, indexes, and digital libraries. Here is a sampling of the kind of information that's available to you, including some of the most widely respected sites.

- The Family History Library (www.familysearch.org) is the largest collection of family history in the world, with over two million rolls of microfilmed records. They've also established online access to their major computer database—FamilySearch. The online version includes the International Genealogical Index, an Ancestral File, a Family History Library Catalog, and many genealogy-related websites from around the world.
- Ellis Island Records Site (www.ellislandrecords.com) An amazing (and free!) resource, this site allows you to search for Ellis Island immigration records. You can even view online family scrapbooks.

- Genealogy (www.genealogy.com) is a great place to start your research. They have plenty of links, loads of research tools, plus a wonderful learning center jam-packed with useful how-to information.
- Lineages Website (www.lineages.com/default.asp) This is a major genealogical reference library and resource center, built and maintained by professional genealogists. It provides free access to record databases and lots of other resources. Check out their "Genealogy for Beginners" guide, complete with forms and checklists.
- The U.S. Army Military History Institute (<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/>) collects, organizes, preserves, and makes available over nine million source materials on American military history to the defense community, researchers, and scholars.

Vista Snipping Tool

Here's how you can reveal the Snipping Tool in Windows Vista, if it's not yet enabled in your [system](#):

1. Click on Vista Start button, and go to Control Panel.
2. Click on **Programs** link.
3. Click on **Turn Windows features on or off** link. If User Account Control pops up for confirmation, click on Continue button.
4. Scroll down the list of features in Windows Features dialog window, tick the check box for **Tablet-PC Optional Components** to enable and show the Snipping Tool in Vista.
5. Click OK when done.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/tabletpc/experiencepack/overview.msp>

Using Snipping Tool in Vista

This should work the same in Win 7

1. In Vista, using the snipping tool, "snip" (drag a line around) an item.
2. On the toolbar of the Snipping tool there is an icon for sending 'snip', (the choices are send **E-mail recipient** or **Email recipient as attachment**. Either choice opens an email (in my case - Windows Mail) and inserts or attaches the snip.
3. It seems as though only 1 one snip can be sent at a time.

Note: With Windows mail sending to Outlook Express using **email recipient**, gets the little box with the red X. Using **email recipient as attachment**, you get the image in the email and as the attachment and I can Save As or use right click and save.

Win 7 SnipIt Tool

1. Click Start...Accessories.
2. Append the SnipIt tool to your Start Menu or to your Taskbar.
3. Go to www.thevillagescomputerclub.com and download the Presentation on using the Snipping Tool, if it's still there.

Note: There is a similar tool that those not using Vista or Win 7 can download called SnagIt.

Jmax

Jmax's Website <http://www.jmaxbits.com/>

Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website. You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1. For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSCclassifieds@aol.com. Put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. To send an Ad, place AD in the subject line.

4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club

To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com