

Technology Corner, by George Champine

I know many of you are interested in family history and genealogy as I am. Of course the Internet is an enormous help in doing research. Popular software for organizing and storing genealogy information includes the Mormon software (Personal Ancestry File), Brothers Keeper, Roots, Family Tree, and others (see the reviews and pointers to web sites at www.gensoftsb.com.) The newer software packages not only store personal information and relationships, but also can include photos and generate fascinating reports and books of family history. It is easy to transfer information between software packages using Gedcom files which they all support. Popular web sites include:

www.ellisland.org Ellis Island records

www.cyndislist.com pointers to 200,000 sources of genealogy information

www.tngenweb.org/cntylinks/tutorial.html federal census data

www.nehgs.org New England Historic Genealogy Society

www.lds.org/site_main_menu/frameset-global-fam_his.html Mormon family history site

In addition, the government archives at the federal, state, and local levels contain an enormous amount of information relevant to family history, with an ever increasing amount on the Internet.