

# Reunion Photo Organization - March 12, 2011

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- **MacGen Web Site** - See the latest <http://www.macgen.org>
- **Today's Presentation** - <http://bdgeorge.com/svcgg>
- **Mac Tips**
  - **Cinch** - A wonderful Window Manager, costs about \$7 - Here are its functions:  
**Drag window to the left** to fill 1/2 the screen; **Drag window to the right** to fill 1/2 of the screen; **Drag window to the top** to make full screen. To download get it from the Mac App Store or download from <http://irradiatedsoftware.com>
  - **Activate Apple Mouse right button click** functions in System Preferences (exact commands vary, example for the Bluetooth Mouse is to click selection for "One Finger Secondary Click ... Right")
  - The **super powerful COMMAND Key** saves having to use the mouse
    1. CMD SHIFT 4 - Drag a square from your screen to an image on your desktop
    2. CMD S - Save your work in nearly all Mac Programs
    3. CMD F - Find or Search in Web Browser, PDF files and many other pgms
    4. CMD C - Copy
    5. CMD V - Paste
    6. CMD X - Cut
    7. CMD Z - Undo
    8. CMD Y - Redo
    9. CMD UP Arrow to Navigate upwards in Finder, Down Arrow Navigates downward in Finder, RIGHT Arrow Expands a folder, LEFT Arrow Closes folder
  - Click on APPLE Icon then click on "**Recent Items**" It's really handy!
  - Use Command-Option Drag a Rectangle, to **Select Vertical Columns** in Textedit
  - Mouse-sense: **Reduce arm, elbow and wrist problems** with your mouse:  
Hand is above the wrist (when using the mouse) for good blood flow  
Arm is not "hyperextended" when using the mouse  
Keyboard shortcuts (like the above) used instead of using the mouse
- **Reunion Tips**
  - **Find Missing Pictures**: Kind of intricate but very useful. Just Click on the following: REUNION | PREFERENCES | MULTIMEDIA | LOCATIONS | REPAIR | PROCEED | REPORT. The REPORT option will only be offered if you have missing pictures. Use the report to help you clean up or find the missing pictures.
  - CMD LEFT and RIGHT Arrows to **move thru Reunion Marked People**

**Photo Organization Presentation** - Organize photos for use by Reunion

## **File Organization on your Hard Disk**

- **Apple's File Organization**

- **Hard Disk** - Applications, Library, System, Users
- **Users** - Administrator, Macgen, Bgeorge, etc
- **Home** - Desktop, Documents, Downloads, Library, Movies, Music, Pictures, Public, Sites
- **Documents** "Reunion Files" folder contains the Familyfile, Charts and Reports
- **Downloads**
- **Movies**
- **Pictures** "Reunion Pictures" folder designed to contains pictures used in Reunion

- **Old Way of getting photos into Reunion**

- Drag photos from iPhoto to person's name
- Drag photos from Desktop to person's name
- Drag photos from Download folder to person's name
- Drag photos from Pictures folder to person's name
- Note: Reunion is actually "linking" to the photos, it doesn't embed them into the Familyfile. This saves a LOT of space. But, if you move the photo after linking, it breaks the link and you cease seeing the photo.

- **Photos need the following to be effective:**

- Access
- Backup
- Editing
- Transport/Share

**iPhoto solves the 1st three, 4th is very tough.** Problem is that you can't gather all the photos, to share them when they are located all over your computer.

- **Real Problem is that Reunion is too flexible and causes problems when you try to share your genealogy work including photos**

- You can't share gedcom file with pictures
- You can't share database file (familyfile) with pictures

- **Solution is to copy all photos used in Reunion to a Reunion Images Folder so that when you link to photos, they are all in the same place.**

- **Now, to share your work, all have to do is:**

- Drag the Reunion Pictures folder to the thumb drive
- Drag the Reunion DB to a thumb drive
- Generate a Gedcom file (including photo links) and save to the thumb drive

**When a person receives your thumb drive, all they have to do is:**

- Copy Thumb Drive Pictures to the Home/Pictures/"Reunion Pictures" Folder
- Copy Thumb Drive Reunion Database to Documents/"Reunion Files" Folder

**If your photo collection expands to multiple branches of the family,** increase the number of family branch folders in Reunion Pictures to suit. I suggest the following expanded folder list. It also allows you to segregate documentation source photos like census images and birth certificates from family photos: images-kennedy-people, images-kennedy-sources, images-bouvier-people, images-bouvier-sources (ad infinitum).

Tech Notes:

File Structure and Hidden Files

- <http://osxdaily.com/2007/03/30/mac-os-x-directory-structure-explained/>
- <http://osxfaq.com/DailyTips/02-2005/02-01.ws>