

# **FREWARE FOR FAMILY HISTORY**

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(See URL's for these and many more on Don's Freeware notes on <http://uvpafug.org> > Class Outlines > Don's Listings or directly at <http://uvpafug.org/classes/dons/dons-fhfreeware.html> .)

## **CATEGORIES OF FREWARE FOR FAMILY HISTORY**

- Record management programs
- Other genealogy programs
- Graphics programs
- Sound programs
- Text and office programs
- Computer utilities

## **DEFINITIONS**

- Freeware
- Shareware
- Open source
- Apps

## **FASTSTONE CAPTURE 5.3 (#25 on list)**

- Freeware screen capture tool that allows you to capture images online
- Capture Options -- Active Window, Window/Object, Rectangle, Free Hand, Scrolling Window, Full Screen
- Capture in jpg, pdf, tif, and other formats

## **EVERYTHING (#53 on list)**

- Freeware to find files quickly anywhere on your computer
- File maintenance
- Use in tandem with Explorer or Q-DIR to move files to where they belong
- Drag and drop
- Find and delete duplications

## **CLIPBOARD MAGIC (#62 on list)**

- Freeware to copy multiple texts or images to your clipboard
- Particularly useful when copying multiple items from a record

- Handy to do repetitive insertions, e.g. London Family History Centre and inserting Swedish alphabet characters

#### **ESSENTIAL PIM (#50 on list)**

- Freeware Personal Information Manager
- Daily calendar and record
- Easy searches for any word, event, people, location
- Shows activities in context
- Good historical record

#### **OURTIMELINES.COM (#15 on list)**

- Free website to put a life into historical context
- Useful to write a history
- Useful to know what records to research for ancestors

#### **PDF-XCHANGE VIEWER (#42 on list)**

- Freeware program to write on PDF's
- Use to annotate, fill in PDF forms, make notes
- Put text, graphics, sticky notes on PDF's

#### **TRANSCRIPT (#45 on list)**

- Freeware program to help in transcribing handwritten documents (**DOESN'T** read handwriting)
- Has panel for image of document and panel for you to type the transcription in
- Has many features such as moving the image down when you press **ENTER** at end of line, convert image to negative, zoom in or out on image

#### **NAMEXIF (#27 on list)**

- Freeware program to extract metadata (date and time) to add to photo name
- Can then sort in chronological order
- Search for photos by date
- Co-ordinate photos from more than one camera

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- Many more examples available
- Many freeware websites -- see Don's online notes
- "The Best Things in Life Are Free"