

Iphone



Ipad



Flip Pal



Microphone



Hope & Walt's Gadgets for Genealogy

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HDMI Projector



Camera
Eye Fi Card

External Hard Drive



Stand Scan

Change is continuous

Here is a list of gadgets from a talk Hope gave in 2005. The list may look similar but the devices look very different.



A few of the gadgets

- PDAs, handhelds, smart watches
- Tablets, downsized laptops, ultra personals
- Cell phones, Smart phones
- MP3 players, voice players/recorders
- Video players/recorders
- Digital still and video cameras
- Pocket scanners and document pens
- Game machines
- GPS devices
- Jump drives (USB drive, fit key)
- Wireless devices, i.e. cordless presenters
- Remote controls: RFID, handheld apps

Convergence – Convenience -- Mobility

- Convergence, convenience, mobility were the catch words for the future when we gave this talk a decade ago. Today that future is here
- Start with your most multi-purpose device – probably your cell phone or tablet!
- A laptop is always nice but we will be focusing on what you can do without a laptop.
- Our gadget bag keeps changing. Even the adapters and plugs are different.

What Gadgets do you want

- for your family reunion
- to interview or capture an oral history
- when you visit a cemetery
- when you research in a library or archive
- when you give a presentation to a group
- when you are away from home on vacation

For Your Family Reunion



- Device(s) to record/video/photograph
- Camera or Cell phone stand/tripod
- Supplementary battery feed
 - For instance, Morphie
- Way to store/capture
 - Cloud drive
 - External hard drive
 - Thumb drives, etc.

To Interview/ Oral History

in person or online

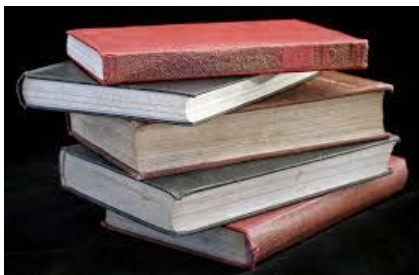


- Cell phone, Ipad as recording device
- Camera
 - Eye Fi Card (www.eyefi.com) or other SD card
 - Supplementary battery feed
- For remote access:
 - Skype or GoToMeeting app
 - Microphone/speaker ? [only if phone speaker does not meet your needs]

When you visit a cemetery to find an ancestor's headstone



- GPS coordinate finder
 - Google maps
 - Ancestry app
 - Find a Grave app
- Often, cameras, cell phones record location when you take picture



Doing research in a library or archive

Hardware

- Devices
 - scanner, phone, tablet, thumb drive/storage card
 - Flip pal (uses SD card for storage and can use EYE FI card) is being replaced by phone/tablet scanning apps
- Microfilm machines
 - Save microfilm output to a thumb drive

Apps

- Productivity apps
 - Evernote
 - Google Docs or Microsoft One Note
 - ResearchLogger
- Cloud apps
 - Dropbox
 - Google Drive
- Scanning Apps:
 - Scannable by Evernote
 - CamScanner(Android/IOS)
 - Scanner Pro (IOS)
 - Genius Scan

Also remember the mobile apps : Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindAGrave, Shoebox, etc.

Giving a presentation to a group



- Portable projector
 - At reasonable price:
Brookstone HDMI Pocket Projector but not for large group
- Ipad/iphone

When you are going on vacation

(and you may have time to work on your family history)



- Planning
- Laptop for convenient keyboarding and time spent with your family tree software.
- Fastest Internet speed
- Portable printer
- External hard drive
- Charger cables, connectors, batteries to recharge your devices
- Plan even more carefully if flying.

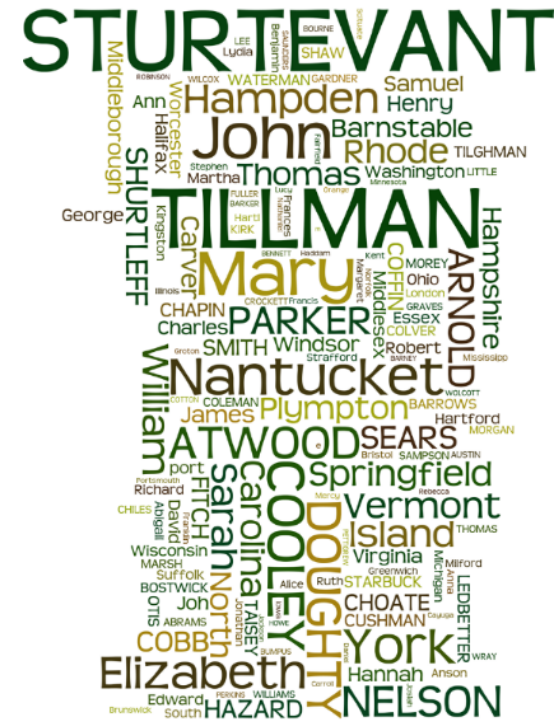
Wrap Up

Convergence – Convenience – Mobility

- Growing internet of things
- Continuing morphing
- Different packaging
- More cloud storage
- Evolving preservation techniques

Planning is still key to your success!

You are still doing the same things but gadgets will keep changing!



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