

Genealogy Rocks!

Backing Up Your Genealogy Research Digitally

With all the wildfires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornadoes that can literally ruin a person's life, genealogists



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need to consider a disaster plan. We reported having a disaster plan in our March 2012 column. At a minimum you should consider saving your important documents and photos digitally.

If you have a computer and scanner, you can easily scan your important documents, photos, and save them digitally on your computer, external hard drive, portable memory stick (USB thumb drive), or even better, a cloud based (Internet) memory storage for later retrieval.

A new mobile scanning service in Colorado is available to help people save their precious documents or photos. Scangaroo is a new mobile service that drives to your home and scans and saves

your documents and photos for you at very reasonable rates. If interested in their mobile scanning service, please call them at 855-557-2267 for a quote.

We even suggested saving your family tree files on CD disks or memory sticks and sending a copy to a trusted relative. Basically, cloud storage does the same thing, so if your home is lost or damaged, your important documents are stored elsewhere and safe, much like a bank safety deposit box.

There are several Internet cloud based services that can save your important information for literally no cost. Users just need to register and usually receive up to 10 GBS for free and more for a fee. Several free services include Dropbox, Google Drive, Just Cloud, and several paid memory services including GenArk Mozy, and Backup Genie with longer term memory.

Be sure to backup your family files regularly and store elsewhere for safety sake!

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