Iphone 5

Ipad

Samson Microphone

External Hard Drive

Hope & Walt's Genealogy Gadgets July 2014

Flip Pal

presented at the Amesbury Public Library

HDMI Projector

Eye Fi Card

Stand Scan

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Convergence – Convenience -- Mobility

- Convergence, convenience, mobility were the catch words for the future when we gave this talk almost a decade ago. Now they are the present!
- The trends continue. Our gadget bag keeps changing. Even the adapters and plugs are different.
- A laptop is always nice but we can also do a lot without a laptop.

Change is continuous

Here is a list of gadgets from a talk I 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

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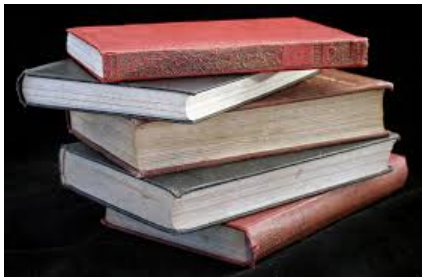
For Your Family Reunion

- Device(s) to record/video/photograph [camera, cell phone, iPad}
- For remote access: Camera or Cell phone
  - Microphone/speaker
  - Skype or GoToMeeting app
- Projector
- Stand / tripod [for camera, projector, etc.]
- Supplementary battery feed
  - For instance, Morphie
- Way to store/capture
  - Cloud drive
  - External hard drive
  - Thumb drives, etc.
  - Eye Fi Card (www.eyefi.com) or other SD card

Doing research in a library or archive



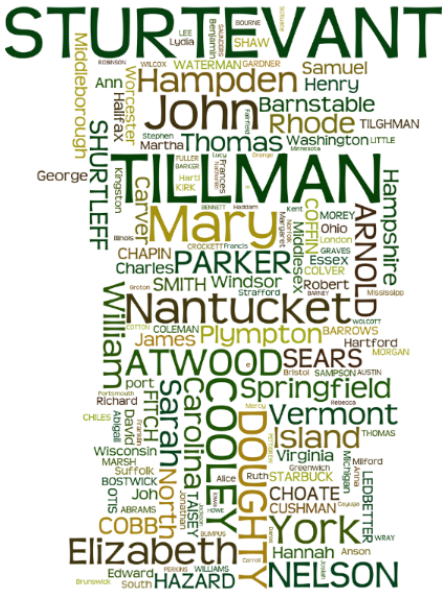
- Documents – scanner, photograph
- Flip pal uses SD card for storage and can use EYE FI card
- Save microfilm output to a thumb drive
- Apps: Research logger (specific) – or freeform Evernote

When you are traveling

(whether to Salt Lake City, visiting cemeteries, or the beach)

- All the gadgets you can fit!
- Laptop
- Portable printer
- External hard drive
- GPS devices and apps (cell phones, iPads, etc.)
  - Google maps
  - Ancestry app
  - Find a Grave app

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!

We still do the same things but our gadgets keep improving!

Presentation link:
http://www.hopetillman.com/presentations/gadgets0714.pdf

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