



IMPLEMENTING A SURNAME-STUDY WEBSITE WITH DRUPAL

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Overview

- What is a surname-study website?
 - Their purpose
 - Their weakness
- Why a CMS?
 - Natural fit to problem
 - Viable
- How did you do it?
- So what?

The Surname-Study Website

“A one-name study is a project researching facts about a surname and all the people who have held it, as opposed to a particular pedigree (the ancestors of one person) or descendancy (the descendants of one person or couple).”

- The Guild of One-Name Studies



Johnson family history

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Web


[Johnson Family History Home](#)

Researchers of the **Johnson** Genealogy, with focus on early immigrants to the colonial United States of America, and migrations involving Tennessee.

www.johnsonfamilyhistory.org/ - 24k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 


[JOHNSON Genealogy and Family History Research](#)

Databases containing **JOHNSON** records. MyTrees.com. **JOHNSON Family History** Research Center. OneGreatFamily. The world's largest online **JOHNSON family tree** ...

www.distantcousin.com/SurnameResources/Surname.asp?Surname=JOHNSON - 27k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Johnson Family Tree and Genealogy Links at Surname Finder](#)

Resources for your **Johnson family** tree research project. Saves time by doing multiple searches from one convenient page.

www.genealogytoday.com/surname/finder.mv?Surname=Johnson - 46k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Johnson Family Club](#)

Our website includes a **Johnson HISTORY** section, a **family NEWSLETTER**, a **Johnson family QUERIES** section and other sites for you. See the **INDEX** below. ...

www.geocities.com/~rewoodham/johnson.html - 15k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 


[JOHNSON Family Tree Research and Genealogy](#)

Read **JOHNSON family** research and genealogy information written by researchers like yourself on **Family Tree Circles**.

www.familytreecircles.com/surname_JOHNSON.html - 34k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[JOHNSON - Surname Meaning | Origin for the Surname Johnson Genealogy](#)

DistantCousin.com - **JOHNSON Genealogy & Family History** Free databases and genealogy links for the last name **JOHNSON**. MyCinnamonToast.com - **JOHNSON Genealogy** ...

genealogy.about.com/library/surnames/j/bl_name-JOHNSON.htm - 29k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Johnson Family Crest](#)

View the **Johnson family** crest and **history**. Discover the **Johnson family history** for the **Johnson** Origin. What is the origin of the name **Johnson**.

www.houseofnames.com/xq/asp.fc/qx/johnson-family-crest.htm - 62k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Jackie Johnson's Family History](#)

Contents include photos of several members of the Hill-Lark-Johnson Family. Links to other African-American genealogy resources, general genealogy resources ...

users.stlcc.edu/jjohnson/family/main.htm - 4k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Johnson Coat of Arms / Johnson Family Crest](#)

Johnson Coat of Arms / Johnson Family Crest - Johnson Family Crest / Johnson Coat of Arms Click on this link TO SEE OUR COATS OF ARMS / FAMILY CRESTS ...

www.4crests.com/jocoofar.html - 18k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

[Johnson Family Tree](#)

More detailed info can be found in the **Johnson Family History. Family Tree** based on those found at Who's Who in Salem. Return to Beth's Days of Our Lives ...

www.bethsdayspage.com/days/trees/johnsontree.html - 3k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - 

Johnson Family History

Home How To Files DNA Kin Memorial Biography Resources Discuss Forums Galleries ☐ Web ☒ Site Search

... Home ...

Register Login



JFH Members

Membership:
Latest: **lexgodfrey**
New Today: **1**
New Yesterday: **1**
Overall: **401**

News

Feb 19, 2008 - Society needs donation

From the Greeneville Sun February 16, 2008:

The Genealogical Society and T. Elmer Cox Genealogical Center in Greeneville are in need of 7 legal sized 4 drawer filing cabinets in new condition. They can purchase such for about \$200 each. Any donations welcomed. Contact Don Miller. These will house the Chancery Court Minutes originals, which are presently being micro-filmed.

Feb 19, 2008 - Death of David Herman Johnson

We regretfully inform you of the unexpected passing of our dear friend, and the webmaster's uncle, David Herman Johnson, February 15, 2008, in Greeneville, TN. David was 70 years old, active in researching family history, volunteering in many community and church endeavors, and will be sorely missed. His obituary from the Greeneville Sun has been uploaded to the Files section, in the Vital Records module. You may access the obituary by clicking here. David passed away from a recently emerged illness effecting his lungs.

Finished upgrades - Monday, August 13, 2007

The site is now fully upgraded to the latest version of the Content Management software. Now we can work on making the site more attractive and informative. Your input is welcomed, just email david@justcalldavid.com. There is much we can do here to further our quests for Johnson Family History.

Adjustments and additions - Sunday, January 28, 2007

I'm happy to say that the latest version of software for hosting the Johnson Family History website has provided quite a few improvements and new features. I'll draw from the best of those and increase the capabilities of the web site.

In the last couple of days I have worked to improve the color scheme of the site, and have added a "Resources" page for registered users.

The discussions area is starting to get some activity, please log in and post your research goals and requests there! We'll all benefit just from that.

If you have ideas or requests for our website, please let me know.

<http://www.johnsonfamilyhistory.org>

David Johnson
gg-grandson of Andrew Martin Johnson b. 1855
ggg-grandson of Nancy Jane (Lamons) Johnson b. 1825

Who Creates These Sites?

- Personal family historians
- Professional and certified genealogists
- **NOT** web designers
- **NOT** IT guys

How Are They Used?

The screenshot shows the 'Johnson Family History' website. The header features a navigation menu with links: Home, How To, Files, DNA, Kin, Memorial, Biography, Resources, Discuss, Forums, and Galleries. A search bar on the right is highlighted with a red box, showing the search term 'jesse johnson' and the 'Site' radio button selected. Below the navigation bar, the text '... Search Results ...' is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and lists several discussion threads. A red box highlights the search results list, which includes the following entries:

- Discussions - Jesse Johnson** - Relevance: 2005
1 I am looking for information on Jesse Johnson married Ann (Anne) Stanfield, i am looking for his pa...
<http://www.johnsonfamilyhistory.org/Discuss/tabid/128/ItemId/1/Default.aspx> - 3/31/2006 10:28:52 PM
- Discussions - Query: Johnson NC > TN mid 1800s** - Relevance: 1021
2 From: Kelley Biskey DisplayMail('',''); lilyeag@mindspring.com Su...
- Discussions - Seeking parents of Robert F Johnson 1855** - Relevance: 100
9 Seeking the parents of Robert F Johnson born Nov. 16 1855 somewhere in Tennessee. Tim Johnson 214...
<http://www.johnsonfamilyhistory.org/Discuss/tabid/128/ItemId/13/Default.aspx> - 6/19/2007 3:21:05 PM
- Discussions - Information about John Romaine Johnson of Asheville, NC** - Relevance: 1003
10 I'm looking for information on John Romaine Johnson and wife Lois Lytle of Asheville, NC. Anything ...
<http://www.johnsonfamilyhistory.org/Discuss/tabid/128/ItemId/12/Default.aspx> - 4/12/2007 8:43:39 PM

At the bottom of the search results list, a red box highlights the pagination controls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10.

The CMS – A Natural Fit

- Relatively simple
 - Free to download
 - Easy to install
- Powerful features tractable
 - Indexing
 - Searching
 - Storage

Kendall Ancestry

- Define content with relevant facets
- Search content using these facets
- Text-search specific content areas

CREATE RECORD DESCRIPTION

Title: *

▼ Vocabularies

Record Type:

Church



The record description.

Locality:



The geographical description.

Announcements
Annuals/Directories
Annulment
Banns
Baptisms/Christenings
Births
Bishop's Notes
Bishop's Registers
Bulletins/Newsletters
Burial Registers
Chapel Registers
Clergy
Communicant Lists
Confirmations
Deaths/Funerals/Burials
Disciplinary Records
Ecclesiastical Court
Family Records
Family Registers

CREATE RECORD DESCRIPTION

Title: *

▼ Vocabularies

Record Type:

Civil ▼

Announcements/Notices ▼

The record description.

Locality:

United States ▼

Utah ▼

Part of Mexican Claim 1821 to 1848 ▼

The geographical description.

- State 1896 to present ▶
- Territory 1850-1896 ▶
- Territory of Jefferson 1859 to 1861
- State of Deseret 1848 to 1850
- Part of Mexican Claim 1821 to 1848
- Part of Spanish Claim 1535 to 1821
- Earliest Settlement 1847
- Exploration 1765 to early 1800s
- Indian Reservation(s)

SEARCH REPOSITORY

Title Text

Locality

Description Text

Record Type

Content Text

ID

Comment Text

Implementation in Drupal

- Primary modules:
 - CCK – common facets across content types
 - Views – queries that enable searching and auto-linking
 - Panels – page frame that enables browsing
 - Taxonomy redirect – clean, automatically-linked lists

What Genealogy Software Should Do

- It should **teach** us how to research Family History.
 - An important part of learning is understanding the related taxonomy.
 - Users are exposed to the taxonomy through search menus and browsing.
 - The system facilitates coalescence of historical data in a contextual framework.
- It should **organize**.
 - The two vocabularies of the taxonomy form the fundamental organization.
- It should **transcribe**.
 - Abstractions of historical records in the Record Repository include images, vocabulary terms, and other essential facets.
- It should **cite sources**.
 - Citations are a facet of the record abstractions.
- It should provide source **provenance** (origin).
 - The current location of the actual record is a facet of the record abstractions.
- It should **remember**.
 - As with every content management system, audit trails, logs, and usage statistics are readily available.
- It should **share**.
 - Access privileges can be controlled with fine granularity.
 - The configured modules can be rolled together into a ready-to-use module.



Questions

Surname-Study

The CMS

Implementation

Contribution

