

Humor:

Far Side Cartoon

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Humor Part 2:



Why Genealogy?

We have a work to do just as important in its sphere as the Savior's work was in its sphere.

Our fathers cannot be made perfect without us; we cannot be made perfect without them. They have done their work and now sleep. We are now called upon to do ours; which to be the greatest work man ever performed on the earth.

- Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses

Why Genealogy Part 2:

Sister Susa Young Gates once asked her father, Brigham Young, how it would ever be possible to accomplish the great amount of temple work that must be done, if all are given a full opportunity for exaltation. He told her there would be many inventors of labor saving devices, so that our daily duties could be performed in a short time, leaving us more and more time for temple work. The inventions have come, and are still coming, but many simply divert the time gained to other channels, and not for the purpose intended by the Lord.

Archibald F. Bennett, *Improvement Era*, Oct. 1952, p. 720

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Ancestry.com Screenshot Taken in 2007

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com homepage with a navigation menu and a search interface. The search form includes fields for names, birth and death years, and birth and death countries. A 'Search' button and an 'Advanced Search' link are visible. On the right, there is a 'Questions about using Ancestry.com?' section with a 'Click Here' link. Below the search form, there are sections for 'US CENSUS RECORDS' and 'MORE COLLECTIONS'. The 'US CENSUS RECORDS' section lists years from 1930 to 1800. The 'MORE COLLECTIONS' section lists 'Birth, Marriage & Death Records (SSDI)' and 'US Immigration Collection'. The background of the search form features a faded image of a 'REGISTRATION CARD' for Daniel J. D. Rigby.

ancestry.com Welcome, 195

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Birth Year Birth Country

Death Year Death Country

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What's New on Ancestry.com

Approximately 11.4 million new names released recently, including:

[Iowa State Census Collection](#)
2,393,826 new names.

[1891 Scotland Census](#)
3,973,948 new names.

[What else is new?](#)

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Visit your family history site to add photos and stories and grow your

US CENSUS RECORDS

1930	1890	1850	1810
1920	1880	1840	1800

MORE COLLECTIONS

- [Birth, Marriage & Death Records \(SSDI\)](#)
- [US Immigration Collection](#)

Ancestry.com Homepage Screenshot Taken In: _____

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Your Last Name Here
Your E-mail Here

Provided by MyFamily.com, an Ancestry.com Inc. website

WELCOME TO ANCESTRY.COM

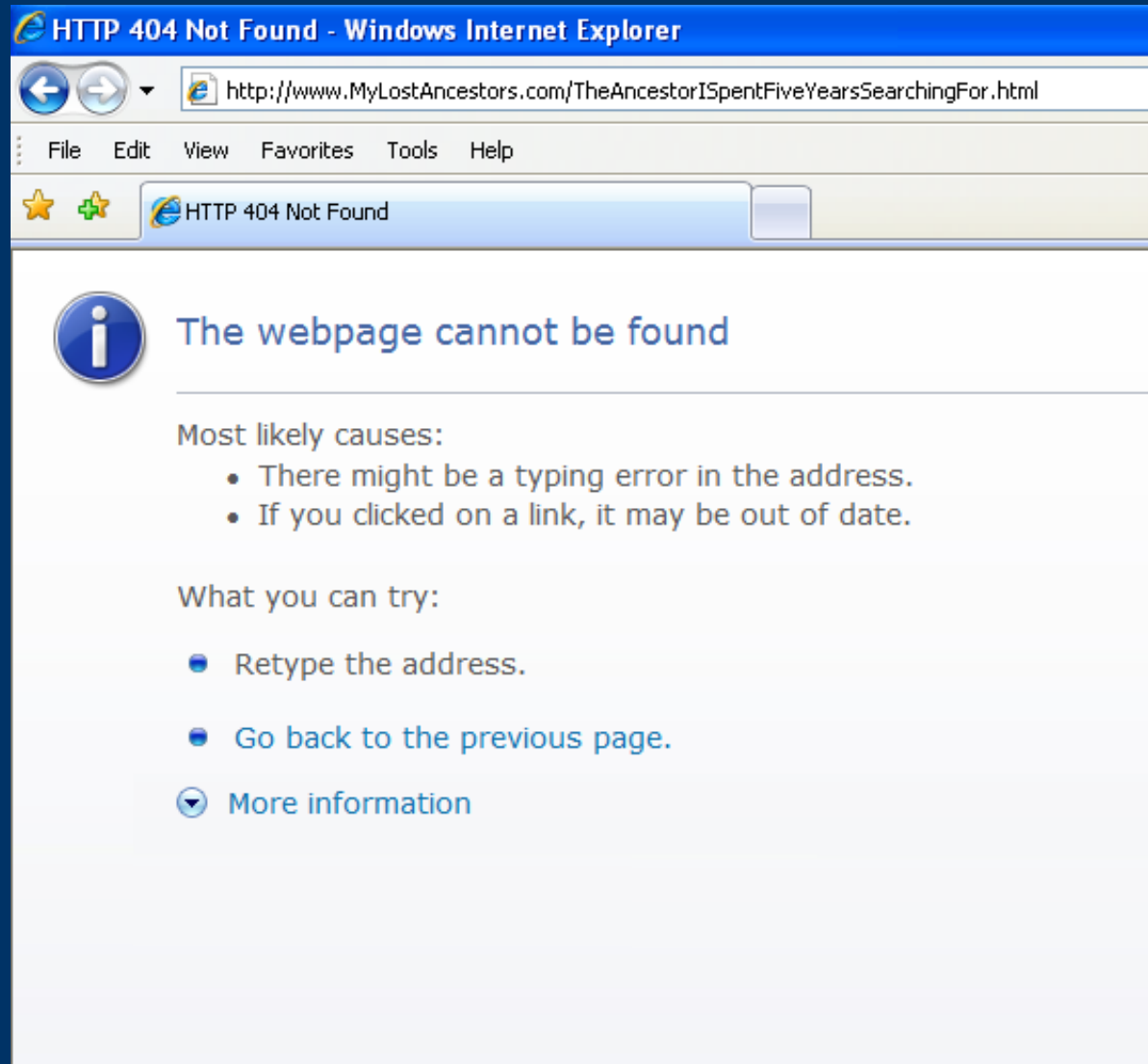
FREE SEARCHES
Search our [free new databases](#), [list](#) of free databases, our popular [Social Security Death Index](#) (60 million names), the [Ancestry World Tree](#) (10 million names), [Phone and Address Listings](#), or [Juliana's Links](#). Search for [Maps](#) or [Gazetteers](#).

DAILY NEWS
The Daily News e-mail service is temporarily unavailable. To read today's issue of the Daily News, or any other missed

Answers:

Screenshot **ALSO** taken in
2007 of Ancestry.com as it
was **MANY** years ago!

Error 404: This Page Cannot be Displayed; or Can It?




Web Museum

Applies to more than just genealogical websites.

CNN.com SPECIAL REPORT

Updated: 4:33 p.m. EDT -- 11 September 2001

AMERICA UNDER ATTACK
CNN EXCLUSIVE



Terrorists strike New York, D.C.

At 8:45 a.m. EDT, the first of two airliners crashed into the World Trade Center, opening a horrifying and apparently coordinated terrorist attack on the United States, which saw the collapse of the two 110-story towers into surrounding Manhattan streets and a later attack on the Pentagon.

[FULL STORY »](#)

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COMPLETE COVERAGE

- [Chronology of terror](#)
- World Trade Center towers [collapse](#) after planes hit, 10,000 emergency workers head to scene
- Part of [Pentagon](#) collapses after plane crashes into it; White House, Capitol [evacuated](#)
- American, United both confirm losing [two planes each](#). The American planes alone held about 150 people.
- President Bush: U.S. will "[punish those responsible](#)" | [Statement](#)
- Video: [Plane crashes into World Trade Center](#)

U.S. SCENE:

- [FAA grounds](#) all U.S. flights until noon Wednesday
- Sen. John McCain calls attacks 'act of war'
- U.S. Navy vessels deploy off East Coast
- Kennedy Space Center, LAX, [Disney](#) Florida parks closed

WORLD SCENE

- Israel evacuates embassies
- Taliban issues [statement](#) to tell U.S. 'Afghanistan feels your pain'
- [World shock over U.S. attacks](#)
- [Evacuations amid world chaos](#)
- [Middle East, Asia condemn attacks](#)
- Non-essential NATO employees asked to leave Brussels HQ

RESCUE AND AFTERMATH:

SEARCH **GO**

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Updated: 01:42 p.m. EST (1842 GMT) **February 1, 2003**

[Click here to make CNN.com your Home Page](#)

BREAKING NEWS



Tragedy over Texas

Seven astronauts are presumed dead today after space shuttle Columbia broke up over central Texas as it streaked through the skies toward Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Flags at the White House and outside NASA headquarters were lowered to half staff in tribute to the crew.

DEVELOPING STORY

- Gallery: [Profiles of the shuttle astronauts](#)
- TIME.com: [Three possible scenarios for breakup](#)
- Video: [Columbia lifts off | Debris found](#)
- Video: [Radar images of breakup | What happened?](#)

MORE SHUTTLE NEWS

USER PICKS

- [Witness describes house-rattling 'roar'](#)
- [Astronauts mourn shuttle loss](#)
- [Officials: No evidence of terrorism](#)
- [Challenger explosion last NASA disaster](#)
- [Israel in mourning over astronaut loss](#)
- [Debris falls in Nacogdoches, Texas](#)
- [Miles O'Brien interviews Columbia's crew](#)

ON CNN TV

TU SCHEDULE

Tune in to CNN: Breaking News coverage of Columbia space shuttle disaster, anchored by Miles O'Brien



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How to gain access to archives!

- Visit: *http://web.archive.org*
- No registration required, completely free.
- 85 BILLION webpages [including personal pages]
- Digital library cataloging Internet history!

The screenshot shows the Wayback Machine homepage. At the top left is the 'INTERNET ARCHIVE' logo with a classical building icon. To the right is the 'WayBackMach' logo. Below these are navigation links: 'Web | Moving Images | Texts | Audio | Software | Education | Patron Info | About IA'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Home | Wayback Machine | Researcher Access | FreeCache | SFLan | Petabox | Open Source Media | Heritrix | BookMobile'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'Wayback Machine', a 'GO!' button, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. The user is identified as 'Anonymous User' with a 'login' link. On the left, a sidebar titled 'About the Wayback Machine' explains the service. The main content area, titled 'The Wayback Machine', features a search input field, a 'Take Me Back' button, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Below this is a 'Web Archiving Services' section with the 'ARCHIVE-IT' logo. At the bottom right, a blue banner reads 'ARCHIVING THE INTERNET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS' and 'COLLECT IT, MANAGE IT, SEARCH IT...ARCHIVE-IT'. Red arrows point to the search bar, the 'Take Me Back' button, and the 'Web Archiving Services' section.

Select Date

INTERNET ARCHIVE
WayBackMachine

Enter Web Address: All [Adv. Search](#) [Compare Archive Pages](#)

Searched for <http://www.ancestry.com> 1290

Note some duplicates are not shown. [See all](#)
 * denotes when site was updated.

Search Results for Jan 01, 1996 - Feb 14, 2007

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1 pages	3 pages	3 pages	9 pages	29 pages	47 pages	67 pages	31 pages	264 pages	561 pages	247 pages
Oct 28, 1996 *	Jan 11, 1997 * Jun 05, 1997 * Dec 11, 1997 *	Jan 09, 1998 * Jan 27, 1998 * Dec 12, 1998 *	Jan 25, 1999 * Feb 03, 1999 * Feb 08, 1999 * Feb 10, 1999 * Apr 23, 1999 * Apr 24, 1999 * Apr 29, 1999 * Oct 12, 1999 * Nov 15, 1999 *	Feb 29, 2000 * Mar 02, 2000 * Mar 02, 2000 * Mar 02, 2000 * Mar 02, 2000 * Mar 03, 2000 * Mar 03, 2000 * Mar 03, 2000 * Mar 03, 2000 * Mar 08, 2000 *	Jan 18, 2001 * Jan 19, 2001 * Jan 30, 2001 * Feb 01, 2001 * Feb 02, 2001 * Feb 24, 2001 * Mar 01, 2001 * Mar 01, 2001 * Mar 01, 2001 * Mar 01, 2001 *	Jan 06, 2002 * Jan 24, 2002 * Jan 24, 2002 * Mar 24, 2002 * Mar 27, 2002 * May 27, 2002 * Jun 02, 2002 * Jun 04, 2002 * Jun 06, 2002 * Jul 23, 2002 * Jul 26, 2002 *	Feb 07, 2003 * Feb 10, 2003 * Feb 16, 2003 * Mar 21, 2003 * Mar 27, 2003 * Apr 19, 2003 * Apr 22, 2003 * Apr 24, 2003 * Apr 25, 2003 * Apr 30, 2003 * May 23, 2003 *	Feb 05, 2004 * Feb 13, 2004 * Mar 22, 2004 * Mar 24, 2004 * Apr 05, 2004 * Apr 18, 2004 * May 19, 2004 * May 20, 2004 * May 22, 2004 * Jun 05, 2004 * Jun 05, 2004 *	Jan 01, 2005 * Jan 02, 2005 * Jan 02, 2005 * Jan 03, 2005 * Jan 04, 2005 * Jan 05, 2005 * Jan 06, 2005 * Jan 07, 2005 * Jan 08, 2005 * Jan 09, 2005 * Jan 09, 2005 *	Jan 01, 2006 * Jan 01, 2006 * Jan 01, 2006 * Jan 02, 2006 * Jan 03, 2006 * Jan 03, 2006 * Jan 04, 2006 * Jan 04, 2006 * Jan 05, 2006 * Jan 05, 2006 * Jan 06, 2006 *

Dates available back to as early as 1996.

You can click one of the hyperlinks for the date you are searching for, and instantly be taken to the website as it appeared verbatim on the date you selected.

Questions:

Is this really helpful, or just non-sensible knowledge that has just wasted an hour of your valuable time, a feature you will never use again.

By raise of hand, how many people have ever received a “Page Cannot Be Displayed error?”

I receive them on a weekly basis, and have a genealogy horror story to share with you

True Genealogy Horror Story

FOARD

Save
Cancel
Options

Moselle Partee /Foard/
Female

18 Apr 1854
Concord, NC

11 Nov 1933
Winston-Salem, NC

S:

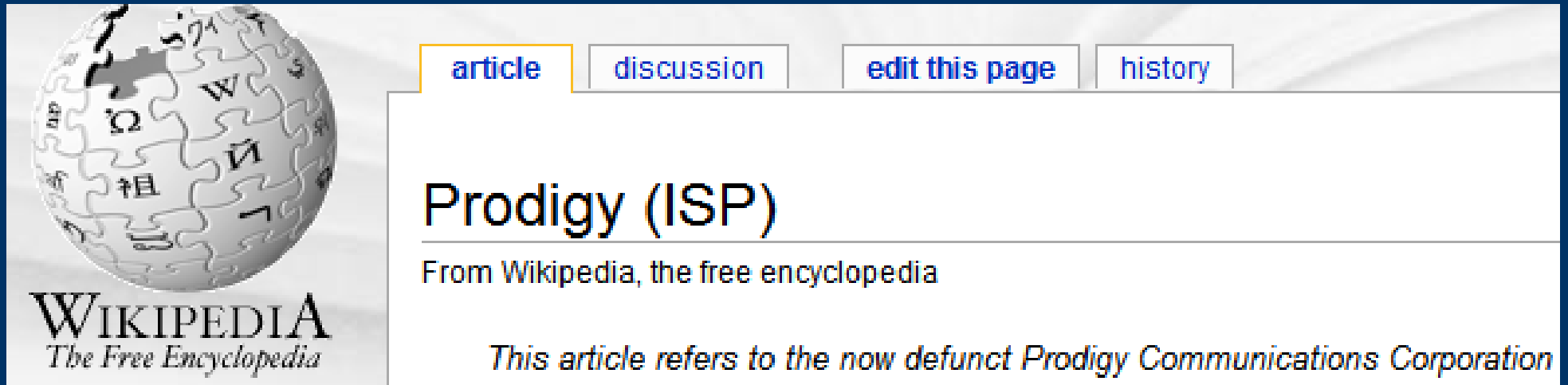
Edit Notes
Edit

Notes for Moselle Partee FOARD-51

<http://pages.prodigy.com/Goodtrader/benpar.txt>

I am HORRIBLE at keeping good notes, I will never teach a notes or sources class. For my great-great grandmother who I have been searching for information on, I reviewed the notes the other day and all I found was the link as shown. I put it into my browser, and it could not find the page.

And now, the REST of the story:



A quick Wikipedia.org search tells the rest of the story. The link I was searching for was a personal genealogy site that had been hosted on Prodigy.com. According to Wikipedia.org, I can no longer find the page because, Prodigy.com no longer exists.

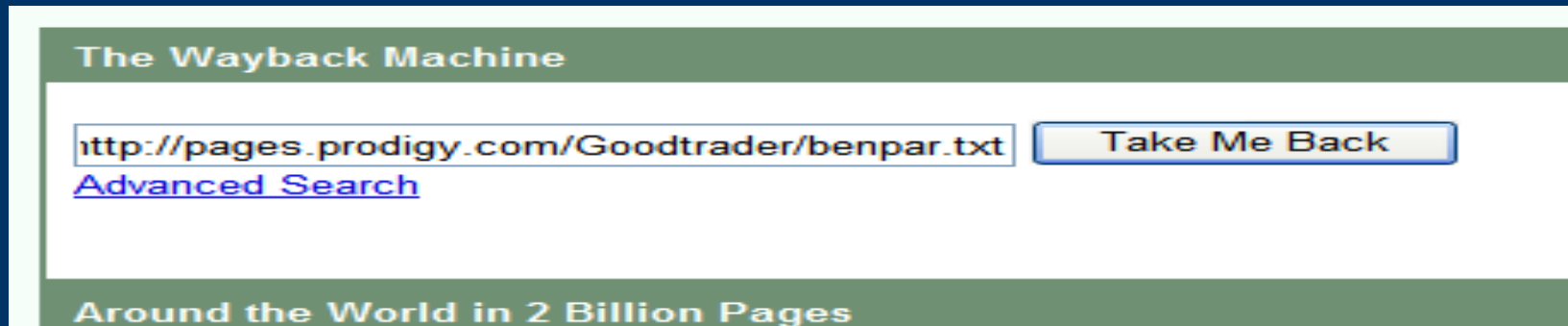
So, two options, throw my hands up in disgust and consider whatever valuable data was there a lost cause, **or**



Happily Ever After:

A: Copy error link using the menu Edit -> Copy, or Ctrl + C

B: Paste link into web.Archive.org with Edit -> Paste, or Ctrl + V



Searched for <http://pages.prodigy.com/Goodtrader/benpar.txt>

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Search Results for Jan 01, 1996 - Mar 24, 2007

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
0 pages	0 pages	0 pages	2 pages	2 pages	5 pages	3 pages	5 pages	1 pages	0 pages
			Feb 22, 1999 * May 05, 1999	Aug 23, 2000 Oct 10, 2000	Feb 12, 2001 * Apr 11, 2001 Aug 10, 2001 Oct 07, 2001 Dec 17, 2001	Jun 03, 2002 Oct 03, 2002 Dec 07, 2002 *	May 30, 2003 Jun 24, 2003 Aug 07, 2003 Oct 05, 2003 Dec 06, 2003	Feb 15, 2004	

Voilà! WayBack had it, even though it was an obscure personal page with personal genealogy. I now have the data safe and sound even though it is on a defunct website that no longer exists.

Google Search: Alternative Method

The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the search term "jessamine elizabeth routledge". Below the search bar, there are several search results. Red arrows point from the text on the right to the "Cached" links in the search results. The first result is for "Francis Martin Pomeroy" with a "Cached" link. The second result is for "Genealogy Newsgroups - Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED ..." with a "Cached" link. The third result is for "Message: Re: Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin ..." with a "Cached" link. The fourth result is for "Message: Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin P..." with a "Cached" link.

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Google "jessamine elizabeth routledge" Search [Advanced](#) [Preferences](#)

Web

[Francis Martin Pomeroy](#)
On the 22nd day of February, 1857, he married **Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge**, an English girl who had crossed the plains in a handcart company. ...
[www.vibrationdata.com/fmp.htm](#) - 30k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Genealogy Newsgroups - Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED ...](#)
Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin Pomeroy, Report Abuse ... I am looking for information on **Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge** who ...
[www.genealogynewsgroups.com/newsgroupthread.asp?ID=151338](#) - 19k - Supplemental Result [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

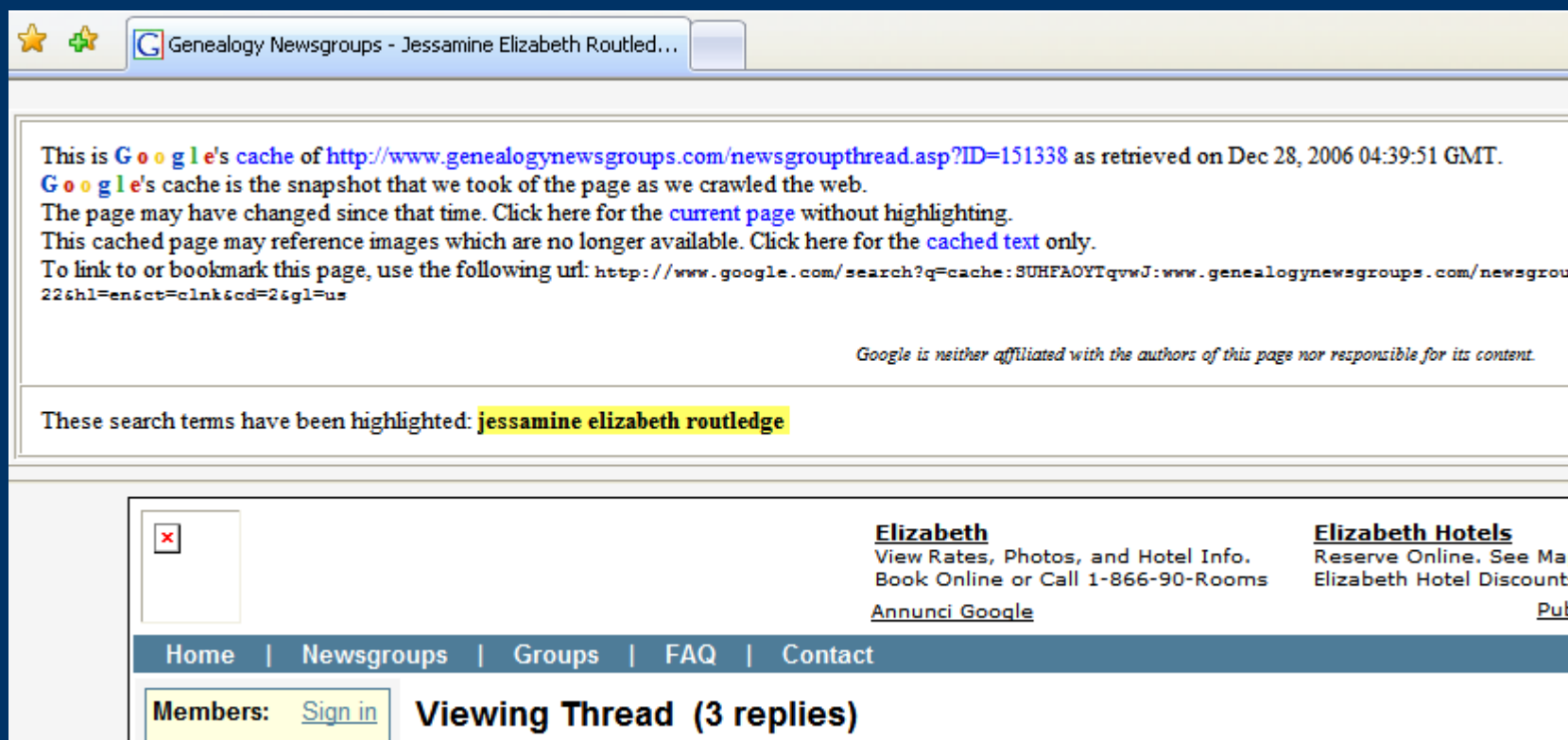
[Message: Re: Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin ...](#)
I am looking for information on **Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge** who > married ... In Reply To: **Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin Pomeroy** ...
[time.synchro.net/msgs/msg.sjs?msg_sub=altgenea&message=16234](#) - 9k - Supplemental Result [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Message: Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge MARRIED Francis Martin P...](#)
I am looking for information on **Jessamine Elizabeth Routledge** who married Francis M

If, in a Google search for an ancestor, the page responds with the famous PAGE CANNOT BE DISPLAYED, or the data is different than you intended, push the “Cached” hyperlink directly under the description before copying and pasting data into web.Archive.org.

Google Limitations

Google is limited in that you are unable to select which date to return back in time to. Google only keeps one cache accessible per site, so you have to take what they have. Often worth using as a first option though.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a single tab titled "Genealogy Newsgroups - Jessamine Elizabeth Routled...". The main content area displays a Google cache notice for the URL <http://www.genealogynewsgroups.com/newsgrouphthread.asp?ID=151338>, retrieved on Dec 28, 2006 at 04:39:51 GMT. The notice explains that the cache is a snapshot and may contain outdated images or links. Below the notice, search terms "jessamine elizabeth routledge" are highlighted in yellow. At the bottom of the page, there are advertisements for "Elizabeth" and "Elizabeth Hotels", a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Newsgroups", "Groups", "FAQ", and "Contact", and a "Members: Sign in" button. The main heading of the page is "Viewing Thread (3 replies)".

Wrap-up

- Use: *http://web.archive.org* to access web archives
 - Use Google “Cached” link under description.
 - If a website shows up as “Page Cannot be Displayed, Error 404”, don't give up, try, try, try, try, try again!
 - Visit my website at: *www.JosephIrvine.com* to download the complete presentation under “Genealogy”
 - Remember, **WEB (DOT) ARCHIVE (DOT) ORG!**
 - *Thanks! - Joseph Irvine - Jkeagle13@aol.com*
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