

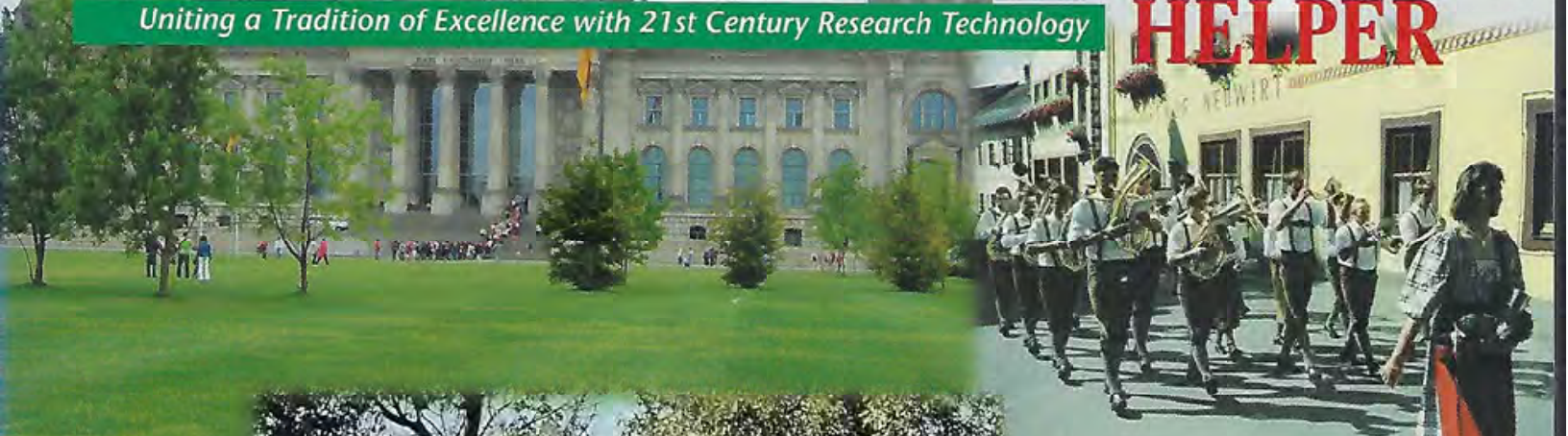
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From the Publisher

Dear Family History Researcher:

The enormous human suffering and loss of life associated with Katrina, an American tragedy in the truest sense, overshadows the immense loss of property and possessions. All of us at Everton extend our sincere condolences to those grieving, and our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to all who have had their lives so drastically changed.

Some of the items lost will be much harder to replace than others, and there are lessons to be learned by genealogists and all who study and record history. Archives and records stored in courthouses, libraries, museums and private homes along the Gulf Coast have surely been destroyed in staggering numbers. For anyone with an interest in preserving the past, it should be abundantly clear how necessary it is to not only conduct the research, but to preserve and memorialize the results — and in more than one location. Books, electronic files and CD's, the rich text of audio tapes and videos, photos — all can document invaluable accounts of the past. Be sure they are in duplicate and in multiple locations if at all possible, so that if disaster strikes, these invaluable records will be preserved.

On a less ominous note, we are proud to announce the most complete revision in years of the industry's icon of family history research. Everton's *Handybook for Genealogists, 11th Edition*, will be published in early December of this year. There will be many new features, extensive updates of all your favorite features from past editions, and for the first time the *Handybook 11th Edition* will be available on a word-searchable CD-Rom.

You can find additional information on the new edition of the *Handybook* on pages 1, 49, and 88 of this issue of the *Helper*. You definitely don't want to miss your earliest opportunity to get a copy of this treasured reference work. And they make wonderful holiday gifts for your friends and family who also do family research.

Finally, a warm and special "thank you" for making our first full year back as the *Helper* such a rewarding and enjoyable experience. The incredible number of letters, emails and phone calls of encouragement and gratitude has meant the world to us. The magazine will get bigger and better, the Library Online is now adding large chunks of the Everton Genealogical Library for you to research from the comfort of your computer, and the *Handybook* has been revised. Stay tuned. . .there's a lot more *great stuff* on the way.

Sincerely,

Walter Fuller
President and Publisher