

You can take it ALL with you! - *in your pocket*

It's the time of year for family reunions, picnics in the park and traveling to see family and friends in distant places.

Sounds really great and fun until I think about the endless preparations. Loading up the car with a mountain of junk we can't seem to live without.

Take the computer along? NO WAY! Are you crazy? I never move that big monster unless it sounds like it is going to die or blow up!

However, I would like to share some of the great photos I've taken. I also found and scanned some really old photos. I have a lot of questions about the people in the photos and I'd like to get some historical information.

All of my older relatives are starting to get really old and their memories are not as sharp and time is running out.

I doubt if many of them will be able to travel here since I live about 250 miles away from most of them. The only real option is to take all my stuff and travel to their homes and visit with them. I'm sure they have some photos and information I've never seen. They really need to see the photos to help with identification.



Family reunion photo from years past. The children are now parents.

Maybe I should make the sacrifice and load the old computer up one more time since this may be the last opportunity to see some of them.

That's a great idea until I start to think about the impossibility of hauling a 500 lb. monitor, the large tower computer, power strips, extension cords and speakers.

Just the vision of tangled cords gives me a migraine headache and hernia just thinking about lifting and moving all that stuff. That's work!

Worse yet, it would take up most of the back seat in the car. I'm also not too happy about bouncing my expensive monitor and computer over some dusty and bumpy roads we must travel.

Tomorrow is my wife's family reunion. Luckily the reunion is only about a 20 minute drive. It will be held in a park where electricity is available so I could take my computer.

This will be a great opportunity for my wife to talk with relatives to get information that is only available once a year if she is lucky.

A few of her relatives have computers and scanners and usually bring photos with them on CDs. It will be eas to import the photos into the Heritage Collector. Best of all, we will be able to identify the people in the photos and verify some information we need.

That brings us back to the dilemma of the computer problem and if it's worth making the sacrifice and added hassle to pack up the old PC (personal confuser and back breaker).



Nicoline Nielsen. Mother of Marinus Baadsgaard.



A priceless photo of "Uncle Frank." Notice the little puppies at his feet. This photo tells us much about Frank.

The next page offers a wonderful surprise and solution to hauling computers around.

The solution to the big problem is so small it will fit in the palm of your hand!

It's called an external hard drive. There are many on the market. My personal favorite is the little Western Digital Passport drive shown to the right. This little drive holds 160 gigs, is powered by the USB port so all I have to do is plug it into another computer.

Now I can easily take ALL my family history photos, sound files, video clips and text documents anywhere I want to travel even on the plane.

It boggles my mind. Instead of filling up the back seat of my car, all I need to take is this little drive. I don't even have to worry about it being stolen or damaged since I can put it in my shirt pocket for safe keeping and protection.

I hope I have just changed your mind about taking and sharing all your family history materials to the next family reunion or gathering. I have even more exciting news to tell you about.

LifeStory has just released a new software version that makes it possible to install Heritage Collector on any external hard drive.

You can now take ALL your family history collections with you on the drive and run the Heritage Collector software just like you were at home using your computer. Just plug the drive into the USB port of another computer and you are ready to use the program.

So what's the catch?

None that I can think of.

Expensive Software upgrade? No.

If you're running Heritage Collector just download the free upgrade on the support site.

If you are using ProMedia Manger all you need to do is order and download the inexpensive upgrade.



So Small and yet holds so much.



Even in its carrying case it still fits in a pocket.



Plug the drive into the USB port and you are ready.

The new 4.3 version of Heritage Collector Professional will allow you to do the following.

What You Can Do:

- * Import photos.
- * Edit and add new information.
- * Run slide shows and presentations.
- * Burn and share CD/DVDs.
- * Print.
- * More.

All functions are available when running Heritage Collector from an external drive.

Where You Can Share and Add Information:

- * Family Reunions.
- * Wedding Anniversaries.
- * Special Occasions.
- * Vacations.
- * Holidays.
- * Anywhere you have access to a computer.

When You Get Home:

- * Plug the drive into your computer.
- * Run Heritage Collector.
- * Select Tools / Sync.
- * New information and collections are compared and copied into Heritage Collector on your home computer.

Go to the website for more information:
<http://heritagecollector.com/Takelt/Take.htm>



Take your external hard drive to the next reunion or family gathering so you can show photos to your relatives and add or edit the new information and photos you receive at the reunion.

This external hard drive is one of the new Western Digital Passport drives. Prices vary greatly, so shop around before you purchase an external hard drive.

Heritage Collector will install and work on any external hard drive.

Note: An external hard drive is not required to use Heritage Collector software.



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