

# **DISASTER PLANNING**

## **DO SOMETHING - ANYTHING - NOW!**

### **Better Than Nothing...**

- Photocopy your genealogy and old photos and send the copy to a relative far away from here.
- Use your smartphone to take pictures of your genealogy pages, old photos and heirlooms. Write captions on scraps of paper and include them with each photo. For heirlooms, write what they are, who gave them to you, why you keep them, and who else might want them when you're gone. Send all the image files to your out-of-town cousin.

### **Prepare Before You Have To Evacuate!**

- List what to grab if you have [10 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour or more]
- Put things where you can find them quickly
  - Computer & Backup Hard Disks
  - Treasured heirlooms
  - Photo Albums & Home Movies
  - Genealogy files

### **Start Scanning Your Genealogy & Photographs Now (see back)**

### **Backup Strategy 3 - 2 - 1**

- 3 copies of your data
- 2 different devices at home
- 1 off-site

For example:

1. Your working data on your computer
2. A backup to a local external hard drive
3. A backup at an out-of-town relative's house or in the cloud

Other considerations:

- On-site versus off-site backups
- Incremental versus image backups
- Frequency of backups
- Types of backup media

## Recommended Scanners

Canon LIDE 220	\$80	PROs: Inexpensive, full 8.5x11 scans, 4800 dpi, lightweight and portable, no power cord	CONs: Average quality scans, you must bring a laptop along, cannot scan slides or negatives
FlipPal (or Doxie Flip)	\$150	PROs: Lightweight, small and portable, self-contained - scans without a computer (to memory card), runs on batteries, AC adapter available (at extra cost)	CONs: Expensive for average quality scans, maximum 4x6 scans - larger require multiple, overlapping scans, maximum 600 dpi, cannot scan slides or negatives
Epson Perfection V600 or V550	\$200	PROs: Higher quality scans (CCD sensor), full 8.5x11 scans, faster than portable scanners, higher DPI, can scan 3D objects, slides & negatives	CONs: Not very portable, requires a computer & power cord, more expensive
Fujitsu Scansnap ix500	\$430	PROs: Fastest scanning 8.5x11 sheets or snapshots with autofeeder	CONs: Average scan quality, requires a computer, limited DPI, cannot scan slides or negatives, books, bound magazines, heavy card stock or objects and a paper jam could damage precious old photos or original documents