

**Spyware** - Software that monitors the activities of a user, or gathers information about a user) without the user's knowledge.

**TC** [USGenWeb] - Town Coordinator or host of a specific town site affiliated with the USGenWeb Project.

**TOC** - Table of Contents. A listing of the topics covered within a site, with links to each topic.

**Trojan** – Programs (often malicious) that install themselves or run surreptitiously on a victim's computer.

**TS** – [USGenWeb] Tombstone. Usually referring to the USGenWeb Tombstone Project.

**Upload** – To transfer a file or files from the users' computer to a server or host computer.

**URL** – Uniform Resource Locator. An address that specifies the exact location of a file on the Internet.

**USGW** - USGenWeb Project

**Virus** - A self-replicating program that spreads by inserting copies of itself into other executable code or documents.

**Worm** - A malicious self-replicating computer program, similar to a computer virus. (See Virus)

**Zip** - A method of compressing large files for ease in transferring and storage, which can be expanded back to normal

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# Acronyms and Techie Terms For Online Genealogists

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**Adware** - Software which displays advertising banners or pop-ups while the user is using the application.

**Anti-Virus** - Software designed to alert the user of incoming virus or worms.

**Bitmap** - A graphics image consisting of rows and columns of dots.

**Blog** - Short for weblog, an online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption.

**CC** - [USGenWeb] County Coordinator. Host of a county web page affiliated with the USGenWeb Project

**Cookie** - A set of information retained on the user's computer, sent by a browser to a web server.

**DNS** - Domain Name Server. A database of Internet names and addresses which translates the names to the official Internet Protocol numbers, and vice versa.

**DPI** - Dots Per Image. Indicates the resolution of images. [See Pixel]

**E-Mail** - Text messages sent through a network to a specified individual or group.

**Embedded** - Graphics or images contained in a file and not requiring external resources to read or activate.

**FAQ** - Frequently Asked Questions

**Firewall** - a combination of software and hardware that limits access to a www site.

**Flame** - An argumentative and/or unpleasant newsgroup or mail list posting, or E-mail message.

**FM** - [USGenWeb] File Manager with the USGenWeb Archives Project

**Frame** - A digital border encasing or separating files, graphics, or information that is displayed in a browser.

**FTP** - File Transfer Protocol. A means for transferring files from one computer to another.

**Headers** - Block of information lines which appear at the top of a mail or news message, and which provides identifying information.

**Hotlink** (Hyperlink, Link) – A graphic, word or phrase in a Web page that acts as a pointer to a location in that page (target) or to a different Web page.

**IP** – Internet Protocol. An IP address is assigned to computers, providing a numeric address available for viewing via the Internet.

**IRC** – Internet Relay Chat. A world-wide network of people “talking” via text messages to each other in real time.

**OCR** – Optical Character Recognition (software). The recognition of scanned printed or written text characters by a computer.

**Pixel** - Picture element. The smallest unit (point) of an image displayed on screen. See DPI

**SC** - [USGenWeb] State Coordinator for a state web page affiliated with the USGenWeb Project.

**Spam** - Unsolicited and frequently unwanted bulk or junk Email.