INTERNET ARCHIVE
WayBackMachine

I have been successful in preserving abandoned web pages using The WayBack Machine. These pages preserve a lot of Other People's efforts and should not be considered my work. BUT I do not make any representations about the accuracy of the information contained, NOR do I plan to update any information they contain. I make these pages available without any warranty.

Note that in my preservation copies, I have split several pages into two pages where multiple subjects were covered.

Note that I am not associated with The WayBack Machine and make use of their service without warranty.

My PROCESS:

1. I open The Way Back Machine in a browser tab.
2. I post the old link in the box.
3.a If the result has a timeline,
3.a.1 I go to the last tic-mark in the timeline and tap on that tic-mark.
3.a.2 I go to the last bubble on the calendar and tap on that bubble.
3.a.3.a If this fails, I go back and select an earlier tic-mark and/or bubble.
3.a.3.b If this gives the ISP's "Can't find that webpage" message, select an earlier tic-mark and/or bubble. You can use the timeline at the top of the page to choose an earlier tic-mark. Or, you can use the browser's back button to choose another bubble from the calendar.
3.a.3.c If this succeeds,
3.a.3.c.1 I open a Microsoft Word page for saving the preserved page.
3.a.3.c.2 I prefer to post the WayBack page address at the top of the recovered page. And enter 2 lines
3.a.3.c.3 I select everything from the WayBack page and post it into the recovered page. This preserves underlying links.
3.a.3.c.4 I can edit the page as necessary. I usually add my name and the recovery date to the end of the file.
3.a.3.c.5 I close the recovered page and reopen it using OpenOffice.org Writer
3.a.3.c.6 I can re-edit the page as necessary, and save the final in Microsoft Word format.
3.a.3.c.7 I then "export directly as PDF" using OpenOffice.org Writer. This creates a PDF with the underlying links preserved. Printing to a PDF creating print driver does NOT preserve the underlying links.
3.a.3.c.8 I then close the preserved Word Doc page.
3.a.3.c.9 I then add the recovery date to the DOC and PDF filenames.

Test Links

My old webpage http://www.fredsgeneology.com/   the 1 tic-mark and/or bubble. fails

http://members.aol.com/forcountry/   gives a timeline and calendar,
            currently all the tic-marks and bubbles appear to work.

http://members.aol.com/forcountry/cha3.htm   gives a timeline,
            but all tic-marks and bubbles give the ISP's "Can't find that webpage" message

http://members.aol.com/veterans/   gives a timeline and calendar,

- **The most recent tic-mark and bubble** gives a Wayback Machine "Latest"/"Show All" Choice which currently fails.

- **Some earlier tic-marks and bubbles** give a Wayback Machine "Got an HTTP 302 response at crawl time" then proceeds to the Wayback Machine "Latest"/"Show All" Choice which currently fails.

- **All tic-marks and bubbles prior to 20080915** appear to work.