

About This Website



This website is the project of Ron Charest, living in northern Virginia. Ron started this site using the “charest.net” domain in early 2004 as his outlet to post writings, photographs, and family history.

This site is the third iteration of “Charest Family on the Web.” Ron cobbled together the first iteration with a variety of open-source and custom-written software, and it lasted less than two years. Ron built the second (earlier) website on a software package called “PHP-Nuke” with a lot of customization and third-party add-on software that supported blogging, extended-length stories and photographs, and included a genealogy section. Limitations with that software included a lack of security which meant that it got hacked about every six months, and it could not support comments threads or open user registration due to constant spamming.

Ron built this existing website on a popular software package called “[WordPress](#),” enhanced with many third-party plug-in software modules and a whole new look. This software seems to offer all the security that the previous website lacked, along with providing a more useable format and better administration tools. With better security comes options for user registration and comments on blog and articles postings.

Ron has also expanded his cyber footprint with a companion website for collecting and publishing family genealogy. He built the genealogy site on a proprietary software package

called "[The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding \(TNG\)](#)," which is one of the most robust genealogy website packages available. It does not integrate well with WordPress however, so he elected to run it separately. You can find the genealogy site [here](#).

As with all good websites, this one is very much a work in progress. Ron is continuing to work this piece of cyberspace, learning about the many features and options of WordPress as he goes along. He is also looking for other people to share their writing, photos, and family history. So feel free to [create a user account](#) and post comments or share your writing!

Regards,

Ron Charest

Webmaster

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