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Well, I'm going to make this very brief because I think there is a lot here in regards to doing computer genealogy that you probably want to ask questions on. They are pale in price in comparison to what Gene [Joseph] was talking about in regard to thousands and thousands of dollars. Most of them would average \$75 to \$100, Canadian. Right now the market is being quite flooded with a lot of programs. A lot of programs you can scan pictures in, put pretty title pages, do all kinds of wonderful graphics, and so on and so forth -- even put out publications. A lot of them do not cover what is really necessary, though, in doing genealogy -- references, sorting, batching -- containing a lot of the necessary data that First Nations people need. These programs are not designed with that in mind. So I think what I would like to do, instead of getting into a lengthy talk about these programs is, if anybody wants to ask questions, they can when the floor is open for questions.

The other thing I have is brochures and handouts at the front, at the Union's [Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs] table, in regard to these programs. On those are web sites as well, because you can go into the Internet now and download samples of these programs, or at least preview them before ordering. I think that would be more useful and beneficial to you, in regards to managing some of your genealogical data. I am not a computer genealogist. I mostly do the old hard copy and manual paper trail, and for me that works fine. On a large scale, it may not work for you. I have got certain charts that I have rearranged. I don't know if you ever did genealogy, if you're familiar with pedigree and kin charts and so on and so forth; the European, mostly the Mormon church forms. I have redesigned some of those that will suit our needs, where we can do an anthro chart and put numbers for abbreviations as a relationship to people in the family, and those will coincide with the pedigree and the kin charts that I have, as well. So that type of thing is probably more what I am used to. As far as the computer-related material, I have to cite off of sheets and megabytes, and RAM and all of that, and computer programs is not my forte. If anybody wants to ask questions about that, I can give you some related information. So I would like to, like I said, cut this very short and have a question and answer, something that I am more used to, and I think that would be most beneficial to the people.