

Computers H. Tracy Hall, May 1 1997

My first computer, the Apple IIe was purchased so many years ago that I can't recall the date that it was purchased. However, I do remember that it cost \$3,000.00. Also, my only software was a "Quark" product that was capable of doing word processing, and my first printer was a nine pin Dot Matrix device.

Shortly, thereafter the Macintosh came along and the IIe went to the garbage can. The first Mac Floppy Disks were single sided and only had a capacity of 120 megabites.

In 1986, I became cognizant of the fact that music software was on the market. I have been an amateur musician since the age of sixteen or so. I organized a dance band which was named the "HiHatters" and played jazz piano in that band for several years while I was in school at Weber Junior College (about 1937-1941).

My first computer music Keyboard was a Yamaha DX-7 which cost \$3,000.00. The only music software that I could find at that time was a product called "Mark of the Unicorn". This software cost \$1,000.00

After awhile, the Floppy Disks became double sided and together with other advances became capable of containing 1.4 megabites. At the same time "Hard Disk Drives" became available. I remember having a 20 meg drive, then a 40, and so on as the various equipments became obsoleted a couple of times every year. At first the "Monitors" were black and white and soon became color. Additionally, the black and white printers become color printers, and so it goes to this day.

Well there is no point in continuing this discussion of advancements that have taken place in the computer industry. Suffice it to say that I was hooked early on and estimate that I have spent about \$25,000.00 on computer systems and software.

Ida-Rose and I both have our individual computers and other electronic equipment.

My equipment consists of a Power Macintosh 7600/132, An Apple 15 inch color monitor, hooked up to a NEC Silentwriter 2-90 Postscript printer. My computer is also connected to a Roland XP-10 Multitimbral synthesizer, and to round out the gadgets, a UMAX--6E scanner with the latest OmniPage Pro scanner software. Additionally, I have a 520 meg external hard drive and an Iomega Zip drive.

For word processing we have Microsoft Word version 6.01, Word Perfect 3.5, and Pagemaker 6.0.

We also have a Brother Lazer Printer on a separate party line (801) 377-3389

Our regular household telephone line has been (801) 374-0300 for many years.

Ida-Rose's computer is an Apple Power Macintosh 7200/75 with 25K of RAM. Her computer is connected to a Hewlett Packard color printer "Deskwriter 560C". She also has an Iomega Zip drive

She is also connected to the internet. We use it primarily to keep up with our stock market portfolios.

We also have a Cannon PC-25 black and white copier.

Another item that I failed to mention is that the Roland keyboard is connected to a professional Pevey three channel amplifier.

Ida-Rose also has an IBM type computer in her own genealogy room that in former times was a small upstairs bedroom adjacent to the entrance hallway. Since DOS is the standard for genealogical research on line, our son David has set her up with a complete DOS system.

In addition to these computers, I have purchased a Performa computer for my own personal use at Brigham Young University.

Also, we have a Power PC at our Payson farm. So wherever we go we are in a position to write our personal histories write letters etc.