

LET'S DISCUSS IT – FEBRUARY 25, 2012

Google Reader

A listing of genealogy blogs: <http://www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-blogs/>

What's RSS - Really Simple Syndication - a way for websites to distribute new content. This way you're notified when a website or blog has new content instead of having to visit each site every day.

Create Google account (feeds can go to non-Google email too)

Subscribe to a feed (type address or click on RSS logo)

List view or expanded view

Organize feeds, new folder

Manage subscriptions

Share feeds/tag feeds

Google Reader "how to" videos on youtube.com



Google Alerts

What is a GOOGLE ALERT?

<https://support.google.com/alerts/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=175925&topic=28415&ctx=topic>

FAQ for alerts: <http://support.google.com/alerts/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=71057#q16>

Can have results sent to email or to Google reader or any RSS feed reader.

Can choose how often you receive alerts.

Can choose "volume" of alerts ("best" results, or "all" results)

Can choose source (everything, web search, blog search, Google news)

Go to "manager alerts" to modify or delete alerts.

Can create up to 1000 alerts (but only 10 "unverified" alerts)



Windows 7 Tools

Snipping Tool (Start, type "snipp....")

Sticky Note (Start, type "stick....")

Magnifier (Start, type "magn....")

Record (Start, type "reco...", choose sound recorder)



Legacy Webinars: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>

This month I watched:

Ten Brick Wall Tips for Beginners. Marian Pierre-Louis was February 15th. Available free until Monday

February 27th. Some of the points she shared:

Read over everything

Create a timeline (look for gaps)

Create a map (locations)

Create a record "quick list" - records found and NOT found

Create surname map - his/hers in middle, surrounded by children's married names

Verbally discuss research

Blog your brick wall

Know your geography

Find maps that were relevant during lifetime of ancestor

Know surname spelling variations

Ethnic naming patterns

Don't just search by name - search by dates and time frames

Visit the locale

Look in places where you don't expect the record to exist

Brick walls Intermediate webinar will be in October.

I'm signed up for Rasmussen's REVERSE GENEALOGY - FINDING THE LIVING on April 25th.

Idea: I emailed a friend and asked if she'd be interested in swapping brick walls. We're going to exchange info next week. I'll feel REALLY bad if she solves my problem and I don't solve hers. I think she's giving me a SMITH!

Maps in TN research: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Tennessee_Maps

Pennsylvania vital records now on ancestry.com (\$):

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/01/ancestrycom-partners-with-historical-society-of-pennsylvania-to-place-birth-marriage-and-death-recor.html

Pennsylvania death index now online: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_records/20686

facebook research communities: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Join_a_Facebook_Research_Community

Another of those timeline sites - this one covering Jerusalem: <http://www.archpark.org.il/>

Five YOU TUBE videos on using GOOGLE for genealogical research: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUsaxTM7yrw>

The National Library of Israel: <http://web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/Pages/default.aspx>

A tour you might find interesting. <http://www.heritagetoursmemphis.com/burkle.html>

Fort Worth TX and Tarrant County placing documents online: <http://cdm16084.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>

Who Do You Think You Are episode with Martin Sheen: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/martin-sheen/1383116/>

South Dakota archives going digital: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20120210/NEWS/302100016/State-archives-going-digital>

Jim Bobo sent this link to civil war narratives in downloadable books:

http://www.digitalbookindex.org/_search/search010hstuscivilwarnarrativesa.asp

Ranking searches on ancestry.com: <http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/2012/02/what-does-it-take-to-get-good-result.html>

360 degree views of famous places: <http://www.airpano.com/>

Tina Sansone sent this link on finding enumeration districts in the 1940 census:

http://www.1940census.net/finding_1940_census_enumeration_districts.php

She also wanted you to know that we are signed up as a group, TN Genealogical Society for FamilySearch Indexing for those who are interested.

Where you will find the 1940 census in April: <http://1940census.archives.gov/>

Helen has a question on resizing JPG files. She's been scanning and is having a problem with sending uniform pictures. [Picasa can crop and make the images any size for printing]

PZ Sends this: Webinars offered by the Illinois State Historical Society: <http://www.ilgensoc.org/>

Now to Family Tree Maker questions with P.Z.

