

March 30, 2013 Let's Discuss It – Next meeting April 27, 2013

(notice: the May 25th LDI may be cancelled if there's rain on the previous weekend – Germantown Historical activity)

What I remembered this week: Couldn't find a name in ancestry.com on the census (even using wildcards). I went to familysearch.org and it used more of a soundex approach and found the person (Hudgens was listed as Higgins). Use multiple methods and sites to find what you need. Because you didn't find it on one doesn't mean it doesn't exist. The familysearch site sent me to the scanned image on ancestry. I found a marriage record on ancestry and the scanned image on familysearch.

Apps I downloaded and tried this month:

Wolfcoders screen snag (listed later);
Feedly (listed later) (google reader replacement);
Calme (printed calendar).
Desktop timer (listed later);
NetVibes (listed later) (an iGoogle replacement).

Read that not only is iGoogle going away, but Google Reader is going away this year. Darn.

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2013/03/google-announces-closure-of-google.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+freetech4teachers%2FcGEY+%28Free+Technology+for+Teachers%29#.UUwGSo

Alternatives to Google Reader:

<http://gizmodo.com/5990540/8-google-reader-alternatives-that-will-ease-your-rss-pain>

Looking for a link from one of our previous handouts?

Remember there is an index (I update it ALMOST yearly(!)) on <http://www.tngs.org> under the Let's Discuss It category.

These two links were presented at the last meeting but were not put on the handout:

PZ sent this link – users voted for best genealogy sites: http://genealogy.about.com/od/best_of/tp/readers-choice-2013.htm

Civil War presentation:

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2013/feb/20/making-sense-of-the-civil-war/>

3D family tree (\$):

<http://progenygenealogy.com/products/3d-family-tree/3d-family-tree-samples.aspx>

Save a web page for reading later (and so it doesn't disappear before you read it:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/9-tools-to-save-what-you-read-on-the-web-for-later/>

How to participate in Google+ Hangouts and Hangouts on Air: <http://networkedblogs.com/IPFDH>

Sixty years of Door County Wisconsin newspapers:

<http://www.doorcountynewspapers.org/>

What questions were asked in each census:

<http://www.censusfinder.com/census-questions.htm>

Teach yourself Microsoft Office products:

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/office>

Need a good old-fashioned paper form for anything?:

<http://www.freeprintable.net/>

PZ sent this link on a site that seems to be a follow on to the, now disbanded, "acts of genealogical kindness" site: <http://www.gengathering.com/>

Familysearch Family Tree released to the general public:

http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/2013/03/familysearch-family-tree-released-to.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AncestryInsider+%28The+Ancestry+Insider%29

Land record source citation (how to):

<http://www.geneamusings.com/2013/03/creating-land-record-source-citation-in.html>

Several new slave databases:

http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/2013/03/some-neat-new-slave-databases-few.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+UpfrontWithNgs+%28UpFront+with+NGS%29

Digitized newspapers:
<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

How fast was travel in the 1800's:
<http://www.mnn.com/green-tech/transportation/stories/how-fast-could-you-travel-across-the-us-in-the-1800s>

This happens to be a Wisconsin link, but it's a reminder to check Cyndi's list more often. This group has photographed ALL cemeteries in this county. Many places are doing the same thing, and if you don't look often, you'll miss some great resources.
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wishawa4/Cemeteries/cemetery_index.htm

A couple of links sent to us by Carrie Cadwell, an Albany New York researcher who discovered our handouts on the TNGS Let's Discuss It pages:
http://library.nysha.org/entry_list.asp

<http://www.areavibes.com/library/new-york-historical-resources/>

Screensnag – an easy screen/window/part of screen – capture tool:
<http://www.wolfcoders.com/screensnag/>

A good article on using Evernote:
<http://lifehacker.com/5989980/ive-been-using-evernote-all-wrong-heres-why-its-actually-amazing>

Don't forget Google Books: <http://books.google.com/>

Looking for a DNA project on your surname?
<http://www.cyndislist.com/surnames/dna/>

BYU family history and genealogy sources:
<http://lib.byu.edu/sites/familyhistory/>

Google Keep, an Evernote clone for Android devices:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/03/google-launches-keep-to-rival-evernote.html

Google Keep – another link for Google Keep
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.keep>

Evernote vs Google Keep:
http://mashable.com/2013/03/25/evernote-vs-google-keep/?utm_medium=feed&utm_source=feedburner&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Mashable+%28Mashable%29

A really good compendium of Evernote features:
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/why-you-should-be-using-evernote-as-your-go-to-place-for-remembering-everything/>

Free desktop timer: <http://www.drive-software.com/freedesktoptimer.html>

Find flights quickly:
<https://www.google.com/flights/>

Netvibes – iGoogle replacement?
<http://www.netvibes.com>

Minneapolis City Directories:
<http://box2.nmtvault.com/Hennepin2/>

Cyndislist is starting a Pinterest page:
<http://pinterest.com/cyndislist/>

Geneabloggers on Pinterest:
<http://pinterest.com/geneabloggers/>

See <http://www.tngs.org> for the Spring Lecture series schedule of speakers.

I'm now hearing that Google Alerts is not working properly and the thought is that it's also in line to be dropped. I'll look at replacements in the near future.