

Genealogy Via Apple

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Genealogy via the Apple

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Member of NMUG 4 years

Genealogy for 30 years

Hobbyist - not Expert

Over the years - Hot and Cold

Solve mysteries

“Go to the back of nearby cemetery
And find out about your ancestors!”

Why do I act like I act?

Family History may help answer.

Presentation Outline

Genealogy defined

Research methods

Past and present

Resources

Church records

Civil Registration

Newspapers

Immigration Records

Libraries

Local

Family History Library (LDS)

World Wide Web

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Outline cont.

Mac Apps

MacFamilyTree 9

Reunion - aging

DNA - new research tool

ancestry.com / 23andme.com

MyHeritage.com

Google Search Strategies for Genealogy

GSCC - **John Strassburg** - noon

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Genealogy

Study of Family Ancestors

Documentation of Birth / Marriage / Death dates

Parents / Grandparents / Great Grandparents...

As far back as possible

Family History - in depth study of lineage

Stories - of individuals

Education / occupation / medical / military / residence

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Research Methods

Before WWW - original documents

Microfilm - newspapers, church books, maps, civic records, **Census**

Libraries - Local and Family History Library (LDS)

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April 1, 2020 CENSUS DAY

Born after April **1940** -

1950 Census will be 1st time you see your family listed (2022) 72 years delayed

Research (cont.)

Past 30 years - **WWW explosion**

Many Civil records on line - additions daily worldwide

FamilyTreeMagazine.com - Tab - Websites

ancestry.com MyHeritage.com familysearch.com

Google Books - local family "bibles" searchable

Computer and Applications

Record & Store data / document sources / print reports / share

Mac APPs - MacFamilyTree 9 / Reunion (aging)

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Example of Military
Record
National Archive

National Archives Resources
William P Hull (my father-in-law)

John Strassburg

Genealogical Society of Collier County

Genealogy Room of Our Library

MacFamilyTree

Modern Genealogy

Designed for Mac

Easy User Interface

Powerful capabilities - show charts, reports views and lists

CloudTree Sync & Share (collaboration on-line)

Also Works with iPhone & iPadOS

Research & Publish - FamilySearch - billions of entries

Family Books

GEDCOM format - import & export (partial)

Wide Range of Charts / Views / Reports / Lists

Highest Level of Data Privacy

Demo MacFamilyTree 9

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Video Tutorials;

1. New Family Tree - First Steps
2. UI Navigation
3. Research with FamilySearch
4. Share your Family Tree with others

Demos

First Steps - in the MacFamilyTree

UI Navigation

Research with Family Search (powerful)

Share Your Family Tree with Others

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Refer to the MY Descendant's **Chart**
40% knew - 60% discovered
Hanging on Wall - point

Family Book

too many generations, features
5,400 PAGES

DNA and Brick Walls

Find New Avenues for Research

Confirm a Relationship

Do Collaborative Research

Get DNA expert Help

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DNA may suggest CLUES that lead to new relatives

-be prepared to “deal” with results!!

Burned or missing records - DNA helps with hypothesizing

Collaborate - contact key matches
-discuss privacy

DNA Results

You May Be Surprised - Disruptive!

Wall Street Journal video

ancestry.com

23andme.com - helping connect to lost family

Included Health

You CAN keep results private

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I want to know (before someone else does)

Google Search Strategies

Basics

Every Word matters

Search ORDER matters

Search is **NEVER** case sensitive

Punctuation is generally **IGNORED**

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Order - try “family tree” then “tree family” bigrams

Search Strategies

Imagine It and You Will Find It

Use Descriptive Words

Pull It All Together - Simple, Imagined and Descriptive Searches

Use Multiple Searches

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Imagine it - what is the birthday of George Washington Carver

genealogist - George washington carver born died (birth death)

Descriptive - “what does the number next to the occupation code mean in the census?”

better - “column 26d 1930 census meaning”

Pull - few words

focused words
simplicity

Harold Carter birth springfield
too many results -

Try
Harold Carter birth springfield ohio

Search Operators

Operator: OR

Cemeteries Manhattan or Brooklyn

Operator: Minus Sign (-)

Harold Carter birth Springfield ohio

Revised: harold carter birth springfield -missouri

Don't want Abraham

Lincoln -abraham missouri

Operators cont

Operator: Quotation Marks (“”)

“U.S. Federal Census” exact phrase no variations

“Jehu Burkhart” returns exact

Also consider “Burkhart, Jehu”

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Advanced Operators

Operator: Asterisk (*)

“city * directory”

Returns

city phone directory

City telephone directory

City and County directory

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Lars * Larson

Returns

Lars Larson

Larson Johan Larson

Lars J. Larson

Add the word

Genealogy - to focus the results

Numrange

George Crandall 1850..1860

Use 2 periods

Helpful, if you are unsure of year

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GenealogyInTime.com

More Google Search Tips

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Thank You For Coming
(or Watching)