

Chat Log 13 Mar 2019

Reclaim The Records: Using Freedom of Information Laws for Genealogy by Brooke Ganz

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 7:58 PM: The handout is free for everyone tonight. You can download it here: https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=956

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:05 PM: ArchiveTeam - <https://archiveteam.org/>

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:05 PM: Reclaim the Records - <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:06 PM: Reclaim the Records Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ReclaimTheRecords/>

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:07 PM: Reclaim the Records Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ReclaimTheRecs>

Audience Question:

Q: Reclaim the Records is terrific. I've used it since it first started and I've located many records through it.

A: Wonderful

Audience Question:

Q: Reclaim the Records helped me find the date of marriage of my grandfather to his second wife.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: Hi - as the handout is free for everyone tonight, would it be ok if I shared it with my genealogy club? I understand if it isn't. I just don't want to assume it's ok.

A: Yes, share away. I'm sure Reclaim the Records would like to spread the word as much as possible.

Audience Question:

Q: We love this webinar already!!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I met Brooke at Roots Tech and enthusiastically support her and Reclaim the Records efforts.

A: Nice!

Audience Question:

Q: Good to know movement will be made as to accessing NY records; The Berkshires borders NYS; and, yes, those records are most difficult to access--even in person! T.

A: Yes, it's great to gain access.

Audience Question:

Q: New Jersey does not have many records online. I need death certificates and the only way is to sent to the state for the record.

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: I wish they would do Chicago!!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Love the Law and Order screen.

A: I did too :)

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:16 PM: FOIA = Freedom of Information Act

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Audience Question:

Q: Hello from S.C. I cannot see how to print the handout.

A: RIGHT-click on the handout and then choose print from the menu that appears.

Audience Question:

Q: Url for handout? I'm using webex app

A: I think you will have to access through a browser app rather than the webex app.

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Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:20 PM: https://ballotpedia.org/State_sunshine_laws

Audience Question:

Q: She is VERY passionate! :-)

A: Indeed! :)

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:30 PM: MuckRock.com - file FOIA

Audience Question:

Q: Wow! This is great!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: So happy to have her after NYS!

A: Me too :)

Audience Question:

Q: Great information.

A: yes!

Audience Question:

Q: Enjoy all the information.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I am not sure how similar the laws are in Australia, but I 'have' asked for records under FOI before, and been successful.

A: Good for you!

Audience Question:

Q: Italian Genealogical Group - <https://italiengen.org/>

A: thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Washington State Digital Archives is putting up lots of items and is great. Marriages are by the county

laws. So some counties allows the certificates to be online to be downloaded. Other counties you need to pay \$5.00 for a copy of the certificate. They have lots of other categories. Great research for Washington State research. From a "died in the wool" Washingtonian.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I've NEVER heard ANYONE talk so FAST!!!!

A: lol. She's a New Yorker!

Audience Question:

Q: Brooke is killin' it. Love her.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: The speed at which she talks gives me an idea of what a New York minute is. :)

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: What a great story!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Dick Eastman had mentioned Reclaim the Records in his newsletter but I had no idea how much this covered.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Thank you for the information as to Washington State research. Some of my maternal line left The Berkshires and ended up on Washington State. I did find a few; but, I know there are more. [I always wonder if the folks alive today even have an inkling as to their Berkshires origins!] t.

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: Brooke you are amazing and resilient

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: LOVE this!!!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: And you can understand what she is saying. Great to listen too.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Great Information! Who knew!

A: amazing success

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:48 PM: <https://archive.org>

Audience Question:

Q: Sounds like a great partnership between ReclaimTheRec and FamilySearch

A: Yes indeed

Audience Question:

Q: I want to thank Mrs. Ganz for doing FOIL in NY state. It making my searching easier.

A: Mine too!

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:49 PM: <http://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex>

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https://archive.org/details/NYC_Marriage_Index_Manhattan_1930

Audience Question:

Q: archive.org does accept donations.

A: thnx

Audience Question:

Q: I am so proud of you, Brooke!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I have ancestors from Dutch-era Gravesend!!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Love that so many are learning about Brooke's (and others) efforts!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!! :)

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Great what she did. Now I know to check FamilySearch to see what is there before contacting New York.

A: good idea

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 8:59 PM: OPRA - Open Public Records Act

Audience Question:

Q: I never even knew some of these records were available

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Me either! How do we know what is out there or not?

A: Great idea for another webinar!

Audience Question:

Q: You can donate to Reclaim the Records through the Amazon Smile program

A: Thanks for mentioning that!

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 9:01 PM: <http://www.NYCMarriageIndex.com>

Audience Question:

Q: Might be good idea to check her website for further information and ideas.

A: Great idea!

Audience Question:

Q: I think we should have Brooke come back in a few months to give us an update.

A: I would love to hear lots more from Brooke on Legacy

Audience Question:

Q: Sorry about Missouri, because they seem so open to other info. (I have to live here.)

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: I love it!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Wow, as an attorney following this, it looks like attorney's fees are about to be awarded coupled with punitive damages!

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: Great Webinar!

A: :)

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 9:12 PM: Reclaim the records -

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

Audience Question:

Q: Brooke packed so much in this webinar.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: what is USCIS

A: <https://www.uscis.gov/>

Audience Question:

Q: Maryland is on the list-yeah!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Pajama genealogy is the best genealogy.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Well worth our donation money.

A: :)

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 9:27 PM: 10% off discount, valid at both www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com and www.LegacyFamilyTree.com through Monday, March 18: reclaim

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