

**Chat log 28 Aug 2018**  
**How Photos Enhance Genealogical Research by Daniel Horowitz**

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:05 PM: Love that graphic of cameras through the ages!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I have some of those cameras!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Imagine if we, today, could travel back in time with our digital cameras...imagine the looks on the faces of the photographers in those days!

**A:** That would be great

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I remember some of them that my grandparents and great grandparents owned.

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** My mama had a box camera in the late 1920's and 1930's - looked just like the 1900 version.

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Where can we get that poster of camera history?

**A:** Not sure exactly where to buy it but here's a start:

<https://laughingsquid.com/a-short-history-of-photographic-camera-the-evolution-of-the-camera-distilled-into-a-single-infographic/>

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** My grandma had a Brownie camera...I think it was called that. It was the kind you held in front of your tummy and looked down into a screen. The negatives were about 2x2...which I understand, because of the size, was great for printing.

**A:** cool

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** When I find yearbooks on Ancestry, sometimes I need to look at the page before or after the image that comes up, because the names are often on the page next to the actual photo.

**A:** Always to check like that for sure

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Newspapers may have their original photos in their archives. In Cleveland, both the Plain Dealer and Cleveland Press have given their photos to a library to make accessible.

**A:** ...

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I have many photos and negatives from my mother's box camera. Looking for a place to get some of the negatives developed . . .

**A:** If you listen to Extreme Genes they often provide this kind of photo advice.

<https://extremegenes.com/> Also try Maureen Taylor the Photo Detective

<https://www.facebook.com/MaureenPhotoDetective/>

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Wow! I do have people in Cleveland and the surrounding area. I'll have to check if any of the articles have photos! Great info, Thank you!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I always wonder about newspaper archives of photos used over the years in their papers....do they actually keep them

**A:** Most of them do.

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Great place to find yearbooks...I've found several...MyHeritage. Go to research tab>type yearbooks...hope I remembered the steps correctly. I think you can go to Ancestry, too>select search tab>card catalog>type yearbook

**A:** See this free webinar on Yearbooks [https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=787](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=787)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W.\\_%26\\_D.\\_Downey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W._%26_D._Downey)

**A:** Thanks!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Oh the studios....you may be able to track the studio in old city directories....which will help determine years in service

**A:** good tip

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I have images of ancestors I don't recognize....where is the best place to post them so someone else will identify them?

**A:** Dead Fred <http://deadfred.com/>

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** For Cleveland Plain Dealer ask at Cleveland Public Library; for the Press, Cleveland State University Archives.

**A:** thanks

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I found many old photographs of my wifes early relatives on FamilySearch

**A:** good suggestion

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Not sure where some of them were taken either.

**A:** Yeah, that can make it so hard

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Sometimes I like to look at the background, clothing, etc. of a pic that has not been labeled with names....maybe you can recognize a house belonging to a member in the family. That might narrow

down names a bit.

A: good ideas

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:22 PM: Don't know if you've heard it but Michael Strauss has an amazing photo story / case study in this webinar  
[https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=855](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=855)

Audience Question:

Q: Was that "ancesterville.com" that Daniel spoke about?

A: <https://ancesterville.com/>

Audience Question:

Q: Breaks my heart too!!

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: Yes. I agree. I have rescued pics from 2nd hand shops from our local area!

A: nice

Audience Question:

Q: I found via google search almost 20 photos of my mother from the 1950s and 60s on a Polish website similar to ebay!! I almost died!!

A: Wow!

Audience Question:

Q: I could never charge anyone to get their family pic. I would just send it to them as i know how meaningful they are. I just can't see myself making for a "find".

A: That's very nice of you

Audience Question:

Q: I buy old photos in antique stores that have surnames written on them and try to track down the descendants. I can't pay much for them, but I send them out and just ask that they 'pay it forward'.

A: great idea

Audience Question:

Q: Have never seen the date done that way. Nice to know how it translates.

A: My first time seeing it like that too

Audience Question:

Q: That was a weird way of writing the date....but we learned something!

A: Not weird...just Ukrainian

Audience Question:

Q: I have a whole bunch of pictures that I got when my mom passed away and most do not have names on the back, so I am working hard to identify them all and write down who they are so future generations will know.

A: great project!

Audience Question:

Q: I missed how he translated the date on the back of that photo. What did he say it meant, please?

A: that can help

Audience Question:

Q: I think he said Day/month (in Roman numerals), and year.

A: Yes I think so

Audience Question:

Q: About the grocery store...maybe a city directory will help...I bet the 722 is the street number

A: good idea

Audience Question:

Q: There's a website called "Whatwasthere.com" - if you have an idea of where the photo is, you can go to that town and see photos - OR - overlay your own and it'll show you what was there years ago and what it looks like today

A: Nice!

Audience Question:

Q: I look at the whatwasthere.com site, too. I love it! Even just for fun.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: If I have the full address, I use Zillow.com to see if they have a date (year) the building was built (they often do). This has been so helpful when using Google to find a photo of the building at that address and seeing if it was there during my relative's time.

A: good idea

Audience Question:

Q: There was a web many moons ago about using a digital camera to copy records. It was by Mary Hill. Very good web.

A: I think you're referring to this one: [https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=86](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=86)

Audience Question:

Q: I love JotNot Pro.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Not sure...but she was VERY thorough!

A: Yes, she is!

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:54 PM: Maureen Taylor Photo Detective

<https://maurentaylor.com/>

Audience Question:

Q: Could you list the web sites for pictures including Dead Fred for unidentified pictures in my collection?

A: Google "orphan photos"

Audience Question:

Q: Here's a Facebook group for orphan photos:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1347731728688857/>

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: And another one: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419339481432739/>

A: ...

Audience Question:

Q: My daughter in law is starting her research and has "Singer" family from Ukraine in NYC

A: Maybe they're connected!

Audience Question:

Q: The Facebook groups I mentioned do help people find lost homes.

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Do Google finds mean the pics are public domain???

A: Absolutely not!

Audience Question:

Q: I had my digital camera stolen at my son wedding last year and lost over 800 photos of both family and graves

A: You need a backup program!

Audience Question:

Q: Thanks a lot for the answer about finding out who uploaded ... but I'm looking now and can't see this!  
Help

A: The attached url is the source

Audience Question:

Q: Don't forget to save this chat people!

A: ...