

Chat Log 19 June 2018

You Need a Search Strategy:-Maximizing Your Results with Online Genealogical Databases by Mike Mansfield

Audience Question:

Q: I hear Geoff is still battling the allergies or cold. Hope you are feeling good, regardless of your altered voice.

A: Feeling quite...terrible...actually. :(But in good spirits and glad to be here with you!

Audience Question:

Q: Is there an outline I can download?

A: Click on the orange Syllabus button at

https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar_details.php?webinar_id=785

Audience Question:

Q: LOL - I think I have a quarter of those in my files!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Sending you healing energies!

A: Thanks :)

Audience Question:

Q: Can we throw a few of those on the grill?

A: Yum

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:07 PM: Recent webinar: Easily Read Old Style American Handwriting: https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=766

Audience Question:

Q: I think everyone should spend some time indexing, to really gain an appreciation of the challenges and why misspellings and incorrect information winds up in an index.

A: agree

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:09 PM: Webinar on reading German script: https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=520

Audience Question:

Q: I think everyone should take a paleography course as well.

A: One of the best courses I had in my genealogy degree was paleography

Audience Question:

Q: Interesting to me. My mother was a Bureau of the Census Census Taker for over 25 years!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: There's a concept in social gerontology called "age heaping," whereby people would round up their ages to the nearest 5 or 10.

A: Yikes, I don't think I want to round my age up.

Audience Question:

Q: My deceased father always stated his age as one year older than he actually because he believed he was already one year old on the day he was born!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: People in Korea are also one year old on their birth date...

A: interesting...

Audience Question:

Q: A good reminder to re-run our searches every 6 months or so.

A: yep

Audience Question:

Q: My GMother changed her age depending on the job she was applying for. In her adult years she was required to retire at 71 years old because the company thought you were too old to work once you reached 71. She got the last laugh because she was really 77!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: My friend always refers to his wife as "Mother." I wonder how he fills out the census :-))

A: :)

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:33 PM: anthroponomastics = the study of names given to people

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:34 PM: Nicknames Past and Present

Audience Question:

Q: What was the name of that book?

A: Nicknames Past and Present

Audience Question:

Q: One of my favorite lyrics from a musical is from the original score of "Chess" in the song "Merano". the lyric is, "Right now, we're Italian. We used to be German. The borders keep shifting around!" It perfectly encapsulates one of the main challenges of a genealogist.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: What was the name of the second book about foreign names?

A: I didn't catch it.

Audience Question:

Q: Foreign Version of English Names (I think)

A: thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: "Foreign Versions of English Names"

A: thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: we looked all over for great grandpas war records as Samuel Crozier. his daughter gave me his regimental number a couple years ago so wrote to Canadian war archives found out he registered under his middle name cause his mother kept stopping him going ww1 at age 16.

A: Congrats on the find

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:47 PM: Dictionary of American Family Names by Patrick Hanks

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:51 PM: abebooks.com

Audience Question:

Q: there is also ablibris and biblio, in addition to abebooks, and a site that searches them all at once.

A: Thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: I always learn so much from Mike. This webinar is no exception. He is so prepared and has given us so much great information to help us find our families!

A: You can always count on Mike to teach us some goodies.

Audience Question:

Q: so the name Minner would be M556...I never knew how this worked before! GREAT! info!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Soundex>

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Do those ship passenger lists go back to 1740?

A: Here's the webinar Mike did specifically on these passenger lists:

https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=776

Audience Question:

Q: It's great that MyHeritage matches their search templates with information in the various documents. It's a big help!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: What is the website of the Nova Scotia Site/?

A: novascotiagenealogy.com

Audience Question:

Q: Great map!

A: agree

Audience Question:

Q: Mike could always do another webinar on women and how their names can change :)

A: Yes, I'll ask him if he wants to keep talking today.