Chat Log

May 13, 2015 - Genealogy Bank: The Power of Find Our Ancestor's Stories

Audience Question:

Q: Had horrible experience. Brother-in-law's uncle was their family genealogist. When he died, everything went to his son, who was estranged from the family. Son, died young & before he died, told his significant other to destroy all the files...she did!

A: That's so sad.

Audience Question:

Q: I found today a tiny clipping from 1815- an advert placed by my gggguncle, proving the family presence in KY and telling what he did for a living: mercontile selling bulk lots of whatever they could find.

A: Great find!

Audience Question:

Q: Make it easy on your family. I've written a letter with my will telling them the easy way to make my private family tree on ancestry public!

A: Great idea!

Audience Question:

Q: Found an article about my father being in an auto accident in Portland, OR, at the age of 12, in a neighbor's car - broke his ankle! He never told us!

A: I would love to find an article like that.

Audience Question:

Q: There is a real need for a genealogy site that posts only verified data (yeah acknowledge that is another issue). Is there one already?

A: I don't think anything like that exists yet.

Audience Question:

Q: I found an article about my grandfather being robbed in his creamery.

A: Fascinating!

Audience Question:

Q: Tell every one when using tape on articles to use archive tape and you can also buy aan archival mist spray to spray on clippings so they would yellow. Found this information from another scrapbooker.

A: Good tips. Thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: My 24 year old son has agreed to write about his experiences while living abroad in grad school. We've realized that with all our focus on ancestors, we need to put as much effort into documenting our own stories to keep with the family history, too.

A: Yes, extremely important point. We need to record the present as well.

Audience Question:

Q: I have read that if a story is not written down within three generations that the story will be lost.

A: I've heard that as well. Shows how important it is to write things down.

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 9:22 PM: www.GenealogyBank.com Audience Question:

Q: FaceBook is a potential source of rich anecdotal info for future generations......as long as it exists.

:-)

A: You can save your Facebook history. Google it to find out how to do it.

Audience Question:

Q: My ancestor also came on the Benjamin Adams - Ithink it was the same date! or close to it!

A: What a coincidence!

Audience Question:

Q: CastleGarden.org (good site)

A: agree.

Audience Question:

Q: I recently found newspaper stories about my grandfather in the war. He refused to talk about it, our family knew nothing at all. The actual military service records were destroyed, but the newspapers talked about his whole bomber crew, and the mission that earned them Distinguished Flying Cross. A: It's so important to find information like that.

Audience Question:

Q: For anyone wanting to access historic newspapers in Australia this is the link to the free website (Tom accessed The Argus Newspaper from this site) - http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper A: Thank you!

Audience Question:

Q: If you find a street view of a house, you can sometimes look in Zillow & find the date it was built. A: good tip

Audience Question:

Q: I know an Ehler. Last I heard Tim Ehler lives in Columbus Ohio.

A: Maybe it's the same family!

Audience Question:

Q: St view & Zillow? Sanborn maps can help narrow that too.

A: another good option

Audience Question:

Q: I used Google earth and was able to find all the fire stations my grandfather had been assigned to throughout his 40 year career. Some have been rebuilt, but others haven't. I'm working on doing the same for my other grandfather's places of employment also.

A: What a great idea!

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 9:49 PM: See Tom's other webinars in the Legacy library where he covered researching specific topics:

http://www.familytreewebinars.com/presenter_details.php?presenter_id=26 Audience Question:

Q: Tom's blog entries: http://blog.genealogybank.com/author/admin A: thank you

Audience Question:

Q: Genealogy Bank has the Largest Collection of African American newspapers AND that are OCRed. 8,000

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Trove is a free database of Australian newspapers

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: oooops, missed the code...sorry, what is it please?

A: genbank3

Audience Question:

Q: Kenneth Marks - The Ancestor Hunt - does a lot of work with online newspaper links/info http://www.theancestorhunt.com/

A: thank you

Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience): 10:18 PM: 10% off coupon, valid at both www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com AND www.LegacyFamilyTreeStore.com through Monday, May 18: genbank3

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