

**Welcome to FamilySearch Indexing!**  
**October 8, 2014**  
**Chat Log**

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hello from Indianapolis. Cool but very sunny here. Sure is a beautiful day!

**A:** So glad to have you today!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hello from sunny Central Jersey. Another great day for a webinar.

**A:** Happy Webinar Wednesday!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Evening from a dull Northumberland. It is a Wonderful Webinar Wednesday to brighten up the evening!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Southern New Hampshire is partly cloudy and comfortable. Happy to be here.

**A:** Glad you're here. Cold morning here in Idaho, but going up to the mid 70s. Perfect.

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hi everyone, its rainy here in Arkansas

**A:** Hi!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Toronto, Ontario Sunny, windy and 14C (55F), Hi

**A:** Welcome Toronto!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Sunny Terrebonne (Central Oregon) going to 77 today.Yea, it's Wednesday!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Beautiful here in San Diego!

**A:** One of my favorite places!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Cloudy & cool in Winnipeg.

**A:** Welcome Winnipeg!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hotlanta here- 77 and bright sunshine- delightful!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Wonderful Webinar Wednesday. These have helped me so much in teaching others how to do research. Thanks!

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Glad it is Webinar Wednesday now I have a reason to stop yard work

**A:** :)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** It is sunny and cooling a bit today with a nice Delta Breeze Coming into the vallley. Meaning Sacramento Valley, Hi From Elk Grove

**A:** Welcome!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hi, from beautiful Morrow. Ga.

**A:** Welcome!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Hello from Livermore, CA...Yeah, Webinar Wednesday!!!!

**A:** Absolutely!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Clark County Genealogical Society is in the house!

A: Welcome!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Cool and overcast here in Western Washington. Webinar Wednesday means no yard or house work.

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Hello from sunny St. Louis, MO!! Gorgeous day here!!!

A: Hello!

**Audience Question:**

Q: My favorite day of the week. Greetings from North Carolina!

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Windy with rain here in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

A: Welcome Quebec!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Great to be able to take a break from moving furniture (switching my "office" to a bigger room-lots of genealogy stuff) for Webinar Wednesday!

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Overcast here in Tumwater WA..Good time for a webinar!!

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Gorgeous Autumn day in Vernal, Utah.

A: Welcome!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Greetings from Jacksonville, FL. I'm looking forward to getting my head crammed full of good genealogy knowledge. work your magic and leave me boggled with new things to think about (as always)!

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Indexing can be such fun, work on projects in early 1990's, got me hooked before I even started, eyes just wont hold up anymore. Spent many sleepless nights on OLD montors trying to read those Family Group Sheets. They were such fun!

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: I feel like I am literally "touching history" when I index from original B,M, D records dated 1898, 1900, etc.. Can't help but wonder about the people's lives.

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Loved Extraction and I love Indexing. Feels good to get deceased peoples names online where they can be picked up by living loved ones.

A: :)

**Audience Question:**

Q: Won't have time to index for about a month, but am hoping to index some recently discovered records (thanks to last week's webinar) that will hopefully help me in my research as well as pay back for all the hinfo I've gotten through Family Search.

A: Great!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Love the Family History Books - been able to download several books for my surnames & areas for reading while on the road.

A: Great!

**Audience Question:**

Q: Busy transcribing for the local records office and need to get back to transcribing for FamilySearch and also FreeBMD

A: Just don't sleep...

Audience Question:

Q: Still waiting for that 8th day n the week. Anyone making progress on making that happen? (grin)

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Is it possible to index just the obituary records?

A: Yes! It's so much fun...

Audience Question:

Q: How to find Family Search on the internet?

A: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Audience Question:

Q: How do I get the map in indexing, that was just shown. How do I get british records to index, I am only finding one to index now

A: <https://familysearch.org/indexing/projects>

Audience Question:

Q: Are the records you index double checked for spelling by someone else?

A: Yes. Each record you index is indexed twice, and given to an arbitrator if there are any differences.

Audience Question:

Q: GenealogyBank is a paid service, so how will we access the records via FamilySearch (which is a non-paid service)?

A: The indexes that are created through indexing will be available free at FamilySearch. To access the original images you would need some kind of subscription at GenealogyBank. He may talk about this more later.

Audience Question:

Q: If I live in North Carolina, can I work on projects in other states, ie. Pennsylvania

A: You bet! You can choose which projects to work on.

Audience Question:

Q: I helped with indexing the 1940 Census. Will surely aid with these obituaries.

A: That was a fun project! Obituaries are really fun too.

Audience Question:

Q: What happens if you only finish half of the project before the time allotted? Does the system retain the work you've done? Can you retrieve the same project again to continue it?

A: Yes, it keeps your progress. You can even move to a different computer and it will know where you left off.

Audience Question:

Q: how do you index middle names?

A: As part of the Given Name.

Audience Question:

Q: I am in Arizona and mistakenly put down 12 noon as the starting time. Is this recorded so that I may view it later in its entirety?

A: Yes, it will be online within about an hour of the live webinar's conclusion.

Audience Question:

Q: can you google a county if you know the state and city or should you leave it blank if it is not in the record?

A: Leave it blank if it's not in the record.

Audience Question:

Q: What happens if there is the mothers maiden name in the record - which surname do you record?

A: Both. The maiden name would come first in the Surname field.

Audience Question:

Q: Coincidentally, I am teaching a genealogy class this afternoon and the topic this week is Death Records. This will be great information to pass on to the class--both for researching and helping "give back" to the Genealogy world! This is a great project--the indexing is doing a lot of the dissecting of these obituaries that researchers had to find on their own in the past!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Since they give you only 7 days to do the batch, do they keep the batches pretty small?

A: Yes.

Audience Question:

Q: If there is a nickname in the obituary with first name, do we include nickname?

A: Yes. You would add the word "Or" (without the quotes) and then add the nickname.

Audience Question:

Q: Great Webinar. Definitely inspired to start indexing again.

A: Great!!

Audience Question:

Q: If the county is not listed in a birth, or other record, and we know the county, are we allowed to enter the county name?

A: No.

Audience Question:

Q: Thanks for the questions and answers also - they helped a lot.

A: You all kept me really busy today! :)

Audience Question:

Q: Will be watching this again several times.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: The video brought tears to my eyes. We are all family.

A: Great video indeed!

Audience Question:

Q: Thank you. Indexing is certainly a valuable tool and I am going to put this out to some of my genealogy friends.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: I have begun talking about some of my ancestors in the present tense!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Will share this with my DAR chapter tomorrow.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: Wow! that video was powerful! I'm going to sign up. Thanks so much

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: if the age is not listed should you figure it out?

A: Nope.

Audience Question:

Q: I did sign up to index but wanted to see this webinar before I started, OK...I'm ready

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: what if you don't know if the name is a middle name or maiden name?

A: Put it in the given name field if there's a question.

Audience Question:

Q: do you have to be an indexer before you can arbitrate?

A: Yes

Audience Question:

Q: Indexing gives me such a high from just thinking of all the people I'm helping to find information on their family.

A: Yep.

Audience Question:

Q: Are all the records to be indexed printed or is it necessary to read handwriting?

A: Combination of both.

Audience Question:

Q: So basically, you enter only what you see - no extrapolating info. Kind of 'what you see is what you type' ?

A: Yes. Mostly.

Audience Question:

Q: I can very rarely find any obits for my family. I'm going volunteer just to help others in my position and maybe find some that will help me, too.

A: Great!

Audience Question:

Q: can you tell me again how to access the ruler tool! that a great tool!!!

A: Tools > Ruler