

**Chat log 29Mar2023**  
**Top 10 tips for genealogists on social media by Marie Cappart**

Audience Question:

Q: facebook, only

A: Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Marie is Roots Tech embodied!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: I will never use facebook. Use only twitter and instagram.

A: Thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: I'm on several but mostly use Facebook

A: Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: I use Twitter and Facebook a bit

A: Thank you

Audience Question:

Q: I use Discord

A: Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: I will post occasionally on FB but also have twitter and instagram accounts but I don't post on those two.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: 2 channels.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: I use Facebook.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook little Twitter

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: facebook. don't have time for others.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: facebook only

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: FB, IG, Blog

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook only for me also.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook, Mastodon, Twitter, Instagram

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook, Insagram

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook and Instagram

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: i USE FACEBOOK, iNSTAGRAM, MARCO POLO, TWITTER, BUT NOT SO MUCH ANYMORE, MY BLOG , AND INSTAGRAM.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Twitter only

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: facebook and instagram only

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook & Twitter for me

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook, and I barely use it

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Where do I find the handout. I'm a member. Thanks!

A: We'll have it after the webinar.

Audience Question:

Q: facebook

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook is a goldmine to keep up with your genealogical and historical society's across the country besides education from the genealogy groups. The other major use is to keep connected with family in and out of the country.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: I am female and continually getting scamming 'men' trying to connect, and I am blocking several per week. Just be careful out there - Facebook is a fabulous tool but, as Marie says, there are definitely some scammers out there.

A: Yes, that's a constant annoying issue with social media.

Audience Question:

Q: Facebook and Discord are good ones to use. Discord has a Wikitree following too.

A: Thnx

Audience Question:

Q: FaceBookMay be a goldmine but my account wa taken over by someone and blocked me. I have been trying for 6 weeks trying the ways Facebook website suggest but I have had no success and I get no response from FaceBook for help.

A: There is definitely a down side to social media, too

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:13 PM: #1 - question your why, who for and how (as

related to genealogy)

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Some people just like to provoke responses by making touchy comments and are awaiting for reactions. Best not to say anything. Also some use "games" to list all kinds of info that can be misused. Maybe I should make one asking for bank account numbers, where they hide keys etc and see if they reply ... not.

**A:** Yup, they come up with all kinds of crazy stuff

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I did have a FB person I was chatting with and thought it was one relative I knew. turned out it wasn't and I was very general in my responses, so nothing was shared that was personal.

**A:** Good thing

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** for identifying DNA matches' relatives (when they don't respond), Facebook has been most helpful but also Instagram and Quora (people will often use similar usernames/photos across platforms). I've also had some success reaching out to people through Facebook who don't respond to inquiries on the genealogy platforms (but direct email has worked better if I can find their email).

**A:** Yes, social media is great for that!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I recommend starting genealogy a group on Nextdoor if it is available in your nation (now at 11 and counting) Since it is a hyperlocal focus you can bring together your neighbors interested in local family history and genealogy.

**A:** Thanks for the suggestion

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Yes, I lost all my extended family members and a group I had started to share our photos and genealogy findings. One feels like you have been violated, like a home invasion.

**A:** Yes, nothing worse than losing control of your account.

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I find that these days with privacy concerns, family don't want to tell me birthdays etc, but their kids are happy to share it freely on Facebook...it's great for harvesting those for family history! :-D

**A:** Isn't that so ironic!

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** I use facebook and it is safer to do the chats rather than the posts as data on posts can be seen by everyone

**A:** You can actually control who sees your posts. I have mine set to only show to friends not public.

**Audience Question:**

**Q:** Yes, I agree...my Facebook Wall is private to me only. So, if someone else posts 'to' me on my wall, no-one else sees it, only them. I did that as there was someone who kept putting up posts which I really didn't want everyone else seeing.

**A:** There's also a setting where you can review posts before they appear on your wall. So you can reject the ones you don't like and accept the ones you want to share.

Audience Question:

Q: "The Boven Family Genealogy" Facebook group is bringing together members of the Dutch Boven family in Nederland and North America. Our Guides are a deep well of resources for family history, basic and more advanced genealogy topics, photo management, and so much more. We LOVE Facebook for these two purposes!

A: Great!

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:28 PM: Tip #2 Learn the social media language

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:30 PM: Tip #3 - Break the generation barriers

Audience Question:

Q: There's a Mastodon just for Genealogists <https://genealogy.social/> would love to see more people there.

A: Great! Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Another safe place for Genealogists, which is free is <https://www.ancestorian.com/>

A: Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: There are the old and the wise "old souls." Be an old soul no matter your age, like Maria!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: found a contact on virtual rootstech, then noticed I had a DNA match and found her on Facebook ... looks like we are 5th cousins

A: cool

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:34 PM: Tip #4 - Be creative

Audience Question:

Q: Glad this is recorded. I missed the first 30 minutes. :(

A: The replay of today's webinar will be found here later today:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/top-10-tips-for-genealogists-on-social-media/>

Audience Question:

Q: Good Afternoon Friends. I have been late getting on today as a friend helped me reset my computer in several ways. Sincerely Yours, Paul Hilton, Harvey Station, New Brunswick, Canada

A: Hi Paul!

Audience Question:

Q: Get permission of others to post them.

A: good idea

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:42 PM: Tip #4: Build your own social media narrative

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:42 PM: Tip #5 Don't just sit there

Audience Question:

Q: "Tip #5 Don't just sit there" Exactly!!!

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: is there a handout for this?

A: There will be, probably tomorrow.

Audience Question:

Q: Hmm, now I'm thinking about starting a Facebook group for my hometown's family history and genalogy.

A: Fun idea

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:49 PM: Tip #6: Dare to explore your social media family links

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:54 PM: Tip #7 Manage Your time

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:57 PM: Tip #10 Celebrate and have fun

Audience Question:

Q: Time management is of the utmost importance -- for an optimal life balance~ TLC

A: So true

Audience Question:

Q: We schedule posts to accomodate everyone in our internatiinal FB group.

A: Great idea

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:58 PM: The replay of today's webinar will be found here later today:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/top-10-tips-for-genealogists-on-social-media/>

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 2:59 PM: Register for the 24-hour genealogy marathon here: <https://familytreewebinars.com/24>

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 3:07 PM: 10% off coupon, valid at both [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com) AND [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com) through Monday, April 3: socialmedia

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 3:08 PM: Legacy Family Tree Software: [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com)

MyHeritage: <http://www.MyHeritage.com>

DNA Kits: <http://www.myheritage.com/DNA>

Register for our upcoming webinars at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

Audience Question:

Q: Is there a coupon code for today?

A: 10% off coupon, valid at both [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com) AND [www.LegacyFamilyTree.com](http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com) through Monday, April 3: socialmedia

Audience Question:

Q: Just having access to previous and current webinars is worth the price of membership and a prize itself.

A: Thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: looking fwd to marathon

A: Me too!

Audience Question:

Q: What is Discord? Someone mentioned they used it in the comments. Thanks.

A: <https://discord.com/safety/360044149331-what-is-discord>

Audience Question:

Q: Discord is a collaboration/communication platform. For myself, I am on a puzzle tournament team and we use it to collaborate while solving.

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: Discord is more like a 'room' - I store documents and share with the 'team', and we have meetings there.

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: you can chat on discord, talk, share screen ...

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: discord is a game server that can host chat channels Wikitree has a presence

A: thnx

Audience Question:

Q: vlog is where you can sign - visual log just like blog

A: ok thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Discord>

A: Thanks

Audience Question:

Q: To copy this chat to my computer, I click in the chat, select All, then paste it into my notes.

A: To Save the Chat: In your GoToWebinar Control panel select File (at the very top) and then Save Questions/Chat Log.

Audience Question:

Q: <https://www.wikitree.com/g2g/1558731/wikitree-discord-party-on-wednesday>

A: thanks

**Marian Pierre-Louis (to All - Entire Audience):** 3:16 PM: Tip #9 - Multiple your sources