

Chat log 25 July 2023
A Deep Dive into U.S. City Directories by Katharine Andrew

Audience Question:

Q: Before the Henderson Directory for Winnipeg, Canada was online, I spent many lunch hours at our main library. I researched the history of our street; when the houses were built and who lived in them over the years.

A: How fun!

Audience Question:

Q: Hi Geoff I love City directories!

A: Me too

Audience Question:

Q: The City Directories are my favorite collection at MyHeritage.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: Baltimore city directories were an important part of the proof argument for the maiden name of my 3x-great-grandmother.

A: Very cool

Audience Question:

Q: I found an occupation for a relative. It was really cool. He was a "HOG KILLER". Translated, he worked on the kill-floor of a packing house.

A: We never know what we'll learn, right?

Audience Question:

Q: Take it a step further and plug the address into Google Earth. Look it up on Realtor.com. Addresses are so helpful.

A: :)

Q: Geoff, there was just a severe thunderstorm warning here until about 3. I will stay online as long as possible and try to boot up again before the end of the webinar. timing isn't very good today.. sorry

A: I'm hearing this from lots of our attendees today. Stay safe.

Audience Question:

Q: Is there going to be a replay recording?

A: Yes, the replay will be found afterwards at

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/a-deep-dive-into-u-s-city-directories-at-myheritage/>

Audience Question:

Q: I was able to track the growth of my grandfather's tailoring business over many years - from tailor to master tailor, to shop owner, to the largest tailoring business in his city

A: What a neat perspective!

Audience Question:

Q: City directories also use res. for Residence (of this person) following a business address

A: Thanks!

Audience Question:

Q: Is it possible to search a city directory by street?

A: Yes, you'd add the address in the Residence field

Audience Question:

Q: Can you search the occupation ?

A: I just tried added "plumber" to the keyword field and it worked!! So...yes...

Geoff Rasmussen (to All - Entire Audience): 2:39 PM: For even more city directory webinars, browse them here: <https://familytreewebinars.com/citydirectories>

Audience Question:

Q: I assumed I would not find my farmer ancestors living well outside any city, but it pays to look, as I found a "Farm Dierctory" with similar listings for Lancastrer County, PA.

A: Excellent!

Audience Question:

Q: Stevemorse.org has some lists of street name changes.

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: also sanford maps might have the old road names too.

A: thanks

Audience Question:

Q: sanborn

A: yep

Audience Question:

Q: You mentioned a syllabus for today?

A: The link to the syllabus is found here:

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Audience Question:

Q: I need this subscription.

A: :)

Audience Question:

Q: That's probably the best part of MH's directories for sure.

A: Agree!

Audience Question:

Q: That will work great for my One Place Study.

A: Yep