



Step 11. Expand your family history resources and use social media (Facebook and Twitter) to make new connections

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Using Facebook for Genealogy Research

Benefits of Using Social Media for Genealogy:

- Connect with other researchers who may have different information or resources
- Discover new resources through genealogy groups
- Ability to share your research with others

How to Find Genealogy Groups on Facebook:

- Type "genealogy" into the search bar and click on "Groups"

Engaging with Other Members of a Genealogy Group on Social Media:

- Comment on their posts
- Ask questions
- Share your own research and findings

Things to Be Mindful of When Participating in a Genealogy Group on Social Media:

- Following the group's rules and guidelines
- Sharing personal information
- Avoid promoting commercial products

Helpful Social Media Platforms and Websites for Genealogy Research:

- Twitter: search for relevant accounts and hashtags, ie #genealogy, #familyhistory
- Genealogy Wise: social network specifically for genealogy researchers
- FamilyTreeCircles: social network for family history researchers



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- Instagram: search for relevant hashtags, ie #genealogy, #familyhistory
- Pinterest: search for relevant boards and pins, ie genealogy research tips
- YouTube: search for relevant channels and videos, ie genealogy webinars

Helpful Websites for Genealogy Research:

- Genealogy Wise: social network specifically for genealogy researchers (<https://www.genealogywise.com/>)
- FamilyTreeCircles: social network for family history researchers (<https://www.familytreecircles.com/>)
- Ancestry: genealogy website with social features like community forums (<https://www.ancestry.com/>)
- MyHeritage: genealogy website with social features like family tree sharing (<https://www.myheritage.com/>)
- Findmypast: genealogy website with social features like member profiles and message boards (<https://www.findmypast.com/>)

Step-by-Step Guide for Genealogy Research Using Facebook

- Step 1: Create a Facebook account if you don't already have one.
- Step 2: Once you're logged in, type "genealogy" into the search bar at the top of the page.
- Step 3: Click on the "Groups" tab to narrow your search results to genealogy groups on Facebook.
- Step 4: Browse through the groups to find ones that are relevant to your research. You can search for groups by location, ethnicity, surname, or research topic.
- Step 5: Join the groups that interest you by clicking on the "Join" button. Some groups may require approval from an admin before you can join.
- Step 6: Introduce yourself to the group and share your research interests. This can help you connect with other researchers who share your interests and may be able to provide valuable resources or information.
- Step 7: Use the search bar within the group to look for specific surnames, locations, or research topics. You can also browse through the group's posts and comments to see what other members are discussing.
- Step 8: Engage with other members by commenting on their posts or asking questions. This can help you build relationships with other researchers and potentially lead to new discoveries.
- Step 9: Share your own research and findings with the group. This can help you connect with distant relatives who may have additional information or photos to share.
- Step 10: Be respectful and follow the group's rules and guidelines. Some groups may have specific rules around sharing personal information or promoting commercial products.

By following these steps, you can use Facebook to expand your family history resources and connect with other genealogy researchers. Happy researching!



Multiple-Choice Quiz - Genealogy Research and Social Media

1. What is a benefit of using social media for genealogy research?
 - a) Ability to share your research with others
 - b) Connect with other researchers who may have different information or resources
 - c) Discover new resources through genealogy groups
 - d) All of the above
2. What social media platform is specifically designed for genealogy researchers?
 - a) Facebook
 - b) Twitter
 - c) Instagram
 - d) Genealogy Wise
3. How can you find genealogy groups on Facebook?
 - a) Type "genealogy" into the search bar and click on "Groups"
 - b) Use the hashtag #genealogy on your posts
 - c) Follow genealogy accounts on Instagram
 - d) None of the above
4. What can you do to engage with other members of a genealogy group on social media?
 - a) Comment on their posts
 - b) Ask questions
 - c) Share your own research and findings
 - d) All of the above
5. What should you be mindful of when participating in a genealogy group on social media?
 - a) Following the group's rules and guidelines
 - b) Sharing personal information
 - c) Promoting commercial products
 - d) All of the above

Answers:

1. d) All of the above
2. d) Genealogy Wise
3. a) Type "genealogy" into the search bar and click on "Groups"
4. d) All of the above
5. d) All of the above