

Links and Tips Shared in Chat

Day 1: The Basics: Process, Records, Analysis with Hallie Kirchner

Genealogy 101

Kathleen Mackenzie: The Research Plan Template can be found under the "Slides and Handouts" section of the program page: <https://www.americanancestors.org/virtual-genealogical-skills-bootcamp-winter-2024>

Analyzing Sources

ED Kate Simpson 2022: For the url, can you use the full url so that you can go directly to the record online

Jonelle Hilleary: One tip is to use <https://cite-builder.com/premium/> to keep your data as you search. You can create a template for our examples and use that every time.

Renessa Wiggins: Using a program like Paint will let you add text to the image you are saving and add the citation directly to the image.

Jonelle Hilleary: Snagit will let you do the same- whatever is on the screen, CTRL+M captures and the next screen let's you type in any citation data and save to a file.

Analyzing Records

Kathleen Mackenzie: New York Family History Guide and Gazetteer: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/content/nygb-flagship-publications>

Shawn and Judith Joy Brown: Do other states have similar books?

Moiraepps: There is a guide for RI

Day 2: Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls with Lindsay Fulton

Taking Action: How to Create a Research Plan

Jean: easygenie.org also has charts and family group sheets that you can type into.

Nancy: Does AA have timeline templates?

Kathleen Mackenzie: Unfortunately we don't! Here are the templates we have available:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-templates>

Kathleen Mackenzie: Here is that Genealogical Software Research Guide, and the webinar can be found toward the top of the guide! You'll just need to be logged into your account on our website in order to view it- you can view it with either a member account or a free guest account:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/genealogical-software?refreshed=true>

Mary Cascino: Suggestion: contact town or county historian

Kathleen Mackenzie: Archive Grid: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

Kathleen Mackenzie: www.AmericanAncestors.org/chat - great free service- check it out!

Kathleen Mackenzie: TIARA: <https://tiara.ie/>

Jonelle Hilleary: At St Louis NARA the Navy records are often available. The army is more burned.

Families Ties: Using Extended Family to Circumnavigate a Brick Wall

No links shared.

Broadening Your Scope: Employing Ancestral Associates in Your Research

Moiraepps: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich wrote about this diary and Martha Ballard in the book "the Life of Martha Ballard..." great book!

Knowing the Neighbors: How Neighbors Can Help Solve Genealogical Mysteries

Blyse and Stan Soby: Albanians, too, had public and private names, and then "Americanized" names. Plus, they were illiterate until the early 1900s. For my family, these name changes served to protect them in an alien environment that they didn't understand.

John Stryker: Also loyalists ended up in the maritime provinces.

Bringing It All Together: Making Your Case and Drawing Conclusions

Renessa Wiggins: I post my research projects to FamilySearch. I know it has been suggested by the ladies at FamilyLocket on their podcast to post those on FamilySearch and Ancestry.

Kathleen Mackenzie: Information about submitting to American Ancestors magazine!
<https://www.americanancestors.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/submission-guidelines-aam-rev020623.pdf>

Kathleen Mackenzie: And this is our blog, Vita Brevis: <https://vitabrevis.americanancestors.org/>

Kathleen Mackenzie: Info on donating materials: <https://www.americanancestors.org/give/donate-materials#:~:text=NEHGS%20is%20the%20perfect%20place,generations%20of%20family%20history%20researchers.&text=For%20more%20information%20on%20donating,or%20617%2D226%2D1223>.

Mary Cascino: Is there an American Ancestors group on Facebook?

Kathleen Mackenzie: <https://www.facebook.com/nehgs/>

Day 3: Getting the Most Out of Online Research with Rhonda R. McClure

General Best Practices for Researching Online & Using Google for Genealogy Research

Judy Joy: I'm sorry if this has already been asked: how long will these videos be available for?

Kathleen Mackenzie: Great question! They will be available indefinitely- we will never revoke access to them. The only reason we don't say "forever" is because it's possible a future website update would no longer allow us to host the videos, but that would be a long way off and there are no plans to go through any such updates! In a nutshell- you can expect to have access for at least several years :)

Susannah Cernojevich: This is amazing! I've been trying to local more papers from the SouthWest

Jonelle Hilleary: Me too. I'm searching Lea County New Mexico and there are very few resources, but I did find an Obit for my Great grandfather in an Amarillo paper, of all places! I have gotten really familiar with many of these subscription databases! Lol...

Susannah Cernojevich: Thank you @Jonelle Hilleary for your comment. I find a lot in the Gallup Independent in NW New Mexico. The state is so small and many migration patterns so obits were shared far and wide.

Jennifer Edwards: You can search the newspaper title in Worldcat - often has the full extent of the paper. This can tell you if what's available digitally is the full extent or just part of it.

Nancy: Realize that family collections often were donated by different people to different universities over multiple generations. Can't stop at one!

Jonelle Hilleary: Also try the "Boolean" search terms OR, AND, NOT to get this OR that, this AND that to get all terms entered, and this NOT that to eliminate unwanted terms.

Amy: Newspapers.com may be available through your local library for free.

Jennifer Edwards: Library of Congress has "Chronicling America" which is mostly US newspapers

Mary Cascino: Some local libraries have digitized local newspapers, e.g., Warsaw, Illinois.

Searching Databases on American Ancestors.org

Jonelle Hilleary: <https://libguides.gwu.edu/newspapersdatabases> this is a good site for overall research

Judy Joy: What GU272?

Jonelle Hilleary: @Judy Joy It's the database that details the indexed genealogies of the descendants of the 272 Slaves sold by Georgetown University in 1838. GU here in DC funded construction of the university through the Jesuit's sale of enslaved individuals. This is a modern research project to begin to make history known and recognize past wrong.

Kathleen Mackenzie: Thank you, Jonelle- this is an excellent explanation! Here is our website devoted to GU272: <https://gu272.americanancestors.org/>

Using Ancestry.com

Judy Joy: Are other presentations like this available on the American ancestors you tube? So if there was a presentation in the past are they available? Or are we able to direct others to these links?

Kathleen Mackenzie: Hi Judy- absolutely! We don't have these specific presentations available, but we do have a large library of past webinars on a variety of topics here:

<https://www.americanancestors.org/video-library>. These are available for free! I hope this helps- let me know if you have any further questions!

Deb Del Nero: Are there any universal wildcards or must you always look at the info in each data base for how to enter wildcards?

Linda Jefferies: I've found * is a pretty common wildcard for all searches not just for genealogy.

Getting the Most from FamilySearch.org

Nancy: An aside: LDS began filming using portable microfilm cameras in European churches (registers) in 1938.

Nancy: Another aside: I've recently been seeing popups on Family Search result screens saying that I have access to a particular record because a volunteer rekeyed the information.

Shawn and Judith Joy Brown: Is there a way to ask Salt Lake for the records to be sent to us?

Kathleen Mackenzie: The record look up service: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/record-lookup-service>

01:29:15 Kathleen Mackenzie: Here is how to find a FamilySearch location!
<https://locations.familysearch.org/en/search>

Kathleen Mackenzie: Our November 2024 SLC Research Tour:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/events/salt-lake-city-research-tour-1> 😊

Blyse and Stan Soby: Have you touched upon any future plans for AI assistance?

Kathleen Mackenzie: Our colleague Melanie McComb just gave a fantastic webinar on this topic!
<https://www.americanancestors.org/video-library/using-ai-family-history-research>

Mary Cascino: Ancestry's new pro tools is supposed to have a map feature that is supposed to do that.
It's not up yet, but they say it

Kathleen Mackenzie: <https://www.leisterpro.com/>

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