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Shortforms Set 4

Genealogy: A Story of Family Connections

Spending an afternoon elbow deep in research is perhaps one of my favorite ways to pass the time. Scanning across spreadsheets isn't my idea of research fun, but I rather enjoy digging into the past while researching my family's genealogy. It might be necessary to rescue me from my desk and computer after spending an afternoon digging, since I tend to lose track of time while working on this great pastime. If you haven't already dipped your toes into the genealogy pool, let me tell you what you are missing. Genealogy research can be fruitful or downright frustrating; its success largely depends on the tools you use and your persistence.

Genealogy is the study of family lineage and history. Above anything, it's a story of connections—how we are connected to our past and to one another through our lineage. It can also be a study in frustration if you don't have the right tools at your fingertips, so let's look at what you already have available to you and what you might need above that.

In the 21st century, genealogy research almost always involves a computer or tablet. Having great internet is necessary so that you can access research already completed by others as well as records and databases. If you come across great genealogy mega-sites like Ancestry.com you will lose many afternoons wandering around all they have to offer. They will offer DNA testing, allow you to build your family tree, access records and databases, while also viewing hints from other's trees. Its search tool is quite intuitive and should provide a wealth of knowledge.

While mega-sites already have a lot of information in one place, don't rule out finding great gems of genealogy information at websites that offer specific information. You can spend a month of afternoons searching websites for census records, passenger lists, draft registrations, and birth and death records.

WorldCat.org offers one of the largest online catalogs of material already available across the world in library systems. Its search tools will help you locate hard to find items in libraries near and far that may be necessary to add a personal touch to your research. They can offer details above what is available online, perhaps an old newspaper clipping of your great-great grandmother's wedding in Budapest!

Don't rule out great information that can come from social media outlets like Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. Make sure the information is above board by doing some research to confirm data that you may glean from these sources. You are sure to come across a long-lost second cousin or great uncle. Perhaps social media isn't your thing? You can also use search engines like Google to help in your afternoons of research. All across the internet you may find bits and pieces of your family story that are necessary to help weave together the story of where you come from and who you are.

You may find things like online translators necessary if your family immigrated from another part of the world. Trying to read newspaper clippings from Poland may prove to be difficult in an already sometimes frustrating journey without a great translator. You may also find it useful to put your phone to work. Its uses are many: scanner to scan documents into your family tree, research assistant, edit and enhance family photos to upload to your family tree, and even record family voices for future generations. You may perhaps find this the most useful tool of all, and it didn't cost you anything extra if you already owned the smart phone!

You can spend years of afternoons having fun learning about your ancestors and your heritage. Is it necessary to spend a fortune doing so? Absolutely not! But a few dollars invested in the right subscriptions or equipment may yield you a wealth of knowledge, already researched and available to you. Above all, have fun as you invest your time and heart into this great pastime. You never know what (and who!) you might find.

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