

Lida Larkin's Family History Tips

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Here are a couple of tips from the Ogden Regional Family History Center newsletter.

Migrating Relatives

Don't assume that because only a birth date is on an old family group sheet that the individual never married or had a family. Sometimes, especially during the 1930s and 1940s, family members, often young men, would migrate to distant cities to find work. Often these individuals settled in these cities, married, had families, and perhaps rarely returned to visit relatives left behind. When this happens families tend to lose touch, and, in some cases, resentment may build among those left behind. So when a family history book is compiled, it could be easy for whole branches of the family to be ignored. In short, be sure to do a very thorough nationwide search for the death dates and places of these individuals, including the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), military records. Also, talk with elderly relatives and try to locate an obituary once you have determined where the person(s) died. You may be surprised to find that you have a much larger family than you originally had thought.

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No photos of your ancestors?

Here's a useful tip if you're having trouble finding photos of some of your ancestors: try looking for them in the wedding photos of their children, grandchildren, cousins, or friends. Family weddings are the best

source, since it's often possible to deduce who people were simply from their position in the photograph. Don't worry if you don't have any wedding photos - the chances are that one of your cousins will. It's yet another reason to look for cousins!

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And an Exciting Suggestion from the Dick Eastman Newsletter.

- Turn Web Pages Into PDFs

One of the many problems I find when surfing the web is that there are many interesting web sites, almost too many. I'd like to save many of them. My bookmark list in my web browser already contains thousands of links and I can never find what I want. I have tried various bookmark organizers but have never found one that I really like. Besides, when I go back to the site in the future the information that caught my eye today might no longer be there. A perfect example would be this newsletter web site where things change several times daily. I want to save a particular article so bookmarking the web site doesn't do much good.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a way for you to capture a web page in its entirety, either for future reference or for sharing it with your friends without having to start sending

links back and forth? I'd like to capture the web page as it exists today. Luckily, there is an easy method of doing just that.

PDFmyURL.com is a web service that captures web sites and converts them to PDF files. You can save the PDF files on your own computer, preserving them as they appeared at the moment you told PDFmyURL.com to make the copy. Best of all, even the links work properly. You simply cut and paste the URL you are interested in, and then a "download this page as PDF" link will be provided for you to retrieve the corresponding document.

A service such as this one also has the distinct advantage of letting your preserve pages forever. That is, even if the original page vanishes from the web you will still be able to access the information as it was, at the time you created a PDF of it. And you can also create PDFs of your own site in order to track its evolution.

Best of all, this is a free service.

Try it. Go to <http://www.pdfmyurl.com>.

Do you have comments, questions, or corrections to this article? If so, please post your words at: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/01/turn-web-pages-into-pdfs.html

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From the Genealogy News from Jack & Sylvia Soneborn:

Genealogy Bank by Tom Kemp:

Friday, January 22, 2010

[Chicago, IL Key Genealogy Resources Online - Handy Guide](#)

Chicago Genealogy Resources.

Bookmark and save this page - so you may easily refer to it often.

Your handy guide to the sources you will actually use to build your family tree.



[Birth Certificates - 1878-1922](#)

FamilySearch Pilot

[Birth Registers - 1871-1915](#)

FamilySearch Pilot

Census

[1850](#), [1860](#), [1870](#), [1880](#), [1900](#), 1910, [1920](#)

[1850 - Mortality](#), [1850 - Slave Schedule](#)

FamilySearch Pilot

City Directory

[1844](#); [1855](#); [1856](#); [1863-1864](#)

[Deaths - pre 1916](#). Illinois Statewide Index

Illinois State Archives

[Deaths 1916-1950](#). Illinois Statewide Index

Illinois State Archives

[Deaths 1937-Present. SSDI](#)

[Land Records - Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales](#)

Illinois State Archives

[Marriage Records - 1871-1920](#).

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FamilySearch Pilot

[Marriage Records - 1763-1900](#). Illinois Statewide Index

Illinois State Archives

[Military - WWII Draft Registration Cards](#)

Illinois State Archives- Military Database Projects

[Illinois Veterans' History Project](#)
[Illinois War of 1812 Veterans](#)
[Illinois Winnebago War Veterans](#)
[Illinois Black Hawk War Veterans](#)
[Illinois Mexican War Veterans](#)
[Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls](#)
[Illinois Civil War Veterans Serving in the U.S. Navy](#)
[Illinois Civil War Veterans of Missouri Units](#)
[Illinois Spanish-American War Veterans](#)
[Database of the 1929 Illinois Roll of Honor](#)
[Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Residents](#)

Newspapers: 1854 - Today

[Bags & Baggage](#). (Chicago, IL) 1937-1943
[Bulletin](#). (Chicago, IL) 1968-1969
[Central South Sider](#). (Chicago, IL) 1929
[Chicago Courier](#). (Chicago, IL) 1974-1975
[Chicago Herald](#). (Chicago, IL) 1890-1891
[Chicago Metro News](#). (Chicago, IL) 1973-1990
[Chicago Sun-Times](#) (Chicago, IL) 1/1/1986-Current
[Chicago Times](#). (Chicago, IL) 1854-1888
Chicago Tribune. (Chicago, IL) 1/1/1985-Current
[Chicago World](#). (Chicago, IL) 1925-1935
[Daily Inter Ocean](#). (Chicago, IL) 1874-1896
[Daily Southtown](#) (Chicago, IL) 7/31/2004-11/17/2007
[Illinois Sentinel](#). (Chicago, IL) 1937
[Inter Ocean](#). (Chicago, IL) 1874-1896
[Latin Times](#). (Chicago, IL) 1868-1975
[Metropolitan Post](#). (Chicago, IL) 1938-1939
[Noticia Mundial](#). (Chicago, IL) 1927-1928

[Olivet Baptist Church Herald](#). (Chicago, IL) 1936
[Pomeroy's Democrat](#). (Chicago, IL) 1869-1879
[Skyline](#) (Chicago, IL) 12/8/2005-12/6/2007
[Sol de Chicago](#). (Chicago, IL) 1960
[SouthtownStar](#) (Chicago, IL) 11/18/2007-Current
[Sunday Times](#). (Chicago, IL) 1869-1876
[Vida Latina](#). (Chicago, IL) 1952-1963
[Vorbote](#). (Chicago, IL) 1874-1875

Slave Records

[Database of Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records](#)

Illinois State Archives

Posted by Tom Kemp at [1:30 PM](#) 

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Great list and I WILL bookmark it. Thanks!
Let me also mention the Wilmette Family History Center as a helpful resource for Chicago research for anyone who lives in the area or is visiting. The FHC has a complete collection of Chicago death certificate films to 1947 and all of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic parish films that are listed in the Family History Library Catalog. Cynthia (Wilmette FHC Director)

[January 22, 2010 5:05 PM](#) 

Links to this post

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And another treat from Sonneborns:

TOP TEN FREE SURNAME DATABASES

Search for your surname and make family tree connections in these top ten pedigree databases, containing over 650

million surnames. The linked family trees include names -- and often dates, places, and submitter contact details -- making it easy to collaborate with other researchers to exchange surnames and family trees. Most are free or allow some type of free access: [Free Surname Databases](#)

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And one for item from Sonneborn's newsletter that sounds pretty interesting and worthwhile.

GOOGLE DOCS TO PROVIDE STORAGE

[Upload and store your files in the cloud with Google Docs \(Click here\)](#)

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 8:56 AM

We're happy to announce that over the next few weeks we will be rolling out the ability to upload, store and organize any type of file in Google Docs. With this change, you'll be able to upload and access your files from any computer -- all you need is an Internet connection.

Instead of emailing files to yourself, which is particularly difficult with large files, you can upload to Google Docs any file up to 250 MB. You'll have 1 GB of free storage for files you don't convert into one of the Google Docs formats (i.e. Google documents, spreadsheets, and presentations), and if you need more space, you can buy [additional storage](#) for \$0.25 per GB per year. This makes it easy to backup more of your key files online, from large graphics and raw photos to unedited home videos taken on your Smartphone. You might even be able to replace the USB drive you reserved for those files that are too big to send over email.

Combined with [shared folders](#), you can store, organize, and collaborate on files more easily using Google Docs. For

example, if you are in a club or PTA working on large graphic files for posters or a newsletter, you can upload them to a shared folder for collaborators to view, download, and print.

You can also search for document files you've uploaded or that have been shared with you just like you do with your Google documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and PDFs. And you'll be able to view many common document file types with the Google Docs viewer.

Posted by: Vijay Bangaru, Product Manager, Google Docs

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An interesting note on page 30 of the new Member's guide to Temple and Family History Work:

"You may submit the names of individuals with whom you shared a friendship. This is an exception to the general rule that members should not submit the names of individuals to whom they are not related. Before performing ordinances for a deceased individual who was a friend, you should obtain permission from the individual's closest living relative."

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That's all Folks! For this time.

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