

A detailed botanical illustration in a light, sketchy style serves as the background. It features various types of leaves, including large, broad ones and long, narrow palm-like fronds. A butterfly is also depicted in flight. The overall tone is soft and naturalistic.

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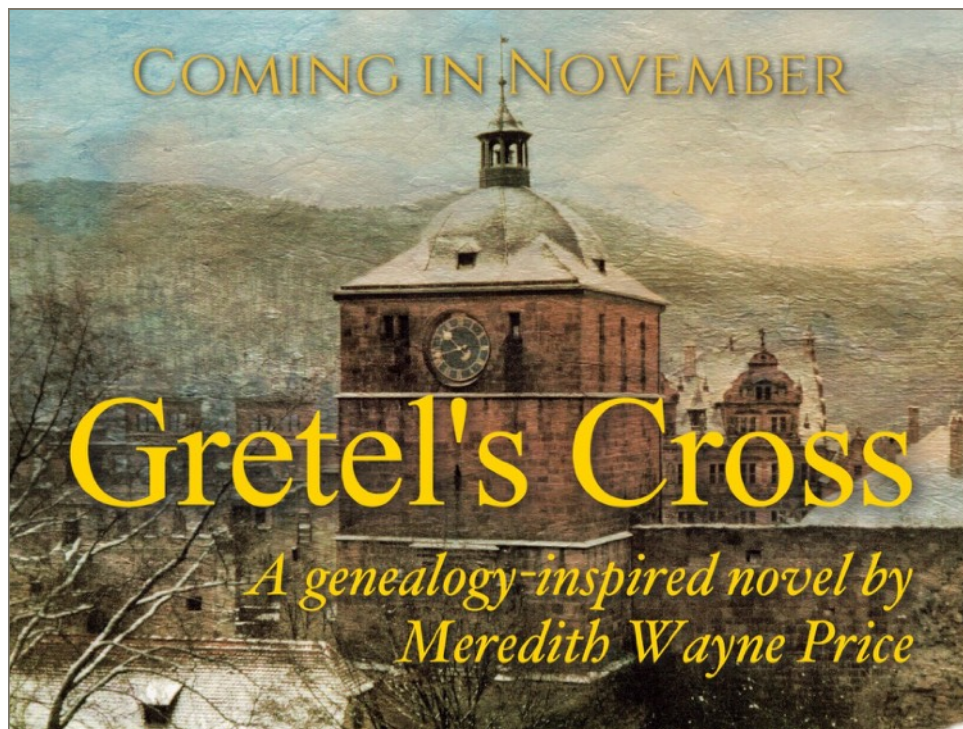
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## The Society Page

Our October meeting is Saturday, October 21st, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. Check-in begins at 12:45pm and the meeting begins at 1:00pm with Judy Wright returning to present part 2 of *Family Tree Maker is Alive & Well - and Full of Surprises*. Now that Family Tree Maker has been out for a while, this is a great opportunity to learn some of the tricks and tools that will help move your research forward.



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# Facebook and Genealogical Research

## Research Toolbox

We are all familiar with the social side of Facebook, but are you aware of the amazing amount of research support available there? Here's a taste . . .



 **Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia** Like Page ...  
September 25 at 12:14pm · 

Are you looking for genealogy Facebook groups/pages for specific areas, surnames, societies or topics? Check out Katherine Willson's and Gail Dever's lists. Katherine's list is international and Gail's is Canadian. <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

 **Genealogy on Facebook List**  
Download the 326 page PDF file containing 11,200+ links (updated in June 2017) to English-speaking Facebook groups & pages related to genealogy & history here: "Genealogy on Facebook&...  
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9 Likes 1 Comment 12 Shares 

 Like  Comment  Share

Getting started is easy. Use the search box at the top of the Facebook screen to search for "genealogy network". A screen similar to the one shown on the next page appears with a collection of groups, pages and even posts full of useful resources and information. You'll find each state has a genealogy network group which is a good place to get started.

Most of these groups are set up as “closed” groups. That means you must first ask to join the group. This is done to keep out people who just want to advertise or promote something. You may be asked to describe who or what you are researching before you are allowed to join.

The screenshot shows a Facebook search interface with the search term 'genealogy network'. The search results are filtered to show 'Groups' and 'Pages'. On the left, there are filter options for 'POSTED BY', 'POSTED IN GROUP', 'TAGGED LOCATION', and 'DATE POSTED'. The 'Groups' section lists three results: 'Florida Genealogy Network' (961 members, 'Joined'), 'Texas Genealogy Network' (5,102 members, 'Joined'), and 'Mississippi Genealogy Network' (4,468 members, 'Joined'). The 'Pages' section lists one result: 'St. Augustine Genealogical Society' (Nonprofit Organization, 19 likes, 'Like').

**Filter Results**

**POSTED BY**

- Anyone
- You
- Your Friends
- Your Friends and Groups
- [+ Choose a Source...](#)

**POSTED IN GROUP**

- Any group
- Your Groups
- [+ Choose a Group...](#)




**TAGGED LOCATION**

- Anywhere
- Saint Augustine, Florida
- [+ Choose a Location...](#)

**DATE POSTED**


- Any date
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015
- [+ Choose a Date...](#)

**Groups** [See All](#)

-  **Florida Genealogy Network** [✓ Joined](#)  
961 members
-  **Texas Genealogy Network** [✓ Joined](#)  
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**Pages** [See All](#)

-  **St. Augustine Genealogical Society** [Like](#)  
Nonprofit Organization · 19 like this  
Susan Marshall and Patricia Runyan Tanner like this  
Since 1989 the St. Augustine Genealogical Society has provided research support to area genealogists.

[See All](#)

Sample results from searching in Facebook



Once you become a member, take some time to look around and get a feel for how the group works. Most have a “guidelines” post pinned at the top of the group’s posts. As you look through some of the queries and responses, you’ll get a feel for how the group operates. Remember, it’s not just about getting answers, it’s also about sharing what you can.

In addition to the state and country networks, you’ll also find some interesting topic-based groups as well as user-groups for many of the programs and online archives used in our research. Search for your genealogy software and you will probably find their page and one or more user groups - all ready to answer your questions. Check out the Technology for Genealogy group, the Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques group, Genealogy Bloggers and much more. Just type what you are looking for in the search box at the top of the screen.

Don’t stop with just groups. Look for genealogical and historical society pages in the areas you are researching. They can be very helpful.



The page you see here is from the area where my mother was born. I've met cousins through this page who have helped me learn more about our shared histories. Facebook is an impressive research tool. Even better, you can make connections with researchers and even meet relatives who can provide information and resources you will never find in an archive.

# Worldwide Indexing Event

In the Archives



For 72 hours, from October 20-22, you can join a special worldwide effort to index historical records, making them searchable online and helping families find

their ancestors from around the world. It isn't difficult and even if you only index a few records, it will help the entire genealogy community.

Why is this such an important event? FamilySearch has discontinued its microfilm circulation services. The records on those microfilms are being digitized at a rate of approximately 1,000 films per day. These digitized records are available at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), but there's just one little problem . . . until those records are indexed, they are not searchable.

Indexing isn't difficult - especially now that FamilySearch has released their new web-based indexing platform. If you are interested in participating, visit <https://www.familysearch.org/indexingevent2017> to sign up. Take the tour of the indexing program and try it out by indexing a record or two. During the indexing weekend, you can come and go as your time allows. (We don't want you to miss our October meeting!) Index as many or as few as you wish. Your efforts will help make more records available to everyone! And, once you discover how easy it is to index, we hope you'll come back any time and index some more.

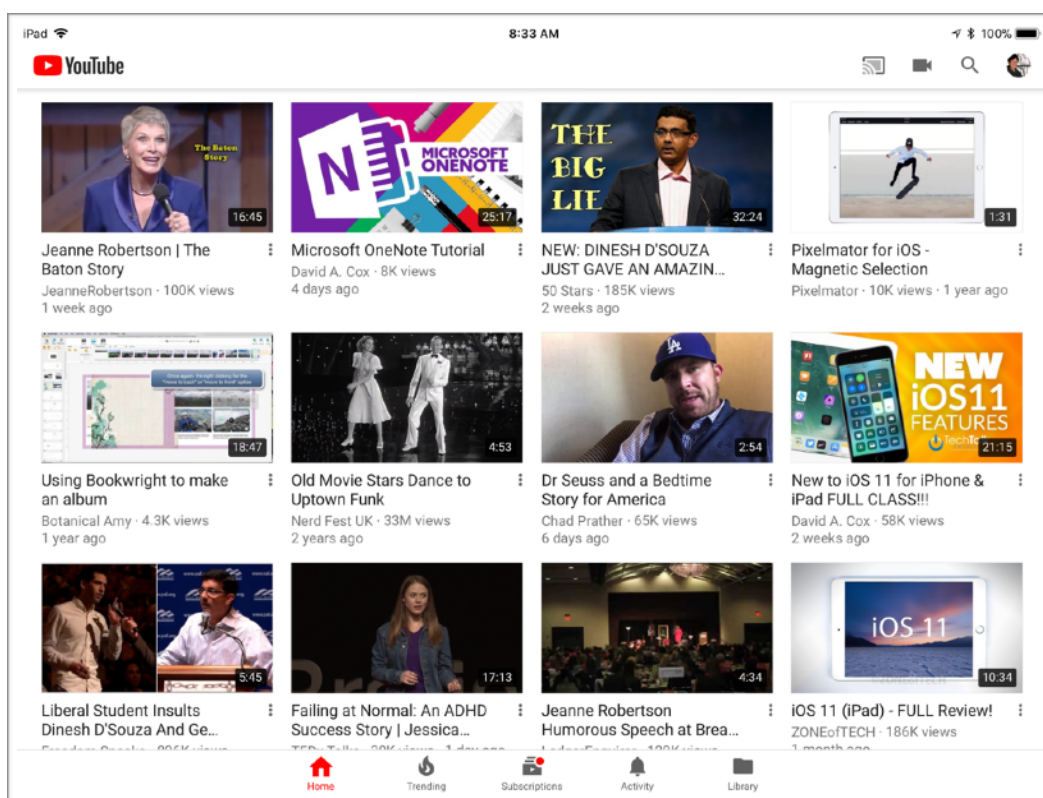
The screenshot displays the FamilySearch Indexing web interface. At the top, the FamilySearch logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Messages', 'Volunteer', and 'Get Help' are on the right. Below the logo, a secondary navigation bar includes 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', and 'Indexing' (which is highlighted). Underneath, a sub-menu shows 'Overview', 'Web Indexing' (selected), 'Find a Project', and 'Help Resources'. The main content area is divided into two parts. On the left, a blue box titled 'Indexing Makes Records Searchable Online' contains the text: 'When you index you help connect families by typing up historical documents so they can be published online.' Below this text are two buttons: 'Learn More' and 'Get Started'. On the right, a white card displays the details for 'Joseph B. Dewey' (1801-1886 • LDEX-29W), including his marriage to 'Maria Ranney' (1802-1889 • LYEX-R28) in 1820 in the United States. A dropdown menu labeled 'Children' is visible below the card. The background of the main content area features a faint image of a historical document with cursive handwriting.



# Webinars, Hangouts & YouTube

Denise Barrett Olson

Today's technology has made it possible for family historians to attend classes, presentations and even conferences from the comfort of their own home. Yes, attending in person is always preferable, but seldom affordable. Thanks to the Internet and a growing number of affordable conferencing platforms, we can attend and even participate in a broad range of presentations. There are lots of options, but this month the focus is on the easiest option - YouTube.

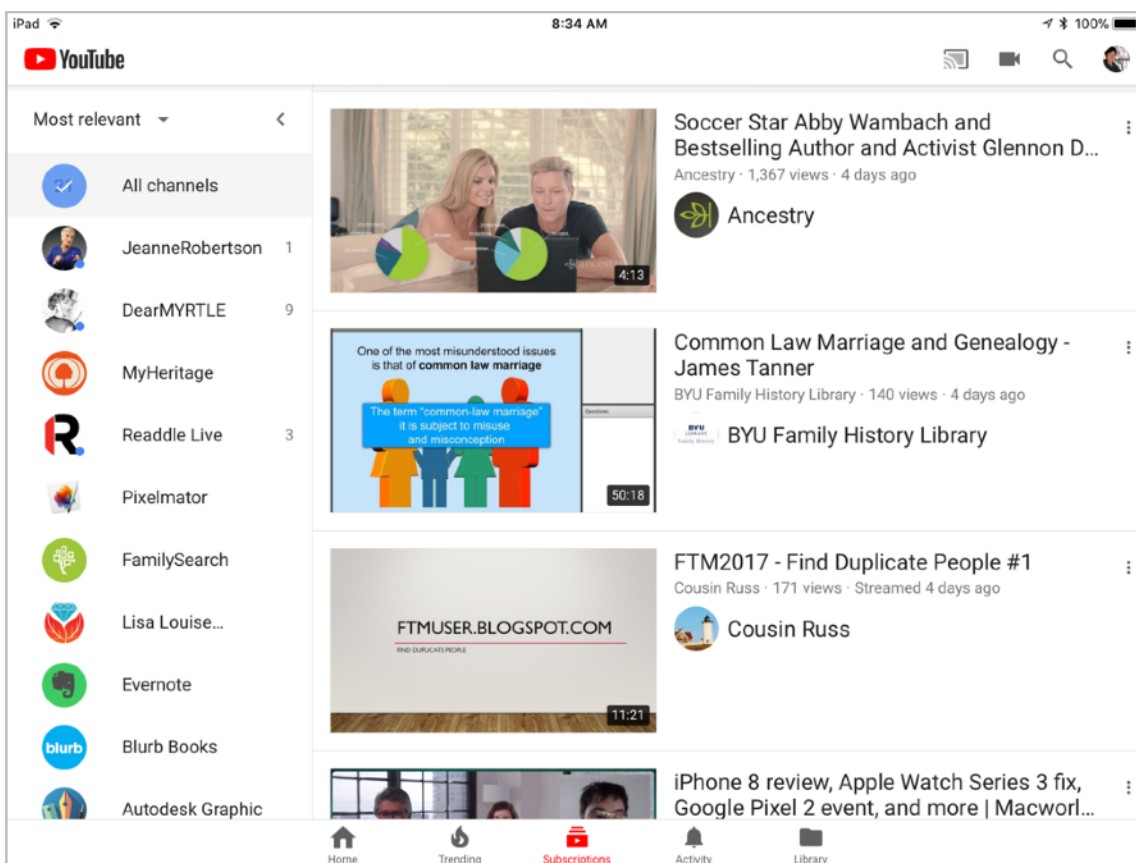


*The YouTube home pages change every time you visit the site.*

YouTube is a video-sharing platform owned by Google. Anyone can upload and share videos - most at no cost. These posted videos are available to everyone. All you need is a free Google account.

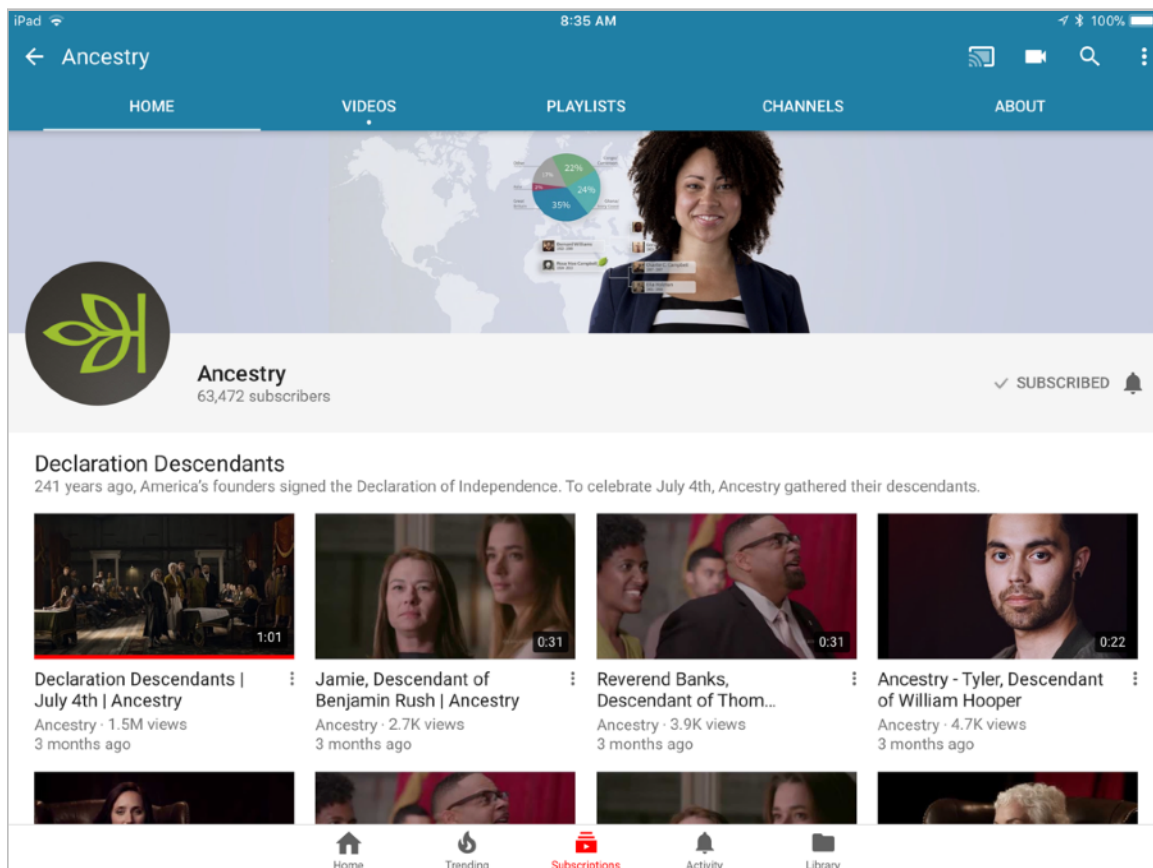
On your YouTube home page, you will see both entertainment and informational videos. You have easy access to a broad range of sources and topics. YouTube is so huge, you may think it would be difficult to find anything useful. Not so! It is Google after all. Use the search icon at the top of the screen to search for topics, companies, organizations or whatever and YouTube will present you with a collection of videos matching your search string.

When you find a source you like - Ancestry for example - you can subscribe and easily return to their home page at any time. And, as you can see below, YouTube will even let you know when new videos are available.



*Subscriptions in the left sidebar show when new videos are posted.*

To the right of each video's thumbnail is the title, producer and details about the video. Click/tap a producer's icon to view their home page. The example on the next page shows a link to the Ancestry home page.



Watching a video is a breeze, just tap the image and the video begins. There may or may not be an advertisement presented first. Usually you can shut it off after a few seconds. You can also pause, fast-forward or stop viewing at any time.

These examples show YouTube on the iPad. There is a free app available for most tablets and smart phones. I like them because I can watch just about anywhere either using the iPad's speakers or earbuds.

When viewing on your desktop, you will need either speakers or a headset to get the sound. When watching on a desktop, you can access YouTube through your web browser at <http://www.youtube.com>.

## Society Services

The Research Help Desk supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via email. Members can complete a research help request form at any meeting or email your request to Sue Gill at [suecarl@aol.com](mailto:suecarl@aol.com). The Research Committee will respond with suggestions on search options and sources.

Members with research experience are encouraged to volunteer on the Research Committee.

There are a number of ways SAGS members can connect online. These include:

- [SAGS Online](#) - The society's public web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Support](#) - The society's members-only site offers weekly news updates, research support, 24/7 access to our publications library along with social networking features making it easy for members to stay connected between meetings.
- [SAGS Writers Group](#) - This virtual special interest group supports members looking for creative ways to document and share their family history.
- [SAGS Facebook Group](#) - This is a public group that was created and managed by Sue Gill. It is still functional, but with limited capabilities. The society is working to build a new group to pick up where Sue left off. If you would be interested in volunteering to help manage the new Facebook group, please contact us at [sags.research@yahoo.com](mailto:sags.research@yahoo.com).



## Publishing Guidelines

We accept articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology from our members for publication in the Ancient City Bulletin.

Submissions should be sent as an electronic file in either rich text format (.rtf) or MS Word (.docx) format via email to [sags.publications@gmail.com](mailto:sags.publications@gmail.com). Please keep formatting to a minimum as the article will need to be styled to match the Bulletin's design. The article title should be on a separate line at the top of the page with the author's name listed immediately below. Photos included as part of the article are welcome, but please also send a copy of each photo as a separate file. Captions are always welcome and please include the photographer's name for proper credit. Including a list of sources is also encouraged.

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