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The Society Page

We don't know how long before the Corona Virus is exterminated and our world can return to normal. That doesn't mean we can't work on our family history or stay in touch with other society members.

The society would like to offer more research resources like this one but we do not have the staff to make it happen. We need to fill a number of positions - Membership, Programs, Research, Communications and Facebook. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, contact Denise Olson or Pat Tanner.

Our weekly *Research Notes* newsletter is expanding to keep up with society meetings, upcoming events and webinars along with genealogy news, special offers and discounts. If you are not already a *Research Notes* subscriber, email us at sags.publications@yahoo.com and we will get you set up.

Don't forget our Facebook page, along with the [Research Resource Center](#) and [Storytellers Studio](#) groups at MeWe.com!

The Family History Guide

Editorial Notes

Just because the CoronaVirus is keeping us out of society meetings and libraries doesn't mean we can't learn new and useful ways to help our family research efforts. We are fortunate to have an online learning center covering a broad range of topics. That center is The Family History Guide.



Not only is it an impressive resource, it's costs you nothing to use. The Family History Guide is online at <https://www.thefhguide.com>. On the home page you will find a button titled "Overview Video". Click/tap the button and watch the guide's overview. You will be amazed at the resources available - from beginners to experienced researchers.

Want to learn more about the genealogy platform you use? The Family History Guide includes lessons on FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage and Findmypast. Other areas of interest include countries, faiths and more.

The beauty of this amazing resource is that it's waiting for you whenever you are ready.

Genealogy and MeWe

Research Toolbox

The Research Resource Center on MeWe.com is quickly becoming an impressive resource for genealogical research and publishing. Since we don't know how long before things are back to normal, this group is open to the entire genealogy community and was created to make research resources available to researchers from their own homes.

The Resource Center uses hash tags to organize the content posted on the group. For example, if you are looking for posts discussing census, just tap or click the #census tag and the screen will be redrawn so only posts tagged as census will appear in the timeline. Tap/click the X circle in the box at the top of the timeline to return the timeline to it's prior posts.



The menu just below the masthead graphic sends you to the various elements within the group. Beginning at the left, you can choose to view the group's Posts, see who else is a Member of the group and access the Photos/Videos or Files posted in the group. There is also an Events feature making it possible to organize group chats, presentations and other online events.

There are many features making it possible for group members to add comments to the posts or chat with other members. The group chat feature supports text, voice and even video chats. The voice and video chats work best if you have a mobile device (iOS or Android). Install the free MeWe.com app and take advantage of the chat feature (text, voice or video) to get help or to participate in online programs.



You can even enjoy watching webinars when it is convenient for you. All you have to do is click on the start button. If your desktop computer doesn't have audio capabilities, it's best to use the mobile MeWe app (iOS or Android) for voice and video presentations.

Affordable Research

In the Archives

Today there is an impressive range of genealogical resources available online, however many of them will cost you to get access. Fortunately there is a growing number of resources that are just as impressive yet freely available. From historic newspapers and photographs to local and military histories along with other publications, there is a growing list of free resources and how to use them.

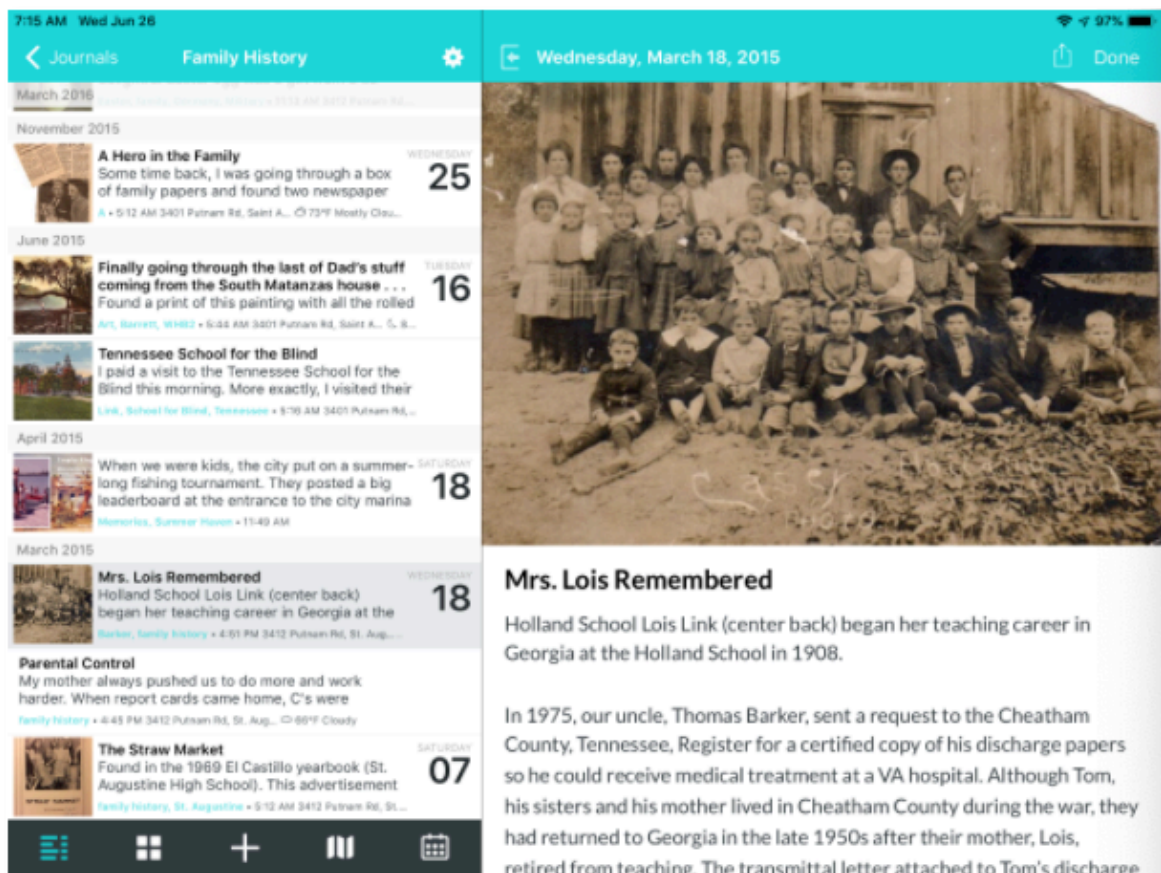


The [Affordable Research blog](#) on Tumblr is building a collection of affordable research resources. These can range from book collections to archives - photographs to maps and much more. There are even resources from other countries.

Journaling With Day One

Storytellers Studio

The Day One journaling app is a family historian's dream. Yes, Day One is a delightful journal for documenting your world and the people in it, but it can also be used for many other purposes. I use Day One to capture the moments, places and people that are part of my world. I also use it to manage my research notes.



Day One supports multiple journals within the app. Here is a sample from my Family History journal. This journal contains the stories my research discovers. It includes text, photos, graphics and even newspaper clippings.

With Day One you can include photos from your photo library or photos you take using the Day One app. It can also be used to scan documents, create video clips, draw and even capture audio interviews.

Day One offers both desktop and mobile apps and provides automatic backups to their private servers for Premium users. A Premium plan will cost \$36/year. In addition to the backups, Premium users have unlimited journals, photos, videos, audio recordings, drawings and voice-to-text transcriptions.

The screenshot displays the Day One app interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories like 'All Entries', 'Journal', 'Family History', 'Workbook', 'Sketchbook', 'Travels', 'Blogging', 'Research Notes', 'New Journal', 'On This Day', and 'Settings'. The main content area shows a journal entry for 'September 2019' with a date of 'FRI 06'. The entry is titled 'GERVAIS, SINCLAIR DAVID' and includes a link to a profile. Below this, there are several other entries, including one for 'August 2019' titled 'Barrett Bible Pages' and another for 'June 2019' titled 'Immigrant Barretts'. The main entry is dated 'Sat, Aug 10, 2019, 6:32 AM EDT' and is titled '4-H Meeting 10-31-1962'. It includes a photo of a newspaper clipping from 'THE ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD' showing a group of women looking at a document. The caption below the photo reads: 'STATE OFFICER MEETS WITH 4-H CLUB LEADERS. Miss Ruth Milton, seated right, Assistant State Girls' 4-H Club agent of the state office in Tallahassee, met with 4-H Club leaders in St. Johns County yesterday for 4-H Leader Training. The Hastings and Elkton leaders met yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Frank Johns in Hastings. The leaders of the clubs in St. Augustine met in the office of Miss Nettie Ruth Brown, Home Demonstration agent. Shown with Miss Milton are members and a leader the new 4-H Club established recently at the R. B. Hu School. They are, Mrs. Marjorie Barrett, seated left, a the club girls are her daughters, Maura and Denise. Dons Germain is a new member at the Crookshank School. (Record photo by Phillip Whitley)'

Day One is also quite useful for bloggers. You can write your blog in Day One - with photos and graphics - then send the finished post to your blog. You still have the original copy in your Day One journal.

That's not all . . . Use Day One to build a catalog of your family's precious treasures like Christmas ornaments or travel souvenirs, paintings, family photos and more. When you are ready, put Day One's book printing feature to use to

create your own book. Using your Day One iOS app select the journal entries you want to include in your book, then choose the cover photo, rear photos and other elements, then send it on it's way to Day One to be published and delivered to you. Day One walks you through the entire process right up to the time you send your work for printing.

The finished book is 5.5" by 8.5" and is limited to 400 pages. Cost for 50 color pages is \$19.99. Additional pages can be added at 10 cents per page.

Day One's many features make it an affordable treasure for family historians. It costs you nothing to download the app (iOS or Android) to your mobile device and start capturing your family treasures and organizing your research notes. Moving to the premium service gives you even more opportunities to save and share with your family. Take a look at Day One and see for yourself.



Society Services

The Research committee supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via our Facebook group. At the moment that position is vacant. We are looking for a member willing to fill that position and provide research support for our members.

Members are encouraged to join our members-only Facebook group - [SAGS Community Research Center](#). This group makes it possible for members to stay connected between meetings. You are encouraged to ask questions, share tips or just chat. Society staff are also posting news items, deals and resources that can help us all improve our research efforts.

Additional ways SAGS members can connect online include:

- [SAGS Online](#) - The society's public web site.
- [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.
- [Research Notes](#) - Our weekly email update for genealogy news and deals along with links to useful resources and other articles. Research Notes arrives in your Inbox every Monday morning and past editions are available online in the Research Notes Archive at SAGS Support.
- In addition to the SAGS Community Research Center, the society also maintains a public Facebook page providing information about the society and upcoming meetings.
- The Members Network group at [MeWe.com](#) is also a members-only group offering genealogy news, resources and support for our members.