



Internet Safety and Privacy

Always read the terms and conditions for any social media platform you decide to use

Check out the privacy settings so you know how and who you are interacting with

Block or unfollow spammers

The internet is forever

Consider an email address just for the web

Be aware of copyright and content ownership of others

Benefits of Social Media

Share information

Find new “cousins” and other researchers

Get the younger generations interested

Find webinars and genealogy related educational content

Find information on genealogy and history events

Collect resources (research toolbox)

Leave information for future researchers

Blogs

Even if you choose not to be a blogger, find a few blogs to follow

Use a private blog to share with family

Public blog content can be found in Google searches

Pinterest

Electronic bulletin board

Easy way to curate content, both yours and others

Instagram

Share pictures and short videos

Great to get the younger generations interested



Google Plus

Follow people and companies

Join communities

YouTube

The place for education

Subscribe to channels

Search for items of interest

Facebook

Pages are one-way communication (owner pushes out information)

Groups are two-way communication (members can create a post)

Crowdsourcing on Facebook

Find and join groups related to your research

Ask to join (most groups are private)

Search the group before posting

Tips for Posting Requests

Be specific (but concise)

Punctuation and capitalization count

“Which is best”

Be respectful

Be appreciative

And remember – Some questions may not get an answer



Quick Guide to Social Media Benefits:

| | Share Info | Cousin Bait | Younger Interest | Education | Events | Resources | Future Legacy |
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| Blogs | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Pinterest | Y | | Y | | | Y | Y |
| Instagram | Y | | Y | | | | Y |
| Google + | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| YouTube | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Facebook | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | |

Resource List

All links below verified as of 15 September 2017

Geneabloggers Tribe – www.geneabloggerstribes.com

Pinterest - www.pinterest.com

Instagram - www.instagram.com

Google Plus - <https://plus.google.com>

Create a Google Account - <https://accounts.google.com>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com>

Facebook – www.facebook.com

***Genealogy groups on Facebook – www.socialmediagenealogy.com

Tips for Facebook Requests <https://auntbarbspapers.com/2015/01/23/asking-for-help-the-right-way/>