

Mesa FamilySearch Library Conference
Using the Google Goldmine for Genealogy
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Google is all about searching websites. Google is also a bundle of tools. This class will take a look at the more useful genealogical tools. Genealogists need to find records. Websites have records. Google searches websites, so genealogists should learn how to use Google.

Google has dozens of individual apps for specific types of searches, utilities and tools. Such as:

- Search
- Maps
- Earth
- Image Search
- YouTube
- Books
- Blogger
- Docs
- Drive
- Translate
- Scholar

We can't possibly cover them all in an hour.

Web Search

- Search for the names and places of every person in your family tree
- Use alternative names, such as nicknames
- Put the name in quotation marks for a specific search
- Add qualifiers such as places or occupations
- Look carefully at the responses

Image Search

- Search for images on webpages
- Add qualifiers to avoid unwanted images
- Search for the names and places of every person in your family tree

Translate

- Over 104 languages
- Keyboard and audio for all languages
- Do an instant genealogy word list

Maps

- Find almost anyplace in the world
- Calculate distances and travel time between places

Earth

- Explore the world with overlays including historical maps
- Has information more than distances
- Street View

Google Docs

- Free online word processing
- Also spreadsheet, presentation and forms

Google Drive

- Up to 1 TB for free storage of all your documents
- Google Photos — unlimited photo storage
- Access documents from any device

Google Books

- Over 30,000,000 books
- Read (full text), Snippet or Preview
- Declared “fair use” by courts
- WorldCat.org

Google Scholar

- Articles including patents
- Case law

Blogger

- Search for content in blogs
- Create and write your on blog
- Read genealogy blogs

YouTube

- BYU Family History Library Channel Video Library
- Many other genealogy website Channels