

*Welcome to....*

**GENEALOGY U ©**

Genealogy 102

*Your Speaker . . .*

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**Online Genealogy**

- Basic Searching Concepts
- Online Library Databases
  - HeritageQuest
  - Ancestry Library Edition
- Genealogy Databases - Fees
- Genealogy Software
- Tips & Tricks

**Computer Basics: Assumed**

- Computer 
- Mouse 
- ISPs 
- Web Surfing 

**Computers & Genealogy**

**Not a Techie Class**



**Four Traditional Approaches to Genealogy**



### Newest Approach



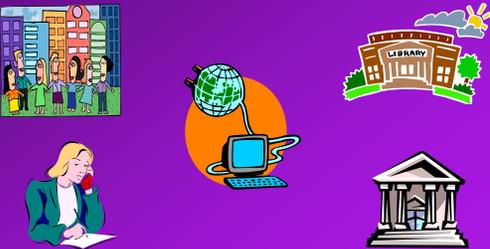

“There is no such thing as internet genealogy” – –

Cyndi Howells  
Internet Genealogy Guru &  
Creator of CYNDI'S LIST  
[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

### Online Genealogy – Not the Only Approach



### Just Another Genealogy Research Method



### Genealogy Research Methods



Today We All Begin With Online Searching  
But To Be Successful – –  
You Must Use All Available Methods



### Online Genealogy

- Up Side
  - Rapidly Growing
    - New Sources & Indexes Added Daily
- Down Side
  - Contains Small Percentage of Sources (about 8%)
  - Contains a Lot of Junk

### Online Genealogical Research

- Integrate into Regular Research
- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
  1. Start With What You Know
  2. Critically Examine Family Stories & Traditions
  3. Focus Your Efforts
  4. Think About Location
  5. Think About Dates
  6. Consider Possible Sources

### Online Genealogical Research

- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
  7. Stay Organized
  8. Cite Your Sources
  9. Always Get Proof
  10. Know What You're Looking At
  11. Share Your Information
  12. Join an Organization
  13. Attend Workshops & Conferences

### Online Genealogical Research

- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
  14. Always Ask Yourself the 4 Basic Qs
    - Who?
      - Target Ancestor
    - What?
      - Information Needed (Record Type)
    - Where ?
      - Place (Locality)
    - When ?
      - Time Period

### General Web Search Engines

- Leading Search Engines
  - Google.com
  - Yahoo.com
  - Bing.com
  - Ask.com
- Don't Rely on Just One
- **Google Demo**

### Search Concepts

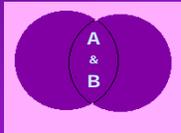
- Boolean Operators
- Wild Cards
- Nesting
- Stop Words
- Proximity
- **NOT ALL** of these are Available in **ALL** Search Engines

### Search Concepts: Boolean Operators

- AND
- OR
- NOT

Search Concepts:  
Boolean Operators

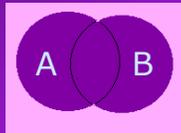
"AND"



A AND B

Search Concepts:  
Boolean Operators

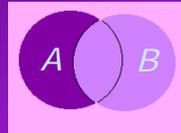
"OR"



A OR B

Search Concepts:  
Boolean Operators

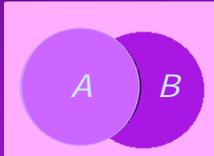
"NOT"



A NOT B

Search Concepts:  
Boolean Operators

"NOT"



B NOT A

Search Concepts:  
Wild Cards

- ? Replaces a Single Character
- \* Replaces Everything to the Right

Search Concepts:  
Wild Cards

- Examples for ?
- Wom?n
  - Returns:
    - Woman
    - Women
- Some Smart Search Engines Will Automatically Return Both
  - **GOOGLE**

### Search Concepts: Wild Cards

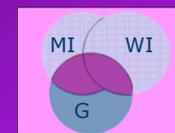
- Examples for \*
  - Genealog\*
  - Truncation (Usually)
  - Returns:
    - Genealogical
    - Genealogies
    - Genealogy
- Smart Search Engines like Google Provide Wild Cards by Default
  - Determine your Search Engine's Functionality

### Search Concepts: Nesting

- Determines the Order of Searches
  - (Michigan or Wisconsin) and (Genealogy)
  - (Michigan) or (Wisconsin and Genealogy)

### Search Concepts: Nesting

(Michigan or Wisconsin) and  
(Genealogy)



### Search Concepts: Nesting

(Michigan) or  
(Wisconsin and Genealogy)



### Search Concepts: Stop Words

- Common Words Ignored in Keyword Searches
  - Words Differ by Database
- Stop Word Examples
  - a, an, are, as, at, be, but, by, for, from, had, have, he, in, her, his, is, it, of, on, that, the, this, to, was, which, with, you

### Searching Online Databases

- Waterford Public Library – Online Databases
- <http://www.waterfordmi.gov/577/Online-Databases>

### Searching Online Databases

Waterford Library Genealogy Databases

[Ancestry Library Edition \(In Library Only\)](#)

[Biography and Genealogy Master Index](#)

[HeritageQuest Online](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Society \(In Library Only\)](#)

### Searching Online Databases

- Ancestry Library Edition
- **HeritageQuest**
- Biography and Genealogy Master Index
- Detroit Free Press Archives 1999 - Current
- New England Historic Genealogical Society

### AncestryLE (Library Edition)

- Available Only at Libraries
  - Not Searchable from Home

### Using AncestryLE

- Avoid: "Find Your Ancestors NOW Search"
  - Umpteen Results
  - Waste of Your Time
- Select a Database
  - Think Type of Records
  - Think Time Period
  - Think Locality

### Using AncestryLE

- Census Records
- Birth, Marriage, & Death
- Military Records
- Biography & History
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
- Reference Dictionaries & Almanacs
- Immigration Records
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
- Family Trees
- Stories & Publications
- Photos & Maps
- Special Collections

### Using AncestryLE

- Census Image Tips
  - Requires High Speed Connection for Satisfactory Performance (If you subscribe)
  - Indexes: Improving
    - Provision for User Correction Suggestions
  - Indexes: Every Name

### Using AncestryLE

- Census Image Tips
  - If Prompted - Download any Viewer Add-ons
  - Recommend
    - View Transcript in "View Printer Friendly"
    - Then Copy & Paste to Word Processor
    - Download Complete Page Image
    - Create Cropped Image When Necessary

### Using AncestryLE

- Census Image Tips
  - To Print
    - Do Not Print Directly
    - Select Download
    - Save Image File

### HeritageQuest

- Available in Library
- Free Access from Home

### HERITAGEQUEST

- Access
  - Only Libraries can Subscribe
  - Michigan Public Libraries Do Subscribe
    - Requires Log-In with your Library Card

### HERITAGEQUEST

- Contains Six Collections
  - Census Records
    - 1790 to 1930
    - Head-of-Household Indexes Cover the 1790 - 1820, and the 1860 - 1920 Censuses
  - Family & Local Histories
    - 22,000 Books
  - PERSI
    - Indexes 2 Million Plus Articles in Genealogy Periodical

### HERITAGEQUEST

- Contains Six Collections
  - Revolutionary War Pension Files
  - The Freedman's Bank (1865-1874)
    - Application Records Containing Family Information and Pedigrees for African Americans after the Civil War
  - U.S. Serial Set
    - Provides the Citizens' Petitions to the US Congress Requesting Relief

### Using HeritageQuest

- Census Image Printing
  - Do Not hit PRINT
  - Download > PDF File OR TIFF File
    - Print this image
    - OR Select a Portion and Save or Print from word processor

### Using HeritageQuest

- Genealogy & Local History Library
  - Name Search
  - Locale Search
  - Title Search

### SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

- Ancestry.com \$
- Fold3.com \$
- GenealogyBank.com \$
- WorldVitalRecords.com \$

### ANCESTRY

- [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
  - Largest Online Genealogy Subscription Service
  - More than Six Billion Names in 2.5 Billion Records
  - Adds Millions of Names Every Week
  - Coverage is Strongest for the United States and Britain
  - Building Collections for Canada and Western Europe

### ANCESTRY

- Key Resources
  - US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1940
  - Birth, Marriage and Death Records from around the US from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries
  - 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Passenger Arrival Lists for the Ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco
  - Military records, including Revolutionary War and Civil War (Union Army) Pension File Indexes, WWI Draft Registration Cards and WWII Army Enlistment Records
  - Directories
  - Newspapers
  - Family and Local Histories
  - Family Tees

### ANCESTRY

- Price (last time I checked)
  - US Deluxe Membership Costs \$19.95/mo or \$155.40/yr
  - World Deluxe Membership, \$29.95/mo or \$299.40/yr
    - Gives you Access to Everything, Including Records from the US, the UK, Canada, and Europe
  - Many Public Libraries Subscribe to the Ancestry Library Edition.
    - Free Access from the Library

### FOLD3

- [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)
  - Provides Original Historical Documents
    - Revolutionary War, the Civil War, WW I & WWII
    - Historical Newspapers
    - Naturalization Records
    - Census (1860 & 1930 & more being added)
  - Recent Emphasis on Military Records
  - Price
    - \$11.95/mo
    - \$79.95/yr
    - \$1.95/individual document images

### GENEALOGYBANK

- [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com)
- Provides Four Main Collections
  1. Historical Newspapers, 1690-1977
    - 3,700 Historical Newspapers
  2. America's Obituaries, 1977 to present
    - Mostly from 1999
    - Includes 900+ Newspapers

### GENEALOGYBANK

3. Historical Books, 1801-1900
    - Does Not Compare to HeritageQuest Books
  4. Historical Documents, 1789-1980
    - American State Papers (1789-1838)
    - US Serial Set (1817-1980) – Genealogical Content
- Price
    - Free 30 day Access
    - \$19.95/mo
    - \$69.95/yr
    - Libraries Frequently Subscribe to Michigan Newspapers from Newsbank

### GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

- Frequently Provide Access to Databases and Other Benefits for Members
  - National Genealogical Society
    - [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
  - New England Historic Genealogical Society
    - [www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org)
  - Oakland County Genealogical Society
    - <http://www.ocgsml.org/>

### *Searching Online Library Catalogs*

- Allen County Public Library  
<http://acpl.lib.in.us/>
- Archives of Michigan  
[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463\\_19313---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_19313---,00.html)
- Seeking Michigan  
<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

### *Searching Online Library Catalogs*

- Library of Congress  
<http://www.loc.gov/>
- American Memory (LC)  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Preparatory to a Research Visit
  - Search Catalog from Home
- Standard Searches
  - Author
  - Title
  - Subject
  - Keyword

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- When First Using a Catalog:
  - Familiarize Yourself with the Catalog's Features
  - Read the Search Directions
  - Read the Help Pages
  - Read any FAQs

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Author Searching
  - Searches **ALL** Authors
  - Last Name First
    - Ex: Smith John
  - Middle Initial Optional
    - Problematic
    - Use With Extreme Care
    - Restrict Use to Common Names
      - Ex: Smith John C

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Title Searching
  - Use Words in Correct Order
  - **ALWAYS** Ignore Initial Articles
    - A, An & The
  - Use First Few Words (Truncation)
    - Ex: bad death

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Subject Searching
  - Controlled Vocabulary
  - Library of Congress Subject Headings
  - Exact Punctuation
  - Difficult to Use
  - Do Keyword Search First

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

**LC control no.:** 94108024  
**Type of material:** Book (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)  
**Personal name:** Rabideau, Clyde M. (Clyde Melvin), 1936-  
**Main title:** The Robidous in North America : 350 years, 1643-1993 : 13 generations : a complete genealogy of the descendants of Andre Robidou and Jeanne Denote / by Clyde M. Rabideau.  
**Edition:** 1st ed.  
**Published/Created:** Honolulu, HI : C.M. Rabideau, 1993.  
**Description:** 588 p. : ill., 1 map ; 29 cm.  
**ISBN:** 0963668404  
**Subjects:**  
 Robidou family.  
 Rabidou, Andre, 1643-1678--Family.  
 Canada--Genealogy.  
**LC classification:** CS71.R654 1993  
**Dewey class no.:** 929/.2/0973

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Key Word Searching
  - Searches Every Word on the Cataloging Record
  - ADVANTAGE: Easy to Find Your Word
  - DISADVANTAGE: Many False "Hits" Provided

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Key Word Searching
  - Often More Than You Want
  - Find Useful Item, then Search its Subject Headings
    - Online Catalogs have Clickable Subject Links
  - Extremely Powerful

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

**LC control no.:** 2001116512  
**Type of material:** Book (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)  
**Personal name:** Rabideau, Clyde M. (Clyde Melvin), 1936-  
**Main title:** Obituaries 2000 : Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York / compiled by Clyde M. Rabideau  
**Edition:** 1st ed.  
**Published/Created:** [Plattsburgh, N.Y.] : C.M. Rabideau, [c2001]  
**Description:** 544 p. : ports. ; 29 cm.  
**ISBN:** 0966289587  
**Subjects:** Obituaries--New York (State)--Clinton County. Obituaries--New York (State)--Franklin County. Obituaries--New York (State)--Essex County. Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Clinton County. Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Franklin County. Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Essex County. Clinton County (N.Y.)--Genealogy. Franklin County (N.Y.)--Genealogy. Essex County (N.Y.)--Genealogy.

### Searching Online Library Catalogs

- MARC Record (Machine Readable Cataloging Record)

#### MARC RECORD EXAMPLE

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000 01330cam a2200349 a 45x
001 5552519
005 20020424162828.0
008 020207s2001 nyuc r 001 0 eng
010 ___ |a 2001116512
035 ___ |a (OCoLJ)ocm49278114
040 ___ |a DLC |e DLC
020 ___ |a 0966289587
043 ___ |a n-us-ny
050 00 |a F127.C77 |b R35 2000
082 00 |a 929:274754 |2 21
049 ___ |a WIHA
100 1 _ |a Rabideau, Clyde M. |q (Clyde Melvin). |d 1936-
245 10 |a Obituaries 2000 : [b Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York /] c compiled by Clyde M. Rabideau
246 30 |a Obituaries 2000--Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York
260 ___ |a [Plattsburgh, N.Y.] : |b C.M. Rabideau, |c [c2001]
300 ___ |a 544 p. : |b ports. ; |c 29 cm.
500 ___ |a Includes index.
651 0 |a Clinton County (N.Y.) |v Genealogy.
651 0 |a Franklin County (N.Y.) |v Genealogy.
651 0 |a Essex County (N.Y.) |v Genealogy.
650 0 |a Obituaries |z New York (State) |z Clinton County.
650 0 |a Obituaries |z New York (State) |z Franklin County.
650 0 |a Obituaries |z New York (State) |z Essex County.
650 0 |a Registers of births, etc. |z New York (State) |z Clinton County.
650 0 |a Registers of births, etc. |z New York (State) |z Franklin County.
650 0 |a Registers of births, etc. |z New York (State) |z Essex County.
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### Web Site Evaluation

- NOT ALL SITES ARE CREATED EQUAL
- Learn to Differentiate Between the Valuable and the Valueless

### Web Site Evaluation

- How well does the author use and define genealogical terms?
- Does the information make sense compared to what you already know?
- Search Message Boards for info
- Google the web site
- Know What You Are Looking At!

### Genealogy Software

#### Examining Your Choices

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_genealogy\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software)

**Change Your Mind?**  
Use a GEDCOM to Import Data to Another Program

GEDCOM FORMAT

```

0 @1@ INDI
1 NAME Robert Eugene/Williams/
1 SEX M
1 BIRT
2 DATE 02 OCT 1822
2 PLAC Weston, Madison, Connecticut
2 SOUR @6@
3 PAGE Sec. 2, p. 45
3 EVEN BIRT
4 ROLE CHIL
1 DEAT
2 DATE 14 APR 1905
2 PLAC Stamford, Fairfield, CT
1 BURI
2 PLAC Spring Hill Cem., Stamford, CT
1 RESI
2 ADDR 73 North Ashley
3 CONT Spencer, Utah UT84991
2 DATE from 1900 to 1905
1 FAMS @4@
1 FAMS @9@
0 @2@ INDI
1 NAME Mary Ann/Wilson/
    
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### Genealogy Software

- Legacy Family Tree
  - Free Download
  - <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>
  - Best Free Genealogy Software
    - Dick Eastman
  - Deluxe Edition
    - Download - \$29.95
    - CD - \$39.95

### Genealogy Software

- RootsMagic
  - Free Trial Version Download
  - <http://www.rootsmagic.com>
  - Trial Provides Limited Access to the Program's Functions
  - Full Version – \$29.95

### Genealogy Software

- FamilyTreeMaker 2014
  - \$69.99 + tax & shipping
  - Most Recent Release – Usually Changes Annually w/ Upgrade Charges – No 2015 Edition
  - FTM tries to sell CD-ROMs & Online Search Packages
    - Purchase with Care
    - Make Certain You Buy Only What You Want
  - FamilyTreeMaker.com
    - Purchase Online

## Genealogy Software

- FamilyTreeMaker Demo
  - Data Entry
  - Source Citation
  - Reports
  - Web Page Generation

## Creating Your Online Family Tree

- Check Cyndislist.com
  - Lists Many Web Page Software Options
    - Exp: "Ged to Web"
      - Converts a GEDCOM File to a Web Page
      - Genealogy Software Programs all Provide for GEDCOM Exports
- Free Site Hosting
  - Ancestry.com
  - Angelfire.com
  - RootsWeb.com

## Creating Web Pages

- Cyndi Howells, *Planting Your Family Tree Online*
  - Discusses Web Page Options
  - Highly Inspirational & Motivational
    - Take Care or You'll be Working on a Web Page Tomorrow :~)

## Creating Web Pages

- Carefully Consider Page Design
  - Poorly Designed Page Example
  - <http://www.angelfire.com/mi/jillsgenealogy>



## Creating Web Pages

- Check John Cardinal's Second Site
  - <http://www.johncardinal.com/ss/index.htm>
  - Explains what Web Software will do
  - Provides Examples



## Data Backup

- Backup **ALL** Your Data the First of Every Month
- Backup Your New or Altered Files Everyday
  - Discard After a Couple of Months of Complete Backups
- Use a Separate External Hard Drive for Each Type of Backup
- Write Backups to CDs
- Backup to the Cloud



### Upcoming Genealogy Classes

- Gen 103, Sat. Jan. 16, 2016
- Gen 104, Sat. Feb 6, 2016
  - All Classes from 9:30 to 1:00
  
- Lock-In – Waterford Genealogical Society
  - Saturday Evening Late April or Early May
  - Seminars & Research
  - Details Available After the First of the Year

### QUESTIONS?



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