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Okay, I think we're gonna get started.

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First of all thank you so much for

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coming. It's always nice to find people

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who are interested and something I'm

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interested in. My name is Rebecca Knight.

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I'm of the Reference and Instructional

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Services department here at the

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University of Delaware. The library has

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for a long time offered workshops

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featuring the UD resources that sort of

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thing. And at some point we started

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subscribing to Ancestry - Library Edition

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so I thought it would be great idea to

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do something on genealogy & family history.

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So we're very glad to have all of you.

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The purpose of what we're going to do

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today, as we saw from the name, was

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Genealogy for Beginners, but really a

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better name would be Beginners and

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Basics. Because they're just so many

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things - two people have said it already

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this morning - that you need a grounding.

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And so beginners, and people just needing

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basics, are the perfect audience for this

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workshop. Today's topics, obviously, let me

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tell you why we picked these. Obviously

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Beginners and Basics. Secondly the US

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Federal Census, which is a well-known

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source. Many people have looked at it and

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I thought we would take a look at it in

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more detail. And then we're doing the

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topic of city directories - which is a

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lesser-known resource but one that is

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highly valuable and I wanted to make

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sure to bring it to your attention. I am

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going to start by taking you to our

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Library homepage where you can see a

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path to what I am following. So right

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here on our library web page, you will

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see (sorry)

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Research Guides, Databases and Workshops.

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Very convenient. And when you're looking

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here you can see, of these options, this

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particular one is highlighted.

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That's DELCAT Discovery which is our

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library catalog. But here the Research

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Guides - see it turns blue - here the

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Databases, the research guides are what I

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want to start with. And that is that we

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have a research guide for genealogy. And

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on your handout there is the URL, but I

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happen to be a person who would rather

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click than type, so I go over here to

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Advanced, I go to the topic listing

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Genealogy and Biography and pick

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Genealogy. And if you don't already, you

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should have this bookmarked! Because this

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is our list of information we have about

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genealogy, specifically focusing on

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different types of resources. What

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you're seeing here are not just lists of

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resources, but often topics of workshops

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that we've given before. So we want to

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make sure that you have this, and we can

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use it as your starting place. So (inaudible audience question) Yes, I'm

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very sorry I forgot to say that. Anything

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that has "Live udel" or "udel" in the

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URL line is a resource that we created

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and therefore it's free to the public.

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One of the things that I want to stress

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before we get started is people are

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always asking this would be like "common

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questions", not just to me, but things I

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see out on

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Internet and chat boards and such, and

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that is: "Can I do all my family history

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by typing a name in a search box?" And you

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know the answer - you're here! - the answer

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is, no! Because not everything is online

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and despite what people are forecasting

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it never will be. And not everything that

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is online is searchable. And that's

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actually something that most people

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haven't thought of. Like they may have

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taken a book and digitized each of the

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pages, but it's not searchable. Okay so...

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It's also true that names can be

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very tricky so typing a name into a

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search box has all sorts of more

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sophisticated, nuanced

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things attached to it. Now

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on your handout you have this list. These

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are what I call the major players. These

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are the names I'm going to be mentioning

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through the presentation, and I don't

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want to just leave you in the lurch. So

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I'm giving you a list here. First off

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on the list I have

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ancestry.com, which basically everyone's

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heard of. Am I right? Everyone's heard

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of - okay. Then I have Ancestry - Library Edition

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these are two different

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databases from the same producer

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Ancestry has individual subscriptions

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and they do not allow that group of

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resources to be purchased or licensed by

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libraries, museums or other institutions.

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So they make available a little bit

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smaller group of resources, which they

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call Ancestry - Library Edition. For the

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most part during this presentation I

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might just say "Ancestry"

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in the sense that it's going to

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be available in both. So next one I have

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major player "Delaware Public Archives".

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Which of course is in Dover. And it's

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important to know that they have a lot

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of the original sources, manuscripts, that

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sort of thing, and they have it for the

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whole state so it literally is a

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Delaware archive. And it's a public

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archive. Not a state archive in the sense

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that most people use the phrase in other

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states. State archive - because what they

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do is they take records from

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municipalities and even from schools, all

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sorts of things that are not, or churches,

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are things that are donated and are not

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necessarily in the purview of a state

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archive. So they emphasize that by their

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name. There are also the Delaware

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Libraries and the Delaware Library

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Catalog. Are there any of you who have

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public library cards? Excellent! That

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that's a good resource and they don't

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have some things that we have, but we

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don't have some things that they have!

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there are also - the website

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FamilySearch. That's produced by the

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Mormons, The Church of Jesus Christ of

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Latter-day Saints, and they also have a

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catalog so the family search and the

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catalog of their resources.

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Then there's the National Archives the

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US government. That's where a lot of this

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information comes from even though it

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might be held in other places.

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Then there's "Cindy's List of Genealogy

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Sites on the Internet". Cindy has been

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collecting web resources for years and

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putting them in logical arrangements and

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making them findable and that's an

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excellent kind of thing when you want to

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say, "Ok,

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if I wanted military records and if I

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want things about the state of Arkansas",

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that has wonderful web resources. And

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then there's one that I have not

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previously had on my list but I'm adding

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it now, and that's called

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findmypast.com. The dollar sign

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indicates that it's a for-fee service.

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But the "F" - yes I added that - the "F" is for

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a service that has a considerable amount

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of free resources. So you may wish to

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subscribe to "findmypast", but if you

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don't there are still resources that you

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can take advantage of. And you should

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have this list on your handout - and this

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will give us a background for talking

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about the resources. First thing

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is - where to start? And where to start

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as they say, starts in your house. But

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more fully

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it starts in everybody's houses! All the

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grandparents and aunts and uncles and

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such. So the first thing is to gather

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materials. You have materials, and then

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what you're looking for is everybody's

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collections of things. You are going to

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be starting with yourself. I know that

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it's really tempting to go through and

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say well we're descendants of Charlotte

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Brontë, or you know, Napoleon or something.

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But that's not a good idea because there

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are a lot of twists and turns as you're

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going backwards and it's better to start

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with yourself, with your generation.

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Anything that you know. Working from

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the known to the unknown is the

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procedure here. When you gather all

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of those materials - here's something

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that's important - you need to sort them.

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In particular you need to sort them

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into some kind of logical order but

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don't forget the step of sorting them by

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what type of media they are. Because

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photographs don't mix well with anything.

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Newspaper clippings REALLY don't mix

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well with other things and they will

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destroy other materials if they're kept

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piled right on top of each other.

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When you go to family reunions or if you

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organize birthday party, anniversary

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party, whatever, talk to your relatives.

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talk to everyone. Be that person at the

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gathering who really wants to know

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family stories. And as you record

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yourself and your families keep in mind

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that you really may not have as much

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time as you think.

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Ask your relatives if they have any

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letters, newspaper clippings - hopefully

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separated -, obituaries, photo albums, medals,

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make a detailed list of who owns what

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and request copies or photographs

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of the the items. The next piece is

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to document the sources of the

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information. You are going to run into

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conflicting information - it's just going

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to happen. And you will want to know

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whether you got that information from a

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tombstone, or an official document, or any

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other, or family lore, or any other method.

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You will need to weigh the relative

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trustworthiness of those sources. I

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can give you a hint

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tombstones are not really very reliable.

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So that's where to start and how to get

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started. Now we're going to talk about

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the getting organized part. Meaning: "How

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do you record this information?" All but

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all the information that you have and

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even information that you're going to be

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looking for. This is where you make

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your decisions. The decisions include: Are

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you going to be using paper as your main

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source? Are you going to be using

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electronic programs, in other words for

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your main source? And if you're doing

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paper, are you going to be using file

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folders? Are you going to be using

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notebooks? And those kinds of questions

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are things you really need to think

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about now. I do find however that often

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people will use some kind of combination

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of those so, it also depends upon what's

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useful and what's doable.

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Because if the system won't work for you,

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or if you aren't going to work the

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system, then it's no good. I am going to

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go to the Genealogy Research Guide, under

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the Beginners on Basics tab which is the

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one for this class today. And as you

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scroll down, you will see some

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information - mostly web pages - that you

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can go to to get some ideas about

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organization pros and cons, what people

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have say works for them, that sort of

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thing. Some of these are really good

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resources. I found a lot of interesting

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information that I wish I had known back

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when I was starting some of this. So

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this is your chance to go through and

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think of your system from scratch.

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00:15:30,866 --> 00:15:33,866

Notice that one of the resources that I

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00:15:33,866 --> 00:15:34,833

put in is called

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"Why Bother: The Value of Documentation"

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00:15:37,766 --> 00:15:41,200

and that's very important. That's the

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00:15:41,200 --> 00:15:43,566

kind of thing that I'm referring to when

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00:15:43,566 --> 00:15:46,200

I say, "What were the sources of your

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00:15:46,200 --> 00:15:48,566

information?", because you'll need to go

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00:15:48,566 --> 00:15:51,500

back and look at them again. So that's a

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00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:53,366

really good article talking about

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00:15:53,366 --> 00:15:56,633

techniques on how to do that. Keeping the

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00:15:56,633 --> 00:16:02,433
information goes to all kinds of

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00:16:02,433 --> 00:16:04,833
different things. On the first page

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00:16:04,833 --> 00:16:08,900
of your white handout I have a copy of

280

00:16:08,900 --> 00:16:11,600
something called a Research Journal.

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00:16:11,600 --> 00:16:16,266
where reasonably, obviously, you should go

282

00:16:16,266 --> 00:16:18,800
through and keep track of what you've

283

00:16:18,800 --> 00:16:22,200
searched, and where are you've gone, and who

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00:16:22,200 --> 00:16:25,300
you've contacted, the sources, the

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00:16:25,300 --> 00:16:27,600
repositories, libraries, courthouses,

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00:16:27,600 --> 00:16:33,800
databases, or whatever. Obviously keep

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00:16:33,800 --> 00:16:37,100
it short. A lot of people with a form

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00:16:37,100 --> 00:16:40,700
like this will simply adapt it. Some

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00:16:40,700 --> 00:16:43,700

people make a spreadsheet, some people do

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00:16:43,700 --> 00:16:46,300

a Word document, that sort of thing. But

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00:16:46,300 --> 00:16:49,566

the form itself is yours and you can use

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00:16:49,566 --> 00:16:56,766

it. And even if you decide you don't want

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00:16:56,766 --> 00:17:00,200

to use paper as your primary resource -

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00:17:00,200 --> 00:17:04,300

certainly possible - there are times when

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00:17:04,300 --> 00:17:10,633

the paper is important as how to do it

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sort of thing. So here's the Research

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00:17:13,566 --> 00:17:16,400

Journal page that you have, and your

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00:17:16,400 --> 00:17:21,700

second page is a blank copy of the

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00:17:21,700 --> 00:17:25,566

Census Form that was used for the 1930

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00:17:25,566 --> 00:17:30,000

census. It has the columns and the lines

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00:17:30,000 --> 00:17:34,033

and what the head of the columns say -

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00:17:34,033 --> 00:17:35,700

which is very important because when

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00:17:35,700 --> 00:17:38,066

you're looking at a census page, when you

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00:17:38,066 --> 00:17:39,566

get down to the bottom you're not going

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00:17:39,566 --> 00:17:42,933

to be able to see the heading at the top.

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00:17:42,933 --> 00:17:45,333

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00:17:45,333 --> 00:17:51,566

The next page of your handout is a copy

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00:17:51,566 --> 00:17:56,100

of an actual census form. And most of

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00:17:56,100 --> 00:17:59,600

these census forms are ledger size - not

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00:17:59,600 --> 00:18:02,266

letter size - and you can see how

311

00:18:02,266 --> 00:18:06,100

important a blank form (recording form)

312

00:18:06,100 --> 00:18:09,066

may be to you as you're pursuing your

313

00:18:09,066 --> 00:18:13,733

research. Just to make that point

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00:18:13,733 --> 00:18:19,000

over there on the counter, there are free

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00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:23,266

forms. The white notebook is full of

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00:18:23,266 --> 00:18:26,233

forms for different kinds of situations.

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00:18:26,233 --> 00:18:29,400

Any time during the session or after

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00:18:29,400 --> 00:18:31,833

feel free to walk over there. If you see

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00:18:31,833 --> 00:18:35,333

something just take a copy.

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00:18:35,333 --> 00:18:37,833

Remember I was talking about separating

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00:18:37,833 --> 00:18:40,700

out the resources and making sure you

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00:18:40,700 --> 00:18:43,133

preserve them, here I'm pointing to a

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00:18:43,133 --> 00:18:46,133

page from the National Archives about

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00:18:46,133 --> 00:18:48,233

caring for your records.

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00:18:48,233 --> 00:18:52,200

and you may find that interesting and I

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00:18:52,200 --> 00:18:57,700

hope helpful. I also have some other

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information packed in here I apologize

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it's a lot of dense information. But this

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00:19:04,766 --> 00:19:11,400

other section is on resources that you

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00:19:11,400 --> 00:19:14,233

can learn from, a lot more than we can

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00:19:14,233 --> 00:19:17,566

accomplish today. One of the things

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00:19:17,566 --> 00:19:21,266

that I keep reading is you can join a

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00:19:21,266 --> 00:19:26,600

Genealogy Society. So what if I live here

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00:19:26,600 --> 00:19:30,100

in Delaware, I do not have any relatives

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00:19:30,100 --> 00:19:33,533

in Delaware, and yet they have had that

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Delaware Genealogical Society have had

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meetings and among the speakers would be

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somebody from National Archives, or

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family search or something like that. So

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00:19:46,500 --> 00:19:48,766

that not everything the society

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00:19:48,766 --> 00:19:51,800

discusses is Delaware related. So I

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00:19:51,800 --> 00:19:54,433

think you would find similar information

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00:19:54,433 --> 00:19:57,600

if your research happens to be in other

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areas.

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00:20:00,300 --> 00:20:02,866

So I'm going to start with some things

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that I consider extremely important.

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I'm going to start with the one at the

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top the one called: "The Source". "The Source".

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I have to tell you that when someone

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00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:26,000

comes to me and they are asking a

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00:20:26,000 --> 00:20:28,466

question which is totally outside of my

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00:20:28,466 --> 00:20:31,066

experience, rather than running to

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00:20:31,066 --> 00:20:35,400

Wikipedia, I go to "The Source". There

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has only been one time it disappointed

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00:20:37,233 --> 00:20:42,666

me so that's that's pretty good. When you

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00:20:42,666 --> 00:20:46,166

look at the table of contents you will

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00:20:46,166 --> 00:20:49,500

be able to see how nicely they divided

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00:20:49,500 --> 00:20:53,033

it into like: church records, business and

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00:20:53,033 --> 00:20:57,766

organization records, special groups of

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00:20:57,766 --> 00:21:03,200

people, and a lot, a lot, a lot, of appendices

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00:21:03,200 --> 00:21:07,133

which lists various resources.

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There's also another book - same publisher

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00:21:10,566 --> 00:21:15,966

- called "The Red Book" and this covers

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00:21:15,966 --> 00:21:20,233

(subtitle) American, state, county and town

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00:21:20,233 --> 00:21:24,100

resources. I've opened it up randomly and

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00:21:24,100 --> 00:21:26,266

it open to Nebraska.

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00:21:26,266 --> 00:21:29,733

So you can find out what kinds of

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resources, what kinds of land holding -

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like the Midwest is a very different

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land holding indeed system from the east

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00:21:40,300 --> 00:21:41,500

coast.

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00:21:41,500 --> 00:21:45,433

Remember the West/Midwestern counties

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little nice little grids, everything. I

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used to live in Kansas. At any rate

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00:21:50,633 --> 00:21:53,566

this goes by tells you basic information

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00:21:53,566 --> 00:21:56,500

about when it was founded, what kinds of

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00:21:56,500 --> 00:21:58,533

records they keep, and where you might

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00:21:58,533 --> 00:22:02,266

find these records. Now fortunately for

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00:22:02,266 --> 00:22:06,100

us even though this book was published a

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00:22:06,100 --> 00:22:10,900

while ago and lots of it is dated, if I

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00:22:10,900 --> 00:22:12,633

wanted to find

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I found out from here that records are

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00:22:15,000 --> 00:22:18,400

not consolidated at the state level -

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Delaware records for the most part are

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00:22:20,933 --> 00:22:23,233

consolidated at the state level - which is

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00:22:23,233 --> 00:22:25,966

nice. But in other states you have to

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contact the individual counties. And so

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00:22:29,900 --> 00:22:33,666

if this tells me that it's done at the

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county level, gives me a list of all the

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counties, when they were created... You have

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to keep in mind that the county

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boundaries that exist today are quite

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likely not going to be the ones that

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00:22:47,766 --> 00:22:51,733

existed you know way back. So there's a

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lot of good information here. If you

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00:22:54,466 --> 00:22:56,933

find out something about the county and

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00:22:56,933 --> 00:22:59,866

the records you can Google it. Because

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00:22:59,866 --> 00:23:02,533

the phone numbers and such won't be of

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00:23:02,533 --> 00:23:04,000

any use anymore.

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00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:09,300

There are various books on organizing

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your information, and then here are some

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more books. Just ones that looked good to

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me. (No I haven't read all of these.) This

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one for example, "Genealogy for the First

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00:23:25,033 --> 00:23:29,266

Time", is a book that is not held here at

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00:23:29,266 --> 00:23:32,466

the UD library. But it's still a good

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00:23:32,466 --> 00:23:35,266

book. And this book happens to be

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00:23:35,266 --> 00:23:37,433

available in the Public Library System.

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00:23:37,433 --> 00:23:40,233

So for those of you who don't have your

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00:23:40,233 --> 00:23:42,600

public library cards at this point

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00:23:42,600 --> 00:23:46,766

consider that these kinds of materials

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00:23:46,766 --> 00:23:49,566

"Genealogy for the First Time", is a good

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example of what a public library would

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00:23:52,200 --> 00:23:55,133

have and we wouldn't have as much of. You

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00:23:55,133 --> 00:23:57,033

know we're going more for the academic

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00:23:57,033 --> 00:23:59,433

or official sources, and they're going

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00:23:59,433 --> 00:24:03,400

more for popular publications, which is

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00:24:03,400 --> 00:24:06,100

what a lot of these are. What Family

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00:24:06,100 --> 00:24:08,200

Search does is it puts together

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00:24:08,200 --> 00:24:11,033

information so that you can better be

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00:24:11,033 --> 00:24:13,266

informed about your choices and about

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00:24:13,266 --> 00:24:16,366

the resources. So they have a guide for

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00:24:16,366 --> 00:24:19,400

all of the states and that's a good

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00:24:19,400 --> 00:24:23,600

example, very good example, of

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a resource that you might need or you

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might find useful. So you can see a lot

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of these have good titles: "Research

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Cornerstones", "Top 10 Genealogy Mistakes

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to Avoid". Yes, these are pretty good. So

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there's a lot of information. Genealogy

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has so benefited by the internet. The

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00:24:55,800 --> 00:24:57,900

only other group that's benefited more

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00:24:57,900 --> 00:25:01,233

by the internet are people who do funny

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00:25:01,233 --> 00:25:06,000

videos of cats! But genealogy, in my

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:09,633

opinion, way outranks those. Though not as

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00:25:09,633 --> 00:25:15,266

many videos! The resources are amazing

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00:25:15,266 --> 00:25:19,400

and they keep growing which is wonderful

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00:25:19,400 --> 00:25:22,033

but it also makes it hard to keep up

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00:25:22,033 --> 00:25:25,733

with. Most of the YouTube channels are

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00:25:25,733 --> 00:25:29,100

done well, a lot of the YouTube channels,

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00:25:29,100 --> 00:25:31,466

and the ones that I'm listing here, are

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00:25:31,466 --> 00:25:33,700

done by the various companies or

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00:25:33,700 --> 00:25:37,100

organizations. That's important because

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00:25:37,100 --> 00:25:41,533

what I'm trying to do is present for you

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00:25:41,533 --> 00:25:45,033

a look at all of the different resources

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00:25:45,033 --> 00:25:48,866

and I'm not going just to one company. So

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00:25:48,866 --> 00:25:50,766

I guess I would say that's the value

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00:25:50,766 --> 00:25:54,466

that you would have here. But it's very

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00:25:54,466 --> 00:25:57,900

interesting to go to YouTube and just do

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00:25:57,900 --> 00:26:00,266

a search for genealogy or genealogy

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00:26:00,266 --> 00:26:04,100

research. You'll find a lot of things.

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00:26:04,100 --> 00:26:07,333

Then if you're really interested in

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00:26:07,333 --> 00:26:09,600

pursuing things and you're still running

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00:26:09,600 --> 00:26:12,900

into brick walls and such, there are

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00:26:12,900 --> 00:26:15,900

organizations that offer courses for a

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00:26:15,900 --> 00:26:22,033

fee. Ancestry has an "Academy". Family

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00:26:22,033 --> 00:26:26,866

Search has a lot of free ones. Family

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00:26:26,866 --> 00:26:29,266

Tree, in the dollar sign of course,

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00:26:29,266 --> 00:26:31,466

meaning subscription, Family Tree

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00:26:31,466 --> 00:26:34,233

University has a lot of courses, and I've

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00:26:34,233 --> 00:26:36,500

taken one of them. I thought it was

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really good

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00:26:37,400 --> 00:26:39,566

you know you watch the videos whenever

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00:26:39,566 --> 00:26:41,933

you can and you read through the

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00:26:41,933 --> 00:26:44,033

required materials and I learned a lot

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00:26:44,033 --> 00:26:44,833

from that.

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00:26:44,833 --> 00:26:49,100

So if you're having difficulty or want

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00:26:49,100 --> 00:26:52,666

that extra deep information just

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remember that enrolling in courses is a

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00:26:55,633 --> 00:26:58,500

good idea or can be a good idea. Now what

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do you do with all of this? I would

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00:27:02,100 --> 00:27:07,033

recommend a strategy. A strategy of

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00:27:07,033 --> 00:27:10,600

setting a goal. One person, one family

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00:27:10,600 --> 00:27:15,600

branch, one event, one record type. Like go

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00:27:15,600 --> 00:27:17,733

through and do a lot of census searching

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00:27:17,733 --> 00:27:21,466

on a day that you have access to

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00:27:21,466 --> 00:27:24,400

Ancestry Library Edition. That sort of

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00:27:24,400 --> 00:27:31,200

thing, and when you're doing this think

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00:27:31,200 --> 00:27:33,566

about what kinds of sources. You have

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00:27:33,566 --> 00:27:37,100

resources here that tell you how to

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00:27:37,100 --> 00:27:40,933

approach research. Research - what are the

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sources that might be useful to you and

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00:27:43,766 --> 00:27:45,933

where are you going to find them?

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00:27:45,933 --> 00:27:49,466

Then you should copy or abstract, in

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00:27:49,466 --> 00:27:52,100

other words make meaningful short notes,

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00:27:52,100 --> 00:27:57,033

from that source and I like to always

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00:27:57,033 --> 00:28:00,433

make a copy of the original record. Like

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I have a copy of this census form which

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00:28:04,666 --> 00:28:07,433

in print isn't really legible. But online

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00:28:07,433 --> 00:28:11,866

is really legible. But I'll have this copy

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00:28:11,866 --> 00:28:14,800

in case I need to refer back to it at

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00:28:14,800 --> 00:28:18,433

one time. Then you need to file your

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00:28:18,433 --> 00:28:21,900

information or record your information

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00:28:21,900 --> 00:28:24,633

whatever system you've picked out to do

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00:28:24,633 --> 00:28:28,266

it, this is when you work the system, to

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00:28:28,266 --> 00:28:31,433

make it work for you. Abstract that

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00:28:31,433 --> 00:28:34,233

information, put it into the family tree

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00:28:34,233 --> 00:28:37,266

or whatever software you might be using,

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00:28:37,266 --> 00:28:41,466

and then you set another goal and you

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00:28:41,466 --> 00:28:46,100

repeat as necessary. When I'm talking

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about setting a goal

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it's important that you set a goal: "one

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person", "one family", etc. That's important

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for you to keep focus, but it's also

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00:29:00,900 --> 00:29:03,266

important for you if you need assistance.

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00:29:03,266 --> 00:29:06,933

I can tell you one of the very worst

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things you might do in a general library

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00:29:12,266 --> 00:29:15,866

such as ours - academic library - is to walk

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in and say, (and I'm not making this up) "I

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want all of the information that you

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have about the Smith family who might

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00:29:25,000 --> 00:29:27,966

have lived in Sussex County in this

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00:29:27,966 --> 00:29:34,066

certain time period." [Whispers] Don't do that... First of all

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00:29:34,066 --> 00:29:37,366

you'll freak out the person behind the desk! But

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00:29:37,366 --> 00:29:40,233

it's really hard to help in "all the

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00:29:40,233 --> 00:29:42,700

resources kind-of-thing". If you have an

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00:29:42,700 --> 00:29:45,166

idea of what you're doing that's the

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00:29:45,166 --> 00:29:48,866

best thing to go with. But it doesn't

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00:29:48,866 --> 00:29:50,233

mean that you won't run into things that

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00:29:50,233 --> 00:29:53,266

you didn't expect. Then once you've done

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00:29:53,266 --> 00:29:56,133

that, you've done a lot of research,

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you've pursued it - think about doing

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00:30:01,200 --> 00:30:03,466

something with that research. Not just

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00:30:03,466 --> 00:30:09,000

keeping it in a box or a whole bunch of

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00:30:09,000 --> 00:30:12,233

notebooks. Think about doing something

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00:30:12,233 --> 00:30:16,400

with that. Publish it. Pass it on to

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00:30:16,400 --> 00:30:20,733

somebody. You can self publish so easily

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00:30:20,733 --> 00:30:23,700

these days. You could go to such and such

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00:30:23,700 --> 00:30:26,066

and take pages you printed and they all

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00:30:26,066 --> 00:30:29,600

turn it into, you know, an informal

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00:30:29,600 --> 00:30:32,300

self-published book. We even have some of

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those here in our library collection.

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It's important to know that the

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taking of the Federal Census is directed

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in the US Constitution and that has been

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in the news recently. The census is taken

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every 10 years since 1790. 10 years

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decennial. For genealogy, the most

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important part of the census is the

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census schedule. Sometimes called the

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"Enumeration Sheet". That is the part of

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the census that contains people's names.

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The rest of the census, (for) everybody else

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but you, is looking at the census from

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a point of view of statistics. How many

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people lived in this town, that sort of

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thing. So what we're looking at is

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essentially the raw data upon which

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these statistics are compiled. It's

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very interesting to look at the censuses

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for example 1940 is the most recent

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census available. Okay you've noticed

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1940, and you may ask why...? Thank you for

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asking that! The census is taken under

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condition of privacy of the individuals

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signing the form. If that information was

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immediately released that would not be

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private. So the privacy consideration is

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extremely important and the date of 72

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years - 72 years from the point the census

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was taken - was established...mmm...quite a

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long time ago when 72 years was the

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expected lifespan. So that all of those

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people you would consider dead. However

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(to protect their privacy) however the

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life expectancy has changed quite a bit

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and I know for example when the 1930

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census was released I was invited to go

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down to Seaford and give a presentation

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to the Genealogical Society down there.

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There were people in that very room who

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were up on the screen! So from the

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genealogist's point of view we hope they

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never figure out that they should change

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the date. It would be very bad. There are

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also times. unfortunately, when the

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schedules are not available. Destruction

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by fire being one of the major ones. On

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the research guide on going to "Census

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Schedules" the tab for "Census Schedules". You

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will see there's also "Census Questions",

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and then examples from 1790 and 1930. So

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for the "Census Schedules", this for

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example is something from the 1790

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census. Now there are several striking

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things about this census, and you were

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saying earlier, (that) you don't know the people

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and you don't know their relationship.

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It's just a list of names of the heads

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of household and everybody else in that

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household is a tick mark. It seems to us

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to be short-sighted and misguided and

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all of those kinds of things, but the

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purpose of taking the census was to see

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who was going to pay taxes, and to see

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who could be drafted for war. So they

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want to know

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males older and younger than 18. So not

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perfect for genealogy. And as you can see

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in this census not only is the

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information handwritten

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the form itself is handwritten. Good to

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have those blank senses recording forms!

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But it's important to know that every

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census asked different questions. So on

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your handout, your white handout, you have

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a page: "Population Census Questions". So

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that you can get a sense of what was

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asked or not asked in particular

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censuses from 1790 to 2000. Which, since

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it hasn't been released we're not really

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interested in. And when you're looking at

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the census availability there are

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schedules that are not available. In

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Delaware one of the more important ones

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is that 1790 is not available. It was

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destroyed. The other colonies, former

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colonies, are available just not Delaware.

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People here have done diligent work and

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tried to recreate who might have given

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information on the census from tax rolls.

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You know, it's a great job, but still

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you're dealing with limited information.

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One of the big, big deficiencies is 1890.

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Almost all of the country is destroyed.

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And here I have a link to an article

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talking more about that. "Fire, water and

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ice destroy the 1890 census". It's a sad

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thing from many points of view, but in

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tracing your ancestors you're going to

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hit this big gap where there's nothing.

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And it would have been I think very good

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census because you can tell by 1900 and

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1910 all of the different kinds of

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questions that they added. So you know

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would have been

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good thing. An oddity is that there was a

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list of African-Americans (listed as "Negroes" at that time) that

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was almost accidentally saved.

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It's just one of those little historical

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coincidences that somebody challenged

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the information, and so another agency

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made a copy of the schedule so that they

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could see whether or not the challenge

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was valid. And so here we have

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information from the 1890 census.

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That's available in several different

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formats and most importantly in Ancestry

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Library Edition.

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You just never know. In fact when I

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was looking through this book "The Census

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Book", I came to the conclusion that it's

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not at all remarkable that so many

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records were lost. It's actually

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remarkable that any of them survived!

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because those schedules were not

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considered important.

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They were the thing you send to

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Washington and you keep a copy of in

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your state and you might be using it for

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scrap paper. So different ideas...

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