

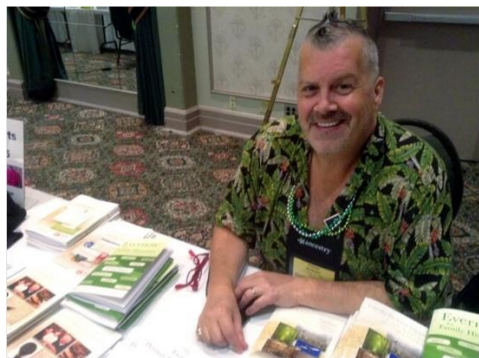
## [Beyond the Search, with Google Tools](#): *Meet Thomas MacEntee a Life-Long Family History Learner & Much More* (reads better click [here](#))









All of us need to expand our technology tools because technology is rapidly improving how we can and will research on the Internet more efficiently. Resulting that our research will progress faster and better with the tools described in this posting. Join the party because there are master teachers out there to learn and emulate from. Most genealogists are only using 10 percent or less of the resources behind our web browser when it comes to research. Learn about the other 90 percent and how these Google components can be leveraged for better search results. The video clip presentation cited below was part of RootsTech Connect 2021. Find hundreds of free family history classes, keynotes, and more.

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<https://youtu.be/3cmj5kGm2Xw>

In your genealogy work, if you use of Google only for doing occasional web searches, you may be missing a lot. In [this RootsTech video \(18:35 minutes\)](#), leading genealogist Thomas MacEntee discusses how additional Google tools, such as Images, Drive, Transcription, Alerts, Earth and many others, can make a noticeable difference in your research. To learn more about including Google in genealogy, check out [Goal 6](#) in Project 4: Discover. ([See all tips.](#))



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DOCS	word processing	Word
SLIDES	presentations	PowerPoint, Keynote
SHEETS	spreadsheets	Excel
DRIVE	collaboration and storage	Box, Sharepoint, YouTube
JAMBOARD	digital whiteboard	OneNote, AWWApp, Notes
FORMS	Survey and feedback	Qualtrics, Microsoft Forms
MEET	Synchronous video meetings	Zoom, Skype, Teams Meetings
CHAT	Synchronous text stream	Slack, IM, Teams Chat

If you are not familiar with Thomas MacEntee, he is a gold mine of practical genealogical research. Here's insight to his unique background. What happens when a "tech guy" with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who's also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavor, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to "re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy." Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. Thomas is a big believer in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success

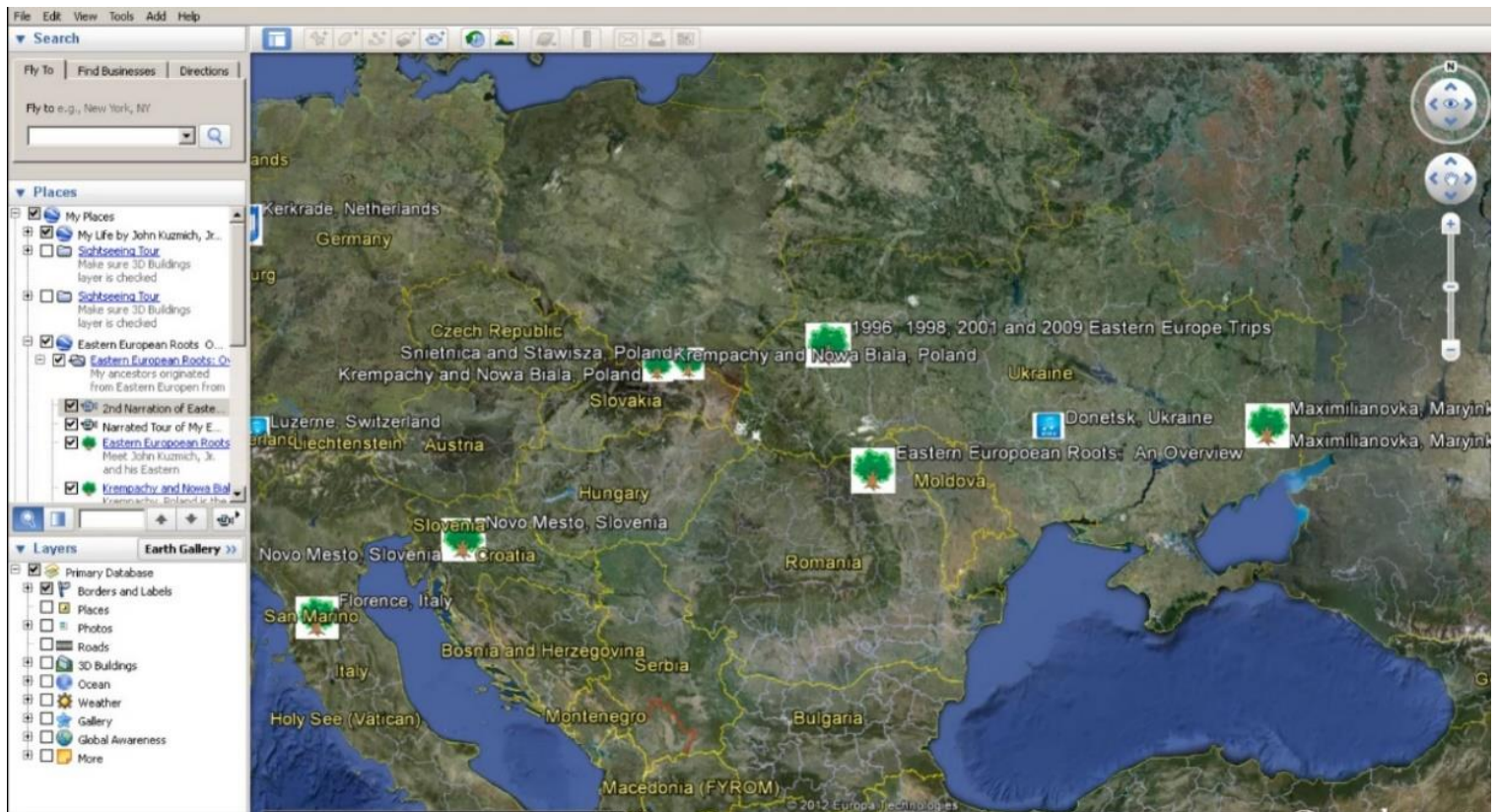


## Closing Comments

Here's a summary of going beyond traditional search engine tools as found on Wikipedia at: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Google\\_products#Search\\_tools](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Google_products#Search_tools). There, you will find links to all of these free tools to enhance how you conduct your family history research which actually goes beyond the cited RootsTech video clip above.

The most popular Google Tools that I have used are **Google Drive**, **Google Translator**, **Google Earth and Gmail**. **Google Earth** has offered me a wonderful way to present my Eastern European Roots with a unique genealogical narration and video clips with Google Maps to authentically show the actual villages and its terrain in multiple views with attached documents and photos of where my ancestors originated from. Most notable, check out this 9:55 video clip at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/GoogleEarth/Eastern%20European%20Family%20Roots.mp4> and you will not be disappointed. **Google Drive** is an awesome way to share large files with my critical extraction team because they can read, save and download the digitized Church records which are very large that can't be attached by attached files in your emails that I have obtained from my Eastern European research. Videoconferencing can also be invaluable when dealing with a Polish genealogist more than 5,000 miles away. **Google Workplace** includes [Gmail](#), [Contacts](#), [Calendar](#), [Meet](#) and [Chat](#) for rapid communication. Yes, there are more Google Tools to investigate. Most are free. **Google Docs** includes also includes a powerful word processor, **Google Sheets**, **Google Slides**, **Google Drawings**, **Google Forms**, **Google Sites** and **Google Keep** that also makes it convenient to share documents for on-line sharing and editing also with my family members on my extraction team located across the USA and in Europe. In communicating with international people, **Google Translator** has been very important to me. This morning I received an email message from own Facebook Group follower, Ivan Majc of Slovenia, as the following: "Slava Ukraine" which translates into English as "Glory to Ukraine" when describing the most recent miracle events of my Ukrainian uncle who is still alive with quite an usual family history story to share at a later time.





you can do that with google?!?

