#GiveThanks for Family History Technology Resources

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to do genealogy via old school with only a typewriter, pen & pencil, postal system and without a smartphone/Internet for 20+ years and now with 30+ years with 21st century technology, the differences are light-years apart. My influences are now globally connected with international phone calls costing less than five cents a minute world-wide. The Internet is a treasure-chest of information beyond one's wildest imagination. For example, one of our sisters in our ward has need for genealogy in Sweden and was contemplating a trip there. Within seconds, I immediately sent her two incredibly powerful URL's for researching her ancestor's vital records online plus a host of other essential genealogical information before every traveling internationally. Click <u>here1</u> and <u>here2</u> for these two URL's. For more in-depth URL's for 60+ countries, click <u>here</u> for a seamless one-stop family history shopping spree within seconds on five continents.

Because of COVID 19, we can't attend our local family history centers to get one-on-one assistance from their records. But our local ward consultants can assist you with their smartphone, tabloid and/or computers via Zoom videoconferencing software at no expense. Zoom is being used in all of our church meetings now so our ward members are already familiar with it. In Colorado, our local public libraries are directly connected to the Ancestry Library Edit where you can sign for monthly genealogy meetings. The Colorado Genealogical Society hosts the Beginning Genealogy Class on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month. There's also a **WriteNow** for those who don't have a Zoom account to preserve the research you have spent years accumulating. Click here for a more thorough list of meetings held throughout the state and how to register for those events at <u>www.cocouncil.org</u>. Call your local public librarian and they are there to plug you in ASAP even if don't live in Colorado. All you need is a library card and a telephone.

There are also free webinar classes at the <u>Salt Lake City Family History Library</u> along with one-on-one tutoring. Click <u>here</u> for answers to your family history prayers. Need more VIP assistance with FamilySearch.org, the most powerful world-wide web site for genealogy? You can call 1-866-406-1830 from 6 am to 8 pm daily except Mondays till 6 pm and on Sundays from 2 pm till 8 pm. <u>Trained Church family history missionaries</u> are waiting to assist you who are both very knowledgeable and courtesy.

Closing Comment

Don't ever complain about living in the 21st century even with its limitations. As a genealogist of the "ancient generation," I love it as it keeps me young at heart.

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