

Never Miss A Moment to Use Multimedia to Record Family History Moments: Unidentified Photos Fade in Just Three Generations!

Preserving photos of one's family and ancestors with places of origin along with special events is an essential part of one's family history. But photos without identifying the individuals in them and/or with captions renders little value in the family history preservation of one's heritage. Don't be a victim of accumulating photos without properly identifying those individuals in the photos. In the family tree section of family search, there are opportunities in the memories section for individuals where you can post photos and target specific individuals in the photos with their name(s) and descriptions about the photos.

In the first two companion photos posted in this posting, there was an historic meeting in 1984 of 42 descendants of a Mormon pioneer, Neils Rasmussen, who is Roslyn's great grandfather who immigrated from Denmark on a hand cart in the 1860's. Notice nobody is identified. But recently, we obtained a separate sheet of paper listing all the 42 individuals, of which number 31 is Roslyn's mother. Roslyn's brother, Rand Christensen, will on Monday be identifying (targeting) all 42 people. But in his recent research, he also found out that there were mistakes of some of the individuals identified which will be corrected and inserted in the Family Tree Memories section for Roslyn's ancestors this week.

How did we make the corrections? Roslyn, her brother Rand and I made a trip to Utah in June and visited three households that we had never met before and knocked on their doors unannounced without an invitation to visit them. It was no easy feat even in finding these distant relatives and their addresses. But by networking with these three households, Rand was able to learn of the errors and they will be forever accurately identified on Family Tree.

The third photo posted is found in Family Tree Memories section for Neils Rasmussen with descriptions posted for each photo that can be more descriptive than just targeting the names of individuals. The fourth photo posted illustrates the targeting technique in the Memories section for photos. Notice, that there are no audio recordings posted yet. In August, Roslyn and I will join her brother Rand in Utah again to record some family stories about fix this thing her Neils Rasmussen and other pioneer ancestors from these newly found distant relatives. Resulting that we will post audio recordings on Neils Rasmussen's Memories section.

The remaining photos were gathered in our Eastern European trip in 2012. All of them from taken in Ukraine but the last one posted is a headstone in Poland for a paternal ancestor of mine. The writing is in Cyrillic.

In summary, photography is a great tool for preserving those precious moments in ones genealogical treks. Today, we are unable to travel to Eastern Ukraine anymore where my ancestors reside because of security risks that their villages are very close to the Russian occupation of Eastern Ukraine. Thank you goodness that Roslyn and I took our entire family to experience those moments in our family history together in 1998, 2001 and 2012. Believe it or not, those Ukrainian family lines were completely lost between 1898 to 1998 when my paternal grandparents immigrated to the USA in 1898 till I found them in 1998 which will comprise another future posting. And now we have fantastic memories that will never be lost or misplaced. Check out that historic 1998 meeting with a our Ukraine meeting which features Russian Cossack folk dancing and group singing in Russian at: <https://www.forever.com/app/users/roslyn-kuzmich/files/6116c361-372f-4c0f-950c-a7caee84ec01/8n2bbg1ect2dzy9jos14kdmkq> or <https://tinyurl.com/y2juzw2z>. The video is only 2:19 minutes in length and very entertaining! Note: the female screams are all from Roslyn when observing the Cossack dancing!

To view the photos manually outside of the Facebook Group, the URL is <http://jalbum.net/a/1942887>