

## **Metadata – Why it's important and how you can use it with photo editing apps for family history pursuits**

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### **Examples for Using Metadata Apps**

For specific tips of how to use metadata and for a tutorial for genealogical purposes on RESTORE – Zoom/Transcribe – View/Edit Metadata with things missing from photos and improving historical documents that don't have metadata (also called “tags”), go to

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/photos/metadata-why-its-important-and-how-you-can-use-it/>

### **Consider These Specific Free Software Products**

Although this posting illustrates how to creatively use software to improve and implement metadata to your photos for genealogical purposes with paid products, here are the very best ten free photo editing software available in 2019 you can use. This tutorial should help jump-start you to further investigate metadata applications whether paid or free especially since you probably already have some vintage artifacts that could use digital restoration. That's the very purpose for this posting.

- Adobe Photoshop Express
- GIMP
- Paint .NET
- Pixlr
- Pixlr X
- PhotoScape X
- Fotor
- Photos Pos Pro
- InPixio
- BeFunkyBonus: Wix Photo Studio

Want to know more about these free products, go to

<https://www.wix.com/blog/photography/2019/04/11/best-free-photo-editing-software> and you will not be disappointed. Be sure to peruse the on-line tutorial cited in this posting for insight of how to improve your family history photos and documents as there is much that can be accomplished in a digital world through using metadata products such as photo editing apps. Welcome to the 21st century of best technology practices.

### **Your Comments**

Please let me know which photo imaging/editing products that you are using in your genealogical pursuits. And even more important, why you use and like them. Finally, contact your local family history center to learn which products they have that you can use there right now and better yet, learn how to some them

ASAP with your family history pursuits. How's that for "Service with a Smile." Especially is this relevant if you are not techno – savvy.