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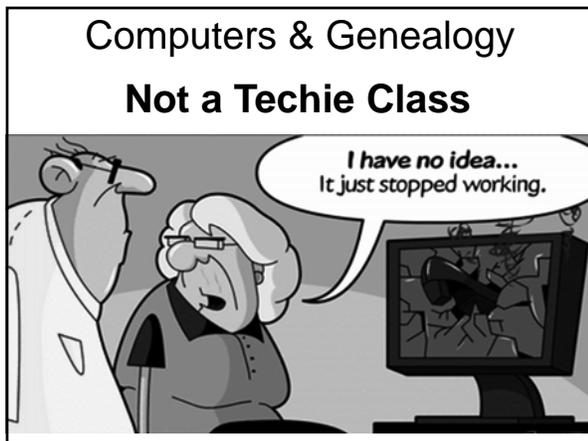
Genealogy 102

Your Speaker . . .

Irvin C. Rabideau

- Online Genealogy**
- Basic Searching Concepts
 - Online Library Databases
 - HeritageQuest
 - Ancestry Library Edition
 - Genealogy Databases - Fees
 - Genealogy Software
 - Tips & Tricks

- Computer Basics: Assumed**
- Computer 
 - Mouse 
 - ISPs 
 - Web Surfing 



Newest Approach



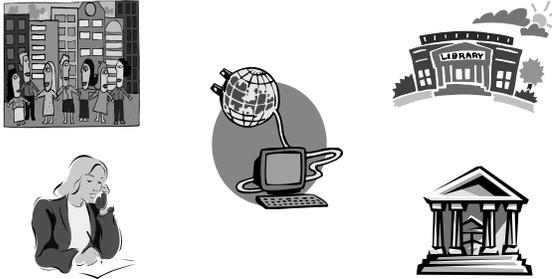

“There is no such thing as internet genealogy” – –

Cyndi Howells
 Internet Genealogy Guru &
 Creator of CYNDI’S LIST
www.cyndislist.com

Online Genealogy – Not the Only Approach



Just Another Genealogy Research Method



Genealogy Research Methods



Today We All Begin With Online
 Searching
 But To Be Successful – –
 You Must Use All Available
 Methods



Online Genealogy

- Up Side
 - Rapidly Growing
 - New Sources & Indexes Added Daily
- Down Side
 - Contains Small Percentage of Sources (about 8%)
 - Contains a Lot of Junk

Online Genealogical Research

- Integrate into Regular Research
- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
 1. Start With What You Know
 2. Critically Examine Family Stories & Traditions
 3. Focus Your Efforts
 4. Think About Location
 5. Think About Dates
 6. Consider Possible Sources

Online Genealogical Research

- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
 7. Stay Organized
 8. Cite Your Sources
 9. Always Get Proof
 10. Know What You're Looking At
 11. Share Your Information
 12. Join an Organization
 13. Attend Workshops & Conferences

Online Genealogical Research

- Genealogy Basics Still Apply
 14. Always Ask Yourself the 4 Basic Qs
 - Who?
 - Target Ancestor
 - What?
 - Information Needed (Record Type)
 - Where ?
 - Place (Locality)
 - When ?
 - Time Period

General Web Search Engines

- Leading Search Engines
 - Google.com
 - Yahoo.com
 - Bing.com
 - Ask.com
- Don't Rely on Just One

Search Concepts

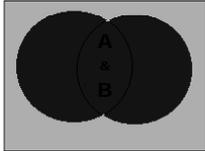
- Boolean Operators
- Wild Cards
- Nesting
- Stop Words
- Proximity
- **NOT ALL** of these are Available in **ALL** Search Engines

Search Concepts: Boolean Operators

- AND
- OR
- NOT

Search Concepts:
Boolean Operators

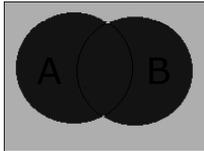
"AND"



A AND B

Search Concepts:
Boolean Operators

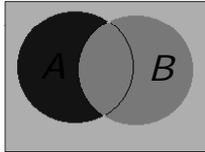
"OR"



A OR B

Search Concepts:
Boolean Operators

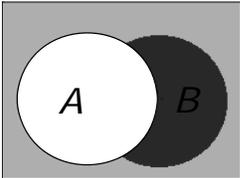
"NOT"



A NOT B

Search Concepts:
Boolean Operators

"NOT"



B NOT A

Search Concepts:
Wild Cards

- ? Replaces a Single Character
- * Replaces Everything to the Right

Search Concepts:
Wild Cards

- Examples for ?
- Wom?n
 - Returns:
 - Woman
 - Women
- Some Smart Search Engines Will Automatically Return Both
 - **GOOGLE**

Search Concepts: Wild Cards

- Examples for *
 - Genealog*
 - Truncation (Usually)
 - Returns:
 - Genealogical
 - Genealogies
 - Genealogy
- Smart Search Engines like Google Provide Wild Cards by Default
 - Determine your Search Engine's Functionality

Search Concepts: Nesting

- Determines the Order of Searches
 - (Michigan or Wisconsin) and (Genealogy)
 - (Michigan) or (Wisconsin and Genealogy)

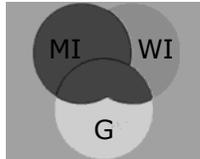
Search Concepts: Nesting

(Michigan or Wisconsin) and
(Genealogy)



Search Concepts: Nesting

(Michigan) or
(Wisconsin and Genealogy)



Search Concepts: Stop Words

- Common Words Ignored in Keyword Searches
 - Words Differ by Database
- Stop Word Examples
 - a, an, are, as, at, be, but, by, for, from, had, have, he, in, her, his, is, it, of, on, that, the, this, to, was, which, with, you

Searching Online Databases

- Waterford Public Library
<http://waterford.lib.mi.us/content/online-databases>

Searching Online Databases



Searching Online Databases

- Ancestry Library Edition
- **HeritageQuest**
- Biography and Genealogy Master Index
- Detroit Free Press Archives 1999 - Current
- New England Historic Genealogical Society

AncestryLE (Library Edition)

- Available Only at Libraries
 - Not Searchable from Home

Using AncestryLE

- Avoid: "Find Your Ancestors NOW Search"
 - Umpteen Results
 - Waste of Your Time
- Select a Database
 - Think Type of Records
 - Think Time Period
 - Think Locality

Using AncestryLE

- Census Records
- Birth, Marriage, & Death
- Military Records
- Biography & History
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
- Reference Dictionaries & Almanacs
- Immigration Records
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
- Family Trees
- Stories & Publications
- Photos & Maps
- Special Collections

Using AncestryLE

- Census Image Tips
 - Requires High Speed Connection for Satisfactory Performance (If you subscribe)
 - Indexes: Improving
 - Provision for User Correction Suggestions
 - Indexes: Every Name

Using AncestryLE

- **Census Image Tips**
 - If Prompted - Download any Viewer Add-ons
 - Recommend
 - View Transcript in "View Printer Friendly"
 - Then Copy & Paste to Word Processor
 - Download Complete Page Image
 - Create Cropped Image When Necessary

Using AncestryLE

- **Census Image Tips**
 - To Print
 - Do Not Print Directly
 - Select Download
 - Save Image File

HeritageQuest

- Available in Library
- Free Access from Home

HERITAGEQUEST

- Access
 - Only Libraries can Subscribe
 - Michigan Public Libraries Do Subscribe
 - Requires Log-In with your Library Card

HERITAGEQUEST

- Contains Six Collections
 - Census Records
 - 1790 to 1930
 - Head-of-Household Indexes Cover the 1790 - 1820, and the 1860 - 1920 Censuses
 - Family & Local Histories
 - 22,000 Books
 - PERSI
 - Indexes 2 Million Plus Articles in Genealogy Periodical

HERITAGEQUEST

- Contains Six Collections
 - Revolutionary War Pension Files
 - The Freedman's Bank (1865-1874)
 - Application Records Containing Family Information and Pedigrees for African Americans after the Civil War
 - U.S. Serial Set
 - Provides the Citizens' Petitions to the US Congress Requesting Relief

Using HeritageQuest

- Census Image Printing
 - Do Not hit PRINT
 - Download > PDF File OR TIFF File
 - Print this image
 - OR Select a Portion and Save or Print from word processor

Using HeritageQuest

- Genealogy & Local History Library
 - Name Search
 - Locale Search
 - Title Search

SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

■ Ancestry.com	\$
■ Fold3.com	\$
■ GenealogyBank.com	\$
■ WorldVitalRecords.com	\$

ANCESTRY

- *www.ancestry.com*
 - Largest Online Genealogy Subscription Service
 - More than Six Billion Names in 2.5 Billion Records
 - Adds Millions of Names Every Week
 - Coverage is Strongest for the United States and Britain
 - Building Collections for Canada and Western Europe

ANCESTRY

- Key Resources
 - US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1940
 - Birth, Marriage and Death Records from around the US from the 17th to the 20th Centuries
 - 18th- and 19th-century Passenger Arrival Lists for the Ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco
 - Military records, including Revolutionary War and Civil War (Union Army) Pension File Indexes, WWI Draft Registration Cards and WWII Army Enlistment Records
 - Directories
 - Newspapers
 - Family and Local Histories
 - Family Trees

ANCESTRY

- Price (last time I checked)
 - US Deluxe Membership Costs \$19.95/mo or \$155.40/yr
 - World Deluxe Membership, \$29.95/mo or \$299.40/yr
 - Gives you Access to Everything, Including Records from the US, the UK, Canada, and Europe
 - Many Public Libraries Subscribe to the Ancestry Library Edition.
 - Free Access from the Library

FOLD3

- www.fold3.com
 - Provides Original Historical Documents
 - Revolutionary War, the Civil War, WW I & WWII
 - Historical Newspapers
 - Naturalization Records
 - Census (1860 & 1930 & more being added)
 - Recent Emphasis on Military Records
 - Price
 - \$11.95/mo
 - \$79.95/yr
 - \$1.95/individual document images

GENEALOGYBANK

- www.genealogybank.com
- Provides Four Main Collections
 1. Historical Newspapers, 1690-1977
 - 3,700 Historical Newspapers
 2. America's Obituaries, 1977 to present
 - Mostly from 1999
 - Includes 900+ Newspapers

GENEALOGYBANK

3. Historical Books, 1801-1900
 - Does Not Compare to HeritageQuest Books
 4. Historical Documents, 1789-1980
 - American State Papers (1789-1838)
 - US Serial Set (1817-1980) – Genealogical Content
- Price
 - Free 30 day Access
 - \$19.95/mo
 - \$69.95/yr
 - Libraries Frequently Subscribe to Michigan Newspapers from Newsbank

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

- Frequently Provide Access to Databases and Other Benefits for Members
 - National Genealogical Society
 - www.ngsgenealogy.org
 - New England Historic Genealogical Society
 - www.newenglandancestors.org
 - Oakland County Genealogical Society
 - <http://www.ocgsmi.org/>

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Allen County Public Library
<http://acpl.lib.in.us/>
- Archives of Michigan
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_19313---,00.html
- Seeking Michigan
<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Library of Congress
<http://www.loc.gov/>
- American Memory (LC)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Preparatory to a Research Visit
 - Search Catalog from Home
- Standard Searches
 - Author
 - Title
 - Subject
 - Keyword

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- When First Using a Catalog:
 - Familiarize Yourself with the Catalog's Features
 - Read the Search Directions
 - Read the Help Pages
 - Read any FAQs

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Author Searching
 - Searches **ALL** Authors
 - Last Name First
 - Ex: Smith John
 - Middle Initial Optional
 - Problematic
 - Use With Extreme Care
 - Restrict Use to Common Names
 - Ex: Smith John C

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Title Searching
 - Use Words in Correct Order
 - **ALWAYS** Ignore Initial Articles
 - A, An & The
 - Use First Few Words (Truncation)
 - Ex: bad death

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Subject Searching
 - Controlled Vocabulary
 - Library of Congress Subject Headings
 - Exact Punctuation
 - Difficult to Use
 - Do Keyword Search First

Searching Online Library Catalogs

LC control no.: 94108024
Type of material: Book (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)
Personal name: Rabideau, Clyde M. (Clyde Melvin), 1936-
Main title: The Robidou in North America : 350 years, 1643-1993 : 13 generations : a complete genealogy of the descendants of Andre Robidou and Jeanne Denote / by Clyde M. Rabideau.
Edition: 1st ed.
Published/Created: Honolulu, HI : C.M. Rabideau, 1993.
Description: 588 p. : ill., 1 map ; 29 cm.
ISBN: 0963668404
Subjects:
 Robidou family.
 Rabidou, Andre, 1643-1678--Family.
 Canada--Genealogy.
LC classification: CS71.R654 1993
Dewey class no.: 929/.2/0973

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Key Word Searching
 - Searches Every Word on the Cataloging Record
 - ADVANTAGE: Easy to Find Your Word
 - DISADVANTAGE: Many False "Hits" Provided

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- Key Word Searching
 - Often More Than You Want
 - Find Useful Item, then Search its Subject Headings
 - Online Catalogs have Clickable Subject Links
 - Extremely Powerful

Searching Online Library Catalogs

LC control no.: 2001116512
 Type of material: Book (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)
 Personal name: Rabideau, Clyde M. (Clyde Melvin), 1936-
 Main title: Obituaries 2000 : Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York / compiled by Clyde M. Rabideau
 Edition: 1st ed.
 Published/Created: [Plattsburgh, N.Y.] : C.M. Rabideau, [c2001]
 Description: 544 p. : ports. ; 29 cm.
 ISBN: 0966289587
 Subjects: Obituaries--New York (State)--Clinton County.
 Obituaries--New York (State)--Franklin County.
 Obituaries--New York (State)--Essex County.
 Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Clinton County.
 Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Franklin County.
 Registers of births, etc.--New York (State)--Essex County.
 Clinton County (N.Y.)--Genealogy.
 Franklin County (N.Y.)--Genealogy.
 Essex County (N.Y.)--Genealogy.

Searching Online Library Catalogs

- MARC Record (Machine Readable Cataloging Record)

MARC RECORD EXAMPLE

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001, 552519
005, 20020424162828.0
008, 020207s2001 nyuc r 001 0 eng
010, __ $a 2001116512
035, __ $a (OCoLC)ocm49278114
040, __ $a DLC $c DLC
020, __ $a 0966289587
043, __ $a n-us-ny
050, 00 $a F127.C77 $b R35 2000
082, 00 $a 929/.374754 $z 21
049, __ $a WIHA
100, 1, $a Rabideau, Clyde M. $q (Clyde Melvin), $d 1936-
245, 10 $a Obituaries 2000 : $b Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York / $c compiled by Clyde M. Rabideau
246, 30 $a Obituaries 2000--Clinton, Franklin & Essex County, New York
260, __ $a [Plattsburgh, N.Y.] : $b C.M. Rabideau, $c [c2001]
300, __ $a 544 p. : $b ports. ; $c 29 cm.
500, __ $a Includes index.
651, _0 $a Clinton County (N.Y.) $v Genealogy.
651, _0 $a Franklin County (N.Y.) $v Genealogy.
651, _0 $a Essex County (N.Y.) $v Genealogy.
650, _0 $a Obituaries $z New York (State) $z Clinton County.
650, _0 $a Obituaries $z New York (State) $z Franklin County.
650, _0 $a Obituaries $z New York (State) $z Essex County.
650, _0 $a Registers of births, etc. $z New York (State) $z Clinton County.
650, _0 $a Registers of births, etc. $z New York (State) $z Franklin County.
650, _0 $a Registers of births, etc. $z New York (State) $z Essex County.
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Web Site Evaluation

- NOT ALL SITES ARE CREATED EQUAL
- Learn to Differentiate Between the Valuable and the Valueless

Web Site Evaluation

- How well does the author use and define genealogical terms?
- Does the information make sense compared to what you already know?
- Search Message Boards for info
- Google the web site
- Know What You Are Looking At!

Genealogy Software

Examining Your Choices

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software

Change Your Mind?
Use a GEDCOM to Import Data to Another Program



GEDCOM FORMAT

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0 @1@ INDI
  1 NAME Robert Eugene/Williams/
  1 SEX M
  1 BIRT
  2 DATE 02 OCT 1822
  2 PLAC Weston, Madison, Connecticut
  2 SOUR @6@
  3 PAGE Sec. 2, p. 45
  3 EVEN BIRT
  4 ROLE CHIL
  1 DEAT
  2 DATE 14 APR 1905
  2 PLAC Stamford, Fairfield, CT
  1 BURI
  2 PLAC Spring Hill Cem., Stamford, CT
  1 RESI
  2 ADDR 73 North Ashley
  3 CONT Spencer, Utah UT84991
  2 DATE from 1900 to 1905
  1 FAMS @4@
  1 FAMS @9@
0 @2@ INDI
  1 NAME Mary Ann/Wilson/
    
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Genealogy Software

- Legacy Family Tree
 - Free Download
 - <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>
 - Best Free Genealogy Software
 - Dick Eastman
 - Deluxe Edition
 - Download - \$29.95
 - CD - \$39.95

Genealogy Software

- RootsMagic
 - Free Trial Version Download
 - <http://www.rootsmagic.com>
 - Trial Provides Limited Access to the Program's Functions
 - Full Version - \$29.95

Genealogy Software

- FamilyTreeMaker 2012
 - \$39.99 + tax & shipping
 - Changes Annually w/ Upgrade Charges
 - FTM tries to sell CD-ROMs & Online Search Packages
 - Purchase with Care
 - Make Certain You Buy Only What You Want
 - FamilyTreeMaker.com
 - Purchase Online

Genealogy Software

- FamilyTreeMaker Demo
 - Data Entry
 - Source Citation
 - Reports
 - Web Page Generation

Genealogy Software

- The Master Genealogist v9
www.whollygenes.com
 - Considered by many to be the Best
 - "Cadillac of Genealogy Software"
 - Silver Version
 - \$34 Download; \$39.95 CD Shipped
 - Gold Version
 - All the Bells and Whistles
 - \$59 Download; \$69.95 CD Shipped
 - Periodic Free Version Upgrades v8.02

Creating Your Online Family Tree

- Check Cyndislist.com
 - Lists Many Web Page Software Options
 - Exp: "Ged to Web"
 - Converts a GEDCOM File to a Web Page
 - Genealogy Software Programs all Provide for GEDCOM Exports
- Free Site Hosting
 - Ancestry.com
 - Angelfire.com
 - RootsWeb.com

Creating Web Pages

- Cyndi Howells, *Planting Your Family Tree Online*
 - Discusses Web Page Options
 - Highly Inspirational & Motivational
 - Take Care or You'll be Working on a Web Page Tomorrow :~)

Creating Web Pages

- Carefully Consider Page Design
 - Poorly Designed Page Example
 - <http://www.angelfire.com/mi/jillsgenealogy>



Creating Web Pages

- Check John Cardinal's Second Site

<http://www.johncardinal.com/ss/index.htm>

- Explains what Web Software will do
- Provides Examples



Tech Learning

- Legacy Webinars (free)
 - Legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp
- Rootstech Conference
 - Annual Conference in Salt Lake City
 - Technology Topics w/ Application to Genealogy
 - 2014 Session Syllabi Downloads (free)
 - <https://rootstech.org/about/syllabus-materials/>
 - 2014 Session Videos Downloads (free)
 - <https://rootstech.org/about/videos/>

Upcoming Genealogy Classes

- Gen 103, Sat. Apr. 26, 2014
- Gen 104, Sat. May 17, 2014
 - All Classes from 9:30 to 1:00
- Lock-In
 - Saturday Evening April 26th
 - Seminars & Research
 - Details Available Soon

QUESTIONS?



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