

# SHARING FAMILY HISTORY IN FUN & MODERN WAYS

## *Power Hour Topics*

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## INTERVIEWING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: AUDIO & PODCAST TOOLS

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- Interviewing relatives
  - Why? capture and preserve precious memories about loved ones
  - How? letters, email, on the phone, video, audio recording
- Audio Recording Tools
  - FamilySearch Memories App:  
<https://www.familysearch.org/mobile/memories>
  - MyHeritage Mobile App: <https://www.myheritage.com/mobile>
  - Recording calls with Google Voice: <https://support.google.com/voice/answer/115083>
  - Recording calls with a mobile app: Call Recorder - ACR:  
[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nll.acr&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nll.acr&hl=en_US)
  - Zencastr - high quality podcast style recordings online - <https://zencastr.com/>
    - Record remote interview in studio quality - send a link and receive a separate track per guest





- No installation: voice chat with guests directly on the Zencastr website
- Recordings delivered automatically to your Dropbox account
- Free Hobbyist account: record 8 hours per month in high quality MP3
- Editing Audio Files
  - Audacity - free, cross-platform audio software: <https://www.audacityteam.org/>
  - GarageBand - recording software for Apple: <https://www.apple.com/mac/garageband/>
- Sharing and Publishing
  - Podcast apps like Apple Podcasts, Stitcher help you listen to podcasts (audio radio shows/interviews) on the go
  - Turn your family history recordings into episodes
- TalkShoe <https://www.talkshoe.com/>
  - Free unlimited podcast hosting, your own podcast site
  - Invite relatives to listen; choose either public or private
  - Publish the podcast to public podcast directories
  - Auto transcribes all your podcasts
  - "How To Host Your Podcast For Free," TalkShoe Blog - <https://content.talkshoe.com/blog/host-your-podcast-for-free/>
  - TalkShoe User Guide - <https://content2.talkshoe.com/acton/attachment/38647/f-0016/1/-/-/-/-/TalkShoeUserGuide.pdf?sid=TV2:Pfk5qzli>
    - p. 53 tells how to share podcasts in podcasting directories such as Apple Podcasts (iTunes), Google Play Music, Stitcher, etc.
    - Relatives can subscribe with their favorite podcast app and listen to family history stories on the go
- PodBean \$0 for Basic plan - <https://www.podbean.com>
  - 5 hours storage space per month
  - Your own podcast site and RSS Feed & iTunes Support

## CLASS DESCRIPTION

Sharing your family history discoveries can be one of the most rewarding parts of participating in genealogy work. Follow along as we discover unique and creative platforms for sharing stories with family members of all ages, especially your techie teens and kids. Whether you're a novice or advanced genealogist, leave this class with renewed excitement for sharing your family's stories.

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## TOUCHES THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE

Discovery touches the hearts of everyone. It can even give us the power to turn the hearts of our family together and heal that which needs healing. It's about changing and healing hearts. Look for a very small connection that can invoke a big emotion.  
-Steve Rockwood,  
*FamilySearch CEO*

# QUICK AND EASY TECH TOOLS FOR FAMILY HISTORY FUN

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- Electronic Games
  - Kahoot (online quiz creator) <https://kahoot.com>
    - Example of Ancestor Kahoot: <http://thegenealogykids.com/ancestor-kahoot/>
  - BYU Family History Tech Lab Games (Geneopardy, Wheel of Family Fortune, etc.): <https://fhtl.byu.edu>
- Sharing Photos
  - Quick Scanning Apps

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**HONOR YOUR OWN STORIES**  
If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are.  
-Madeleine L'Engle

- FamilySearch Memories
- Google Photo Scan: <https://www.google.com/photos/scan/>
- JoyFlips: <http://joyflips.com/>

- Google Photos: Albums, Movies, Collages <https://photos.google.com>

## Creating Videos

- YouTube and Vlogging: <https://www.youtube.com>
- Google Movies: <https://photos.google.com>
- iMovie App: <https://www.apple.com/imovie/>
- Adobe Spark (create videos, infographics or memes): <https://spark.adobe.com>
- Proshow (create slideshows/movies) <https://www.photodex.com/proshow>

- Social Media provides quick & easy platforms for family history sharing, like Facebook & Instagram. Many of the tools we're discussing provide simple methods for sharing to these platforms reaching a bigger audience of your family members & friends. Don't forget to SHARE the fun things you create!





# CREATING ONLINE MULTI-MEDIA FAMILY DISCOVERY EXPERIENCES

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- How have we shared in the past?
  - What are the benefits/potential challenges
  - Some great resources for creating books:
    - Mixbook Photo Co: <https://www.mixbook.com/>
      - For those who still want to have complete control over their book, there are beautiful templates and easy to use tools to simplify the process.
    - Four Bears Books: <https://www.fourbearsbooks.com/>
      - Amazing and easy tool for creating life story books of parents, grandparents, and ancestors for young children.
    - MyCanvas: <https://www.mycanvas.com/>
      - Great tool for using work you've already done in Ancestry and turning it into a fabulous book.
- Introducing some modern alternatives:
  - Enwoven: <https://www.enwoven.com/>
    - “Make your knowledge engaging. Knowledge comes to life on Enwoven.”
  - Adobe Spark - Pages: <https://spark.adobe.com/>
    - “Easily create beautiful web pages that make you stand out.”
  - Twile: <https://twile.com/>
    - “Create a rich, visual timeline of your family history, made up of milestones and photos, which everyone in your family can explore and contribute to.”

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