

Rootstech 2016 Presentation

Title: Gathering history of the living and dead using mobiles

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Objective: Inspire gathering stories of living and dead using your mobile devices – tablets and smartphone - for the benefit of current and future generations. Define legacy valued stories or events. Focus on media – pictures, audio, narrated photos and video with primary emphasis on narrated photos. Discuss criteria for selecting apps to include cloud storage to meet your needs/objectives. Share story gathering hints and examples of stories – children, youth and adults - for living and dead. Share ideas for multiple uses of stories for individuals, families, communities and organizations

There are literally hundreds of APPs available for ISO or Android mobile operating system devices. You may need to use several to meet your needs and objectives – I use at least four apps on my mobiles and several more on my computer for editing photos, sound and video.

I will not discuss specific criteria of mobile devices but they must include at a minimum:

1. Camera
2. Mike
3. Most have media capturing APPs provided with the purchase plus option SD or cloud backup storage

My basic mobile App criteria of stories with narrated pictures is that they:

1. Work across both major mobile operating systems
2. Use a reputable cloud storage firm
3. Have privacy protocols - Private – Public
4. Easy to use – “retake” or “edit”
5. Easy to organize and add albums or collections
6. Content is accessible for multi-use – “repurposing”
 - a. Genealogy programs
 - i. FamilySearch-Family Tree
 - ii. Ancestral Quest
 - iii. Legacy Family Tree
 - iv. Roots Magic
 - v. ETC.
 - b. Social Networks – all major ones
 - c. Family and community projects –
 - i. Family activities/projects with children for school, church, and community.
 - ii. Life memory on DVDs
 - iii. Family Reunion – slideshows
 - iv. Genealogy societies or church organization
 - v. Community or historical projects

Goals:

- Leave the presentation with knowledge of steps to take to capture narrated photo memories in the moment for the living or dead.
- Install APPs based on individual criteria and objectives for narrated photos.
- Practice and then store memory content in a cloud.
- Share the stories in many ways based on individual privacy setting, with family, and friends, on social media.
- Use the stories to enrich journals, genealogies, websites, books and other personal/community projects.

The list of Software and Mobile Apps is listed below.

You are encouraged to install and evaluate the applications before or after the presentation

Tools used in presentation: Apps

LegacyStories.org and APPs

FamilySearch.org – Memories and memories APP

Hangouts/Google.com/hangouts

YouTube

Software

LegacyFamilyTree.com

Tools referred to:

App, Magic Puzzle

Ancestral Quest.com and APPs

Roots Magic.com and APPs

APP - Voice Recorder Pro (IOS Only)

Everystory.us and APPs

Mobile Picture APPs – “Mobile picture capture” over 130

Plus preferred device APP

Mobile Audio APPs – “Mobile audio recorder” over 120

Plus preferred device APP

Clouds Storage options -

FamilySearch

LegacyStories

Google Drive/YouTube –channels

Dropbox IDrive,

SugarSync

One Drive

Box

Amazon S3
Mega
MS – Notebook
Evernote

Etc.

Helpful references for story prompts

- LegacyStories.org, <https://www.legacystories.org/stories/story-prompts> □
LegacyFamilyTree.com, In reports>other report>interview questions.
 - EdtechTeacher, <http://besthistorysites.net/oral-history>, provides an excellent list of oral history websites that give lots of great information.
 - Step-by-Step Guide to Oral History, http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/oralHistory.html, has some good timeless advice and useful information.
 - The Official Site of the Oral History Association, <http://www.oralhistory.org/>, has lots of great information that is available to the general public and more for members of the association.
 - Regional Oral History Office <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/resources/rohotips.html>, provides a list of 19 tips and hints to follow when doing an oral history.
 - Oral History Interview, Questions and Topics, <http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/resources/rohotips.html> is a list published in Jewish Gen. It's a list of 83 questions you can use when doing an oral history.
- About Writing Good Questions, <http://home.earthlink.net/~ahickling/interviewsuggestions.html> provides ideas and examples for your own good interview questions.