



Using Facebook for Family History

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Discover how to create and manage family Facebook groups for ongoing virtual reunions. Uncover genealogy related organizations, societies, groups, conferences, companies, and experts. Learn about Facebook apps that help you build your tree and find out how simple it is to connect with distant cousins.

Questions this session will answer:

1. How do I create and manage a family Facebook group and how do I determine the privacy level for the group?
2. How can I find genealogy related organizations or people on Facebook?
3. What are some search techniques on Facebook to help me find and connect with distant living cousins?
4. What resources are available on Facebook to help me break through my “brick walls”?
5. How can my Facebook connections help me build my family tree?

Resources:

<http://www.genealogyjustask.com/>

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Genealogy_Help_on_Facebook

<http://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/social-networking/facebook/>

<http://www.ancestry.com/cs/us/facebookapp>

Facebook Help Center: <https://www.facebook.com/help/>

Facebook Group Basics: <https://www.facebook.com/help/162866443847527/>

Facebook Search Basics: <https://www.facebook.com/help/460711197281324>

What are the privacy options for groups?

There are 3 privacy options for groups: **Public**, **Closed** and **Secret**. The table below shows who can join these groups and what people can see about them.

	Public	Closed	Secret
Who can join?	Anyone can join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone can ask to join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone, but they have to be added or invited by a member
Who can see the group's name?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see who's in the group?	Anyone	Anyone	Only current members
Who can see the group description?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see the group tags?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see what members post in the group?	Anyone	Only current members	Only current members
Who can find the group in search?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see stories about the group on Facebook (like in News Feed and search)?	Anyone	Only current members	Only current members

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