

Note taking - One Digital Page at a Time

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Note Taking is one part of being organized. Moving your notes to a digital platform will decrease your time and struggle to keep everything together. We will discuss using a Digital Note system with our other tools.

One digital page at a time is about finding a working system for you and then digitizing as you get comfortable and love the system you create.

There is no perfect or best system - think about how you take notes now. What works for you? Don't insist on a brand new style if it isn't how you think.

Start today with the tools we talk about. Don't try to catch up -- Don't try to digitize all at once - You can add one page at a time after you get a system but starting is key.

Tools

A Database for Family History - you are already using this but think about a place to keep track of your family where your research and notes won't be undone. Online trees work well at Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindmyPast or in software tree programs. My criteria -no fear of the company/software going away, work can't be changed, syncs with FamilySearch so effort isn't duplicated.

Electronic files -- Make a place for digital files.

Setup the following--

- Cloud Storage (like Google Drive or DropBox) for current research.

- Hard drive folder system for all files.

- External Drive as a backup for safety.

Start a naming system that makes sense to you. See examples in class.

Paper Filing System - some items should be kept even after digitizing. Any originals or items that can't be replaced. Possible future uses include DNA testing.

Digital Note Taking program so that your work is searchable and with you on every device and makes you an effective researcher. Options include Evernote, OneNote, MS Word, Trello, Google Keep and many more.

- My criteria when deciding on a note taking program was -

- Digital so it can be with me everywhere.

- Accessible on more than one device across many platforms.

- Inexpensive. I would prefer free.

- Longevity - confidence it will be a viable solution for a long time.

Easily convertible to a document that will work in other programs.
It needs to be more descriptive than bookmarking websites.
Easy to use on all devices.

The Chrome extension for browsers, IOS app, and the ability to access anywhere when logged into my Google account helped in deciding on Keep after using other programs. Google Keep can also extract text from images with OCR and voice recordings are transcribed quickly. It also works the way I think.

Notes and Research

Integrate your note keeping system with your digital files, research logs and preservation efforts.

My system -

Original items are digitized, named, electronically filed, backed up and some added to Memories in FamilySearch.

Research is tracked and processed in a research log then electronically filed.

Found information is sourced and added to Familysearch and Ancestry.

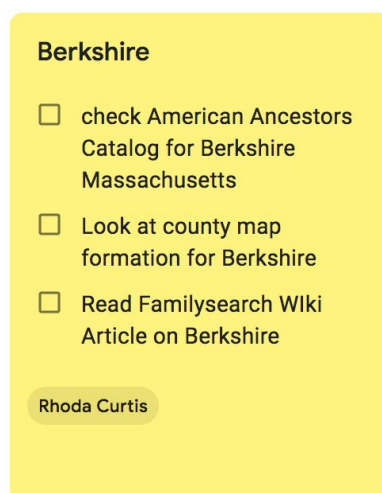
Notes are created and kept on Google Keep. My notes are then copied with a click of a button to a .doc file and added to the ancestors folder.

DIGITAL NOTE TAKING

Advantage to digital notes is the ability to quickly search all content, easily file, speed in writing, and options to add pictures and hyperlinks.

Notes for Family History help -- we will go through the steps in class to easily create...

Action Items



Impressions or thoughts while analyzing an ancestor.


Giles Curtiss brother to Rhoda Curtis?

<http://exploredoc.com/doc/5007982/william-ives-descendants>

possibly my Rhoda Curtis in family with Giles Curtiss as brother who was living in Sheffield when Daniel Brown was there -and bought land from each other.
Pg 150 of this huge document.

Rhoda Curtis

Edited yesterday, 10:17 PM

**William Ives Descendants**
exploredoc.com

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Research not being added to the tree while proving sources.

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" 25 1804	" "	John W. Hulbert	"	"	42 224
Jan. 9 1816	" "	Uziel Clerk	"	Lease	53 76
Apr. 18 1819	" "	Amasa Kellogg et al	"	War.	55 362
Jan. 18 1821	" "	Silas Pierce	"	Exec.	56 369

Giles Curtis purchasing land in Berkshire

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89Z8-3ZP4?i=366&cc=2106411&cat=213178>

Giles Curtis buying land list

Rhoda Curtis

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**FamilySearch**
www.familysearch.org

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Websites with images for faster finding.

MORMON MIGRATION

Find your ancestor's voyage

About 90,000 Latter-day Saints crossed the ocean during the 19th century, heading east to open a new life. The Mormon Migration website offers inspiring accounts of their journey. The accompanying journal, diary, correspondence, images, and other files are a treasure of stories of migration courage and provide a complete history of Mormon migration to America.

Their Stories

"I felt as if my heart seemed to melt over I had the impression not to feel at my mother again, as I had my home in there, and I felt the love of my childhood, all my kindred and everything for the Gospel's sake."

From Testimony of John Clayton Smith

"We have sometimes been almost suffocated with heat in the old ship, sometimes almost frozen with cold. We have had to sleep on benches, instead of chairs, and on benches which were warm. We have been exposed together so that we had more room to move about, as if we had in the night and day for several days, in a small cabin (some of them) about a perch long, and a foot wide."

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"At one time the captain said to Fred Peterson, 'If I could find of Mormon on board I would have been in New York six weeks ago.' Peterson said to him, 'If you find Mormon on board, you would have been in hell six weeks ago.'"

From Testimony of John Clayton Smith


Scholarly Articles

Mormon Migration Library

<https://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu>

Pioneer Trek

Edited Jan 8

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Extract text from an image or screenshot.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a search bar at the top containing the text "Morton G Brown in county history in Lorain". Below the search bar, there is a link to a Google Books page: https://books.google.com/books/about/A_Standard_History_of_Lorain_County_Ohio.html?id=fz8VAAAAAAAJ. The main content of the page is a historical record about Morton G Brown, his family, and his father and grandfather. The text is as follows:

M. G. BROWN represents a very old family in Ohio, one which has been identified with this state for upwards of a century. Mr. Brown's home has been on a fine farm in Henrietta Township for the past twenty years, and he is well known in Lorain County.

He was born in Freedom, Portage County, Ohio, October 19, 1842, a son of D. A. and Minerva (Sherman) Brown. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Brown, was born in Massachusetts and came to Portage County, Ohio, in 1820, and spent the rest of his days there. The maternal grandfather was Pardon Sherman, a native of Connecticut and was also a pioneer farmer in Portage County. D. A. Brown was born in Massachusetts in 1812, came to Ohio at the age of eight, finished his education in this state and after many years spent in practical farming moved with his wife to Oberlin, where he died in 1886. His wife

The browser interface includes a search bar, a list of search engines (AltaVista, AlltheWeb, Excite, Google, HotBot, Lycos, ProFusion, Teoma), and a "Close" button at the bottom right.

Audio note transcribed from phone to desktop automatically.
Notes can be color-coded and/or labels added for organization.

Move Notes to an Ancestor File easily

Select notes to file - this can be done as a batch or individually

The screenshot shows a notes application interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of notes. The notes are organized into sections: "Notes", "Reminders", "LABELS", and "Archive". The "Notes" section is currently selected, and it shows a list of notes with checkboxes. The notes are:

- Land Sell
- Giles Curtiss brother to Rhoda Curtis?
- Follow up on book...

The "Land Sell" note is selected, and a context menu is open over it. The context menu has the following options:

- Delete notes
- Change labels
- Make a copy
- Copy to Google Docs

The "Giles Curtiss brother to Rhoda Curtis?" note is also selected, and it contains a link to a document: <http://exploredoc.com/doc/5007982/william-ives-descendants>. The "Follow up on book..." note is also selected, and it contains a link to a book: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9Z8-7HTS?i=97&cc=2106411&cat=213178>.

Click the three horizontal buttons in the right corner then click Copy to Google Docs
Selected notes are copied to a document. Title and save to electronic file system.

Google Keep Document ☆ 📁

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Giles Curtis Notes 2018.12.12

Land Sell

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9Z8-7HTS?i=97&cc=2106411&cat=213178>

This land sell includes names of neighboring property owners Giles Curtis and William ? and Elijah Morgan and Arahe Dunham and james curtis and Isaac and Asahu roo?

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Follow up on book to see if it helps place Rhoda and Giles in same family.

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How to start with Google Keep-
Open a Google Account
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Move Keep to your dashboard
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<https://gsuite.google.com/learning-center/products/keep/#/>

Link for starting with the Google Keep app -this is specific to android but works well to understanding IOS as well.
<https://www.androidcentral.com/google-keep>

Happy Note Taking- You are on your way to being digitally organized!