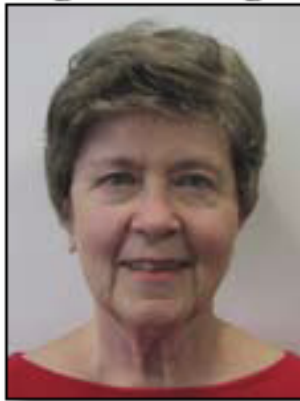


Genealogy Rocks!

Google Your Ancestors!

Google is one of the best places to search for anything, and for genealogists, it is a “Pandora’s Box” of tools. The secret to using Google is figuring out how to effectively manage it. At the top is a list of tool menu items including email, images, maps, translations, etc.



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When you open Google, you see the search window. Enter: “Rowley Marders” and 200 hits are received. This a bit of a chore looking at all of those results, but add a location such as “Rowley Marders Culpeper” and reduced to eight hits.

Select “Images” at the top and enter “Addison, Vermont.” You will see a variety of images including maps, buildings, stores, churches and historical images. Maybe find something about your ancestor?

Select “More” at the top, and see one of the tools in the drop down

menu is “Translate.” At the top of the translate screen, select the language “from English to Spanish.” In the box on the screen, type in an English sentence. What do you know about Google? Now you see your sentence in the English box, and the Spanish translation of that sentence in the Spanish box.

Select “Maps” from the top menu and enter an address, “2050 Elm Street, Concord, CT” to see where your ancestor lived and see how the neighborhood looks today. You can view the road and satellite maps. Overall, Google offers many research benefits for genealogists!

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