

# Family History and Social Media

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**Definition of Social Media:** Internet websites and applications that enables users to create and share information and idea or to participate in social networking, thus providing like-minded users the opportunity to collaborate, share or co-create.

**My Family History Goals using Social Media:** To make my ancestors searchable online! *No better way to make your Family History more accessible to your family and to the next generation!*

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## Social Websites & Apps – All relating to use for Family History!

**FamilySearch** – [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Are you socially connected on Family Tree?

*Check here:* Go to *Settings*, then *Contact*. Make sure your *Email* is public and your *Contact Name* is a version of your name!

**Find A Grave** – [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

This site is created as a virtual cemetery experience through individual memorial pages. *It's all about a community of unpaid contributors with a passion for helping preserve the memories of our loved ones, remembering that every person deserves to be remembered. Great way to connect with others!*

**Facebook** – [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Create a private family Facebook group! *Only members can view the photos and comments.*

**Pinterest** – [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)

A visual bookmarking tool for collecting, organizing and sharing things you love. *Great way of collecting Family History related photos, documents you find online.*

*Take a look at this great Family History related 'pinner':* <http://www.pinterest.com/geneabloggers/>

**Instagram** – This is an app, but you can view your photos at [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com) or better yet, go to [pinsta.me](http://pinsta.me) and use your Instagram login.

*It's all about the photos! Can keep your photos private, only seen by those followers.*

**Flickr, Google+** - [flickr.com](http://flickr.com) (*Yahoo email required*) or go to [google+](http://google+) (*Gmail account required*)

Photo storage and sharing site. You can share your family photos and documents with circles of Google+ friends and family, or get a link to give to specific people. *Tag your photos and create albums.*

**LinkedIn** – [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

Social networking website geared towards building your professional identity online and staying in touch with colleagues or classmates. *There are targeted genealogy groups you can join.*

**Blogger and WordPress** – [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com) or [www.wordpress.com](http://www.wordpress.com) Free sites that provide tools you need to create, design and keep your own blog. *A great way of sharing anything family related and collecting all family photos and data in one spot.*