



Spring!

Spring has come, and the desert flowers are blooming as life renews once again. We are also coming out from under the dark cloud of the pandemic. Some of our SIG groups are starting the meet at the Kiva Club, and I have booked the Center for Higher Learning for our June 7th meeting, which will feature Pam LaFond from West Valley Genealogical Society. We will also have some other info you can use to help you with your genealogy research over the summer hiatus.

For our May meeting, we have booked Francis Bauer from northern California to speak to us via Zoom. Since he will be coming to us via a zoom meeting and we don't want to miss out on hearing from this expert on FindaGrave.com, we will do this as a Zoom meeting. This will also allow those who are not quite ready to venture out the opportunity to attend. If all continues as planned, this will be our last zoom or at least zoom-only meeting.

Summer and Fall

In the past, the club has always met from October through May. Based on your feedback on the survey I ran at the beginning of the year, we have extended our meetings to September through June. This is an experiment. If the June and September meetings are well attended, we will make this permanent. We will take July and August off as many members (including me) will be traveling. June will be our first meeting back in the Kiva Club, and September will be jam-packed with information to help you with your research. We will also follow up in October with a workshop where you will get to put all we talk about in September to use, with more experienced club members available to help you and to answer questions.

April Board Meeting

We held our April Board meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2021. Three of the five SIG leaders joined us. I have invited all SIG leaders to attend future Board meetings to provide the Board with their input and advice. The minutes from the April meeting are posted on the website.

Planning Ahead

I know for many, having lived through the pandemic, it seems impossible to plan ahead, but better days are coming, and I find it helps my outlook on today to think about and plan for future events. We discussed two 2022 events at this month's Board meeting, Rootstech 2022, and our own Family History Conference.

My expectation is that Rootstech will happen, no matter what, and be bigger and better than ever. I am hoping they have the live event in Salt Lake City as well as the digital one. The online event they held this year was great, but nothing compares to being there with thousands of others researching their families and having

the opportunity to meet them and talk with the experts. If they have the live event in 2022, and I think they probably will, I plan to go. I hope several of you will join me. I promise it will be an amazing experience.

We are also planning to have a Trilogy Family History Conference next March. For those of you who have never attended one, this is an all-day event that includes lunch with a variety of speakers and topics. If you have any ideas concerning our Family History Conference, please email me and let me know.

A Quick Tip

We have all inherited pictures of ancestors, not labeled, so we have no idea who is in the picture. It might be a photo of your great grandfather, but you will never know. The problem is worse with digital photos. Some old photos have writing on the back, but you can't do that with digital photos. You can name the photo, but if it shows a dozen people, that becomes difficult. Tagging works, but the tags are only visible with software that recognizes them, and who knows how long that standard will last?

Wouldn't it be great if all digital photos were labeled like the one shown below?



Alphée Labadie Family 1948

**Edward, Juliette (Lestage), Roland Landry, Sr. Irene, Bro. Albert, Laura (Chaves), Joseph
Therese, Alphée, Anna, Carol**

Many of you will remember my father-in-law, Edward Labadie. He is shown on the left with his wife in 1948. Before he died, he labeled thousands of family pictures like this and gave digital copies to each of his children and grandchildren. What a wonderful gift for future generations!

He did all this with a simple method using a tool most of you have on your computer. He used PowerPoint, but almost any software that supports graphics and text can be used.

Here is how it is done:

- Start with a blank PowerPoint slide.
- Insert the picture and size it as you wish, leaving enough space below the picture for the label.
- Insert a text box below the picture and enter and format your label.
- Select both the picture and the text box by holding down the ctrl key and clicking on the objects.
- Click on Arrange on the top menu and select group.
- Select the grouped objects with your mouse.
- Click the right mouse button and select Save as Picture.
- A standard Windows dialogue box will appear to allow you to select the graphic format, file name, and file location.

You now have a labeled picture as a jpg or other graphic format file. Note that the saved file is a picture that includes the label and the label can't be edited. To change the label, paste the photo back into PowerPoint, draw a white box over the top of the old label, and enter the revised label. Don't forget to group the picture and the new text box before you save it as a picture.

I taught Ed to do this when he was eighty-five. He got many relatives to send him pictures and created a huge collection of labeled photos for future generations so they might know who their Labadie ancestors were. It is a legacy that many of them treasure.

Try it – It's easy!

Your Feedback is Appreciated

- How can the Trilogy Genealogy Club help you with your Family History?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for future meetings?
- How can we improve what we are doing for the benefit of our members?

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