

Transcription of Podcast Episode 387: Genealogy Club

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Bob Firing 00:00

Good afternoon Shadow Hills, this is Bob Firing and the weather is turning beautiful and snowbirds are starting to come back in. And the purpose of today's podcast is to promote the Genealogy Club. Got a couple of members here who are going to tell their story and hopefully develop some interest so that if you want to pick up a new hobby this fall, the this is a good place to consider. My first guest is going to be Cindy Hailpern. Cindy, welcome to the podcast.

Cindy Hailpern 00:35

Thank you, Bob.

Bob Firing 00:36

How long have you been a member? How long have you lived here? And how long have you been a member of club?

Cindy Hailpern 00:41

My husband Mark and I moved here in 2009. So we've been here a long time. And I joined genealogy club the year it started. First, it was an offshoot of the Computer Club. So I was in the Computer Club, and we kind of emerged off of there.

Bob Firing 01:06

And had you been interested in your family history before? Was this a new hobby?

Cindy Hailpern 01:10

No, this has been a lifelong hobby. I was going to do a presentation on Monday, but we couldn't get in our room. And my story started when I was 16 years old. My grandmother, my mother's mother gave me two pieces of paper that she had. And it was a family tree on one page and oral history written down on the other page. And it went back six generations for me. And because I was the last one on the family tree, I knew it was done the year I was born, which was 1952 because my little brother wasn't on there yet. So I that got me interested in it was about my grandpa, my paternal grandfather's, my maternal grandfather's family story, which I never knew that great grandfather. I knew my great grandmother, but he had passed before I was born. And it was his story going back into Europe, Eastern Europe. Going back to my great, great, great, great grandparents. So that gave me a lot of history on that branch. And then I started as I got older kind of dabbling in my other grandfather's information and then my dad's history.

Bob Firing 02:49

And so how did the tools in the genealogy club help you on your search? Well,

Cindy Hailpern 02:56

in genealogy club, we learned how to use the various websites ancestry, my history. For me Jewish genealogy website was important. And we learn hearing other people's stories. They've had successes here are successes there. I hit a brick wall with my dad's family history, because he lost an older brother that he never knew in 1918 in the flu pandemic, and as an eight year old child, that baby that boy was picked up from the family home, and they never knew where he was buried, because it was the pandemic. So I learned how to do research to figure out how to track down a death certificate and find out where he was buried.

Bob Firing 03:59

And my other guest is another member of the club, Jim Kintner. Jim, welcome.

Jim Kintner 04:04

I'm glad to be here, Bob.

Bob Firing 04:05

How long have you been a member as a resident How long have you been a member of the Genealogy Club?

Jim Kintner 04:14

Purchased our home here in 2010. And we moved permanently here in 2013. And I've been a member of the Genealogy Club since 2014, which was the first year.

Bob Firing 04:28

It's almost 10 years I didn't realize I remember I enter interviewed Martha and I it was awhile ago but yeah, I didn't realize that along. So I had you been interested in your family history before it's just been sparked by your membership in the club?

Jim Kintner 04:44

Well, that's an interesting story because my I started researching my grandfather's live because he was treated like a persona non grata growing up and no one ever talked about him and I had this real interesting curiosity. He was a physician. And he died the two years after I was or the year after I was born. And I knew nothing about him really because he was 64 when he died, and he was a surgeon, and he served in World War One in France, doing field surgery, so I, I it took me seven years to research his story. And doing the research culminated with using a lot of the tools.

Bob Firing 05:40

I was going to ask how did the genealogy club tools help you with this search?

Jim Kintner 05:46

Well, it's interesting, because World War One was 100 years ago, when I started writing this in 2016. And so, I was sort of a neophyte to the genealogy clubs. So learning how to use ancestry.com, or family search, or the military application, which is called folds three, and using those tools and then following up with other materials you find on the internet help me I wrote a book on his on his service and published it.

Bob Firing 06:31

Okay. Well, thank you for sharing your stories. And hopefully this is going to interest some more members or some of our residents I should say, and trying to find out their stories. And when do you meet?

Cindy Hailpern 06:45

We meet on the first Monday of the month, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the computer room here.

Bob Firing 06:54

At the Santa Rosa Clubhouse.

Cindy Hailpern 06:57

And then the following week we have what we call help days where if you need help on your research, we pair you with someone in that area and you can come and meet and work on your what you're working on.

Bob Firing 07:15

I see. Okay, well if this resonates with you, stop in and say hello.

Cindy Hailpern 07:21

We have fun.

Bob Firing 07:22

And have fun studying your family's history. So until next time, bye-bye.

Cindy Hailpern 07:27

Bye.

Jim Kintner 07:27

Bye.