

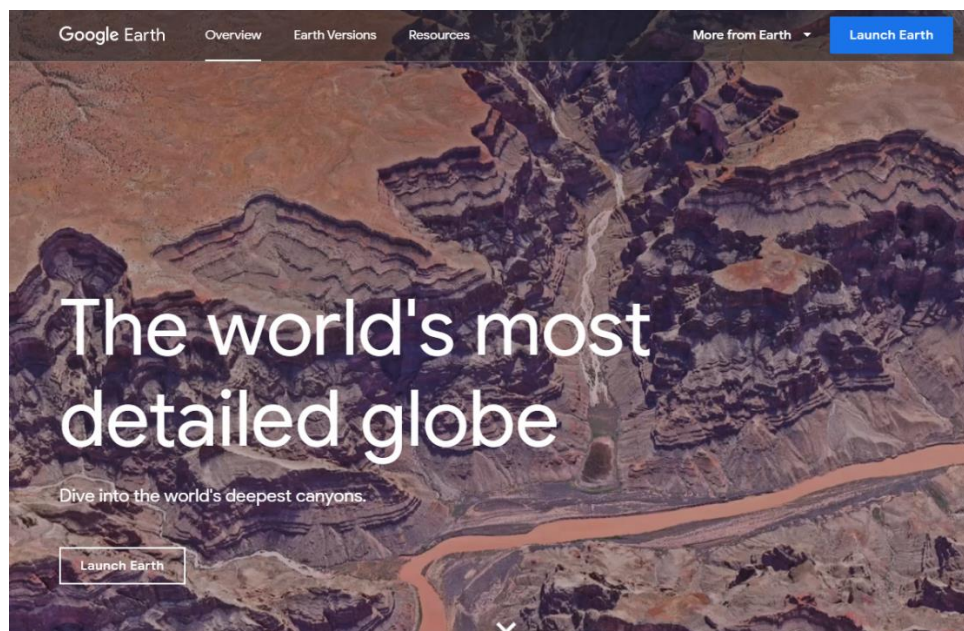
Google Earth for Genealogists

Summer 2020 Week 1

Read this section before beginning.

Most of you know how much I enjoy promoting maps and migration mapping in genealogy from my classes. This summer I am challenging you to learn to use Google Earth (modern satellite imaging) to put your genealogical research “on the map.” Google Earth is a GIS APP (GIS stands for Geographic Information System) and there are some fun things you can do on Google Earth in the name of your family research. Mapping your ancestry is a way to help you see information in a new light and a way to share your family history online. Using Google Earth can help you analyze the information you have and suggest areas to research to fill in the blanks that may help you hurdle a genealogical brick wall.

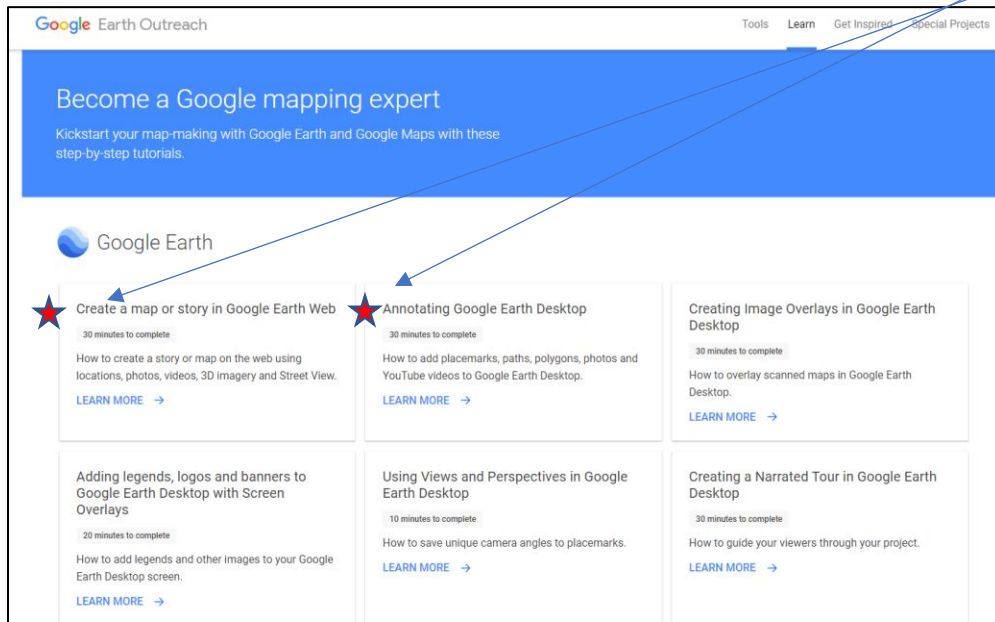
1. You can create and control the family narrative (in “presentation” mode view a person just sits back and enjoys the “show.” You can populate your map with ancestors and the places they lived. So be thinking: Do you want to follow one person’s life-story or try to show family units and where they lived?
2. You can create (and edit) placemarks on your map. Placemarks can be dragged and rearranged and can include addresses, notes like the members of a household, links to websites (like the census record that shows a household) and images.
3. Maps can show the distribution of family members or highlights of the family history.
4. You can even use pinpoints on a map to plot research trips and information about the local you will be visiting.
5. You can add maps to your maps!
6. You can share your project and collaborate with others.



You will need to create a GMAIL Email/Google Account if you don’t already have one – or create a separate GMAIL Email just for this project. Then **download the Google Earth App onto your desktop.** Just go to GoogleEarth.com and click on Launch Earth. This free and addicting software can do some very impressive things for your genealogy records.

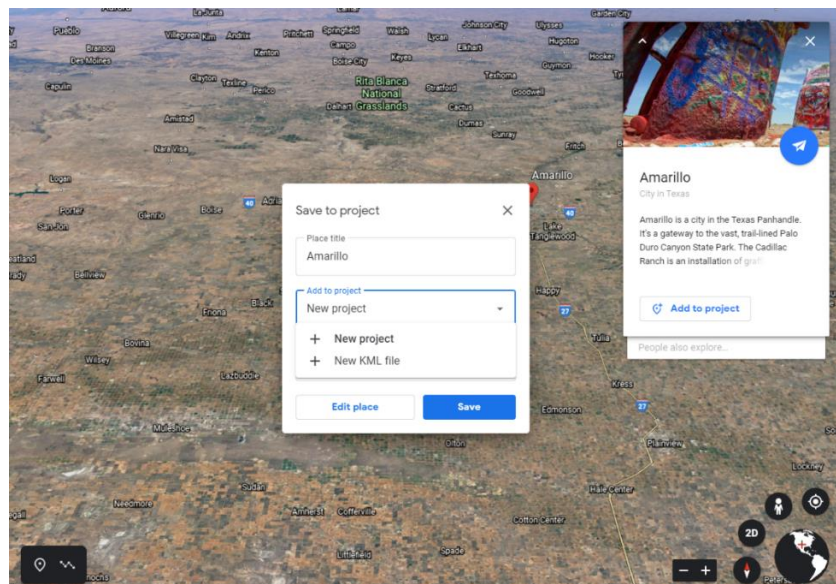
I think you will enjoy Google Earth's easy to follow tutorials too – In **Google Earth Outreach**, try them in this order (I will have others for you to concentrate on during Week 2):

1. **Tutorial: Create a map or story in Google Earth Web (30 mins to complete)** – this will be your hands-on practice -your basic how to create and Save a named project and I promise it is worth your time. The practice project is the Jane Goodall Project. It's a lot of fun to learn this and then apply it to your genealogy research!
2. **Tutorial: Annotating Google Earth (30 mins to complete)** – adding placemarks, photos, YouTube videos, etc.
3. **At this point, I recommend that you use what you've learned so far and begin plotting a section of your genealogy on a map. That will reinforce what you have learned up to this point. Next Week we will add overlay maps and more to your baseline map that you created this week.**
4. Just do #1 and #2 Tutorials for the 1st Week and apply them to YOUR genealogy work.★

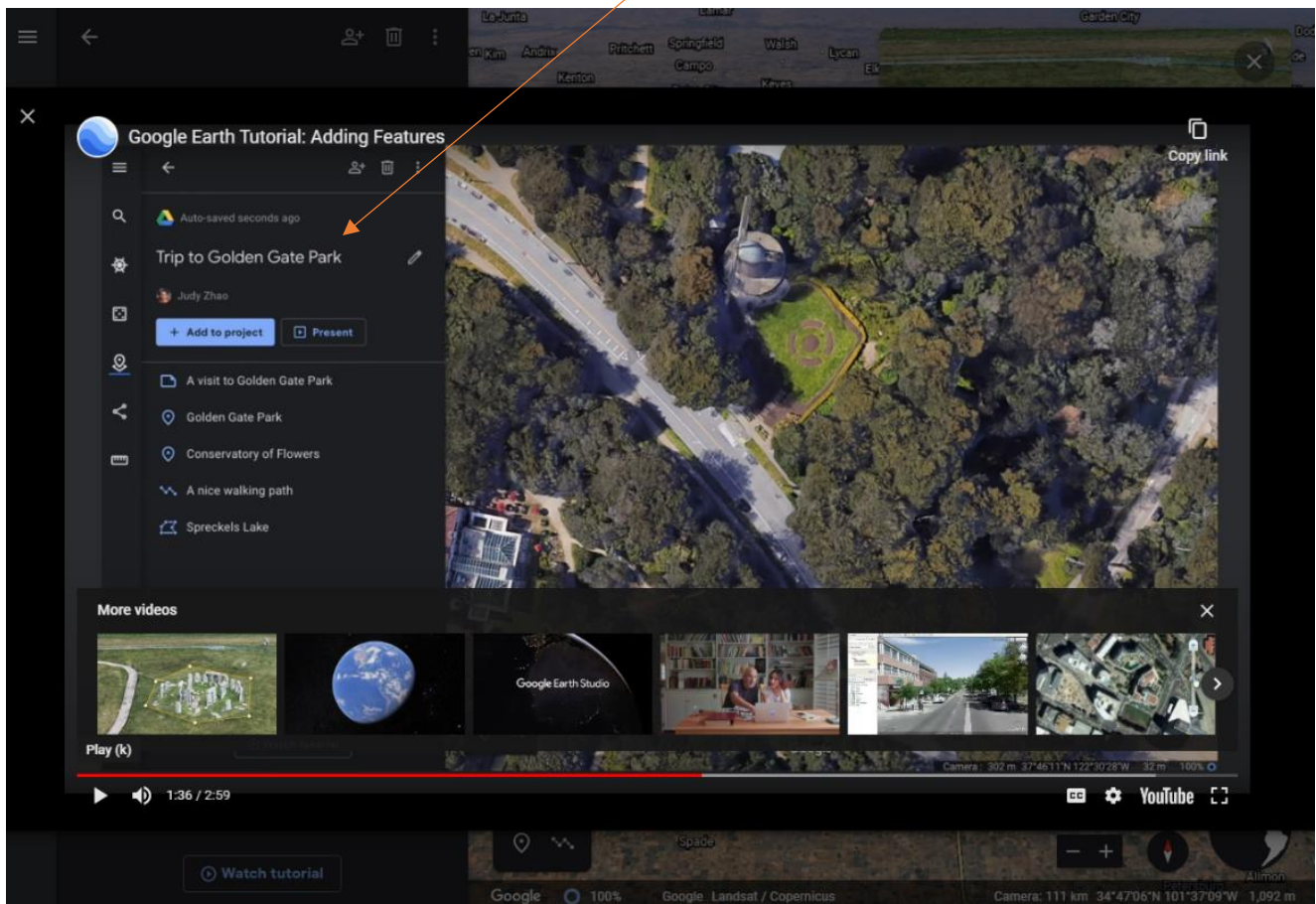


Goals for things to learn this week:

Try adding a place on your map which you will be allowed to NAME and SAVE. See center of image below.



Next explore all the wonderful options of things you can add to your pinpoint on your map.



By clicking on the +Add to Project button you will see ways to add placemarks, lines and shapes as well as slides from your computer.

