

Our meeting this month was a presentation by Tammy Hepps titled "Top Ten Things I Learned About My Family from My Couch", where she shared her interesting and educational talk about how she learned her family history, primarily through internet resources she could access from her home. She used a lot of sites already familiar to our group, but here are a few we haven't mentioned recently. All are free to access but some require registration.

<http://italiangen.org> - focused on the Italian community in New York city, it holds local records well beyond that

<https://www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases/fulton-history-old-new-york-state-historical-newspapers> - the Fulton History collection of older New York state newspapers

<https://www.jewishgen.org/> - site for researching Jewish ancestors and connecting with other researchers

<https://digitalcollections.library.cmu.edu/portal/collections/pjn/index.jsp> - a collection of Pittsburgh Jewish newspapers

Best of all, Tammy has given permission to post a link to a video copy of her presentation. If you missed her talk it's a great way to find out how she researched her ancestors. Be sure and watch it all the way to the surprise ending with her ancestor's involvement in the early days of margarine's introduction into the U.S. butter market. Margarine, butter and genealogy - what could be better!

http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid2226130202001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAsMO7iuE~,0a6boL_aMzSWZII-kKDeicdLK0u0bfLF&bctid=3162943928001

You can learn more about Tammy's research into early Jewish life in Homestead on her web site:

<http://homesteadhebrews.com/>