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Episode 007: *Family Website vs. Family Blog, Which is best?*

Below are additional tips and resources to accompany the podcast. First there are tips on web building, followed by tips on blogging. Then enjoy the additional resources such as books, websites to help you to create your family internet empire

Tips on Web Building

- ✿ Do not expect to have a huge site from the beginning.
- ✿ Respecting the privacy of others.
- ✿ Protect the safety of children.
- ✿ View other family web sites for ideas.
- ✿ Use online free hosting sites.
- ✿ Set up a schedule for archiving and maintaining web data.
- ✿ Read the NGS Standards and Guidelines on web publishing and sharing information.

Tips on Blogging

- ✿ Remember your audience. Try not to go of topic.
- ✿ Your first blogs should define the purpose and the technology.
- ✿ Remind everyone that this is part of the permanent public record.
- ✿ Encourage child security.
- ✿ Family blogs should be inclusive. Create blogs on the multiple branches in your family.
- ✿ Enhance readability by using space, colors, emphasis and photos.
- ✿ Create blogs ahead of time to allow time for editing, and more editing.
- ✿ Edit, Edit, Edit. Spell Check. Post, Edit, Edit. Post. Edit. Post. (Ok. One post complete.)
- ✿ Create an archiving system.

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Resources

Websites

Books

- ***Creating Family Web Sites For Dummies***, by Janine Warner; Bk&CD-Rom edition (2005)
- ***Creating Your First Web Page*** (Cliffs Notes), by Alan Simpson Cliffs Notes (1999)
- ***Digitizing Your Family History***, by Rhonda R. McClure,
- ***HTML for Dummies***, by Ed Tittel, Stephen J. James For Dummies; 3 edition (1997)
- ***Making Family Websites: Fun & Easy Ways to Share Memories***, by Jenni Bidner , Publisher: Lark Books (2003)
- ***Planting Your Family Tree Online : How to Create Your Own Family History Web Site*** , by Cyndi Howells
- ***Web Design for Dummies***, by Lisa Lopuck Publisher: For Dummies; Bk&CD-Rom edition (2001)

Sample Family Websites

- **Afrigeneas Family Reunion Primer:** <http://reunions.afrigeneas.com/links.html>

Understanding Web Page Creation

- **Cyndi's Web Page Construction Kit:** <http://www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm>

Free Sites

- **MyFamily.com**
- **JotSpot:** <http://www.jot.com/>
- **LiveJournal:** <http://www.livejournal.com/>
- **Web Biographies:** <http://www.webbiographies.com/Home.do>

Blogs

Books

- ***Blog On: Building Online Communities with Web Logs***, by Todd Stauffer, Osborne/McGraw-Hill (2002)
- ***Blogging: Genius Strategies for Instant Web Content***, by Biz Stone, New Riders Press; 1st edition (2002)
- ***Complete Idiot's Guide to Creating a Web Page & Blog*** (The Complete Idiot's Guide) (Pappy Paul McFedries, : Alpha; 6th Bk&Cdr edition (2004)
- ***Essential Blogging : Selecting and Using Weblog Tools***, by Shelley Powers, Cory Doctorow, J. Scott Johnson, Mena G. Trott, Benjamin Trott, Rael Dornfest, O'Reilly Media, Inc.; (2002)
- ***Publishing a Blog with Blogger: Visual QuickProject Guide*** (Visual Quickproject Series), by Elizabeth Castro, Peachpit Press (2005)
- ***The Weblog Handbook: Practical Advice on Creating and Maintaining Your Blog***, by Rebecca Blood, Perseus Books Group; 1st edition (2002),
- ***Web Blog: Publishing Online with Weblogs***, by Paul Bausch, Matthew Haughey, Meg Hourihan, Paul Bausch, Matthew Haughey, Meg Hourihan, Wiley; 1 edition (2002)

Start a Blog

- **Blog Software Comparison:** http://www.ojr.org/ojr/images/blog_software_comparison.cfm
- **Blogger:** <http://www.blogger.com/>
- **Google Blog Search:** <http://blogsearch.google.com/>
- **JotSpot:** <http://www.jot.com/>
- **LiveJournal:** <http://www.livejournal.com/>
- **Web Biographies:** <http://www.webbiographies.com/Home.do>
- **WordPress:** <http://wordpress.com/>