Still More Ideas on Ways to Use those Genealogical Findings!

**Gift Ideas:** Find gift ideas that you can give to people in your family who have so much to share with your family.

http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/best_genealogy_gifts

**Family Activities:**
Suggested activities for younger people and families to involve them in family history.

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_3-11

http://kids.familytreemagazine.com/kids/default.asp

**Continuing Quest for Information:**

www.libertyellisfoundation.org (search for relatives who may have come through Ellis Island)

www.rootsweb.com (social security death indexes and more)

cyndislist.com (country, state, city, and adoption places)

www.findagrave.com (headstones from cemeteries – famous people, everyday people, a helpful tool in the field)

**Longevity of Digital Media:**

After Death: Protecting “Your Digital Afterlife” (Author Evan Carol) NPR News Report in 2011 (18 min. approx.):


Website of the above-mentioned author, Evan Carol, and his approach to offering a paid-for cloud storage of your most important items.

http://www.thedigitalbeyond.com/online-services-list/chronicle-of-life/

Detailed Report for the Library of Congress on the longevity of CDs:

https://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/rt/CDservicelife_rev.pdf

Considering different means of data storage, M-Discs are also being thought of as well as CDs and thumb drives:

http://www.howtogeek.com/265516/are-m-discs-more-reliable-than-other-forms-of-storage/

A good idea is to have your data on **2 mediums** of digital storage. For example, a cloud storage place such as Dropbox, and a Flash Drive. Or on an external hard drive, and a flash drive. Or on two different cloud storage locations. Whichever two you feel most comfortable with. The idea is that if one medium fails (such as a flash drive) you have a backup and can get your information from the other source. Always keep tabs on medium changes. For example, 8mm movies changing to VHS, then VHS changing to DVDs, then DVDs changing to online storage and streaming (Netflix for example).