

RESOURCES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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SOME RESOURCES

MAP TYPES

- PLSS: http://nationalmap.gov/small_scale/a_plss.html
- Metes and Bounds: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metes_and_bounds
- Plats: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plat>

TUTORIALS

- Google Earth overlays:
<http://www.google.com/earth/outreach/tutorials/earthoverlays.html>

GENERAL LEARNING

- <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Maps>; has many good links too
- http://wiki.gis.com/wiki/index.php/Family_tree_mapping

MAP SOURCES

- David Rumsey Map Collection <http://www.davidrumsey.com>; use “Search the Collection” window at top right.
- Historic Map Works <http://www.historicmapworks.com>, then “Browse”, then “Original Browse” & continue
- Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap>
- Sanborn Maps: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn>
- Also try Googling “digital sanborn maps [your state]”
- “Historic Map Overlays for Google Maps & Google Earth” by Kimberly Powell
- http://genealogy.about.com/od/mapping_tools/tp/historical-map-overlays.htm
- “Atlas of Historical County Boundaries” – Newberry Library
<http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>

PROGRAMS

- DeedMapper: http://www.directlinesoftware.com/deedmapper_42
- Earthpoint: <http://www.earthpoint.us/>
- GenealogyTools- Deeds: <http://www.genealogytools.net/deeds/>

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OVERLAYING MAPS

- Obtain map image; for example __.jpg, __ gif, __png.
- Go to approximate area of interest on Google Earth for your map
- Click on menu icon “Add Image Overlay”; or main menu text “Add” then “Image Overlay”
- On pop-up window
 - Name: name your overlay
 - Select Browse button, browse to your image and select it
 - Select Open button (or double-click your image)
 - The image appears on Google Earth; the pop-up window remains active.
DO NOT CLOSE IT YET.
- “Fit” your image to the terrain using the handles
- After fitting the map, select the pop-up window; make sure the slider is at “Opaque,” and then select “OK.” You can’t go back!
- Your named map now appears on the sidebar under “Places”
- Use the slider immediately under “Places” to go from clear to opaque.
- You might have to refresh the slider once in a while.

YOU'RE DONE!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDING STATE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

- Go to homepage <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/> and click on your state of interest on the US map.
- On your state’s page, select “Download the .KMZ File for use with Google Earth.” These will download to your default download location, normally, the “Downloads” folder.
- You may get several .KMZ files; e.g. for SC you get a file for Parishes, another for Districts, another for Counties.
- Open Google Earth; zoom to your state.
- Select and drag the .kmz file to “My Places” under the “Places” dropdown on the left sidebar.
- The file will automatically install and be there for future use.
- To use, zoom Google Earth in to your state and check the box by the file in “My Places.” A slider bar is added to the upper left of Google Earth. You can run a complete time animation or select the year you’re interested in. Also, you can click anywhere inside a jurisdiction and you will get detailed info about that jurisdiction.

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