

Update Our Basic Genealogy Template Offerings

Let's move beyond the minimal standard of yesteryear's four or five generation ancestor/pedigree chart and text heavy family group sheet templates. If the biggest improvement we have made to such a universally applicable template is to add a background photo, then we are likely behind the power curve in the innovative offerings area to our public customers.

For instance, professional family researchers all around the U.S. and the world have agreed in publications for decades about the essential value of ancestor's sibling information to uncovering desired data and for at least a decade to two an increasing percentage of the public have started establishing positively identified photos of individual family members on improved family group templates. These two pieces of craved and ever so useful information are just the tip of the iceberg as to what NARA could be offering. It seems like the Federal Government would already be leading these types of foundation level research innovations with the massive pool of tech- savvy and creative folks we have carefully collected and instructed to handle just such demands.

The interested public with strong motivation indicate frequently that they are starved for more creative, well organized, and useful tools that are already proven by seasoned researchers with loads of hindsight.