

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE PAGE--MAKE A CONNECTION

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Some of the best success stories we hear from customers have to do with connections they've made with other customers. Long-lost siblings reuniting. Distant cousins breaking down each other's research brick walls. People willing to take a photograph of a headstone for someone in another state. That's why we've improved our Public Profile pages to help make connecting easier.

Your Public Profile is the place where you store information about you: your picture (if you like), your research interests and experience, your family trees and photographs, and your contact information (you don't have to provide your e-mail address—you can be contacted anonymously through the Ancestry connection services).

By keeping your profile up to date—or filling one out if you haven't already—you improve the kind of connections you can make. Other members can better evaluate your information so the right people contact you. And, if you enter your research interests, we can use that information to suggest members you may want to contact.

Here are some of the major improvements we've made to the Public Profile page:

1. Room for a more prominent photograph.
2. An "About Me" section, where you can write a brief paragraph about yourself and your interests (plus, the ability to show your real name rather than your user name, if you choose).
3. A place to list research activities you can help people with (e.g., taking pictures of headstones from a local cemetery, offering research advice, or translating a document).
4. A "Recently Added Content" section that showcases the public photos and content you've added.
5. Links to your public trees.
6. Links to your message board favorites and the message boards you administer, if any.

More prominent photo.

"About Me" section.

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I got started doing family history when I was in graduate school and ran across a professor who was editing the diaries of a woman who had been a neighbor to my great-great-great-grandparents in southern Utah in the 1800s. I started helping her edit the diaries and then started researching my own family members. It was adding, and my interest in family history has taken off since then.

[All names, location & more](#)

J1980's activity
Member since: 27 Sep 2008
Profile last updated: Today
Last login: This week

What you can help others with.

J1980 can help:


- Look up and copy a document from a local library
- Take pictures of tombstones from a local cemetery
- Take pictures of local buildings or other landmarks

Interests

Location	Date Range
Scranton, Pennsylvania , USA	

W.A. Jones (c. 2 Sept 1821 in Wales or 1826 in Bremen, PA); Alice his wife; Margaret (and 2nd), John (1847), Rachel (1848), Elizabeth (1852), Ann (1864/1812), Sarah Jane (1867), David (1868), and Joseph (1898).

Added content



Public photos and content settings

You can customize your settings about how other members can contact you, as well as what displays on your public profile.

[Set your preferences](#)

Public photos and content you've added.

ABOUT J1980

Personal Info
Gender: Female
Age Group: 18-19
Education: Graduate Degree
Employment: Full-time
Countries: USA / Worldwide / Publishing
Languages: English
Interests: [Social Media](#)
Religion: Christian / LDS

Family History & Genealogy
Browsers: [Ancestry](#)
Researching areas: 2008
How often: [Only a little](#)

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