# TECHNOLOGY TO THE RESCUE: FREE TOOLS EVERY GENEALOGIST NEEDS IN THEIR TOOLBOX

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# **Technology**

Technology is a fickle thing. We either love it or we hate it, depending on the situation. It helps us streamline our work, allowing us to work smarter not harder.

Listed below are a number of technology tools I use, support, and recommend to other genealogists. Take what resonates with you, and leave what doesn't. Hopefully, there is at least one tool that will work for you.

# Chrome/Firefox/Edge Extensions



- One Tab (one-tab.com)
  - o saves all your open tabs with one click for easy access
- Library Extension
  - o instantly see book and e-book availability from your local library while searching the internet.
- Grammarly
  - checks spelling & grammar in desktop applications & sites across the web.
- Zotero
  - o track your research, websites, with citations,
  - o Zotero for Genealogy: Harnessing the Power of Your Research by Donna Cox Baker
- <u>Internet Archive</u> (way back machine)
  - o converts over 300 file formats

# Apps

- Everything Google
- Log in/create an account, use the tic tac toe board on the right to find the apps
  - o maps, docs, sheets, calendar, photos, drive, translate, books,

### **Built into PC**

- Snipping tool
- Windows Explorer File Manager
  - o Metadata, organization,
- Calculator (has a date calculator)

### Free programs

- Transcript
  - Written transcription software
- Genscriber
  - Genscriber has a worksheet option which helps with columnar data
- <u>Draw.io</u> (now called Diagrams net)
  - o flow chart maker (great for DNA)
  - o has a chrome extension to import Lucid charts into Draw io.
- Green shot
  - o Open-source screen capture similar to snag it.

### Websites

- Tract Plotter
  - o Plot out the deeds to see what the land looks like
- Library Thing
  - o Book Tracker
  - o Tiny Cat
- Book Finder
  - One website to find books from other websites

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