

Google Earth 101 and Its Uses for Genealogy
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- Google Earth (GE) Software may be downloaded from earth.google.com.
- What is the difference between Google Earth and Google Maps?
 - GE software must be installed on your computer. There is no online version like Google Maps.
- Basic Information and Tips for Navigating the Software
 - Fly To
 - Places
 - Layers
 - Panoramio and other photos that GE users have added
 - David Rumsey Historic Map Overlays
 - Church and Cemetery Locations under Places Layer
 - Street View
 - 3D Viewer
 - Top Toolbar
 - Navigation
- Google Earth in our Genealogy Research - Ideas
 - Find and locate old family photographs
 - 32 Grant Street, Portland, Maine
 - Visualize where your ancestors lived and worked
 - View historic maps overlaid on present day aerial photography
 - Overlay historic maps and locate family residences
 - 1871 maps of Portland that I downloaded from Ancestry.com showing Haskell relative residences
 - Land research and visualization
 - Federal land patents
 - Cemetery mapping and research
- Websites we used and discussed today
 - Google Earth at earth.google.com
 - Ancestry.com – subscription site with land record maps
 - Bureau of Land Management for land patent records – www.glorerecords.blm.gov
 - Earth Point tools for Google Earth – www.earthpoint.us

- Additional Information
 - Google Earth website at earth.google.com and Google Earth help
 - I highly recommend Genealogy Gems Premium Member videos and Google Earth DVDs by well-known podcaster Lisa Louise Cooke. She has created 2 DVDs for \$11.95 each covering all of the topics we covered today and much more. You can find these DVDs at www.genealogygems.tv.
 - Students of Descent website at http://apoetsblues.typepad.com/studentsofdescent/2005/08/intro_to_google.html provides some interesting tips on using Google Earth in your research.