

Add Video to Ancestry

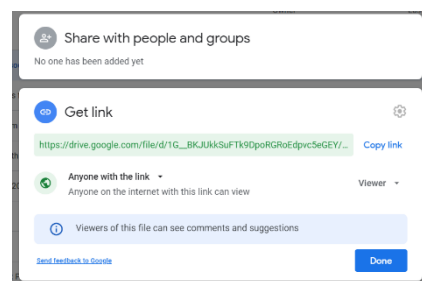
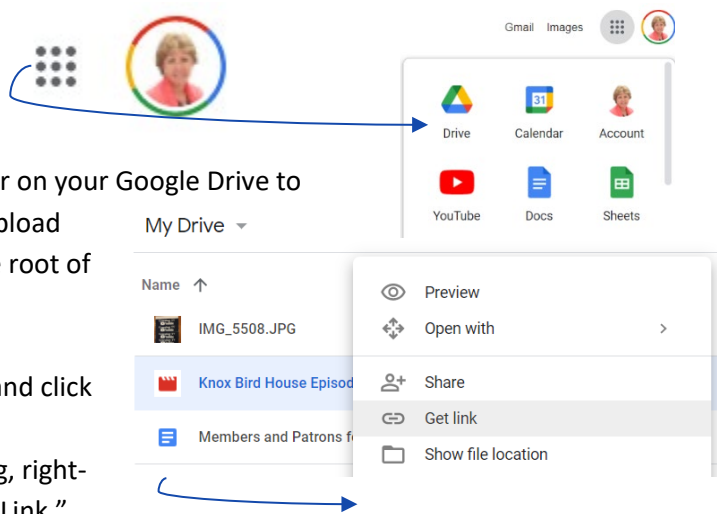
[VIDEO LINK](#) Technically Ancestry only allows for images and documents to be added to an ancestor's profile. However, I have a workaround so you can add videos to any ancestor's profile on Ancestry.com.

The process is rather simple. There is the easy way, and the fun way. You can upload a video to Google Drive (easy) or a YouTube channel (fun but slightly more complicated) and share the video with a web link. Just make sure that others can download your video, so that it lives beyond your lifetime (should your Google account be deleted after you pass on). Also, you can also donate the digital video file to the state archives or local library, in the area you live.

No matter where you house your digital video, you can then share the link to the video on your ancestors' profile on Ancestry.com. Below are steps to show you how to save a video on Google Drive or Create a YouTube Channel, and finally how to add it to Ancestry.com. Note: These instructions are assuming you want to share your video publicly with anyone.

How to Add and Share a Video from Google Drive

1. You need a Google Account. This is free and easy. Just go to [Google.com](https://www.google.com), click on sign in.
 - a. If you do not have a Google account, click Create account and follow the prompts.
 - b. If you do, sign in.
2. Click on the little 9 dot box icon.
3. Click on "Drive"
 - a. Click "New."
 - b. Here you can create a folder on your Google Drive to house your videos or just upload the video file directly to the root of My Drive on Google.
4. Click "Upload a File."
5. Find your video on your computer and click "Open."
6. Once the video is finished uploading, right-click on the file name. Choose "Get Link."
7. Note the Restrictions. Choose "Anyone with the link" can view this video so that all can see it.
8. Click "Copy link." Then "Done."
9. Now that you have the link copied to your clipboard, you can paste it anywhere, such as in your research notes and on Ancestry.
10. Go to the [steps for sharing the video on Ancestry.com](#).



How to Create a YouTube Channel

Create a YouTube Account at YouTube.com (It is Free)

1. Upper right, Sign-In (it is actually a Google account since Google owns YouTube). If you don't have a Google Account, click Create account.
2. Once you have a Google Account, click on the circle icon in the upper right corner representing your account.
 - a. Drop down and click "Create a channel."
 - b. If you already had a Google Account previously, you might not see the "Create a Channel menu item.
 - i. In that case, drop down to Settings.
 1. Click Add or Manage Your Channel, then Create a Channel.
3. If you do not have any channel associated with your Google account, click on Create a Channel and follow the Get Started menu items.
4. You can then choose to use your name or create a "Custom Name" YouTube channel. I would choose "Custom Name" because then you can call it something like Knox Family Videos.
 - a. Additionally, by creating a custom name, allows you can add someone else, like a family member, to be a channel manager.
 - i. Giving channel manager rights to family, say your kids or grandkids, allows them to help manage the account and add videos, etc.
 - b. Give your channel a name and click Create.
 - c. You can then follow the prompts to upload a picture (optional), tell viewers about the channel (optional), and frankly more than you need. Let us jump to uploading a video in the next section.
 - i. Note: All channel items can be edited later.
5. For a full video tutorial on how to set up a YouTube channel, see Justin Brown's Video on [How to Create a YouTube Channel](#). (For basic "How to create a YouTube channel, watch from 1:40 – 5:04 and then skip to 17:02 for How to upload videos).

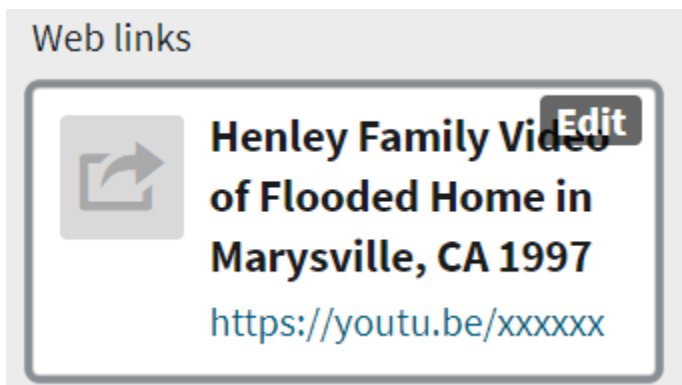
How to upload videos to your YouTube Channel

- a. Once your YouTube channel is set up the way you want it, in the upper right corner of your YouTube Dashboard, there is a camera icon with a + symbol. Hover over that and it will say "Create." Click Create and choose "upload a video."
 - a. Follow the prompts, to fill out the title and description.
 - b. You will be asked if the video is made for kids, choose no.
 - c. You have a choice to make the video Public, Unlisted or Private... I suggest making it public.
- b. Once you have uploaded your video. Go to your **studio.youtube.com** dashboard and click on Content. (It is called videos if you are using the mobile YouTube Studio app).
- c. Hover your mouse over the video and a menu will appear. Click on the tree dots and click "Get sharable link." The URL for the video will automatically be added to your clipboard.
- d. Then go to the next steps for how to share it on an Ancestry Profile.

How to Share Your Video on Ancestry.com

1. Open an Ancestors Profile for which you want to attach a video.
2. In the Sources column, click add and choose Add web link.
3. Paste the Weblink URL to the Web address field and give it a name.
 - a. I suggest you use the name of the video and add "(Video)" in the title so that people know this weblink is a video.
 - b. Click the green add button.

4. Scroll to bottom of the Sources column to the Web Links section to make sure it is showing there.

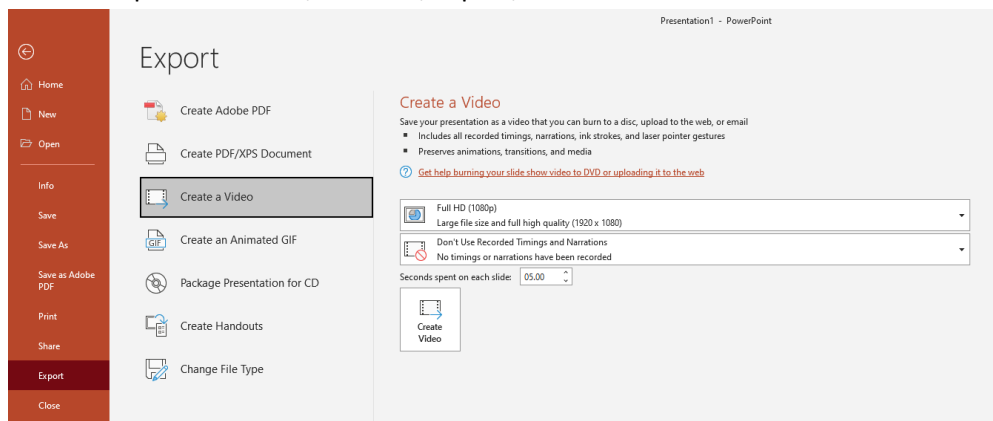
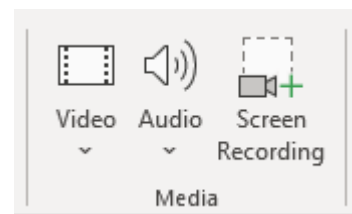


5. Test the link in an incognito window to ensure the link is working.

Ideas for Easy Videos

Power Point – Did you know you can create videos in Power Point? You can.

1. Just create a Power Point Presentation inserting your images and documents and text as you normally would. You can add video or audio using the media section in the top ribbon. (You may have to customize the ribbon to see the media).
2. Then to Export the Video, click File, Export, Create a Video.



3. Then upload your video to wherever you decided to host it (YouTube, Google Drive, or other).