

BLOG YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Finding Blogs

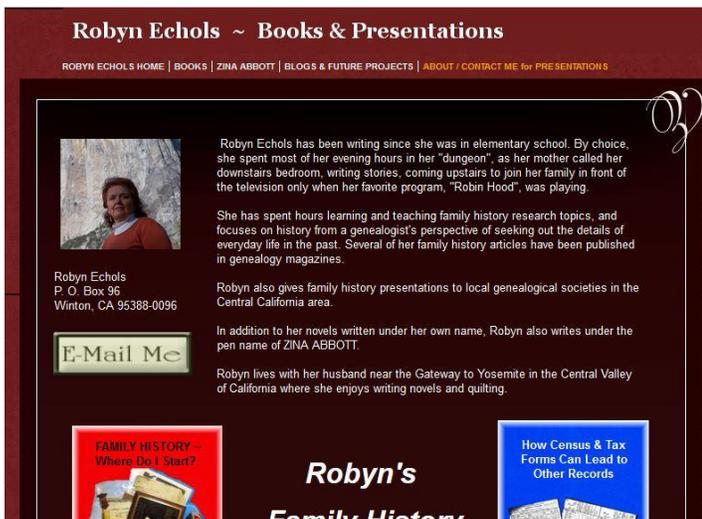
Reading and Responding to Blogs

Set Up Your Own Blog

What is a family history blog?

- BLOG is short for weB LOG
- Family history blogs may be used to:
 - Create an online journal
 - Share news, information and photos with family and friends
 - Share your opinions or expertise
 - Connect with lost cousins (collateral lines)
 - Have a central place for genealogy links & resources

How Blogs differ from websites



- Website pages remain the same unless the webmaster (owner) makes style changes to the pages.
- Navigate web pages site by using tabs
- Blogs may also have tabs, but the pages change and move down as more current entries are added.
- Readers may leave comments on a post allowing for greater interaction.
- Blogs: Scroll down or use the blog archive to find earlier posts
- Both websites and blogs may or may not have ads. Websites may have sidebars, but blogs almost always have sidebars.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

Broke Through Chapter Six

Whoo-Hoo! P... the triple-digit heat hovering between 104 and 108 degrees... Chapter Six of *Aurora Redress* acting as a writer... have not accomplished much on my novel. But to... up cool and relaxed, the outside temperature never... at 99 degrees, the inside stayed cool and comfortable and... ver 2500 words, including completing Chapter Six and... ing some other chapters.

I am now into the portion of the book that I wrote earlier as part of *Aurora Rescue*, but pulled out due length. However, because I pulled bits and pieces of some of these chapters out of my original manuscript to round out and complete the first novel, I need to make sure that what is left in *Aurora Redress* flows and has no gaping holes.

I will soon get this next portion out to my test readers for their input and editing. (Hint! Hint! I am waiting for your feedback on the first section, readers.) However, except for a few short breaks, I have been writing for ten hours. I am calling it a day. A good one, but over as far as writing goes!

Posted by Robyn Echols at 5:09 PM No comments:

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

Rats! Gotta Rewrite 'Cause They Won't Buy It

I just can't do it. I have a really good story with *Family Secrets*, but there is one element that I am now convinced just will not work for most readers. I came to this insightful conclusion after reading yet another book written by a combat veteran of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Total Pageviews
354,518

297 readers
BY FEEDBUKNER

My Blog is on Facebook

Jana's Genealogy and Family History Blog

facebook

Name: Jana's Genealogy and Family History Blog
Fans: 228

Promote Your Page Too

Blog Archive

2015 (98)

October (15)

Follow Friday ~ Fab Finds for October 30, 2015

RootsTech 2016 Opening Day Keynote Speakers Announ...

And the Winner of the RootsTech 2016 3-Day Pass is...

Petition to Sell Land

With a Gmail account, you can find and follow other blogs several ways:

- Subscribe to follow by email.

drechols96@gmail.com New Post Design Sign Out

Robyn's Echo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

Crunchy Chili Beans

After both Buck and I had our gastric bypass surgery, we ate a lot of chili. One cup was a meal and left us feeling satisfied for a long time. I made a big batch of chili in the slow cooker about every week to ten days and we ate it one to two times a day.

That all changed when I managed to get hold of the crunchy chili beans. I was buying my pinto beans at Costco--25 pound bags at a time--then filling every empty food storage container I could find. I tried to keep two bags ahead, part of that food storage thing. However, one bag I bought was

FOLLOW BY EMAIL

Email address... Submit

Robyn's Books and Family History Presentations

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- Save your favorite blogs to your READING LIST on your Blogger dashboard

The screenshot shows the Blogger dashboard interface. At the top, the Blogger logo is visible. Below it, the user's name 'Robyn Echols's blogs' is displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'All blogs' and 'Reading list'. The 'All blogs' section contains three entries:

Blog Name	Pageviews	Posts	Last Published	Actions
Hobusch-England Family History	62	4	Nov 1, 2015	Edit, Copy, View blog
Robyn's Books	436	2	Oct 29, 2015	Edit, Copy, View blog
Quilt Gateway	1081	23	Sep 22, 2015	Edit, Copy, View blog

A large blue arrow points from the 'All blogs' section towards the 'Reading list' tab. The 'Reading list' section is currently empty, showing only an 'Add' button and a list of sources on the left sidebar.

Genealogy Links

- [Stephen P. Morse One-Step Web Pages](#)
- [FamilySearch](#)
- [Cyndi's List](#)
- [Find-a-Grave](#)



- When you find a blog you like, review the other blogs that may be listed on that site. If you like it, save it to your blog's sidebar of favorite links.

My Blog List

The British GENES blog



UK Press Online discount code - The *UK Press Online* website

(www.ukpressonline.co.uk), which offers digitised access to many well known historic UK based tabloid newspapers, as well as...
8 hours ago

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

(+) Does It Still Make Sense to Buy Genealogy CDs? - The following is a Plus Edition article written by and copyright by Dick Eastman. Several articles have appeared online in the past few years describing t...
22 hours ago

The Ancestry Insider



Darned Federal Birth Certificates - *We depend upon records to reveal the "truth" about the past.

The screenshot shows the website for 'Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter'. The header includes the newsletter title and a description: 'The DAILY genealogy technology newsletter for genealogy consumers, packed with straight talk - hold the sugar coating - whether the vendors like it or not!'. It also mentions an online book store at <http://www.RootsBooks.com>. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, Read the Plus Edition, Subscribe to Plus Edition, Subscribe to FREE Standard Edition, Search Past Newsletters, Comments from Subscribers, and Chat Room. The main content area is titled 'Standard Edition' and features a 'Listen' button and a 'Subscribe to the FREE Standard Edition' section. A large blue arrow points to the 'Subscribe to the FREE Standard Edition' section. The text in this section says: 'You can subscribe to this newsletter. A list of all the recent articles posted to this newsletter's web site will periodically be sent to your e-mail address. The Standard Edition newsletter subscription is available free of charge.' Below this is a form to 'Enter your email address:' with a 'Subscribe me!' button. To the right of the form is a 'Privacy policy' section: 'Dick Eastman recognizes the importance of subscribers' privacy and will never sell, rent, or give away your address to any outside party, ever, will never send you any unrequested e-mail, besides newsletter updates; and all'. Further right is a search box for 'Search This Newsletter's Past Articles' and a 'Search' button. At the bottom right, there is an 'About Dick Eastman' section with a photo and a 'NAVIGATION' section with links: Home, Contact Dick Eastman, Subscribe to the Plus Edition Newsletter, and Read this newsletter on your iPhone or Android device.

How to Create a blog: Major Blogging Platforms/Providers

- Blogger – <https://www.blogger.com> (Look for Blogger Getting Started Guide)
- WordPress.com - <https://wordpress.com> (Look for WordPress Getting Started Guide)
- WordPress.org – <https://wordpress.org>
- Weebly – <http://www.weebly.com> (Look for Beginner's Guide to Weebly)
- Tumblr – <https://www.tumblr.com> (More like Instagram)

How do you choose which is best for you? Blogging platform reviews:

- Choosing a Blogging Platform: Comparison + Quick Reference – <http://www.bloggingbasics101.com/choosing-a-blogging-platform-quick-reference>
- Top Ten Reviews – <http://blog-service-review.toptenreviews.com/>

How-To's & Recommendations:

- How to start a blog
 - <http://www.geneabloggers.com/blog-resources/>
 - <http://www.wikihow.com/Start-a-Blog/>
- Tips
 - Have several way for people to follow your blog
 - By email
 - By various readers (RSS) – One RSS option: Feedly
 - Share your blogs and posts on other social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, YouTube, Instagram, etc.
 - Share This – <http://www.sharethis.com/>
 - Shareaholic – <https://shareaholic.com/>
 - Join Geneabloggers – Online Genealogy Blogging Community – <http://www.geneabloggers.com/suggest-blog/>

Setting up a new blog with Blogger (Blogspot)

You must have a gmail (Google) account to use Blogger

Google Sign in

Create a new Google Account

Your Google Account is more than just an email address. Talk, chat, share, schedule, stay organized, collaborate, discover, and create. Use all your Google products from Gmail to Google+, YouTube, view your search history, all with one username and password, all backed up all the time and easy to find at (you guessed it) Google.com.

Take it all with you. A Google Account lets you access all your stuff — Gmail, photos, and more — from any device. Search by taking pictures, or by voice. Get free turn-by-turn navigation, upload your pictures automatically, and even buy things with your phone using Google Wallet.

Share a little. Or share a lot.

Name
First Last

Choose your username
 @gmail.com

Create a password

Confirm your password

Birthday
Month Day Year

Gender
I am...

Mobile phone

Sign in with your gmail.com at <http://www.blogger.com/>

Google

SIGN UP

Blogger

Create a blog. It's free.

Beautiful, customizable templates and layouts. Try the [template designer](#)

Up to the minute stats

Make money with AdSense

Sign in Google

Email

Password

Sign in Stay signed in

[Can't access your account?](#)

Or, find another Blogspot blog and click on **CREATE BLOG**:

www.robynsecho.blogspot.com

Share 0 More Next Blog»

Create Blog Sign In

Robyn's Echo

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Posts

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Confirm Your Profile



Welcome to Blogger Language: English

Confirm Your Profile

The profile that readers will see when they view your posts is shown below. Using a Google+ Profile gives you an identity on Google properties and connects you with your readers, allowing them to share and recommend your content on the web and on Google+. If you want to use another identity such as a pseudonym, you may choose a limited Blogger Profile instead. [More information about profiles on Blogger.](#)

You will be seen as...

Blogger profile

Display Name

Share your posts with the world of Google+. [Upgrade to a Google+ profile](#)

Email Notification

Feature announcements Send me feature announcements, advice, and other information to help me get the most out of my blog. ?

[Continue to Blogger](#)

Create a title and URL (web address) for your blog:

Blogs List > **Create a new blog**

Title

Address

This blog address is available.

Template



Simple



Dynamic Views



Picture Window



Awesome Inc.



Watermark



Ethereal

You can browse many more templates and customize your blog later.

[Create blog!](#)

To reach your Blogger dashboard, click on DESIGN:

The screenshot shows a Blogger blog page for 'Robyn's Echo'. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Share', 'More', 'Next Blog', 'drechols96@gmail.com', 'New Post', 'Design', and 'Sign Out'. A blue arrow points to the 'Design' link. The main content area features a post titled 'Crunchy Chili Beans' dated Wednesday, September 26, 2012. The post text describes a recipe for chili beans. On the right sidebar, there are links for 'Robyn's Books and Family History Presentations', 'My Genealogy Etsy Store', a 'FACEBOOK PAGE' for 'Robyn Echols Books', a 'SUBSCRIBE HERE' section with dropdown menus for 'Posts' and 'All Comments', and a 'FOLLOWERS' section with a 'Join this site' button.

Your Blogger dashboard will list all your blogs:

The screenshot shows the Blogger dashboard for 'Robyn Echols'. The top navigation bar includes the Blogger logo, the user name 'Robyn Echols', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. The main section is titled 'Robyn Echols's blogs' and contains a list of three blogs: 'Robyn Echols Books' (912 pageviews, 35 posts, last published Oct 4, 2012, 1 follower), 'Robyn's Echo' (2835 pageviews, 79 posts, last published Sep 26, 2012, 1 follower), and 'Aurora Rescue' (1003 pageviews, 45 posts, last published Jul 26, 2012, 2 followers). Three blue arrows point to the 'Robyn's Echo' entry. Below the list is a 'Reading list' section with a 'View in Google Reader' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Blogger Buzz' section with an 'Add' button and a post titled 'What's is This Word...Organization?' from 'sewmeow at SEW FUN QUILTS' published 3 hours ago.

When you first open the blog, you see the **OVERVIEW** screen. Note the **Pageviews** and **Updates**:

- If you set up your blog to moderate comments before posting them, you will find the comments information here
- You may see how many people have accessed your blog in the previous few days.



Set up your template

The screenshot shows the Blogger Template Designer interface. At the top, it says 'My blogs' and 'Hobusch & Echols Family History · Template'. There is a 'Backup / Restore' button. A navigation menu on the left has 'Template' highlighted. The main area contains a 'Live on Blog' section with a preview of the current template and 'Customize' and 'Edit HTML' buttons. Below this is a 'Mobile' section with a preview and a settings gear icon. At the bottom, there is a 'Simple' section displaying a grid of various template thumbnails.

Click on **TEMPLATE DESIGNER** to make changes to layout:

My blogs

Robyn's Echo · Layout

Save arrangement

Preview

Clear



New post

Add, remove, edit gadgets on your blog. Click and drag to rearrange gadgets. To change columns and widths, use the **Template Designer**.

- Overview
- Posts
- Pages
- Comments
- Google+
- Stats
- Earnings
- Campaigns
- Layout**
- Template
- Settings

Favicon

Navbar

Header

Robyn's Echo (Header)

Cross-Column

Image

Cross-Column 2

Use **BLOGGER TEMPLATE DESIGNER** to individualize your blog:

Blogger Template Designer

Templates

Background

Adjust widths

Layout

Advanced

Live on Blog Based on Simple

Dynamic Views

Simple

Picture Window

Awesome Inc.

Simple 1

Simple 2

Simple 3

Simple 4

Simple 5

Simple 6

Simple 7

Simple 8

Share 0 More Next Blog»

drechols96@gmail.com New Post Design Sign Out

Robyn's Echo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

Crunchy Chili Beans

Robyn's Books and Family History Presentations

FACEBOOK PAGE

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Add a title, a banner or both using the LAYOUT tools:

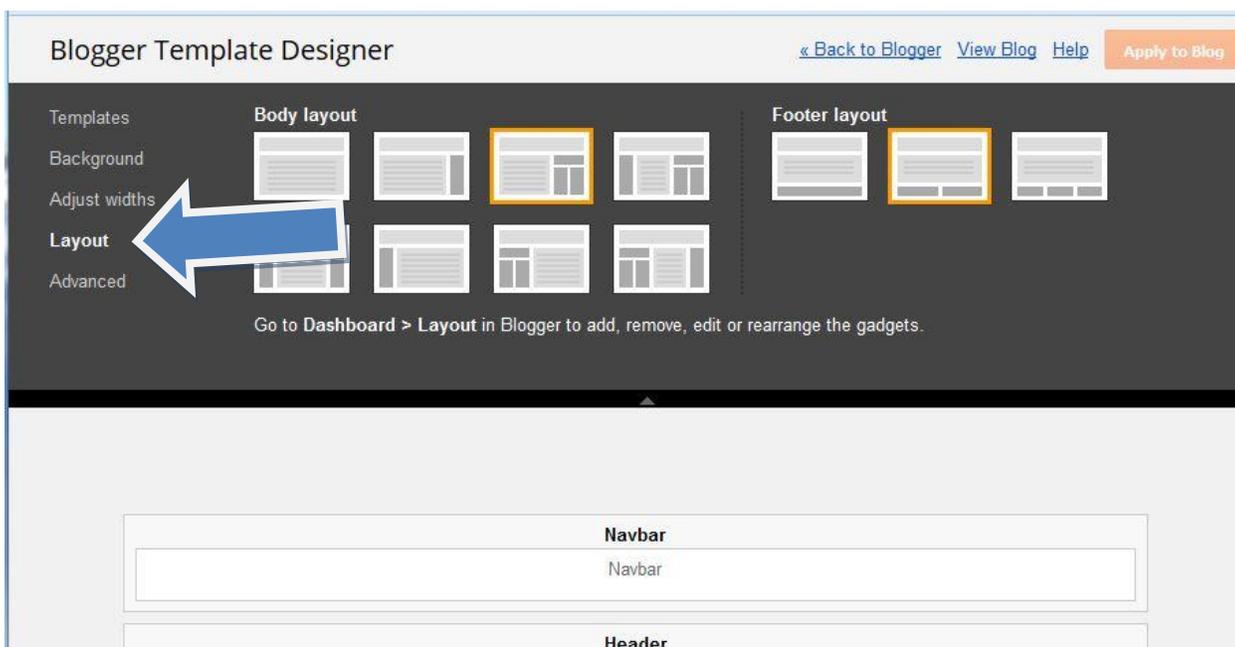
Title and banner image:



Banner image with the title added with a photo editing program:

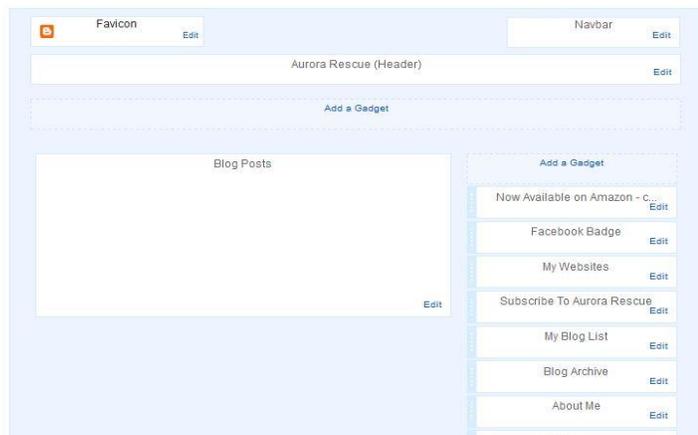


Under LAYOUT on BLOGGER TEMPLATE DESIGNER, choose your layout design:

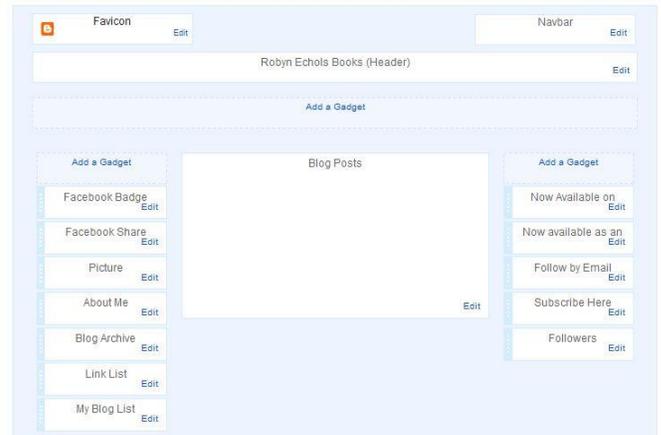


- There are several layout designs to choose from. Set up sidebars with useful information such as gadgets for searching the blog, translate, blog index (labels), blog lists of favorite sites, blog archive, etc.

Add, remove, edit gadgets on your blog. Click and drag to rearrange gadgets. To change columns and widths, use the Template Design



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Example of layout design with one sidebar on the right:



Example of layout design with two sidebars on the right:

Blog Your Life

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BLOG YOUR LIFE

Today for the Salida Ward Relief Society Super Saturday I gave a presentation on blogging. No, I do not live in Salida. My daughter does. She was on the committee. When they said that some of the women wanted to learn more about blogging and they needed a teacher, guess who she called?



This is my little class. Sorry you missed it, T. Also, Susan, sorry to hear you suffered a re-injury recently and were unable to come.

Robyn's Stuff

Blog Your Life

Blog Archive

Robyn's Books and Family History Presentations

My Genealady Etsy Store

Subscribe Here

Followers

Join this site with Google Friend Connect

Members (1)

My Blog List

Facebook Page

Robyn Echols Books

facebook

Name: Robyn Echols Books

Status: <http://robynchols.blogspot.com/201>

Fans: 127

Promote Your Page Too

Scentsy - Susan Bockoven

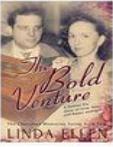
About Me

Robyn

Example of layout design with two sidebars, one on each side of the blog post window:



November 18, 2015



November 23, 2015



November 25, 2015



spoilers.) They get married, amidst Vic keeping secrets from Louise. WWII soon breaks out, affecting their friends and family.

The sweethearts, Vic Matthews and Louise Hoskins, are finally back together after their heartrending years apart - but problems loom that threaten to wreck their plans.

Steadfast, they are determined that their love will reign triumphant. Vic vows that he will do whatever it takes to provide a home for Louise and her son, but that resolution causes problems of its own when he makes a decision that could prove ruinous for everyone concerned.

Follow the valiant couple as they weather every disappointment and setback with courage and integrity - even in the midst of a world at war. Once they marry and start their life together, will it be happy ever after? And will the big break he longs, prays, and works toward ever come? Heartfelt, romantic, humorous, and awash in delightful moments, The Bold Venture captures the power of true love and the mystique of what has been called the "Greatest Generation."

Author Interview - Q&A:

Q: What inspired you to write this particular series?

Linda: I was looking for something unique to use as a plot line and I realized that my own parents' romance was full of interesting and poignant twists and turns. There was plenty of material there to use, and since my mom is 91 and still with us, she could provide details and information to help me. I originally intended it to be just one book, but once I started, the project grew and grew, and took on a life of its own. As many authors will tell you, the characters took over and many times wrote chapters or scenes I hadn't even planned.

Q: How do you spend your free time?

Linda: I admit to spending too much time surfing the web and Facebook. I do, however, read quite a bit, and when I'm not writing, I spend time with my family, watching DVDs with my husband, going to church, and chatting with friends. I make it a point to spend one day a week with my mom.

Q: What is the thing you struggle most with when you



Blog Archive

- ▼ 2015 (83)
- ▼ November (4)
- Wednesday Wonders: THE BOLD VENTURE
- Blog Tour: TOO OLD FOR CHRISTMAS
- Wednesday Wonders: COWBOYS AND CHRISTMAS BLOG TOUR...
- Wednesday Wonders: LIVING A BEAUTIFUL LIFE ON LES...
- October (15)
- September (9)
- August (4)
- July (8)
- June (10)
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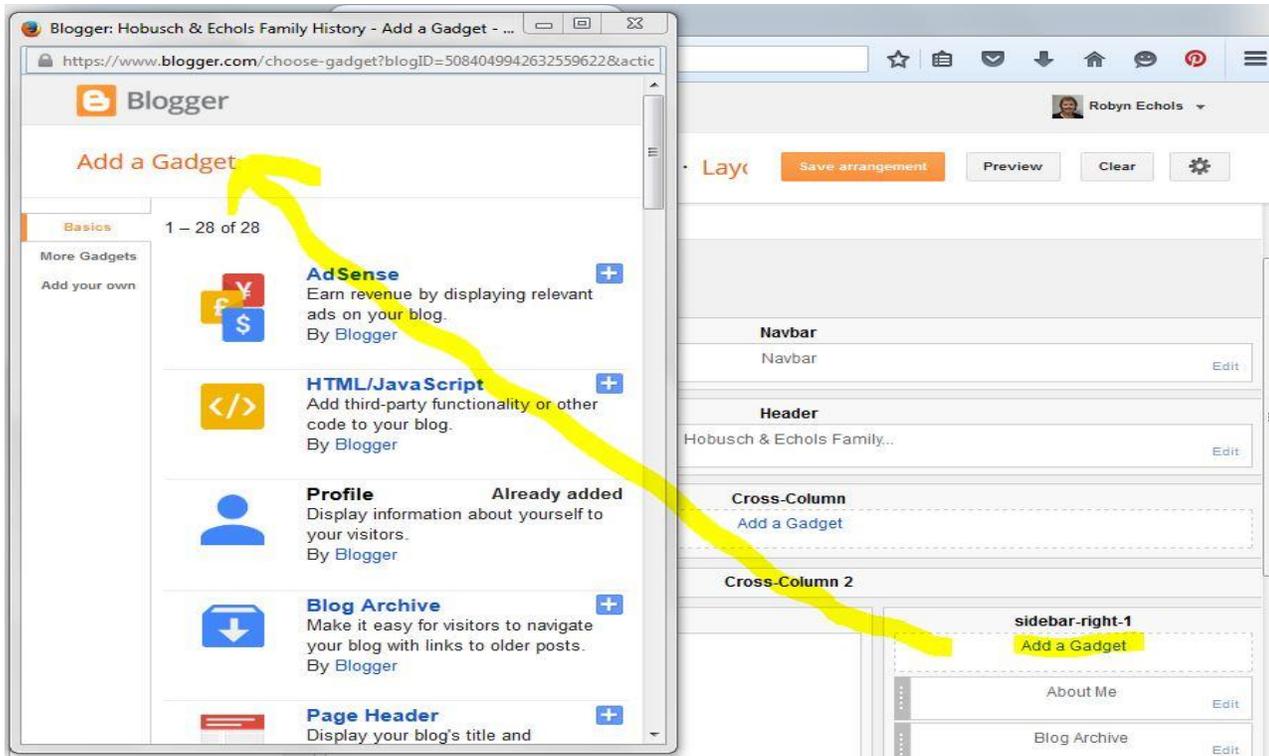
Use LAYOUT to add **Gadgets** to your blog page. Gadgets are like apps, or tools.:

The screenshot shows the Blogger 'Layout' editor interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'View blog', 'Save arrangement', 'Preview', 'Clear', and a settings gear. The page title is 'Robyn's Echo · Layout'. On the left, a sidebar menu includes 'New post', 'Overview', 'Posts', 'Pages', 'Comments', 'Google+', 'Stats', 'Earnings', 'Layout' (highlighted with a blue arrow), 'Template', and 'Settings'. The main editor area contains several sections: 'Favicon', 'Navbar', 'Robyn's Echo (Header)', 'Picture', 'Blog Posts', and a right-hand sidebar. The right sidebar has an 'Add a Gadget' button (pointed to by a blue arrow) and a list of existing gadgets: 'Link List', 'Facebook Page', 'Subscribe Here', 'Link List', 'Followers', 'My Blog List', 'Blog Archive', and 'About Me'. A 'Send feedback' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

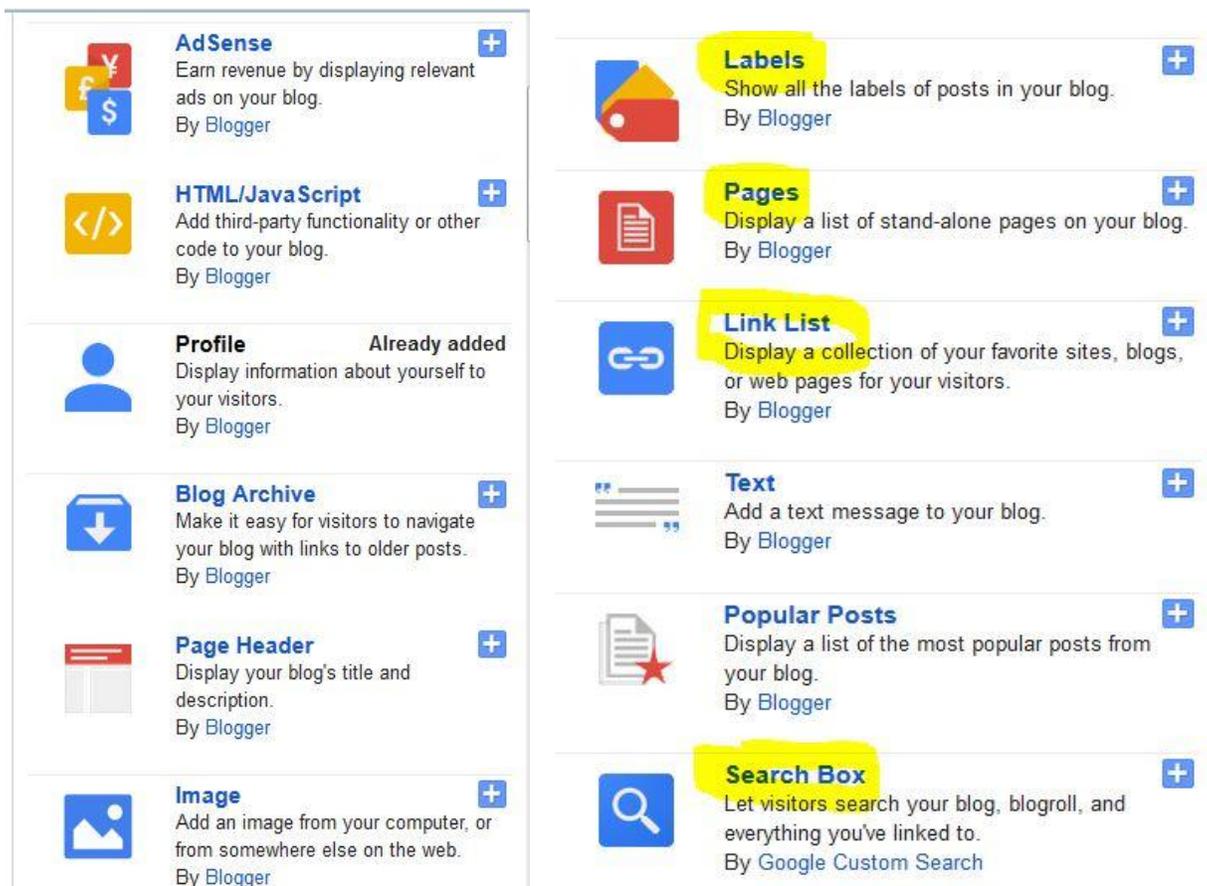
Add GADGETS, including top tabs:

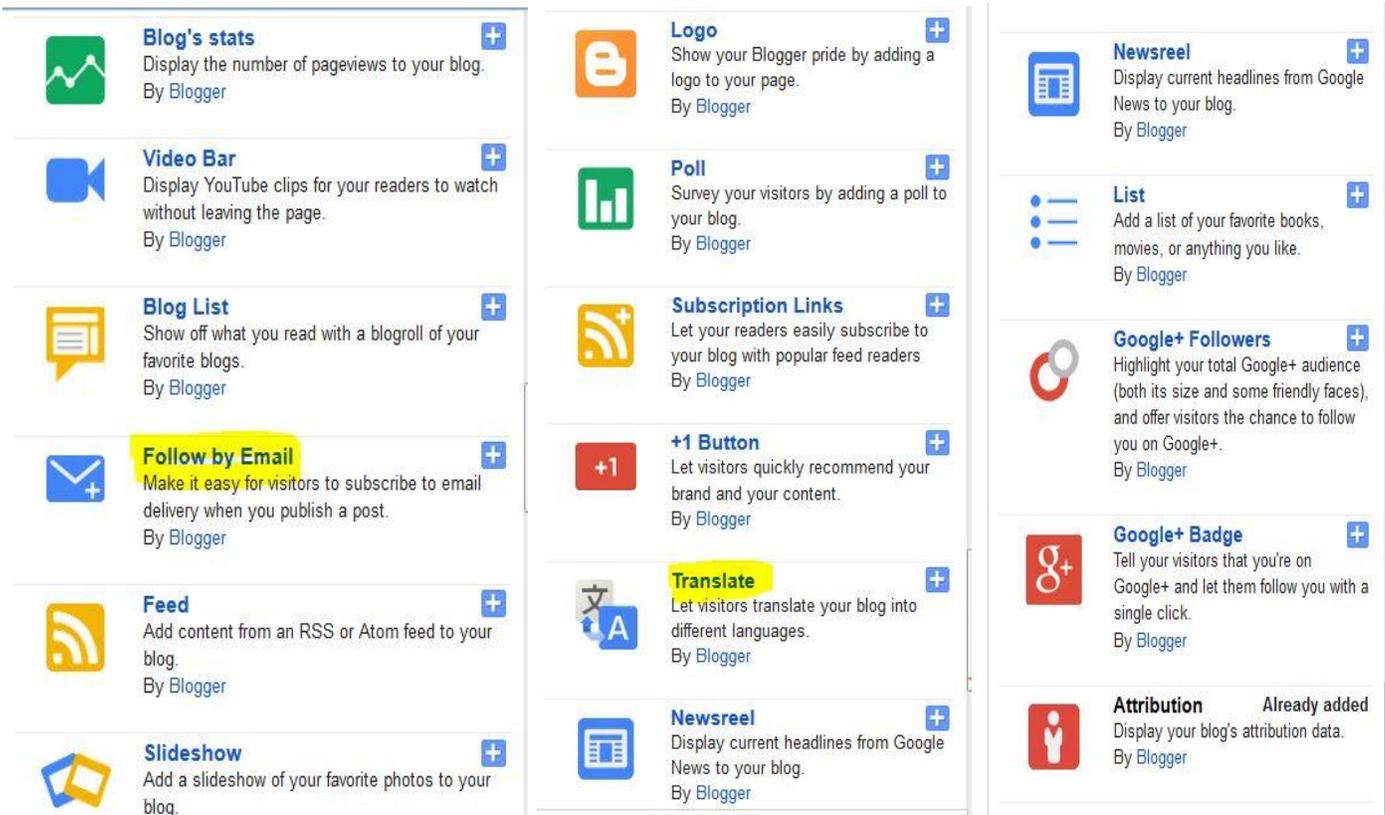
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Click on the **Add a Gadget** link to bring up the **ADD A GADGET** window:

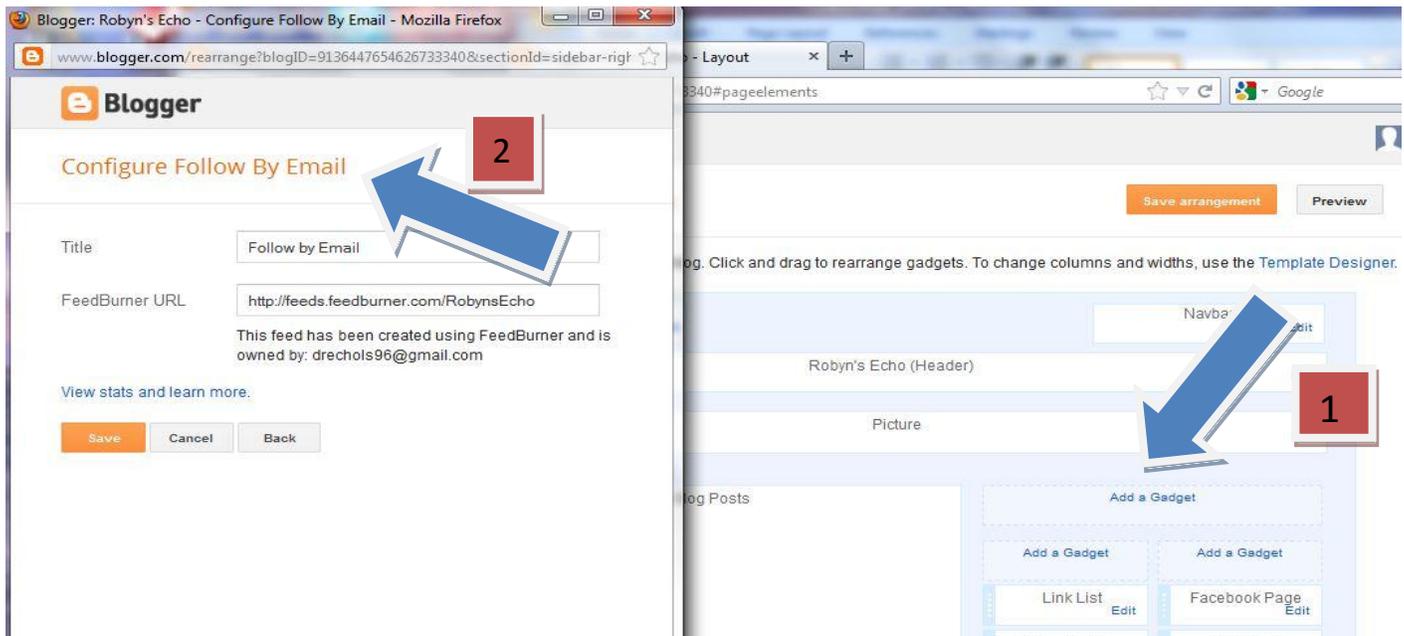


Some Gadgets. The ones circled in yellow may be helpful to genealogists:





Example: Add **FOLLOW BY EMAIL**. Click on the Add a Gadget link. (1.), when the **Configure Follow by Email** box comes up (2.), complete the information and click on **Save**,



An excellent tool for genealogy blogs is a **Labels** gadget. **Labels = Index**. You might want to change the name of your labels title to index.



ets. To change columns and widths, use the [Template Designer](#).



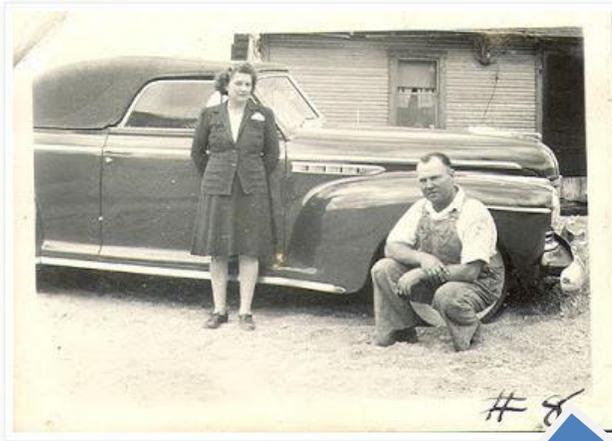
- After saving the Gadget, it will appear on the layout page.
- Slide it up or down the column of gadgets to put it in the desired position for your blog.
- Click **Save arrangement**, then click preview to see if it really where you want it on your blog sidebar.

When you write a blog post, add labels. Labels are key words about the contents of the post. Example, the labels for this post were George Frederick Hobusch, Henrietta Virginia Hobusch, Photo: Jean & George, family history.

Sunday, November 1, 2015

New Hobusch & England Family History Blog

This is the first post a blog for ancestors and descendants of George Frederick Hobusch and Henrietta Virginia England.



Posted by Robyn Echols at 7:45 PM No comments:

 Recommend this on Google

Labels: family history, George Frederick Hobusch, Henrietta Virginia England, photo: Jean & George

[Home](#)

Search This Blog

Follow by Email

Blog Archive

▼ 2015 (1)

▼ November (1)

New Hobusch & England Family History Blog

Index of Tag Words

- family history (1)
- George Frederick Hobusch (1)
- Henrietta Virginia England (1)
- photo: Jean & George (1)

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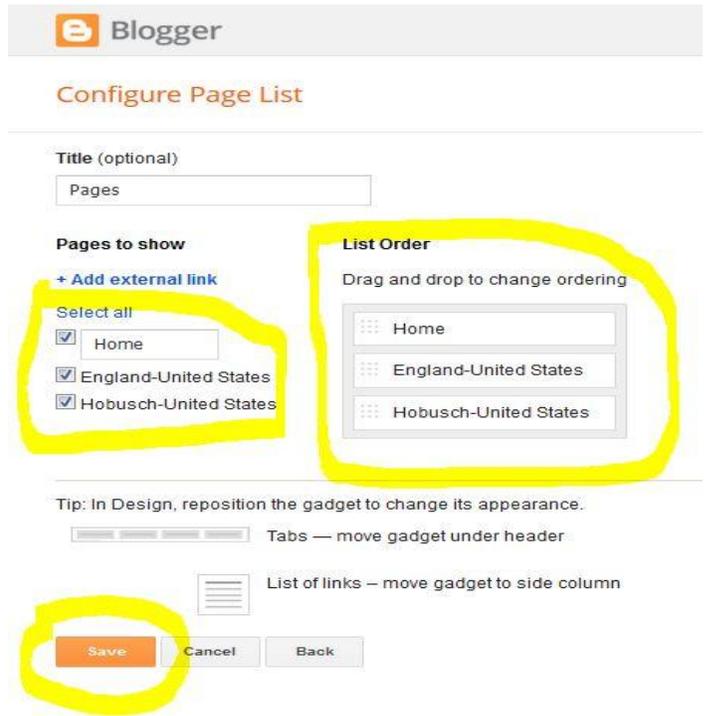
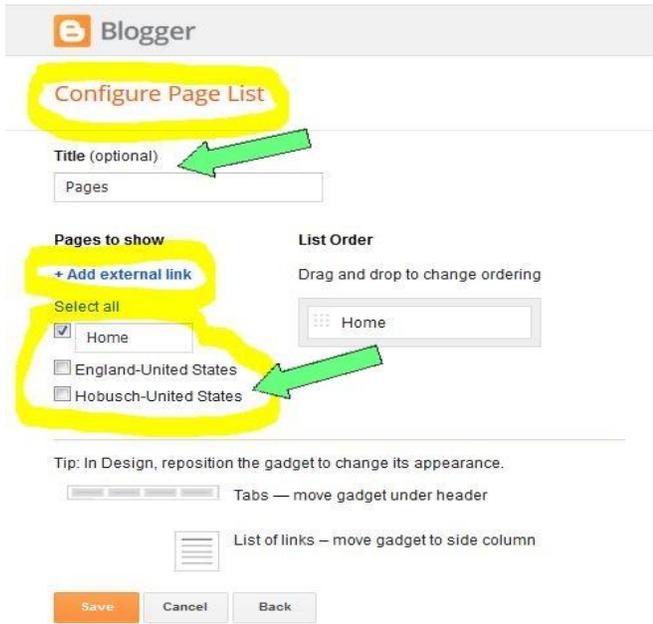


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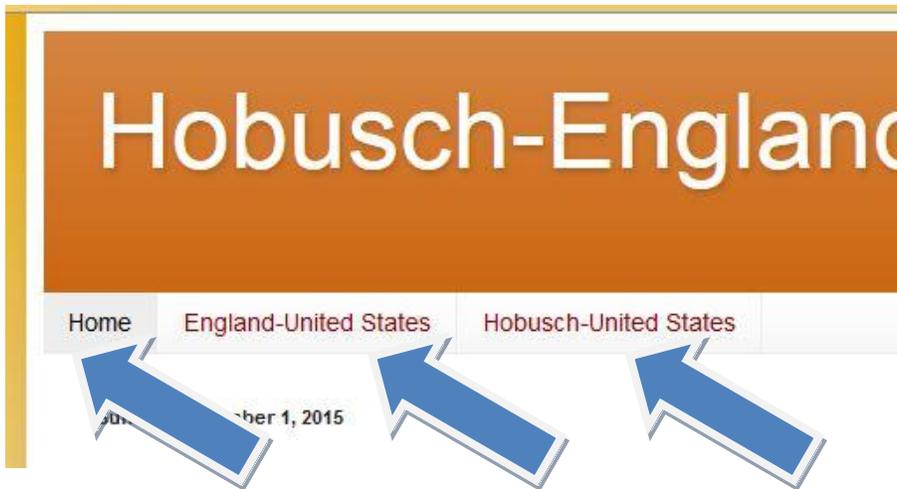
[View my complete profile](#)

Add PAGES to your blog using the CONFIGURE PAGE LIST gadget:

- Pages are static. Where blog posts roll down with the most current post at the top, pages stay the same unless edited by the blog owner.
- Pages are good for pedigree charts, photo collections, contact information, locality information and research sources.
- You can also add links to websites and other blogs using the **CONFIGURE PAGE LIST**.



Page tabs on your blog under the banner.



Check your settings:

The screenshot shows the Blogger settings interface. At the top, there are icons for home, edit, and a 'View blog' button. Below this, the page title is 'Hobusch & Echols Family History · Settings > Basic'. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Settings' highlighted in yellow and a green arrow pointing to it. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Basic', 'Publishing', 'HTTPS Settings', and 'Permissions'. The 'Basic' section includes fields for Title, Description, and Privacy. The 'Publishing' section shows the Blog Address as 'hobuschecholsfamilyhistory.blogspot.com'. The 'HTTPS Settings' section has 'HTTPS Availability' set to 'No'. The 'Permissions' section is currently empty.

Add other blog authors to collaborate on the blog:

This screenshot shows the same Blogger settings page, but with the 'Permissions' section highlighted in yellow and a green arrow pointing to it. The 'Permissions' section is expanded to show 'Blog Authors'. It lists one author: 'Robyn Echols' with the email 'robynchols@gmail.com' and the role 'Admin'. Below the list is a '+ Add authors' button. The 'Blog Readers' section is set to 'Public'.

Choose how to handle comments. You may want to moderate comments before you release them to the public to avoid people trying to sell sunglasses, etc., or using your comments section to espouse religious or political commentary.

The screenshot shows the Blogger settings interface. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Settings' and 'Posts and comments' highlighted in yellow. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Posts' and 'Comments'. In the 'Posts' section, 'Show at most' is set to 7 posts on the main page, 'Post Template' is 'Add', and 'Showcase images with Lightbox' is 'Yes'. In the 'Comments' section, 'Comment Location' is 'Embedded', 'Who can comment?' is 'Registered User - includes OpenID', 'Comment Moderation' is 'Always' (indicated by a green arrow), 'Show word verification' is 'Yes', 'Show Backlinks' is 'Hide', and 'Comment Form Message' is 'Add'.

Mobile & email:

The screenshot shows the Blogger settings interface for 'Mobile' and 'Email'. The left navigation menu has 'Settings' and 'Mobile and email' highlighted in yellow. The 'Mobile' section includes 'Posting using SMS/MMS' with a link to 'Add mobile device - Learn more about mobile devices'. The 'Email' section includes 'Posting using email' with a dropdown menu showing 'robynechols.', 'secretWords', and '@blogger.com', and radio buttons for 'Publish email immediately', 'Save emails as draft post', and 'Disabled' (which is selected). Below this is a text input field for 'Comment Notification Email' containing 'robynechols@gmail.com' and a link to 'Choose from contacts - Remove'. At the bottom, there is an 'Email posts to' section with an 'Add' button highlighted in yellow.

How to write a blog post:

- Make regular posts



To bring up a blank screen for a new post, in the Blogger dashboard, click on either the **orange box with pencil** next to the blog on which you wish to post, or



Click on the orange **New Post** when your blog is in the **posts** section of your blog I.D. board

My blogs Hobusch-England Family History · Posts > All (4)

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Train Fascination *George Frederick Hobusch, Jr., Photo: George Frederick Hobusch, Photo: Robert Franklin Hobusch, Robert Franklin Hobusch*

Scrapbooking Your Ancestors *Photo: Geraldene Hobusch, scrapbook*

When Is Your Surname Not Your Surname? *Carl Hobusch, Johanna Schuster, Johanna Schuster Hobusch, Y-DNA*

New Hobusch & England Family History Blog *George Frederick Hobusch, Henrietta Virginia England, photo: Jean & George Hobusch*

On the blank post window, Add the title & start to write in the post window.

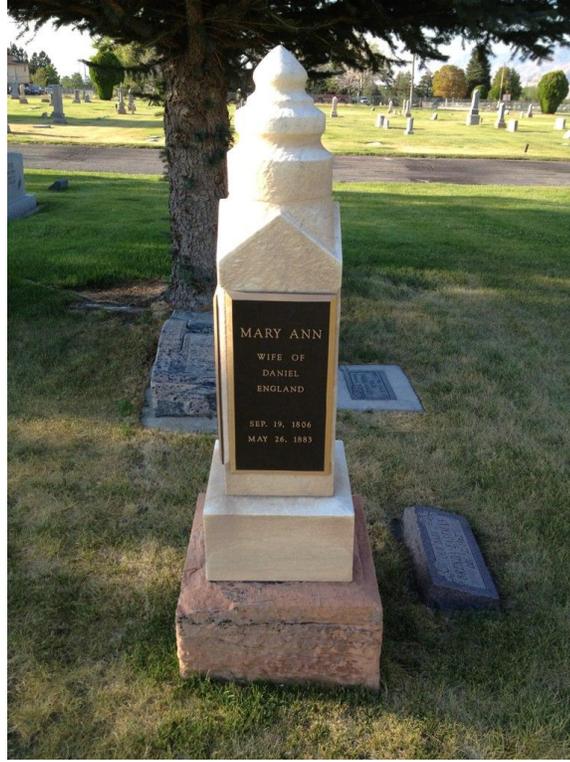
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This is the first post a blog for ancestors and descendants of George Frederick Hobusch and Henrietta Virginia England.

Except for short posts, add pictures for more interest:



To add an image, click on **IMAGE** icon:

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On **SELECT A FILE** screen, click on **CHOOSE FILES**. Select photo from your computer, highlight it and click on **ADD SELECTED**.

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In the body of your post, select size, position and add a caption, if desired.

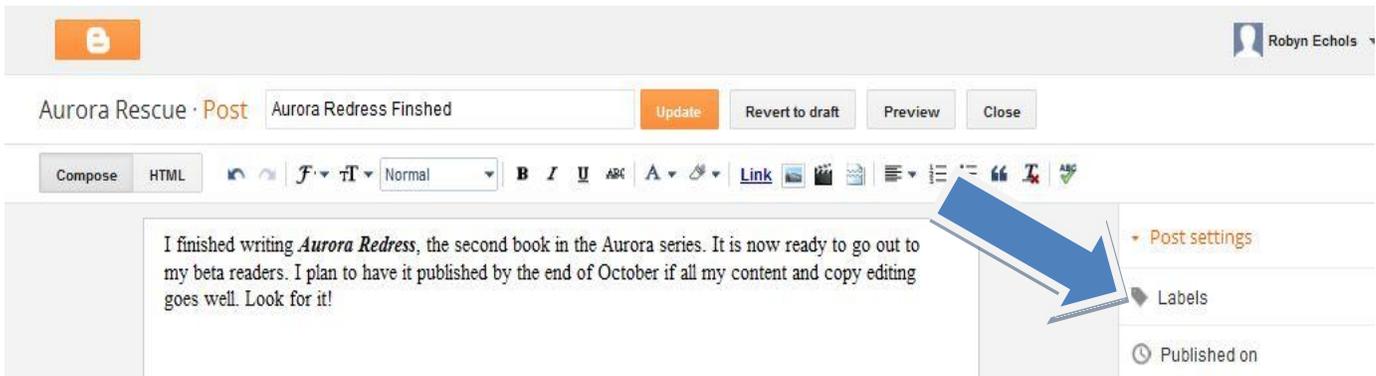
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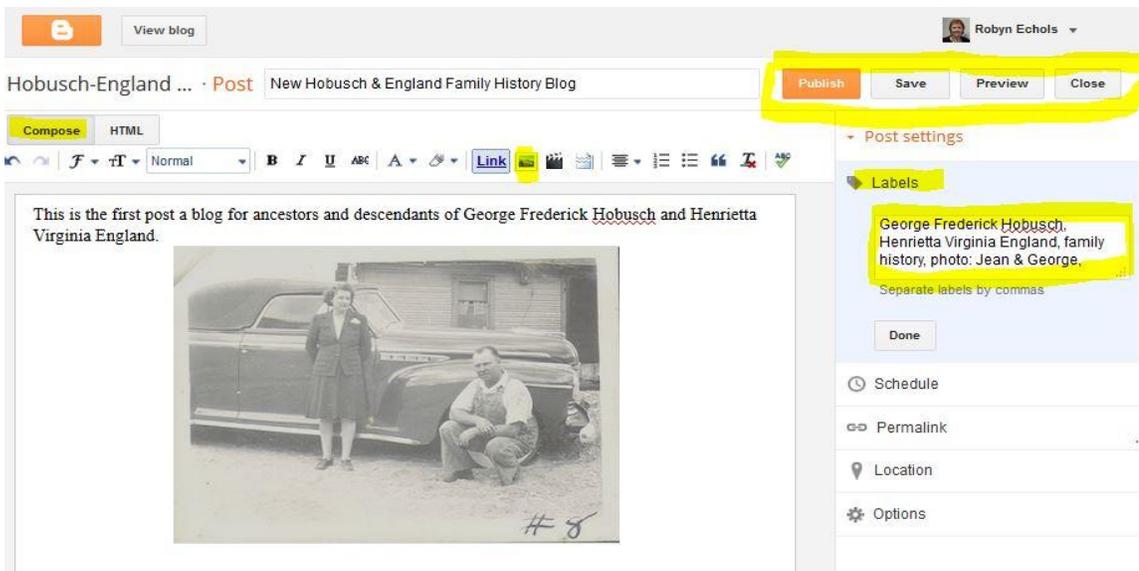
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Add labels to make it easier to find your blog post. These labels will show up alphabetically in your labels (index) gadget:



After adding labels, save your work and preview.



Preview your post before you publish it.



The published post:

The screenshot shows a Blogger blog page for "Hobusch-England Family History". The header is orange with the title in white. Below the header is a navigation bar with "Home", "England-United States", and "Hobusch-United States". The main content area features a post dated "Sunday, November 1, 2015" with the title "New Hobusch & England Family History Blog". The post text reads: "This is the first post a blog for ancestors and descendants of George Frederick Hobusch and Henrietta Virginia England." Below the text is a photograph of a woman standing and a man sitting next to a vintage car. The photo has "#8" written in the bottom right corner. Below the photo is a post metadata box showing "Posted by Robyn Echols at 7:45 PM" and social media sharing options. To the right of the post is a sidebar with sections: "Search This Blog" (with a search box), "Follow by Email" (with an email input field and a "Submit" button), "Blog Archive" (showing a tree view for 2015 and November), and "Genealogy Links" (with a list of links).

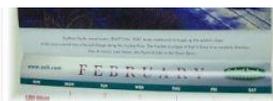
The blog post is added to your list of Blogger posts. To view the finished blog post, click on **VIEW**. If you wish to edit your post, click on **EDIT**, or to view, click on **VIEW**.

The screenshot shows the Blogger dashboard interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: "New post", "Overview", "Posts" (with "All (4)" and "Published (4)"), "Pages", "Comments", "Google+", "Stats", "Earnings", "Campaigns", "Layout", and "Template". The main area shows a list of posts with columns for checkboxes, post titles, tags, and authors. The posts listed are: "Train Fascination" (tags: George Frederick Hobusch, Jr., Photo: George Frederick Hobusch, Photo: Robert Franklin Hobusch, Robert Franklin Hobusch), "Scrapbooking Your Ancestors" (tags: Photo: Geraldene Hobusch, scrapbook), "When Is Your Surname Not Your Surname?" (tags: Carl Hobusch, Johanna Schubert, Emma Schuster Hobusch, YDNA), and "New Hobusch & England Family History Blog" (tags: George Frederick Hobusch, Henrietta Virginia England, photo: Jean & George Hobusch). A large blue arrow points to the "New Hobusch & England Family History Blog" entry. At the top right of the post list, there are "Publish" and "Revert to draft" buttons, and a "1-4 of 4" indicator.

Rules, Rules, Rules...

- Keep children safe on the internet. Do not use the names of living people, especially ANY MINORS in any of your posts. PERIOD! END OF DISCUSSION! If anything, use code such as M-3 or C-1.
- Protect the privacy of family members and friends. Use a nickname for a spouse (mine is "Buck"). Avoid using names, especially surnames, of living people.
- Use the 110 year rule for naming ancestors on family history posts. Some companies still ask you to give your mother's maiden name, so do not post your deceased mom's name where a con artist can find it.
- Make it easy for people to connect to your blog: subscribe by email, RSS Reader.
- Avoid audio and video that automatically plays. Too many people hate it. Add a link for your visitors to see and hear your audio/video.
- Respond to blog post comments. Delete those that are spam or unsuitable (no flaming). Better yet, set it up so you review comments before they become active.
- Stay positive. No "flaming." Unless you delete an entire post, an unflattering or insulting "rant" stays in the blog archives for years.
- Check for spelling and grammar, even after you publish. Go back and edit if you find errors.
- Post often.
- Let family and friends know about your blog.

Now create your blog and Share your Family History



My family seems to have this fascination with trains. It may be because my grandfather was an engineer on a train. My uncle was killed in June of 1955 while working as an electrician on a train.



I enjoyed this photo of a Santa Fe engine I took while Buck was working for Wesson Construction to repaint the Bradley Overhead in Merced. The train company is now the Burlington-Northern Santa Fe, and the color scheme of their engines is entirely different.



My brother loved model railroading, and belonged to the local club before his death in 1998. He was disabled, so Buck built him a work bench, and



the club helped him get set up so he would work one-handed. His specialty was trees.



MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

Engineer Battalion (Const) in Vietnam War

This weekend I did a lot of Vietnam War research, particularly regarding the engineer battalions that were sent over there and the projects they worked on. I have my husband's stories for my novel, *Family Secrets*, but I wanted to flesh them out a little by getting the "bigger picture".



Served in U.S. Army Co. D 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction) 1967-68

Actually, what prompted me is I ran across the coffee can in which my husband had stored his original DD-214, patches and ribbons from his army service. My husband is not a coffee-drinker. But, coffee cans are among his all-time favorite containers for storing items, especially in his shop, which is where I found this little jewel.

Unfortunately, you can see from the back of his DD-214 (which I used as the backdrop) and some of the ribbons, not all his war memorabilia stored well in the coffee can.

Genealogy Blogs:

Best Genealogy Blogs of 2015 - <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/best-genealogy-blogs-2015>

Top 40 Genealogy Blogs in 2013 - <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/top-40-genealogy-blogs-2013>

Cyndi's List Blogs for Genealogy - <http://www.cyndislist.com/blogs/>

10 Genealogy Blogs Worth Reading - <http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/tp/genealogy.htm>

Top 50 Genealogy Blogs - <http://www.blogmetrics.org/genealogy>

Genealogy Blog Finder - <http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Jana's Genealogy and Family History Blog - <http://janasgenealogyandfamilyhistory.blogspot.com/>

Ancestral Discoveries (Janice Sellers) - <http://ancestraldiscoveries.blogspot.com/>

Robyn Echols website with family history PowerPoint presentations I give:
www.robynchols.com/contact.html

This pdf of **BLOG YOUR FAMILY HISTORY** will be available on this website until at least February 1, 2016,

Robyn Echols has been writing since she was in elementary school. By choice, she spent most of her evening hours in her "lounge", as her mother called her downstairs bedroom, writing stories, coming upstairs to join her family in front of the television only when her favorite program, "Robin Hood", was playing.

She has spent hours learning and teaching family history research topics, and focuses on history from a genealogist's perspective of seeking out the details of everyday life in the past. Several of her family history articles have been published in genealogy magazines.

Robyn also gives family history presentations to local genealogical societies in the Central California area.

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Robyn's Family History Presentations

- FAMILY HISTORY - Where Do I Start?
- How Census & Tax Forms Can Lead to Other Records
- Put Your Family in the Movies
- RAMBLE America - Some Factors Affecting Migration in North America
- Create a Family History Web Site Using Your Genealogy Database Software

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