

Not an ancestry subscriber? Ancestry does have some free records (use the catalog), as well as individual state records for state residents' access (usually from state archives)
Conference Keeper, genealogy--and family history-related conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, and volunteer opportunities: <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

All States

Randy Majors US historical maps: <https://www.randymajors.org/maps> Walkthrough of the historical U.S. counties map tool: <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/10053443>

Free genealogy research sites for every single U.S. state: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/free-genealogy-sites-all-usa-states/>

Best free websites for each state (2020 from Family Tree Magazine):
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-state-genealogy-websites/>

Absolutely free genealogy research sites for every single U.S. state:
<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/free-genealogy-sites-all-usa-states/>

Where to write for vital records: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fncchs%2Fw2w.htm

Explore genealogy by state: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/explore-by-state/>

U.S. genealogy sites state by state: <http://www.genealogytoday.com/genealogy/states/>

Cyndi's List, search by state name, then topic: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/>

County and state resources including photos, maps, transcriptions, historical documents, helpful links, etc.: <https://usgenweb.org/>

Search free genealogy records online by location:
<http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/genealogy.htm>

Genealogy sources and vital records guides (not all states), includes some state genealogy guides:
<https://www.genealogybranches.com/states.html>

Adoption search registries and reunion resources by state:
<https://www.genesearch.com/people/adoptionsearch.html> See also
<http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/adoption.htm>

Reclaim the records, a not-for-profit activist group which uses state Freedom of Information laws to force government agencies to release genealogical records to the public, which are then digitized and put online for free use (very limited states): <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/about/>

Free public records directory and free records search by state: <https://www.brbpub.com/>

Newspapers

Many states have statewide newspaper projects (often through a university library), theancestorphunt (above) for links organized by state. The following states have a central online repository: AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, NY, NC, OH, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, and WY. City, county and university libraries may be a source for newspapers (sometimes online).

Old Fulton History: <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>; use alternate search site for better results
<https://fultonsearch.org/>

Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/newspapers>

Historical U.S. newspapers by state (Jun 2019, no longer being updated), Includes many university and college newspapers <https://libguides.bgsu.edu/USNewspapersInternet>

Free newspapers by states: <https://theancestorphunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

US small town newspapers (organized by state) <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/america/small-town-newspapers.htm>

Historical US newspapers by state: <https://www.thoughtco.com/us-historical-newspapers-online-by-state-1422215>

Library of Congress newspaper site, Chronicling America: Newspapers from 1790 to 1924. Also listing of newspapers (1690 to present) and libraries holdings, either microfilm or paper copy
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

Historical newspapers and indexes: <https://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>

Court Records

Types of court records: https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Types_of_Court_Records

How to find court records for free: <https://www.searchquarry.com/find-court-records-free/>

Docket: the court's index: https://bh9qf7dyqmpb4rk14s84y90-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Complimentary-NGS-Magazine-Articles/Stratton_Docket_Court_Index_43_4_2017.pdf

Researching court records: <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-101-researching-court-records.html>

Using court records for genealogy: <https://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/00000281.html> and https://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/47_neill.html

US court records: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Court_Records

Could you have criminal ancestors?

https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Types_of_Court_Records

Guide to courthouse records: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/courthouse/guide-to-genealogy-research-in-courthouse-records/>

State Archives, Libraries, Historical/Genealogical Societies

National Archives resources for genealogy: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

State libraries and archives https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_libraries_and_archives

State libraries, archives, genealogical and historical societies: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/state-level-records-repositories>

Links to state archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html>

Social Media:

Facebook: Genealogy and history (in English) Facebook groups/pages, a 436-page PDF file containing 16,700+ links (updated Jan 2021): <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf> File includes a clickable table of contents. *Note:* As of January 2021, future updates and maintenance of list is being handled by Cyndi's List at

<https://cyndislist.com/facebook>. Download a Canadian list that includes French-speaking groups at

https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10169, and an Australian list at

<https://www.lonetester.com/2020/12/facebook-for-australian-history-and-genealogy-2/>

Helpful YouTube videos about using Facebook: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-n8O5mSFvE>, <https://www.wikihow.com/Use-Facebook>

New York

NY and NYC birth, marriage, and death indices (on archive.org, but can be accessed through reclaim the records website: <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/state/new-york-city/>; <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/state/new-york/>

New York state genealogy guide (provided by New England Historic Genealogical Society)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/new-york-guide>

Finding NY birth, marriage, and death records: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-birth-marriage-death-vital-records>

NY state archives, birth, marriage and death records: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/birth-marriage-death-records>

Historical NY maps for genealogy research: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/subject-guide/historical-new-york-maps-genealogy-research>

Pennsylvania

Researching your Pennsylvania ancestors: <https://www.archives.com/experts/alzo-lisa/pennsylvania-family-history.html>

Online Pennsylvania genealogy records:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Pennsylvania_Online_Genealogy_Records

Family history in Pennsylvania: <https://www.pennsylvaniagenealogy.net/index.html>

American Ancestors [NEGS] video on resources for Pennsylvania genealogy:

<https://ancestornews.com/resources-for-pennsylvania-genealogy/>

Pennsylvania Genealogy Search links to third party websites with access to PA public records (records primarily available for fee): <https://www.countyoffice.org/pa-genealogy/>

Tracing your Pennsylvania ancestors podcast, article: <https://ancestralfindings.com/pennsylvania/>

Pennsylvania newspaper project: <https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/>

More historical Pennsylvania newspapers: <http://greenfreelibrary.newspaperarchive.com/>

Centre Daily Times obituaries, original document available in most instances:

<https://libraries.psu.edu/about/collections/centre-daily-times-obituaries-index>