

Libraries

City/county or university libraries; local library may have online local databases and/or indices (e.g., marriages, obituaries, cemetery transcriptions). May have a genealogy room and/or staff or volunteer genealogy person; may have local family files. Best source for local newspapers on microfilm. Explore possibility of obtaining a library card if online resources are worth accessing.

Links to individual library web sites throughout the world <https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/>

To find US libraries websites: <http://www.lib-web.org/>

How to plan a successful library trip: <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/successful-library-trip/>

It's all about the preparation

Locating local records—learning what's available and worthwhile--facilities, libraries, cemeteries, courthouses. For local contacts use social media for help/ideas

Packing list: what to take <https://genealogybargains.s3.amazonaws.com/Genealogy+Research+Trip+Packing+List.pdf>

How to plan a successful genealogy road trip: <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/genealogy-road-trip/>

Six tips for a successful family history road trip: <https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/6-tips-for-a-successful-family-history-road-trip>

Genealogy road trip tips: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/travel/genealogy-road-trip-tips/>

Planning a family history road trip: <https://www.pricegen.com/planning-family-history-road-trip/>

Preparing for a genealogy road trip: <https://www.geneosity.com/preparing-for-a-genealogy-road-trip/>

Genealogy and history Facebook groups/pages, a 436-page PDF with 16,700+ links (updated Jan 2021): <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf>. Note: As of January 2021, future updates and maintenance of list 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.

Historical Newspapers and Media

Chronicling America (Library of Congress): Historical newspapers from 1790 to 1924. Also provides a list of newspapers (1690 to present) and what libraries have collections, either microfilm or hardcopy <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

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

Historical U.S. newspapers by state (Jun 2019) <https://libguides.bgsu.edu/USNewspapersInternet>

Links to free newspapers by state: <https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

Google archives: old newspapers, index: <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

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

More US small town newspapers, fully searchable: <http://www.stparchive.com/landing.php>

Online Historical newspapers: <https://norcocollege.libguides.com/c.php?g=33030&p=209263>

Online newspapers by state <http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2014/07/online-digital-newspaper-collections-by.html>; <http://www.genealogybuff.com/np/index.html> (has many dead links);

ICON (International Coalition on newspapers) Newspaper Digitization Projects by country and state (some free, some fee): <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.php#USA>

Many states have statewide projects (often through a university library), theancestorhunt (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, WI, and WY. City, county and university libraries may be a source for newspapers (sometimes online).

County and/or family history and biography books (out of copyright), books available for download as a searchable pdf: <https://archive.org/>

Historical and Genealogical Societies

Use a google search by state or county to locate historical and genealogical societies; also take advantage of social media (by location) to for suggestions from locals. Remember that counties may have multiple societies; check society sites for online and for sale resources.

List of US genealogical societies <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogical-society-listings>

Comprehensive directory of historic and cultural resource organizations located in each state and province in United States and Canada dedicated to preservation of historic structures and buildings, protection and care of cultural resources, and revitalization of downtown districts and preservation of main street and community.: <https://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationOrganizationsResources/OrganizationCategories.aspx>

Cemeteries

Larger cemeteries may have an online database and map. Also use google to search county name + cemetery transcriptions

Cemetery, graves database, (entered by volunteers, and may not always be accurate)

<http://www.findagrave.com/>; also <https://billiongraves.com/> (primarily tombstone pictures)

25 + million cemetery records: <http://www.interment.net/Default.htm>

Cemetery listings by state and county: <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/cemetery-records>

Find an address from latitude and longitude: <https://www.findlatitudeandlongitude.com/find-address-from-latitude-and-longitude/>

Cemetery Conservators for United Standards (CCUS), preserving cemeteries with no hard restoration methods: <https://cemeteryconservatorsunitedstandards.org/>

Death indexes/information, cemeteries:

Local cemeteries—where are the records? Online (primarily large cemeteries)? Is there a cemetery office (hours, policies)?

Funeral homes, local newspapers good sources for recent obituaries; library websites may be helpful.

Online cemetery records and burial indexes: <https://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html>

Recent newspaper obituaries (2000-current) <http://www.legacy.com/>

Online death indexes, records, certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, wills and probate records, and cemetery burials. <http://www.deathindexes.com/>

US death indices and records:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online_U.S._Death_Indexes_%26_Records

Things to Consider--during COVID

Because facilities may not be totally open, it is important to call ahead to verify hours and restrictions.

Websites are not always up to date, and open hours may not be correct. Here are just a few of the questions you might want to ask. Are masks required? Are appointments required? Is there a time limit for research?