

Libraries, city/county, university libraries, local library, as well as library where ancestors lived. Often have subscriptions available to patrons only (require card #); may have informational indexes.

Always check public library to determine what genealogical resources are available.

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

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

Most libraries have an [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) subscription (use in library only). Libraries may also have onsite microfilmed newspapers, special in-house-created indexes; family files.

Global catalog of library holdings: <https://www.worldcat.org/>

Obituaries/Death Records

Major newspaper obituaries (2000-forward); while older obituaries are reduced in content, funeral home name is supplied, as website is affiliated with funeral homes <http://www.legacy.com>

Recent obituaries (complete) can also be found on funeral home and local newspaper websites.

Search SSDI in one step: <https://stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>

Links to Historical Newspapers: newspaper links organized by states

Lessons on researching historical newspapers: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html>

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

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/>

Godfrey Online Library: <http://godfrey.org/index.html> Set up Godfrey Scholar guest level free account.

Links to a variety of other resources too.

Historical newspapers: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa>: US, Australia, Mexico, Ireland, and Canada: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home>

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

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

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

Newsbank subscription service \$: Library subscription, access from home with library card #. Erie (PA) County Public Library has subscription. Recent newspapers usually text only.

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>

Free newspapers (includes links to some paid sites): <http://www.freeneewspaperarchives.us/>

Online world newspaper archives and some magazines and journals, including both free and pay https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Digital historical US newspapers https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Digital_Historical_Newspapers

US newspapers and obituary directory (LDS) <http://ldsgenealogy.com/newspapers-obituaries/>

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>

University of Pennsylvania libraries, American newspapers, links and guides, from 18th through 20th centuries <https://guides.library.upenn.edu/c.php?g=475901>

Purdue University links to historic newspapers: <https://guides.lib.purdue.edu/digitalUSnewspapers>

Miriam Robbins links to both free and fee-based sites, both US (organized by state) and international <http://onlinehistoricalnewspapers.blogspot.com/>
Leslie Lawson newspapers links of old (links last checked 2014) <https://lawsonresearch.net/forensic-toolbox/newspaper-links-of-old/>
Sorted by region, then states <http://www.freenewspaperarchives.us/special-newspaper-collections/>

Newspapers, specific limited locations

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/>

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>

Use ancestry.com \$ for newspaper searches: Restrict search criteria to newspapers/magazines. Also can limit by state (bottom left); choose county of interest and view available newspapers. From there, search specific locations or specific newspapers. Determine what dates are available and/or browse newspaper of a specific date. Don't search for what's not there!

Books

Out-of-copyright books and other media: <https://archive.org/>

FamilySearch digital library: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

10 sources for family history books online <https://www.thoughtco.com/sources-for-family-history-books-online-1421831>

Online and e-books: <https://www.cyndislist.com/books/ebooks/>

Links to family history books: <https://www.sassyjanegenealogy.com/>

Search 80,000 genealogy and family history books: <https://www.gengophers.com/#/>

Where to find free genealogy books: <https://bespokegenealogy.com/free-genealogy-books/> AND <https://thegenealogyguide.com/where-to-find-free-genealogy-books>

Free genealogy digital publications <http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/digitalpublications.html>

Genealogical resources available through the Free Library of Philadelphia:

<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/explore/topic/genealogy>

Facebook:

419-page file with 16,000+ links (updated May 2020) to English-speaking genealogy- and history-related Facebook pages/groups, as well as links to Canadian and Australian genealogy FB groups <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/genealogy-on-facebook-may-2020.pdf>

FB groups such as Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (US and world), Random Acts of Photo Restoration, Obituary Look-ups, and Genealogy Translations may be particularly helpful; also city/county/regional genealogy groups.

Additional class handout available **for a limited time only at this link**: Historical newspapers by state (created by a now-retired BGSU librarian; original website no longer updated as of June 2019:

<http://www.mediafire.com/file/8wqwl6e68p6en5w/BGSU+NewspapersByState.pdf/file>

BONUS INFORMATION – FINDING LIVE PEOPLE

First search death information:

Social Security Death Index (SSDI), currently only available through Feb 2014; available free on many sites (even paid sites). Try <https://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>

For more recent deaths (2000 to present day) use <https://www.legacy.com/search>

Paid site \$, with SSDI portion free. You can also search their complete database for free. Search results show a snippet of obituary or newspaper article <https://www.genealogybank.com/>

Do a google search for name, plus "obituary" or "death notice."

Live People: more information (age, places lived, family members, associated names, sometimes maiden names), limited information available for free on most paid sites

Resources for finding live people (some fee): <https://www.cyndislist.com/finding-people/general/>

Addresses (even if no phone), phone number, age range, associated names; reverse telephone and address look-ups. <https://www.usphonebook.com/>, also <https://www.zabasearch.com/>. More information for fee \$. Do not subscribe or choose any for-fee options; take advantage of free information on each site.

Person, phone number, address, and/or e-mail lookup and reverse lookup. Site/app also will make a blinded call to phone to hear phone's outgoing message: <https://www.spydialer.com/>

Same info as others above, but totally free, plus possibly including e-mail address and cell phone numbers: <https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/> (same database as familytreenow.com below)

Three ways to check out your neighbors online:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/columnist/komando/2017/03/31/check-out-your-neighbors-online-kim-komando/99781508/>

How to find names, addresses, and phone numbers for your neighbors

<https://www.techwalla.com/articles/how-to-find-your-neighbors-names-addresses-and-phone-numbers>

Current address and phone number, year of birth; possible relatives, and associated names, often including parents and children with married name <http://www.familytreenow.com>. Site also offers birth, marriage, death, and divorce records (varies), and census records. No document images.

Google search (single name or paired names): may find property transfers, gift registries, obituaries, news articles, A google search with name and spouse name (if known) may glean location and/or associated names to assist in using other search options.

Social media search: may be able to search friends of person to determine if it is the correct person (family, friends); high school or college groups; interest groups