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Books and media

Out-of-copyright media (before 1925), also loans books electronically: <https://archive.org/>

Heritage Quest: in- and out-of-copyright books: available through local library (with card #)

Other sources for historical books online: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb?a=listis;c=332123463>;
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

Collection of books, pamphlets, letters, and diaries, dating from late 18th through early 20th century, <http://deila.dickinson.edu/theirownwords/searchbooks.htm>

Canadian local histories online, Canadian National Digital Heritage Index: <https://www.cndhi-ipnpc.ca/en/node/3146>; from University of Calgary: <https://cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p22007coll8>

How to use worldcat for genealogy research: <https://lialisson.com/how-to-use-worldcat-for-genealogy-research/>

Network of library content and services from the U.S. and foreign libraries: www.worldcat.org

Historical Newspapers

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

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

Free 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>

Links to free newspapers: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html> This site has a variety of other resources too.

Many states have statewide newspaper 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, 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/>

Immigration

Free webinar, *Find Your Immigrant Ancestors and their Relatives in the New York Passenger Arrival Records*. Myheritage (\$) Indexing includes contact person in country of origin and U.S, primarily after 1906. Only source with completely indexed ship manifests (not just immigrant passengers) https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=776

US immigration waves <https://immigrationtounitedstates.org/603-immigration-waves.html>

One-step search site for immigration records (mostly free, but some for fee, ancestry), more user-friendly access to Ellis Island and Castle Garden (requires Ellis Island/Castle Garden subscription to download original documents): <http://stevemorse.org/>

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., records starting 1892: www.ellisland.org

Castle Garden Immigration Center (1855-1890): <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Emigration and immigration records and resources, including ship passenger lists and naturalization records: <http://www.germanroots.com/ei.html>

People obtaining lawful permanent resident status by region or selected country of last residence:
1820 – 2015: <http://insightfulinteraction.com/immigration200years.html>

Detailed NARA lists/descriptions of passenger list collections

<https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/passenger-arrival.html#film>

Ships' passenger lists, plus immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures, ship descriptions, shipping-line fleet lists <http://www.theshipslist.com/index.html>

US immigration timeline: <https://www.history.com/topics/immigration/immigration-united-states-timeline>

New York Times-Immigration Explorer <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?hp&r=0>

Maps and changing political boundaries

Historical atlas and gazetteer of Europe: <https://www.euratlas.net/history/europe/index.html>

Atlas of historical US county boundaries by state: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>

Enter US place name and historical date to see political boundaries/identification at the time:

<https://www.randymajors.org/maps>

Googling your gramma, tools for planning a genealogy trip: <https://www.cyndislist.com/google/google-earth/>

World War II maps <https://www.onwar.com/aced/chrono/c1900s/yr30/fwii1939.htm>

Disease, epidemics

Disease, epidemics and your ancestors: <https://www.legacytree.com/blog/disease-epidemics-ancestors>

Most dangerous epidemics in U.S. history: <https://www.healthline.com/health/worst-disease-outbreaks-history#ReadthisNext6>

Food/waterborne illness outbreaks in U.S. history: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/the-ten-deadliest-outbreaks-in-history-revisited/#.Wp0y8nxG3X4>

American Experience, Influenza 1918: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/influenza/>

Historical events

Search Cyndi's List in general or by locations for historical events such as military conflicts, historical timelines, culture, disasters, accidents, epidemics: <https://www.cyndislist.com/>

History/timelines and genealogy: http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2016/04/adding-historical-context-to-your-ancestors-life.html

<https://www.familytree.com/blog/historical-event-that-changed-your-ancestors-life-yours/>

http://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/36_donna.html

WPA Historical Research Survey

2000+ inventories published during the short life of the HRS. NARA has excellent collection of these. Go to [ALIC Online Catalog](#). Search in the keyword field for **historical records survey**.

WPA impact on family history: <https://www.legacytree.com/blog/wpa-family-history-research>

WPA Historical Records Survey: a guide to the unpublished inventories, indexes, and transcripts

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015021534733;view=1up;seq=3>

Guide to using WPA records in genealogical research: <http://www.barbsnow.net/WPA.htm>

Good Works: WPA Projects <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/good-works->