

Genealogy Website Information

<https://www.techjunkie.com/best-free-genealogy-websites/>

<https://www.trustify.info/blog/best-ancestry-sites>

Other resources: <https://lialisson.com/2017/03/20/6-out-of-the-box-genealogy-resources/>;

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/how-to-quickly-find-free-genealogy-records-from-hundreds-of-us-repositories/>

Genealogy Today: collection of traditional and unorthodox historical records, all free, for serious genealogist <http://www.genealogytoday.com>

Five uncommon places to find your ancestors' missing parents:

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/5-places-find-ancestors-parents/>

Family Tree Searcher can educate and assist beginners. Interactive quizzes to customize searches, and to develop your own research plan; search multiple sites for family tree members (some links to for fee sites) <http://www.familytreesearcher.com>

Genealogy Resources and Links

Portal to over 390,000 worldwide genealogy websites (some for fee): <https://www.cyndislist.com/>

Debbie Duay SAR/DAR assistance, tutorials, links to free vital records, genealogy resources:

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html>

Private eye perspective: birth, death, marriage, divorce, census, burial, ship passenger, newspapers, military, genealogy societies and archives, international resources: <https://pibuzz.com/genealogy/>

The Olive Tree collection of links and other to free US and Canadian genealogy resources

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com>

Ancestor Hunter: Lessons and links to US (by state) and Canada (by province) newspapers, birth, marriage, death (BMD) records, obituaries, city directories, photos, yearbooks, and more

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

Publications, including City Directories

Historical books (including family history and commemorative biography books) out-of-copyright.

Using <http://www.archive.org> for genealogy: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/internet-archive-for-genealogy/>

Heritagequest available online through most libraries (library card required)

US city directories: <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/> <https://ldsgenealogy.com/city-directories/>;
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/City_Directories; <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/14600-free-online-city-directories-from-the-united-states/>

Miscellaneous

RootsWeb: free arm of ancestry, how to research family tree as well resources to do so; genealogy records, message boards, and linear family trees: <https://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

World and US GenWeb projects, maintained by volunteers, free state and county genealogy resources (varies by location) <https://www.worldgenweb.org/> and <http://www.usgenweb.org>

Access genealogy includes black genealogy, cemetery, military, and census records, DNA, databases, and vital records, as well as extensive Native American records. <https://www.accessgenealogy.com>

Reddit not a genealogy website per se, but includes worldwide resources to make your search easier <https://www.reddit.com/r/Genealogy/wiki/free>

Reclaim the records: genealogical and archival data sets from government agencies, state libraries, and municipal archives. <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

Family Search Research Wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

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>

Maps

David Rumsey map collection: Maps and other cartographic images, including a georeferencing tool to overlay historic maps on modern maps or other historic maps <https://www.davidrumsey.com>

Randy Majors historical maps, locate place names in time: <https://www.randymajors.org/>

Sanborn Insurance Company maps: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/>

How to use online Sanborn maps for genealogy:

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/maps/how-to-use-sanborn-maps-genealogy/>

Unexpected Sources

ArchiveGrid: 2+ million archival items held by libraries, museums, historical societies, etc. Finding aids identifying original documents: birth and death records; ship passenger manifests; cemetery records; personal papers, letters and diaries; records of schools, businesses and churches; family histories and other archival materials: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

Digital Public Library: 11+ million digitized items from libraries, archives and museums: <https://dp.la/>

Ebay: Family trees, books, photo albums, old postcards, family Bibles and much more. Rescue orphan heirlooms to return to family members. Check *Everything Else > Genealogy category*, but also books, collectibles, antiques and jewelry. <https://www.ebay.com/>

EasyBib free tool that helps you generate source citations in MLA, APA, Chicago and other formats. [EasyBib](#)

Flickr photo-sharing site: with 1TB of free photo storage. Ability to maintain public or private online albums, edit and share photos with others. <https://www.flickr.com/>

Google, beyond searches on surnames, ancestral locations, and other topics. Think of Google as a one-stop shop for genealogy tasks: <https://www.google.com/>

- [Google Photos](#) facial recognition software, and unlimited storage
- [Google Maps](#) or [Google Earth](#)
- [Google Books](#)
- [Google Translator](#) can help.
- Create your own family history blog [Blogger](#).
- Connect with family via [Hangouts](#).
- Save and share files for free with [Google Drive](#).

HathiTrust online library of titles digitized from academic and research institutions around the world.

Search catalog for descriptive terms or run full-text search: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Instagram photo- and video-sharing site <https://www.instagram.com/>

Internet Archive nonprofit digital library: public domain books, media, and other archived historical records. Its Wayback Machine archives entire websites, allowing searching the web as it was from late 1996 to today—handy to find web pages is no longer available. <https://archive.org/>

JSTOR (or Journal Storage), online collection of 7+ million articles, including many covering history.

Search JSTOR for free and check with libraries for copies of journals or try the free Register & Read plan, which lets you read up to three articles every two weeks <https://www.jstor.org/>

Library of Congress search main library catalog and the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), as well as Chronicling America, American Memory, and a portal to the local history and genealogy center. Cannot borrow most titles from the Library of Congress, but use WorldCat to find copies at your library or through interlibrary loan. <https://loc.gov/> How to use this resource, see: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/websites/library-of-congress-guide/>

Pinterest virtual bulletin board: Use it to curate content about an ancestor, collect family recipes or keep a list of your favorite resources on a specific topic <https://www.pinterest.com/>

Trello free, web-based tool for organizing your projects: <https://trello.com/>;
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/organization/how-to-use-trello-for-genealogy/>

WolframAlpha includes knowledge bases such as weather for a specific date, calculate birthdate from death date and much more: <https://www.wolframalpha.com/>

Worldcat connects to collections of 10,000 libraries around the world; locate where books are and their availability for inter-library loan: <https://www.worldcat.org/>

WhatWasThere: collective effort to “build a photographic history of the world.” Upload images by tagged with year and street-address to a map. Or search for images others by city and click on the orange map indicators to view images. Free registration required to add images, but not to view or search: <http://www.whatwasthere.com/>

YouTube videos: Explore ancestors' lives and locations, as well as instructional videos on genealogy: <https://www.youtube.com/> For 10 best genealogy and history YouTube channels, see <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/resources/online/best-genealogy-youtube-videos/>

Zillow real estate site, search for the address of ancestor’s residence: <https://www.zillow.com/>

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>

Twitter with 320+ million users, 140-character limit for each tweet (message): <https://twitter.com/>

Live People

Find more information beyond address and phone numbers (age, places lived, possible relatives, and associated names, sometimes married/maiden names); use free parts of paid sites such as intellius, peoplefinders, zabasearch, spokeo.

Addresses (even if no phone), phone number, age range, associated names; reverse telephone and address look-ups. <https://www.411.com/> or <https://www.whitepages.com/>

Familytreenow find current and former addresses and phone numbers, year of birth; other family members, and associated names. May include parents and/or children with married and/or maiden name: <http://www.familytreenow.com>

Truepeoplesearch: find people by name, phone number, or address. Uses same database as familytreenow; results include month and year of birth: <https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/>