

Best of the Web! The Latest and Greatest Online Resources for Genealogy Research.

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Blogs – A blog is an online journal. There are many “how-to” types of genealogy blogs that teach you techniques and keep you up to date on genealogy news. There are also “personal family tree” types of blogs where a person posts their findings on their own family tree. This is recommended for you to do as it can help connect you with other genealogists researching the same tree as your blog would end up as a ‘hit’ in a Google search. You can set up your own free family tree blog at sites like www.blogger.com and <http://wordpress.org>. Lastly, almost every larger genealogy website has their own website blog to check out.

- <http://blog.eogn.com/>
- <http://www.brandi.org/genealogy/>
- <http://stephendanko.com/blog/>
- <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
- <http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Books - Digitized Online - As books become copyright free, you may find that they have been digitized for preservation. The following links are some places to check for Family Histories, County Biographies, City Directories, etc... Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest (check with your local library to see if they subscribe) also have many genealogy related books in their catalogs.

- <http://books.google.com/>
- <http://www.archive.org/>
- <http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>
- <http://www.nyheritage.org/>
- <http://lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>
- <http://www.hathitrust.org/>

Cemetery - Preserving grave markers and cemetery records have become a common project for genealogists.

- <http://www.findagrave.com/>
- <http://billiongraves.com/>
- <http://www.interment.net/>
- <http://www.namesinstone.com/>
- <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>
- <http://www.davidrumsey.com/farber/>

Census – Census records are a great resource to trace your family tree. Many libraries subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest which include access to the US Federal Population Censuses. Some countries and states also conducted Census and many of those can be found online at Family Search.

- <https://www.familysearch.org/>

For help in searching the recently released 1940 US Federal Population Census before it is indexed:

- <http://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

Charts - The links listed here will direct you to places where you can download and print charts, work sheets, research logs, etc...

- <http://www.byub.org/ancestors/firstseries/teachersguide/charts-records.html>
- <http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx>
- <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/FreeForms>
- http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/genealogy_charts.asp

Databases - These websites have vast quantities of records that are specifically gathered for genealogy research.

- <http://www.ancestry.com/> \$
- <https://www.familysearch.org/>
- <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/> \$
- <http://www.godfrey.org/> \$

Family Trees - Meet “cousins” online by checking out their family trees to see if and where they may match up with yours.

- <http://www.geneanet.org/>
- <https://www.familysearch.org/family-trees>
- <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Furthering Education - If you’d like to take online courses in genealogy, you can find a variety at these sites.

- <http://www.genealogicalstudies.com/> \$
- <http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/> \$
- <https://www.familysearch.org/learn>
- <http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/>

Immigration - Ship passenger lists can be found online at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org as well as these links.

- <http://www.ellisland.org/>
- <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
- <http://immigrantships.net/>

Maps - Knowing where your ancestors lived will help you locate records on them. Keep in mind that street names changed and counties, towns, etc... broke off of each other. If a record you are looking for doesn’t seem to exist; check to make sure that the *place* existed at that time and as that name.

- <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>
- <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>
- <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>
- <http://www.google.com/earth/>
- <http://www.epodunk.com/>
- <http://www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/maps/>
- <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

Message Boards - Researching a certain surname and/or place? Collaborate with others within threads in a message board for help.

- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>
- <http://genforum.genealogy.com/>
- <http://boards.ancestry.com/>

Military - Many military records can be found online at these links listed as well as Ancestry.com.

- <http://www.fold3.com/> \$
- <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>
- <http://www.archives.gov/>

Miscellaneous -

- <http://translate.google.com/>
- <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>
- <http://worldnames.publicprofler.org/>
- <http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html>

Newspapers - Newspapers can be a wonderful source for your research as they can tell stories about your ancestors as well as vital events such as birth, marriage and death.

- <http://www.newspaperarchive.com/> \$
- <http://www.genealogybank.com/> \$
- <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
- <http://www.fultonhistory.com/>
- <http://news.nynj.net/>
- <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/>

Photography - Sharing family photos online can help you connect with “cousins” and/or help interest your own family into the research you are doing. Social networking sites such as Facebook and MyHeritage are easy ways to do this. DeadFred and AncientFaces are places to post your pictures and possibly help identify people that are unknown.

- <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/upload/images/pdf/Best-of-the-Photo-Detective.pdf>
- <http://www.myheritage.com/>
- <http://www.deadfred.com/>
- <http://www.ancientfaces.com/>
- <http://www3.familyoldphotos.com/>

Place Based Research – Geography and Genealogy go hand-in-hand. Where your ancestors lived is where you should start to look for records on them. You should also contact the local genealogy society and/or historical society to see what records they have available to you.

- <http://www.usgenweb.org/>
- <http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

Podcasts - Podcasts are similar to radio shows and these links are ones that focus solely on Genealogy (all are also available on iTunes).

- <http://personallifemedia.com/podcasts/415-family-history>
- <http://www.genealogygems.com>
- <http://genealogyguys.com/>

Search Engines - If you want to narrow down your Internet searches to only genealogy website results, try one of these search engines.

- <http://mocavo.com/>
- <http://stevemorse.org/>

Social Networking -

- <http://www.genealogywise.com/>
- <http://www.geni.com/>

Societies and Clubs - We are fortunate in this area to have many opportunities for genealogists to gather and learn from each other (in addition to the resources that they may have access to!).

- <http://www.niagaragenealogy.org/>
- <http://www.wnygs.org/>
- <http://www.orleanscountygenealogicalsociety.org/>
- <http://pgsnys.org/>
- <http://bigs.limewebs.com/>
- <http://www.ntlibrary.org/history/genealogy-club/>
- <http://www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org/genealogy%20main%20page.htm>

Volunteering - Give back to the genealogy community right from your computer at home!

- <https://www.familysearch.org/volunteer/indexing>
- <http://community.ancestry.com/wap/dashboard.aspx>
- <http://billiongraves.com/pages/transcribe/>

Website Link Lists - There are many wonderful websites out there and these sites will help you direct you to them.

- <http://www.cyndislist.com/>
- <http://www.buffaloresearch.com/>
- <http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>
- <http://www.deathindexes.com/>
- <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2011>
- <http://www.linkpendium.com/>

Wikis -

- https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page
- <http://www.werelate.org/>
- <http://www.wikitree.com/>