

# GENEALOGY WEB SITES YOU CAN USE

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## LDS FamilySearch

- LDS <http://www.familysearch.org/> Ancestral File and Pedigree Resource File (free) for member-contributed data, and International Genealogical Index (IGI) (free) for extracted or submitted data.
- LDS FamilySearch Record Search at <http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/> (free indexes and images, result of Family Search Indexing).
- FamilySearch Indexing Projects -- FamilySearch Indexing Projects -- [http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/projects/current\\_projects.jsf](http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/projects/current_projects.jsf)
- FamilySearch Research Wiki - [https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main\\_Page](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Main_Page)
- State, Country, Ethnic and Subject Research Guides – for all states, many countries, some topics at [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset\\_rhelps.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp)
- Family History Library Catalog – find resources in Book, Microfiche and Microfilm format available for loan from FHL – at [http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)
- Online Genealogy and Family History Catalog and Index – [www.GenSeek.com](http://www.GenSeek.com) (Coming Soon!)

## Ancestry

- Ancestry Family Tree databases at <http://www.ancestry.com/> (\$\$, free at SD FHC) - One World Tree, Public and Private Member Trees, and Ancestry World Tree.
- Ancestry Historical Records at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/default.aspx> (\$\$, free at SD FHC and libraries), especially census, vital military, land and court records.
- Ancestry Stories and Publications collection at <http://www.ancestry.com/> (\$\$, free at some FHCs and libraries).
- Ancestry Card Catalog of Databases – at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/CardCatalog.aspx>
- Ancestry Recent Added or Updated Databases -- <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/recent.aspx>

## Commercial Database Sites

- World Vital Records Databases at [www.WorldVitalRecords.com](http://www.WorldVitalRecords.com) (\$\$, free at FHC and some libraries) – especially the historical newspapers, surname and locality books and Everton databases.
- Genealogy Bank newspaper and book databases at [www.GenealogyBank.com](http://www.GenealogyBank.com) (\$\$, free search)
- Footnote databases on [www.Footnote.com](http://www.Footnote.com) (\$\$, free search, free at FHC and some libraries) – especially the Revolutionary War Pension files and other military records.
- Genealogy.com <http://www.genealogy.com> has some databases, and WFTree database (\$\$, CDs at libraries).
- Genealogy.com Family Finder at <http://www.genealogy.com/> (free) for user-contributed reports.
- GenForum surname and locality message boards at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/> (free). Post messages on these boards to try to draw responses from other researchers.

## User-Contributed Database Sites

- Rootsweb WorldConnect <http://wc.rootsweb.com/> user-contributed databases (free)
- Rootsweb mailing list archives at <http://lists.rootsweb.com/> (free). Search archives and subscribe to some of the mailing lists and post messages there.
- Rootsweb/Ancestry surname and locality message boards at <http://boards.rootsweb.com/> (free registration). Post messages on these boards to draw responses from other researchers.
- Rootsweb databases at <http://searches.rootsweb.com/> (free).
- Rootsweb Web Sites at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~websites/> (free) for web pages, society pages, user reports.
- USGenWeb State and County web sites at <http://www.USGenWeb.org> (free). Review the resources available there, especially the vital records, cemetery transcriptions, Bible records, etc.
- The USGenWeb Project has specialty databases – at <http://www.usgenweb.org/projects/index.shtml>
- US Genealogy Web archives search at <http://www.usgwarchives.net> (free).
- World Genealogy Web -- [www.WorldGenWeb.org](http://www.WorldGenWeb.org) --- Free, user-contributed records databases, many countries are covered with links and databases
- US Genealogy Network -- [www.USGenNet.org](http://www.USGenNet.org) -- Free, user-contributed records databases

## Other Database Web Sites

- Genealogy Today -- [www.GenealogyToday.com](http://www.GenealogyToday.com) -- \$\$ -- many small databases
- Godfrey Memorial Library -- [www.Godfrey.org](http://www.Godfrey.org) -- \$\$ -- partner with LDS and WVR
- New England Historic Genealogical Society -- [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org) -- (\$\$) - especially the *NEHGR* Register archives, the Early American Newspapers, and the NY Will Abstracts 1787-1835.
- HeritageQuestOnline -- [www.HeritageQuestOnline.com](http://www.HeritageQuestOnline.com) -- Surname and locality books, census, RevWar Pensions, PERSI, Freedmen's Records, US Serial Set -- Free, requires library subscription
- Olive Tree Genealogy -- [www.OliveTreeGenealogy.com](http://www.OliveTreeGenealogy.com) --- Free, Canada, US, immigration, links to \$\$ sites
- U.S. National Archives -- [www.Archives.gov/genealogy/](http://www.Archives.gov/genealogy/) -- Free, some archival records.

- Family Tree Legends -- [www.FamilyTreeLegends.com/records/](http://www.FamilyTreeLegends.com/records/) -- Free databases (including CA Births 1905-95)
- Access Genealogy -- [www.AccessGenealogy.com](http://www.AccessGenealogy.com) --- Free, some small databases
- **[Online Family Tree and Social Network Sites \(plus Ancestry\)](#)**
- GenCircles -- [www.GenCircles.com](http://www.GenCircles.com) -- Genealogy Circles -- Free, family tree databases, now part of [www.MyHeritage.com](http://www.MyHeritage.com)
- Kindred Konnections -- [www.KindredKonnections.com](http://www.KindredKonnections.com) and [www.MyTrees.com](http://www.MyTrees.com) -- \$ -- shared family tree database
- One Great Family -- [www.OneGreatFamily.com](http://www.OneGreatFamily.com) -- \$ -- shared family tree database
- We Relate -- [www.WeRelate.org](http://www.WeRelate.org) -- Free, open, Search Trees, Wiki format Allen County (IN) Public Library, GEDCOM upload
- My Heritage -- [www.MyHeritage.com](http://www.MyHeritage.com) -- Free, open, Search Trees, (GenCircles), GEDCOM upload
- Family Builder -- [www.FamilyBuilder.com](http://www.FamilyBuilder.com) -- Free, Open, Social Network, Search, (Facebook, MySpace, Bebo, Hi5 and Orkut) – no GEDCOM upload yet
- GeneaNet -- [www.GeneaNet.org](http://www.GeneaNet.org) -- Free, Search Family Trees, Open, GEDCOM upload
- Geni -- [www.Geni.com](http://www.Geni.com) -- Free, Social Network, invitation by database owner, GEDCOM upload
- My Family -- [www.MyFamily.com](http://www.MyFamily.com) -- Free, Social Network, invitation by owner, no GEDCOM upload
- **[Data Portals – lots of links](#)**
- Cyndi's List -- [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com) – over 260,000 links for information by topic
- Linkpendium -- [www.Linkpendium.com](http://www.Linkpendium.com) – over 7 million links for surname and locality data
- Ancestor Hunt -- [www.AncestorHunt.com](http://www.AncestorHunt.com) -- Links for surname searches (links to \$\$ sites)
- ProGenealogists Genealogy Sleuth Search for Your Ancestors (USA)-- Links for surname, locality and record-type data -- <http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>
- Genealogy Links -- [www.GenealogyLinks.net](http://www.GenealogyLinks.net) -- Links by region
- Family History 101 – Links by topic and state -- <http://familyhistory101.com/index.html>
- **[Search Engines](#)**
- Google -- [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) -- search names, localities, images, news, blogs, books, etc.
- My Heritage -- [www.MyHeritage.com](http://www.MyHeritage.com) -- searches over 1,500 genealogy web sites for search terms, links to \$\$ sites
- Live Roots – [www.LiveRoots.com](http://www.LiveRoots.com) – searches many database sites
- Genealogy Search Engines -- [www.GenealogySearchEngines.com](http://www.GenealogySearchEngines.com) -- searches several large databases – one at a time, links to \$\$ sites
- One Step Web Pages by Steve Morse -- [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) -- searches selected census, immigration, vital records databases, links to \$\$ sites
- **[Online Books \(plus Ancestry, WorldVitalRecords, Google, HeritageQuestOnline\)](#)**
- BYU Family History Archive – <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/> -- over 5,000 volumes
- Making of America (Univ. Michigan, Cornell University) – <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/> -- over 12,000 volumes
- Online County Histories, Biographies & Indexes – <http://www.genealogybranches.com/countyhistories.html>
- OAister – Open Archive Initiative -- <http://www.oaister.org/>
- Internet Archive: Allen County Public Library -- [http://www.archive.org/details/Allen\\_County\\_Public\\_Library](http://www.archive.org/details/Allen_County_Public_Library)
- **[Vital Records \(plus Ancestry, WorldVitalRecords, Rootsweb, FamilySearch\)](#)**
- Birth and Marriage Indexes -- <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/vitalrecords.html> (links to \$\$ sites)
- Death Indexes -- <http://www.deathindexes.com> (links to \$ sites)
- Marriage Records -- <http://www.genwed.com/> (links to \$ sites)
- Order Vital Records Online for each State -- <http://vitalrec.com/>
- **[Census Records \(plus Ancestry, FamilySearch, Footnote, Genealogy, HeritageQuestOnline\)](#)**
- All Census Records – Canada, UK, USA – [www.AllCensusRecords.com](http://www.AllCensusRecords.com)
- **[Military Records \(plus Ancestry, Footnote\)](#)**
- US National Archives -- <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/>
- US Military Indexes and Records – <http://www.militaryindexes.com> – links indexed by war, then commercial sites and states (includes links to free and \$ sites).
- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System – <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>
- Daughters of the American Revolution – <http://www.dar.org/> -- Patriot Index
- **[Immigration and Citizenship Records \(plus Ancestry, Footnote, Olive Tree Genealogy\)](#)**
- Online Passenger Lists and Immigration Records – <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/passengers.html>
- Ellis Island -- [www.EllisIsland.org](http://www.EllisIsland.org) -- Free, New York City records for 1892 - 1924
- Castle Garden -- [www.CastleGarden.org](http://www.CastleGarden.org) -- Free, New York City records for 1830 – 1891.
- Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild -- <http://www.immigrantships.net/>
- USA C.I.S. -- <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/> -- \$\$ - USCIS Genealogy program (search for Genealogy) – obtain immigration records
- Guide to Finding Naturalization Records -- <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/naturalizationrecords.html>
- Online Searchable Naturalization Records -- <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/naturalization.html> --links to free

- and \$\$ naturalization records – listed by state/country (US and Canada only)
- USA and Canada Naturalization Records -- <http://www.naturalizationrecords.com/>  
**Probate and Estate Records (plus Ancestry)**
- Ancestors at Rest – <http://ancestorsatrest.com/wills/> -- has some will transcriptions and links to other sites.
- Sampubco – <http://www.sampubco.com> -- \$\$ for copies, Has indexes for some states and links to transcribed wills (going to USGenWeb sites).
- Essex County MA has over 200 transcribed early wills at <http://essexcountymagenweb.com/Wills/index.htm>  
**Land Records (plus Ancestry)**
- US Bureau of Land Management Records General Land Office – Land Patents at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>
- Land Records Research Directory – information about land records -- [www.land-records.com](http://www.land-records.com)
- Free Public Records Directory – recent land records by state and county -- <http://www.publicrecordsindex.com/>  
**Maps and Atlas (plus Ancestry)**
- Library of Congress Geography and Map Reading Room -- <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/gmpage.html>
- Perry-Castañeda LibraryMap Collection-- US Historical Maps - <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>
- David Rumsey Historical Map Collection -- <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>
- Historic USGS Maps of New England & NY -- <http://docs.unh.edu/nhtopos/nhtopos.htm>
- MAGIC Historical Scanned Map Collection -- [http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/cgi-bin/MAGIC\\_HistList.pl](http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/cgi-bin/MAGIC_HistList.pl)
- Ancestry.com Maps, Atlases and Gazetteers (\$\$) -- <http://search.ancestry.com/search/Default.aspx?cat=44>  
**Cemetery Records**
- Find-a-Grave – [www.FindAGrave.com](http://www.FindAGrave.com) – over 26 million graves – photos and inscriptions
- Interment.net – [www.Interment.net](http://www.Interment.net) – over 4 million graves – photos and inscriptions
- USGenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project – over 900,000 cemetery listings -- search master index at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cemetery/>
- Nationwide Gravesite Locator (US Dept. of Vet. Affairs) – [http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1)  
**Newspaper and Obituary Records (plus Ancestry, GenealogyBank, WorldVitalRecords, Footnote)**
- Newspaper Archive -- 1,300 newspapers, 1690-1977 (\$) -- [www.newspaperARCHIVE.com](http://www.newspaperARCHIVE.com), \$\$ (Carlsbad); Also accessible as Historical Newspaper Collection at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers – through subscribing libraries
- Accessible Archives -- [www.AccessibleArchives.com](http://www.AccessibleArchives.com) -- \$\$ or through subscribing libraries – limited to mid-Atlantic states
- Genealogy Bank -- [www.GenealogyBank.com](http://www.GenealogyBank.com) -- \$\$ Historical Newspapers, 1690-1977, Obituaries since 1977
- New York Times Archives – 1851-1922 and 1987-present (free), 1923-1986 (\$) -- search at <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>
- Small Town Newspapers -- <http://www.smalltownpapers.com/> -- at WorldVitalRecords and Footnote(\$\$)
- California Digital Newspaper Collection -- <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/>
- Google News Archive Search -- <http://news.google.com/archivesearch>
- Obituary Archive (1977-present) -- <http://oa.newsbank.com> -- available on Genealogy Bank also, \$ to see article
- Obituary Daily Times -- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/> -- free index of obituaries from many newspapers – user contributed.
- Legacy Search for Obituaries and Guest Books -- <http://www.legacy.com/Obituaries.asp> -- \$ to see article
- Tributes -- <http://Tributes.com> – free  
**City Directories (plus Ancestry, Footnote)**
- U.S. City Directories -- <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/> -- What's available online, on microfilm, in repositories
- Circa 1930 City Directories at NARA -- <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1930/city-directories.html>
- Circa 1890 City Directories at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)
- City Directories at Family History Library -- <http://users.starpower.net/drkehs/census/citydirs/fhscitydirs.htm>
- EveNDon's Pittsburgh Directories -- has more than P'burgh! -- [www.evendon.net/PGHLookups/DirM.htm](http://www.evendon.net/PGHLookups/DirM.htm)  
**Local Government Records**
- [http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History\\_Family/State\\_Genealogy.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml) -- US State Genealogy Resources
- <http://www.statearchives.us/> -- State Archives and Libraries that may house genealogy and family history data.
- <http://www.statearchives.us/public/index.htm> -- state Public Records -- links for all States.
- <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/> -- Online Searches for Public Records – State, County Court, Land, etc.  
**Canadian Genealogy (plus Ancestry/Canada)**
- Automated Genealogy – [www.AutomatedGenealogy.com](http://www.AutomatedGenealogy.com) -- Free 1851-2, 1901, 1906, 1911 Canadian census trans.
- Canadian Genealogy Centre – Research tools, records <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/>
- Our Roots/Nos Racines – [www.ourroots.ca](http://www.ourroots.ca) – Digitized local histories
- Library and Archives Canada – <http://search-recherche.collectionscanada.ca/index.html>
- CanGenealogy – <http://cangenealogy.com/> -- Links by Province  
**United Kingdom Records (plus Ancestry UK)**
- The National Archives of the United Kingdom -- <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/> -- Free government archives

- FindMyPast -- [www.FindMyPast.com](http://www.FindMyPast.com) -- UK record databases (\$\$) and user-contributed family trees
- Origins Network – [www.OriginsNetwork.com](http://www.OriginsNetwork.com) -- \$\$ record databases
- FreeBMD -- <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com> -- Free birth, marriage and death record Civil Registration indexes
- GENUKI -- [www.genuki.org](http://www.genuki.org) -- Free, the Rootsweb of the British Isles
- Scotlands People -- [www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk) -- \$\$ Collection of church, vital, census and probate records

#### Genealogy Magazines

- Everton's Genealogical Helper (\$27/year print, \$12/year digital download) – <http://www.everton.com>
- Family Tree Magazine (\$24 print) – <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>
- Family Chronicle (\$25 6 issues, print) – <http://www.familychronicle.com/>
- Discovering Family History (\$22.50, 6 issues, print) – <http://www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com/>
- Digital Genealogist (\$20, 6 issues, digital download) – <http://www.digitalgenealogist.com/>
- Internet Genealogy (\$22.50, 6 issues, digital download) – <http://www.internet-genealogy.com/>
- Ancestry Magazine (\$14.95, 6 issues, print) – free access to selected articles – <http://www.ancestrymagazine.com>

#### Research Guides and Tutorials

- Beginner's Guide to Family History Research -- <http://www.arkansasresearch.com/guide.html>
- Ancestry.com Learning Center -- <http://www.ancestry.com/learn/>
- Rootsweb “Guide to Tracing Family Trees” -- <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/>
- Genealogy Articles -- <http://www.genealogy-articles.com/>
- Genealogy Branches – tips, articles and research guides at <http://genealogybranches.com/>
- “Skillbuilders” from Board for Certification of Genealogists -- <http://www.bcgcertification.org/skillbuilders/>
- Tutorial for “Researching Your Family Tree Online” -- <http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html>
- BYU Independent Study Courses (LDS oriented) -- <http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/freecourses.cfm>

#### Genealogy Libraries

- Worldwide Library Cooperative (WorldCat) -- <http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/>
- Library of Congress (Washington DC) -- <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>
- Family History Library (Salt Lake City) – <http://www.familysearch.org>
- Allen County (IN) Public Library (Fort Wayne) -- <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>
- New England Historic Genealogical Society -- [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org)
- Sutro - California State Library (San Francisco) -- <http://www.library.ca.gov/calhist/index.html>
- St. Louis County (MO) Library has NGS collection.-- <http://webpac.slcl.org/>

#### Genealogy News Sources

- Richard Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (Free Blog, \$20/year Email newsletter) -- [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/)
- Leland Meitzler's Everton Publishers Genealogy Blog -- <http://genealogyblog.com>
- DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog -- <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
- Juliana Smith's 24/7 Family History Circle (TGN) -- <http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/>
- Kimberly Powell's Genealogy Blog -- <http://genealogy.about.com/b/>
- Missouri State Genealogical Association blog -- <http://mosga.blogspot.com/>
- Randy Seaver's Genea-Musings blog -- [www.GeneaMusings.com](http://www.GeneaMusings.com)

#### “Neat” Web Sites

- Roots Television -- [www.RootsTelevision.com](http://www.RootsTelevision.com) -- genealogy videos
- Genealogy Guys Podcasts -- <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- DearMYRTLE's Podcasts -- <http://podcasts.dearmyrtle.com/>
- Genealogy Gems Podcasts -- <http://genealogygemspodcast.com/>
- Encyclopedia of Genealogy (a wiki) -- [www.eogen.com](http://www.eogen.com)
- Forensic Genealogy -- [www.ForensicGenealogy.info](http://www.ForensicGenealogy.info) -- weekly photo ID contest
- Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) -- [www.RAOGK.org](http://www.RAOGK.org) – volunteers can look up records in their locality
- Genealogy Disasters -- <http://www3.gendisasters.com/pages/front1>
- Dead Fred - Family History Photo Search -- <http://www.deadfred.com/>
- JMK Genealogy Gifts -- <http://www.cafepress.com/jmkbooks/>

#### San Diego Repository Online Databases

- San Diego Family History Library (Mission Valley) -- Ancestry Institution, WorldVitalRecords, Footnote, Godfrey Library; HeritageQuestOnline; KindredKonnections.
- Carlsbad Georgina Cole Public Library-- [www.carlsbadca.gov/library/librarydata.html](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/library/librarydata.html) -- Ancestry Library Edition; Footnote; New England Ancestors; HeritageQuestOnline; NewspaperARCHIVE; Biographical and Genealogical Master Index (BGMI)
- San Diego Public Library (all branches) -- <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/catalog-databases/> Ancestry Library Edition; Biographical and Genealogical Master Index (BGMI); ProQuest Newspapers (selected, including San Diego Union-Tribune); New York Times Historical; Gale Custom Newspapers Collection.