

American Battle Monuments Commission

www.abmc.gov

Search for WWI, WWII and Korean War casualties buried in commission cemeteries or listed on the Walls of the Missing. Listings include name, rank, state, date of death, burial place and awards earned.

Ancestors at Rest

ancestorsatrest.com

Scan the photos and transcriptions of coffin plates, funeral cards, obituaries, wills and other death records for your ancestors' names. Then click on the Articles link for information about gravestone symbols and causes of death in the olden days.

BlackSheepAncestors.com

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This fun site celebrating the scoundrels, rogues and outlaws in our family trees is also packed with useful data, such as state-by-state listings of prisons and inmates, plus biographies of worldwide pirates and buccaneers.

Cemetery Surveys

www.cemeterysurveysinc.com

The team behind this site, focused mostly on Southeastern states, not only transcribes tombstone inscriptions, but also posts photos linked to each one. A simple sitewide search lets you zoom to potential ancestors' graves.

DAR Library GRC National Index

members.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm

Search nearly 16 million names in 17,000 typescripts of records from across the country submitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution's Genealogical Records Committee. If you find your ancestor, you can request copies using the DAR's Search Service www.dar.org/library/search.cfm (\$15 per request, up to 10 pages).

Directory of Corporate Archives in the United States and Canada

www.hunterinformation.com/corporat.htm

Start finding your kin's occupational records with this guide to company archives, arranged by corporation, archivist and geographic area.

Family Tree Connection

www.familytreeconnection.com

This subscription-based data site (\$29.95 per year) specializes in off-the-beaten-track records such as school catalogs, association memberships, orphanage records, insurance claims, donation lists, church records and fraternal-organization documents. Information spans 1830 to 1930 and comes mostly from US sources.

Family Tree Legends Records Collection

www.familytreelegends.com

Even if you don't use Family Tree Legends software, for \$29.95 a year you can subscribe to the developers' records collection, which covers birth, marriage, death, military, land, court and probate records, plus biography, history, geography and reference materials.

Godfrey Memorial Library

www.godfrey.org

Here's a deal: Just \$35 a year gets you a Godfrey Scholar library card (no need to live in Middletown, Conn., the library's hometown) and remote access to subscription sites such as HeritageQuest Online (see below), Otherdays.com www.otherdays.com and the New York Times 1851 to 2001 article archive.

HeritageQuest Online

www.heritagequestonline.com

Though this site is designed for institutional use rather than individual subscriptions, it's worth inquiring whether your local library has access (if not, consider the Godfrey Memorial Library, above). Databases include the US census, 1790 to 1930 (with head of household indexes to most years); 25,000 family and local history books; Revolutionary War pension files and PERSI, the

index to articles in thousands of genealogical journals.

Land Records Research Directory

www.land-records.com

This nicely organized site will give you a jump start in using land records. You won't find actual records here, but each state gets an introduction and complete courthouse listing.

Nationwide Gravesite Locator

gravelocator.cem.va.gov

Search for burial locations of veterans and their dependents in Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries and other Department of Interior and military burial places. The site's 3.2 million entries from national cemeteries go back as far as the Civil War.

NaturalizationRecords.com

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Learn about naturalization and citizenship records with these detailed primers, then follow the links to online searches.

Old Directory Search

olddirectorysearch.com

This modest but growing collection of digitized city directory pages includes such volumes as the 1892 Denver directory, 1844 Chicago directory, 1786 New York City directory, 1890 Philadelphia directory and 1837 Cleveland directory. If your ancestors were in the right place at the right time, this site could spell a breakthrough.

Pullman Collection

www.rootsweb.com/~ssghs/pullman.htm

Maintained by the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society (SSGHS) in Illinois, this site will get you started digging into the records of some 200,000 former Pullman Car Works employees. Fill out the form here and SSGHS will do a quick search of records from 1900 to 1949 for free.

Sampubco

www.sampubco.com

Don't be put off by this site's bare-bones interface and almost adversarial tone. You can browse and search for free a variety of indexes to wills, naturalizations and intentions, guardianships and vital records, then order copies for a modest fee.

Sources2Go.com

www.sources2go.com

Discover this online vault of more than 100,000 digitized government records, richest in city directories, census enumerations and military records. Sources2Go offers images of the entire 1790 US census for free, as well as bounty-land warrants from 1815 to 1858. Sources2Go even provides zooming and panning features resembling those on subscription sites. But it lacks indexes, so be prepared to browse.

USAFuneralHomesOnline.com

www.usafuneralhomesonline.com

Even if you're not looking to lay a dearly departed relative to rest, this comprehensive guide to the nation's funeral homes can be a useful resource for tracking down your ancestors' death records.

Vital Records in the United States

www.vitalrecordsus.com

The Web has several guides to vital records, but we like this one's clean organization scheme, uncluttered info and clickable map.

Civil War Florida

www.civilwarflorida.com

Browse the Master Soldier Index and descendant registry-both works in progress-then add

information about your own Civil War ancestors to this well-designed Web site.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection

www.cdpheritage.org/newspapers

This collaborative project serves as the foundation for a statewide historical-newspaper database, beginning with 44 papers dating from 1859 to 1880. The database will include full-text indexing of all articles, graphics, letters to the editor and advertisements. You can view articles individually or in the context of the full newspaper page. Eventually, the project aims to encompass papers through 1923, a total of 1.6 million pages.

Digital Library of Georgia

dlg.galileo.usg.edu

Explore Georgia's history and culture as found in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, newspapers and other materials. Content ranges from 50,000 aerial photos and databases of historical books to Southeastern American Indian documents (1730 to 1842) and three newspapers (the Cherokee Phoenix, Dublin Post and Colored Tribune).

Georgia Archives

www.sos.state.ga.us/archives

Follow the "What do we have?" and online records links to search historical postcards, legislative documents and the Vanishing Georgia database of nearly 20,000 photos.

Kentucky Historical Society

history.ky.gov

Click on Research, then on Research Databases to access the society's compilation of Kentucky cemetery records, which includes nearly 200,000 gravestone records from 3,000-plus cemeteries.

Long Island Genealogy

longislandgenealogy.com

If your kin lived on Long Island, you won't want to miss this rich Web site, offering everything from cemetery and town records to colorful local history.

Louisiana State Archives: Confederate Pension Applications Index Database

www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/cpa-index.htm

Look for your Louisiana Confederates in this index of more than 49,000 names included in pension applications submitted to the state's Board of Pension Commissioners.

Michigan Cemetery Sources

michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org

Search this Web directory of 3,700 Michigan cemeteries, then click the links to find transcriptions in books, microfilms and online.

New Mexico Ancestors

www.rootsweb.com/~nma

Begin exploring your New Mexico roots with this site's 2 million record transcriptions, tombstone photographs and histories of the state's ghost towns.

New York State Civil War Soldier Database

www.archives.nysed.gov/a/researchroom/rr_mi_civilwar_dbintro.shtml

Muster up information about your fighting New York ancestor in this database: It documents 360,000-plus men who served with the New York State Volunteers, US Sharpshooter units and the state's three regiments of "colored troops" during the Civil War.

North Dakota State University Institute for Regional Studies

www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/bio&genealogy

If you have pioneer ancestors who braved the Upper Midwest prairies, this is the place to start looking for them. Among the databases here are the 1885 Dakota Territory census, naturalization records and an index to more than 59,000 names in obituaries published in the Fargo Forum newspaper.

NYC Death Records Search

www.italiangen.org/nycdeath.stm

Volunteers from the Genealogy Federation of Long Island have created an online index to more than 2.7 million New York City death certificates. So far, the index covers 1891 to 1936, with

coverage to 1948 in the works.

Online Archive of California

www.oac.cdlib.org

This site brings together historical materials from all over the Golden State. It encompasses more than 120,000 images; 50,000 pages of documents, letters and oral histories; and 8,000 guides to collections from California museums, historical societies and archives.

St. Louis Naturalization Cards Index

stlgs.org/natsearch.aspx

The St. Louis Genealogical Society has posted 93,000 index cards to city court naturalizations between 1816 and 1906, when the federal government took over the citizenship process.

Transcriptions of the cards give the person's country of origin, date and court of naturalization and names of witnesses. Check the user-friendly What Do I Do Next? page to learn how to find microfilm of the original cards and records.

The State of Wisconsin Collection

digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI

You'll find digitized books, manuscripts, sound recordings, photographs, maps and other resources in this online library. Materials include public documents, local histories, land survey records, and photos and maps of Milwaukee neighborhoods beginning in 1885.

Territorial Kansas Online

www.territorialkansasonline.org

This handsome site hosts hundreds of personal letters, diaries, photos and maps that bring to life the settling of Kansas and its bloody debate over slavery.

Utah Census Search

www.xmission.com/~nelsonb/census_search.htm

Even you don't think you have Utah ancestors, you might find a relative or two by searching these 1850 to 1880 enumerations of Utah Territory-which, after all, also covered various parts of adjacent states.

West Virginia Memory Project

wvmemory.wvculture.org

This site from the state archives includes a timeline, state documents, old photos, militia records, a periodical search and even a celebration of the Mountaineer State's historical highway markers.

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groups.haas.berkeley.edu/iber/casefiles

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www.fjc.ru

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Family Tree Circles

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Genes Reunited

www.genesreunited.com

When searching for pedigrees, don't overlook overseas connections. This is the United Kingdom's largest family tree site, with more than 31 million people listed.

Heritage Recipes

www.heritagerecipes.com/Recipes.htm

Get the flavor of yesteryear—literally—with this exchange of "recipes that our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers shared with their daughters and friends and used every day." This may be the only genealogy-related site that's bad for your waistline, as the recipes are heavy on baked goods such as Aunt Reet's Rolls, Grandmama's Banana Cake, Grandpa's Cherry Cake and Mom's Amaretto Pound Cake. The webmasters invite you to share your own family favorites.

Looking 4 Kin

www.looking4kin.com

Maybe someone in this friendly site's genealogy chat room can solve your brick-wall problem. You'll also find an extensive list of well-categorized links here.

LostCousins

www.lostcousins.com

Although limited in scope so far, this British site offers an intriguing model for connecting with kin. Simply register (it's free), enter the names of ancestors you've found in the 1881 censuses of England, Wales and Scotland, and the site will automatically search its databases for your cousins. Future census connections are in the works.

TribalPages

www.tribalpages.com

We thought the Web had enough pedigree-sharing sites until we discovered TribalPages, a free service that lets you not only share but also document and view your family history online. Besides searching the database of 12 million-plus names, you can store your own data and get online charts and reports.

A9

a9.com

Looking to add new weapons to your Web-search arsenal? This slick search engine from Amazon.com can comb Web sites, books, digital images, reference works, movies and yellow pages all in one fell swoop. It then groups results by source (that is, Web, books, images and so on).

Answers.com

www.answers.com

This portal provides just what its name implies — on a million topics, covering people, places, words and names. It draws information from reliable sources, including online dictionaries and encyclopedias. Try drilling down through various topics to find handy reference material: For example, the places category serves up city and regional maps, currency converters, area codes, country flags, statistical data and more.

Clusty

clusty.com

Clusty's worth adding to your bag of Web-surfing tricks because of its unique "clustering" of results. Search for your surname plus "family history," for example, then weed out the chaff and go straight to the good stuff by clicking on the hits Clusty groups under the genealogy topic.

Daily Genealogy News.com

www.dailygenealogynews.com

Find out what's new in searching for what's old. This site combines various RSS (Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary) feeds, updated every four hours. There's also a genealogy search tool that lets you target online census, cemetery, obituary, land and other records with one search.

Family Tree DNA

www.familytreedna.com

Among the many genetic-genealogy testing companies' Web sites, this one stands out for its wealth of free information, DNA forum, monthly newsletter, library of scientific papers and free FTDNATiP calculator that allows two matching individuals to estimate the number of years back to their shared ancestor.

GenealogyBuff.com

www.genealogybuff.com

Search for your surname in dozens of family history databases with one click. Though you still have to visit each site to see the results (or find out your search came up empty), GenealogyBuff.com can be a good starting point for online research.

Genetealogy

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Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, co-author of *Trace Your Roots with DNA* (Rodale, \$14.95), is behind this new online clearinghouse for genetic-genealogy information. As DNA grows in importance for family historians, we bet you'll turn increasingly to Genetealogy's links to online articles, testing companies, message boards, surname projects and recommended books and videos. (You can read Smolenyak's plain-English guide to DNA testing—and what it means for family history research—in the February 2005 *Family Tree Magazine*.)

MacGenealogy.org

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Mac users who feel left out by the Windows-centric world of genealogy software can find solace and suggestions at this newsy site.

My Family Health Portrait

www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/download.html

Free genealogy software from Uncle Sam? This simple downloadable program helps you combine your family tree and family medical history, then print a chart you can take to your doctor's office.

One-Step Webpages

stevemorse.org

End your frustration with popular genealogy sites' search limitations. Steve Morse, who made searching the Ellis Island database a snap, has applied his Web wizardry to other ports of immigration, vital-records databases and, most notably, the US census.

OurTimeLines.com

www.ourtimelines.com

Enter events from your ancestor's life, then let this site generate a timeline you can paste into your own Web site.

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation

www.smgf.org

If you've had a Y-DNA test, you can use this nonprofit genetic-genealogy research organization's site to compare results with 12,000 genetic profiles, linked to genealogies of 480,000-plus ancestors that represent at least 7,900 surnames around the world.

TreEzy

www.treezy.com

Think Google for genealogy: TreEzy indexes sites with genealogical and historical content, not just lists of links. There's even a downloadable toolbar a la Yahoo! or Google.

UKWizz

www.ukwizz.com

If you're looking for British Isles ancestors or info, try this United Kingdom-centric search engine to dig deeper.