

## SOCCGS FAVORITE WEBSITES

**Ancestry** - <http://www.ancestry.com> - Surname search engine which searches many databases, some are free, others require a paid subscription. Census records online for all census years, with an all-name index for 1850-1930, head of household index for 1790-1840. Ancestry can be accessed, free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by the Mission Viejo Library).

**Find My Past** - <http://www.findmypast.com/>- A subscription required service which is based in England and has a huge collection of British Records. They are now expanding to the U.S. and many other countries. Fully searchable. Free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**My Heritage.com** <https://www.myheritage.com/research?s=247536661/do/index>- Based in Israel with U.S. offices in Utah and California, MyHeritage is one of the largest international genealogy sites with more than 80 million registered users.My Heritage can be accessed, free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Fold3.com** - <http://www.fold3.com/> - A subscription-required service which has scanned images of a huge number of documents. Fold3.com can be accessed, free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Newspapers.com** - <http://www.newspapers.com/>- A subscription required service which has 3300 newspapers from 1700s to 2000s. Owned by Ancestry, Fully searchable. Free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Newspaper Archive** - <https://www.newspaperarchive.com/> - A subscription required service which has newspapers from 655 U.S. cites, some dating back to the early 1800s. Fully searchable. Free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**GenealogyBank.com** - <http://www.genealogybank.com/> - A subscription required service which has Historical Newspapers (1690-2007). Also has an extensive Newspaper Obituary Collection (1977-current) as well as Historical Books (1801-1900) and Documents (1789-1984). The Social Security Death Index (1937-current) is also available on this site. Fully searchable. Free of charge, on the SOCCGS Computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**British Newspaper Archives** - <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/> - A subscription-required service which has British newspapers mainly from the 18th and 19th centuries. British Newspaper Archives can be accessed, free of charge, on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**American Ancestors** - <http://www.newenglandancestors.org/> - A subscription-required service hosted by The New England Historic Genealogical Society. Rich source of New England genealogy Information. Can be accessed, free of charge on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Billion Graves Plus** - <http://www.billiongraves.com/> - This is the premium version of Billion Graves which allows you to see the location of the headstone in the cemetery. It also allows you to see nearby graves. With the Global Family feature you can see everyone that shares the same family name on a map sorted by city, county, state, country or even the whole world. (Service paid for by SOCCG).

**PRDH** - <http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/acces.htm> - French Canadian parish registers and other nominative documents of the 17th and 18th centuries, computerised for research purposes by the Programme de recherche en démographie historique (PRDH) of the Université de Montréal. Over 710 000 certificates, including ALL baptisms, marriages and burials contained in Quebec catholic parish registers up to 1800. Can be accessed, free of charge on the SOCCGS computers (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**HistoryGeo.com** - <http://www.historygeo.com> - A family history software service for linking old maps and land records to your genealogy research. (Service paid for by SOCCGS).

**Family Search** - <http://www.familysearch.org> - LDS Website. Has the complete 1880 U. S. Census, 1881 British Census, 1881 Canadian Census, International Genealogical Index (IGI), Ancestral Files and Pedigree Resource File. You may share your genealogy here in the Pedigree Resource File. FREE!

**USGenWeb** - <http://www.usgenweb.com> - This is the home page for the USGenWeb Project. You will find Internet websites for genealogical research in nearly every county and every state of the United States. Some have listed cemetery records, marriage records or census records. FREE!

**WorldGenWeb** - <http://www.worldgenweb.org/> - WorldGenWeb Project is a non-profit, volunteer based organization dedicated to providing genealogical and historical records and resources for FREE!

**Rootsweb** - <http://www.rootsweb.com> - Oldest and largest free genealogy site. Includes a variety of search engines and databases: CA & TX death records, Roots Surname List Name Finder, World Connect, Mailing Lists, etc. You can sign up to belong to a surname and/or geographical mailinglist. [Still free, but sponsored by Ancestry.com.]

**Cyndi's List** - <http://www.cyndislist.com> - Cyndi Howe's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. This is an extremely large list of genealogy website links. FREE!

**USGS** - <http://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=gnispq> - USGS Mapping Information. This site is useful for finding old churches & cemeteries. FREE!!

**NARA** - <http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/> - National Archives & Records Administration. (Census indexes and other NARA data.) . FREE!

**County Boundary Historical Atlas:** <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/> Click on "Maps" and choose a state and it will show the county boundary for any census year that you specify. FREE!

**Library of Congress Digital Collection** - <http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html> - Library of Congress Digital Collection includes "American History and Culture" and "Historical Newspapers" FREE!

**Whitepages** - <http://www.whitepages.com/> - Find address and phone number of living people anywhere in US if they have a listed telephone number. FREE!

**Findagrave.com** - <http://www.findagrave.com/> - Find the grave site of your ancestor. It will often show a picture of the headstone. FREE!

**Google** - <http://www.Google.com/> - The best search engine on the web. Put quotation marks around first and last names and add the word family or genealogy. FREE!

**Free Forms & Charts From Ancestry-** <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/charts-and-forms>- Download and print free forms and charts

**WorldCat** - <http://www.worldcat.org> - Find a book in a library near you.

**Social Security Death Index** - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535> - Name index to deaths recorded by the Social Security Administration beginning in 1962. Current to second month of current year. FREE!

**Ellis Island** - <http://www.ellislandrecords.org> - The American Family Immigration History Center. Searchable records of passengers who arrived at Ellis Island from 1892 to 1924 - includes ship's name and manifest; where passengers left from and where they were going. FREE!

**Castle Garden** - <http://www.castlegarden.org> - Access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892. FREE!

**GENUKI** - <http://www.genuki.org.uk/> - United Kingdom and Ireland genealogy. . FREE!

**Bureau of Land Management** - <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> - If your ancestor homesteaded you should be able to find the land record here. FREE!

**Civil War Soldiers & Sailors** - <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> - Searchable database that will show the unit that your civil war ancestor served in. Also has unit histories. FREE!

**DAR Genealogical Research System** - [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?Tab\\_ID=5](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=5) - Information available from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for the purposes of general research and assisting with the DAR membership process.. . FREE

**Elephind** - <http://www.elephind.com/> - Digitized historic newspapers from many countries. They claim to have 2,652,049 newspaper pages and 2,705 titles as of 10/10/15. FREE!

**SOCCGS Library Catalog** - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casocgs/library.pdf> - A list of all the books in the SOCCGS Library sorted by subject and sorted by title. FREE!

**Carlsbad Library Genealogy Catalog** - [https://cbcl.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/home](https://cbcl.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en_US/home) - A searchable catalog of genealogy books in the Georgia Cole Library in Carlsbad, CA. FREE!

**SOCCGS Web Page:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~casocgs/> South Orange County California Genealogical Society web page. Catalog of all the society's books and CDs as well as copies of newsletters from 1995 to present.

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