

**Web Sites that have appeared in the**  
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<http://familysearchwiki.com> -- Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in their 85,249 articles.

<http://accessgenalogy.com> – Click on any state and find information you may not find anywhere else. One of my favorite sites.

To keep informed about the latest genealogy records on the Internet, go to <http://www.genealogyintime.com> and click on “resources”. There is a lot more to this Web site that you might want to explore.

If you subscribe to Ancestry, you can go to <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/reccol/default> to find their latest added and updated collections.

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blvitalus.htm> -- How and where to obtain vital records.

[www.blacksheepancestors.com](http://www.blacksheepancestors.com) -- Search for your Blacksheep Ancestors in Free Genealogical Prison and Convict Records, Historical Court Records, Executions, Insane Asylum Records and Biographies of Famous Outlaws, Criminals & Pirates in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

[www.deadfred.com](http://www.deadfred.com) – Genealogy photo archive. Download and upload old photos.

<http://www.censusfinder.com/genealogy-society-directory.htm> -- A listing of genealogy and historical societies around the U.S., and how to contact them for assistance with your research. Also, leads on how to contact the same in Canada and the United Kingdom.

<http://learnwebskills.com/family/countyhistories1.htm> -- A listing of county and town histories by state that you can read online.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/170-years-of-americas-evolution-in-one-animated-gif-12784190/?no-ist> -- 170 Years of American History In One Amazing GIF Territorial Evolution of the United States. (Once you reach the site, scroll down and watch the map of the US change second by second. Next go to the second web address below to find it on Wikipedia where you can explore at your leisure frame by frame.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TerritorialevolutionoftheUnitedStates>

[www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com) – a genealogy-specific search engine

[www.alhn.org](http://www.alhn.org) -- American Local History Network. For those of you interested in local history, you can search for historical Web sites by state and county. There are a few states that don't have a Webmaster, but Washington, for one, has some very interesting sites.

[www.ourtimelines.com](http://www.ourtimelines.com) -- This web site generates truly fascinating personalized web pages for you. They show how your life (or the life of anyone else you choose - for instance, your descendants and ancestors) fits into history as we know it.

<http://www.epodunk.com/> A fascinating site that profiles over 46,000 cities, towns, villages, townships, and podunks across America. Learn more about the history of the place your ancestors lived, among lots of other things.

<http://www.olivetreenealogy.com/photos/photo-types.shtml> describes different types of early photographs, and how to determine when your old photos may have been taken.

<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/?sssdmh=dm13.162934> In case you don't already know, a blog is a frequently updated online journal -- a place to share your thoughts and your passions. Really, it's anything you want it to be. For our purposes we'll say that a blog is your own website that you are going to update on an ongoing basis. Blog is a short form for the word weblog and the two words are used interchangeably. This site will help you search specific genealogy blogs according to your interests. Use the "Search" feature.

<http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/default.aspx> The Bureau of Land Management Records. Personally, I have found the original homestead records for a number of my ancestors on this site. Very interesting.

[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) – Research help for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Links to archives, libraries, cemetery records, censuses, civil registrations, and much more. Free

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy1/genealogy-websites/> Endless links to Irish research. Free

<http://www.thirdstbooks.com/> This bookstore is located in Marysville, WA. One of the owner's specialties is school yearbooks – she has collected at least 6900 of them from all over the country – many digitized on her Web site. Since genealogy is her hobby, the site is worth exploring; or visit her store in person, which I have done.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo/index.html> Books We Own is a list of resources owned/accessed by individuals who are willing to look up genealogical information and e-mail or snail mail it to others who request it. This is a free service - volunteers may ask for reimbursement of copies and postage if information is provided via snail-mail.

<http://www.historylink.org/> -- A free encyclopedia of Washington State history. This site has an incredible amount of historical information on the entire state.

<http://www.octa-trails.org/> -- For those of you interested in learning more about the Oregon Trail, you will enjoy this site presented by the Oregon-California Trail Assoc.

<http://millionshort.com> is a search engine that specializes in searching less-common websites. Million Short is ideal for anyone looking for ancestral records because archived ancestral records are often found in the obscure corners of the internet. The name Million Short derives from the fact that this search engine basically ignores the 1 million most popular websites on the internet. Instead, it focuses on less-common websites. It specializes in what are known as long-tail searches, which focuses on the obscure and the uncommon. Many genealogy records are obscure and uncommon.

<http://gengophers.com> This is a new Website that searches 80,000 digital genealogy books for your family for free! I found my Barney Bixby immediately.

[http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?tab\\_id=0](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?tab_id=0) -- Daughters of the American Revolution. Find your ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War. The DAR Genealogical Research System lets you explore those patriots' documented descendants.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx> -- For those of you with Canadian research this site has searchable census records. Other databases cover vital, immigration, land and military records.

[http://www.fgs.org/cstm\\_societyHall.php](http://www.fgs.org/cstm_societyHall.php) -- On this Federation of Genealogical Societies site you will find a listing of all the societies in the United States, and their contact e-mail addresses. Click on "find a society" on the left hand side of the page. Genealogy societies are a very helpful source for local information where you are researching.

[www.cardcow.com](http://www.cardcow.com) – A rather frivolous site, but fun just the same. Perhaps you are constructing a family history album and would love an old photo of a particular place. At this site you will find old postcards from around the country. Near the top of the main page there is a list of types of postcards. Click on "U.S. States and Town Views" – the first on the list. You will find a list of states, then towns. It isn't necessary to purchase these cards. All you have to do is right click on one and save to your pictures. Have fun!

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> -- a database containing information about the men who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers> --There are a number of pay sites for old digitized newspapers such as [www.newspaperarchives.com](http://www.newspaperarchives.com) and [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com), but the Google newspaper site is free and there are millions of archived pages from around the world.

[www.genforum.com](http://www.genforum.com) – One of my all-time favorite sites. GenForum is the ultimate research resource with over 14,000 online forums devoted to genealogy, including surnames, U.S. states, countries, and general topics. Connect with someone researching the same thing.

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) – This site offers free public access to millions of public domain books, along with music, film, photographs and other archived historical records. Resources include items from the Allen County Public Library and the Brigham Young University Library, among others. You will be amazed at what you can find here.

[www.familyhistorydaily.com](http://www.familyhistorydaily.com) – How-to stories and research. A great learning site.

[www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org) – A group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This is a free site. Click on any state, then any county, and find what resources are available to you.

[www.worldgenweb.org](http://www.worldgenweb.org) – The companion site to [www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org). Click on any country to find the available resources. Both are very helpful sites.

<http://stevemorse.org/> -- Don't let the complicated appearance fool you: Beginners looking for passenger and immigration information won't want to pass up this site. Morse has created better search tools for data found on other websites. Click on "About This Website and How to Use It" for a primer, or just scroll down to the various search forms and the accompanying explanations. Where search results lead to paid subscription sites (including Ancestry.com), that site will charge you.

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html> -- Learn to do effective genealogy internet searches with the Easy Google Genealogy Searcher. Can't remember all the Google tricks you've heard for genealogy searching? Want to learn some things you probably had no idea Google could do? The Easy Genealogy Google Searcher puts advanced Google features on one page with suggested keywords and advice about how each feature is useful for genealogy searches.

[www.books.familysearch.org](http://www.books.familysearch.org) -- Family History Books is a collection of more than 200,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees.

[www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) – It bills itself as the “catalog of ideas” – A free content sharing service that allows members to "pin" images, videos and other objects to their pinboard for the use of everyone. Search “genealogy” and you will be amazed at what you will find. There are various headings at the top from which to choose.

[www.conferencekeeper.org](http://www.conferencekeeper.org) – A great source for information about upcoming genealogy and family history events mainly in the U.S. and Canada, but some from around the world.

<http://www.cangenealogy.com/> -- For those of you with Canadian roots (and there are a number of you) this is an excellent site with genealogy links to all the Provinces, and a listing of upcoming genealogy events in Canada.

<http://www.norwayheritage.com/pasquest.asp> -- A number of you have Norwegian heritage, and this site could be helpful to you. It contains passenger and ship lists into New York and Canada, among other things.

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and [www.images.google.com](http://www.images.google.com) – For those of you who haven't already tried it, enter the surname you are researching, and you might be surprised what you will find. I've discovered information and photos of several ancestors that were new to me.

[https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=UNITED\\_STATES](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=UNITED_STATES) – We can't be reminded enough to check out Family Search as they are continually adding new records. This site lists them by State.

[www.billiongraves.com](http://www.billiongraves.com) – Name index of burial records from the world's cemeteries, all tagged with GPS locations by volunteers who capture images of headstones in a cemetery and upload them to the site.

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com) -- a source for family history buffs to find genealogical research originally posted in GenForum and the most popular genealogy articles. Lots of “how-to” articles, and you can search by state and county for a surname. Many postings are older, but I have found items about my ancestors that are still relevant.

[www.researchguides.net](http://www.researchguides.net) -- Genealogy Research Guides, Tips and Online Records. The Basics of Online Genealogy Research for Beginners and Beyond

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/> and <http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/> -- Both these free sites are dedicated to helping you research your Irish Ancestry.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm> -- This site tells you who to contact in each state to obtain vital records such as birth, death, marriage, divorce. *Make sure that you specify that the record you desire is for genealogy research purposes only, which should make it cheaper than a certified copy.*

<http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/> -- Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Click on a state and discover the historical boundaries of every State in the U.S.

[www.genealogycoach.com](http://www.genealogycoach.com) – Our Education Chair, Cindy Harris, mentioned this site at one of our WGS meetings. Perhaps you need some help with a genealogy task or problem. There are professional family history researchers, technology geniuses, and archival experts (all called genealogy coaches on this site) just waiting to help you. Decide what you need specific help with and select a category. Look through the list of coaches who specialize in that topic, read their bios, and decide who you want to coach you. Select an appointment date and time. There is a fee for this service, but if you’ve been stuck on a brick wall for a long time, it could be worth it.

[www.wikitree.com](http://www.wikitree.com) – where genealogists collaborate. A community of genealogists working together to grow an accurate single family tree using [DNA](#) and traditional genealogical sources. Click on the first letter of your surname, and you will be surprised how many entries there may be.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> -- For those of you researching in the United Kingdom.