

## RECOMMENDED WEB SITES

Sites listed are free-access, except where noted to require a membership or service fee. Most state archives and state historical societies also have good web sites, which are easily located. And don't forget your local library, which may have an on-line catalog listing more than you think. There are thousands more sites; this should get you started.

### **ANCESTRY.COM**

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

Without a doubt, the premier research site on the web. This site requires an annual membership fee, but free access is provided at many public libraries. Ancestry has more primary sources on-line than anyone else: a full set of U.S. Census records, World War I Draft Registration cards, the Social Security Death Index, a newspaper archive, and a lot more. Sophisticated indexing and search features make this site especially easy to use.

### **FAMILYSEARCH**

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

The best free-access genealogical research site. Includes the 1880 U. S. Census and many records posted by fellow researchers. The site also includes a full catalog of microforms in the main Family Search archives maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. (Any roll of microfilm in the vault at Salt Lake can be sent to a Family History Center near you, for you to examine.) And if you want to use a computer database program to organize your family tree research, you can download from this site – for free – a copy of "Personal Ancestral File," an excellent program.

### **GENFORUM**

[www.genforum.genealogy.com](http://www.genforum.genealogy.com)

The fastest way to find other people researching your last name. Type your surname into the "Forum Finder" box and hit "Enter." If there are a lot of posted messages – and there probably will be – use the "Search this Forum" box to narrow your search with a place name or other key word. This is a free site where you can post messages and queries; and you can view the messages posted by others, along with their e-mail addresses. The parent company, genealogy.com, is a for-profit company which provides other products and services as well.

### **U. S. GENWEB**

[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)

Every U. S. county has a GenWeb site dedicated to its local history and genealogy, and free access to this network is maintained through an extensive network of volunteers. There are many primary sources on-line here, plus electronic bulletin boards which allow you to locate other researchers who are investigating related families in the same county. U. S. GenWeb also supports an array of special projects which cross county lines. Amazing.

### **ACCESS GENEALOGY**

[www.accessgenealogy.com](http://www.accessgenealogy.com)

Native American records and much else.

### **AFRIGENEAS**

[www.afrigeneas.com](http://www.afrigeneas.com)

The best African-American research site, with Freedmen's Bank records, cemeteries, etc.

### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

[www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)

A searchable database of early land patents and survey plats, including original images.

### **CYNDI'S LIST**

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

The classic internet genealogical portal, with links to thousands of specific-interest sites.

### **ELLIS ISLAND**

[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

Port of New York immigration 1892-1924. For earlier records, see [CastleGarden.org](http://CastleGarden.org).

### **FOOTNOTE**

[www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)

Records from the National Archives, including Civil War service files and Dawes Roll packets. Requires a fee per document or membership.

### **NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)

Military, naturalization, and Native American records, plus excellent how-to guides.

### **ROOTSWEB**

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

A free site with lots of general and how-to information, mailing lists, and databases.

### **VITALCHECK**

[www.vitalcheck.com](http://www.vitalcheck.com)

A fee-for-service organization which allows you to order vital records on-line for any state in the U. S. More expensive than writing to local governments, but faster and much easier.

### **WORLDCAT**

[www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)

A catalog of books in libraries all over the world. See also the related National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections: <http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>

### **AFRICANA HERITAGE PROJECT**

[www.africanaheritage.com](http://www.africanaheritage.com)

### **CANADIAN GENEALOGY**

[www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy)

### **CATHOLIC RESEARCH GUIDE**

[http://home.att.net/~Local\\_Catholic](http://home.att.net/~Local_Catholic)

### **CHEROKEE GENEALOGY**

[www.allthingscherokee.com](http://www.allthingscherokee.com)

### **CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS SYSTEM**

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>

### **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LIBRARY**

[www.dar.org/library](http://www.dar.org/library)

### **EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION**

[www.feefhs.org](http://www.feefhs.org)

### **FIND-A-GRAVE**

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

### **GERMAN GENEALOGY GROUP**

[www.germangenealogygroup.com](http://www.germangenealogygroup.com)

### **HISPANIC GENEALOGY**

[www.hispanicgenealogy.com](http://www.hispanicgenealogy.com)

### **IMMIGRANT SHIPS TRANSCRIBERS GUILD**

[www.immigrantships.net](http://www.immigrantships.net)

### **IRISH GENEALOGY LINKS**

[www.genealogylinks.net/uk/ireland/index](http://www.genealogylinks.net/uk/ireland/index)

### **ITALIAN ANCESTRY**

[www.italianancestry.com](http://www.italianancestry.com)

### **JEWISH GENEALOGY**

[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org) and [www.avotanyu.com](http://www.avotanyu.com)

### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

[www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy](http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy)

### **POLISH ROOTS**

[www.polishroots.com](http://www.polishroots.com)

### **UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND**

[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

### **U. S. CITY DIRECTORIES**

[www.uscitydirectories.com](http://www.uscitydirectories.com)

### **WORLD GENWEB**

[www.worldgenweb.org](http://www.worldgenweb.org)