

# Some Underused Online Resources

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## **Introduction**

Most researchers use the Internet to some extent. Few use it as thoroughly as they might. None are able to explore all it offers. This presentation discusses some general methods to yield more results, and will explore a sampling of sites.

## **Basics Tips**

- Learn how to use each site you visit
- Read instructions, tutorials, search tips
- Don't overlook free websites
- Major sites such as USGenWeb need to be regular stop in your research process

## **Basic Tips: Site-wide Searches**

- Watch in the free sites (USGen Web, etc.) for some form of site-wide search
- It will often be in form of PicoSearch, FreeFind, or Google Custom Search
- Generally located near bottom of home page, or in a top corner
- Sometimes even available on statewide sites
- Great timesaver; may help you find something you would otherwise overlook

## **Basic Tips: Searches, Use Correct Search**

- Ads, including search panels, often appear on free sites
- Be sure you are using correct search panel, not one which leads to a fee-based site advertising on the free site.
- If you are on a free site and get a request to subscribe when you run search, you probably chose wrong one.

## **Dig Deeper in Familiar Ground**

- Look more deeply into results, and data, offered on sites you already visit
- Revisit former sites with new approaches; content changes constantly
- Watch for links to other sites on the sites you visit

## **Try different versions, look at same source on different sites**

BE AWARE: Indexing varies site to site, in extent, accuracy, and even in how it was prepared.

- Some census indexing may be incomplete or still in progress for certain states or years. Check to see what is complete.
- Index criteria will vary. Some sites may index every name for certain years; others only the head of household.
- Know what you are using. Look for details.

## **Watch for different versions of same record; be alert to variances, shortcomings**

- You can often find more than one version of a record or source online
- There may be some differences

- Compare, evaluate; seek original if needed to resolve discrepancies
- Check for other sources to compare, also

**What can you find in online searches? Record types most easily found online:**

- Federal Census
- Military source materials
- Digitized books
- Maps of many kinds
- Cemetery listings
- Obituaries
- Newspaper articles

**What can you find? Also readily available online:**

- State census, and special schedules of Federal census
- Indices to county records and sometimes extracts
- Databases of state vital records and sometimes digitized images of original records
- Compiled lineages / descendencies (*Caution! Watch for errors, shortcomings.*)

**What can you find? More difficult to find, but also available:**

- Ancestral photographs
- Original county records, such as land and probate
- Documented lineages
- Other, more obscure record types

**How do you find these? Delve deeper in your quest:**

- Search in more than one place . . . Even the largest database does not have everything you seek, or maybe even the best version
- Note that there may be more than one source out there for the same record
- Indexing will be different on each

**Some techniques, and a few examples:**

General advice: You can find most sites in more than one way; i.e., links from another site, through gateways such as Cyndi's List, and via general internet searches. Try more than one way to find what you need.

**Be aware as you search**

- As mentioned before, no one site has everything
- Quality of images will vary from site to site, even for same title
- Indexing will be better on some sites than others

**Census — Multiple places to check for the same record; census, for example.**

- Use more than one site. FamilySearch.org census collection is outstanding in quality, and growing rapidly
- Footnote.com 1860 appears complete, and 1930 census is about 75 indexed. Other years currently offer only two or three states each
- Footnote also has Indian Census Rolls, 1885–1940, as does Ancestry
- Remember the 'Browse' feature in Heritage Quest; tab at top of search panel
- WorldVitalRecords.com: images of all Federal population schedules, 1790 thru 1930
- 1890 veterans' schedule in Ancestry and Heritage Quest; index only in Genealogy.com

- Don't overlook state census
- Census of all types is becoming increasingly accessible

### **Census Tips**

- Check more than one site if you do not find person or family.
- Try advanced search in several sites, searching in different ways for hard-to-find people
- Read search tips on each site you are using, to learn how to search more effectively
- Remember to search variant spellings, or search with 'Exact Spelling' turned off.
- If you cannot find the family by looking for head of household, search for other members of family, or even the neighbors from previous census
- Consider using browse option in Heritage Quest to scroll through images for the county or township where the family should be

### **Military Records**

- Footnote.com is great for Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War II
- In-depth indexing of pension files on Footnote.com is a boon to research; may find a Rev. War ancestor named in another soldier's pension file, even if yours did not apply
- D.A.R. Patriot Index is major resource; use "Ancestor" tab at D.A.R. Genealogical Resource System site
- Genealogy Quest offers 155 separate databases to search, from 1656 through 1945
- If you know unit in which individual served, search that as well. Many have sites, including rosters of veterans, published histories, or soldier's accounts.

### **Military Records: American Battle Monuments Commission**

- Records of 33,000 out of 116,000 casualties from WWI
- Higher percentage for WWII and Korean War.
- Also included is a link to a Korean War Honor Roll site which includes photographs.
- Burial listing section includes information ranging from Mexican War burials through the Vietnam War missing.

### **Military Records: Starting Points**

- Military Records Online is great starting point, for directory of links.
- Others exist just for specific wars, from the Revolutionary War to the present
- Two outstanding sites for World War II
- Cyndi's List has major selection of links for Military research

### **Digitized books — Multiple sites offer these, including:**

- Google Books ("millions" of books) I recommend using the Advanced Search.
- Family History Archive (17,732 on 1/1/2011)
- Heritage Quest (over 28,000) Offers a user-friendly search.
- Project Gutenberg (over 34,000)
- Internet Archive (2,612,512 items)
- Results will also come up in Ancestry and America's Genealogy Bank

### **Searching books**

Internet Archive, the largest and oldest of this type of resource, currently (January 2011) states that it has over one million books available. Collection also includes many items

from other media.

- Internet archive sub-collection for Genealogy currently has 54,442 items
- Microfilm collection is 91,220 items, some of which is useful for genealogy

### **Searching books: Some additional sites you might not consider for books:**

- In Ancestry.com, go to Stories, Memories & Histories category
- In Ancestry Library Edition, this category appears under the second tab, “Stories & Publication,” located just above list of hits to the right of Historical Records tab. Many researchers spend so much time in the hits in the Historical Records tab that they never progress into the other areas.
- America’s Genealogy Bank lists hits in books in a separate category, Historical Books.
- Local & state genealogy sites may include: USGenWeb, etc.

### **When searching books, for best results:**

- Search more than one site
- Use advanced search options when available
- Vary spelling of names
- Broaden search for more hits; look for only surname, or name with only state not county, or leave out middle name or one or more of the keywords

### **Maps**

Addressed by another, complete program, but here are some major, free sites to explore are listed in web addresses at end of this handout

- Ancestry also has a major map collection of land plat maps, and others; hits appears on a separate tab entitled, “Photos & Maps” in Ancestry.com

### **Place Names**

Check Cyndi’s List in “Maps, Gazetteers...” category. These are helpful:

- U.S.G.S. Geographic Names Information Service (GNIS)
- United States Official Postal Guides on Internet Archive; 12 in all, which range from 1811 through 1879
- Historic Map Works, a commercial site, offers a search for place name; also available in WorldVitalRecords.com

### **Cemeteries**

- My favorite is Find A Grave, simply because of the size; 56 million graves.
- Interment.net is also good, for size
- Rootsweb and USGenWeb have listings
- Try large-scale, national databases first, then search by locality on smaller sites.
- Also consider a search for the name, in quotes, in Google Images; many headstone photographs are indexed there, but most without any information as to location
- In Find A Grave, you sometimes find photos, and may even find additional detail, but documentation is seldom given. Have seen date errors from misreading of stones.

### **Cemeteries — Other options for cemetery searches:**

- Some sites offer links to other, large databases. Some examples are listed in handout
- More can be found by searching some state-level websites
- Don’t overlook Cemetery Junction

- For veterans, try the Nationwide Grave Locator at the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs

### **Obituaries — Available sites change, increase, almost daily.**

Generally speaking, older obituaries (pre-1980s) will be harder to find online.

- Commercial databases include large collections; Ancestry, America's Genealogy Bank are good examples
- Search also in newspaper databases
- See what your library offers
- Check Chronicling America, and state library or historical society sites
- Don't overlook Obituary Daily Times
- Legacy.com is good; change date, note funeral home if given in brief or archived obituary, then search for that site. Often has more complete version.
- Ancestor Hunt provides links to smaller, local searches and indices.
- After trying the large databases and local sites, consider a web search
- Try a search in this format, in Google, Bing, Yahoo, or any large search engine: John Smith +(died) Then run a second time as "Smith, John" +(died)
- Only add initials or middle name, or a state within the parenthesis, if absolutely necessary to refine results

### **Newspapers — Don't overlook this fantastic resource.**

- Check local library to see what is offered
- Watch for results in major databases
- Check Chronicling America / "Search Newspaper Directory", and appropriate state link from U.S. Newspaper Program site
- Check USGenWeb for links
- Use Cyndi's List links to find more

### **Census, other than Federal**

- Much state census is in Ancestry, FamilySearch.
- Some Agricultural Schedules and other special schedules are searchable online
- Mortality schedules often indexed, even transcribed on some USGenWeb sites
- Indian census, 1885–1940, on Footnote and Ancestry
- Try internet searches also, for state name and "state census"

### **Vital Records — Another record type which is readily searchable online.**

Some sites offer indices only, others have scanned images. As with census, there are sometimes multiple places to check for the same record.

- Ancestry: many vital records databases, 2,967 at last count, some with images.
- FamilySearch: currently offers 190 databases in Birth, Marriage & Death category, 41 of which are statewide and many come into the 20th century. Of those, 18 have images.
- Footnote: 3 statewide, 4 other vital records databases
- Check Cyndi's List, other sites, for links. This will lead to some less well-known sites.
- Deathindexes.com, shown on next two slides, is an excellent tool
- Midwest Genealogy Center page offers 88 links
- Several states now have searchable databases, even digitized images of documents, usually through a website of state archives

- Also remember to check local sites through USGenWeb and similar. For example, from USGenWeb link, transcribed county death records were found.

### **Compiled Lineages**

This is a delicate area. Much is out there, online, which is junk for lack of better term. Some good material can be found.

- All large databases, fee-based and free, have a component with family trees.
- Some sites are devoted exclusively to this, such as One Great Family and My Heritage.
- Use with caution. Check Cyndi's List for links.
- Run internet searches with surname and terms, "genealogy", "family", "family history".

A handy way to search for compiled lineages online, since there are so many sites, is to use consolidated search first.

- Several of these are available.
- Family Tree Searcher searches five sites
- Convenient, but may not give the same latitude as an advanced search on each site.
- Very good tool, though, for survey of what sites you may wish to explore in more detail.

### **Ancestral Images**

Several sites devoted to this, and some images available in other material.

- Dead Fred is perhaps best known
- Ancient Faces is a very good site, and one of the largest
- Family Photos Online, small project but good
- The page entitled, "Orphan Photos & Rescued Family Memorabilia" on About.com has an excellent selection of links

Some other possibilities, for images:

- If prominent, check Google Images
- Search sites of libraries and historical societies in ancestral areas; some are posting images from collections
- Search yearbook sites; several are available, and Ancestry and others have steadily growing yearbook collections. Even found one yearbook database on a library site.
- Watch closely, even in unlikely places: Historic Map Works has illustration index
- Mostly for older images, before photography, but also some later ones, search the two databases offered by the National Portrait Gallery.
- Some larger libraries and state historical societies also maintain portrait databases.
- Can also find ancestral homes

### **Other record types**

- State-level sites (archives, historical societies, state libraries, etc.) often have major databases and links to county databases.

Immigration

- Database links through several of the links gateway sites listed in handout
- Immigrant Ships' Transcribers Guild is a major project and site
- Brigham Young University project also merits a visit

Land: Search site to use depends on type of record, objective of search:

- Generally best to take locality approach, starting with USGenWeb or similar; land records often included
- A good, major search site is the General Land Office site, if the land was acquired from the Federal government. Link from Accession ID in hits will take you to an extract.

Digitized image is available for most documents

#### Probate

- Searchable databases out there at both local and state level.
- Check USGenWeb and state sites. Also do general search on Google, etc., for “Probate” or “Probate Records” or “wills” and the locality name.
- Remember to search also in PerSI for locality in both wills and probate categories

#### Bible Records

- Several sites out there just for this type of record
- A selection of those is given in handout
- Larger searches include the Family History Library catalog and the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) Genealogical Research System
- Also consider search in PerSI database, in Heritage Quest
- In PerSI, search in “People” for surname with keyword, “Bible’
- You can also conduct the same search in the “Places” section, with either a state or county indicated. The results will be much broader in scope, but will often include a few which are of use, especially at the same level.
- Note that you should repeat each search with “Bibles” in the plural.

#### Documents (various)

- A major database, but not heavily used by some researchers: America’s Genealogy Bank. It includes hits in “Historic Documents” category.

Also consider searching for original documents and source material, especially through larger databases accessible through libraries. Two examples:

- Archive Finder will locate materials in over 220,000 manuscript collections
- In their Own Words, another large database, searches over 700,000 pages of letters and diaries, by over 18,000 writers

#### For more obscure record types

Suggested search strategies:

- Try larger search databases first
- Explore locality approaches through USGenWeb, American Genealogy & Local History Network and others
- Use gateway-type sites, such as Access Genealogy and Linkpendium, which offer links to other sites; several listed in the handout
- Finish with general, Internet search engines, using targeted searches
- This can lead to records such as tax lists, tavern licenses, list of photographers, divorce records, school records, letters, biographies, store ledgers, funeral home records, etc.
- Also try an internet search on topics related to ancestor; this sometimes uncovers helpful database sites relevant to your search

#### For more obscure record types

One site specializes in this type of record, especially small records: GenealogyToday.com.

- Fee-based site, with free content also
- Some collections include funeral cards, fraternal organizations, railroad employees, criminal records, and ration books
- Searches cross-link to results on other sites, as well

### **Links to more: Some sites facilitate further research:**

- Check Society Hill for links to local genealogical/historical society sites
- Cyndi's List offers nearly 300,000 links for genealogical research
- Live Roots searches a wide range of other sites for you
- Genealogy Quest offers a variety of free databases in several categories

### **Explore other aspects**

- Chats, forums, mailing lists, blogs, social networking sites, volunteer aspects
- Explore and learn about these formats and what each can offer for your research, through articles and tutorials.
- About.com Genealogy offers articles giving good intro to several of these
- Ancestry help section also offers info on several these aspects
- Even those already familiar to you are often overlooked or forgotten as you work online
- Value is obvious. Consider Forums, for example. Rootsweb has over 17 million posts on more than 161,000 boards
- Learn how to write better online queries, for better results. Articles online give pointers.
- Understand and use Look-up opportunities, get involved

### **General tips for success**

- Always, always broaden your search to look at a different level.
- State libraries and state archives sites are a good choice.
- Six years ago, 19 of those were included in a published list of the "101 Best Web Sites for Tracing Your Roots." Imagine how those 19 sites have grown and developed. . . . and been imitated . . . in the meantime. And it is significant to note that such sites accounted for nearly 1 in 5 of the top websites that year. *Family Tree Magazine*, August 2004
- Stay aware of changes & developments
- Read magazines and articles about Internet and its resources in genealogy publications; many links provided
- Monitor blogs on the subject
- Subscribe to newsletters of sites that interest you (two or three)

## **Internet Addresses**

**NOTE:** Since all web addresses are subject to change, if one of these no longer works, try backing off any extensions back to the domain in order to get to the home page, then find your way to the specific page. If that does not work, try a search for the site name in a general search engine such as Google, Yahoo, or Bing.

### **Gateway Sites**

Cyndi's List [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

Yahoo's Guide to Genealogy Sites on the Internet

<http://www.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/Genealogy>

Genealogy Gateway to the Web Offers a number of free resources, but most must be individually searched. The site is currently (January 2011) being rebuilt after operating for a number of years with a different interface, so not all areas are currently functioning. <http://www.gengateway.com>



Search for Ancestors <http://www.searchforancestors.com/archives/>  
Linkpendium Many links, categorically arranged. <http://www.linkpendium.com/>  
Access Genealogy Resource links in several categories.  
<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/>  
GenealogyBranches.com Selection of links and articles in the following categories:  
Census, Irish Genealogy, Military, Native American, Naturalization, Passenger Lists,  
State Research Guides. <http://www.genealogybranches.com/>  
Ancestral Findings Links on many subjects; quite a few lead to Ancestry.com, but others  
are useful and different. <http://www.ancestralfindings.com/>  
Links to State Archives sites <http://www.statearchives.us/index.htm>  
ProGenealogist's Genealogy Sleuth Excellent selection of links.  
<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>  
Collection of links for several record types including vital records, military, passenger lists,  
naturalizations and more. This was formerly the Wee Monster genealogy site.  
<http://www.germanroots.com/wee-monster-genealogy.html>  
Family Search Favorites Helpful to download an explore.  
[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Internet\\_Favorites](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Family_History_Library_Internet_Favorites)

## **Resource Sites**

### **General**

U.S. GenWeb [www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org) See also <http://usgenweb.org/projects/index.shtml>  
Page with introduction to the major projects sponsored by USGenWeb. The  
Archives project and the Archives Sub-Projects (further down on the web page) are  
significant resources for researchers.  
RootsWeb <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> Major, long-established resource.  
Heritage Quest, if available through your local library, includes PerSI, Revolutionary War  
pension files, searchable digitized books  
Olive Tree Genealogy <http://olivetreegenealogy.com>  
Cinnamon Toast Genealogy <http://mycinnamontoast.com/>  
Genealogy Quest <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/> Categories include Census,  
Naturalization, Military, Pension, Glossaries, and Collections. The last is a catch-all  
category, with a wide variety of databases. This site adds new material every few  
days.  
Archives.com Fee-based site, inexpensive, with a wide range of material; over one billion  
records claimed. Started in 2009, based on an older company,  
Genealogyhomepage.com, which had been in operation for 10 years. The variety  
and volume of data is not as great as the larger sites, but does include material of  
value. Test searches (without subscription) for two names I regularly research  
revealed 1,041 and 3,142 hits. For two more obscure names, I received hits of 20  
and 17 records available company. <http://www.archives.com/>  
GeneaNet Has 407,194,249 individuals indexed as of January 2011. Heavily weighted to  
UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. Fee-based, includes family trees,  
archival sources, digitized books, and other resources. Extremely valuable for  
several types of research, including later census years, immigrations, names.

Offers many types of specialized tools to convert, link, transpose, etc. for more effective results.

<http://www.geneanet.org/>

### **Federal Census**

GenealogyBranches.com See under 'Gateway Sites', above.

USGenWeb Census Project (images and volunteer indexing)

<http://usgwarchives.net/census/>

See also Access Genealogy, in Gateway Sites, above.

### **Military Records**

Military Indexes Good starting point, multiple categories.

<http://www.militaryindexes.com/index.html>

D.A.R. Genealogical Research System [http://www.dar.org/library/online\\_research.cfm](http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm)

Click on image to enter, then choose appropriate tab (Ancestor tab to search for soldiers.)

See Heritage Quest under 'General' sites above, for Revolutionary War pension files

Revolutionary War links at RootsWeb.com

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ars/arw.htm>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System: Massive searchable database, over 6.3 million names. [www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiersandsailors.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiersandsailors.htm) Several searches are available from the home page: <http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/>

The World War I Document Archive, includes primary documents such as treaties and other official papers, diaries, and letters. [www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi](http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi)

GenealogyBranches.com See under 'Gateway sites, above.

See also Access Genealogy, in Gateway Sites, above.

Genealogy Quest military page <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/military/>

American Battle Monuments Commission Records of 33,000 out of 116,000 casualties from WWI; higher percentage for WWII and Korean War. Also included is a link to a Korean War Honor Roll site which includes photographs. The burial listing section includes information ranging from Mexican War burials through the Vietnam War missing. <http://www.abmc.gov/search/wwi.php>

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Grave Locator search

[http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1)

Two very good sites to start a World War II search:

[http://battlefieldsww2.50megs.com/ww2\\_links.htm](http://battlefieldsww2.50megs.com/ww2_links.htm) One of the best sites I have found, with many links to articles and other sites.

[http://homepage.mac.com/oldtownman/ww2\\_links.html](http://homepage.mac.com/oldtownman/ww2_links.html)

A similar set of links, and also a link to sites for WWI and Cold War links.

## **Digitized Books**

Internet Archive <http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

Google Books <http://books.google.com/> Advanced search recommended

Heritage Quest, accessed through your local library if possible, offers 28,000 titles

BYU Family History Archives Currently offers almost 18,000 books

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>

See also Access Genealogy, in Gateway Sites, above.

## **Maps and Place Names**

USGS place names server <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>

Place name search on Historic Map Works

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Search/search.php>

Historic Map Works Check your library to see if they subscribe to the full version. An online version, free except for purchase of high-quality images, if desired, is here:

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/>

## **Cemeteries and Death Records**

Find a Grave The largest, online cemetery search, currently at 56 million graves; watch for errors in readings, and note that some cemeteries listed may be incomplete and any additional data given may be undocumented [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

Interment.net Another large database, but the search is not as simple or effective as on Find A Grave. [www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net)

Missouri Digital Heritage Searched for death record in case study, and also for maps.

Similar sites exist through many states' archives or state historical society or state libraries. Explore the collections. <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>

Birthdate calculator Useful with cemetery listings, from Olive Tree Genealogy

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/birthcalc.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/birthcalc.htm)

D.A.R. Genealogical Research System [http://www.dar.org/library/online\\_research.cfm](http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm)

Click on image to enter, then choose appropriate tab (GRC tab to search volumes of transcribed records.)

DeathIndexes.com Selection of links, arranged by state and also for major cities, to search various death records, indexes, and obituary databases.

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

See also Access Genealogy, in Gateway Sites, above.

Cemetery Junction, currently 48,289 listings

<http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/junction/index.html>

The Records Room Vital records links arranged in 18 categories. Some links are to how-to articles, some to commercial sites, and some to individual, searchable databases or specific-interest sites. This is a quick way to get to other sites, but often does not tell if a site is fee-based. [www.RecordsRoom.com](http://www.RecordsRoom.com)

## **Obituaries**

Ancestor Hunt [www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary\\_search.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary_search.htm)

DeathIndexes.com See under cemeteries and death records, above. Obituaries link is at bottom of page.

## Newspapers

### State and Special Census

State census on Ancestry.com:

<http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Article.aspx?id=14742>

### Compiled Lineages

See selected items in 'Search Tools' category, below. Also, search in larger, fee-based databases, FamilySearch.org, and with general search engines using name and added words such as "family," "family history", "family tree," and "genealogy." If too many hits, refine by adding a place name.

### Ancestral Photographs

About.com offers this excellent article on the subject, with a number of links:

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/orphan\\_photos/](http://genealogy.about.com/od/orphan_photos/)

Family Photos Online / Four Kings Halfway down home page is a link to an all-surname index for the site. <http://fourkings.freeyellow.com/Page3.html>

Dead Fred One of the oldest and largest of its type. [www.deadfred.com](http://www.deadfred.com)

Family Old Photographs — Faces and Places of the Past An online archive of more than 20,000 photos, searchable; note that some are places/buildings/events rather than people. <http://www3.familyoldphotos.com/>

History of photography and lists of photographers:

<http://findingphotographers.homestead.com/files/FF-Index.htm>

Yearbooks <http://www3.old-yearbooks.com/>

Yearbooks (fee) Includes military yearbooks <http://www.e-yearbook.com/>

Yearbooks, over 50,000 in collection <http://www.classmates.com/yearbooks/>

Old Yearbooks Resource with multiple links to locate yearbooks either to search or purchase. <http://www.oldyearbooks.net/>

Photograph collections at American Memory (Library of Congress):

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Photograph>

### Other Record Types

Land records, if acquired from Federal government: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Passenger Lists: 11,000+ Passenger Manifests in 12 Volumes plus numerous other passengers listed in Special Projects.

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

Immigrant Ancestors Project <http://immigrants.byu.edu/search/simple>

Indian Captives database. Also has section of Pioneer Links, and Native American Links. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~indian/index.htm>

Diaries and Letters: In the First Person Can search by name, for the original writers or names mentioned in documents, or can view a list of events to find associated writings. <http://www.inthefirstperson.com/firp/index.shtml>

Overland Emigrants Database: Sponsored by Oregon-California Trails Association as an ongoing project to extract and index the names found in many documentary sources regarding those who traveled the overland trails to Oregon, California, Montana and Utah. Preliminary searches are free, to identify documents which may be of

interest, but a subscription is required to access the documents. Documents include diaries, letters, journals, newspaper articles, reminiscences and more.  
Orphan Trains: Site offers history, a research registry, stories of orphan train riders, and links for research. [www.orphantraindepot.com](http://www.orphantraindepot.com) This site has a collection of links including searchable lists. <http://www.genealinks.com/orphantrain.htm>  
Birth and Marriage Records Indexes Online for U.S.A.:  
<http://www.germanroots.com/vitalrecords.html>

**Native American** (also check Cyndi's List and other gateway sites)

<http://www.amerindgen.com/>

See additional resources in Rootsweb.com and ProGenealogists.com, both listed under 'General' sites, above.

See also Indian Captives database, under 'Other Record Types,' above

**African-American** (also check Cyndi's List and other gateway sites) [www.afrigeneas.org](http://www.afrigeneas.org)

See additional resources in Rootsweb.com and ProGenealogists.com, both listed under 'General' sites, above.

New Orleans manifests Intro: <http://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/slave-ship-manifests.html> and <http://mysite.verizon.net/ckluskens/NGSNews2008Oct.pdf>

## **Bible Records**

D.A.R. Genealogical Research System Perhaps the largest single collection online is that of the DAR, searchable with other records (mostly cemetery listings) at: [http://www.dar.org/library/online\\_research.cfm](http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm) Click on image to enter, then choose appropriate tab (GRC tab to search volumes of transcribed records.)

Bible Records Online Small project, but worth checking. <http://www.biblerecords.com/>

Bible records at RootsLink <http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rootslink/cgi-bin/search.cgi?category=1>

Rescued Bibles project: <http://my.erinet.com/~fordnag/Bibles.htm> Seeks to restore rescued Family Bibles to family members. Includes "Bibles Found" as a site where individuals can post information from family Bibles.

Also conduct PerSI search (in Heritage Quest Online; see in General section, above) in Names search with Bible as a keyword is also useful, as many Bible records have been published in periodicals over the years.

Those who are members of the National Genealogical Society can search its extensive collection of Bible records in the Members Only section of that society's website.

OTHER BIBLE RECORD SEARCHES:

[http://www.ancestorhunt.com/family\\_bible\\_records.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/family_bible_records.htm)

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/guide/family-bibles.html>

<http://www.familyhistory101.com/church/nc-records-church.html> (North Carolina)

<http://www.wrhs.org/index.php/library/BibleRecordsIndex> (Ohio)

[http://va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file\\_name=find-b-clas05&local\\_base=CLAS05](http://va1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas05&local_base=CLAS05) (Virginia)

[http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search/?Tab\\_ID=6](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=6)

### **Library catalog searches**

Genealogical Library Master Catalog, access via Ancestry.com, or Ancestry Library Edition at your local library

WorldCat <http://www.worldcat.org/> While it is possible to access it directly with this URL, I find that the search options when accessed through a library are better.

Family History Library catalog <https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>

Midwest Genealogy Center catalog Choose "Guest Login"  
<http://www.mymcpl.org/catalog>

### **Useful search**

Society Hill, for genealogical and historical society addresses, links  
<http://www.daddezio.com/society/>

### **Search Tools**

Live Roots <http://www.liveroots.com/about/Introducing-the-Live-Roots-Project.pdf>

Family Tree Searcher Prepares a single search of family trees on five different sites: Ancestry, Computerized Ancestor, FamilySearch, GenCircles, and Genealogy.com. This is convenient, but may not give the same latitude that you would have with an advanced search on the individual sites. Very good tool, though, for survey of what sites you may wish to explore in more detail. Also offers a Genealogy Search using Google. <http://www.familytreearcher.com/>

Another surname search: <http://www.surnamesupersearch.com/>

The Surname Genealogy SSearch offers links to surname sites in several countries.  
<http://www.surnameweb.org/>

GeneaNet, for tools. Offers many types of specialized tools to convert, link, transpose, etc. for more effective results.

<http://www.geneanet.org/>

Another useful tool: Surname Suggestion List

<http://web.archive.org/web/20071116091938/http://home.triad.rr.com/combsfamily/slmain.html>

### **Obscure Records**

Genealogy Today Fee-based but some collections are free. Specializes in unique, small records types.

[http://wiki.genealogytoday.com/Genealogy\\_Today\\_Subscription\\_Data.html](http://wiki.genealogytoday.com/Genealogy_Today_Subscription_Data.html)

Clergy of the Church of England <http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk/index.html>

### **Learn more about it**

Links to sites offering many more links about forums, blogs, etc., can be found at bottom of this page: <http://usgenweb.org/research/index.shtml>

Blogs, mailing lists, forums, etc., more about these:

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/help/Help\\_Networking\\_Connecting\\_With\\_Others.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/help/Help_Networking_Connecting_With_Others.htm)  
for

Queries, guidance on how to write: <http://usgenweb.org/research/queries.shtml>

Look-ups (information) <http://usgenweb.org/research/queries.shtml>