

Genealogy Resources

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General Resources

<https://www.familysearch.org/> **FamilySearch**, the genealogy branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers free genealogical records online (over 58 million in 2017). Additionally, 1.1 billion digitized documents are waiting to be indexed and can be browsed from the collections listing page. Allows creation of free family trees with connected records. Requires free account.

<http://www.usgenweb.org/> **USGenWeb**, **USGenWeb Archives** and special projects like **Tombstone Project** consist of thousands of web sites created and maintained by volunteers. They include transcribed online records, query boards, listings of local sources for records, county and state histories, online genealogy books, research tips, maps, and links to helpful internet resources

<https://www.findagrave.com/> At **Find A Grave** you'll find details about cemeteries and individual memorials for many people buried in those cemeteries. Memorials generally include birth, death and burial information and may include pictures, biographies, family information and more.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/> **The Library of Congress** has a goal to digitize their collections so the Digital Collections will continue to grow. If you visit in person you can get a researchers card which can be used offsite to access their database subscriptions.

<https://www.archives.gov/research> **The National Archives** have a large, expanding digital collection and genealogy research tools

<http://genealogytrails.com/> **Genealogy Trails History Group** has many transcribed records with free access but no original images.

<https://one-name.org/> **Guild of One-Name Studies** (for surname research)

<https://archive.org/> **Internet Archive** is a non-profit library of millions of free books, records, photos and more. Many organizations use Internet Archives to host their digitized records; over 2.8 million items are in the American Library collection alone. It is a good place to find older books, censuses and newspapers in a highly searchable and easy to view format.

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/genealogy> **Good short guide** on beginning genealogy research excerpted and adapted from Who Do You Think You Are?, companion book to the television series of the same name, by Megan Smolenyak.

DNA Information

<https://www.gedmatch.com/register.php> **GEDMatch:** Raw DNA from most major testing companies can be uploaded for free so matches can be found. Site has many interesting tools for examining DNA results.

<http://genealogical-musings.blogspot.com/2017/04/finally-gedmatch-admixture-guide.html> **Finally! A Gedmatch Admixture Guide!**

<https://isogg.org> **International Society of Genetic Genealogists**

<http://www.genealogyjunkie.net/downloads.html> Templates and charts including 7-Generation pedigree chart and x-DNA inheritance chart (aids for DNA testing)

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy_Research_Forms Genealogy research forms

Charts and Forms

<https://www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/help/censusbook/Section%205.pdf> Blank census forms and explanation of data collected on each census year.

Ancestry Library Edition (access available at the library) offers ancestral charts, forms, research aids and census templates.

<https://legacyfamilytree.com/> **Legacy Family Tree** offers free standard family tree software that works with Family Search and other genealogy sites as well as a paid Deluxe version.

Immigration and Ship Records

<http://www.castlegarden.org/> -free access to database of information on 11 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 100 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger> - Search millions of records of immigrants who came through Ellis Island and the Port of New York. Find passenger manifests that include passenger name, date of arrival, ship of travel, age on arrival, and more

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/search.html> This database hosted at University of Aberdeen seeks to identify patterns of movement from Scottish ports between 1890 and 1960 using information transferred digitally from the passenger manifests held at The National Archives in Kew, London. It contains the records of 21,090 passengers.

<http://www.passengerlists.de/> **Bremen Passenger Lists**, mostly 1920-1939 but some earlier

<http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/> **Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court:** This searchable collection of more than 500,000 naturalization petitions covering 1871 to 1929 primarily contains declarations of intention of Midwestern applicants

<http://www.theshipslist.com/> **TheShipsList** contains over 3000 pages of passenger lists and information about the ships

<https://stevemorse.org/> **One-Step Webpages** Search other sites' genealogy databases—censuses, passenger lists (including those from less well-known ports) and vital records.

<http://www.immigrantships.net/> **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild**. Volunteers have transcribed over 11,000 passenger manifests.

<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration/> **Harvard's Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930** have over 400,000 pages from books, manuscripts, and archives and over 9,000 photos.

<http://www.migrationinstitute.fi/en/genealogy/emigrantregister> Free searching of **Finnish** emigrant registries and full access for around \$25/year

<http://www.udvanderarkivet.dk/soegeside/> **Digital Danish Immigration Archives**. This website requires some translation.

Military Records

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy> **Daughters of the American Revolution** have revolutionary records including search by ancestor, pension index, war records and names from bibles.

<http://www.preservethepensions.org/> Free access to **War of 1812** pension records

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> Database of 6.3 million names of soldiers from both sides of the **Civil War**, representing 44 states and territories. Names are linked to regimental histories and, in turn, capsule histories of battles

<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/search.cfm> Alabama Department of Archives and History Civil War Service Database

<http://usgwarchives.net/pensions/> The **USGenWeb Archives Pension Project** provides submitted transcriptions of Pension related materials, rosters and land grants for all Wars prior to 1900.

<https://abmc.gov/> **American Battles Monuments Commission** - Find your military kin among more than 218,000 American military buried or memorialized overseas.

Free Newspaper Access

Many libraries, state and county archives, historical societies and other organizations have access to digital newspapers.

Fairhope Public Library has digital copies of many of the Fairhope Courier issues available at the reference desk and hopes to have online access in the future.

<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> Search over 43,000,000 old newspaper pages from US & Canada – Great Site – Free – need to enable Adobe Flash Player on website to see content.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> Library of Congress' **Chronicling America** project. Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1789-1963 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers> Google's collection of historical newspapers

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com> **Newspaper Abstracts** concentrates on obituaries, births, marriages, deaths, court notices, land sales and tax notices.

<https://archive.org/details/texts> **Internet Archive** has a large collection of searchable newspapers from different contributors

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc> **California Digital Newspaper Collection** from 1846 to present

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/?> **Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection**

<http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/NDNP//kycollections.html> **Kentucky** newspapers

<http://digitalnewspapers.org/> **Utah Digital Newspapers**

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/> Australian newspapers and much more from the **Australian National Library**

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html#.W2tttNJKjyR> A huge list of free and subscription newspaper sources by state, country and subject.

<https://cyndislist.com/newspapers/> An extensive list of newspaper sources

Historical Maps

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps> Library of Congress is digitizing their collection of **Sanborn Fire Insurance maps**. Currently there are around 12,600. Eventually over 500,000 will be available online. Originally published for insurance underwriters, these maps show detailed views of neighborhoods at different dates

<http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/index.html> **Atlas of Historical County Boundaries**

<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/> **University of Alabama Historical Maps Archive**

<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/default.aspx> U. S. Department of the Interior, **Bureau of Land Management: Federal Land Patents** offer researchers a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the Federal government to individuals detailing a specific location and date.

<https://www.mapofus.org/alabama/> **Interactive Map of Alabama County Formation**

<https://www.nypl.org/collections/nypl-recommendations/guides/historical-maps-north-america> **Historical Maps of North America, New York Public Library**

<http://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas/> **Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States:** Charles O. Paullin and John K. Wright's classic historical atlas, first published in 1932, brought to life with 21st-century technology. All the original nearly 700 maps are online, made clickable to view the underlying data or animated to show how your ancestors' America changed over time.

<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/search.htm> **Canadian County Atlas:** These 40 atlases from 1874 to 1881 show property owners throughout Ontario, with a searchable database of names

<http://guides.libraries.psu.edu/c.php?g=340067&p=2288984> **Pennsylvania Maps**

<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/cmf> **Georgia County Maps**

<http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/topics/maps/articles/historical> **Georgia Historical Maps**

State Specific Resources

<http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/> **Alabama** digital archives

<https://probate.mobilecountyal.gov/public-records/records-search/> Probate Court of Mobile County, **Alabama** -includes property records beginning in 1813

<http://genealogy.az.gov/> **Arizona** Genealogical Birth and Death Records

<https://dos.fl.gov/library-archives/about-us/about-the-state-archives-of-florida> State Library and Archives of **Florida**

<https://dlg.usg.edu/collections> Digital Library of **Georgia**

<https://selu.libguides.com/c.php?g=690266&p=4881205> Free Databases for **Louisiana** Genealogy

<http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html/index.html> Archives of **Maryland** Online

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/> North Carolina Digital Archives

Collections of Genealogy Database Links

Access Genealogy <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/> This collection of databases and links is useful for Native American and African-American records and links, state records, military records and more.

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center – largest genealogy collection outside Family Search

<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases/FreeDatabases.aspx>

900 Library Plaza, PO Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

There are also links to their online digital book collections at Family Search and Internet Archives.

Interesting e-book: http://www.genealogycenter.info/search_kybrethren.php **The Frontier Brethren** - history of frontier churches and members in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee

***Midwest Genealogy Center** – free forms <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/resources/family-history-forms>

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055

816.252.7228

Research library card \$30/6months. Must apply in person. Allows access to digital subscriptions

<https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/resources> link to many useful websites

Family Tree Magazine: 100 best genealogy websites <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/> an enormous list of links to websites of genealogical interest which has been maintained by Cyndi Ingle since 1996

Genealogy Resources for Specific Heritages

UK and Irish Records

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/> **UK National Archives** is home to millions of historical documents which were created and collected by UK central government departments and major courts of law.

<http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/> **National Archives of Ireland** has censuses, wills, marriage bonds, shipping agreements and more.

<https://www.freecen.org.uk> **FreeCen** offers free access to 19th century census records from England, Scotland and Wales with over 10 million entries so far. <https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk/> is a newly launched format.

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/> **FreeBMD** has Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales from 1837-1983 (incomplete).

<https://www.freereg.org.uk> **FreeReg** has recordings of baptisms, marriages and burials in parish registers that began in England and Wales in 1538 and is separate and distinct from the civil registration process that began in 1837.

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/list-of-parish-registers> offers a downloadable directory of **Church of Ireland** parish records (national faith of Ireland until 1871) and how to access them. Most records are available by subscription but some are free.

<https://registers.nli.ie/> Free registers containing records of baptisms and marriages from the majority of **Catholic** parishes in Ireland and Northern Ireland up to 1880.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> free access to Irish censuses

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/> Free Irish genealogy website from Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

<http://www.from-ireland.net/irish-names/latin-names-in-english/> List of Latinized versions for forenames in used Catholic records

<https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills> UK Probate records

<https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/1939special.htm> Explanation of UK 1939 register (available on Ancestry)

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/> Keyword search English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh newspapers from 1700-present. Results show a snippet of the article. Three pages can be downloaded for free. Results can be saved.

<https://www.rootsireland.ie/> Subscription-based access to Irish Catholic records. Prices range from \$18/24 hours, \$35/month and up.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/search.html> This database hosted at University of Aberdeen seeks to identify patterns of movement from Scottish ports between 1890 and 1960 using information transferred digitally from the passenger manifests held at The National Archives in Kew, London. It contains the records of 21,090 passengers.

<https://www.findmypast.com/> Online sources for British research, and a major resource for North American records and images. FindMyPast features census schedules, vital records, church registers, and military records; British, Irish and American newspapers; and much more. Free 14 day trial. One month subscription \$19.95. Free access to all US censuses, US and Canada Birth, Marriage & Death records, Irish Catholic Parish registers and ability to build a family tree. On Fridays Find My Past offers free access to specific records.

From BBC Genealogy website:

Parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials in Great Britain:

From 1538 in England and Wales, and 1555 in Scotland, each parish in the kingdom was required to keep these. However, it is important to stress that most of the records prior to 1837 do not provide an actual date of death or birth, but only the date of the event that followed it (burial or baptism).

'You will need to have an idea of the geographical location of your family's origins ...'

It is important to note that, until 1752, the start of the year in England was 25 March, not 1 January - so you may come across entries such as '24 February 1678/9', indicating both possible dates.

A possible alternative to parish registers is the International Genealogical Index, prepared by the Church of the Latter Day Saints. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi> This covers every part of the British Isles, usually subdivided into county or region, and is arranged alphabetically, by surname. However, it doesn't include most burials, and doesn't cover all parishes.

There are also some registers for foreign churches and non-Anglican religions, such as Quakers, Roman Catholics, Muslims and Jews. Many of these were deposited with the Registrar General when official registration was introduced in 1837, and will be with The National Archives. Modern records are likely to be with the relevant organisation or place of worship, for example a mosque or synagogue.

Jewish Records

<https://www.jewishgen.org/> JewishGen is an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Site requires free registration.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Jewish_Genealogy_Research FamilySearch wiki provides links to many resources as well as guides and other information.

<http://avotaynu.com/> Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy started in 1985 as a quarterly newsletter about Jewish genealogical issues. **The Consolidated Jewish Surname List**

<http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-result.html?page=next> has information about 699,084 surnames, mostly Jewish, that appear in 42 online databases.

<https://www.bh.org.il/databases/jewish-genealogy/> Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center of Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish People is the only center of its kind in the world. At the Center, visitors can search a database containing thousands of genealogies of Jewish families from all over the world and can also register their own family trees.

<http://www.crarg.org/search-holocaust-records.php> The **Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group** finds and translates Holocaust survivor lists and death lists from around Poland. This database is one of the largest on the web, with over 300,000 records so far, covering hundreds of towns and consisting of more than 150 separate projects.

<https://cyndislist.com/jewish/> A lengthy collection of links to all aspects of Jewish genealogy

<https://www.jewishsouth.org/> Southern Jewish Historical Society

Hispanic/Latino Resources

<http://www.hispanicgenealogy.com/> The Hispanic Genealogical Society of New York

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hispanic_Family_History_Resources FamilySearch wiki on the subject.

African American Ancestors

From the article: **8 Genealogy Websites to Trace African-American Ancestors Back Into Slavery**

https://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/news-blogs/genealogy_insider/slave-record-projects-juneteenth/

Researching Ancestors in Slave Deeds

Connecting your postwar African-American ancestors to their lives in slavery is a brick wall for many of you. But we're seeing a renaissance of digitization and indexing projects that can help.

In North Carolina, especially, a slave deeds project is posting old deeds of sale for enslaved people. Courts recorded deeds to document the ownership and transfer of slaves as valuable property. The deeds will eventually become searchable at **People Not Property: Slave Deeds of North Carolina**. <https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/deeds/>

For now, you can find deeds on several county websites, including:

- **Buncombe County** <https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/register-of-deeds/slave-deeds/default.aspx>
- **New Hanover County** <http://libguides.cfcc.edu/deeds>

Runaway slave newspaper advertisements

Another project to document enslaved people is Cornell University's **Freedom on the Move**, <http://freedomonthemove.org/> which is building a database of newspaper notices seeking escaped slaves.

Saint Dominique (Haiti): <http://marronnage.info/fr/index.html>

North Carolina: <http://libcdm1.uncg.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/RAS>

Virginia: <http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/gos/source.html>

Here is a larger site that includes the Virginia advertisements as well as other primary sources:

<http://pfe.rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/>

Texas: <http://digital.sfasu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/RSP>

Britain: <http://www.runaways.gla.ac.uk/>

Canada: <https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/2016/02/29/canadian-fugitive-slave-advertisements-an-untapped-archive-of-resistance/>

Manumission papers and more African-American genealogy records

Manumission papers or deeds or emancipation, which document a former slave's free status, are recorded with local court records. And in many parts of the Antebellum South, free African-Americans had to register with the courthouse.

The Library of Virginia is adding these and other records unique to African-American genealogy to its [Virginia Untold digital collections](http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/search-the-narrative). <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/search-the-narrative>

[Ancestry.com](https://search.ancestry.com/search/group/aabooks) has gathered its African-American genealogy-related records into a single collection <https://search.ancestry.com/search/group/aabooks> of books, Freedmen's Bank records, local censuses of free African-Americans, and more.

And you need to use the Freedmen's Bureau records at [FamilySearch](https://familysearch.org). This website has labor contracts, medical and food ration registers, former slaves' marriage records, and other types of records.

Other African American Genealogy Record Sources

Beyond Kin <https://beyondkin.org/> Donna Cox Baker and Frazine K. Taylor conceived the Beyond Kin Project in 2016 as a way to encourage and facilitate the documentation of enslaved populations, particularly by recruiting the resources and efforts of the descendants of slaveholders.

AfriGeneas <http://www.afrigeneas.com/> is a site devoted to African American genealogy, to researching African Ancestry in the Americas in particular and to genealogical research and resources in general.

<https://www.afrigeneas.org/> **Access Genealogy** Collection of sources for African American records

<http://www.ibiblio.org/laslave/> **Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy 1719-1820**, a database of 100,000 Louisiana slaves by plantation.

<https://iaamuseum.org/> **The International African American Museum (IAAM)** in Charleston, SC has list of research tips and searchable marriage records and obituaries and funeral home records. The museum is due to open in 2020.

http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_revwar/default.cfm?action=form **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Forgotten Patriots Research Guide –African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources, and Studies** These downloadable e-books highlight the important contributions of African Americans and American Indians in the America's fight for independence.

<http://www.caagri.org/> **Center for African American Genealogical Research** whose goal is to reunite African Americans with their distant African relatives.

<https://slavevoyages.org/> **Slave Voyages** - Traces the slave trade with searchable databases.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/African_American_Genealogy **Family Search's wiki** has information and links

<https://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/cardcatalog.aspx#ccat=hc=25&dbSort=1&sbo=1&title=1866%20Alabama%20census&keyword=&> **Ancestry Library Edition** (in library use only) The **1866 Alabama State Census** lists African Americans. The census is divided into two sections: "White" and "Colored." It lists the head of household, number of family members in each age category by sex and family total.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1743384> **Family Search** has digitized **Alabama Colored Marriage books**.

Native American Ancestors Records

Creek Nation in Georgia and Alabama

Woodward's Reminiscences: a personal Account of the Creek Nation in Georgia and Alabama by General Thomas S Woodward

<https://archive.org/details/woodwardsreminis00wood>

Trade Records

British traders working for Spanish Crown

Panton, Leslie and Company was a British trading firm established by merchants William Panton, John Leslie, Thomas Forbes, Charles McLatchy and William Alexander in 1783 at St. Augustine, Florida. The purpose of the company was to trade with Native Americans living in territories owned by the Spanish during that time.

The geographic range covered includes present-day Florida and surrounding territories from the colonial period to the early American era. After the death of William Panton and John Leslie, the company was renamed "John Forbes and Company" in 1804. The Panton, Leslie and Company papers contain correspondences, business papers, court records and other documents. The documents began in 1739 and end in 1847. The languages are English, Spanish and French

Panton, Leslie and Company Collection (19 boxes)

University of West Florida University Archives and West Florida History Center
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola FL 32514
(850) 474-2213

British Colony of South Carolina

Journals of the Commissioners of the Indian trade of South Carolina, 1710-1765

In 1707 the Commons House of Assembly created the Board of Indian Commissioners to regulate the traffic between Indian traders and nations such as the Cherokees, Creeks, and Catawbias. The journals of the Commissioners contain records of over 400 whites involved in the Indian trade.

Journals of the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, September 20, 1710-August 29, 1718. Edited by W. L. McDowell.

Book available at Mobile Public Library, Local History and Genealogy Library (downtown) in Reference

Journal of the Commissioners of the Indian trade of South Carolina, September 20, 1710-April 12, 1715 available online <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000248062>

Other Sources

http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots/ / **Native Web** – Native American research and resources

<https://www.accessgenealogy.com/native-american> links to various Native American record sources

http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_revwar/default.cfm?action=form Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) **Forgotten Patriots Research Guide –African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources, and Studies** These downloadable e-books highlight the important contributions of African Americans and American Indians in the America's fight for independence.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Native_American Family Search's wiki has information and links

<https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/rolls/final-rolls.html> **National Archives** has some digital resources and information on where to find others, along with explanations about the history Native American records.

Turkey

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Turkey_Genealogy **Family Search's wiki** has information and links

<http://www.aina.org/ata/20101028214412.htm> Article on how to trace Eastern Europe or Middle Eastern genealogy

<https://giris.turkiye.gov.tr/Giris/> Turkish government website <https://www.turkiye.gov.tr/> has genealogy information for Turkish citizens. Must have identity card to log in.

Tips for Finding Information for Other Heritages

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page **Family Search's wiki** - type in a keyword or location to get information and links for your specific heritage.