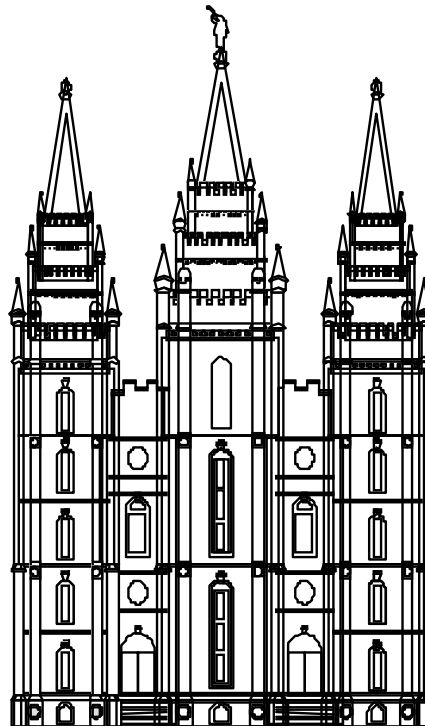


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Twenty-Sixth Annual
Family History Jamboree**

Student Materials



Families are Forever

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Introduction

Why Family History

The Family Can Be Eternal

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints emphasizes the importance of family relationships. We believe that families can be united in the most sacred of all human relationships – as husband and wife and as parents and children – in a way not limited by death.

The Savior told Peter, “*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven*” (Matthew 16:19). Through priesthood authority from God, marriages are performed in temples. Those marriages can endure throughout this life and for all eternity. In addition, children are “sealed” to their parents, providing opportunities to become eternal families. To share these blessings with our deceased ancestors, we also perform marriages and sealings in their behalf should they chose to accept them in the next life.

We believe that life on earth is part of an eternal existence that began long before we were born, when we lived with God as His spirit children. We came to earth to be tested, to show whether we would obey God’s commandments. At death, our spirits leave our bodies and go to a spirit world, where we continue to learn and progress. We retain our individual personalities and our ability to choose.

Eternal Life Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ is Offered to All

Our Father in Heaven provides the opportunity for each of His children to continue sacred family relationships after this life. For that purpose:

- God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us how to return to Him and receive eternal life.
- All will be resurrected through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.
- Eternal life will be given to all that accept His teachings, obey His commandments, and receive the necessary ordinances through the priesthood.
- Those who do not hear the Savior’s teachings on earth will have the opportunity to do so after this life.
- Those who accept the Savior’s teachings after this life need the earthly ordinances of baptism and eternal marriage (see John 3:5 & 1 Corinthians 15:29).
- Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints identify their ancestors to ensure that the essential ordinances are performed in their behalf in sacred temples.
- Ancestors for whom the ordinances are performed are free to choose whether they accept these ordinances.

A member of the teaching staff or the full-time missionaries (they can be identified by a pocket nametag) on site will provide a means for you to obtain further understanding of these vital truths.

Should you later have questions, you can obtain answers or assistance with the research of your ancestors by contacting church representatives at any of the following numbers:

Family History Center & Church Contacts

If you have questions about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or its Family History activities. Call the church representatives nearest you:

Beavercreek
(937) 369-5158

Greenville
(937) 548-2140

Middletown
(937) 571-4301

Centerville
(937) 369-5158

Fairborn
(937) 304-6576

Piqua
(937) 524-1753

Dayton 1st
(937) 304-3978

Fairfield
(937) 578-2158

Springboro
(937) 360-3216

] Dayton (Spanish)
(937) 304-2557

Huber Heights
(937) 304-3688

Springfield
(937) 360-3281

Eaton
(937) 733-9242

Kettering
(937) 304-3229

Xenia
(937) 532-3286

Englewood
(937) 248-5537

Miamisburg
(937) 204-8413

Columbus Ohio Mission
(614) 776-6357

Cincinnati Ohio Mission
(513) 947-9863

Family History Centers

Centerville Family History Center
901 East Whipp Road
Centerville, Ohio
937-435-5690

West Chester Ohio Family History Center
7118 Dutchland Parkway
Middletown, Ohio 45044
513-777-4542

Fairborn Family History Library
3060 Terry Drive
Fairborn, Ohio
937-878-9551

Cincinnati Ohio East Family History Library
8250 Cornell Road
Montgomery, Ohio 45259
513-489-3036

Englewood Family History Library
1500 Shiloh Springs Road
Englewood, Ohio
937-854-4566

Cincinnati Ohio Family History Center (Norwood)
5505 Bosworth Place
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
513-531-5624

Middletown Family History Library
4930 Central Avenue
Middletown, Ohio 45044
513-423-9642

Wilmington Ohio Family History Center
2343 Wayne Road
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
937-382-1510

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Heather Lytle	14. Activities
Susan Melville	25. Finding Healing Through Family History Research
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Charlie Nye	24. The Value of Photo Archiving
Dana Palmer	1. Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch 6. Free Genealogy Resources on the Web 11. Q&A Session (Moderator) 18. Useful Tools for Those with German Ancestors V17. Tools for Reading German Handwriting
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Anne Wachs	V12. Library Genealogy Databases
Bonnie Wade-Mucia	V18. Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society: The Silver Books as Your Guide V19: 75 Years Later: Creating Wartime Family Reunions Using Genealogy & DNA
Liz Worley	10. Temple & Family History Consultant Training 20. Q&A Walk-In

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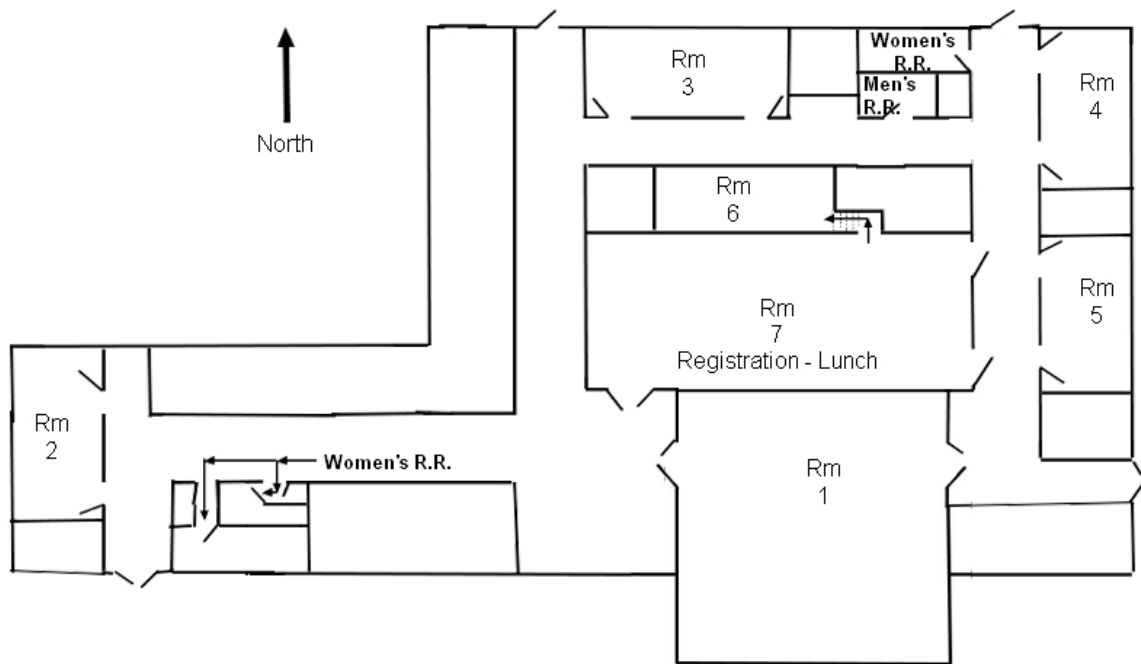
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Teachers Bios

Kelli Bergheimer is a writer, teacher, editor, and national genealogical speaker. Kelli holds a Bachelor's in Biology, a Master's in Education: Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master's in Business Management. Kelli is a math and science supervising editor for Smart Education—a K-12 textbook company located in Dubai writing textbooks for the MENA region—Middle East Northern Africa. Kelli runs two small businesses—Geo-Centric Learning and Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with an accompanying blog, YouTube channel, and online store. Kelli is the Genetics, Genealogy, and You facilitator. Kelli is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, International Society of Genetic Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speaker's Guild.

Holly Braun, a BYU graduate in Elementary Education, spends her days dreaming up ways to more effectively teach her five children. A homeschool mom, a Primary Activities Leader, and a Temple and Family History Consultant in Kettering, all in one tiny package. Blogs at hollybraun.com and shares whiteboards on Instagram @lunchlesson.

Bruce Clawson currently serves as the Springboro Ward Temple and Family History Leader and as a Stake Technology Specialist in the Dayton Ohio East Stake. He has worked in the technology industry for the past four decades. He enjoys helping others use technology to aid in their temple and family history research.

Tracey Clawson currently serves as the Dayton Ohio East Stake Relief Society President. She served for many years in temple and family history callings. She has been searching out her family lines for the past 35 years. Her unique family heritage has sometimes required a diverse approach. She loves helping others to learn that family history isn't difficult or scary. She enjoys helping others to learn they can start where they are and have success.

Julie Cline served for many years as a Stake Temple and Family History consultant. She has an Associates of Science degree in Family History Research. She continues to attend family history conferences and lectures to increase her knowledge and experience as a family history researcher.

Michael Garrambone is a retired Army Officer and Military Operations Research Analyst for InfoSciTex Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Florida in Engineering Science and Mechanics and earned Master degrees in operations research, business, and education. He is a staff librarian at the Dayton East Family History Center in Fairborn, Ohio with interests are in Italian genealogy, historical research, computer graphics, and teaching. He has been researching family history since 1980, tracking Italians, African Americans, and Native Americans from Italy to the Virginias and South Central States. He is a web browser, database keeper, map user, and faithful correspondent. He enjoys scanning and editing and researching sources at the local, state, and national levels. He is working on several oral histories and organizing family photograph books.

Jim Haworth has been interested in family history for the past two decades. And, he was lucky enough to have Jim Ison walk me through a personalized lesson plan - not only did he catch the spirit of Elijah, but he saw first-hand the wisdom and beauty of what that one-on-one experience can provide! He has been serving as the ward temple and family history leader for the Springfield ward in the Dayton Ohio North Stake for the past three years, in addition to a stake consultant assignment - attempting to teach others that "teaching in the Savior's way". He is currently the high councilor for the DONS - again trying to teach ward leaders to teach consultants.

DeeAnn Haworth is a newly called stake family history consultant - hoping to use her degree in Family History from BYU. She has encouraged her extended family to further their family history research, and is anxiously waiting to roll up her sleeves and help.

Alden Hilton is the first counselor in the Dayton Ohio Stake Presidency and as such has stewardship over temple and family history work in the stake. He is an avid genealogist who for the past ten years has pursued his Pennsylvania Dutch as well as his Cajun ancestors. He has also served as a temple and family history consultant.

Linda Hilton has taught family history classes for 15 years and has also served as a family history director. She is passionate about involving youth in family history and has hosted a weekly family history class for youth in her home for 10 years. She is pursuing her genealogy accreditation with ICAPGen and has completed Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy's "Intermediate Foundations" course as well as their "Becoming an Accredited Genealogist Professional" course. She is also involved in several genealogy study groups, including ProGen and ICAPGen Level 1, and is taking the "Research Like a Pro with DNA" e-course. A RootsTech 2022 presenter, she is also the editor of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society monthly newsletter.

Debbie Large, BS, MHA is an experienced genealogist, family history lecturer and college instructor with a passion for Irish, Scottish, and US research. She serves as co-chair for the Warren County (OH) Genealogical Society's lineage societies and is a member of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, First Families of Ohio, and First Families of Stark County, (OH). Debbie offers in-person and virtual genealogy presentations, classes, and workshops and as well as client services for family history research and lineage society applications and memberships.

Todd Layton served for a time as a Ward Temple and Family History Consultant in the Springboro Ward while the Ward Young Men's President. He is currently serving in the Springboro Bishopric. He enjoys involving youth in family history work. Following the example of the Centerville Ward and working with other ward consultants, he started a Ward Family History group in the Springboro and worked specifically with the youth on indexing.

Heather Lytle lives in Springboro, Ohio with her husband and four kids. For more than five years she served as one of the stake temple and family history consultants and contributed weekly posts to the Facebook page: Temple and Family History Work in the Dayton Ohio Stake. She has been learning how to do family history research and discovering what amazing ancestors she has! She also loves to teach others how to get started doing their own family history research.

Susan Melville's love of family history began as a child, listening to stories about her pioneer ancestors crossing oceans and continents. Later, as her parents shared photos and stories her interest in family history continued to grow. Over the years, Susan has developed her skills as a researcher and recently completed a certificate in family history research to add to her BS in Geography. Susan currently works at Centerville-Washington History and enjoys sharing local history with visiting patrons. Her five children continually inspire her to keep learning, growing, and loving. In the Dayton Ohio Stake, Susan serves as the Stake Primary President. When she isn't working, Susan loves taking hikes with her dog, growing her vegetable garden, or reading about history.

Jean Halls Muetzel, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is a retired professional librarian who enjoyed working in public, academic and school libraries in Ohio and Texas. As a DAR member since 1988, Jean has served the Cincinnati Chapter as Regent and six years as Registrar. For Ohio Society DAR, she has been State SW District Director, State Librarian, and a Christian Waldschmidt Homestead Curator. She is also a member of several lineage societies including Colonial Dames XVII Century, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of the American Colonists, Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the Union. She enjoys genealogical research, reading and spending time with her family.

Charlie Nye is a retired photojournalist living in Indianapolis whose journalism career began in Montgomery County, Ohio in the 1960s. During his long career he worked for newspapers in Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota, Oregon, and Indiana, and also served as a National Geographic photography intern two summers while attending Ohio University (undergraduate) and the University of Missouri (graduate school). An interest in family history began in fifth grade when in January 1963 he started publishing a monthly family newspaper sent to relatives and family friends. He retired in 2015 after 29 years with *The Indianapolis News* (closed in 1999) and *The Indianapolis Star*. In 1975, a chance discovery of a box of hundreds of his grandparents' photo negatives taken with early-1900s Kodaks in the family attic led to a fascination with and decades-long investigation into the family history recorded in the vintage images. With the assistance of his father and other relatives throughout the years, he has been able to record identities and information about these photos and hundreds of others he's gathered in his genealogy research. During the last 20 years he has been digitizing and restoring the family photographic archives dating back to about 1865. He continues to expand the archives with hundreds more pictures every year — he and his wife, also a photographer, have 11 very photogenic grandchildren!

Dana Palmer, CG[®], CGL^(SM) specializes in lineage society applications, publishing family books, and Midwestern research – specifically Ohio. She also has experience researching in the U.K, Denmark, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Romania. In addition to her client work, she reviews military repatriation cases for Eagle Investigative Services, Inc., is part of the Silver Books team for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and lectures at RootsTech, the National Genealogical Society (NGS), and the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) conferences. She became a certified genealogist (CG) in 2009 and a certified genealogical lecturer (CGL) in 2019. She has been a genealogy instructor at Sinclair Community College since 2010. She belongs to several lineage societies including ISDUP, NSDAR, USD 1812, and Colonial Dames. She has received numerous awards for her books and volunteer efforts. She loves problem solving and tracking down those elusive ancestors!

Cheri Hudson Passey is a professional genealogist, instructor, writer, and speaker and the owner of Carolina Girl Genealogy, LLC. She is the host of the genealogy chat show GenFriends and is a genealogical researcher, subcontracted by Eagle Investigative Services, Inc., for the US Army Past Conflict Repatriations Branch.

Milt Rhynard joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1973 and almost immediately became involved in Family History research. His search has resulted in a database of approximately 100,000 family members both living and deceased. He has published two books on the Rhynard family, both stemming from his 4th Great Grandfather, Peter Rhynard, one of the original settlers in the Greenville area of Darke County. His family was present before the Ohio territory was open for settlement. He has served as a Family History Consultant since 1992 and as a member of the Dayton Ohio Stake High Council for over 14 years with his primary responsibility to coordinate Temple and Family History activities within the Stake. He also served as the Chairman of the Family History Jamboree for those 14 years. He has served as the Dayton Ohio Indexing Director since the inception of the Indexing activity in 2006. Prior to Indexing, he served as the Dayton Ohio Stake Extraction Director, the predecessor program to Indexing. He and his wife Joanne Served a 16-month Mission at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Currently he is serving as the Stake Temple and Family History Consultant for Indexing. He has also been assigned as an Area Family History Consultant for the Cincinnati Coordinating Council of the Church.

Jan Skousen was born and raised in Michigan. She has lived 22 years in Ohio. A Midwest girl all through! She has ancestry in both states with lines back to Revolutionary War. She is a licensed real estate referral agent with Midwest Referrals. She also is a 25-year veteran homeschooler with six children and 21 grandchildren. Jan attended BYU as Family History major on way to Associates Degree, with an earned Family History Certificate. She currently serves as a Ward Family History Consultant in the Springboro Ward in the Dayton Ohio East Stake.

Nicole Smith fell in love with family history while listening to her grandmother's many colorful stories about her family and wanting to know if those stories were true. She attended Providence College and Oxford University in England, obtaining a BA in History. Upon graduation, Nicole worked as a title examiner in Rhode Island for three years before spending the majority of her career as a software and database developer in the IT industry. Now semi-retired, Nicole enjoys volunteering and teaching classes at the Dayton Ohio East Family History Center in Fairborn, Ohio where she specializes in newspaper research.

Elizabeth Valencia –When she was a teenager in the 1970s, distant relatives unknown to her, compiled books about two lines of her family history. One of them showed that she had direct ancestors on the Mayflower. She was hooked and wanted to know more. During her first venture to an actual courthouse in a tiny county in Illinois in the 1980s she found records of a baby boy, her great grandma's brother that no one had ever talked about. The first time she went to the Family History Library in Salt Lake in the 1990s, she located microfilm records from a small village in Germany and discovered her paternal grandfather's family. She is thankful for the resources available online, the ability to research from home, and that she can mingle with her ancestors via FamilySearch almost daily. Serves currently as a stake temple and family history consultant in the Dayton Ohio Stake.

Anne Wachs has been a reference librarian with the Washington-Centerville Public Library for over a decade. During her tenure, she has helped numerous patrons with genealogy research. Under her direction, WCPL offers monthly genealogy interest groups, genealogy workshops concentrating on Ancestry Library Edition, and several programs from outside speakers on a variety of genealogical topics.

Bonnie Wade-Mucia is the owner of Keeper of the Past Genealogy. She is the Director of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Silver Books Project and head of the GSMD DNA Committee. She is a genealogy researcher for Eagle Investigative Services, Inc., the United States Army's Defense POW/MIA Account Agency (DPAA) Past Conflicts Repatriations Branch (PCRB) to locate and establish contact with living family members of MIA/KIA Soldiers from WWII and other conflicts. Bonnie has researched for the PBS show "Finding Your Roots" with Dr. Henry Louis Gates as well as other projects for PBS including documentaries and movies. Bonnie is an experienced speaker and lecturer. She has been published in *The Nova Scotia Genealogist* (Summer 2019 Vol. XXXVII/2) for her work on a family lineage: "*The Descendants of George Wade & Freelove Condon of Granville, Nova Scotia.*" Along with attending several genealogy institutes such as SLIG and IGHR, she is a graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Certificate program. Bonnie is an alumna of the ProGen Study Group and currently in the ICAPgen Study group working towards accreditation. She is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), and the United States Daughters of 1812. Bonnie is from New England but now resides in Bluffton, South Carolina with her husband, Joseph.

Liz Worley is a newly called Stake Temple and Family History consultant. She has been doing family history work for over ten years and enjoys the thrill of finding new ancestors. She also enjoys indexing in her spare time. Liz makes up for her lack of knowledge and skills with lots of enthusiasm and effort. As we all know... "The Lord loves effort."

In-Person Lectures

No. Class Title

1. Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch – Learn how to access hidden treasures such as historical records, research wiki, online books, the catalog, books, and other resources.

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

2. Beginning Genealogy I – This class will discuss ways to get started doing genealogy and family history. It will demonstrate how to use FamilySearch to create and explore a person's family tree. We'll cover how to set up an account, entering living relatives, and connecting deceased ancestors to you and your ancestors. There will also be time for Q&A. This is a good class for anyone just getting started!

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Elizabeth Valencia**)

3. I'll See You in Court (Records!) – Courthouse records are often overlooked in our quest to learn about our ancestors. Learn strategies for locating these records and repositories to discover what might be available for your family history.

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

4. Fundamental Mysteries III – The Case of the Voodoo Aunt – If you have vanishing relatives of your own, or just love cracking a good mystery, this genealogist's tale is for you. You will hear about the tracking down of Voodoo Aunt, see the evidence, hear the conflicts, feel the anguish of the journey, and will learn some valuable pieces of research knowledge.

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrabone**)

5. Digitizing Family Lore – All families have stories, while some may be tall tales of fish that got away, others may be tragedies that provide valuable lessons for future generations. Learn how to use technology to capture these and many other stories for posterity.

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Bruce & Tracey Clawson**)

6. Free Genealogy Resources on the Web – Discover how to find and use information found on free genealogy websites such as FamilySearch, US Gen Web, Chronicling America, Archive.org and others.

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

7. Beginning Genealogy II: Uncovering Your Roots – This class will aid the beginner in answering the 'Where Do I Start' question. We'll explore how to be successful in finding your family with emphasis on lineage society application submissions.

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Jean Muetzel**)

8. Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Discovering Scottish Roots – This lecture will demonstrate strategies to discover your Scottish ancestor. Included are some "getting started" research books, websites, and tips to help link your family to Scotland.

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

9. Power Point Tricks for Genealogists – *Attendees will learn how use PowerPoint tricks to fix family photos and historical documents, add pizzazz to paper narratives, make use of maps and charts, and upscale those graphic treasures for your collection and family gatherings for everyone to enjoy.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrambone**)

10. Temple and Family History Consultant Training: You mean I don't have to be an expert genealogist? – *This class will discuss ways Temple and Family History Consultants can create personalized family history experiences for individuals and families. It will demonstrate how to access the FamilySearch Planner and some of the other Helper Resources available. There will also be time for Q&A.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Elizabeth Valencia & Liz Worley**)

11. Q&A Session – *This is a time attendees can come and ask questions about genealogy and related topics to a panel of experts. All questions and ability levels are welcome.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Moderator **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

12. Enhancing Your Family Story – Adding Detail Using City Directories – *City directories are a source of not only finding lost family members but of adding interesting and essential details to your family stories. Come learn how these useful tools can benefit your family history work.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Jan Skousen**)

13. Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research: An Introduction – *This lecture will guide the beginning to intermediate genealogist through the process of online newspaper research. We will look at three different websites, what they offer, and how to use each one in detail.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Nicole Smith**)

14. Activities – *Explore online activities for the whole family provided through the Family Search website.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Heather Lytle**)

15. Help! I Want to Take My Family to the Temple – *Are you still learning to do family history or are you often short on time when you are headed to the temple? We will explore the simple ways within FamilySearch to quickly identify a family member who has missing ordinances and how to reserve that work. This class is geared towards members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Bruce & Tracey Clawson**)

16. Useful Tools for Those with German Ancestors – *You don't have to be a German expert to read your German ancestors' records. Come learn the tricks to be successful!*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

17. Involving Children in Family History – *It needs to be active, and it needs to be fun. Come learn how to build skills and interest in the next generation of family historians from a parent of five children.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Holly Braun**)

18. Why Can't I Just Leave it For Aunt Sue to Do? – *Why can't you just leave it for Aunt Sue to do? Maybe you can. At least the part she is best at. Let's explore what you can do. We will look at the many faces of family history and talk about the ultimate why of doing this important work.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Bruce & Tracey Clawson**)

19. FamilySearch Indexing: Easier Than Ever! – *This is a time for attendees or youth to learn how to index records on FamilySearch. Please come prepared with your FamilySearch account set-up beforehand. Please bring your own device or laptop.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Milt Rhynard**)

20. Q&A Walk-In – *This is intended as a time attendees can come and ask questions about researching their family from experienced researchers. Devices and laptops are welcome.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Coords. **Elizabeth Valencia, Liz Worley, Jim & DeeAnn Haworth**)

21. It's Not All Done! Finding Places to Research in a Full Family Tree – *When you hit a brick wall, turn around and start researching forward in time to find the descendants of a direct ancestor. Flip the Tree over! Descendancy research will help you find distant cousins who could provide additional family stories, documents, and photos.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Linda Hilton**)

22. Making Your Ancestors Come Alive Through FamilySearch's Memories – *Bring your ancestors to life by uploading photos, documents, stories, and audio recordings to your ancestor's page in FamilySearch. Discover resources to help you identify, date, colorize, and even repair old photos. We will discuss how to create files in FamilySearch to share these memories with family members, as well as discuss story prompts for audio or written stories. Also learn how to search the Memories Gallery for memories others have posted.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Linda Hilton**)

23. Finding Your Patriot! Revolutionary War Research– *Could your ancestor have served in the American Revolutionary War? Learn about types of service- military, civil and patriotic. Could they have served from other countries? We'll discuss how to determine residence during the war, what military records are available to prove service, and what are some of the important research resources. Lineage Societies can be fun and helpful.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Jean Muetzel**)

24. The Value of Photo Archiving – *We'll cover practical steps to analyze family and historical photos, looking for clues as to who the people are in the photos and when and where the photos may have been taken. Examples will be shown (dating back to the late 1800s) discussing methods that have resulted in new discoveries by examining clothing styles of the period, buildings in backgrounds, facial features of the subjects and comparing it with censuses and family trees.*

Audience Level: All

(Inst. **Charlie Nye**)

25. Finding Healing Through Family History Research – *This class explores ways that family history research can create greater peace, joy, and connection. Through a series of stories, class members learn how to use records and experiences to discover more about deceased relatives. The focus is to alleviate fear and anxiety related to family history research.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Susan Melville**)

Virtual Lectures

Virtual & in-person

V01. Free Genealogy Resources on the Web – *Discover how to find and use information found on free genealogy websites such as FamilySearch, US Gen Web, Chronicling America, Archive.org and others.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

V02. Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch – *Learn how to access hidden treasures such as historical records, research wiki, online books, the catalog, books, and other resources.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

V03. Useful Tools for Those with German Ancestors – *You don't have to be a German expert to read your German ancestors' records. Come learn the tricks to be successful!*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

V04. I'll See You in Court (Records!) – *Courthouse records are often overlooked in our quest to learn about our ancestors. Learn strategies for locating these records and repositories to discover what might be available for your family history.*

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

V05. Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Discovering Scottish Roots – *This lecture will demonstrate strategies to discover your Scottish ancestor. Included are some "getting started" research books, websites, and tips to help link your family to Scotland.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

V06. Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research: An Introduction – *This lecture will guide the beginning to intermediate genealogist through the process of online newspaper research. We will look at three different websites, what they offer, and how to use each one in detail.*

Audience Level: Beginning

(Inst. **Nicole Smith**)

V07. Fundamental Mysteries III – The Case of the Voodoo Aunt – *If you have vanishing relatives of your own, or just love cracking a good mystery, this genealogist's tale is for you. You will hear about the tracking down of Voodoo Aunt, see the evidence, hear the conflicts, feel the anguish of the journey, and will learn some valuable pieces of research knowledge.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrambone**)

V08. Power Point Tricks for Genealogists – *Attendees will learn how use PowerPoint tricks to fix family photos and historical documents, add pizzazz to paper narratives, make use of maps and charts, and upscale those graphic treasures for your collection and family gatherings for everyone to enjoy.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrambone**)

V09. It's Not All Done! Finding Places to Research in a Full Family Tree – *When you hit a brick wall, turn around and start researching forward in time to find the descendants of a direct ancestor. Flip the Tree over! Descendancy research will help you find distant cousins who could provide additional family stories, documents, and photos.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Linda Hilton**)

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Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Susan Melville**)

V11. Involving Children in Family History – *It needs to be active, and it needs to be fun. Come learn how to build skills and interest in the next generation of family historians from a parent of five children.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Holly Braun**)

Virtual only – new this year

V12. Library Genealogy Databases – *Discover what every Ohio public library has! See what you can find with just a simple library card from subscription databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, Heritage Quest and African American Heritage with the help of a local librarian.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Anne Wachs**)

V13. Beginning Strategies for Online Records and Repositories – *Build your skills by learning the best practices for filling out a search form, locating the record collections you are looking for, and useful tricks to help you as you begin researching online. Learn how to use your time wisely and begin researching!*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Cheri Hudson Passey**)

V14. Beyond the Basics: Online Research Techniques – *Move beyond the beginner search strategies. Learn to target your queries in search engines and search boxes to help return the best results. This session will focus on large online repositories, newspapers, and other repositories to show the best methods to produce results that can lead to discoveries about your family.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Cheri Hudson Passey**)

V15. Genealogical DNA Testing for Beginners – *Learn how DNA testing can help you find out your matches and break down brick walls in your research. Learn about three types of DNA testing- autosomal, mitochondrial, and y-DNA tests. Determine which type of test you should take. Learn how to determine genetic relationships in different types of tests. If you have results, learn how to make sense of your matches and get the most out of the five common testing companies—Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage DNA, and Living DNA.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Kelli Bergheimer**)

V16. Strategies to Identify your DNA Matches – *Learn how to sort your matches (Leeds Method) and use clustering tools to build a master list of how each match is related to you! Learn to take advantage of inferred matches of your siblings to add more depth and data to your list. And develop a plan for identifying each first, second, and third cousin match in your match list.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Kelli Bergheimer**)

Virtual only – repeat from last year

V17. Tools for Reading German Handwriting – *Understanding what is in your German records can be invaluable. Learn how to decipher the records using a variety of tools available.*

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Dana Palmer**, CG[®], CGL^(SM))

V18. Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society: The Silver Books as Your Guide – *Mayflower descendants today are related to 26 families that sailed on The Mayflower in 1620. We will discuss the Silver Books Project, its history, and its mission. Learn how to use them in your genealogy research as well as how to apply to the Mayflower Society.*

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Bonnie Wade-Mucia**)

V19. 75 Years Later: Creating Wartime Family Reunions Using Genealogy & DNA – *Using Genealogy and DNA in the effort to identify previously unaccounted-service members in the Military Repatriation effort by locating living family member.*

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Bonnie Wade-Mucia**)

V20. Tracking Early Family Footprints in U.S. Land Records – *Land records are often overlooked in our quest to learn about our ancestors, but they can be very valuable, particularly for lineage society membership. Discover what's available in the U.S. Land Management Tract Books and on FamilySearch. Learn to navigate these sites and use clues to find your family.*

Audience Level: Intermediate

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

V21. Searching for Elizabeth, Discovering Northern Ireland – *Irish family research can be challenging, but not impossible. Like United States research, it takes identifying and thoroughly fleshing out clues that can lead to other records. While the techniques focus on Northern Ireland (NI), many of the free-to-use websites are applicable for researching anywhere on the island.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Debbie Large**)

V22. Fundamental Mysteries IV - They Want You to Find Them – *Come learn some useful ideas how rebuilding an old family photo album helped track down an elusive relative. This adventure has many twists and turns, but the discoveries made are fantastic.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrambone**)

V23. Italian Research Introduction – *This lecture shows you how to do Italian research using FamilySearch. You will see techniques to find those long-lost relatives applicable to any ethnic group. Come see an enjoyable genealogical adventure where the story is real, the graphics are hot, and the ending is priceless.*

Audience Level: Beginner

(Inst. **Michael Garrambone**)

V24. Indexing Tips and Tricks – *Do you get lost when trying to do indexing? Not sure where to go, how to do it, or what all of it means? Join us as we dive into indexing to uncover some tips and tricks that may make your experience a little bit better. Some of the things we will cover in this session are: filtering to find a batch, project instruction, Mandatory fields to complete, and handwriting.*

Audience Level: ALL

(Inst. **Todd Layton**)

1. Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch

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FamilySearch's website has many free indexes and images to help you research your family. There are many ways to search, plus other useful tools to help you get started.

SEARCH

Records: These are digital indexes and images from the original historical record collection. Many of these come from original sources that were microfilmed and are now digital reproductions of what you would find if you traveled to those locations.

To access this collection, you can either type your ancestor's name in the name field or browse the collection by clicking on the applicable link. *You will get better search results by browsing and selecting the specific database than by entering the names in the main search field.*

To browse the record collection:

- Select ALL COLLECTIONS or just a specific one like UNITED STATES
- Click the collection you want to browse. A list will appear, and in the upper right corner it will list the number of collections in the chosen category.
- To find records in Ohio:
 - Choose UNITES STATES
 - You can type a locality such as OHIO in the box to the upper left under the SEARCH feature, or you can filter the categories below by selecting the specific locality (United States), the date, or category.
 - If you click the state name to the left instead of typing it in the box, then when you use the back arrow, you won't have to retype the state name every time.
 - Click on the link for **Ohio Deaths 1908-1953**.
 - Type your ancestor's name. Make sure that the ancestor you choose actually died between 1908 and 1953, otherwise they won't be found in the index.
 - When the list of names appears, click on the applicable one. For this database you will need to sign in to view the original image as required by the record collection donor.
 - These images easily can be saved to your computer. Click on the SAVE button or right click your mouse on the image and select SAVE TO YOUR COMPUTER.

It is helpful to just browse by scrolling down and seeing what is in the collection and how it is organized.

- Census records are listed under **United States**, then arranged by the census year.
- Many military records are also listed under United States
- The **IGI** or International Genealogical Index is part of the collection again and can be searched by the full name or by typing in IGI into the search box.
- If you see a camera icon next to a collections' name, there is a digital image as well as the transcribed abstract.
- If there is no camera icon, then it is an index only. Once you view the name you want check for the microfilm number to view the original image located in the catalog.
- If it has "browse collection" instead of a number of the size of the collection, then you will have to browse to the specific topic, then search image by image to find the entry. Many of these records have indexes in the front or end of each specified book that can aid in browsing the un-indexed record collections.
- If you are having trouble finding your person, try searching just by location and a date range with the exact filters on to see if your location at that time is included in the online indexed collection. Sometimes you can't find who you want because that location isn't indexed for that time. If it is not part of the record collection, search the catalog to see if the originals have been microfilmed.

Record collections are constantly being added to the historical record collection. Check back often to see what's new.

IMAGES

In order to make more of the digital collections available faster, FamilySearch developed technology to index and load the records via computer imaging. The computer digitized and indexed records are filed in the "Images" category of SEARCH on FamilySearch. These are different than the records filed in the "Records" and "Catalog."

FAMILY TREE

You have to be logged in to use this feature. You can add your own family tree to this site as well as sources, photos, documents, and research notes. Make sure to check to see if you ancestors are already in the database **before** you upload your gedcom. If your relatives are already in the system, you can easily connect everyone using their assigned ID. Documents, photos and source details can be attached to each person, which makes preserving your records and sharing your data super easy! Using FamilyTree is one of the best ways to break through your brick walls because it is easy to collaborate with relatives and share your research online on a free website.

MEMORIES

You can add or find family photos on your ancestors when you are logged in. What a great way to share and preserve family photos, documents and stories with other family members who live far away. People can easily be tagged and linked to the applicable person in the Family Tree. The tagging feature makes it easy for other relatives to help identify people in group photos.

CATALOG

The Family History Library Catalog is a compilation of all the books, microfilms, microfiche, and other records available in the family history center located in Salt Lake City. Copies of original records (vitals, census, church, tax, court, etc.) from around the world are stored on microfilm or microfiche. Data found in the “Record Collections” part of FamilySearch comes from what is contained on the microfilms, microfiche, and books in this collection through the indexing project. “Images” are the new way records are being digitized.

Records can no longer be ordered on microfilm. Instead, they are being digitized with the digital images being loaded into the library catalog, in the historical records, or images. To view the images, search by location or topic. Click on the record category. Scroll down to the list of microfilms / microfiche. If there is a camera icon next to the microfilm, then it is available to view online. If there is a lock next to the camera icon, then those records can only be viewed at a family history center or family history center affiliate. Once these records are digitized, many become part of the indexing project. If you would like to help with indexing, sign up online under the INDEXING tab.

Searches to the catalog can be made by selecting one of the following filters: Place Names, Last Names, Titles, Author Information, Subjects, Call Numbers, Film Numbers or Keywords.

How to search by place / locality

- Select Place Name in SEARCH box
- Type in your locality (e.g. Indiana, Tippecanoe). This will bring up all those localities with Tippecanoe and Indiana. Select the locality you want and hit SEARCH. *(Remember that in the U.S. most records are organized on the county level, so it is very important to know which county you need to research. In the New England states, many records are stored in the towns and a search should be done by town.)*
- A list will then appear with categories and topics for Tippecanoe County, Indiana. There will be a number next to each category. This number is not the number of names in that category but the number of collections for that topic.
- Select the applicable category and title. Click the drop-down arrow and choose from the titles. Click the link and you will be directed to either the digital image found in the historical record collection or the page view that contains information on the microfilm / microfiche.
- Keep in mind that record collections that list the author as County Courts, Probate Courts, Clerk of Courts, District Courts, and the Health Department usually have the original documents in their collection, not just an abstract. Collections with an author’s name are usually abstracts or typed indexes. Although the abstracted indexes are immensely helpful, original records should always be checked.

BOOKS

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City and many other participating libraries are working together to digitize their books and make them available to the public. Many family books, county and local histories, and other type genealogy books have already been completed and can be found on this site. This is a great place to find county histories.

WIKI

FamilySearch's Wiki is a resource similar to an online library like Wikipedia. It can be searched by key word for specific articles or by browsing topics or locations. Many articles and how-to instructions about family history can be found or posted on this site.

Remember that website links and content material is posted by individuals or genealogists who are familiar with records for that specific locality and where to find them. Many times, links to online databases with name indexes are referenced.

For international countries, genealogical word lists, letter writing guides, and beginner's getting started tools are available. Best of all – it's free!

ACTIVITIES

FamilySearch's Family History Activities provide fun in home family activities designed for the whole family. Some fun ones include:

- Where am I from?
- Famous Relatives
- Compare-a-Face
- Record My Story
- In-Home Activities

Solutions Gallery – located at the bottom of the page. This also provides tools and games to help you connect, organize, and explore your family and their heritage. My kid's favorite is *Geneopardy* under the Games section. How well do you know your ancestors?

HELP

- **Contact FamilySearch:**
 - *Call Us:* Provides contact information for FamilySearch via telephone
 - *Live Chat:* Allows you to chat with someone online to answer your questions
- **Help Center**
 - *Search box:* allows you to type in a topic and get links to webinars, articles, etc.
 - *Search by topic:* more focused help for specific topics including:
 - *Family Tree, Memories, Searching Records, FamilySearch Account, Indexing, RootsTech, FamilySearch Wiki, FamilySearch Partners, DNA, Family History Centers, Mobile Apps, and Online Courses*
 - *Other Help Options:* ways to get help with family history questions
 - *In-person Help* –identifies family history centers for one-on-one help
 - *Getting Started* –tutorials for beginning your family history journey
 - *Community* – other users provide help in community forums

2. Beginning Genealogy I

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This class will discuss ways to get started doing genealogy and family history. It will demonstrate how to use the website FamilySearch.org to create and explore a person's family tree. The class will also include time for Q&A.

Genealogy Basics: Getting Started

1. What do you want to discover: Work from the known to the unknown
2. Explore what you already have: photo albums, diaries, talk to relatives, documents, etc.
3. Start Researching: The basics—birth, marriage and death records
4. Organize and share what you find: Family Group Charts, Pedigree Charts and Online platforms such as FamilySearch.org

Demonstration: Using FamilySearch.org

1. What is a Shared Tree?
2. Creating an account
3. Adding what you know: Entering living ancestors (private)
4. Connecting to deceased ancestors (public)
5. Navigating FamilySearch Tree
 1. Tree (landscape, portrait, fan chart, descandancy)
 2. Person (details, timeline, sources, memories, view relationship)
 3. Recent, Find (PID), Search (Records)
 4. Research Wiki

Q&A

3. I'll See You in Court (Records!)

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Genealogists often use court records, particularly probate records, to identify family relationships when vital records do not exist. But there are other court records that can be discovered to add context and/or richness to an ancestor's story. Court records may be the *only records* for the very poor, landless ancestor, an unmarried, pregnant female ancestor or a troubled, "black sheep" ancestor in early colonial America. Use clues from other records to determine where these often overlooked and interesting records may be located to learn more about your ancestor.

Tips:

- **Time period matters.** Understand what court records exist and where they are located by studying the history of the area at the time of your ancestor's life. Remember to check the court records of parent and surrounding counties.
- **Use other records** (census, newspapers, oral and written family histories, etc.) to find possible court appearances.
- **Browse** the first or last few pages of any court book to determine the indexing system used to search efficiently.
- **Learn** common legal terminology used during the time period of study. Consult legal dictionaries for assistance.
- **Search** at a town, county and state level. Federal court records are located at NARA.

Getting Started Online with Court Record Research Unless marked with \$, sites are free to use, but may require the user to set up an account to view documents.

- Use your favorite internet browser and type in "_____ Court Records" in the search box (in the blank type in the state or county of interest)
- Review County Clerk of Court and/or Archive website(s)
- Websites for Genealogical or Historical Society
- City or district library website(s)
- **Ancestry.com** \$ - www.ancestry.com. Some court records/court packets with images. Use the card catalog with the keyword phrase "court records" and your desired location to determine online records.
- **FamilySearch.org** – FREE record viewing with a free user account. After logging in, under "Search" select "catalog" from the dropdown menu. Then, in the search box, type in the desired location (state, then county and/or city/town), scroll to open "court records". Not all collections are viewable from home, so be prepared to visit your local Family History Center if home access is not available for a given collection (camera icon with key). FamilySearch is also a GREAT starting place to learn what records are available when researching in a new area. Click on "wiki" under "Search" from main screen and type in a location or topic into the search box.
- **AmericanAncestors.org** (New England research) \$ - <https://www.americanancestors.org/>
- **Black Sheep Ancestors** - <https://www.blacksheepancestors.com/>

Online Law Dictionary for Legal Terminology

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Law.com - <https://dictionary.law.com/>

Black's Law Dictionary - <https://thelawdictionary.org/>

Helpful Books

- *Courthouse Indexes Illustrated* – by Christine Rose
- *Courthouse Research for the Family Historians, Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures* – by Christine Rose

Current Incarcerated Offenders and Recent Parolees

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections - <https://appgateway.drc.ohio.gov/OffenderSearch>

Southwest Ohio County and State Websites for Court/Criminal Record Research

Butler County, Ohio Records Center & Archives -

<http://www.butlercountyohio.org/records/index.cfm?page=archives>

Butler County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - <http://butlercountyclerk.org/>

Cincinnati Public Library - <https://cincinnati.library.bibliocommons.com>

Greene County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - <https://www.greenecountyohio.gov/394/Clerk-of-Courts>

Greene County, Ohio Public Library - <https://greenelibrary.info/>

Hamilton County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - <https://www.courtclerk.org/records-search/search-by-name/>

Hamilton County Genealogical Society - <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=182>

Montgomery County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - <https://www.mcclerkofcourts.org/>

Preble County, Ohio Public Library Genealogy - <https://preblelibrary.org/genealogy>

[Preble County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - https://www.preblecountyohio.net/](https://www.preblecountyohio.net/)

Warren County, Ohio Records & Archives Center - <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/recordscenter/>

Warren County, Ohio Clerk of Courts - <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/clerkofcourt/>

Ohio History Connection Ohio Prison Records -

<https://ohiohistory.libguides.com/c.php?g=1110058&p=8092325>

University of Dayton Special Collections – Government Documents -

<https://udayton.edu/libraries/research/govdocs.php>

Wright State University Special Collections & Archives -

<https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/localgovernment/>

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4. Fundamental Mysteries III: The Case of the Voodoo Aunt

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1. Fundamental Mysteries III: The Case of Voodoo Aunt
 - a. Hints, Intuition, Synchronicity & Persistence
2. What is this all about: Purpose to provide beginning researchers some very simple and very helpful genealogical concepts
3. The Mystery Begins
 - a. Family Tree
4. Estella James Ganaway
 - a. Nearly all records about Estella are confusing
 - b. What to do
5. Early Estella Docs
 - a. First Marriage
 - b. 1920 Census
6. “Stella” and Angles Van Mason
 - a. Marriage License
 - b. Married in Census
7. Stella Mason’s Family
 - a. Some Results so far
 - i. Some marriage/census records found
 - ii. Talked to the two remaining children
 - iii. Talked to the remaining wives
 - iv. Talked to next-generation children
 - v. Found a cousin
 - b. Some Troublesome Thoughts
 - i. Words out, “Don’t tell ’em anything”
 - ii. Siblings defer knowledge to one another
 - iii. Some family disharmony noted
 - iv. Next gen-children know little
 - v. No one has records
8. Genealogists Know about the Land
 - a. Area Map of West Virginia – Virginia Border

9. Know about the Cemeteries
 - a. Area Map of Nearby Cemeteries

10. Doing Things by the Book
 - a. Created documents & information book
 - b. Gotten the names, dates, locations
 - c. Created the initial family charts
 - d. Mapped locations and cemeteries
 - e. Talked to the primary family members
 - f. Scanned the photos & images
 - g. Visited the homestead & archives
 - h. Visited the library & undertakers

11. Things to Know about Vital Records
 - a. Each state has their own version of what vital records can be obtained
 - b. Some records online; others can be obtained through the mail or by visit
 - c. Some ask for kinship, have a waiting period—most ask for money

12. Frustration is Setting In, but You Know
 - a. You can sneak into this world, but “the Law” wants to know how you left
 - b. Record keeping gets better with time
 - c. Something mysterious is going on
 - d. Time to outline the Juicy Questions
 - i. Who else knew this person?
 - ii. How did she live?
 - iii. When did she die?
 - iv. How did she get buried?
 - v. Where was she buried?
 - vi. Who paid for what?

13. Time to Go Sideways
 - a. Find others who can contribute information
 - b. Note You may find folds of peculiar behaviors or temperament
 - i. A niece: Yes, she died, but we did not attend
 - ii. A nephew: I was in high school then
 - iii. A neighbor: I don’ t think it was in Virginia
 - iv. Another niece: I was a small child and it was too cold to go
 - v. Another niece: She died after her brother Altimont
 - vi. A cousin: Yes, the funeral was in Detroit around the holiday
 - vii. Another cousin: Most of the family lived in Detroit; some were out of town
 - viii. A nephew: I heard there was a big fight at the funeral
 - ix. A friend: I believe they took off with the body and took her home
 - x. A nephew: Might have something to do with religion or money
 - xi. A niece: My cousin said he personally paid for the tombstone

14. Somewhat Unbelievably Sparse

- a. Periodically assess what you found
- b. I've clearly found folks of peculiar behaviors or temperament
- c. New Thoughts
 - i. She may not have died in Virginia or West Virginia
 - ii. Most of her family lived in Detroit (not known before)
 - iii. She may have died in Detroit around the holiday!!
 - iv. It might have been during the cold time of the year
 - v. She died after her brother Altimont died in 1966
 - vi. She may be buried elsewhere
 - vii. There may be a tombstone
- d. Research work is now in Motown

15. What do you know about Detroit?

- a. Very little except:
 - i. Detroit is a very big city
 - ii. Wayne County is big (25 x 40 miles)
 - iii. Oldest son used to live there
 - iv. Youngest daughter still lives there
 - v. Cousin Lucille lives there
 - vi. Capital of Michigan is Lansing
- b. Learn everything you can about the vital records agencies

16. Somewhere in this 1000 square miles is Information on Estella

- a. Find out how to find things
 - i. Computer
 - ii. Write
 - iii. Phone
 - iv. Visit

17. Results: Yes, but not so Good

18. Information is still Missing

- a. So why didn't the search succeed?
 - i. Wrong name
 - ii. Wrong time frame
 - iii. Wrong location
 - iv. Wrong jurisdiction
 - v. Wrong story
 - vi. Wrong questions

19. Time to Revisit the Knowledge Banks
 - a. What was the family doing in Detroit anyhow?
 - b. Genealogists need to know about the history of the times they are searching
 - i. Frequently Southern men returning from WWII went to Northern cities to seek employment (seeds for migration)
 - ii. With her husband's passing (1943) and only social security (1935) she never worked outside the home in VA
 - iii. She had lived in her house in Bluefield, VA for many years
 - iv. Transportation was mostly by car and perhaps by rail
 - v. Relatives, friends, and neighbors would last but so long

20. More Direct Questions
 - a. Ask others about the information voids and abnormalities
 - b. Answers are usually stunning!!!
 - i. When did she go to Detroit? "Sometime after she divorced her husband"
 - ii. Where did she live in Detroit? "First with her sons, then with her daughter, then she moved out on her own"
 - iii. Did she die at home? "No, she went to a black hospital in Detroit and died there"
 - iv. Where was the funeral held? "It was a last-minute thing, but it was at a black funeral home"
 - v. What happened at the funeral? "There was an argument among the family members; the younger boys took her back home"

21. Just like Hogwarts
 - a. Help will be provided to those who ask for it
 - i. The Records
 - ii. The Marriage
 - iii. The Skinny
 - iv. The Images
 - v. The City
 - vi. The Spirit

22. Husband Number Three
 - a. Marriages can be tracked by bride, groom, date, location, & religion
 - i. An old Bluefield lawyer told me to check Tazewell County Records 1950-1960 for Estelle Mason
 - b. Always leave room in your search for some magical assistance
 - i. A call "from out of the blue" from a Bluefield genealogist who works 24/7 said she thought she could track it down for me and perhaps even had photos

23. Husband Number Three
 - a. Marriages can be tracked by bride, groom, date, location, religion, & lawyers

24. So, What Was Her Actual Name?
 - a. Estelle, Estella, Stella, Ella
 - b. James, Jane
 - c. Ganaway, Gannaway
 - d. Ferguson
 - e. Mason, Masen, Masin, Mayson
 - f. Finny, Finney, Finley
 - g. Plus misspellings
 - h. Examples filed under
 - i. Stella James
 - ii. Estelle Mason
 - iii. Estelle Finney
 - iv. James Finney
 - v. Any order
 - vi. Male or Female
 - i. Yeah, and what about the divorce?
25. Where Did She Live/Die?
 - a. Most likely near her daughter's house
 - b. Google Search: Old black hospitals Detroit
 - i. Eastside General Hospital 2199 Cadillac Blvd (Closed—no information)
26. Death Location Is Important!
 - a. There are always quirks (peculiar behaviors) in legal jurisdictions
 - b. 4 Michigan Records Locations
 - i. At the state level (Lansing)
 - ii. At the county level (Wayne)
 - iii. At the city level (Detroit)
but inside the city of Detroit
 - iv. At the city level (Detroit)
but outside the city of Detroit
 - c. Records are kept in the jurisdiction location where the person died!
27. Where was the Funeral?
 - a. Google Search: "Detroit black funeral homes"
 - b. Found seven at the time
 - i. Don't be afraid to use the phone, a lot
28. Back to Romie Minor, Detroit Public Library
 - a. Unfortunately, this did not work! After a time period, records are packed up and sent to the next higher level of storage to make room for newer records
 - b. Don't stop looking till you have it in your hand
29. The Search Ends
 - a. Certificate of Death

30. Not Yet, but Close

- a. “Back Home” would be Bluefield, Virginia
- b. Five Cemeteries Near Bluefield, VA
 - i. Westlawn, WV
 - ii. Woodlawn, WV
 - iii. Oak Grove, WV
 - iv. Maple Hill, VA
 - v. Grandview, VA

31. Back Home

- a. New information is continually discovered and provided to the public-so keep looking
- b. Found at www.findagrave.org

32. Document, Document, Document

- a. Phone calls and the talk
- b. Foot coordination, when, where, and topics
- c. Copies (paper & electronic) of every single record
- d. Archive, cemetery, and library visit reports
- e. Funeral homes and individual homes visited
- f. Copies (paper & electronic) of every image, map, online records
- g. Note things that worked and those that did not work
- h. Include electronic searches, family trees, timelines, & reports

33. Summary

- a. We found “Voodoo Aunt” Estella
- b. She now has records for all to see
- c. Two dozen research ideas have been noted
- d. Resources cited that you can use
- e. There remains more Fundamental Mysteries
- f. But today, we pass these secrets on to you
 - i. Contact Information: Michael W. Garrambone, 4138 Quail Bush Drive, Dayton, OH 45424, 937-233-3255, mgarrambone@aol.com

5. Digitizing Family Lore

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Overview & Purpose

All families have stories, while some may be tall tales of fish that got away, others may be tragedies that provide valuable lessons for future generations. Working together let's learn how to use technology to capture these and many other stories for posterity.

What is "Family Lore"?

1. The term "lore" is defined as "a body of traditions and knowledge, on a subject or held by a particular group, typically passed from person to person by word of mouth."
2. Why should we record these traditions and knowledge?
3. My family doesn't have anything like that to contribute.

Okay, so maybe we have one or two stories, how do I save them?

1. Become a storyteller yourself.
2. What questions should I ask others or myself?
3. Are there more resources to help?

What Materials or Tools Do I Need?

1. Basic Smartphone or digital recording device
2. Time, but only as much as you are willing to give!

Activities

1. *What others have done:*
 - *Listen to oral history on an old rotary phone*
 - *Wick Voices from The Wick Society Oral History Project*
2. *Do you have 5 minutes right now? Of course you do!*
 - *Practicing on the spot!*

6. Free Genealogy Resources on the Web

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There are many free genealogy resources available on the web. Be cautious of online pedigree linked databases because they come from submitted sources and may not be true. Original records should always be sought for verification.

General Search Strategies

- Have a specific goal or problem to solve
- Obtain copies of all records for the person and his/her extended family
- Browse by categories or search for specific collections
- Use filters to refine
- Create a timeline
- Check for alternate spellings
- Expand your search area
- Use cluster research for record of friends, associates and neighbors
- Contact your relatives to collaborate research
- Take a DNA test

Some tips

- Search for records for a whole family
- Check when record collections start – you might not find a record because it wasn't kept at that time
- Boundaries change over time – know when you are searching and where, records are filed by where they were recorded at that time
- Not all records are on FamilySearch and Ancestry.com – sometimes you have to search locally by contacting courts or hiring someone to get the records you need
- If you have an idea where someone is buried but no proof, call the cemetery and ask if they can check to see if your person is buried there. Most will check free of charge and some will send you copies of the records for free or minimal cost
- Track census records for each person on the family group records - elderly parents often live with children, especially if widowed

FamilySearch

Web address: www.familysearch.org

FamilySearch is a great site to use and has a wealth of information. If you ever get lost click on the family search logo in the top left corner and it will return you to the home page. My favorite resources to use here include:

- Historical Records
 - Click on SEARCH tab at the top. Click on “BROWSE ALL PUBLISHED COLLECTIONS” <https://www.familysearch.org/search>
 - Scrolling down to view the collections or click the state link on the left.
 - Select the database you want and then type in the name of the person you want to find.
 - Don't enter too many details or you won't get many search results. If your person does not come up, try nicknames or abbreviations etc. by using the filters on the side.
 - If it has BROWSE IMAGES instead of a number, then you need to search page by page to find who you want. Many of these collections have an index at the beginning of the records to aid you in your search.
 - These are constantly being added to, so check back often to see what's new.

- Catalog
 - Under the SEARCH tab—then click CATALOG
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>
 - For localities select from the drop-down menu, PLACE NAMES and then type in the location you want. Remember that in the US most records are filed on the county level not the city or church level as in other countries.
 - The catalog provides you with resources that are available on microfilm or digital. Click on the collection you want and see if there is a camera icon next to the collection to view it digitally.

- Wiki
 - Click on SEARCH—then click WIKI
 - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
 - This provides help and links to databases worldwide for whatever topic or country you are researching
 - There are language guides, maps, and many other resources here
 - Type in the locality or topic you want and then start exploring
 - For example if you want more information on how to do German research, type in Germany. <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany> You can click on the topics on the right side of the page or the localities as you scroll down.

Google Translate

Web address: <https://translate.google.com>

This website provides free translation from many different languages. You can copy and paste or type in text into the search box and select the language you want it translated into or you can paste websites into the text box and have whole pages translated into another language. For those who have smart phones, you can download the Google Translate App and use it to translate text using the camera on your phone. Hover your phone over the printed text from a different language and see it translate the words immediately.

US GenWeb

Web address: www.usgenweb.org

A free site arranged by the states within the USA. Click on the state you want then find the county list and click on the county. This site was created as a centralized place where people can **submit** their family data, post indexes to records for the specific county, provide history and maps on the area and many other things specific to that county. Information therein varies from county to county. Some sites include records such as biographies, histories, maps, census records, vital records, links to other researchers, message boards, etc. Some have tombstone images or indexes. Researchers are always encouraged to submit info and scans of original documents to these sites. Most have links or addresses to the genealogical, historical, and other major repositories for the area.

Find-A-Grave

Web address: <http://www.findagrave.com> (search by name)

Web address: <http://www.findagrave.com/cemetery> (search by cemetery name)

Find-A-Grave is a site to find memorial for people buried. Most entries are for cemeteries or individuals in the United States, although there are memorials for people who were cremated or whose bodies are not interred for whatever reason. The entries can be searched by the individual's name or by cemetery. Some people's given names are just initials so be creative in searching for them. Memorials can be transferred to you if you request it, and you are a closer relation than the person maintaining the memorial. Parents and spouses can also be linked by using the edit tab. Sometimes you will find obituaries, death certificates and photos of those in the database.

Billion Graves

Web address: <http://billiongraves.com>

This is another free cemetery website that has tombstone images of deceased individuals. It has different entries than Find-A-Grave and contains GPS coordinates for those buried. It's really helpful to see who is buried near the person you want and to visually see where in the cemetery your person's stone is located.

Historical Maps

Web address: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>

This website from the Newberry Library in Chicago has free historical maps that can be used to help you understand what the county boundaries looked like for a specific date versus the current county boundaries.

Web address: <http://mapofus.org>

The site can be used to find maps for locations in the United States. Click on the state you want and then scroll down to the interactive map. Choose the date to see what the map looked like at that time. You can also choose to see maps for the specific census years. For more historic maps scroll down to the links at the bottom of the state page to be redirected to the applicable websites.

Newspapers

Web address: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Contains free historical newspapers for many states and counties. Also useful to find what newspapers exist for a specific locality to help you track down the original copy or microfilm.

Census Records, Military & Books

Web address: <http://archive.org>

Contains many free resources from the government such as census, military and historical books, journals and records. Use the browse feature under the TEXT tab to find the topic needed. Select the topic. On the left under the box titled "View the Book" select PDF to download it to your computer.

Other Resources

State Archives

State Archives contain a wealth of information. They may contain records such as vital records, state census records, photo collections, naturalizations, newspapers, etc. Each state's collection differs. You'll need to check their catalog to see what records they have preserved.

Genealogical or Historical Societies

Sometimes these are separate entities while other times they are combined. Make sure to check for both at the local and state level. The information they have will not be the same and you want to check each to make sure you find everything for your person. Historical societies often have newspapers, photos, and other historical collections for the locality while genealogical societies have more about families and records related to finding them such as abstracts and indexes. Both organizations know where the records are kept in their locality and are useful to find out more. To find which society exists in your location go to www.familysearch.org and click on SEARCH then choose WIKI. Type in your location (Country or State), then choose the subcategory (County). Scroll down until you get to the section about genealogical and histories societies and libraries. You should find the name of the organization as well as their contact information and, if applicable, their website and email address.

Online State Resources

These are some of my favorite genealogy state archives and websites sites for subscription and free genealogy websites. Make sure you check the US Gen Web and Family Search Wiki for local genealogical and histories societies too.

Alabama

- Alabama Department of Archives and History <http://archives.state.al.us>
 - Digital Collections <http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/>
 - Collections <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/searchcoll.html>
 - Civil War Database <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/civilwar/index.cfm>
 - 1867 Voter Registration <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/voterreg/index.cfm>
 - World War I Gold Star Database <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/goldstar/search.cfm>
 - Research at the Archives <https://archives.alabama.gov/research.html>
- Alabama Genealogical Society <http://algensoc.org>
- Alabama Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/alabama/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Alabama/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=33>

Alaska

- Alaska State Archives <http://archives.alaska.gov>
 - Genealogy <http://archives.alaska.gov/genealogy/genealogy.html>
- Alaska's Digital Archives <http://vilda.alaska.edu/index.php>
 - Alaska Native History & Culture <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm/>
- Alaska State Library <http://library.alaska.gov/hist>
- Probate Records of Alaska 1884-1959 https://archives.alaska.gov/for_researchers/guides/probate.html
- National Archives at Seattle <https://www.archives.gov/seattle/anchorage-project>
- Index to Biographies of Alaska-Yukon Pioneers 1850-1950, vol. I.
http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist_docs/indexes/Index_Biographies%20of%20Alaska-Yukon%20Pioneers.doc
- Alaska Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/alaska/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Alaska/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases
https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?fcs=placeId%3A32&cc=region%3AUNITED_STATES%2CplaceId%3A32

Arizona

- Arizona Genealogy Birth and Death Certificates <http://genealogy.az.gov>
- Arizona Genealogical & Historical Societies <http://www.azgab.org/links.php?sid=5>
- Arizona Memory Project <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/index.php>
 - Newspapers <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/custom/newspapers>
 - Census <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/collection/azcensus>
 - Historical Books <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/digital/collection/asabooks>
- Arizona Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/arizona/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Arizona/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=10>

Arkansas

- Arkansas State Archives <http://archives.arkansas.gov/ArkansasStateArchives/home>
- Arkansas Digital Archives <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/>
 - Photos <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/photos/>
 - Indexes <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/indexes-searches-catalogs/>
- Arkansas Genealogy <https://accessgenealogy.com/arkansas-genealogy>
- Colonial Arkansas <https://digitalcollections.uark.edu/digital/collection/CAPA>
- Arkansas Genealogical Society <http://www.agsgenealogy.org>
- Arkansas Historical Society <http://arkansashistoricalassociation.org>
- Arkansas Civil War <http://arkansascivilwar150.com>
- Arkansas Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/arkansas/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Arkansas/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=48>

California

- California Digital Newspaper Collection <http://cdnc.ucr.edu>
- California Genealogical Society & Library <http://californiaancestors.org>
- California Historical Society <http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org>
- Online Archives of California <http://www.oac.cdlib.org>
- Calisphere <http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- San Francisco Genealogy <http://www.sfgenealogy.org/sf/sfdata.htm>
- Immigration to US 1789-1930 (CA gold rush included) <http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration>
- California Birth & Death Records 1800-1994 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2001287>
- California State Archives <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives>
- California Death and Burial Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/california/>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/California/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=11>

Colorado

- Colorado State Archives <http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/archives-search>
- Colorado Historical Records Database <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/archives/Genealogy>
- Denver Public Library Digital Collections <https://history.denverlibrary.org/genealogy>
 - Archives and manuscripts <https://history.denverlibrary.org/research/archival-collections>
 - Maps and Atlases <https://history.denverlibrary.org/research/maps-and-atlases>
 - Newspapers <https://history.denverlibrary.org/research/newspapers>
 - Obituaries <https://history.denverlibrary.org/research/obituaries>
- History Colorado <https://www.historycolorado.org/catalogs>
- Colorado Genealogical Society <http://www.cogensoc.us>
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive (CO, NM, WY) <http://rmoa.unm.edu/>
- Colorado Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/colorado/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Colorado/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=30>

Connecticut

- Connecticut Index http://dunhamwilcox.net/0_ct-index.htm
- Connecticut State Library Collections <https://ctstatelibrary.org/collections/>
 - Digital Collections <https://cslib.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/>
 - Database <https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/az.php>
- African American Collections <https://cslib.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4005coll1/search/searchterm/african%20american>
- Log Book of Slave Traders, 1757-8 <https://museumofcthistory.org/log-book-of-slave-traders/>
- Public Records of the Colony of CT 1636-1776 <https://rdl.lib.uconn.edu/databases/1078> or <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/77969?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- Connecticut Society of Genealogists <http://www.csginc.org>
- Connecticut Historical Society <http://chs.org>
- Connecticut Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/connecticut/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Connecticut/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=31>

Delaware

- Delaware Public Archives <http://archives.delaware.gov>
 - Digital Archives <https://archives.delaware.gov/digital-archives/>
 - Historic Maps <https://archives.delaware.gov/historic-maps/>
 - Documents <https://archives.delaware.gov/digital-archives/document-collection/>
- Delaware Historical Society <http://www.dehistory.org>
- Delaware Genealogical Society <http://delgensoc.org>
- Delaware Death Records, 1855-1961 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1520546>
- Delaware Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/delaware/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Delaware/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=49>

District of Columbia

- District of Columbia Deaths 1874-1959 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1803967>
- Archives <https://os.dc.gov/service/genealogy>
- District of Columbia Public Library <https://www.dclibrary.org/node/3293>
- Genealogy Trails <http://genealogytrails.com/washdc/#.X1z7mJNKjok>
- District of Columbia Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/districtofcolumbia/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/District-of-Columbia/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=60>

Florida

- Florida Memory Project <http://floridamemory.com>
 - Photographs <https://www.floridamemory.com/PhotographicCollection/>
 - Digital Collections <https://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/>
 - Florida Confederate Pension Applications https://www.floridamemory.com/discover/historical_records/pensionfiles/
 - African American History <https://www.floridamemory.com/OnlineClassroom/>
- Florida Historical Society <https://myfloridahistory.org>
- Florida Genealogical Society <http://www.flsgs.org>
- Florida State Archives <https://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/archives/research/>
 - Search tool <http://archivescatalog.info.florida.gov/>
- University of Florida Digital Collections <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/>
- Florida Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/florida/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Florida/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=34>

Georgia

- Digital Library of Georgia <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu>
- Georgia Archives <https://www.georgiaarchives.org/research>
- Georgia Genealogical Society <http://www.gagensociety.org>
- Georgia Historical Society <http://georgiahistory.com>
- Georgia State University Digital Collections <http://digitalcollections.library.gsu.edu/>
- Georgia Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/georgia/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Georgia/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=50>

Hawaii

- Hawaii State Archives <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives>
 - Digital Collections <https://digitalcollections.hawaii.gov/greenstone3/library>
 - Photos <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/about-us/photograph-collection/>
 - Newspapers <http://www.hawaiianhistoricalsociety.org/ref/chapinmultisearch.php>
 - City Directories <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/about-us/archives-research/city-directories/>
 - Genealogy Indexes <http://ulukau.org/algene/cgi-bin/algene>
- Hawaii Historical Society <http://www.hawaiianhistory.org>
- Hawaii Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/hawaii/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Hawaii/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=12>

Idaho

- Idaho State Historical Society <http://history.idaho.gov/searchable-indexes>
- Idaho Genealogical Society <http://www.idahogenealogy.org>
- Idaho State Archives <http://history.idaho.gov>
- Idaho Death Certificates 1911-1937 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1546448>
- BYI-I Special Collections <https://archives.byui.edu/s/public/page/special-collections>
- Newspapers <https://archives.byui.edu/s/public/page/digitized-newspapers>
- Indexes <https://archives.byui.edu/s/public/page/indexes>
 - Idaho Death Index 1911-1956 <https://archives.byui.edu/family-history/deaths>
 - Western States Marriage Index <https://archives.byui.edu/family-history/wsmri>
 - Eastern Idaho Death Records <https://archives.byui.edu/family-history/obits>
- Idaho Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/idaho/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Idaho/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=13>

Illinois

- Illinois State Archives <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/home.html>
 - Marriages 1763-1900 <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/marriage.html>
 - Deaths Index Pre-1916 <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/death.html>
 - Death Index 1916-1950 <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/idphdeathindex.html>
 - Slavery & Emancipation Records, 1722-1863 <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/servant.html>
 - Public Domain Land Tract Sales https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/data_lan.html
 - Global Database <http://www.ilsos.gov/isa/globalsrch.jsp>
- Illinois Digital Archives <http://www.idaillinois.org/>
- Illinois Historical Society <http://historyillinois.org>
- Illinois Genealogical Society <http://www.ilgensoc.org>
- Illinois Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/illinois/>
- Cook County Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/illinois/cook.html>
- Illinois Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/illinois/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Illinois/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=14>

Indiana

- Indiana State Digital Archives <http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org>
- Indiana State Library <http://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm>
 - Search <https://secure.in.gov/apps/iara/search/>
 - Collections <https://www.in.gov/iara/2722.htm>
 - Listing of their online indexes <https://www.in.gov/iara/2355.htm>
- Allen County Public Library <http://www.genealogycenter.org>
- Indiana Genealogical Society <http://www.indgensoc.org>
- Indiana Historical Society <http://www.indianahistory.org>
- Indiana University Library Digital Collections <http://ulib.iupui.edu/collections>
- Indiana Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/indiana/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Indiana/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=15>

Iowa

- Iowa GenWeb Project <http://iagenweb.org/>
- Iowa Genealogical Society <http://iowagenealogy.org>
 - Collections http://iowagenealogy.org/?page_id=55
- Iowa Historical Society <http://www.iowahistory.org>
 - Collections <https://iowaculture.gov/history/research/collections>
- Iowa Digital Library <http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/>
 - County Maps <http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/atlases/>
 - Historic Children's Diaries <https://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/islandora/object/ui%3Adiaries>
- Iowa Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/iowa/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Iowa/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=51>

Kansas

- Kansas Memory <http://www.kansasmemory.org/>
- Kansas Historical Society <https://www.kshs.org/p/research/19385>
 - Newspapers <https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-newspaper-database-microfilm-and-electronic/11528>
 - Maps <https://www.kshs.org/p/maps/13861>
 - Catalog <https://www.kshs.org/p/archives-catalog/16432>
- Kansas Genealogical Society <http://www.kgs-genlibrary.com>
 - Obituary Index <http://www.kgs-genlibrary.com/obits.html>
 - Misc. Indexes <http://www.kgs-genlibrary.com/miscellaneousindexes.html>
- Kansas State University Digital Collection <https://www.lib.k-state.edu/digital-collections>
- Wichita State Library Digital Collection <https://libraries.wichita.edu/c.php?g=119992&p=6790953>
- Kansas Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/kansas/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Kansas/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=35>

Kentucky

- Kentucky Digital Library <http://kdl.kyvl.org>
- Kentucky Historical Society <http://history.ky.gov/research-genealogy>
- Kentucky Genealogical Society <http://www.kentuckygenealogicalsociety.org>
- Kentucky Department of Library & Archives <http://kdla.ky.gov/records/e-archives/Pages/default.aspx>
- Digital Library of Appalachia (includes KY, TN, NC, & VA) <https://acaweb.org/bcla/digital-library-of-appalachia/>
 - Appalachia Digital Collections <https://guides.library.appstate.edu/c.php?g=65555&p=422958>
- Kentucky Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/kentucky/>
- Kentucky Vital Record Index <http://ukcc.uky.edu/vitalrec/>
- Digital Collections of the Kentucky Historical Society <http://www.kyhhistory.com>
- Kenton County Public Library Databases <https://genky.kentonlibrary.org/gendb.php>
- Databases
 - Birth Records, 1852-1910 <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1213>
 - Birth Index, 1911-1999 <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8788>
 - Death Records 1852-1953 <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1222>
 - Death Index, 1911-2000 <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3077>
 - Marriages Index 1973-1999 <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8787>
- Kentucky Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/kentucky/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Kentucky/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=36>

Louisiana

- Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index <http://nutrias.org/~nopl/obits/obits.htm>
- Louisiana State Archives <http://www.sos.la.gov>
- Louisiana Genealogical Society <http://www.louisianagenealogy.com/societies.htm>
- Louisiana Historical Society <http://louisianahistoricalociety.org/resources.html>
- Louisiana Digital Library <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/>
- Afro-Louisiana History & Genealogy <https://www.ibiblio.org/laslave/>
- Louisiana Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/louisiana/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Louisiana/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=37>

Maine

- Maine Genealogy <http://www.maine-genealogy.net>
- Maine Historical Society <http://www.maine-history.org/>
- Maine State Archives <http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc>
 - Databases: <https://www.maine-genealogy.net/databases.asp>
 - Marriages 1892-2009 https://www.maine-genealogy.net/marriage_search.asp
 - Deaths 1956-2009 https://www.maine-genealogy.net/death_search.asp
 - Rev. War Land Grants <http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/revwargrants.html>
 - Rev. War Collections https://digitalmaine.com/revolutionary_war/
- Maine Memory Network <http://www.mainememory.net>
- University of Maine Digital Collections <http://libraries.maine.edu/gateway/>
- Maine Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/maine/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Maine/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=16>

Maryland

- Archives of Maryland Online <http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html/index.html>
- Maryland State Archives <http://www.msa.maryland.gov>
 - Site Index <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/homepage/html/siteindex.html>
 - Death Certificates, 1898-1910 <http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/series.aspx?ID=se42>
 - Indices <http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=topviewed>
 - Census Indexes (1776, 1778, 1870, 1880) <http://census.msa.maryland.gov/>
 - Early Settlers of Maine <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/speccol/sc4300/sc4341/html/search.html>
 - Maps <http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=maps>
- Maryland Deed Records <https://mdlandrec.net/main/>
- Maryland Register of Wills <http://registers.maryland.gov/main/>
- Maryland Genealogical Society <http://www.mdgensoc.org>
- Maryland Historical Society <https://www.mdhistory.org/museum/collections/>
- Maryland Colonial Wills <http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/stagsere/se1/se4/000000/html/>
- Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties http://mht.maryland.gov/research_mihp.shtml
- Maryland Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/maryland/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Maryland/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=53>

Massachusetts

- Massachusetts Archives <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/>
 - Digital Records <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcdigitalrecords/digitalrecordsidx.htm>
 - Vitals (1841-1910) <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/vitalrecordssearch/VitalRecordsSearch.aspx>
 - Passenger Manifests <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html>
 - Archive Collection <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ArchivesSearch/RevolutionarySearch.aspx>
 - Commonwealth Museum <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mus/index.html>
 - Massachusetts Archives <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/RevolutionarySearchContects.html>
- Massachusetts Memories <http://openarchives.umb.edu>
- Massachusetts Genealogical Society www.americanancestors.org
 - New England Historical Genealogical Society Library <http://library.nehgs.org>
- Massachusetts Historical Society <http://www.masshist.org/collections/online>
- Massachusetts Deaths 1841-1915 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156>
- MA Cultural Resource Info Systems (Historic homes) <http://mhc-macris.net/>
- Massachusetts Court Records <https://masscourts.org>
- Massachusetts Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/massachusetts/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Massachusetts/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=52>

Michigan

- Michiganology <https://michiganology.org/>
 - Deaths https://michiganology.org/index.php?name=SO_46bdcc6d-d136-48b9-8c8a-8f7252503292
 - Naturalization <https://michiganology.org/naturalization/>
 - Civil War <https://michiganology.org/civil-war/>
- Michigan Deaths 1867-1897 index <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1452402>
- Western Michigan Genealogical Society <http://data.wmgs.org>
- Michigan Genealogical Council <http://mimgc.org>
- Historical Society of Michigan <http://www.hsmichigan.org>
- Michigan State Archives <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,9075,7-361-85148---,00.html>
- Michigan Death and Burial Index <https://www.deathindexes.com/michigan/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Michigan/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=17>

Minnesota

- Minnesota Discovery Center <http://www.ironrangerresearchcenter.org>
- State Archives at the Minnesota Historical Society <http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy>
 - Digital Newspapers <https://www.mnhs.org/newspapers>
 - People Search <https://www.mnhs.org/search/people>
 - Collections Online <http://search.mnhs.org/>
 - Maps <http://collections.mnhs.org/maps/>
 - Minnesota History Magazine <http://www.mnhs.org/market/mhspress/minnesotahistory/>
- Minnesota Genealogical Society <http://www.mnsgs.org>
- Minnesota Official Marriage System <https://moms.mn.gov/Search>
- Minnesota Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/minnesota/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Minnesota/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=18>

Mississippi

- Mississippi Department of Archives & History Collections <http://zed.mdah.state.ms.us/>
- Mississippi Department of Archives & History Partners <https://msdiglib.org/mdah>
- Mississippi Genealogical Society <http://msgensociety.org/>
- Mississippi Historical Society & State Archives <https://www.mdah.ms.gov/>
 - Digital Archives <http://da.mdah.ms.gov/>
 - Biographical Index <http://opac2.mdah.state.ms.us/biosrchform.php?referer=http://zed.mdah.state.ms.us>
 - Freedman's Bureau <http://opac2.mdah.state.ms.us/freedmanblurb.php?referer=http://zed.mdah.state.ms.us>
 - Other searchable records <http://zed.mdah.state.ms.us/>
- Mississippi Death Index (1912-1943) <https://archive.org/details/msdeathindex?sort=titleSorter>
- Mississippi Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/mississippi/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Mississippi/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=54>

Missouri

- Missouri Digital Heritage <https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/browse?id=All>
 - Civil War Collection <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/CivilWar/>
 - Birth & Deaths pre-1910 <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/BirthDeath/#searchDB>
 - Death Certificates 1910-1964 <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/deathcertificates/>
- Missouri Birth Index (1920's-2015) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/6/>
- Missouri Death Index (1968-2015) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/7/>
- Missouri Genealogical Society <http://www.mosga.org>
- State Historical Society of Missouri <http://shs.umsystem.edu>
 - Digital Collections <https://shsmo.org/collections/digital>
- Missouri State Archives <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>
 - Research Room <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp>
- Missouri Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/missouri/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Missouri/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=38>

Montana

- Montana Memory Project <http://mtmemory.org>
- Montana State Genealogical Society <http://montanamsgs.org>
- Montana Historical Society <http://mhs.mt.gov/research/library/collections>
 - Newspapers <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/newspapers/mtnews>
 - Digital Collections <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/online/mmp>
 - Archival Collections <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/archives>
 - Maps <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/maps2>
 - Photos <https://mhs.mt.gov/research/collections/photos>
- Montana State Library <http://home.msl.mt.gov/>
- Montana Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/montana/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Montana/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=19>

Nebraska

- Nebraska Genealogical Society <http://nsgs.org>
- Nebraska State Historical Society <https://history.nebraska.gov/>
 - Research <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/research-and-reference-services>
 - Photograph Search <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/photograph-collection-search>
 - Photographs <https://nebraskahistory.pastperfectonline.com/>
 - Databases <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/research-resources-databases>
 - Maps <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/nebraska-maps>
 - Manuscripts <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/manuscript-collections>
 - Archives <https://nebraskahistory.pastperfectonline.com/archive>
 - Newspaper Inventory <https://history.nebraska.gov/collections/nebraska-newspaper-inventory>
- Nebraska Death Index (1904-1955) <https://www.nebraskadeathindex.com/>
- Nebraska Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/nebraska/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Nebraska/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=40>

Nevada

- Clark County
 - Recorder's Office Record Search System <http://recorder.co.clark.nv.us/RecorderEcommerce>
 - Record Search <https://recorderecomm.clarkcountynv.gov/AcclaimWeb/>
 - County Clerk Marriage Search <https://clerk.clarkcountynv.gov/AcclaimWeb/search/SearchTypeSimpleSearch>
- Carson City
 - Marriages (1855-1985) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60954/>
 - Marriages <https://landmark.carson.org/LandmarkWeb/search/index?theme=.blue§ion=searchCriteriaLegal&quickSearchSelection=>
 - Record Indexes <https://www.carson.org/government/departments-a-f/clerk-recorder/recorders-office/genealogy>
 - Historical Records <https://www.carson.org/government/departments-a-f/clerk-recorder/recorders-office/historical-records>
- Douglas County
 - Marriages <https://recorder-search.douglasnv.us/DigitalResearchRoom/RecordType/MARRIAGESEARCH>
- Washoe County
 - Marriages http://www.washoecounty.us/clerks/mlb/search_marriage_records.php
- Digital Collections
 - University of Reno <https://library.unr.edu/resources/digital-archive>
 - University of Reno <https://library.unr.edu/resources/digital-archive/special-collections>
 - University of Las Vegas <http://digital.library.unlv.edu/collections>
- Nevada Genealogical Society <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nvsgs/>
- Nevada Historical Society <https://www.nvhistoricalsociety.org/>
 - Manuscripts <https://www.nvhistoricalsociety.org/manuscripts-dept/>
 - Online Collections <https://nevadahistory.pastperfectonline.com/>
- Nevada State Archives <http://nsla.nv.gov/>
- Nevada Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/nevada/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Nevada/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=21>

New Hampshire

- New Hampshire Genealogy & History <http://www.nh.searchroots.com>
- New Hampshire Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/newhampshire/>
- New Hampshire Archives <http://www.sos.nh.gov/archives/default.html>
 - Genealogy <https://sos.nh.gov/archives-vital-records-records-management/archives/genealogy/>
- New Hampshire State Library <https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/>
- New Hampshire Historical Society <http://www.nhhistory.org/imagecollections.html>
- New Hampshire Deeds <http://nhdeeds.com/>
- New Hampshire Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/newhampshire/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/New-Hampshire/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=41>

New Jersey

- New Jersey State Archives <http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/index.html>
 - Database https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx
 - Vitals: Marriages 1665-1799, Marriages 1848-1878, Deaths 1848-1878, Deaths 1878-1893
 - Land, Probate, and Court includes 1885 state census
 - Military and Wartime Records
 - Photographs
 - Digital Images <http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/searchimgcollections.html>
 - NJ Documents <http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/doctreasures.html>
- Genealogical Society of New Jersey <http://www.gsnj.org>
 - Cemetery Transcriptions <https://www.gsnj.org/gsnj-cemetery/>
 - State Censuses <https://www.gsnj.org/new-jersey-state-censuses/>
- New Jersey Historical Society <http://www.jerseyhistory.org/genealogy.html>
- New Jersey State Library Collections http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/collections/
 - New Jersey Collections http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/new_jersey_resources/
 - New Jersey Newspapers <https://libguides.njstatelib.org/news>
- Vitals
 - New Jersey Birth Index (1901-1903) <https://archive.org/details/njbirthindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - New Jersey Marriages Index (1901-2016) <https://archive.org/details/njmarriageindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - New Jersey Death Index (1901-1903) <https://archive.org/details/njdeathindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - New Jersey Death Index <https://www.newjerseydeathindex.com/>
- New Jersey Early Land Records <https://www.njlandrecords.org/explore-the-records/>
- New Jersey Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/newjersey/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/New-Jersey/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=42>

New Mexico

- New Mexico State Archives <http://www.srca.nm.gov/>
- New Mexico Genealogical Society <http://www.nmgs.org>
- Historical Society of New Mexico <http://www.hsnm.org>
- Online Archive of New Mexico <http://oanm.unm.edu/>
- New Mexico Digital Collections <http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm/>
- NM State Library Digital Archive <http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/research-and-collections/collections/digital-archive>
- New Mexico Historical Newspapers https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nm_newspapers/
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive (CO, NM, WY) <http://rmoa.unm.edu/>
- New Mexico Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/newmexico/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/New-Mexico/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=55>

New York

- New York Genealogical & Biographical Society <http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org>
 - New York Historical Society <http://www.nyhistory.org>
 - New York State Archives <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/aindex.shtml>
 - Digital Collections <http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/>
 - Genealogy <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/featured-topic-genealogy>
 - Name Index <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/name-indexes-search>
 - Topics <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/featured-topics>
 - Finding aid <https://iarchives.nysed.gov/xtf/search>
 - New York Public Library <https://www.nypl.org/research>
 - Archives & Manuscripts <http://archives.nypl.org/>
 - Digital Collections <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>
 - Databases <https://www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases>
 - Remote Research <https://www.nypl.org/help/get-what-you-need/fee-based-research-order-form>
 - New York Public Library Digital Gallery <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org>
 - Buffalo Library Digital Collections <https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections>
 - Buffalo Library Special Collections <https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/special-collections>
 - Buffalo History Museum <https://buffalohistory.org/library-collections/>
 - Old Fulton NY Post Cards (newspapers) <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>
 - Brooklyn Newspapers <https://bklyn.newspapers.com/search/#>
 - New York Historic Newspapers <https://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>
 - Vital Indexes
 - New York State Indexes (outside of NYC)
 - Births (1881-1942) <https://archive.org/details/nybirthindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - Marriages (1881-1964) <https://archive.org/details/nymarriageindex?&sort=titleSorter>
 - Deaths (1880-1956) <https://archive.org/details/nydeathindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - New York City Indexes
 - Births (1910-1917) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/4/>
 - Geographic Birth Index (1880-1912) <https://archive.org/details/nycgeobirthindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - Marriage License Index (1908-1972) <https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex>
 - Marriage License Index (1996-2017) <https://www.nycmarriageindex.com/>
 - Domestic Partnerships (1993-2017) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/12/>
 - Death Certificates (1949-1968) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/24/>
 - Brooklyn (Kings Co.) “Old Town” <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/22/>
 - List of Registered Voters in NYC, 1924
 - Brooklyn <https://archive.org/details/votersList1924NYCBrooklyn?sort=titleSorter>
 - Bronx <https://archive.org/details/votersList1924NYCBronx?sort=titleSorter>
 - Manhattan <https://archive.org/details/votersList1924NYCManhattan?sort=titleSorter>
 - Queens <https://archive.org/details/votersList1924NYCQueens?sort=titleSorter>
 - Staten Island <https://archive.org/details/votersList1924NYCStatenIsland?sort=titleSorter>
 - Albany Deaths (1880-1915) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/13/>
 - Buffalo Deaths (1852-1944) <https://archive.org/details/buffalodeathindex?sort=titleSorter>
 - Yonkers Deaths (c. 1870-1915) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/15/>
- New York County Will Testators Index <http://www.sampubco.com/wills/ny/newyork.htm>
- German Genealogy Group <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com>
- Italian Genealogical Group <http://italiangen.org>
- American Ancestors New York Databases <https://www.americanancestors.org/browse-database/?size=100&page=1&HasData=true&location=United%20States&databasename=NY>
- Ship Passenger Lists Tools <https://stevemorse.org/ellis/passengers.php?mode=ny>
 - Castle Gardens <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
 - Ellis Island <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger>
 - Stephen Morse Search Tools <https://stevemorse.org/ellis2/intro.html>
- New York City Death Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/newyork/city.html>
- New York Death & Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/newyork/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/New-York/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=22>

North Carolina

- State Archives of North Carolina <http://archives.ncdcr.gov>
 - Digital Collections <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/>
 - Family Records <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/custom/family-records>
 - Manuscript Search <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/AdvancedSearch.aspx>
 - Maps <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/researchers/collections/maps>
 - Wills (1663-1789) <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/custom/secretary-of-state-wills>
- North Carolina Maps <https://web.lib.unc.edu/nc-maps/?CISOROOT=/ncmaps>
- North Carolina State Library <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources>
 - Online Resources <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/online>
 - Newspapers <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/north-carolina>
- North Carolina Genealogical Society <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>
- Slavery
 - Documenting the American South <http://docsouth.unc.edu>
 - Digital Library on American Slavery <http://library.uncg.edu/slavery>
 - The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database <http://www.slavevoyages.org>
- North Carolina Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/northcarolina/>
- UNC Collection Photographic Archives http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm/archivalhome/collection/dig_nccpa
- Wilson Library Special Collections <http://library.unc.edu/wilson/ncc/>
- North Carolina Deeds <https://www.ncard.us/find-your-register-of-deeds/>
- North Carolina Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/northcarolina/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/North-Carolina/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=20>

North Dakota

- ND Dept. of Public Health Death Index <https://apps.nd.gov/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>
- ND State Univ. Databases <https://library.ndsu.edu/ndsuarchives/research/databases-and-indexes>
 - Naturalizations <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/naturalization/>
 - Biographies <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/biography/>
 - 1885 Territorial Census <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/census/>
 - Oral History <http://history.nd.gov/archives/dataoralhistory.html>
 - Veterans History <http://history.nd.gov/archives/veterans.html>
 - Fargo Forum Obituary Index <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/obituary/>
 - Cass Co. Marriage License Index <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/marriage/>
 - Cass County Divorces <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/cassdivorce/>
 - *Fargo Forum* newspaper index 1879-1995 <https://library.ndsu.edu/db/fforum/>
 - *The Spectrum* newspaper index 1896- <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/specarch/>
 - *The Record* newspaper index 1895-1905 <http://library.ndsu.edu/db/record/>
 - Research Links <https://library.ndsu.edu/ndsuarchives/research/research-links>
- North Dakota Genealogical Society <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs>
- State Historical Society of North Dakota <http://history.nd.gov>
 - Archive Resources <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/genresearchsources.html>
 - Local Records <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/whatlocalgov.html>
- Digital Horizons <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/>
- North Dakota Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/northdakota/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/North-Dakota/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=39>

Ohio

- Ohio Genealogical Society <https://www.ogs.org/>
- Ohio History Connection <https://www.ohiohistory.org/>
 - Ohio Timelines <http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/resources/maps-timelines>
 - Digital Collections <http://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/collections/digital-collections>
 - Archives <http://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library>
 - Death Index <https://resources.ohiohistory.org/death/>
- Newspapers
 - Obituary Index <https://www.rbhayes.org/main/ohio-obituary-index/> also at <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1671/>
 - Digitized Newspapers <http://www.ohiohistoryhost.org/ohiomemory/newspapers>
- Ohio Memory <http://www.ohiomemory.org>
 - Newspapers <https://ohiomemory.ohiohistory.org/newspapers>
 - Collections <https://ohiomemory.ohiohistory.org/collections>
- Cincinnati History Library and Archives <http://library.cincymuseum.org/>
 - Manuscripts <http://library.cincymuseum.org/starweb/archives/servlet.starweb?path=archives/archives.web>
 - Local History Index <http://library.cincymuseum.org/starweb/historyindex/servlet.starweb?path=historyindex/historyindex2.web>
- University of Cincinnati Digital Resource Commons
 - Birth and Deaths (1865-1912) <https://drc.libraries.uc.edu/handle/2374.UC/2032>
 - House of Refuge <https://drc.libraries.uc.edu/handle/2374.UC/712586>
 - Morgue Records (1887-1930) <https://drc.libraries.uc.edu/handle/2374.UC/734187>
- Cincinnati Public Library <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/>
 - City Directories http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.library.org/virtuallibrary/vl_citydir.aspx
 - Indigent Burials (1901-1981) <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/collection/p16998coll15/id/329058/rec/2>
 - Church Records <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/collection/p16998coll55/search>
 - Maps <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/collection/p16998coll9>
 - Veterans History Project <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/collection/p16998coll27>
 - Yearbooks <https://digital.cincinnati.library.org/digital/collection/p16998coll3>
- Ohio Death Records & Indexes <http://www.deathindexes.com/ohio/>
- Databases
 - County Births, 1867-1908 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1932106>
 - Birth and Christening Index <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2541/>
 - Birth Index, 1908-1998 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3146/>
 - County Marriages <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804>
 - County Marriages <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61378/>
 - Marriage Index 1970, 1972-2007 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2025/>
 - Divorce Index 1962-1963, 1967-1971, 1973-2007 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2026/>
 - County Deaths, 1867-1908 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2128172>
 - Deaths 1908-1952 <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1307272>
 - Deaths 1908-1932, 1938-2018 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5763/>
 - Probates <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1992421>
 - Wills and Probates <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8801/>
 - Tax records <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1473259> (If you can't find them then search the catalog for the specific county in the FamilySearch catalog)
 - Ohio Tax Records <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60104/>
 - Quakers Meeting Records <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2189/>
 - Compiled Census and Census Substitutes <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3567/>
- Hamilton County Databases
 - Archives <https://www.probatect.org/court-records/archive-categories>
 - Marriages <https://www.probatect.org/court-records/archive-categories/marriages>
 - Hamilton County Genealogical Society <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=38>
 - Obituary index <https://hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=62>
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/archives-office/genealogy/>
- Ohio Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/ohio/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Ohio/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=43>

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma Historical Society <https://www.okhistory.org/research/index>
 - Obituary Index 1972-2009 <https://www.okhistory.org/research/obits.php>
 - Dawes Final Rolls 1898-1906 <https://www.okhistory.org/research/dawes>
 - OK Marriage Records 1889-1951 <https://www.okhistory.org/research/marriagerec.php>
 - 1890 Oklahoma Territorial Census <https://www.okhistory.org/research/smiths>
 - *The Gateway* Newspaper <https://gateway.okhistory.org/>
- Oklahoma Genealogical Society <http://www.okgensoc.org>
- Oklahoma State Archives <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/>
 - Collection <https://libraries.ok.gov/state-government/archives-and-records/>
 - Archives <https://libraries.ok.gov/state-government/archives-and-records/genealogy-materials/>
 - Confederate Pension Records <https://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov/digital/collection/pensions>
 - Confederate Pension Index <https://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov/digital/collection/pensioncard>
- Digital Prairie <http://digitalprairie.ok.gov/>
- Univ. of Oklahoma Western History Collection <https://libraries.ou.edu/content/western-history-collections-0>
- Tulsa Library <https://www.tulsalibrary.org/research/genealogy-center>
- Oklahoma Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/oklahoma/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Oklahoma/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=44>

Oregon

- Oregon State Archives Databases <http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/databases-index.aspx>
 - Historic Photograph Collection <https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/historical-images.aspx>
 - Early Oregonians <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>
 - Oregon Historical Records Index <http://genealogy.state.or.us>
- Salem Public Library Historic Photos <https://photos.salemhistory.net/>
- Oregon State University Digital Archives <http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/digitalresources/oma/index.html>
 - Digital Resources <https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/oma/digital-resources>
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon <http://www.gfo.org>
- Oregon Genealogical Society <http://facebook.com/OregonGenSoc>
- Oregon Historical Society <http://www.ohs.org>
 - Archives West <http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/>
 - Digital Collections <https://digitalcollections.ohs.org/informationobject/browse>
- Oregon Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/oregon/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Oregon/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=56>

Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania State Archives <http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp>
 - Historic Warranty Maps <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-522WarranteeTwpMaps/r17-522WaranteeTwpMapMainInterface.htm>
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/Online-Collection/Pages/default.aspx>
- Pennsylvania Genealogical Society <http://genpa.org>
- Pennsylvania Historical Society <http://hsp.org>
- Vital Record & Other Useful Indexes
 - Births (1906-1911) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60484/>
 - Death Certificates (1906-1967) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5164/>
 - City of Philadelphia death certificates (1803-1915) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2535/>
 - Philadelphia Marriages (1885-1951) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2536/>
 - Marriages (1852-1968) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61381/>
 - PA Wills & Probates <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8802/>
 - PA Septennial Census <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2702/>
 - PA Compiled Census & Census Substitutes <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3570/>
 - PA Tax and Exoneration (1768-1801) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2497/>
 - PA Direct Tax List, 1798 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2060/>
- Pennsylvania Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/pennsylvania/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Pennsylvania/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=23>

Rhode Island

- Rhode Island Genealogical Society <http://www.rigensoc.org>
- Rhode Island Historical Society <https://www.rihs.org/research-tools/>
 - Manuscripts <https://www.rihs.org/catalog/manuscript-archives/>
 - Newspapers <https://www.rihs.org/newspapers-and-periodicals/>
- Rhode Island State Archives <https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/state-archives>
 - Digital Archives <https://sosri.access.preservica.com/home/>
- Brown University Digital Collections <http://library.brown.edu/cds/repository2/collections.php>
 - Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas <https://library.brown.edu/create/cds/database-of-indigenous-slavery-in-the-americas/>
 - Manuscripts <https://library.brown.edu/collections/mss/>
- Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Commission <http://www.rihistoriccemeteries.org>
- Rhode Island Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/rhodeisland/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Rhode-Island/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=24>

South Carolina

- South Carolina Department of Archives & History <https://archives.sc.gov/>
 - Digital Collections <https://archives.sc.gov/research-and-genealogy/online-research/digital-collections>
 - Index <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>
- South Carolina Electronic Records Archive (SCERA) <http://e-archives.sc.gov/>
- South Carolina Historic Properties Record (SCHPR) <http://schpr.sc.gov/>
- South Carolina ArchCat Online Catalog <http://rediscov.sc.gov/scar/>
- South Carolina Genealogical Society <https://www.scgen.org/>
- South Carolina Historical Society <https://schistory.org/>
- South Carolina Digital Library <http://scmemory.org/>
- SCIWAY <http://www.sciway.net/lib/archives.html>
- South Carolina Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/southcarolina/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/South-Carolina/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=25>

South Dakota

- South Dakota Genealogical Society <http://sdgensociety.org/>
- South Dakota State Historical Society <http://history.sd.gov/archives/genealogists.aspx>
 - 1905 State Census <https://history.sd.gov/archives/data/1905census/1905Search.aspx>
 - Newspapers <https://history.sd.gov/archives/newspaperarchive.aspx>
 - Newspaper Surname Search <http://history.sd.gov/forms/surname/SurnameArchive.aspx>
 - Digital Archives <http://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>
 - Historical Photos <http://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/photos>
 - Manuscripts <http://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/manuscript>
 - Cemetery Record Search <https://apps.sd.gov/dt58cemetery/>
 - Farmer's Alliance <https://history.sd.gov/archives/data/farmers/farmersalliance.aspx>
 - Biographies <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/Data/Biofile/default.aspx>
- Digital Library of South Dakota <https://explore.digitalsd.org/>
- South Dakota GenWeb Archives <http://usgwarchives.net/sd/sdfiles.htm>
- South Dakota Birth Records <http://apps.sd.gov/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.aspx>
- South Dakota Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/southdakota/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/South-Dakota/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=45>

Tennessee

- Tennessee State Library & Archives <https://sos.tn.gov/tsla/history>
 - Index Search <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/genealogy-index-search>
 - Digital Collections <https://sos.tn.gov/tsla/online-resources>
 - Nashville City Directories <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/nashville-city-directories>
 - Photograph Database <http://tnsos.org/tsla/imagesearch/index.php>
 - Photograph & Image Search <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tsla-photograph-collection>
 - Civil War Database <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/civil-war-military-records>
 - 19th Century Newspapers <https://tsla.tnsosfiles.com/history/vital/nd01.htm>
 - Death notices in Nashville Newspapers, 1855-1907
<https://tslaindexes.tn.gov/death-records-database-name/death-notice-nashville-newspapers-1855-1907>
 - Research Collections <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/robert-polk-thomson-research-collection-1751-2007>
 - Davidson Co. Death Records 1900-1913 <https://tsla.tnsosfiles.com/history/vital/davidson1.htm>
 - TN Death Record Index 1908-1912 <https://tsla.tnsosfiles.com/history/vital/death2.htm>
 - Statewide Death Indexes (1914-1933) <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/statewide-index-tennessee-death-records-1914-1933>
 - Confederate Pensions <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-confederate-pension-applications-soldiers-widows>
 - Patriot Paths <https://tnmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=32a9be43e2b44e00a67edfc5ac2b7227>
- Tennessee Electronic Library https://ntel.info/resource-search?text=&field_resource_category_1=34&tag=All&vendor=All
- Tennessee Genealogical Society <http://www.tngs.org>
- Tennessee Historical Society <http://www.tennesseehistory.org>
- Tennessee Virtual Archive <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/customizations/global/pages/index.html>
- East Tennessee State University-Archives of Appalachia <https://www.etsu.edu/cas/cass/archives/>
- Tennessee Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/tennessee/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Tennessee/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=57>

Texas

- Texas Heritage Online <http://www.texasheritageonline.org>
- Texas State Library & Archives Commission <http://tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html>
 - Archives <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc>
 - Military & Rangers Service Records 1836-1935 <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/apps/arc/service/>
 - Confederate Pension Applications <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/apps/arc/pensions/>
 - Confederate Indigent Families List 1863-1865 <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/cif/index.html>
 - Republic of Texas Claims <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/apps/arc/repclaims/>
 - Genealogy Resources <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/genfirst.html>
- Texas Genealogical Society <http://www.txsgs.org>
- Texas State Historical Society <https://www.tshaonline.org/about>
 - Archives <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/texas-state-archives>
 - JSTOR <https://www.jstor.org/publisher/tsha>
- Texas Digital Archive <https://tsl.access.preservica.com/>
- Texas Historical Commission <https://www.thc.texas.gov/>
- Texas General Land Office <http://www.glo.texas.gov/>
- Texas Ranger Research Center <http://www.texasranger.org/E-Books/E-Books.html>
- Newspapers
 - Portal to Texas History <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/>
 - Early Texas Newspapers <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/ETXNP/>
 - Chronicling America <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/texas/>
 - UTSA Newspaper Collection <https://libguides.utsa.edu/c.php?g=516979&p=3559011>
 - Texas State Library & Archives Newspapers <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/newspapers>
 - Historical Newspapers <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/texas-online-historical-newspapers-summary#.X2JXkJNKhg>
- Texas Genealogical and Historical Societies <http://www.txgenweb.org/tx/society.htm>
- Texas Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/texas/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Texas/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=26>

Utah

- Utah Genealogical Society <http://www.infouga.org>
- Utah Historical Society <https://history.utah.gov/>
 - Burials by Cemetery <https://utahdcc.secure.force.com/burials/searchcemeteries?showAll=true>
 - Burial by Name <https://utahdcc.secure.force.com/burials/>
 - Utah Death Certificates 1905-1967 <http://archives.utah.gov/research/indexes/20842.htm>
 - Digital Collections <https://history.utah.gov/library-collections/digital-collections/>
 - Collections <https://history.utah.gov/library-collections/collections/>
 - Manuscripts <https://history.utah.gov/finding-aids/>
- Newspapers
 - Utah Digital Newspapers <http://digitalnewspapers.org>
 - Utah Newspapers <https://onlinelibrary.utah.gov/utah-newspapers/>
- Utah State Archives <https://archives.utah.gov/>
 - Digital Archives <http://www.archives.state.ut.us/digital/>
 - Name Indexes <http://www.archives.state.ut.us/research/indexes/index.html>
 - Research Guides <https://archives.utah.gov/research/guides/index.html>
 - Prisoner's Pardons <http://archives.utah.gov/digital/328.htm>
 - Indian War Service Records <http://archives.utah.gov/digital/2217.htm>
 - Family History Records <http://archives.utah.gov/research/guides/familyhistory.htm>
- Mountain West Digital Library (includes AZ, ID, MT, NV and UT) <http://www.mwdl.org>
 - Collections <https://www.mwdl.org/collections/collections.php>
- Marriages
 - Western States Marriage Index <https://archives.byui.edu/family-history/wsmri>
 - Western States Marriage Index <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive <https://rmoa.unm.edu/advanced.php>
- BYU Collections <https://lib.byu.edu/collections/?q=tag:western-history>
- University of Utah
 - Special Collections <https://lib.utah.edu/collections/special-collections/index.php>
 - Folklore collection <http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv83743>
 - Digital Collections <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/>
 - Manuscripts <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/browse/topic/manuscripts>
 - Photos <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/browse/topic/photographs/gallery>
 - Biographies <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/browse/topic/biography>
 - Diaries <https://collections.lib.utah.edu/browse/topic/diaries>
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Collections
 - Church History Catalog <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/?lang=eng>
 - Church History Member Sources <https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/training/latter-day-saint-family-and-local-history-sources/latter-day-saint-family-and-local-history-sources>
 - Missionary Database (1830-1940) <https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/landing/missionary-database?lang=eng>
 - Pioneer Database (1847-1868) <https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/overlandtravel/?lang=eng>
 - Saints By the Sea <https://saintsbysea.lib.byu.edu/>
 - Pioneer Resources <https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/subsection/-mormon-pioneers-1847-today?lang=eng>
 - Church History Digital and Web Resources https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/subsection/digital_and_web_resources?lang=eng
 - Historians Marriages Certificates (1876-1888) <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/record/1e2eabd8-4780-4e6e-a2e6-4f4e462439ba?view=browse>
 - Digitized Church Periodicals https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/article/church_periodicals?lang=eng
- Utah Department of Heritage and Arts <https://heritageandarts.utah.gov/>
- Utah Death and Burials Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/utah/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Utah/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=27>

Vermont

- Vermont Historical Society <http://vermonthistory.org>
 - Digital Resources <https://vermonthistory.org/digital-resources/>
 - Genealogy <https://vermonthistory.org/genealogy-lists/>
 - Photos <https://vermonthistory.org/digitized-photo-collections/>
 - Local History <https://vermonthistory.org/local-history>
- Vermont Genealogical Society <http://www.genealogyvermont.org>
- Vermont State Archives <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/research/>
 - Archive Copy Request Form <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/request/archival-records/>
 - Vital Record Search <https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords/search-tool.php>
 - Maps <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/explore/places/lotting-plans/>
 - Manuscripts <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/explore/people/nye-index/>
 - Newspapers <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/explore/newspapers/>
- University of Vermont Libraries <http://library.uvm.edu/collections/about>
 - Research Databases <http://specialcollections.uvm.edu/research/databases>
 - Digital Collections <https://cdi.uvm.edu/>
 - Burlington Free Press & Rutland Herald Newspaper Search <http://arccat.uvm.edu/>
- Vermont Department of Libraries (has newspapers) <http://libraries.vermont.gov/>
 - Genealogy Resources https://libraries.vermont.gov/state_library/genealogy
 - Vermont Digital Newspaper Project http://library.uvm.edu/vtnp/?page_id=2673
- Vermont Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/vermont/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Vermont/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=47>

Virginia

- Virginia Genealogical Society <https://vgs.org/>
- Virginia Historical Society <https://www.virginiahistory.org/>
- Library of Virginia <http://www.lva.virginia.gov>
 - Wills & Administrations <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/willsabout.htm>
 - Chancery index <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>
 - Military Dead Database <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/vmd/vmdintro.htm>
 - Rev. War Bounties <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/bountyabout.htm>
 - Rev. War Rejected Claims <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/rejectedabout.htm>
 - Rev. War Pensions <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/revpenabout.htm>
 - Rev. War Land Office Military Certificates <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/lomcabout.htm>
- Virginia Memory <http://www.virginiamemory.com>
 - Collections http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_a_to_z
 - Lost Record Localities <http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/lost>
 - Photos https://virginiamemory.com/collections/online_photo_collections
 - World War I Resources <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/ww1/>
 - World War I Questionnaires <https://fromthepage.com/lva/wwi-va-questionnaires>
 - Virginia Untold (African American Resources) <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan/>
- Virginia Chronicle (newspapers) <https://virginiachronicle.com/>
- Virginia Military Institute
 - Digital Exhibits <https://digitalcollections.vmi.edu/digital/>
 - Online Exhibits <https://www.vmi.edu/archives/online-exhibits/>
- Virginia Commonwealth University Digital Collections <http://dig.library.vcu.edu/>
- Virginia Tech ImageBase Digital Collections <https://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php>
- 1790/1800 Virginia Tax Lists Census Substitute <http://www.binnsgenealogy.com/VirginiaTaxListCensuses/>
- Virginia Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/virginia/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Virginia/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=46>

Washington

- Washington State Archives <https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home>
 - Digital Collections <https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25>
 - Genealogy Resources <https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/genealogy.aspx>
- Washington State Library <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library>
 - Digital Collections <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/digcolls.aspx>
 - Historic Newspapers <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/newspapers/newspapers.aspx>
 - Maps <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/maps.aspx>
 - Manuscripts <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/manuscripts.aspx>
 - Genealogy <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/genealogy.aspx>
- Washington State Genealogical Society <http://www.wasgs.org>
- Washington Historical Society <http://www.washingtonhistory.org>
- Washington Marriage, Divorce, and Death Indices (c. 1907-2017) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/23/>
- Washington Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/washington/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Washington/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=58>

West Virginia

- West Virginia Archives & History <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesindex.aspx>
 - Birth Record Search http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_bcsearch.aspx
 - Death Record Search http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx
 - Marriage Record Search http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_mcsearch.aspx
 - State Archives <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/wvsamenu.html>
 - Genealogy Corner <http://www.wvculture.org/history/genealogy/genealog.html>
 - Photo Collection <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/photographs.html>
 - Memory Project <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/index.html>
 - Collections Database <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/collectionsintro.html>
 - Civil War Medals <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/civilwarmedals/medals.html>
 - Militia Database <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/mil.aspx>
 - Veterans Memorial Database <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/wvvetmem.html>
 - Surnames <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/surnames/surintro.html>
 - Online Museum Exhibits <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/exhibitsonline.html>
 - Online History Exhibits <http://www.wvculture.org/history/exhibitsonline/exhibits.html>
 - Original County Records <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/countyrecords.html>
 - Special Collections <http://www.wvculture.org/history/collections/specialcollections.html>
- West Virginia Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/westvirginia/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/West-Virginia/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=28>

Wisconsin

- Wisconsin Historical Society <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15307>
 - Collections <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15310>
 - Digital Collection <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15285>
 - Maps & Atlases <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15301>
 - Historical Collections <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15286>
 - Bios <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS3503>
 - Civil War <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15252>
 - Community History <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15323>
 - Shipwreck Database <https://www.wisconsinshipwrecks.org/>
 - Holocaust survivors Oral Histories <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/HolocaustSurvivors/>
 - Local and County Histories <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15254>
 - Name Index <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS3508>
- Wisconsin State Genealogical Society <http://wsgs.org>
 - County Research <https://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>
 - Research Links <https://wsgs.org/links.php?sid=1>
- Wisconsin Digital Archives <http://www.wistatedocuments.org/>
- Wisconsin Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/wisconsin/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Wisconsin/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=59>

Wyoming

- Wyoming State Archives Society <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/>
 - Death Certificates Database 1909- c.1939 <http://wyospcr.state.wy.us/DCD/Index.aspx>
 - Genealogy Resources <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/genealogical-resources>
 - Digital Collections <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/digital-collections>
 - Historical Collections <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/historical-collections>
 - Maps <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/maps>
 - Newspapers <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/newspapers>
 - Photos <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/find-it-in-the-archives/photos>
 - State Business Directories <https://wyoarchives.wyo.gov/index.php/state-directories>
- Wyoming Historical Society <https://www.wyshs.org/>
 - Historical Maps <https://www.wyshs.org/publications/wyoming-historical-maps>
 - Oral History <https://www.wyshs.org/programs/wyoming-oral-history-online>
- Wyoming State Library <https://library.wyo.gov/collections/>
 - Digital Collections <https://publications.wyo.gov/wyoming-digital-collections>
 - Wyoming Newspapers <https://newspapers.wyo.gov/>
 - Wyoming Places <https://places.wyo.gov/>
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive (CO, NM, WY) <https://rmoa.unm.edu/>
- Wyoming Marriage, Death, and Divorces Indices (1900-1965) <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/17/>
- Wyoming Death and Burial Indexes <https://www.deathindexes.com/wyoming/index.html>
- Ancestry.com Databases <http://search.ancestry.com/Places/US/Wyoming/Default.aspx>
- FamilySearch Databases <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=29>

Newspaper websites

- GenealogyBank <https://www.genealogybank.com/>
- Newspaper Archives <https://newspaperarchive.com>
- Newspapers.com <https://newspapers.com>
- Chronicling America <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- Legacy.com <https://www.legacy.com>
- Obituary Depot <http://www.daddezio.com/obituary/depot/>
- Tributes.com <http://www.tributes.com>
- Obituary Daily Times <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>
- Obituary Central <http://www.obitcentral.com>
- Elephind <http://www.elephind.com>
- Fold3 <https://www.fold3.com>
- Free Newspaper Archives <http://freewebnewspaperarchives.us>
- Google Newspaper Archive <https://news.google.com/newspapers>
- Online Historical Newspapers Website <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>
- Ancestorhunt.com <http://ancestorhunt.com>

Other Useful Tools

Lineage Societies

- Mayflower Society <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>
 - Passengers <https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/passenger>
 - Databases <https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/mayflower-research-databases>
- Mayflower Silver Books https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2728/mayflower-families-fifth-generation-descendants-1700-1880?utm_campaign=Marketing&utm_medium=email&_hsmt=87593589&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-fQZ-Cdi0cUSamzEcVQpW877Ym_ghl_JrWqtaOD6_bKMrW0g9XKQrMuGEOJk2S2XF2AU6&utm_content=87593589&utm_source=hs_email
- Mayflower Descendants Applications <https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2731/general-society-of-%E2%80%A6>
- Colonial Dames <https://nscda.org/historical-activities/>
- DAR Ancestor Search https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=1
- SAR Ancestors Search <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/patriot/search/>
- USD 1812 Ancestor Database <https://usdaughters1812.org/ancestor-database/>

German Handwriting – Old German Script <http://www.deutsche-handschrift.de/adsschreiben.php#schriftfeld>

German Handwriting – Suetterlin <http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm>

German Handwriting Resources https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting

Non-English Foreign Language Genealogy Word Lists https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogical_Word_Lists

David Rumsey Map Collections <https://www.davidrumsey.com/>

To Find Living People

- Free Public Records Search <https://netronline.com>
- Been Verified <https://beenverified.com>
- Fast People Search <https://fastpeoplesearch.com>
- True People Search <https://truepeoplesearch.com>

7. Beginning Genealogy II: Uncovering Your Roots

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Remember that genealogy research is a lot like detective work- you are using clues to unlock a large story

Work from the known to the unknown. Always start from you and track back each succeeding generation.

1. Start with you! Check your home and with family members to find birth certificates and other important documents.
2. Talk to your parents:
 - Where did they grow up (town, county, state?), Date and location of their marriage?
 - Birth and death dates of their parents?
 - Where are their parents and grandparents buried?
 - Do they know any older living relatives?
3. Call or visit other relatives.
 - Do they have any important documents you can copy?
 - Ask for birth, death and marriage dates and locations for grand and great-grandparents?
 - Do they know any family stories?
4. Search your home and relatives' homes for Bibles, photos, and other family treasures

TIPS AS YOU RESEARCH

1. If you are not familiar with the area you are researching, use the FamilySearch Research Wiki to learn when an area started keeping vital records, where the libraries and historical societies are located, etc.
GO to the Search tab at the top and click on RESEARCH WIKI.
You can search by place or topic
2. If you want to find out what records are available by location
GO to the Search tab and click on CATALOG- research by location.
3. Make a list of what you need to locate for each generation
4. If vital records are not available – what kind of records could you be looking for to prove dates, locations and links between generations?
Think outside the box- should you look for Bible and Church records, probates/deeds?
5. Remember not everything is on the Internet. You may need to visit libraries, genealogical collections, courthouses, cemeteries, etc.

TIME TO REVIEW NEEDED DOCUMENTS:

IF you think you would like to join a lineage society in the future, you will need birth, death, and marriage documents.

Look at your own birth certificate- does it list parent's names, and city, county and state of birth
Each generation will need birth, death and marriage information, if applicable.

As you go back in time, you will find you need to be creative in finding records. You may need to find census, cemetery, Bible and land and probate records.

Review what you still need right now. What information is missing

CENSUS- U.S. Federal Census:

- 1790-1840 only lists head of households, slash marks for those in households, no names
- 1840 may list Revolutionary War soldiers on page 2 of census
- 1850- 1870 lists people in households but no relationships
- 1850-1885 Mortality Schedules – lists persons who died 12 months before census
- 1880 On – identifies relationship to head of household
- **1890 – population schedule destroyed by fire, only 6, 160 names available
- 1890 Veterans Schedule- mostly Union soldiers
- 1900/1910 – age of individual, how many years married, year of immigration, citizenship *1900 gives month and year of birth
- 1920 – year of naturalization, only census to do so
- 1930 – asks for marital status, and if married, at what age
- 1940-
- 1950- available April 1, 2022

CEMETERY RESEARCH:

1. Findagrave.com
2. Billiongraves.com

ONLINE RESOURCES:

Look at your Family History and review your notes. Have you found where your ancestors lived or where they migrated? In what time period did they live?

MAJOR ONLINE RESOURCES include:

www.familysearch.org-free

www.ancestry.com- fee based

www.fold3.com fee based

www.americanancestors.com New England Historical and Genealogical Society -fee based

www.findmypast.com fee based

All the above have some free databases and may be accessible at your local public library.

The Internet has a multitude of sites. You can google and find sites based on your area of interest or location needs

States and counties may have their own genealogical websites

IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO USE:

LIBRARIES-

Your local libraries are so worth checking out as you search for clues.
IF you are an Ohio resident, you can obtain a library card at any Ohio library
and utilize those area research databases

Dayton Metropolitan Public Library <http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/>
<http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/research> -you can research for free:

Ohio has some fantastic public libraries with super genealogical collections.

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio

<https://www.cincinnati.library.org/main/genlocal.html>

Columbus Metropolitan Library <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/research/local-history-genealogy>

[Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana- www.acpl.lib.in.us](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us)

[One of the best genealogy collections in the county. Maintains a huge section of periodicals.](#)

[PERSI-PERiodical Source Index; Findmypast.com has a free index](#)

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES:

Check out historical societies and libraries in the areas of your research-

Clinton County Historical Society in Wilmington, Ohio <https://clintoncountyhistory.org>

Ohio History Connection in Columbus <https://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library>

Western Reserve History Society in Cleveland <https://www.wrhs.org/research/library/databases/>

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES:

Look into those genealogical societies in locations where your ancestors lived

Ohio Genealogical Society in Bellville, Ohio <https://www.ogs.org> Has an excellent research
library and a few free databases

Montgomery County Chapter, OGS <https://mcc-ogs.org>

Warren County Chapter OGS, www.wcgsOhio.org -excellent library

MORE CLUES CAN BE FOUND AT:

FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS:

They are operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and are free to all.

You can research online and get copies of documents only available at the FHC.

Dayton Ohio Family History Center 1500 Shiloh Springs Road Dayton

Tues 4:30-6:30, Wed 10:00 am-1:00, 2:00-5:00, Th 12:00-3:00pm, classes & night sessions by
appt. 937-836-6155

Dayton Ohio East Family History Center 3060 Terry Drive Fairborn

Thurs 10:00-8:00; Fri 10:00-4:00; Sat 10:00-2:00

Centerville Ohio Family History Center 901 East Whipp Road Dayton

Thurs 10:00-1:00

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A LINEAGE SOCIETY?

- Honor a specific ancestor
- Leave a lasting history of your family
- Ensure some of your research is preserved
- Recognize military service or specific achievement
- Meet new people, make new friends

WHAT KIND OF LINEAGE SOCIETY WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

- First Families – early settlers in a state or county
- Military, Civil or Patriotic Service Patriots
- Ancestors of a certain occupation or activity
- Descendants of Royalty
- Mayflower and early ship arrivals in America

HOW TO FIND LINEAGE SOCIETIES:

- Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/societies>
- Hereditary Blue Book <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cahtgs/society.htm/>
- The Hereditary Society Community <http://www.hereditary.us>
- Lineage Society of America.com

ITEMS TO CONSIDER BEFORE JOINING A LINEAGE SOCIETY:

- Need to be patient- applications may take several weeks to several years to be approved
- Costs vary with each group
- Can you join just by applying or must you be invited to become a member?
- Do you want to become active with the group?
- Do you want to be able to attend meetings or is it OK to be far away?
- Check ancestral requirements- dates of service, year of settlement, etc.
- Check eligibility requirements:
 - Direct Descendants or collateral relatives (uncles and aunts)?
 - Only male descendants or male line? Only female applicants?
 - Biological line only?

8. Is there a Tartan in Your Tree?

Discovering Scottish Roots

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General Scottish Research Websites Unless marked (\$,) sites are free to use, but may require the user to set up an account to view documents. *All website links were accessed 4 January 2022.*

Getting Started with U.S. Records

- Research your immigrant ancestor, all descendants and other relatives **thoroughly** in U.S. records to look for clues for his/her Scottish home
- Use a research log to document your searches and discoveries (positive and negative) to avoid repeating your work
- Learn as much as you can about the ***time period of Scotland*** in which your ancestor lived to learn *why* he/she emigrated
- Search U.S. databases to search for Scottish records
 - FamilySearch.org – <https://www.familysearch.org/> *free* account required to view documents; some Scottish collections must be viewed only at a family history center or affiliate library
 - FamilySearch wiki-
 - After logging in, select “wiki” under “Search”
 - Click on map or type in location to research “Scotland”
 - FamilySearch Scottish Webinars – *free*
 - Click on (?) in upper right-hand corner of screen, then type “Scotland” or “Scots-Irish” in the search box for the webinars
 - Cyndi’s List for Scotland - <https://www.cyndislist.com/uk/sct/>
 - Ancestry.com \$ - <https://www.ancestry.com/> (World edition) access available at some genealogical societies and public libraries
- Consider using DNA and cousin matches to help narrow down your search area(s) in Scotland

Church of Scotland – National church with early records of baptisms, marriages and burials (prior to 1855) (Use **Old Parish Records (OPRs)** on ScotlandsPeople).

Structure: Kirk Sessions handled early administrative duties for local church parishes including care for the poor and judicial functions. More severe issues were referred to **Presbytery** meetings (consisting of various representatives of local kirk sessions). Presbytery cases were referred to “regional” **Synod** meetings (consisting of representatives of various presbyteries – no longer in existence). Highest level for Church of Scotland is the **General Assembly**. Records exist for all levels, but not all are digitized or available online. Most records held by National Records of Scotland (NRS). Kirk session records are available online as of 2021 on ScotlandsPeople, but are **not indexed** (browse only).

- Regular Marriage – performed by minister (usually Church of Scotland)
- Irregular Marriage – announcement of marriage made in front of witnesses, but not with approved clergy present. Records of such marriage may be noted in parish kirk session records (Church of Scotland) as well any punitive fine(s) levied against couple and witnesses involved in the irregular marriage. Legal up until 1940.
- Divorce has been permitted in Scotland since 1560.

Privacy laws limit access to:

Births -100 years after birth

Marriages - 75 years after marriage

Deaths -50 years after death

Census - 100 years after date of census (latest available is 1911; release of 1921 was delayed in 2021)

Online UK and Scottish Websites and Repositories

- Findmypast.com \$ - <https://www.findmypast.com/> (*suggestion*: use on a monthly subscription basis and “lump” research into a month’s time; or as needed); access to early British newspapers among its many US and UK record collections
 - Searches may be saved
 - Most collections are browsable with images to download and save
- Genuki UK & Ireland Genealogy - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct>
 - ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk - <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>
Set up *free* account
 - Searches may be saved to online account
 - Purchase credits to view/download images. Purchases are saved to your account, but it is best to download images and save to your computer as you purchase them.
 - Indexed collections include pre-1855 church records (Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic, others), wills and testaments (1513-1955), valuation rolls, statutory records, census, and more. Kirk sessions are browse only accessed through “Virtual Volumes”.
- Scottish Indexes - <https://www.scottishindexes.com/> *free* to search with transcriptions. Option to order records (\$)
- National Records of Scotland - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

- ScotlandsPlaces.gov.uk - <https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/> Information on various shires in Scotland with links to map images, valuation rolls (pre-1855), tax lists and more. *As of January 2022, website is down for maintenance.*
- The Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845 - <https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home>
- Scottish Genealogy Society – www.scotsgenealogy.com Family history files, downloads, links to indexes
- Guides for locating Registration Districts in Scotland – 2 pdfs to download and save
 - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//research/statutory-registers/parishes-and-registration-districts-by-name.pdf>
 - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//research/statutory-registers/parishes-and-registration-districts-by-number.pdf>
- Scottish Post Office Directories - <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/>
- National Library of Scotland – maps - <https://maps.nls.uk/>
- Scottish Handwriting.com – <https://www.scottishhandwriting.com/index.asp>
- Dictionaries of the Scots Language - <https://dsl.ac.uk/>

Written Resources/Books

- *The Family Tree Scottish Genealogy Guide* – by Amanda Epperson
- *Scottish Immigration to Colonial America 1607-1785* (and others)– by David Dobson
- *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors - The Official Guide* – by NRS (7th Edition – 2020)
- *Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet* – Chris Paton (2020)
- *Genealogical Atlas of Scotland: Compiled from Original Maps* – by Derek & Frank Smith (Compilers); David E. Gardner and Derek Harland, (Authors)
- *Surnames of Scotland* – by George F Black

“Scots-Irish” Websites & Repositories- Northern Ireland

- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) (Belfast) – <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>
 - Select “Search Archives Online”
 - Choose links applicable link(s) - Can view and download some images
- General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) (Belfast) \$ – BMDs, more recent records <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/go-groni-online>; must register; can search for free, but you must purchase credits in advance to see more and order records
- Ulster Historical Foundation \$ – www.ancestryireland.com - Most databases only available to “guild members”; books available for purchase

Republic of Ireland (Irish Free State) Websites & Repositories (may hold records related to those in NI from Scotland)

- National Archives of Ireland (Dublin) - <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>
 - Select “Genealogy”, then “Researching family history”, scroll down to select links to the left for areas of interest to search. May require download of free software to download document images
- National Library of Ireland (Dublin) – www.nli.ie
 - Select “Catalogues and Databases”, then select from list
- Quaker Records (Dublin): <https://quakers-in-ireland.ie/historical-library/>

Hire a Genealogist – Can’t visit Scotland to research or obtain a record? Look for those who specialize in the area of interest or live near the repository of the record you wish to obtain. Do as much research as you can from home before seeking overseas assistance. Ask friends/other researchers for references.

- **The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)** <http://www.icapgen.org/>

Webinars for British Research

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History - <https://www.isbgfh.com/> - Most webinars are free with advanced registration.

Just for Fun

- Scottish Register of Tartans: <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/index>
- Association of Scottish Games and Festivals: <https://www.asgf.org/>
- Robert Burns Night Supper (Jan 25): <https://www.visitscotland.com/about/famous-scots/robert-burns/burns-night/>
- ScotsConnection for Clan Information: https://www.scotsconnection.com/klan_crests/klan-crest-viewer-abercrombie-to-erskine.htm
- Conduct an internet search for your Scottish surname to see what’s available online

9. Power Point Tricks for Genealogists

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1. What This is About
 - a. We are going to show you some simple PowerPoint Tricks to fix images
 - i. Family Photos and Historical Documents
 - ii. Paper Narratives, Maps and Charts, Graphic Treasures
2. Agenda
 - a. Introduction to PowerPoint
 - b. Four Simple Tools
 - c. Choosing Page Size
 - d. Four Wonderful Tools
 - e. Capturing Images
 - f. Some Ribbon Tools
 - g. Backgrounds and Depth
 - h. Examples
3. PowerPoint Useful for:
 - i. Making presentations, fixing photos and images, Creating captions, Making genealogy trees, Creating timelines, Sharing family documents
4. Opening a New Blank Presentation in PowerPoint
 - a. Open PP, then select New then Blank Presentation
5. Next, we want to pick a slide/paper size and slide/paper orientation
 - a. Select the Design at the top, then select Slide Size on the right
6. Common Paper Page Sizes
 - a. Digest 4 ¼ x 5 ½
 - b. Letter (Portrait) 8 ½ x 11, Letter (Landscape) 11 x 8 ½
 - c. Legal 8 ½ x 14
 - d. Tabloid 11 x 17, Ledger 17 x 11
 - e. Electronic 12 x 18
7. Four Simple Image Tools
 - a. Copy: Control + C
 - b. Paste: Control + V
 - c. Cut: Control + X
 - d. Duplicate: Control + D
8. Clipboard Button
 - a. Holds 24 items (Last on top)
9. Example: A Quick Family Tree

10. Four Special Tools
 - a. Print Screen
 - b. Crop Tool
 - c. Set Transparent Color
 - d. Remove Background Tool

11. Print Screen (Shift + Print Screen)
 - a. The image does not appear on the clipboard but is available for pasting (Control + V)

12. Example Screen Captured from Ellis Island Online

13. Paste and Crop Screen Capture
 - a. Do a Control + V to paste, then Crop the Ship Record

14. Final Passenger Ship Record after Cropping & Enlarging

15. PowerPoint Crop Tool

16. Getting the Crop Tool on the Ribbon
 - a. Drop down menu for the Ribbon

17. Getting the Crop Tool on the Ribbon
 - a. Option Selection Menu to add/subtract on the Toolbar

18. Getting the Crop Tool on the Ribbon
 - a. Select Picture Tools / Picture Format Tab
 - b. Select Crop Tools
 - c. Click Add Button

19. Getting the Crop Tool on the Ribbon
 - a. Note: New Crop Tool shown on the red ribbon Toolbar

20. The Crop Tool

21. Using the Crop Tool
 - a. Highlight the photo, Select the Crop Tool, Remove shaded part

22. Make New Pair using the Crop Tool

23. Set Transparent Color
 - a. Remove the White Boarder

24. Set Transparent Color
 - a. Remove only one Color

25. Remove Background Tool

26. Out with the Pink
 - a. Turns select areas pink (note 4 choices)

27. Just left with the Elephant
28. Elephant is now attending UD
29. PowerPoint has Depth
 - a. Arrange objects order, group objects, position objects
30. First, we need a Family Photo
 - a. Use images to enhance your genealogy
31. Next, we need a Picture Frame
 - a. Search Google Images, Select Tools, Select Creative Commons Licenses, Select Creative Commons Licenses
32. Past the Frame over the Monkey
 - a. Control + V
33. Move the Frame Over the Monkey
 - a. Use the Transparent Tool to see through the white canvas
34. References
 - a. Microsoft PowerPoint 2019 Dummies, Doug Lowe
 - b. Teach Yourself Visually PowerPoint 2016, Barbara Boyd/Ray Anthony
 - c. Cutting Edge PowerPoint for Dummies, Geetesh Bajaj
 - d. MicroSoft PowerPoint 365 Complete, Graves and Nordell
 - e. Better PowerPoint, Stephen M. Klosslyn
 - f. PowerPoint Advanced Techniques
 - g. Beyond Bullet Points, Judy G. Russell
 - h. The Legal Genealogist (www.legalgenealogist.com)
35. Point of Contact Information: Michael W. Garrambone, 937-233-3255, 4138 Quail Bush Drive, Dayton, OH, 45424, mgarrambone@aol.com

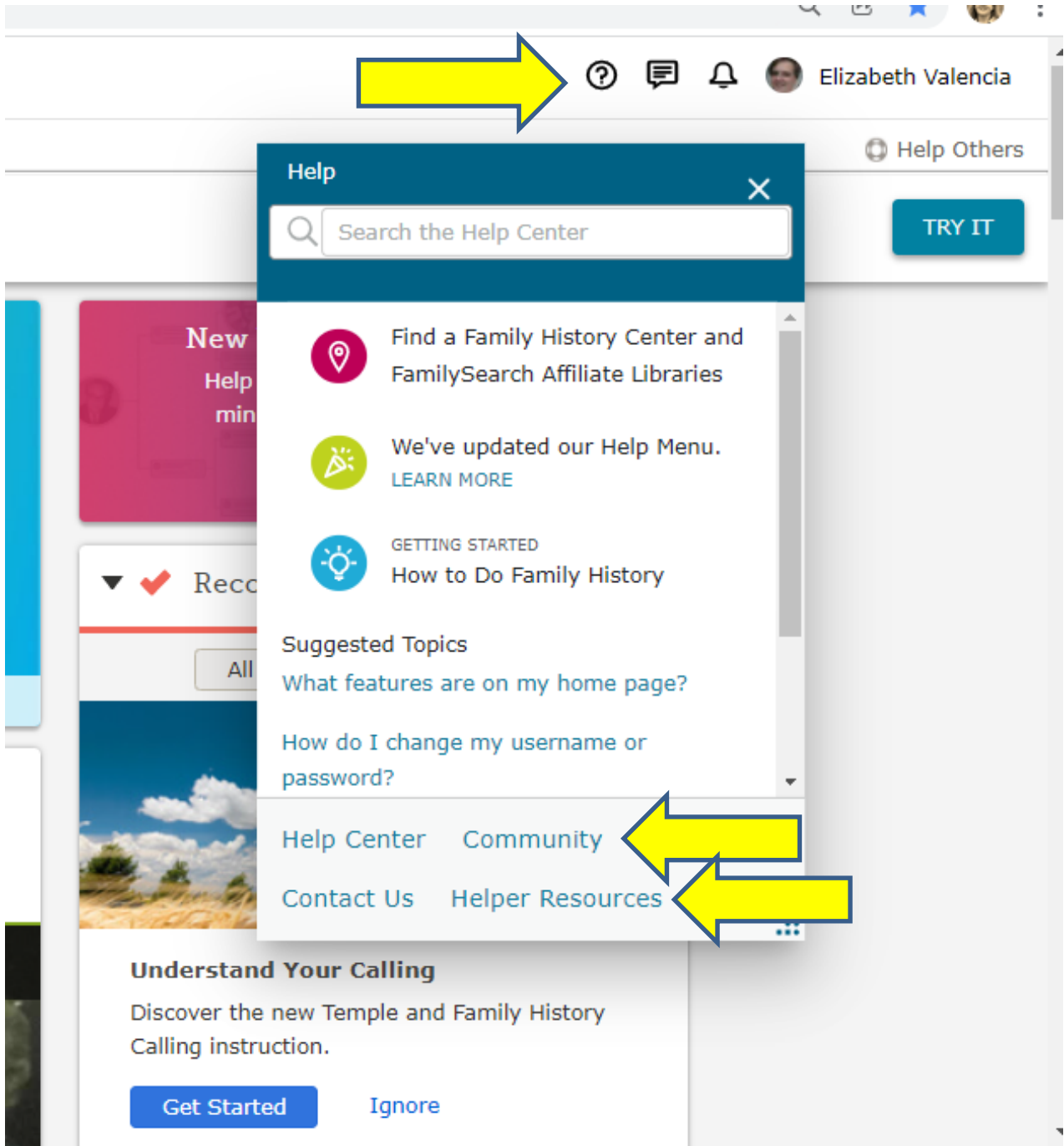
10. Temple & Family History Consultant Training: You mean I don't have to be an expert genealogist?

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This class will discuss ways Temple and Family History Consultants can create personalized family history experiences for individuals and families. It will demonstrate how to access the FamilySearch Planner and some of the other Helper Resources available. The class will also include time for Q&A.

1. Creating Personalized Family History Experiences
 - a. Being a temple and family history consultant does not mean you are (or have to be) an expert genealogist (“Getting Started,” Temple and Family History Callings)
 - b. As a temple and family history consultant, you help individuals and families **come unto Christ** as they prepare for and participate in temple and family history work. Temple and family history consultants have the primary responsibilities...of creating **inspiring experiences** that bring joy to all people as they **discover, gather, and connect** their family through temple ordinances (“What Should I Focus On,” Temple and Family History Callings)
2. Using the FamilySearch Planner
 - a. Request access to family trees, find discovery activities to share with others, and create lesson plans.
3. Overview of Helper Resources
 - a. Temple and Family History Callings
 - b. RootsTech Temple and Family History Callings Videos
 - c. FamilySearch Community
 - d. FamilySearch Wiki
 - e. FamilySearch Planner tutorial videos
4. Q&A

Accessing Helper Resources and Community



Accessing the Planner

The screenshot shows a web interface with a modal dialog box titled "Whom do you want to help?". The dialog has two tabs: "Username" and "Full Name". It contains the following fields:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Birth Date: Day , Month , Year
- Helper Number - What's this?:

At the bottom of the dialog are "Sign In" and "Cancel" buttons. A light blue notification box at the bottom left of the dialog contains the following text:

📘 New! Try the Planner.
Easier access to the accounts of those you help, plus receive customized information based on their trip.
[Try the Planner](#)

A yellow arrow points from the top right of the page down to the "TRY IT" button in the background. Another yellow arrow points from the right side of the notification box to the "Try the Planner" link.

Additional Resources

1. General Handbook, Section 25 Temple and Family History Work
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/general-handbook/25-temple-and-family-history-work?lang=eng>
2. My Calling as a Temple and Family History Consultant: Calling Information
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/my-calling-as-a-temple-and-family-history-consultant?lang=eng>
3. RootsTech Series for Church Leaders: Video sessions from RootsTech for Church Leaders
<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/series/for-church-leaders>
4. FamilySearch Community: an online networking community for individuals around the world offering FamilySearch help, Research help and Groups
<https://community.familysearch.org/en>
5. FamilySearch Wiki: The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch, a non-profit organization. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. Articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
6. FamilySearch Helper Resources: This section of FamilySearch contains many Helper Resources, including access to the Planner, links to creating Personalized Family History Experiences and FamilySearch Planner tutorial videos.
<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helper/>
7. Temple and Family History Consultant and Planner Classes
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGng78LVGBHHH0NnXM9yORBEP6n3WOPLb>

11. Q&A Session

Moderator: Dana Palmer, CG[®], CGL^(SM)

This class will allow for a live question and answer session moderated by Dana Palmer and include a panel of genealogists to whom you can ask your genealogy questions.

12. Enhancing Your Family Story - Adding Detail Using City Directories

by: Jan Skousen

What is a City Directory?

Similar to phone books of the recent past, city directories list residents of a particular area and are usually published annually or biannually. The first city directories in the United States were published in Philadelphia in 1785. More cities were added through the rest of the 19th century, and by mid-century, they gave more information than just names and addresses. They might include information about the community churches, clubs, and organizations. They sometimes even include lists of deaths with the age of the deceased, family members, births in that year, and where former residents moved. (See Family Tree, Taylor, Maureen A., “The Genealogist’s Guide to Directories”).

What was the original purpose and history of a city directory?

They were a guide for businesses to find customers. The earliest ones may only name property owners, employed individuals (most excluded women), and socially prominent members of the community.

Types of directories:

Business directories: City directories may have business information within the main listings or in a separate section, but business directories only listed businesses. They are usually arranged not alphabetically, like a city or house directory, but by categories, such as dry cleaners or furniture stores, or in the case of one of my great grandfathers, cigar merchants. For many of these, the business had to pay to be a part of this directory and thus, they are not all-inclusive. They are also not available for all areas.

Criss-Cross Directories: This is a type of reverse directory. You look up the address to find the occupant. It contains both addresses in sequence (arranged alphabetically by street within zip codes), and phone numbers in numeric order. These can be helpful in tracing the history of a residence.

Trade directories:

“You also might find a directory of businesses in a single category that covers the entire county, such as *Seeger and Guernsey’s Cyclopaedia of the Manufactures and Products of the United States* (several editions of which are available free through [Google Books](#)) or *Farley’s Reference Directory of Booksellers, Stationers, and Printers in the US and Canada* (published since 1886; with various editions available on [Internet Archive](#)). Professional directories, which usually cover the whole country, list prominent professionals and tradespeople such as railway workers, doctors or lawyers.” [1]

Telephone directories:

View the first phone book, from New Haven, Connecticut, dated 21 February 1878 (2 yrs. after Alexander Graham Bell made his first successful phone call) online at OldTelephoneBooks.com (http://www.oldtelephonebooks.com/pages/first_phone_book). It is a single sheet with 50 business subscribers and no addresses or phone numbers.

Helpful Historical Notes:

- 1- Many city directories include outlying rural areas, sometimes in a separate section.
- 2- Until the 1960s African Americans might have been included in a part other than the main section of the directory.
- 3- Early directories used cross streets because there were no house numbers, therefore it is very helpful to use maps in conjunction with your search.
- 4- Information for directories pre-1861 was obtained through a mailed questionnaire. If the subject didn't return their forms, they weren't in the directory.
- 5- Public sources were used to obtain information for directories after 1861 and there could have been more than one directory published within a city with different information in each! Make sure to check for more than one directory, especially in large cities.
- 6- Sometimes an address is listed with an "Old" Street name because street names changed over time.

City Directories Today: Bresser's, a common business directory, has an online presence in over three hundred US markets which offer unlimited access to

- Telephone and address information for your market area.
- Select key characteristics - locations, neighbors, and demographics.
- Identification of homeowners by the month they purchased their homes.
- Maps of customer locations to create delivery routes.[2]

Bresser's is only one of the city directories available today. Many others are found in the "City Directory Report," in the EDR LightBox, City Directory Super Library.[3] These online directories are available to businesses who pay to access your information for marketing purposes. Although they are not readily accessed by genealogists today, they will become important resources in the future.

[1] Taylor, Maureen A. "The Genealogist's Guide to Directories,"

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/directory/city-directories-genealogy/>, Family Tree Magazine, Yankee Publishing Inc, 2022.

[2] Bresser's Information Services, "Online Directories."

[3] EDR Lightbox, "City Directory Report," database (<https://edrnet.com/prods/city-directory-report>: accessed 20 November 2019).

L. O. C. = Learning Opportunity Challenge: Start with recent ancestors and create a year-by-year timeline of addresses between known census records.

Why are they valuable to you as a family historian?

Directories include a summary of local information that can add to your family story including

- Brief local histories and historical context
- Street guides and location boundaries, sometimes full maps
- Population counts of the local city and sometimes surrounding areas
- Fire and police departments
- City and county officials, including courts and federal officers
- Local churches, with a separate list of clergy, by name
- Cemeteries
- Schools, Universities, sometimes with their staff members
- Hospitals, orphanages, homes
- Lodges, social organizations, and clubs, sometimes with members
- Local newspapers
- Places
- Occupations
- Women
- Neighbors and other relatives

(Adapted from Legacy Tree Genealogists, Legacytree.com, <https://www.legacytree.com/blog/city-directories>, “Helpful Hints for Searching City Directories”)

Where can I find them?

- Family Search-Click Search, Catalog, Subject, City Directories, subject or place
 - Ancestry.com, “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995” has over 1.5 billion records, and you can hit them all at once by using the “City and Area Directories” collection. This collection is enormous, but it doesn’t have everything.
 - Fold 3
 - My Heritage: <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>
 - Heritage Quest
 - Internet Archive -begin with a basic search of city director or county directory
 - Google Books-sometimes only show a snippet but can point you in a direction you may not have found otherwise.
 - Linkpendium <http://www.linkpendium.com/>
 - Cyndi’s List <http://www.cyndislist.com/directories/>
 - Don’s List <http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/DirM.htm>
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- If you can’t find what you are looking for, call a library or genealogical society in the place your ancestors lived.
 - The country’s largest city directory collection is at the Library of Congress.
 - The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has directories on microfilm, but they no longer rent out microfilm so focus on digitized collections available at a local Family History Center.

L. O. C. - Contact your local library or historical society to see what directories they have. OR use the library online resources to access a site you can’t access at home.

Tips for Using City Directories:

1-Start at the beginning and review the cover and opening pages. Below is a key to common abbreviations from Family Tree Magazine. Understanding these is an essential first step to understanding the clues you find. Each directory may have its own key, so take the time to explore it.

Common Abbreviations in City Directories [4]

• *b* or *bds*: boards, boarder

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| • <i>bkpr</i> : bookkeeper | • <i>lab</i> : laborer | • <i>res</i> : resides |
| • <i>c</i> or <i>cor</i> : corner | • <i>mdse</i> : merchandise | • <i>sch</i> : school |
| • <i>carp</i> : carpenter | • <i>mer</i> : merchant | • <i>off</i> : office |
| • <i>ch</i> : church | • <i>mkr</i> : maker | • <i>own</i> : owns, owner |
| • <i>clk</i> : clerk | • <i>nec</i> : northeast corner | • <i>sec</i> : southeast corner |
| • <i>col</i> or <i>col'd</i> : colored | • <i>nwc</i> : northwest corner | • <i>swc</i> : southwest corner |
| • <i>dom</i> : domestic (often used for a housewife) | • <i>phys</i> : physician | • <i>t</i> : tenant |
| • <i>facty</i> : factory | • <i>prop</i> : proprietor | • <i>wid</i> : widow |
| • <i>gro</i> : grocer | • <i>r</i> : rents, rooms, resides | • <i>wkr, wks</i> : worker, works |
| • <i>h</i> : house, householder | | |

[4] Ibid, Family Tree

2-Try searching for multiple years.

If you can't find your people in two consecutive years, keep trying in the next year. Not all directories were published every year. Don't stop in the first directory within a single book, often many locale directories are within one book.

Work backward, year by year for each year your ancestor lived. Keep track of each mention of them, details of the listing, and source of information.

3- Use directories to find more records:

- The head of household is usually listed with the last name first. The spouse is listed in parentheses next to that. An “h” stands for home. These clues can lead you to look for *property records, deeds, etc.*
 - What if you know your ancestor was an immigrant and you find them in a city directory for the first time? That can give you a clue of a date to look for the *immigration papers.*
- If you are looking for *church records*, for example, look in the directory for churches they might have gone to.
- Maybe you know they were a member of a Masonic lodge, for example, that is sometimes indicated, and you can look for *-club and association memberships*
- They often show the person's *occupation or employer*, which is another great detail to add to your family story. If you already know your ancestor’s occupation through a census, you can use a directory to find out more about their business.

L. O. C - Make a chart tracing your ancestor’s occupation and employer for at least ten years. Go one step further and look up their place of employment in a local business directory.

Tricks for making the most of your research:

- Use surname, maiden or married names for your research subjects
- Use spelling variations and wildcards
- Skip forms and browse whole directories, indexes may not always be reliable-some skip entire sections
- Review additions, corrections and removals sections-these are added often right before or after publication
- Search street indexes which are in alphabetical order
- Use old maps in conjunction with Google Earth
- List the research subject with their addresses for as many consecutive years as you can.
- Make a chart for all the same surnames you find within each page of the directory.
- Use an Excel spreadsheet using different filters to see the data and record it at the same time using filters. See YouTube Genealogy TV, with Constance Knox for great instruction. [Extract Ancestors from City Directories Using Ancestry or FamilySearch into Excel Spreadsheets](#)

L. O. C. - Break a Brick Wall using a City Directory!

More Resources:

Lee, Devon Noel. “How to Magnify Hidden Stories in City Directories,”www.FamilyHistoryFanatics.com, “Building A Heritage, OGS Annual Conference Syllabus, 2019.

Legacy Tree Genealogists. “Helpful Hints for Searching City Directories,”[Legacytree.com](https://www.legacypatree.com/blog/city-directories), <https://www.legacypatree.com/blog/city-directories>.

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Tenant, Amie Bowser, “City Directories for Genealogy When There’s Been a Loss of Vital Records,” <https://thegenealogyreporter.com/?s=city+directories>, The Genealogy Reporter, August 23, 2017.

[Using City Directories to Find Clues to Bust Genealogy Brick Walls](#) Family History Fanatics.

13. Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research: An Introduction

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Lecture Outline:

- What will we be talking about?
- Types of information found in newspapers
- Newspaper Sources: Digital vs. Paper/Microfilm
- First Website: Ancestor Hunt
- Second Website: Chronicling America
- Third Website: Newspapers.com
- Next steps
- Some suggestions

Links from lecture:

[Ancestor Hunt](#): lists of links by location to newspaper resources, both free and subscription.

[Chronicling America](#): Library of Congress website for historic newspapers, free

[Newspapers.com](#): Subscription newspaper website

[“The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide”](#) by James M. Beidler (2018, Family Tree Books). Available in paperback or kindle.

14. Activities

by: Heather Lytle

Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has provided activities for individuals and families to become actively engaged in both personal and family history.

In order to access the activities, you will need to create a free account at www.familysearch.org

For the most comprehensive and exciting experience your family tree should be filled out as much as possible. The more full your tree, the more stories and activities you will be able to explore.

Once you are logged into your account you will have access to the “Activities” section which can be found:

- iPhone it’s found in the hamburger menu in the top right of my screen.
- iPad it’s found at the top center of my screen.
- Desktop computer it is found at the top of the screen.
- For other devices you might need to explore a bit to find the “Activities” option.

Let’s Explore!

Where Am I From: Learn more about where you came from.

Generations: see where your ancestors lived throughout the world.

Family Lines: follow your ancestors’ locations.

Heritage: Find out your percentage. Learn more about the

Timeline: See how many family members were living where over the years.

Famous Relatives: What famous people are you related to? Categories are at the top. For examples, look up famous Inventors and Scientists you are related to, famous actors, etc.

*All About Me: Can be done with little information in your tree

Compare-a-Face: Take a photo of yourself to see who you resemble the most.

Try using pictures from now, and also from when you were younger.

*Record My Story: Great for recording your personal history.

Click on a topic and record the answer to the questions. This would be a fun family activity to do with kids or teens.

Picture My Heritage: Insert a picture of your face to see what you would look like as an ancestor from a different heritage.

“President Spencer W. Kimball said, “Our success, individually and as a Church, will largely be determined by how faithfully we focus on living the gospel in the home.” Temple and family history work is part of living the gospel at home. It should be a family activity far more than a Church activity.” Allan F. Packer

*In-Home Activities: This section has LOTS of activities you can do by yourself or with your family - either with a computer or without

Family Obituaries: Learn more about your family members by reading their obituaries.

Ancestor Challenge: One of my favorites. Take a quiz to see how well you recognize your ancestors.

Historical Records: This gets more involved with family history research. Some experience would be helpful.

WWI Service Records: Did you have ancestors that served?

Click on the records to learn more about ancestors who served.

A timeline below the record shows your ancestor's military service.

Learn interesting facts about the war.

"Families are not just meant to make things run more smoothly here on earth and to be cast off when we get to heaven. Rather, they are the order of heaven. They are an echo of a celestial pattern and an emulation of God's eternal family." Dieter F. Uchtdorf

My Ancestor's Temple: Find out what temples your ancestors were married in. This feature is for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

My Pioneer Ancestors: (for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

Find out which ancestors traveled across the plains: Where they started their journey, how old they were, which Company they traveled with and how many days they traveled.

See a timeline to put their journey in perspective regarding other historical events.

"We honor our pioneer members across the world not because they were perfect but because they overcame hardships, made sacrifices, aspired to be Christlike, and were striving to build faith and be one with the Savior. Their oneness with the Savior made them one with each other. This principle is true for you and me today." Quentin L. Cook

Missionaries: (for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

Find out if you have ancestors who served a mission.

Women of Faith: (for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

Find records in early church history that mention your ancestors.

See a timeline showing significant church events during your ancestor's life.

Nauvoo: (for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

Find out if you have relatives that lived in Nauvoo during the early years of the church.

WWII Service Records: Find out if your relatives served in the war. View their records.

Joseph Smith Papers (for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints): Discover if you have relatives mentioned in the Joseph Smith Papers.

WWI Draft Card: See your relative's draft card for the war. View a timeline of their life and significant world events.

Elder Marlin K. Jensen, who served as Church Historian and Recorder (for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) from 2005 to 2012:

*“We keep records to help us remember. ... We desire to help Church members remember the great things God has done for His children. ... Lessons from the past help us cope with our present and give us hope for our future”
 (“There Shall Be a Record Kept among You,” Ensign, Dec. 2007, 28, 33).*

15. Help! I Want to Take My Family to the Temple

by: Bruce & Tracey Clawson

Reserving a Temple Name

There are several ways you can reserve a name to take to the temple. We will walk through the steps to do this with an emphasis on using Ordinances Ready. Ordinance Ready is a tool that simplifies finding names for the temple. This tool can be used on the Family Search app for both Android and IOS phones. It also can be used on your computer.

Ordinances Ready is designed to provide family name cards for the person signed in to the website or the Family Tree app. For example, if you are female, it only searches for ancestors who are female. Ordinances Ready does not search your spouse's family line.

Steps using the Family Tree mobile app:

1. In the Family Tree mobile app, open your temple list:
 - Apple iOS: At the bottom of the screen, tap **Temple**.
 - Android: In the top-left corner of the screen, tap the **menu icon (3 lines)**, and then tap **Temple**.
2. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Ordinances Ready**. If you do not see it, update your Family Tree mobile app.
3. Tap the ordinance that you want to do. The app scans for that ordinance.
4. Tap **View People**.
 - You can deselect any ordinances from this list that you do not want to reserve. Tap the **check mark** next to the individual's name.
5. (Optional) Take some time to learn more about each person on the list:
 - To see more about the person, tap **View Person**.
 - To see how you are related, tap **View Relationship**.
6. When you are finished, tap **Continue**.
7. If the Church Policy screen appears, read it carefully. If you agree to abide by the policy, tap the **box**. Then tap **Add to Reserved Family Names**. A 16-digit number appears.
8. To send the cards to your printer, tap **View Cards**. Otherwise, write down the 16-digit number, and take it to the temple. A temple worker can print the cards for you.

Steps using the website

1. While signed in to [FamilySearch](#), click **Temple**.
2. Click **Ordinances Ready**.
3. Click the ordinance that you want to do. The app scans for that ordinance.
4. Click **Take to the Temple** underneath the ordinance you want to do.
 - A box appears with instructions on how to print your family name card. If you have no printer, you receive a 16-digit family ordinance number.
 - Write down the number and take it to the temple.
 - Click **Continue**.
5. Print out the family name card if you have a printer.
6. (Optional) Take some time to learn more about each person on the list:
 - To see more about the person, click the person's name, and then click **Person**.
 - To see how you are related to him or her, click **View My Relationship**.

How many ordinances can I reserve?

The Ordinances Ready feature finds enough ordinances for your next temple session:

- 4 or 5 baptisms and confirmations
- 3 to 5 initiatories
- 1 endowment
- Up to 5 sealings to spouse
- Up to 10 sealings to parents

Note:

Ordinances have different icons depending on how long they remain on your reservation list. The icon with a clock expires in 90 days. The icon without a clock means that the reservation expires in 2 years.

If you decide not to perform the ordinances reserved using Ordinances Ready, please unreserve the ordinances. You cannot share ordinances found through Ordinances Ready with another person.

Ordinances Ready does not determine if pre-requisite ordinances have been completed when sealing-to-spouse ordinances are requested. Please ensure that baptism, initiatory and endowment have been completed for each individual before proceeding with a sealing ordinance.

Where are the names chosen from?

Ordinance Ready looks in these places:

- **Your family names list (or "temple list" or "reservation list").** These are family names that you have reserved in Family Tree. They are on your family names list.
- **Family names that you shared with a family group.** These are names that you reserved and then shared with a family group.
- **Family names that have been shared with a family group that you belong to.** These are names that someone else shared with a family group that you belong to.
- **Your family names that you shared with the temple.** These are names that you reserved in Family Tree and then shared with the temple. They are on your family names list. As long as a temple has not yet printed a shared name, the Ordinances Ready feature can unshare the name so you can print the card.
- **Names of people who are related to you that have been shared with the temple by someone else.** These names are in your tree and were reserved by someone else and then shared by that other person with the temple.
- **"Green temples" from your tree.** These are names that Ordinances Ready finds by scanning 10 generations of your ancestors and 5 generations of their descendants for incomplete ordinances. The ordinances have not yet been reserved by anyone. If you were to look in Family Tree, the name would have a green temple icon. Before giving you one of these ordinances, FamilySearch makes sure no possible duplicates exist for the record.
- **Names not related to you that have been shared with the temple.** If no ordinances are available from other sources, Ordinances Ready will retrieve available ordinances that have been submitted to the temple by any patron. These ordinances from temple inventory will be provided in the same order they were submitted to the temple. You can perform ordinances for these individuals to whom you may or may not have a direct relationship.

Note: Ordinances Ready will not find names from a spouse's family tree. If you would like to print family name cards on behalf of a spouse, or some other individual you are helping, consider requesting permission to become that person's helper and adding his or her name to your Planner. This would enable you to use Ordinances Ready on his or her behalf.

Correct order of temple ordinances

Vicarious ordinances performed out of sequence are valid, but they become effective only after the prerequisite ordinances are completed.

The FamilySearch Family Tree website enforces the correct order of individual ordinances: baptism, confirmation, initiatory, and endowment.

It is preferred that sealings be done after individual ordinances, but it is not required. Family Tree does not enforce the order of sealings for deceased persons. A deceased couple can be sealed before their individual ordinances are done. Likewise, a deceased child can be sealed to deceased parents before the parents are sealed and before the parents' individual ordinances are done.

If a sealing ordinance was done out of order, you should simply make sure that the rest of the ordinances get done. You do not need to report the issue to FamilySearch Support. Nor do you need to redo the sealing. The sealing becomes valid after the individual ordinances are done.

16. Useful Tools for Those with German Ancestors

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You don't have to be a professional genealogist or expert at understanding German to be able to decipher what is in your ancestor's records. There are many tools that can help you figure it out. Many of these are free downloadable resources. The best resource for free German handwriting help can be found on the FamilySearch Wiki.

Helpful German Research Books

- Edna M. Bentz, *If I Can, You Can: Decipher Germanic Records* (San Diego, Calif.: E.M. Bentz, 1982).
- Roger P. Minert, *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents 2nd Edition* (Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2013), 271 pages
- Kenneth L. Smith, *German Church Books: Beyond the Basics* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1989), 171-97.
- Thode, Ernest. *German-English Genealogical Dictionary*. Baltimore, Maryland, USA: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992. (FHL book 433.21 T352g 1992.)

Where is It? Finding Your Town in Germany

If you don't know where your German ancestor came from prior to immigrating to America, then you need to start looking at records where they settled to help determine their origins. Obituaries, naturalization records and ship passenger lists are some of the best resources for finding their origins.

Once you know the town name you will need to determine exactly where it is and where the records are kept. There are three main resources for determining what records exist for your town.

1. *Map Guide to German Parish Registers* book from Family Roots Publishing
2. Meyers Gazetteer
3. *Ancestors in German Archives: A Guide to Family History Sources (2 volumes)* by Raymond S. Wright III

Map Guide to German Parish Registers book series – Family Roots Publishing has a series of 61 books covering Germany and 14 books covering Switzerland. Some of the regions have multiple books in the series while others may only have one. Once you know the state your ancestor lived in you can order the applicable book. Go to the website <http://familyrootspublishing.com> and click on German Map Guides in the categories list on the left side of the screen. Then click on softcover to view the book series. If you click on a specific volume you can view a list of the towns listed in that book. The book is arranged with the Lutheran districts for each sub-district within that region in the front of the book and with the Catholic division at the back of the book. Keep in mind the Lutheran and Catholic ecclesiastical coverage is not the same. My ancestors lived in what was Sachsen-Meiningen in Thuringia. Historically, there were 44 Lutheran parishes in Sachsen-Meiningen but only one Catholic parish for the same area in the Kreis.

Meyers Gazetteer – This useful resource is now online at <http://meyersgaz.org>. Once you type in the name of your town, you'll get a list of all the locations in Meyers Gazetteer for that name. Choose the applicable one. You will then be directed to the page for that town. The original entry in the Meyers Gazetteer book can be found on the left side of the entry page. To the right side of the page are details on what all the abbreviations and words from the original entry mean and what repositories might have records for that town. Clicking on the map tab will show where the town was located historically next to other towns. The ecclesiastical tab shows nearby towns and how close they are to the town you have listed. It also details what churches exist for each of those towns (Lutheran, Catholic, Jewish or Other). The "Related" tab shows where the town is listed in other references.

Ancestors in German Archives – This is the most comprehensive book about finding records in Germany that exists. It is divided by each state in Germany. A brief discussion of the development of the region is covered and who had control of the region over time. A map showing the division of each county within the state is included. Then each state archive is covered in depth explaining what records they have in their collection such as emigration, religious, town/city/district records, census, military and other similar records. The archive location and the applicable website and email for it are also listed.

Reading the Records

The FamilySearch Wiki not only helps you determine where your ancestor came from, but also has many online tools to help you read the record. The sütterlin handwriting tool allows you to type in a name or word and see what it looks like in script. Keep in mind that the actual record will probably vary in how it looks depending on the time period and handwriting variation. Although most letters are fairly similar among people recording the entry, there are distinctive ways letters were written which varied over time. Also handwritten letters are very different than the Fraktur typeface font used for published books and newspapers. Check out the downloadable handout pages that not only list the German word in English and German, but have examples of what the word looks like in German script.

Helpful German Websites

- Family Search Wiki
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy
- Family Search Wiki - German Handwriting
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting
- Family Search Wiki - German Languages
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Languages
- Suetterlin Handwriting
<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm>
<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Lese/Kanzlei1.htm>
- German handwritten and Fraktur script generator
<http://www.deutsche-handschrift.de/adsschreiben.php#schriftfeld>
- Fraktur
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraktur>

Another challenge with reading German handwriting is the vocabulary and knowing what the word is and means. FamilySearch Wiki has free word lists specific for genealogy to help you understand what is in the record. Many times short hand symbols are used to save space in records to indicate births, marriages, burials and other events.

Word Lists

- German https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List
- Latin https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List
- French https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/French_Genealogical_Word_List
- Danish https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Danish_Genealogical_Word_List
- Portuguese https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Portuguese_Genealogical_Word_List
- Polish https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Polish_Genealogical_Word_List
- German Symbols http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Genealogische_Symbole_und_Zeichen
- Month Names in German https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Month_Names_in_German
- Spelling Variations https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Spelling_Variants_in_German_Documents
- Google Translate <http://translate.google.com>

German Handwriting Webinars

FamilySearch Webinars

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-part-1>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-part-2>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-german-church-and-civil-records-part-3>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-introduction>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-the-alphabet>

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-paleography-websites>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-key-words>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-key-abbreviations>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-process-of-deciphering-records>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-a-german-church-record>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-a-german-civil-record>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-spelling-variations-names-and-places>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-using-familysearch-community>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/germany-research-with-the-wiki-part-1-of-14-the-germany-genealogy-main-page>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/germany-research-with-the-wiki-part-9-of-14-reading-original-german-records>

BYU- Independent Study - German Research Course - FREE

<https://isreg.byu.edu/courses/pe/999022071006/public/start.htm>

Other German Handwriting Helpful Tools

- **BYU Script Tutorial** – this free website offers help in learning the handwriting or alphabets for other languages. They currently offer help for the following languages: English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin documents. Go to <http://script.byu.edu>
- **German Genealogy Records Transcription Closed Facebook Group** – this group assists in free transcription of records from Germany. It's a closed group so you'll have to join if you want to post images of the records you need help with. <http://facebook.com/groups/1454015278205406/>
- **Family Search Community Group - German Genealogy Research Group** – you'll have to be signed in to FamilySearch to access the Community pages. Go to the upper right corner and click on HELP. Select COMMUNITY. Once you are on the community page select GROUPS at the top of the screen. You can then join a specific group such as the German Genealogy Research group. Go to: http://community.familysearch.org/s/workgroup/Workgroup_c/Default
- **Google Translate** – This free tool is a quick easy way to help you figure out words in other languages or translate foreign words into English. The translation is not perfect but it is still useful. Go to: <http://translate.google.com> You can also paste a website address and it will translate the webpage. (*Although I find it easier to just use the Chrome browse because it will do the same things without having to paste each new page into Google Translate*).
- **Google Translate App** – this is an app for your smart phone that uses your phone's camera to instantly translate words. You can speak, tap, write or hover to translate from another language to English. We used the hover feature when we visited Germany to see what the German printed words said so we could pay the parking meter, read the menus at restaurants and read unfamiliar words. This is a super useful tool. Go to: <http://translate.google.com/intl/en/about> or <http://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-translate/id414706506>

Finding the Records

Many records in Germany are now available as digital images online. For areas not online you will need to use *Ancestors in German Archives* to determine which archive has the record you want and then find a local researcher to copy the records for you. I like finding researchers using Linked-In. Use the filters to find a researcher in Germany who resides in a town close to the repository needed. This will keep your travel charges smaller than hiring someone who lives in a different state or county to obtain the records.

How do I find online records:

- **FamilySearch catalog** – type in the town or larger ecclesiastical district to the search bar then click the applicable link. Choose church records or vital registration. Click on the applicable title and then the camera icon to view the image. If the camera icon has a lock next to it, you'll have to go to your local Family History Center to view the image.
- **Archion** – This pay site contains church registers of baptisms, marriages and burial for the Lutheran Churches in Germany. The record pages are in German script, so you will need to be able to read the German script to find your ancestors in these records. Go to: <http://archion.de/en/>
- **Matricula** – For those with Catholic ancestors, make sure to check out this website for the archdiocese church registers for births, marriages and deaths for European countries such as Austria, Germany, Poland and Serbia. Go to <http://data.matricula-online.eu/en/>
- **Archives** (church, local, town, etc.) – some repositories have their records available on their website. Pages dealing with original records will not be in English but in the German script. Use the Ancestors in German Archives books to find specific websites or go to the FamilySearch Wiki and search for archive links for the specific state in Germany desired.
- **Town websites** – sometimes towns have their church records or some of their church records on their website. Use Wikipedia to find the link to you town and then search the town website.

German Genealogy Relationships & Vital Event Words

English Word	German word / variant
Birth	Geburten, Geborene, geboren, Geburts
Burial	Beerdigung, begraben, Begrabnisse, vergraben
Child	Kind, Kinder
Christening	Taufen, Getaufte
Confirmation	Konfirmationen, Firmungen
Death	Tote, Tod, sterben, starb, verstorben, gestorben
Father	Vater
Husband	Mann, Ehemann, Gatte
Index	Verzeichniss, Register
Marriage	Heiraten, verheiratet, Trauungen, Gertraute, Kopulation, Ehe, kopulieren, Verehelichungen, Eheschliessungen
Marriage banns	Proklamationen, Aufgebote, Verkundigungen
Mother	Mutter
Wife	Frau, Ehegattin, Weib, Ehefrau, Hausfrau, Gattin
Given Name	Vorname, Name
Surname	Zuname, Familienname, Getschlechtsname
Parents	Eltern
Son	Sohn
Daughter	Tochter
Brother	Bruder
Sister	Schwester
Grandfather	Großvater
Grandmother	Großmutter
Aunt	Tante
Uncle	Onkel
Niece	Nichte
Nephew	Neffe
Cousin	Kusine

Common German Records

German Word	English
Adressbücher	City Directories
Auswandererlisten, Auswandererakten	Emigration lists / records
Begräbnisse	Burials (church)
Bürgerbücher, Bürgerbücherlisten	Burger rolls, citizenship registrations
Dorfsippenbücher, Ortssippenbücher	Local Histories
Familienbücher	Family registers (church)
Geburtsregister	Birth register (church)
Gildenbücher, Zunftbücher, Innungsbücher	Apprentice and guild books
Grundbücher	Land books
Hausbücher	House books
Kirchenbücher	Church books
Kirchenbücher Zweitschriften	Parish register transcripts
Konfirmationsregister	Confirmation registers (church)
Kriegslisten, Militärakten	Military records
Leichenpredigten	Funeral sermons
Passagierlisten	Passenger lists
Polizeiregister, Einwohnermeldelisten	Police registers, citizen registration lists
Sterberegister	Death register (church)
Steuerlisten, Steuerbücher	Tax lists, tax books
Taufregister	Christening / baptism registers (church)
Testamente, Testamentsakten	Wills
Trauregister	Marriage register (church)
Volkszählungslisten, Bauernverzeichnisse, Einwohnerlisten	Census records (originally called Tax & Tithing Records)

Fraktur Alphabet

Ua	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj
Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj
Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr	Sss	Tt
Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr	Sss	Tt
Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz	ch	ck	ß	tz
Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz	ch	ck	ß	tz

17. Involving Children in Family History

by: Holly Braun

Go to hollybraun.com/involvingchildren for links to things I mentioned.

- Beginning Family History Scavenger Hunt
- Intermediate Family History Scavenger Hunt
- Ancestor Card Template

Beginner Family History Scavenger Hunt

(each name can only be used once. Write the name and paste the ID number.)

- A person who has a record ready to be attached (Blue Square)
- The person who most recently died
- A person who was born outside of your own country
- A person who had 5 children
- A person who wore glasses (Options, “portraits” checked)
- A person who was married in June
- A person with a very unique name
- The person you most recently viewed last session
- A person who had only boys
- A person with unknown parents
- A person who was alive during the 1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic
- A grandfather
- Two people who are second cousins (Tree, portrait style)
- A person with a possible missing child (Details, purple research suggestion)
- A person who was married two times in their life (Details)
- A person with more than six photos (Fan chart)
- A person you knew with no stories attached (Fan chart)
- Someone who immigrated (Fan chart)

- A person with more than 10 sources (Fan chart)
- A person with the same name as you (Find by name)
- A famous person (Find by name)
- A person who is so popular you can't change their data (Find by name)
- A person who lived in Ohio

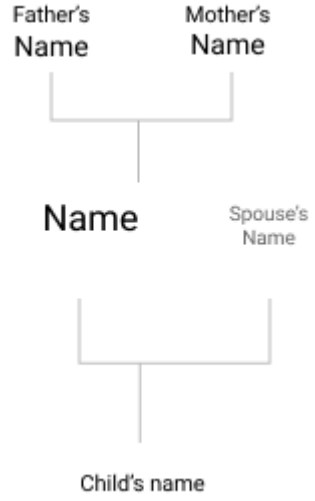
Family History Scavenger Hunt (Round 1)

(each name can only be used once. Write the name and paste the ID number.)

- A person who lived in Virginia
- A person with the first name Martin
- A person wearing a bow tie
- A person who had 11 children
- A person who served a mission in England
- A person with the profession of “Teacher”
- A person who was born before 1500
- A person who died in a war
- A person who was born in California
- A person who lived to be over 100 yrs old
- A person with the first name Martha
- A person with an epic mustache
- A person who was born in the year 1833
- A great-great-great-great-great grandmother
- A person with the last name of Jacobs
- A person alive today who descended from a great grandmother of yours.
- A person who has all their temple work done

- A person who died at birth
- A person wearing a white dress
- A person with an attached death certificate
- A person with a first name starting with K
- A person who died at age 50
- A person who lived in Mexico
- A fourth cousin
- A person who lived through a disaster
- A person who died when before your age
- A person who was never married
- A second cousin once removed
- A person who had a pet dog
- A person who fought in a war (and lived)
- A person who lived in Europe
- A person who still needs temple work done
- A person who had no children
- A person with more than 6 photos
- A person with an attached death certificate

<p>Name 99_{Yrs}</p>  <p><i>Information:</i> Some cool facts here</p> <p><i>Locations:</i> First Place > Second Place</p> <hr/> <p>Number of Children: 9 1851 - 1950</p>	<p>Yrs</p>  <p><i>Information:</i></p> <p><i>Locations:</i></p> <hr/> <p>Number of Children:</p>	<p>Yrs</p>  <p><i>Information:</i></p> <p><i>Locations:</i></p> <hr/> <p>Number of Children:</p>
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18. Why Can't I Just Leave it for Aunt Sue to Do? The Why of Temple & Family History Work

by: Bruce & Tracey Clawson

We often feel that pang of guilt when the topic of Temple & Family History is brought up. These days, it is brought up continuously. Pres. Russell M. Nelson has said the gathering of Israel is the most important work being done on the earth today. He has defined the gathering to include those on both sides of the veil. With that urging, we can't ignore the part we play in the gathering of our own families. Often this feels so overwhelming that it is easier to just think someone else in the family will get it done or we can wait until the millennium when we have more time. There is a way for us to do our part, rid ourselves of the guilt and enjoy the numerous blessings that come when we participate in this sacred work.

- I. Aunt Sue does all the family history for our family, so I don't need to do it too?
 - i. Can one person really do it all?
 - ii. Who might Aunt Sue be missing?
 - iii. What tools are now available for us to work together?

- II. Feeling overwhelmed? Debunking some family history myths.
 - a. I am too busy for the hours of research needed.
 - i. What do YOU already know about your family members?
 - ii. What information can you glean from relatives you already speak to often. Most everyone loves to share stories.

 - b. I can't take just one name to the temple.
 - i. You can most definitely take just one name to the temple. The Savior ministered one by one and so can you.
 - ii. Family Search tools that make the process simple.

 - c. All my family's work has already been done.
 - i. What new resources do we have available to us now?
 - ii. Who in your family might have been overlooked? Why does this often happen?

 - d. It takes a certain "type" of person to do family history.
 - i. TFH has many faces.
 - ii. There is something for all personalities and skill levels.
 - iii. Matching what you enjoy to what needs to be done.

- III. Is it really that important?
 - a. What have the prophets taught about the importance of searching out our ancestors?

- IV. Blessings, blessings, & more blessings. So many, will you have room to receive them?

19. FamilySearch Indexing: Easier Than Ever!

by: Milt Rhynard

You can index anytime or anywhere—even in your pajamas. All you need is a computer a tablet and an Internet Connection.

Indexing! People are talking about it. Our leaders are encouraging us to get involved. But what is it? And why is it important? And how can each of us help?

Maybe you always thought you'd try indexing but:

- You didn't know how to get started.
- You didn't think you'd have time.
- You tried it once or twice and it seemed too confusing.
- It didn't seem as important as other family history tasks.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions to help you get comfortable with indexing.

What is indexing?

- Indexing is a process that helps us organize the data contained in many kinds of records: birth, death, immigration, military, census, deed, probate, and so on.
- You can also choose from records in many different languages (the indexing of non-English records is greatly needed at present).
- Individuals log on to a webbased system to look at images of genealogical records and record what they see into forms on their computers.

Why do we do indexing?

- Indexing makes records available and searchable. As one grateful researcher put it: "An unindexed record is an unfindable record."
- Before indexing began, those who did family history had to manually look through old records, sometimes spending endless hours pouring over microfilms, hoping to find family names.

The indexing process transforms the information into digital format, and searches that used to take hours, days, or even years can now be accomplished in seconds.

- Indexed records make a wonderful new tool possible called “hinting.” The computer looks at the information in your family tree and compares it to the FamilySearch database—all 3 plus billion records.
- When it finds a record that matches most or all of the information about an ancestor in your tree, it’s posted as a “hint” on that person’s FamilySearch profile page. These hints can springboard you into many temple and research opportunities.
- Indexing is the engine that fuels the hinting feature.
- The descendancy view of your family tree shows you the descendants of your ancestors, helping you find missing cousins. This powerful feature is also made possible by indexing.

What does it provide the system?

Millions of names are added to FamilySearch through indexing efforts. It is the main source of new information added to the system, ready to be utilized by family members

What does indexing provide me personally?

- Through indexing, your computer can bring your ancestors to you. The days of hunching over microfilm readers are all but gone.
- Once records are digitized, they aren’t just searchable; but you can even view many of them in their original form right on your computer screen.
- Seeing the original records is like reaching into the past.
- Maybe you’re at a temporary standstill on your own family’s genealogical research but would nevertheless like to help with the saving work of temple and family history.
- Indexing is one way to stay involved. Who knows? You may be the person who indexes a record that breaks down someone else’s research barriers.

I tried indexing but couldn't read the handwriting. How do I overcome this obstacle?

- If you've tried indexing in the past, give the new webbased system a try.
- It's easy to select what difficulty level you want—some projects have easy-to-read handwriting or typescript and can help you gain confidence and experience.
- There is an incredible array of helps available online, from training videos to interactive practice sessions to live help from a host of trained missionaries who can look at the project with you and get you back on track.

I would like to help, but how can I fit it in when I'm so busy already?

- Indexing has been designed so you can do it in small chunks. You can sit down and do a name or two in five minutes or several batches when you have a free afternoon. All you need is a computer or tablet with a web browser and access to the internet. Think about those small free moments you have each day, like on your lunch break or when you're waiting in a doctor's office or even after meetings on the Sabbath. You could make a huge impact in a small amount of time.
- New this year are "quick batches," which are indexing batches consisting of only one or two images. These are great for beginners, people short on time, and volunteers who want to try new languages or difficulty levels.

I'm nervous that I'll do it wrong. What if I make a mistake? Won't that make the name unfindable?

- Relax! Many simple errors are caught by the system as you submit a batch in a computerized quality check. But in addition, every indexed name is checked by an experienced indexer in a process called reviewing (formerly arbitration).
- So don't worry— your efforts don't need to be perfect in order to be of great benefit.

What is reviewing? What are the requirements for becoming a reviewer?

- Once you have some experience indexing and understand how it works, you can volunteer to review. In reviewing, your computer screen will display a genealogical record, along with the indexing work that's been done for it. Your job is to simply check that it has been done correctly. Then the record is ready to be added to FamilySearch. Just as with indexing, reviewing work can all be done online and at your convenience.
- If you have previously worked as an arbitrator, you automatically qualify to volunteer to help with reviewing. Once qualified, volunteers can easily switch between indexing and reviewing.
- Help with reviewing is greatly needed, as there are not nearly as many volunteers helping with reviewing as indexing. Training and mentoring for reviewing is readily available.

My children are great with computers. Can they help with indexing?

- Anyone who has a FamilySearch account, including children over the age of eight, can participate. Young children should be supervised by an adult who is familiar with indexing. Children should also understand that the records are for temple work and need to be handled with care and be as accurate as possible.
- Persons of other faiths are also welcome to sign up for a free FamilySearch account to help with indexing efforts.

I'm used to the old indexing system. What are some things about the new webbased system that will help me feel more comfortable with it?

- The webbased system gives you the ability to filter and sort the long list of projects, or even mark your favorites, so that you see just the batches you want.
- The webbased system includes simple tutorials, or “Tips,” that can help you learn how to use the indexing program. You can customize your indexing experience to your preferences.
- The webbased system also has a feature that allows you to get help at each input window and easily check your work when needed.
- The old indexing system was restricted to desktop computers and laptops, whereas the new webbased system can be used on tablets for even more accessibility. It requires no programs to be installed, so you can be up and running quickly, and your hard drive space is conserved.
- Never has service been so easy or convenient. You can help build the kingdom as you serve at home in your pajamas! In just a few clicks of your computer mouse, the blessings of temple and family history work can start flowing into your life.

Basic indexing guidelines

Information

These guidelines help you know what to do in most indexing situations. Occasionally, projects do not follow these guidelines. **Before indexing, always read the project instructions and field helps for the most current and specific rules for each project.**

Type What You See

Most of the time, you should type what you see on the document. The field helps and project instruction describe any exceptions. Remember, you are making an index to help individuals find their ancestors. In many cases, they can review the information about their ancestors on the image to form their own interpretations and conclusions. If you have questions as you index, do the following:

- Refer to the field helps and project instructions.
- Refer to these basic indexing guidelines.
- Use your best judgment.
- Do not assume information that is not specifically given in the document.
- Contact your local administrator or FamilySearch Support, if needed.

General Guidelines

Abbreviations

- **Names**
 - **DO NOT** spell out a name that was abbreviated.
 - Type names as they were written.
 - In web indexing, you can include punctuation when typing names; however, including punctuation is not required.
- **Places**
 - If the name of a place was misspelled and you can determine the correct spelling, correct the mistake, unless otherwise directed in the project instructions or field helps.

- If the name of a place was abbreviated and you can determine what the abbreviation stands for, type the complete name instead of the abbreviation, unless otherwise directed in the project instructions or field helps. Use the lookup list for assistance.
- If you are not sure what an abbreviation stands for, type what was written.
- In web indexing, you can include punctuation when typing places; however, including punctuation is not required.

Corrected and Crossed-Out Information

- If information was crossed out and replaced, type the replacement information.
- If information was crossed out and not replaced but the original information can be read, type the crossed-out information.
- If information was crossed out and not replaced and the original information cannot be read, press **Ctrl+U** to mark the field as unreadable.
- A document that was marked as being canceled or void is treated the same as corrected or crossed-out information.

Ditto Marks

- If a record has a ditto mark or other sign of repetition, type the corresponding information from the previous record or field.
- **DO NOT TYPE** the word “ditto” or the ditto mark itself. Other signs of repetition include the abbreviation “Do” or a vertical or horizontal line under a surname or other information intended to be repeated.

Unreadable Information

- **One character.** If you are unable to read one letter or number, use a question mark (?) to replace the unreadable letter or number.
 - Example: **H?ndley**
 - Not all fields accept a question mark. If you cannot enter a needed question mark in a field, press **Ctrl+U** to mark the field as unreadable.
- **Multiple characters.** For consecutive unreadable letters or numbers, use an asterisk (*) to replace the unreadable group of letters or numbers.
 - Example: **Di*son**
 - Not all fields accept an asterisk. If you cannot enter an asterisk in a field, press **Ctrl+U** to mark the field as unreadable.

- **One field.** When all information for an indexing field is unreadable, click in the field, and then press **Ctrl+U** to mark the field as unreadable.
- **Entire record.** When all information in an entire record is unreadable, including the name, date, and any information for other required fields, press **Ctrl+Shift+U** to mark the entire record as unreadable.
- **Entire image.** If none of the information to be indexed on the image is readable, select **No Extractable Data** in Step 1: Images. See the **Image Type** section for more information.

Overlays

Overlays are handwritten or typed notes that cover part of another document. To index overlays, begin by reviewing all the images in the batch to see if the partially covered document was photographed separately from the overlay. Then do the following:

- Index the information on the overlay only if it pertains to the record types being indexed in the project.
- Index the information behind the overlay according to the following rules only if the information on the document pertains to the record types being indexed in the project:
 - If the document behind the overlay is fully shown on another image **in the same batch**, do not index the partially visible document. It will be indexed in full with the other image.
 - If the document behind the overlay is not shown on another image **in the same batch**, index as much as you can see.

Field-Specific Guidelines

Step 1: Images

The Step 1: Images field is required for all projects. For each image in the batch, respond to the question "Should this image be indexed?" Below are the available options for this field and their definitions.

- **Yes.** The image contains information related to the project, and it is information that should be indexed. For example, for a birth project, an image of birth records would be marked as **Yes** and indexed. For the same project, any image that includes only other record types, such as marriages and death records, would be marked as **No, No Extractable Data**.

- **No, Duplicate Image.** A duplicate image happens when two or more pictures are taken of the same document. Choose the **Duplicate Image** option if the image is a **photo duplicate** of a **previous image** in the **same batch**. You then need to indicate the image that the current image is a duplicate of. In the second drop-down menu, select the number of the image that the current image is a duplicate of. For example, if image 3 is a duplicate of image 2, you would select **Image 2** in the drop-down menu.
- **No, No Extractable Data.** The image or form is blank. Or it does not contain information related to the project, for example, marriage records in a birth project. Or none of the information to be indexed is legible.

Names

- If the name of an individual was recorded more than once on the same document, review the entire document to locate all occurrences of the name, and type the name one time with the most complete form of the name.
 - For example, the name of a person recorded as both Wm Millett and William Millett on the same document would be typed as follows:
 - Given Names: **William**
 - Surname: **Millett**
- If you cannot determine whether a name is a given name or a surname, type it in the Given Names field.

Surnames

- Type maiden names before married names in the Surname field.
- Do not assume the surname of an individual based on the surname of someone else, such as a parent or spouse.

However, if a surname was not given for an individual whose information is being indexed and a surname was given in the same document for a family member whose information is not being indexed, you can type a surname for the individual based on the family member's surname.

The same rules and exceptions apply to patronymics. (e.g. Williamson [son of William] or Macdonald [son of Donald])

Titles or Terms

- If “Mrs” was used before a name typically used for males, such as in Mrs. Jason Jones, type **Mrs** in the Title or Terms field if there is one. In this example, **Jason** would be typed in the Given Names field and **Jones** in the Surname field.

- If no Titles or Terms field is available, ignore the “Mrs,” and type the name in the corresponding name fields for the woman. For the example above, **Jason** would still be typed in the Given Names field and **Jones** in the Surname field.
- When “stillborn” or “baby” was recorded for a name in a document, such terms should be typed in the Titles or Terms field, if one is available.
 - If no Titles or Terms field is available, do not type “stillborn” or “baby,” or similar terms in the Given Names or Surname fields.

Aliases or Name Variations

A document can include different spellings of a name for one person. A nickname or alias name can also be in some documents. If alias names were included or if an individual's name was written with various spellings, type all variants, separating them with the word **Or**. If the records you are indexing are in another language, type the equivalent of the word "or" in the primary language of the project.

- For example, the name of a person recorded as “Joseph (Jozef) Broski AKA Brozowski AKA Brzozowski” would be typed as follows:
 - Given Names: **Joseph Or Jozef**
 - Surname: **Broski Or Brozowski Or Brzozowski**

Spouses

- If multiple spouses were listed for a single individual, type information only for the present or current spouse, unless the project instructions direct otherwise. If you are not sure which was the current spouse, type information for the first one mentioned.

Places

- When typing a place-name, do not include identifying descriptions or terms, such as “near,” “about,” “around,” “twp,” “township,” “city,” “county,” or “state,” with the place-name unless the term is normally used as part of the name (for example, Carson City, Salt Lake City, New York City, and so on).
- If you do not know whether a place-name on a document refers to a city, state, country, or other locality, type the place-name in the geographically smallest locality field that is available.
- Do not type a nationality as a place-name unless you are directed to do so in the project instructions or field helps.

Dates

- The order of recorded dates (such as day–month–year or month–day–year) varies depending on where the documents were created.
- If multiple dates were given for a birth, type the earliest date.
- If multiple dates were given for other events, type the most recent or latest date.
- For events that include a date range, such as “between February 2 and March 9, 1937,” type the most recent or latest date in the range. For this example, you would type the month as **Mar**, the day as **9**, and the year as **1937**.

Ages

- Round ages down to the nearest full year. For example:
 - If a child was listed as “5 years and 8 months old,” type the age as **5**.
 - If a child was listed as less than one year old, type the age as **0** (zero).
- If an age was given as a range, such as 65–67, type the first age that was recorded, which is **65** in this example.
- If an age was recorded as an approximate number, such as “age 14 at next birthday,” “about 14,” “near 14,” or “close to 14,” drop the description, and type the number alone. (For these examples, the age would be typed as **14**.)
- If an age was recorded as an uncertain number, such as “over 21” or “over 18,” skip the age field by pressing **Tab** if the field is not a required field, or mark the age field blank by pressing **Ctrl+B** if the field is required.
- If “stillborn” was recorded for an individual, type the age as **0** (zero).
- If a specific age was not given, do not calculate an age from other information, such as dates.

Sex

- Do not assume the sex of a person based on given names. However, you can use relationship terms or other indications in the language to determine the person's sex, such as the words "daughter," "son," "Mrs," "she," "he," and so on.

Marital Status

- Individuals who were separated or who were married by common law should be indexed as being married.

Dayton Ohio Stake
Family History Jamboree
Indexing Workshop

Bring a Laptop or Tablet to the Class. Brief instruction, followed by Hands-On Work.

20. Q&A Walk-In

Coords: Elizabeth Valencia, Liz Worley, Jim & DeeAnn Haworth

This is a time for attendees to come to the gym and ask questions from the teachers and family history consultants. All questions are welcome.

21. It's Not All Done! Finding Places to Research in a Full Family Tree

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It's Not "All Done"! Finding Places to Research in a Full Family Tree -- Handout

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- 1. Descendancy research** is “the process of identifying all the descendants of a specific ancestral couple” (FamilySearch). When you have gone as far back on the Tree as you can find records, then turn around and find all the *descendants* of a direct ancestor. Flip the Tree over! Instead of researching from the bottom of the Tree up, research from the top of the Tree down. This is particularly useful for those with full trees.
- 2. To access your Fan Chart on FamilySearch’s Family Tree:**
 - Sign into FamilySearch.
 - Click on “Family Tree” – top left corner.
 - From the drop-down menu, click on “Tree.”
 - Click on the drop-down arrow next to “Landscape.”
 - Click on “Fan Chart.”
- 3. By combining the information found on FamilySearch’s Family Tree fan chart filters “Birth Country,” “Sources,” and “Research Helps,” find a place on the Tree where you would likely have success doing descendancy research.**
 - **Birth Country filter:** Choose an ancestor on the Tree from a country that you would feel confident researching.
 - **Source filter:** Choose an ancestor on the Tree with few sources – look for the lighter colors which indicates fewer sources. You want to find a place on the Tree that has been overlooked and where few people have researched and attached sources.
 - **Research Helps filter:** If possible, locate an ancestor on the Tree where there are research helps – data problems, record hints, or research suggestions.
 - Where you find a match for all three of these filters on the fan chart is a place on the Tree where you would likely have success doing descendancy research.
- 4. Descendancy Research:**
 - Find an ancestor that is a match for all three filters in the fan chart – “Birth Country,” “Sources,” and “Research Helps.”
 - Click on that ancestor and open their page.
 - Click on “View Tree” (far right just above red line).

- Click on the drop-down arrow next to “Landscape.”
- Click on “Descendancy.”
- You will now see a list of this ancestor’s spouse and children. The children who do not have an arrow next to their photo do not have a spouse. One possibility for descendancy research is to find spouses for these children, then look for *their* children.
- If a child has an arrow next to his photo, click on it to see the child’s spouse and children. You can continue expanding the chart until you find someone who does not have a spouse or children. This is where you should do descendancy research!

5. If the descendancy research for your focus ancestor has already been done, go back a generation to look for their parents’ descendants.

- In the focus ancestor’s descendancy view, click on “Expand.”
- Click on the focus ancestor’s parents.
- Check to see if the children have spouses, children, grandchildren, etc. If they do not, then do descendancy research on them.

“One study calculated that if we went back 10 generations and did the work for their cousins and their cousins’ descendants, there is the potential for about 8 million people if there were only 4 children per family. Many had much larger families. If you have done 8 million names, perhaps you are done and can help other people. But if you haven’t done 8 million names, there are names to find.” Elder Allan F. Packer, “Spiritual Passport,” RootsTech 2014.

Further Resources:

- “Making a Case for Descendancy Research,” class handout, *byu.i.edu*:
<file:///C:/Users/lhilt/OneDrive/Documents-Old%20Desktop/descendancyResearchANewApproachForSuccess.pdf>
- FamilySearch Wiki: Descendancy Research
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Descendancy_Research
- FamilySearch: Easy Steps to: Descendancy Research
<https://broadcast-portal.lds.org/elearning/fhd/Community/en/FamilySearch/Descendancy/Easy%20Steps%20to%20Descendancy%20Research.pdf>
- “Easy Help for Beginning Your Descendancy Research,” video, FamilySearch blog.
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/easy-help-for-beginning-your-descendancy-research>
- The Family History Guide
<https://www.thefhguide.com/project-3-descendants.html>

22. Making Your Ancestors Come Alive Through FamilySearch's Memories

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FamilySearch's Memories is a wonderful tool that helps your ancestors come alive. You can add photos, stories, documents, and even audio recordings of your ancestors to preserve and share their life stories. Memories can be organized by topic, shared as an album, tagged, and bookmarked – you can even create a slideshow on FamilySearch Memories. Perhaps best of all, Memories is a great way to collaborate as you can see memories that other FamilySearch users added about your ancestors, and they can see what you have added.

Using FamilySearch's Memories, how to:

- upload photos and documents
- annotate your memories with titles, descriptions, and events
- add tags that connect memories to people in Family Tree
- organize your memories into albums and how to share them
- bookmark favorite memories
- search for a topic in your photos
- make a slideshow

Tips on how to identify photos that are not labeled:

- share photos with older relatives
- upload to family Facebook groups
- if the town where the photo was taken has a Facebook group, upload to that to see if anyone recognizes the people in the photo
- upload to Facebook groups that can help you identify time frame of photo (free)
 - “Genealogy CLUES – Dating Old Photographs”
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337276269784836>
- enlarge photo on PowerPoint or Publisher and compare with enlarged photos of ancestors that are labeled

To help identify places in photos, use Google Images and do reverse searches.

If you still can't identify photos, upload to

- deadfred.com
- “Family Treasures Found” Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419339481432739/>

Other photo helps:

- free photo restoration Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134089711030/>
- MyHeritage photo helps (subscription required):
 - Colorize: <https://www.myheritage.com/incolor>
 - Enhance: <https://www.myheritage.com/photo-enhancer>
 - Animate: <https://www.myheritage.com/deep-nostalgia>

Adding stories to FamilySearch's Memories:

- 52 story suggestions: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/52stories-for-families>

Uploading audio recordings:

- "Record My Story" suggestions for audio stories
<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/recordme/categories>
- Using the Family Tree App to upload audio recordings
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/using-familysearch-apps-to-record-oral-histories>

Help your ancestors come alive! Check out the "stories" and "photos" filters of the fan chart view of FamilySearch's Family Tree to see which of your ancestors has the most and fewest Memories attached.

Resources:

- How do I upload memories to FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-photos-or-documents-to-memories>
- How do I upload audio files to FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-upload-audio-files>
- How do I add a story to Memories in FamilySearch?
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-add-a-story-to-memories>



23. Finding Your Patriot! Revolutionary War Research

by: Jean Halls Muetzel, MLS

Could your Ancestor have served in the American Revolution? What to consider?

1. Was your ancestor born between 1690-1765? They could be a man or woman but few women had military service.
2. Did they live in the 13 colonies? Maine was part of Massachusetts. Settlers in modern-day Vermont, Louisiana and frontier regions also served. Or could they have been French, or Spanish Patriots with service outside of the colonies? Patriots could have been German, Jewish, Native American and African American.
3. Did they have service between April 1775 with the Battle of Lexington and ending in 1783. Some individuals served on committees made necessary by the approaching war in late 1774 and early 1775.

TYPES OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

MILITARY SERVICE

Military service in the Revolution began with the Battle of Lexington, 19 April 1775 and ended on 26 Nov 1783, the date that the British evacuated New York City.

1. Continental Line or Continental Army- In June 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the establishment of military units. National Army, full-time, younger men.
Location of enlistment might offer clue to residence.
2. State Lines- some state assemblies created regiments of regular troops, separate from both Continental Line units and the militia, that were dedicated for local defense
3. Militia- Militiamen were expected to drill at various points throughout the year, and were subject to emergency or expeditionary service at the discretion of the Governor of the colony. Active duty service may have been for a few hours, several days, or perhaps a few months.
The county and/or town organized militia service. Local Defense.
**Served in communities where lived. Wider age range of those who served.

4. Continental Navy- The Continental Navy reached its maximum strength in 1776 but never had more than thirty ships at one time. Its purpose was to support land troops, protect the coasts and capture enemy supply ships.
5. State Navies- In July 1775, the Continental Congress authorized each colony, at its own expense, to provide armed vessels to protect its harbors and navigate its seacoasts. New Jersey, Delaware and Vermont did not maintain a state navy.
6. Privateers- Privateers were privately owned, armed trading vessels, commissioned or issued letters of marque from either the Continental Congress or from the individual provisional government (sometimes by both) to capture enemy ships and goods

CIVIL SERVICE

Civil service began when the royal governor was removed from power and a form of statewide American government was established. It was the law in all states during the Revolution that office holders be vested in the government they served.

**As you search for your ancestor, remember older men may have served in positions of authority that needed education or background, like judges or other important jobs. Younger, less-educated men might have had jobs that did not require reading.

- Could your ancestors have served as a:
- Judge or Juror Sheriff
- Selectman Jailer
- Moderator Overseer of the Roads
- Hog Reeve! Justice of the Peace
- Constable Overseer of the Poor
- Town Clerk Fence Viewer
- Town Treasurer Tax Assessor
- Surveyor

In New England, the business of ordinary government was conducted by the towns. The principal officers were selectmen and moderators. Additional officers were added to suit the needs of the particular town. Outside New England, business was conducted at the county level and the types of offices held varied with the needs of the counties. Some states, notably New York, used both town and county forms of government.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE- most diverse category of service

Could be men or women. Very few single women have been proven.
Proof of patriotic service may be found in town, county, state, and/or federal records.

Members of the Provincial Congresses – met in each colony in 1774 and continued until new state governments were established.

Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies

Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.

Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc. (ONLY MEN SIGNED)

Members of the Boston Tea Party

Signers of Petitions- especially petitions that included requests for political separation from Great Britain. In addition, the content and wording of the petition must clearly demonstrate loyalty to the cause of American independence. Petitions regarding religious issues do not qualify.

Defenders of Forts and Stations: Individuals who lived on the frontier, from the Great Northern Lakes to Georgia, who are documented as having actively defended the western frontiers against British forces and their allies, the Indians.

Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families). Not include those who gave aid to wounded family members.

Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity

Furnishing a substitute for military service.

Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces> Those who suffered depredation may also be eligible.

Prisoners on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships

Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776

Service performed by French nationals within the colonies or in Europe in support of the American cause

Those who rendered material aid, in Spanish America, by supplying cattle for Galvez's forces after 24 December 1776

Those who applied in Virginia for Certificates of Rights to land for settlement and those who were entitled to and were granted preemption rights

Those who took the Oath of Fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia from October 1779 to 26 November 1783

Furnishing supplies – clothing, blankets, animals, crops
Those who rendered material aid and supported the cause of American Independence by furnishing supplies, with or without remuneration, loaning money and/or providing munitions.

Some states enacted special tax laws to raise money for supplies, etc. to provide to the military and naval forces.

SUPPLY TAX LISTS- are available for seven states

States with supply tax lists that cover most of the states are: VA, PA, NJ and MD

NY has lists that cover a portion of the state

MA & NH- have lists of some towns. No SC or GA tax lists.

SERVICE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES:

From France:

French support of the Americans began in early 1778 with the signing of the Treaty of Alliance. Between 1778 and 1782, the French provided arms, ammunition, supplies, and most importantly, troops, naval support, and monetary loans.

French forces took part in the siege of Savannah, Georgia; established a naval base at Newport, Rhode Island; and participated in the campaigns at Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia.

From Canada:

In 1776, the Canadian governor commissioned a list of those who aided the Americans, resulting in a journal naming hundreds of Quebec residents. French Canadians served in the 1st and 2nd Canadian Regiments. In 1778, almost 200 men residing near Post Vincennes (now Indiana) took the oath of allegiance to the state of Virginia.

From Spain:

Patriots were residents of either Spanish Louisiana or Nueva España. Nueva España included portions of the present day states of Texas, California, New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, as well as Mexico. Spanish forces also served in Cuba and other parts of the Caribbean.

1. **Donativos** In 1780, Carlos III, King of Spain, issued a Royal Decree that all subjects in Nueva España, or New Spain, make a voluntary contribution, in the form of a donation, to help fund the American Revolutionary War. Every citizen of Spanish America was asked to donate one or two pesos to the cause.

2. **The Gálvez Expedition** Many Spanish patriots served under General Bernardo de Galvez in his Gulf Coast campaigns, including the Battles of Pensacola and Mobile. They were also stationed at militia posts throughout Spanish Louisiana. Some Spanish patriots were at the Battle of Fort San Carlos, in present day Saint Louis, and others were recruited from the Canary Islands to the Louisiana Infantry Regiment.
3. **Texas Longhorn Cattle** Texas cattlemen who supplied approximately 10,000 head of Texas longhorn cattle in response to a request by Gálvez in 1779.

NON-ACCEPTABLE SERVICE:

1. Signers of Oath of Loyalty to the King of Great Britain
2. Serving with Loyalist troops and militia
3. Convicted of Treason, Desertion or court-martialed
4. Confiscated Estates- property confiscated by local patriotic government
5. Residence in areas occupied by British forces for some or all of the Revolutionary War.
The British forces would occupy the area around the mouth of the Hudson River until 1783. British forces would also seize control of other cities, including Philadelphia (1777), Savannah (1778–83) and Charleston (1780–82),
6. Donating or seeking reimbursement from Loyalist forces
7. On fines list for non-participation in militia activities

RESIDENCE DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR:

LOCATION of Service must match Patriot's proven residence at the time of the event.

IF a person can be proven to have resided in a given locality during the war, then acceptable documentation can be few years prior to or few years after the Revolution. Show Patriot consistently resided there during that time -

SUCH AS: 1772 tax list or 1786 court record (showing in same locality)

Be cautious if you find multiple men of the same name living in same area-

NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT SERVICE BELONGED TO WHAT MAN.

(pay attention to suffixes and prefixes in names, occupations)

Use primary records, contemporary to time of event-

1. Tax Lists & Ratables
2. Militia Lists (older men rarely served)
3. Deeds, Leases & Mortgages
4. Legal documents- witnessing a deed, neighbor in a deed, appearance in court
5. Church Records- serving as baptism sponsor, children baptized during the war.
membership lists, pew lists, church minutes
6. Town meeting minutes- most in New England
7. Store accounts and ledgers – may show living in a given locality
8. Newspaper notices
9. Depositions found in pensions, bounty land applications, court records and proceedings

****PENSIONS** may provide residence

IF Patriot remained in same locality for most of his or her life- tax records can be helpful.

IF Patriot moved during the war – may need additional documents to establish identity and migration.

IF Patriot under 21- generally assumed living in their parents' household.

If orphaned- may be living in residence of guardian or ward

****Persons under 21 will not be found owning land or making legal transactions.**

WOMEN did not own land or property unless she was a widow. If woman credited with service while married, residence assumed to be husband's residence.

If widow, residence generally assumed to be residence of late husband.

Most common female patriots were widows who either paid a supply tax or furnished supplies,

IN NY, NJ & PA- residence can often be proven to specific town, precinct or township

IN MD & DE- residence can be proven to specific district

IN VA, NC, SC & GA- more agrarian, counties usually preferred method of residence.

Some place in VA, NC & SC- can have specific district or parish name through tithable lists or vestry records.

TYPES OF MILITARY RECORDS:

1. **Service Records** – Rosters, Muster rolls, payrolls, etc. Many were destroyed during the War of 1812 but surviving records were transcribed into compiled military service records.
2. **Pension Records** – could exist for those soldiers or their widows who lived long enough to see pension laws enacted. ****Contain more personal details than service records and may name heirs.** **Pension rolls** – list names of those receiving payments in particular year. **Final payment vouchers** – usually indicate who receive monies after a veteran's death.
3. **Bounty Land records** – created when soldiers or widows applied for land warrants based on military service. U.S. Government compensated veterans with public land in frontier areas, like Ohio

[Revolutionary War Pension Records and Bounty Land Warrants • FamilySearch](#)

GREAT RESOURCES FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR RESEARCH:

1. The **1840 US federal census** was the **first to ask the status and age of Revolutionary War veterans**. **Look at the second page of the record.
2. **National Archives** [The American Revolution | National Archives](#)
3. **FOLD3.COM**- \$fee site or may be available through your local public library research databases. Many of the records from the National Archives can be found at this site. Check out digitalized and indexed Pension Files
4. Debbie Duay's super site [Sources of Revolutionary War Service \(learnwebskills.com\)](#)
She outlines references available by Colony
5. **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** www.dar.org
Go to Genealogy and click on the GRS (Genealogical Research System)- can search by Ancestors and Descendants. Approved applications and supporting documentation can be purchased. One of the best genealogical libraries in the country.
6. **Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)** www.sar.org
Fantastic library at Louisville, KY headquarters. Can order applications. Ancestry.com has membership applications from 1889-1970
Great resources on taxes- [Revolutionary-War-Tax-Law-Records-Multiple-States.pdf \(sar.org\)](#)
7. **FamilySearch.org** – click on search, type in ‘Revolutionary War’ in collection space
8. **Ancestry.com** \$ fee site. May also be accessed for free at some public libraries
9. **The National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776**
The society disbanded in 1983, and all of the records of the national society were donated to the Suffolk County Historical Society, in Riverhead, New York.
<https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/records-search/daughters-of-the-revolution.php>
This database consists of an index of all of the applications submitted by prospective members. Copies of the applications are available for a fee.
10. **Southern Revolutionary War Institute**
"The institute is the only center exclusively dedicated to the study of the Revolution in the Southern states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. Although the general scope of the Institute is the entire Southern Campaign, it has a particular focus on the Revolutionary War in the Carolina backcountry."
<https://chmuseums.org/southern-rev-war-institute-mc/>
11. **The Valley Force Muster Roll, a project of the Valley Force Park Alliance**
<https://valleyforgemusterroll.org/search-the-muster-roll>
is dedicated to those who were at winter quarters from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778. The Continental Army used monthly muster rolls to track the army's strength. Each roll contains names, ranks, dates of enlistment, and other notes on soldiers' assignments, activities, or conditions.
12. **State Archives, County Resources, Local Historical and Genealogical Societies**

LINEAGE SOCIETIES

1. **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** www.dar.org
2. **National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)** www.sar.org
3. **General Society Sons of the Revolution (SR)** www.sr1776.org
4. **The Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence**
www.dssi1776.com
5. **The Society of Cincinnati** www.societyofthecincinnati.org is the nation's oldest patriotic organization, founded in 1783 by officers of the Continental Army and their French counterparts who served together in the American Revolution
6. **Daughters of the Cincinnati** www.daughters1894.org
7. **The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America** www.founderspatriots.org
Founded in 1896, the Order is made up of "Associates" who trace their ancestry back to those first colonists and who have forefathers in the same male ancestral line who served in the American Revolution.
8. **National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America (DFPA)**
one must possess a Founder ancestor who arrived in one of the colonies between May 13, 1607, and May 13, 1686, and a Patriot ancestor who rendered military service, civil service, or aid in establishing American Independence in the period 1775 to 1784.
www.nationalsocietydfpa.com
9. **Hereditary Order Descendants Loyalists & Patriots of the American Revolution**
<http://loyalistsandpatriots.org>
Membership is available to those persons who can prove lineal or collateral descent from an ancestor who, during the American Revolution from 1775 to 1783, was loyal to the Crown of Great Britain and who are currently a member of an organization requiring proof of descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution
10. **DESCENDANTS OF WASHINGTON'S ARMY AT VALLEY FORGE**
<http://www.valleyforgesociety.com>
is a historical & genealogical organization where one must prove descent from a person that spent time at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with the Continental Army between December 19, 1777 and June 19, 1778. Also, can join Friends of DVF, if not eligible to join with an ancestor.

24. The Value of Photo Archiving

by: Charlie Nye

FAMILY PHOTOS

UNSOLVED (and some solved) MYSTERIES

By Charlie Nye



Are the people in your old family photos **LOST TO TIME?** *Maybe not!*

Anyone interested in genealogy treasures the photos that have been passed down by their parents and grandparents -- fascinating visual records of times long ago. Better than words, these images make it possible to visualize what life was like in the days of Model Ts, farm living and family reunions -- the days before television, cell phones and modern conveniences we take for granted, like washing machines and electronics. The appreciation for these wonderful photos increases when you know who the people are

and when they were taken. Unfortunately, few people took the time to write complete information on photos (and many still don't). Now that people in the photos are gone, it's too late to ask them. How disheartening to stare into those youthful faces in the pictures and have no idea who they are, what life stories lie ahead for them. Most unidentified pictures will remain mysteries of time, but don't just give up. With some photo analysis, research and help from other family members, some mysteries can be solved!

Start discovering the 5 "W's" in old family photos:

- WHO?** Someone may have written general comments or observations like "family meal" but not the names (*they* knew who they were, but weren't thinking that people 50 years later wouldn't know who is in the photos).
- WHAT?** Use the power of observation. The camera captured many interesting things -- toys, pony carts, pictures on women's broaches, school buildings that are long gone, canes, farm implements.
- WHEN?** Clues: license plate dates, clothing styles of different decades, estimated ages of people you recognize.
- WHERE?** Does something look familiar?: pictures on the wall, buildings in the background, location of trees?
- WHY?** This is perhaps the most difficult to discern. Today, we take pictures nonchalantly, but years ago a family may have reserved the taking of photos for a special occasion (family visiting from out-of-town, marriage).

Who's who: The challenge of unidentified family photos

1) FAMILY TREE

For starters, have your family tree readily available for reference when you look through old photos. The names, birth/marriage/death dates will prove helpful in confirming or ruling out possible identities of people in your photos. For instance, a photo from the 1950s or 60s might be date stamped by the photofinisher, but has no name. If you think it could be a certain relative, check that person's age that year (and living/dead status). People you don't recognize may be cousins, in-laws or children that did not live to adulthood.

(TIP: Verify information if it comes from a tree compiled by someone else. People often make mistakes. Take time to write names/dates/location on photos as you survey them (for your descendants).

Notes:

2) GATHER/ORGANIZE/DIGITIZE

Gather photos from family albums, loose pictures, old family scrapbooks. If there are a lot, you might keep your maternal line photos separate from those in the paternal line (in labeled file folders or manilla envelopes) in a plastic tub for each line. Good clear portraits are helpful to have in digital form (at a high enough resolution to enlarge on your screen to see detail). Multiple pictures of a person at various ages could prove helpful when comparing photos. When naming digital files, include the family name and date of the photo (if known) to make searches easier. Organize the digital files by placing them in folders for each family.

(TIP: Many cell phone cameras provide acceptable quality when copying photo prints. Move in as close as possible and make sure the copy image is fully focused. For digitized photos, you might want to make some prints/printouts for reference and as a backup).

Notes:

3) GET HELP FROM OTHERS

If your parents or grandparents are still living, sit down with them and go through photos and write down information they remember about the photos. Ask about any relatives they know who might have information and other family pictures. If you haven't yet gotten a DNA test, do so in order to discover blood relationships to others in your family line interested in genealogy. By contacting my Ancestry.com DNA matches, I have found second cousins (or more distant) who have photos of shared ancestors. Share your photos with them by mail or email, especially group photos, as they may know some people in group photos that you don't recognize.

(TIP: This is a long-term project. You can send messages to them through the genealogy company's messaging, but sometimes it takes months for someone to read their messages and respond. Also, when you send a group photo, you might draw a photo key to be able to refer to persons by number).

Notes:

4) PUT ON YOUR DETECTIVE HAT AND DO PHOTO ANALYSIS

Study your photos closely. Look at the faces, the clothing, the body language, buildings, even the direction of light (that can tell you if it was taken in the morning or afternoon). All these are clues that could be helpful in learning about the photograph and the people in it. Advanced photo analysis is best done when you have high resolution digital images (see No. 2). You can zoom in on different areas of a photograph to see greater detail and discover things you might ordinarily miss in a print. Regardless, be it print or digital, these visual documents from the past are telling stories. If you don't know the year a photo was taken, look for things like the style of women's clothing -- the length of skirts for example -- to help pinpoint certain decades. Sometimes you'll be able to read dates on license plates or names of businesses in the background. A cousin of mine once dated a group photo that included her mother because she knew her mother changed her hairstyle after graduating from high school. Identifying people is sometimes possible by close scrutiny of facial features (eyes, nose, forehead, ears) and comparing the photo to portraits of the person taken years before or after.

(TIP: If you have a vintage studio photograph, the format will also help narrow down dates, as tintypes, albumin prints and cabinet cards are associated with certain years).

Notes:

5) AUXILIARY SOURCES

Some newspapers in the early 20th century ran small items that families submitted of birthday parties, anniversary gatherings and family reunions (the Dayton papers did this). These items did not include photos, but many of the items did list the names of attendees. If you have a photo of a large family gathering, you might get lucky (as I have) and find a published news item that has names of people at the party that you can look for in your photograph. I found clippings in my grandmother's scrapbooks, but Newspapers.com searches could possibly find these items. Other newspapers, especially in small communities, sometimes published historic photos from their town, submitted by readers. The *Miamisburg News* published such photos years ago, many of them school class photos, sometimes with names of the students in the pictures. Other auxiliary sources include the photo archives of a historical society or library and your own family's personal records. My father kept diaries and scrapbooks, which I saved, and I now refer to them frequently when doing family photo research (it helps to have an approximate idea of a date to search).

(TIP: You are the primary source for photos of your immediate family -- the pictures of your parents, siblings, your children. Do future generations a service by writing down the names, dates and locations, as well as any other significant information for your photographs).

Notes:

A FINAL WORD ABOUT VINTAGE FAMILY PHOTOS

Don't carelessly discard any vintage family photos you have in your family because you have no clue as to who the people are in the pictures. Almost every family had studio photos -- tintypes or cabinet cards -- at one time, but most have gotten rid of them, at garage sales, auctions or just tossed them. Perhaps they asked their children if they wanted them and they said no. A sad truth is that many people are so preoccupied with their own lives, it isn't until later in life they become more curious about and take an interest in the lives of their ancestors. At that point, those photos are gone forever. Consider donating them to a historical society or local library in your family's name if no one in your family line wants them. You never know -- some day a child, grandchild or great grandchild might love to see those photos and begin a search of their own to solve the mystery of who those unidentified ancestors are.

25. Finding Healing Through Family History Research

by: Susan Melville

This class explores ways that family history research can create greater peace, joy and connection. Through a series of stories, class members learn how to use records and experiences to discover more about deceased relatives. The focus is to alleviate fear and anxiety related to family history research.

1. Introduction:

a. Inspiration:

- i. “As you continue to perform this work . . . you’ll find . . . power to turn the hearts of your family together and heal that which needs healing.”
Elder Dale G Renlund
- ii. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

2. Our Troubled Hearts: What are we troubled by?

a. Lack of Connection and Belonging

b. Fears

- i. Negative past experiences
- ii. Discouragement
- iii. Not wanting to mess up
- iv. Rejection

c. Uncertainty

- i. About what I will find
- ii. About how to do family history

3. Family History Healing

a. Finding Connection

b. Discovering Belonging

c. Turning Outward

d. Looking to the past and the future.

4. Lessons Learned

a. Studying about ancestors

- i. David Frederick: Unfair judgment
- ii. Aaron Gideon Gibbs: Mental illness challenges
- iii. Reuben Miller: Remembering people honors them.
- iv. Elred Preston Miller: Some questions don’t have answers yet.

b. Visiting places of significance

- i. Towns, Houses or other places of significance
- ii. Gravestones
 1. Repair
 2. Upload photos
- iii. Google Earth or Maps

5. Reaching out to bring healing to others
 - a. Create Facebook family page
 - b. Connecting with relatives through email, messenger, phone calls, letters, zoom
 - c. Sharing experiences with family members
 - d. Visit with people for interviews or family history sharing
 - e. Tell stories to your children, create family picture books, write letters, create and maintain traditions, keep a journal
6. Healing the hearts of future generations
 - a. What are the things future generations might want to know
 - b. What can I do to answer those questions now?
 - i. Memoirs
 - ii. Journal writing
 - iii. Video or audio recording

Other articles to read:

[Family History and Temple Work: Sealing and Healing by Elder Dale G Renlund](#)

Videos:

[Video: The Power to Heal- https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2018-02-0110-the-power-to-heal?lang=eng](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2018-02-0110-the-power-to-heal?lang=eng)

[#rootstechconnect Sharon Leslie Morgan Keynote: Finding Healing Through Family History https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llF-h7rP4ac](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llF-h7rP4ac)

Book:

[When Time Stopped: A Memoir of My Father's War and What Remains by Ariana Neumann https://www.amazon.com/When-Time-Stopped-Fathers-Remains/dp/1982106379](https://www.amazon.com/When-Time-Stopped-Fathers-Remains/dp/1982106379)

Series:

Connecting with Living Family

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/series/connecting-with-living-family?lang=eng&cid=email->

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FamilySearch Messaging:

Learning how to connect through FamilySearch Messaging

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDnLdZ6Fj1Q>

Virtual Lectures

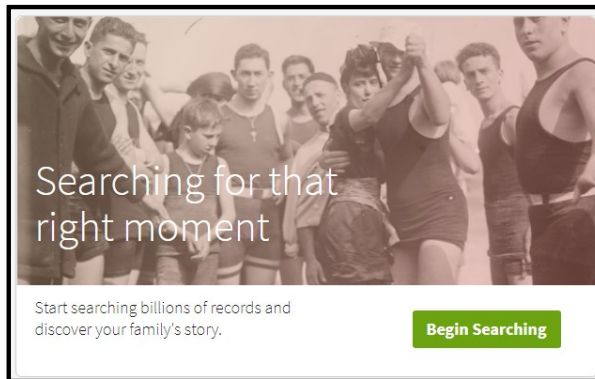
For handouts:

- V01. Free Genealogy Resources on the Web** – See lecture #6
- V02. Hidden Treasures at FamilySearch** – See lecture #1
- V03. Useful Tools for Those with German Ancestors** – See lecture #16
- V04. I'll See You in Court (Records!)** – See lecture #3
- V05. Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Discovering Scottish Roots** – See lecture #8
- V06. Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research: An Introduction** – See lecture #13
- V07. Fundamental Mysteries III** – See lecture #4
- V08. Power Point Tricks for Genealogists** – See lecture #9
- V09. It's Not All Done – Finding Places to Research in a Full Family Tree** – See lecture #21
- V10. Finding Healing Through Family History Research** – See lecture #25
- V11. Involving Children in Family History** – See lecture #17

V12. Library Genealogy Databases

by: Anne Wachs

Ohio Public Library Genealogy Databases: A Quick Snapshot



Searching for that right moment

Start searching billions of records and discover your family's story.

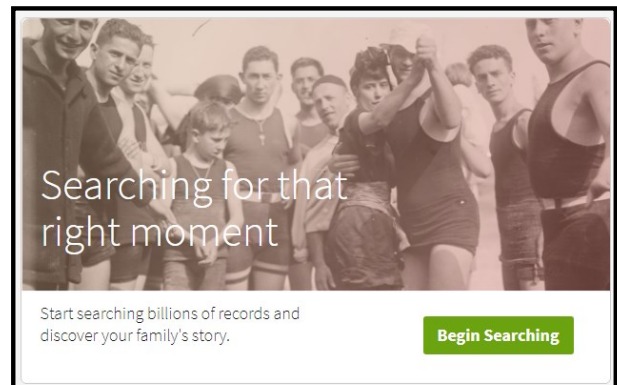
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- Military collections
- Multimedia collections
- ...and other over 10,000 collections

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- U.S. Federal Census (1790-1940)
- Genealogy & Local History Books
- Revolutionary War records (1800-1900)
- Freedman's Bank records (1865-1874)
- U.S. Serial Set (1789-1969)
- City Directories
- ...and more!



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- Naturalizations
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Newspapers.com

Online access to 3,000+ historical newspapers. From the early 1700s into the early 2000s, there are full runs and portions of runs of well-known regional, state, and small local newspapers in the United States and other countries.



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Search

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived Birth Year

City, County, State, Country

SEARCH Show more options

Explore by Location

UNITED STATES AFRICA ASIA EUROPE NORTH AMERICA OCEANIA

Alabama Guam Michigan North Dakota Utah

Special Collections + CARD CATALOG

- Historical Records
- Birth, Marriage & Death
 - Birth, Baptism & Christening
 - Marriage & Divorce
 - Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries
- Census & Voter Lists
 - U.S. Federal Census Collection
 - UK Census Collection
 - Canadian Census Collection
 - More...
- Immigration & Travel
 - Passenger Lists
 - Citizenship & Naturalization Records
 - Border Crossings & Passports
 - More...
- Military
 - Draft, Enlistment and Service
 - Casualties
 - Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists
 - More...
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
 - City & Area Directories
 - Professional & Organizational Directories
 - Church Histories & Records
 - More...
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
 - Land Records

Search Tab:

- Search a specific collection by location
- Find information for specific locations
 - Viewing the 'Source' will show what kinds of records each location has

Special Collections:

- Search to find databases that fit your needs
- Can also browse the list of databases Ancestry has.
- Use the card catalog.

HeritageQuest

The screenshot displays the HeritageQuest website interface with the following sections:

- SEARCH CENSUS:** Includes a family photo and a list of years: 1940, 1930, 1920, 1910, 1900, 1890, 1880, 1870, 1860, 1850, 1840, 1830, 1820, 1810, 1800, 1790. A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- SEARCH BOOKS:** Includes a group photo and the text: "Locate your ancestors in our Family and Local Histories Book Collection." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- WILLS AND PROBATES:** Includes a photo of gravestones and the text: "Search wills and probate records from the U.S." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- SEARCH CITY DIRECTORIES:** Includes a street scene photo and the text: "Search over a billion records in U.S. city and county directories spanning 1821 to 1989." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- SEARCH MILITARY RECORDS:** Includes a photo of soldiers and the text: "Military records provide unique facts and insights into the lives of men and women who have served many conflicts including the Revolutionary War." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- SEARCH IMMIGRATION RECORDS:** Includes a photo of a group of people and the text: "Immigration records can reveal when and where your ancestors migrated as well as who they travelled with." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- PUBLIC RECORDS:** Includes the text: "Search for your more recent ancestors in our large public records collection. U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1. U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 2." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX:** Includes the text: "The SSDI contains over 94 million records of deceased persons with social security numbers whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS:** Includes the text: "Find the original patriots in your family tree in the complete set of Revolutionary War Pension Files." A "Search Now" button is at the bottom.
- Now you can send the records you find home. Select the "Send document" button on the left of the Record page.** This section includes a "Send Your Find Home!" form with a "Send document" button and a "U.S. Public Records" table with columns for Name and Address.
- We need your help!** A purple box with the text: "Help us make HeritageQuest better with your feedback! We love hearing your ideas. Just take this short survey and at the end, you will find a 'Share Your Thoughts With Us' question." A "Get Started" button is at the bottom.

Search Now:

- Search a specific collection
- Find information for specific collections, cannot search everything at once
 - Viewing the 'Source' will show what kinds of records each location has

Ancestry Library Edition Crossover Collections:

- Use HeritageQuest at home to access some of the same record groups
 - Social Security Death Index
 - Census Records
 - Freedmen Bank Records
 - Revolutionary War Records

Fold3

The screenshot displays the Fold3 website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Fold3 logo (by Ancestry) and links for SEARCH, BROWSE, MEMORIALS, HELP, and MEMBER LOGIN. Below the navigation bar, a search bar prompts users to "Discover your family's military past." with a search box for "Name or Keyword Search" and a dropdown menu for "All Records". To the right of the search bar, it indicates "540,208,125 TOTAL RECORDS".

The main content area features a "THIS MONTH IN HISTORY" section for February 22, 1841, highlighting "United States v. The Amistad" with a large image of a ship. Below this, there are three featured items: "United States v. The Amistad" (February 22, 1841), "WWII Draft Registration Cards" (Exclusive access, Updated often), and "The Fold3 Training Center" (Tutorials & video to help you get started).

The "Browse Military Records by War" section includes a list of wars on the left: All Titles, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican American and Early Indian Wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Recent Wars, and International. The main area shows "All" records with 608,916,248 records and a search box. Below this, there are sections for "POPULAR" and "NEW & UPDATED" records, including "WWII 'Old Man's Draft' Registration Cards", "Civil War 'Widows' Pensions", "War of 1812 Pension Files", "Revolutionary War Pensions", and "WWII US Air Force Photos".

The "Featured Memorials" section includes a "Search the Honor Wall" button and four featured individuals: Deborah Sampson (US REVOLUTIONARY WAR), Thomas L. Rosser (CIVIL WAR (CONFEDERATE)), Mac Ross (WORLD WAR II), and Charles Hazeltine Hammann (WORLD WAR I).

Browse & Search Options:

- Search a specific collection, drill down by location or name
- Use the keyword search to find a name in all records
- Choose a specific collection, then search within

Special Notes:

- Select 'Description' when within a specific collection. It can tell you if the collection is complete, what info can be found, and why you may not be able to find your record
- 100% Primary documents
- Ties into personal Ancestry.com & FamilySearch accounts

Newspapers.com

The screenshot shows the Newspapers.com website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for SEARCH, BROWSE, PAPERS, and CLIPPINGS, along with a Sign-in link. Below the navigation is a welcome message for the Washington-Centerville Public Library. The main heading is "Newspapers by Ancestry World Collection". A large search bar is present with the placeholder text "Search a keyword or name" and an "Add more info" dropdown. Below the search bar is a "See papers by location" button with a location pin icon. A "Date Range" section features a bar chart showing newspaper availability from 1690 to 2021. On the left, there are links for "Get Started", "Introduction", and "Learn how to search", each accompanied by a video player icon. A "HELP WANTED" badge is also visible. The "Papers in This Collection" section displays three newspaper entries: "The San Bernardino County Sun" (1894-1998, 1,350,040 pages), "The Brooklyn Daily Eagle" (1841-1963, 1,426,660 pages), and "The Oakland Tribune" (with a prominent headline "TY COBB IS STABBED").

Notes:

- Over 4,000 worldwide newspapers, providing primary sources for all time periods.
- Exclusive access to several well known and small town newspapers.
- Ability to create your own account to save clippings and articles.
- Thousands of newspapers that were pulled out of Ancestry Library Edition available.
- Supplement the Newspapers.com Obituary Index available in Ancestry Home Edition.

OPLIN Subscription Genealogy Databases

African American Heritage
Ancestry Library Edition
Fold3
HeritageQuest

Local Library Subscription Databases **Selected Resources**

Cleveland Public Library

African American Biographical Database
Call and Post (1934 – 1991)
Cleveland Necrology File
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
Genealogy Connect
Plain Dealer Historical

<https://cpl.org/research-learning/genealogy/>

Columbus Metro Library

America's Obituaries and Death Notices
Chronicling America
Columbus News Index: 1932-1997

<http://www.columbuslibrary.org/research/local-history-genealogy>

Cuyahoga County Public Library

America's Obituaries and Death Notices
Cleveland News Index
Cuyahoga County Historical Marriage License Index: 1810-1998

<https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Research/Genealogy.aspx>

Dayton Metro Library

Dayton Obituary Index
Ohio Death Certificate Index

<http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/locations/history>

Greene County Public Library

Accessible Archives
Cincinnati Enquirer (1841 - 1922)
Images of America: A History of American Life
NewspaperARCHIVE

<https://greenelibrary.info/research-categories/history-and-genealogy/>

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

19th Century U.S. Newspapers
NewsBank: Cincinnati Post
ProQuest Historical Newspapers

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/resources/research.asp?group=10>

Washington-Centerville Public Library

My Heritage Library Edition
Newspapers.com
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

<https://wclibrary.info/research/genealogy.asp>

Akron-Summit County Public Library

American Ancestors (in-library only)
FamilySearch Affiliate (in-library only)
Find My Past
Historic Map Works
Local History Database
My Heritage Library Edition
Newspaper Archive – Academic Library Edition
Summit Memory
World War II Database – Summit County

<http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections/genealogy>

V13. Beginning Strategies for Online Records & Repositories

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**Beginning Strategies for Searching Online Records and Resources
Family History Jamboree Apr 23, 2022**

Online Records-

What's Out There

- Census
- Vital
- Church
- Cemetery
- Military
- Newspapers
- Photographs

Where to Find Them

Online Repositories

- FamilySearch.org
- Ancestry.com
- MyHeritage.com
- FindMyPast.com

Other Databases

Jurisdiction:

- Country
- State
- County

Look for

- Libraries
- Archives
- Museums
- Historical Societies
- Genealogy Societies
- Digital Projects

Locating Collections

- FamilySearch Wiki
- Cyndi's List
- Linkpendium
- Google

Search Strategies:

- Read the Search Instructions
- Understand the Record Collection
- Use Spelling Variations
- Use Only Last Names/First Names
- Choose an Unusual Name
- Use the Browse Tab
- Don't Accept All Matches

Remember-Not Everything is Online!

1-Determine WHAT records you need.

2-Use tools like FamilySearch Wiki to see WHERE they might be.

3-Discover HOW the different sites work and learn HOW to search their databases.

Stop searching and begin researching!

Resources:

[FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/en/)

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

[Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com/)

<https://www.ancestry.com/>

[MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com/)

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

[FindMyPast.com](https://www.findmypast.com/)

[FamilySearch Wiki](https://www.findmypast.com/)

<https://www.findmypast.com/>

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

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

[Linkpendium](http://www.linkpendium.com/)

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

Ancestry:

Ancestry, Research Guides: "Search Strategies."

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2016/11/searchstrategies.pdf>

Cowen, Crista, "Top Tricks and Tips for Searching Ancestry"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZnshl_fxml

Cyndislist, "Ancestry Search Tips"

<https://www.cyndislist.com/ancestry/search-tips/>

FamilySearch:

Tennant Amie, FamilySearch Blog, "Record Search Tips: Find Your Family" 19 July 2019.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/record-search-tips/>

"Introduction to the FamilySearch Catalog"

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Introduction_to_the_FamilySearch_Catalog

V14. Beyond the Basics: Online Research Techniques

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Always Look for Site Search Tips
Read and Understand Record Collection Descriptions.

General Search Tips for Online Record Repositories

- Change Your Search Parameters
Start broad and then narrow down using the options in the search box.

- Target Your Searches
Surname Only + Year + Location
First Name Only + Year + Location
Birth Year + Location

- Use Wildcards
? = Single Character
* = in place of characters
More than One Wildcard Can Be Used in a Word
The First Letter Cannot Be a Wildcard
Three Non-Wildcards Should Be Included in a Word

- Open Records from the Search Results in a New Tab

- Use Different Ways to View Results if Offered.

- Keep a List of Search Parameters

- Use the Catalog
Search box set for the record group
Finds records not found in a general search

Do the same types of searches for any repository that has the record collection.
Each digitize and index in different ways.

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Google Searches

Use the tab choices to narrow down what you are looking for, i.e., books, images, etc.
Place quotes around words or phrases
Hyphens will exclude words not part of your search
Use a colon to search specific sites
As asterisk can be used as a wildcard

Newspapers

- Read the search tips on the site.
- OCR-Optical Character Recognition
Search each site that has the newspaper you need.
- Use Quotations
- Try only first or surnames
- Search an event, Location, organization, workplace, church, cemetery, etc.
- Use similar shapes of letters
- Spit words apart.
- Browse

Experiment with a variety of ways to make your searches work for you. Learning the tips and tricks of search boxes and search engines can lead you to more discoveries about your family history!

Resources

Ancestry, "Ancestry Anne's Top 10 Search Tips"

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/aainstcommons/1113/researchAids/ancestry-anne-top-10-search-tips.pdf>

Ancestry, Research Guides: "Search Strategies."

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2016/11/searchstrategies.pdf>

FamilySearch, Help "What Are Best Tips and Practices for Searching Historical Records?"

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/article/when-i-am-searching-historical-records-what-are-the-best-practices-and-tips>

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August 2020 <https://bit.ly/3l5q1xk>

MyHeritage Blog, "How to Find Records with the New MyHeritage Search Engine," 7 September 2020.

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Fishwrap Blog, "No Matches? 5 Strategies to Try Next on Newspapers.com" Karen Lee, April 2021.

<https://blog.newspapers.com/category/tips-hints-helps/>

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V15. Genealogical DNA Testing for Beginners

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What is consumer-to-direct DNA testing?

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Cautionary tale

- Can you handle the results?

DNA is part of the story

DNA is only part of the story
Still need genealogical research
Still need to learn the culture and stories of lives of people
Still need records and photos and documents

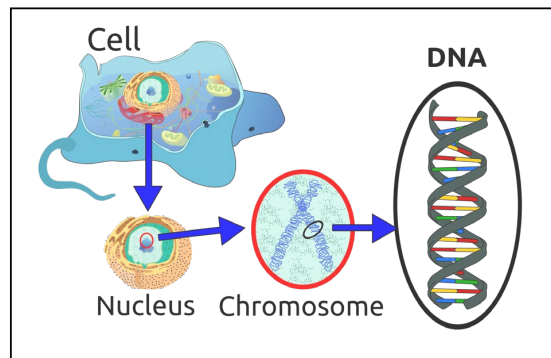
What do we know about DNA?

Offspring looks like parents
We know there are inherited traits

What is the human genome?

Think of a blueprint
The Human Genome Project

- In 1990 scientists set out to map all of the Human Genome—sequencing and mapping genes. Completed in 2003.



What was the goal?

- Find the complete sequence of about 3 billion base pairs in humans
- Identify the 20,000-25,000 genes in humans
- Find the complete sequence of many other species
- Identify genes that are critical for life
- Identify functions of particular genes

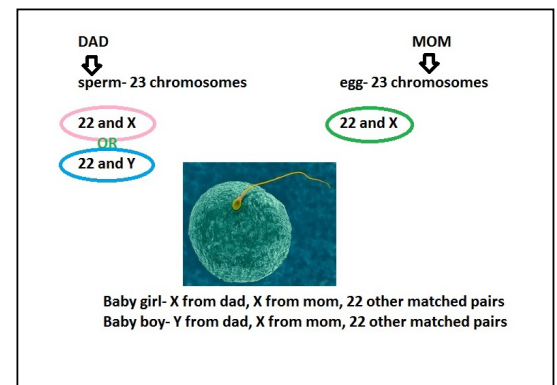
What is DNA?

DNA strands are made of base pairs.

How do we get our DNA?

During sexual reproduction, the egg contains the mitochondrial DNA and the sperm does not.

How do we inherit 23 pairs of chromosomes?



How are you a match with someone else?

- **Each location tested is called a SNP**– single-nucleotide polymorphism (a change at a single point in the genetic code).
- Sites in the genome where the **DNA sequences of many individuals vary by a single base** are called single nucleotide polymorphisms.
- Where two individuals share in common a number of **consecutive SNPs**, it can be *projected* that they share a segment of DNA at that part of their genomes.
- If the segment is longer than a **threshold amount** set by the testing company, then these two individuals are considered to be a match.

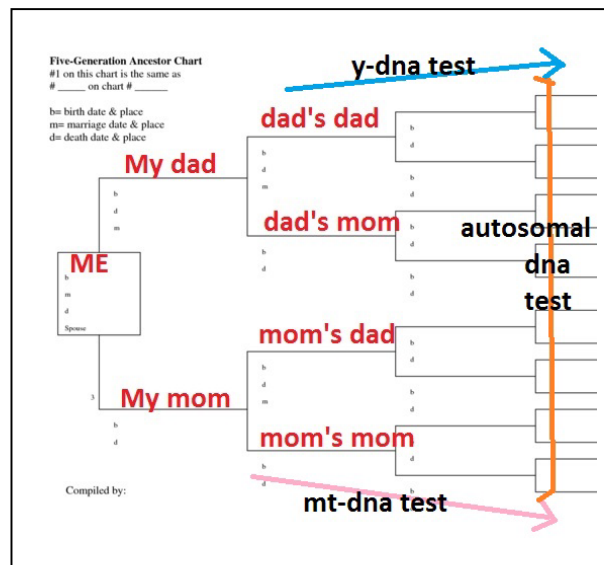
3 kinds of Genealogical DNA tests

Which test tests which DNA?

Y-DNA Test

Y-DNA (only men have y-DNA)

Tests the male line only – sometimes called surname line
Y-chromosome passed on from generation to generation from grandfather to father to son
Y-DNA remains unchanged for tens of thousands of years
Y-DNA has about 58 million base pairs



Mitochondrial DNA Test

MT-DNA (everyone has mt-DNA from their mother)
Tests the mother's DNA from grandmother to mother to daughter
Mitochondrial DNA remains unchanged for tens of thousands of years
Mitochondrial DNA has about 16,569 base pairs

Autosomal DNA Test

AT-DNA (a small sample of each of the other 22 pairs of chromosomes)
Approximately 700,000 locations are tested of the 3.2 billion base pairs

How many Ancestors are we talking about?

Name of Generation	Numbers	Year	
self	1	1950	
parents	2	1920	50% from each
grandparents	4	1890	25% from each
great-grandparents	8	1860	12.5% from each
2 nd great-grandparents	16	1830	6.25% from each
3 rd great-grandparents	32	1800	3.125% from each
4 th great-grandparents	64	1770	1.5625% from each
approximate autosomal accuracy line			
5 th great-grandparents	128	1740	Matches in this range might be difficult to figure out. Most people don't have trees accurate back this far.
6 th great-grandparents	256	1710	

How are those relationships determined in Ancestry?

What do percentages mean?

Relationship chart based on shared percentage of DNA:

Relationship to ME	Approximate Shared Percentage of DNA	Others Sharing Approximately the Same Percentage of DNA
Parent	50%	Full sibling Son Daughter
Grandparent	25%	Half sibling Niece Nephew Aunt Uncle Grandson Granddaughter
Great Grandparent	12.5%	Grandniece Grandnephew Great aunt Great uncle First cousin
2 nd Great Grandparent	6.25%	Great grand aunt Great grand uncle First cousin 1R
3 rd Great Grandparent	3.125%	Second cousin First cousin 1R
4 th Great Grandparent	1.5625%	Second cousin 1R

Learn More- ISOGG

<http://isogg.org/>

Learn More at a DIG group: Genetics, Genealogy, and You
YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvNrudGjNxizeNCG-1abajQ/video>

V16. Strategies to Identify Your DNA Matches

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Download the excel spreadsheet on www.fhj1.org website in the “download files” category.

V17. Tools for Reading German Handwriting

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Getting Started – The Language

You don't have to be a professional genealogist or expert at understanding German to be able to decipher what is in your ancestor's records. There are many tools that can help you figure it out. Many of these are free downloadable resources. The best resource for free German handwriting help can be found on the FamilySearch Wiki.

The FamilySearch Wiki not only helps you determine where your ancestor came from, but also has many online tools to help you read the record. The Sütterlin handwriting tool allows you to type in a name or word and see what it looks like in script. Keep in mind that the actual record will probably vary in how it looks depending on the time period and handwriting variation. Although most letters are fairly similar among people recording the entry, there are distinctive ways letters were written which varied over time. Also handwritten letters are very different than the Fraktur typeface font used for published books.

Helpful German Websites

- Family Search Wiki
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy
- Family Search Wiki - German Handwriting
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting
- Sütterlin Handwriting
<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm>
<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Lese/Kanzlei1.htm>
- German handwritten and Fraktur script generator
<http://www.deutsche-handschrift.de/adsschreiben.php#schriftfeld>
- Fraktur
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fraktur>

Another challenge with reading German handwriting is the vocabulary and knowing what the word is and means. FamilySearch Wiki has free word lists specific for genealogy to help you understand what is in the record. Many times short hand symbols are used to save space in records to indicate births, marriages, burials and other events.

Word Lists

- German https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List
- Latin https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List
- French https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/French_Genealogical_Word_List
- Danish https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Danish_Genealogical_Word_List
- Portuguese https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Portuguese_Genealogical_Word_List
- Polish https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Polish_Genealogical_Word_List
- German Symbols http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Genealogische_Symbole_und_Zeichen
- Month Names in German https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Month_Names_in_German
- Spelling Variations https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Spelling_Variants_in_German_Documents
- Google Translate <http://translate.google.com>

Must Have German Books

- Edna M. Bentz, *If I Can, You Can: Decipher Germanic Records* (San Diego, Calif.: E.M. Bentz, 1982).
- Roger P. Minert, *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents 2nd Edition* (Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2013), 271 pages
- Kenneth L. Smith, *German Church Books: Beyond the Basics* (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1989), 171-97.
- Thode, Ernest. *German-English Genealogical Dictionary*. Baltimore, Maryland, USA: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992. (FHL book 433.21 T352g 1992.)

German Handwriting Webinars

- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-part-1>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-part-2>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-german-church-and-civil-records-part-3>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/germany-research-with-the-wiki-part-9-of-14-reading-original-german-records>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-church-and-civil-records>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-introduction>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-the-alphabet>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-paleography-websites>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-key-words>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-key-abbreviations>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-process-of-deciphering-records>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-a-german-church-record>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-a-german-civil-record>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-spelling-variations-names-and-places>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/german-paleography-seminar-practice-reading-using-familysearch-community>
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/deciphering-russian-polish-and-german-names-written-in-russian>

BYU- Independent Study - German Research Course - FREE

<https://isreg.byu.edu/courses/pe/999022071006/public/start.htm>

German Genealogy Relationships & Vital Event Words

English Word	German word / variant
Birth	Geburten, Geborene, geboren, Geburts
Burial	Beerdigung, begraben, Begrabnisse, vergraben
Child	Kind, Kinder
Christening	Taufen, Getaufte
Confirmation	Konfirmationen, Firmungen
Death	Tote, Tod, sterben, starb, verstorben, gestorben
Father	Vater
Husband	Mann, Ehemann, Gatte
Index	Verzeichniss, Register
Marriage	Heiraten, verheiratet, Trauungen, Gertraute, Kopulation, Ehe, kopulieren, Verehelichungen, Eheschliessungen
Marriage banns	Proklamationen, Aufgebote, Verkundigungen
Mother	Mutter
Wife	Frau, Ehegattin, Weib, Ehefrau, Hausfrau, Gattin
Given Name	Vorname, Name
Surname	Zuname, Familienname, Getschlechtsname
Parents	Eltern
Son	Sohn
Daughter	Tochter
Brother	Bruder
Sister	Schwester
Grandfather	Großvater
Grandmother	Großmutter
Aunt	Tante
Uncle	Onkel
Niece	Nichte
Nephew	Neffe
Cousin	Kusine

Common German Records

German Word	English
Adressbücher	City Directories
Auswandererlisten, Auswandererakten	Emigration lists / records
Begräbnisse	Burials (church)
Bürgerbücher, Bürgerbücherlisten	Burger rolls, citizenship registrations
Dorfsippenbücher, Ortssippenbücher	Local Histories
Familienbücher	Family registers (church)
Geburtsregister	Birth register (church)
Gildenbücher, Zunftbücher, Innungsbücher	Apprentice and guild books
Grundbücher	Land books
Hausbücher	House books
Kirchenbücher	Church books
Kirchenbücher Zweitschriften	Parish register transcripts
Konfirmationsregister	Confirmation registers (church)
Kriegslisten, Militärakten	Military records
Leichenpredigten	Funeral sermons
Passagierlisten	Passenger lists
Polizeiregister, Einwohnermeldelisten	Police registers, citizen registration lists
Sterberegister	Death register (church)
Steuerlisten, Steuerbücher	Tax lists, tax books
Taufregister	Christening / baptism registers (church)
Testamente, Testamentsakten	Wills
Trauregister	Marriage register (church)
Volkszählungslisten, Bauernverzeichnisse, Einwohnerlisten	Census records (originally called Tax & Tithing Records)

Fraktur Alphabet

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 Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz ch ck ß tz

The Gothic Alphabet
(Variations)

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aus: Hellmut Gutschwiller, Die Entwicklung der Schrift in der Neuzeit, in: Archiv für Diplomatik 38 (1992), S. 38-1 ff.

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1911/1915

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 (Lehrbuch von Sütterlin)

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Frakturalphabet und deutsche
 Schreibschrift des 19. Jahrhunderts

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Sütterlins Schulschrift
 (1917)

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Deutsche Schreibschrift des 20. Jhs.
 (bis 1941)

V18. Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society: The Silver Books As Your Guide

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The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (“GSMD”) is a lineage society founded in 1897. Membership requires proof of direct lineal descent from one of the passengers who traveled to America on the *Mayflower* in 1620. Located in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the GSMD headquarters sits on grounds overlooking Plymouth Harbor. The Mayflower Society maintains a lineage database that goes back to the 1620s and earlier. Its research is well respected and cited as proof for genealogy organizations the world over.

- General Society of Mayflower Descendants website:
<https://www.themayflowersociety.org>

The *Mayflower* set sail on September 6, 1620, with 102 “saints & strangers” from Plymouth, England. They landed at Provincetown, Massachusetts, on November 21, 1620. Twenty-six families have known descendants.

- The Pilgrims that sailed on the *Mayflower*: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/the-pilgrims/the-pilgrims>
- NEHGS “Meet the Passengers”: <https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/passenger>
- FamilySearch: Mayflower Passenger List –
<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/mayflower-passenger-list/>

What are the Silver Books?

The *Silver Books* are a collection of books published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The project started in 1959 and was initially named the Five Generation Project. The goal of the project was to trace the five generations of each passenger. In 2013, it was renamed the Silver Books Project after the books’ signature silver color when the research went beyond five generations.

- The process of confirming lineage and applying to the GSMD often begins with reviewing the *Silver Books*’ information.
- Each book starts with generation one, the *Mayflower* passenger(s), and documents the subsequent generations.
- “The work is based largely on carefully researched articles in genealogical journals and family histories, verified wherever possible by research in probate and land records, town and church vital records, and other primary sources.” *A Note to the Reader – GSMD Silver Books*

What information does a Silver Book contain?

- List of *Mayflower Families* Volumes
- History of the Silver Books Project
- Note to the reader
- About the author and editor
- Introduction
- Abbreviations Used in the Book
- Genealogy family sketches
- Appendix
- Bibliography
- Index of names

Purchasing *Silver Books*: <https://shop.themayflowersociety.org/shop/books-mayflower-families-silver-books/2>

Proving your line:

- Generation One is the *Mayflower* passenger.
- Generations 1-5 are in the Silver Books. Some of the books go beyond Generation 5.
- Prove your line with documentation from yourself to the Silver Books.
- Generations 6-9 can be tricky!
- Generations 10+ use more modern vital records (birth, marriage, death records).

Information on joining the GSMD: Mayflower Lineage Match Form:

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/join/preliminary-review-form>

Resources:

- General Society of Mayflower Descendants Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/themayflowersociety>
- GSMD Membership Applications database, 1620-1920
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2731/general-society-of-mayflower-descendants-membership-applications-1620-1920>
- *The Mayflower Quarterly* database:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2760/mayflower-quarterly-the>
- The Mayflower Descendant database:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/407/mayflower-descendant-the>
- *Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants*, 1700-1880 database:
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/2728/mayflower-families-fifth-generation-descendants-1700-1880>
- GSMD Mayflower DNA Project at Family Tree DNA
<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/mayflowersociety/about>

FAMILY	MAYFLOWER PASSENGER(S)	MAYFLOWER CHILDREN WITH DESCENDANTS	MAYFLOWER CHILDREN W/O DESCENDANTS	LINK TO TREE ON NEHGS*
Alden & Mullins	John Alden & Pricilla Mullins	—	—	10 children Tree Part 1 Tree Part 2
Allerton	Isaac Allerton & Mary Norris	Mary & Remember	Bartholomew	Tree
Billington	John Billington & Elinor _____	Francis	—	Tree
Bradford	William Bradford			Tree
Brewster	William Brewster & Mary _____	Love	Wrestling	5 children Tree Part 1 Tree Part 2
Browne	Peter Brown	—	—	Tree
Chilton	James Chilton & Mrs. Chilton	Mary	—	Tree
Cooke	Francis Cooke	John		Tree
Doty	Edward Doty	—	—	Tree
Eaton	Francis Eaton & Sarah _____	Samuel	—	Tree
Fletcher	Moses Fletcher	—	—	Tree
Fuller, E.	Edward Fuller & Mrs. Fuller	Samuel	—	Tree
Fuller, S.	Samuel Fuller	—	—	Tree
Hopkins	Stephen Hopkins & Elizabeth Fisher	Constance, Giles	Damaris, Oceanus	Tree
Howland & Tilley	John Howland & Elizabeth Tilley	—	—	10 children Tree Part 1 Tree Part 2
More	Richard More	—	—	Tree
Mullins	William Mullins & Alice _____	Pricilla <i>(m. John Alden)</i>	Joseph	<i>See Alden</i>
Priest	Degory Priest	—	—	Tree
Rogers	Thomas Rogers	Joseph	—	Tree
Samson	Henry Samson	—	—	Tree
Soule	George Soule	—	—	Tree
Standish	Myles Standish	—	—	Tree
Tilley	John Tilley & Joan Hurst	Elizabeth <i>(m. John Howland)</i>		<i>See Howland</i>
Warren	Richard Warren	—	—	Tree
White	William White & Susanna Jackson	Resolved, Peregrine		Tree
Winslow	Edward Winslow	—	—	Tree

* Link from NEHGS with hyperlinks to family trees:

<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databaserearch/2731/general-society-of-mayflower-descendants-membership-applications-1620-1920>

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V19. 75 Years Later: Creating Wartime Family Reunions Using Genealogy & DNA

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Forensic Genealogy research is conducted for legal proceedings and often involves living people.

Military Repatriation: The U.S. Armed Forces has a branch called the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

- Mission: “Provide the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel to their families and the nation.” <https://www.dpaa.mil/About/Vision-Mission-Values/>
- Objective: To locate living family members.
 - PNOK – Primary Next of Kin
 - Oldest living member of the family, which includes:
 - Spouse
 - Natural, adopted, step and illegitimate children
 - Parents (no living parents from WWII cases)
 - Siblings, including adopted or half-siblings
 - Grandchildren
 - Other relatives in order of relationship to the Soldier according to civil laws
 - SNOK – Secondary Next of Kin
 - The second oldest living family member under the same criteria
 - Nuclear DNA (Parent-child relationship or sibling relationships)
 - Three mtDNA (mitochondrial) candidates – Follows the maternal line
 - One Y-DNA candidate – Follows the paternal line

Forensic Genealogist’s role:

1. Identify and confirm living family
2. Fully documented family tree
3. Fully documented and sourced report including complete contact information of living family members
4. First contact with family
5. Answer any questions they may have
6. Reunite cousins that lost touch long ago
7. Gives family closure

Information on Soldiers and cases:

- DPAA Families: <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWeb>
- DPAA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa>
- Stories Behind the Stars: <https://www.storiesbehindthestars.org>

Resources:

- Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy
<https://www.forensicgenealogists.org>
- Book: *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Chapter 15 – Forensic Specialization by Michael S. Ramage
- Forensic Genealogy Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25598261937>
- Genealogy Institutes like GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG offer specialty courses dealing with DNA and Forensic genealogy.
- International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) wiki: <https://isogg.org>
- Books:
 - *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine Bettinger
 - *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger
 - *Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies* by Debbie Parker Wayne
 - *Genetic Genealogy The Basics and Beyond* by Emily D. Aulicino
 - *NextGen Genealogy The DNA Connection* by David R. Dowell

V20. Tracking Early Family Footprints in U.S. Land Records

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U.S. Bureau of Land Management website:

www.glorerecords.blm.gov/

Searches information on federal/public land states. The federal government sold land in these states to generate cash, pay off war debt and encourage migration/growth westward. BLM has a good overview/timeline of events as they relate to land sales including key pieces of federal legislation. (click on “GLO Records” then “Public Lands History”)

To Search:

- Click on “**Land Patents**” Currently, only 3 states’ US Land Management Tract Books are available for viewing on the BLM website (not Ohio). You’ll need to use familysearch.org to view Ohio and other state tract books.
- Search Documents by Type tab (default)
 - Search by name, location (state and county), land description, “misc.” – land office, etc.
 - Remember “Less information sometimes yields better results”
 - Click on “**accession number**” in results list
 - Review patent information on “**Patent Details**” tab, “**Patent Image**” tab, and “**Related Documents**” tab
- Search Documents by Location
- Search Documents by Land Identifier
- Use the Land Office as a “clue” to determine which US Land Management Tract Book in FamilySearch to select
- Print off a copy (or save to your computer) the image of the patent. Make note of section township and range and Land Office to determine which Tract Book Land Office Volume(s) to review on FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch website:

www.familysearch.org

**Make sure you are logged into the site so you can view images (set up a free user account, if necessary)

To find/access US BLM Tract Books:

- Select “Search” at the top then “**Records**” in the drop-down menu
- To the right at the bottom, select “**Browse all published collections**”
- Click on the United States to the left, then “**All United States of America**”
- Select “**Probate & Court**”
- At the upper right click “**Next**” for page 2. Near the middle of the list you should see “**United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books 1800-c1955**”
- From the US Bureau of Land Management Tract Book page, first click on “**How to Use This Collection**” which will take you to the FS Wiki for US BLM Tract Books
 - You’ll need the state, county, township, range, and section along with the name of the land office from BLM website above
- Scroll down BLM Tract Books Wiki page until you see “For a list of the townships (described with both a township number and a range number) and land offices included in this collection, see the [Tract Books Coverage Table](#).”
- Click on “**Tract Books Coverage Table**”
- Scroll to the **state and land office** you need. *Pay close attention* to the “Description” column **until you see the township, range and section listed you wish to find** (refer to your printout from the BLM website). Make note of which Tract Book volume(s) you wish to look at that may contain information about your ancestor’s land
- Return to main page of “**United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books 1800-c1955**” and select “**browse through images**”
- Select the **state** you wish to access land transaction records
- Then select the tract book **volume number** based upon land office indicated on the BLM patent details tab for your ancestor’s land AND from FamilySearch Wiki page Tract Book Coverage Table for that range, township and section
- Scroll through page by page. Look through all records until you find one that references your ancestor. Often the entry will include “Of _____ County, _____” after the purchaser’s name at the top of the entry. This gives you another opportunity to look for additional land or tax records elsewhere if they were from a different county or state before appearing in the entry.

Ancestry.com website:

www.ancestry.com

Search maps in catalog collection "U.S., Indexed Early Land Ownership and Township Plats, 1785-1898"

- After logging into your account, click on "**Search**" in the top row
- Then select "**Catalog**" from the drop-down menu
- In the **key words** box type "*early plat maps*" and "**Search**"
- You can search via surname or, to the right, use the drop downs to search by state and/or meridian

Other Avenues to Explore for Ohio Land Records or Those in Nearby States:

- Local Genealogical or Historical Societies (they know local records best!)
- Ohio History Connection - <http://ohiohistory.libguides.com/home/general>
Use the online collection catalog and search for "**land**"
- County archives/offices for land sales *after initial patent* - Deeds (sometimes patents were recorded in county deed books, but often many years after the fact)
- To learn more about land records: Land and Property Research in the United States by E. Wade Hone, 1997

Other Websites*:

- National Archives - <https://www.archives.gov/research/land>
- National Archives and Records Service – *National Archives Microfilm Publications Pamphlet Describing M804, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.*
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m804.pdf>
- Ancestry.com has some early maps along with the database titled "U.S. Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820" (use the catalog search method noted above)
- Archives of Michigan - https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89996_90000-467497--,00.html
- Kentucky Secretary of State - <https://www.sos.ky.gov/admin/land/non-military/Pages/default.aspx>
- Indiana Archives and Records Administration - <https://www.in.gov/iara/>
- Office of the Illinois Secretary of State -
http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/data_lan.html
- Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission - <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Land-Records-Indices.aspx>
- Google Books - <https://books.google.com/>
- Internet Archive – <https://archive.org>
- HathiTrust - <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
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*All website links effective as of 10 February 2021

V21. Searching for Elizabeth Discovering Northern Ireland

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General Irish Research Websites Unless marked with a \$, sites are free to use, but may require the user to set up an account to view documents. All website links were accessed 22 Dec 2021.

Getting Started

- FamilySearch.org – Free account required to view images
 - FamilySearch wiki-
 - After logging in, select “wiki” under “Search”
 - Click on map or type in location to research
 - FamilySearch Irish Webinars - free
 - Click on “Help” in upper right-hand corner of screen
 - Then, under the drop-down menu, select “Learning Center” and type “Irish” in the search box for the Irish webinars
- Ancestry.com \$ - access available at some genealogical societies and public libraries
- www.genuki.org.uk – guides to researching in Great Britain and Ireland
- www.igp-web.com – Ireland Genealogy Project
- www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com – Claire Santry website, lots of “how to” suggestions
- www.placenamesni.org – For researching NI geography – townland, parish, barony, and county
- www.failteromhat.com – free site, no registration, Irish indexes, no actual document images
- www.johngrenham.com – (\$) limited free surname search; can subscribe for 24 hours, month or year

Northern Ireland Repositories

- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) (Belfast) – <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>
 - Select “Search Archives Online”
 - Choose links applicable link(s) - Can view and/or download images
- General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) (Belfast) \$ – BMDs, more recent records <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/go-groni-online>; must register; can search for free, but you must purchase credits in advance to see more
- Ulster Historical Foundation \$ – www.ancestryireland.com - Most databases only available to “guild members”; can order books without membership

Republic of Ireland Repositories (may hold records related to NI)

- National Archives of Ireland (Dublin) - <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>
 - Select “Researching your family tree”, then “Genealogy”, scroll down to select links of interest to search. May require download of free software to download images
- National Library of Ireland (Dublin) – www.nli.ie
 - Select “Catalogues and Databases” then select from list
- Quaker Records (Dublin): <https://quakers-in-ireland.ie/historical-library/>

Ireland in General (Subscription)

- RootsIreland - www.rootsireland.ie \$ - Parish Records (baptismal, marriage, death), census/ census substitutes, gravestone inscriptions, some ship passenger lists, Griffith’s Valuation and more
 - Formerly pay per view/credit purchase, now subscription; limited surname search (free)
- Find My Past – www.findmypast.com \$ - Church records (especially Quaker), 1796 Flax Grower’s list, wills, some land records

Helpful Written Resources/Books

- *Tracing Your Northern Irish Ancestors* – by Ian Mitchell
- *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* – by John Grenham
- *The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide* – by Claire Santry
- *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* – by Brian Mitchell
- *A Guide to Irish Parish Registers* – by Brian Mitchell
- *Irish Church Records* – Edited by James G. Ryan

Websites to Hire a Genealogist – Look for those who specialize in your area of interest or live near the repository of the record you wish to obtain. Also, ask friends/other researchers for references.

- **Society of Genealogists Northern Ireland (SGNI)** - <http://www.sgni.net/>
- **The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)** <http://www.icapgen.org/>

Irish Genealogy Informational/News Websites and Blogs

- www.johngrenham.com (sign up for his blog via email)
- www.irishgenealogynews.com

V22. Fundamental Mysteries IV They Want You To Find Them

by: Michael Garrambone

What is this all about?

Purpose: To make beginning researchers aware of some very simple and very helpful genealogical concepts

Mom's Old Album Book

Family Roots

It all started with the discovery of a photograph

Thoughts about the Amato's

- Grandma was born in NYC (But had no birth record)
- She had many brothers and sisters (Few listed anywhere)
- The family lived in Hoboken, NJ (why Hoboken?)

Mike the Hatter

When Did He Come to America?

Castle Garden: America's First Immigration Center Years 1820 to 1892 (before Ellis Island)

<http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

So, What Did I know? Where do you Start?

- FamilySearch.org (Michele Amato, born after 1850, before 1880)
- Found in 1900 Federal Census for NYC, 41 Thompson Street, NYC
- Found Wife Angela Amato with Family in 1910
- World Famous Hoboken, NJ (Map)

The City Directory can contain:

- Resident names
- Resident occupations
- Business address
- Home address
- Marital status
- Business by name/type
- Advertisements
- City offices & officials
- Street names
- Maps/jurisdictions/wards
- Parks, schools, clubs
- Religions centers, hospitals
- Fire, rescue, animal shelters

Extract of the 1891-1892 NYC City Directory

City Directories from FamilySearch & Ancestry

The Directory Trail

- The family lived and worked on Thompson Street
- They went into the hat and cap business also on Thompson Street
- Sometime between 1906 and 1907 son John took over the business until 1909

Michele Amato Birth Certificate

- Record made on 28 Jun 1857
- Father: Francesco Amato, 36
- Grandfather: fu Giuseppe Amato
- Mother: Marie Tuqia, 30
- Born on 27 Jun 1857
- Family did not read or write

Michele Becomes a Citizen

Antoinette Amato Weds Salvatore Garrambone

A Timeline

Super Sleuths Always Draw a Timeline

So Where is Michele Amato?

- The Amato's are all buried in Calvary Cemetery
- So Where is Calvary Cemetery?
- Where is Michele Amato?
- Are You Sure

Michele Amato Death Certificate

- If you did not find it here, it still may really be here
- There is a touch of human error in recording human things
- The list does not include those things not listed
- Records are kept a certain way – learn the way
- There is a little-known quirk in everything

So, what about Grandma (Antoinette Amato) Garrambone?

- Never saw her birth certificate
- Searched FamilySearch (FS) for New York, New York City
- Searched FS for New York, New York City, Vital Records
- Searched FS for New York, NYC, VR, Manhattan Births 1866-1919
- Not in the name index cards (DPW) for Manhattan for 1892
- Not in LDS index for Births in Manhattan for 1892
- The register had 4 files for the time frame of 1892 (thousands of images)

So, What Am I Missing

- You are researching a location, name, and date search
- You are using the name index to search
- You are looking for an easily written name, AMATO, but, you ain't finding Grandma this way
- Think about it!
- Switch to a date search—then look at the names

And Then

Is this Grandma?

And about Grandma Antoinette (Amato) Garrambone?

The Michele Amato Family of Monte San Giacomo, Salerno, Campania, Italy

Newlyweds 1912: A Family History

Summary

- Many fundamental things to know
- They put it on paper, expect quirks
- Try many sources and search techniques
- Beware of and consider the human errors

V23. Italian Research Introduction

by: Mike Garrambone

Italy Introduction

- The People
- The Country
- The Heritage
- The Family
- The Church
- The Music
- The Food
- The Arts
- The Architecture

The Three Basic Research Facts

1. Full Original Name (nome, cognome)
 - For example, Antonino Porcello
 - Watch for variations in spellings (e.g., A. Porchella)
2. Approximate Date of Birth (nascita)
 - For example, 10 December 1888 (note 4 digit year)
 - Estimates (fathers birth year \sim = son's birth - 20 years)
3. Location of Birth or town (comune)
 - Country and region
 - Provinces and town

Finding the Name

- Talk to Relatives (Best and Worst way)
 - Gather existing documents
 - Watch for mistakes, watch for omissions
- Research Documents
 - For example, son born in 1985
 - Estimate (fathers birth = 1985 - 20 = 1965)
- Search Heirlooms
 - Travel cards, religious articles
 - Family Bibles, photographs
 - Passports, newspaper clippings

Italian Naming Ideas

Finding the Birth Date

- Birth Records, Baptism Records
- Marriage Announcements, Marriage records
- Death records
- School records
- Censuses (watch the spellings)
- Ship Passenger Lists
- Family Bibles

Looking for a Birth Date

Italian Regions

- The 107 Provinces
- Finding the City Locator Fiche
- Detail Files Information
- Sicily
- Naro in Agrigento, Sicily

Things to Know About Italian Records

Migration

Passenger Ship Records

Family History Center Records

Arranged by Locality

- Anno (year)
- Provincia (province)
- Distretto (district)
- Comune (city or town)
- Type records (b, b, n, m, d)
- Indexed/non-indexed records
- Grouped records
- Municipal records

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Nelson, Lynn. *Discovering Your Italian Ancestors*. Betterway Books: Cincinnati, Ohio 1997, (ISBN 1-55870-426-4)

Terrific Family History Library and other Italian Reference Materials

- Family History Library Catalog (30968)
- Italian Genealogical Word List (34071)
- Italian Letter-Writing Guide (36338)
- Italian Research Outline (34113)

Addendum to Italian Genealogy I: Key Italian Word Listing

Complete list at: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Italian_Genealogical_Word_List

Italian	English	English	Italian	English	Italian
Frequently seen words		Counting Numbers		Months	
anni	age (years of)	1	uno	January	gennaio
anno	year	2	due	February	febbraio
bambino	child	3	tre	March	marzo
battesimo, -i	baptism(s),	4	quattro	April	aprile
cognome	surname	5	cinque	May	maggio
coniugato, -i	marriage(s)	6	sei	June	giugno
cresima, -e	confirmation(s)	7	sette	July	luglio
decesso, -i	death(s)	8	otto	August	agosto
figlia di	daughter of	9	nove	September	settembre
figlio di	son of	10	dieci	October	ottobre
genitori	parents	11	undici	November	novembre
indice	index	12	dodici	December	dicembre
infante	child	13	treddici	Days of the Week	
nata, nascita, -e	birth(s)	14	quattordici	Sunday	domenica
notificazioni	banns	15	quindici	Monday	lunedì
madre	mother	16	sedici	Tuesday	martedì
padre	father	17	diciassette	Wednesday	mercoledì
sposo	husband	18	diciotto	Thursday	giovedì
matrimonio,	marriage(s)	19	diciannove	Friday	venerdì
mese	month	20	venti	Saturday	sabato
moglie	wife	21	ventuno	Times of the Day	
decesso, -i	death(s)	22	ventidue	afternoon	pomeriggio
neonato, neonata	child	23	ventitre	16th hour :(4:00 PM)	alle ore sedici
nome	name	24	ventiquattro	before noon	ante meridiane
notificazioni	banns	25	venticinque	day	giorno
padrini	godparents	26	ventisei	evening	sera
parrocchia	parish	27	ventisette	hour	ora
pubblicazioni	banns	28	ventotto	midday	mezzogiorno
seppellimento,	sepolto,	29	ventinove	midnight	mezzanotte
sepulture, -i	burial(s)	29	ventinove	month	mese
sposa	wife	30	trenta	monthly	mensile
sposato	marriage(s)	31	trentuno	morning	mattina
sposo	husband	40	quaranta	night	notte
vedovo, -a -	widower,	50	cinquanta	the month of	del mese di
	widow	60	sessanta	on the day	addì
		70	settanta	year	anno
		80	ottanta	yesterday	ieri
		90	novanta	yesterday evening	iersera
		100	cento	yesterday morning	iermattina
		200	duecento		
		1000	mille		

Key Words in Documents		Some Professions		Special Document Words	
English	Italian	Italian	English	Italian	English
Birth Certificate	atto di nascita	agricoltore	farmer	archivi di stato	state archives
Mayor-	sindaco	albergatore	innkeeper	beni immobili	real property
Official-	ufficiale	assessore	alderman	bisnonna	great-grandmother
City-	città	avvocato	lawyer	bisnonno	great-grandfather
Act of-	atto di	banchiere	banker	carte	maps, charts
Certificate-	certificato	barbiere	barber	casa	house
Profession-	professione	barca,	boat maker	celibe	bachelor, bachelorette, single, unmarried
Parish-	parrocchia	barcaiolo	boatman		
Parish priest-	parroco	barilaio	cooper,	censimento	census
Priest-	sacerdote	barista	bartender	chiesa	church
Bishop-	vescovo	beccaio	butcher	cittadinanze	citizenship
Time-	tempo	beccamorti	grave digger	cittadino, -a	citizen
Witnesses-	testimoni	becchino	grave digger	corrente mese	current month d.
Notice-	indicazione	bettoliere	tavern keeper	don	respectful male title
Page-	foglio	bidello	janitor	decennio	decade
Mr-	signore	bifolco	plowman	decesso, -a	deceased, late
Mrs-	signora	boaro	cattle hand	dichiarato che	declared that
father-	padre	Borghese	burgher, citizen	è comparso, -a	appeared
mother-	madre	bottaio	cooper	estratto	extract
husband-	marito	bottegaio	shopkeeper	frazione	hamlet
wife-	moglie	bovaro	cattle driver	fu	late, deceased, was
son-	figlio	bracciale	laborer	gemelli	twins
daughter-	figlia	bracciante	farm laborer	genealogia	genealogy
baby (m), (f)	bambino, -a	bucataia	washwoman	indice	index
grandmother-	nonna	cacciatore	hunter	indici decennali	ten-year index
grandfather-	nonno	cafone	peasant	legge	law
aunt-	zia	calderaio	tinker	maggiore	eldest
uncle-	zio	calzolaio	shoemaker	marito	husband
birth-	nascita	cameriera	maid, girl	moglie	wife
baptism-	battesimo	cameriere	waiter	notificazioni	marriage banns
marriage-	matrimonio	cappellaio	hatter	numero	number
banns-	solenne promessa di celebrare matrimonio	carabiniere	policeman	ora	hour
death-	morto	carbonaio	coal dealer	processetti	marriage supplement
name-	nome	carraio	wheelwright	professione	profession
surname-	cognome	cucitrice	seamstress	provincia	province
parents-	genitori	dottore	doctor	pubblicazioni	publications (marriage banns)
great grandfather-	bisnonno	fattore	farmer	regione	region
great grandmother-	bisnonna	ferraio	blacksmith	riveli	tax lists, declarations
as above-	come sopra	filatore	spinner	sesso	sex (gender)
first	primo	filatrice	spinner	sottoscritto	the undersigned
second	secondo	fioraio	florist	stato civile	civil registration
		fornaio	baker	testimonio, -a	witness
		gendarme	policeman		

V24. Indexing Tips & Tricks

by: Todd Layton

Indexing: Tips and Tricks

Do you get lost when trying to do indexing? Not sure where to go, how to do it, or what all of it means? Here are some tips and tricks that may make your experience a little bit better.

Projects vs. Batch

- Project = large collection of similar Batches
 - Encyclopedia book M
- Batch = small collection of records to be indexed
 - Mouse, mouser, mousetrap, etc.

Search for a Project - <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/projects>

- Search by country
- ‘View Project Details’
 - Gives overview of the project
- ‘View Project Instructions’
 - Gives specific help and sample images that might be encountered

Find a Batch - <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/my-indexing>

- Filter to find a batch by:
 - Difficulty Level
 - Language
 - Name
 - Favorites

What fields do I need to fill out?

- Only fill out the fields that are available, mark all others as <Blank> or CTRL-B

Cursive is hard 😊

- Handwriting helps - <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting>

If it's over your head, just return the Batch. It's better to have a good experience and want to do more than be struggling so much you never want to do it again.

Why Index? The indexing you do may not help you in your personal family history. But it will help others. Be a ‘Savior on Mount Zion’ to others.