

INTERNET GENEALOGY

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Freebies to trace your family tree

Google it, Google it, Google it

(put names or places in quotes to eliminate extraneous returns, reverest first & last, use first initial)

LDS	FamilySearch.org
<u>Ellis Island Foundation</u>	stevemorse.org
<u>Cyndi's List</u>	http://www.cyndislist.com/
<u>USGenWeb Project</u>	http://usgenweb.org/
<u>MyHeritage</u>	http://www.myheritage.com/
<u>Dynastree</u>	http://tinyurl.com/4ycjyf

Check Cyndi's List (<http://www.cyndislist.com/>)

1- Chose a program

Windows

“Top Ten Reviews: <http://tinyurl.com/y8ebbog>

(#1) Family Tree for Windows

(#2) Legacy

(#3) Roots Magic

(#6) TMG (The Master Genealogist)

Apple

Mossberg's “Gene Software for the Mac” <http://tinyurl.com/42uct2o>

Family Tree Maker 2010

MacFamilyTree

GEDitCOM II

Linux

<http://tinyurl.com/3tpfg69>

Gramps <http://gramps-project.org/>

FTree <http://www.ftree.org/>

Genes <http://genes.sourceforge.net/>

2- Consider "the Cloud"

See “Genea-Musings” for an explanation of “the cloud” <http://tinyurl.com/nshbya>

Ancestry <http://ancestry.com>

WeRelate (ACPL*) <http://tinyurl.com/3eo85yg> “The World's Largest Wiki”

Genealogy Cloud (One Great Family LDS) <http://tinyurl.com/6hl9837>

Geni.com <http://www.geni.com/>

* Allen County Public Library

WIKI: A Web site developed collaboratively by a community of users, allowing any user to add and edit content.

GEDCOM, see <http://tinyurl.com/3l4ry7r> [**GE**nealogical **Data COM**munication]

3- Online sources

GenWeb (Google eg: "Story County Iowa GenWeb")
Ancestry (Library Ed is free via **VCPL ## see below**)
Fold3 (was Footnote) Military Records <http://www.fold3.com/>
Pennsylvania Archives are free
FamilySearch.org
RootswEB Family Trees (button the top line menu)
Heritage Quest (via **VCPL ## see below**) (Google VCPL)
NEHGS * <http://www.americanancestors.org/home.html>
Godfrey Memorial Library * <http://www.godfrey.org/>
Genealogy Bank * <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/>
LOC Chronicling America * <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

[your state] Archives (Google [your state] State Archives)
http://dliis.dos.state.fl.us/index_Researchers.cfm
<http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/>
<http://www.archives.state.al.us/>

University Archives (Google [your state] University)
<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/spec-coll/archives/>
<http://www.lib.fsu.edu/specialcollections/>

4- Books

County and town histories
archive.org (free, downloadable pdf histories of 200-1200 pages)
Google Books (Google eg: "History of Marshall County Iowa")
Heritage Quest (via **VCPL ## see below**) Books, search surname

Books on CD

Ancestry World on eBay <http://stores.ebay.com/ANCESTRY-WORLD>
Inter Library Loan (ILL) (ask the reference librarian)

5- Stay Informed

Join genealogy societies such as **Roots & Branches** <http://tinyurl.com/2c7bnzv>
Sign up for genealogy news feeds (RSS)
Go to www.rssgenealogy.com for a list
Read Dick Eastman's blog, mostly free <http://blog.eogn.com/>
Read other Blogs (Cyndi's List has lists)

6- Join mailing lists

Find mailing lists on RootswEB, bottom left
Every locality you're researching
Every surname you're researching
You'll get lots of "noise" but a nugget from time to time
Post queries, wait, sometimes a long time
(When you check eMail select ALL then uncheck the ones you might want to read, delete the rest)

Always sign up for Roots-L, a catch all and the oldest list

7- Check Bulletin Boards

Rootsweb (bottom left)

Find Bulletin Boards for every surname and locality

Post queries

8- Mailing lists and/or bulletin boards

VERY IMPORTANT Catch them with the **SUBJECT LINE**

Subj: Looking for grandpa **WILL GET NO HITS OR EVEN SOME FLAMES**

Subj: [Hale family 1830 NY > 1860 IL > 1880 IA](#)

The more detailed, but short, the better.

9- Download "PODCASTS"

Cyndi's List has many

"The Genealogy Guys" posted every week (<http://genealogyguys.com/>)

(have your note pad and pen ready)

VCPL - Google it, on the left panel click Databases, enter library card # and password (PUBLIC or your pin) Enter a search for Ancestry, Heritage Quest, NewsBank, Newspapers etc or enter 'genealogy' and browse the list.

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Volusia County GenWeb Lookup Volunteer
<<http://www.flgenhisonline.com/counties/flagvol/volusia/volusia.html>>
Volusia County Florida Genealogy <<http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/>>
Marshall County Iowa GenWeb Lookup Volunteer
<<http://www.iagenweb.org/marshall/links.html>>