

## FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITE PICK OF THE WEEK

1- <http://www.FamilySearch.org> (free)- The Church's official Family History website, it is the world's largest collection of family history information. (Ancestral File, IGI (Temple Records), US Census, Parish records, Catalog for Family History Library in Salt Lake, Pedigree Resource File, Social Security Death Index, Vital Records Index, PAF download, printable forms and more.)

2- <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/unews/> This is a great free web site to search old newspapers - Deseret News 1850-1898, Salt Lake Tribune the complete 1800's plus dozens of early small town newspapers in Utah

3- <http://www.Ancestry.com> - Most comprehensive online genealogical resources available including all available US Census records. They also have a huge collection of patron submitted family trees. (by subscription but free at the Family History Center).

4- <http://www.Ancestry.co.uk> - Specifically focuses on researching the United Kingdom and Ireland (subscription)

7- <http://www.Rootsweb.com> - Oldest and largest free online community for family history. It contains (free) extensive interactive guides and research tools. The site's WorldConnect Project contains more than 209 million names. It has huge mailing lists and genealogy links

8- <http://www.Cyndislist.com> - Best known catalog of family history web sites in over 150 different categories. (free) It is the jumping-off point for you to use in your online research. It is like a card catalog to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.

9- <http://www.Genealogy.about.com> - (free) how-to's, forums, family history projects, immigration center, genealogy databases, coat of arms, and other resources

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11- <http://www.Dearmyrtle.com> (free) fun, helpful family history web site with a daily email newsletter, beginning online lessons, weekly chats, family history for kids and writing your personal history.

12- <http://www.familyhistoryradio.com> - It isn't really a radio station, but online genealogy training presentations, talks and information to educate new and experienced genealogists

13- <http://www.distantcousin.com> - Search surnames, city directories, census links, passenger lists, queries, social security death Index, Military records, cemetery transcriptions, obituaries, and other databases.

14- <http://www.dmarie.com/timecap> - Find out what happened on any date from 1800 through 2002

15- <http://www.newspaperarchive.com/DesktopDefault.aspx> - History at your fingertips in millions of searchable newspaper pages. Search every word in old newspapers online between 1759-2004.

16- <http://www.frontiernet.net/%7Ecdm/age1bd.html> - How old was I when? Enter your birth date and you'll quickly learn how much older or younger you are than assorted celebrities and historic events.

17- <http://roots.cs.byu.edu/pedigree/index.php> - A free downloadable software tool that reads a GEDCOM file and creates a single page pedigree chart in PDF format. These charts can be as large as 3.5by6 feet, and up to 80 generations can be displayed. Once a chart has been created on your computer, you can upload it to their web site and order a large format hard-copy print for a nominal fee which will be mailed to you.

18- [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) (free) Can lead you to the records that bring you back to your immigrant ancestor and you can order personal Heritage Documents on archival paper or print them on your computer.

19- [http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/hist\\_country-names.htm](http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/hist_country-names.htm) Learn old-time names for present-day countries around the world, then read about the country.

20- <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps> Find current and historical maps for you ancestral homeland. This site offers maps for countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Australia, the Americas and the United States.

21- <http://www.cslib.org/nickname.htm> Ever wondered if the name your ancestor went by his entire life was a nickname for something else? This site will give you some ideas.

22- <http://www.englishorigins.com/help/popup-aboutbo-bmi.htm> Boyd's Marriage Index\

23- <http://dlxs.richmond.edu/d/ddr/index.html>. The University of Richmond has digitized the Richmond Daily Dispatch newspaper for the Civil War years. The project is not yet complete, but is available for use and exploration. It could be a big help in your research for Civil War era ancestors.

24- <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/overview.htm> Various military records, including Pennsylvania National Guard Veteran's Card File, 18678-1921: WWI Service Medal Application Cards and Mexican Border Campaign Veterans' Card file.

25- <http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/> Spend some time learning how to use ARIAS (Archives Records Information Access System) to search its 1.5 million records for Pennsylvania.

26- <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html>

Online death indexes including obituaries, cemetery records and Social Security Death Index, and other online records from all the states.

27- [www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/home.html](http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/digitalcollections/home.html)

Digital records at the Indiana University. A vast collection of documents, maps, atlases, directories, indexes, old magazines, books, military records and photos.

28- [www.lib.byu.edu/fhc](http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc) Over 5,000 genealogy books have been digitized and are searchable online

29- [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) Register for free to access many databases for US and England

30- [www.raogk.org](http://www.raogk.org) Our over 4000 volunteers from every state have agreed to do a free genealogy research task at least once per month in their local area as an act of kindness. While the volunteers of Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) have agreed to donate their time for free, you MUST PAY the volunteer for his/her expenses in fulfilling your request (copies, printing fees, postage, film or video tape, parking fees, etc.).

31- [www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com) Find your ancestors in our growing collection of birth, death, military, census and parish records. We currently have over 500 databases online and will be adding over 10,000 new databases in the next few months! We want to help you easily discover your family history. FREE AT THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER or \$2 per month

32- [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov) The official Bureau of Land Management website where you can access various land records in the US.

33- [www.rootstelevision.com](http://www.rootstelevision.com) You can watch genealogy related TV shows for free. You must, however have High Speed Internet hookup.

34-[www.archives.gov/genealogy/military](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/military) This is a free government website that contains military records from all the US wars.

35-[www.grillyourgranny.com](http://www.grillyourgranny.com) From this website you can order fancy, colorful genealogy charts suitable for framing

36-[www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica](http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica) Digital Newspapers from 1900 to 1910 from many states, fully searchable, more being added all the time.

37-[www.genealogytoolbox.com](http://www.genealogytoolbox.com) A portal to find genealogical resources online plus many digital databases including census, military and postal records.

38-[www.colonialct.uconn.edu/default.cfm](http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/default.cfm) The University of Connecticut has placed online many colonial records from 1636 to 1776 for the New England area.

39-<http://marriage.vigo.lib.in.us/marriage/> Indiana marriage application records from 1914 to 1951. Marriage applications contain the best genealogical information.

40-[www.digitalpast.org](http://www.digitalpast.org) Digital records from many libraries in Illinois, fully searchable online for free

41-<http://images.google.com> Google Image Search is the largest portal to collections of photos on the Internet. Search for photos of people, localities, headstones, buildings etc.

42-[www.ancientfaces.com](http://www.ancientfaces.com) This is a place for free sharing of your genealogy work., old photos, family stories, recipes, success stories etc. You can do a name or place search and not only locate data, but can get connected to the person who submitted that data.

43-<http://www.usgenweb.org> A group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This Project is non-commercial and fully committed to free genealogy access for everyone.

44-[www.cangenealogy.com](http://www.cangenealogy.com) Your guide to the best sources for genealogy research in Canada

45-<http://books.google.com> Google Book Search is the largest portal to collections of digitized books on the Internet. Just type in the name of your ancestor and locality and see what pops up.

46-[www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net) Interment.net contains thousands of transcriptions of cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions, from cemeteries in the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. Access is free - no subscription fees, no money

47-[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials, add 'virtual flowers' and a note to a loved one's grave, etc. • [Search 15 million grave records](#) • [Search for a cemetery](#) • [Add burial records](#) • [View recently added names](#) • [Stroll through our online cemetery](#) • [Join the Find A Grave Community](#) • [Top 50 Contributors](#) • [Surname index](#) • [Social Security Death Index \(SSDI\)](#)

48-<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov> Search for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries, and for veterans buried in private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a government grave marker.

49-[www.englishorigins.com](http://www.englishorigins.com) WELCOME TO BRITISH ORIGINS - Specialists in Welsh and English Genealogy British Origins offers access to the most authentic English genealogy collections online, including unique English ancestor records and maps of England and Wales, featuring England and Wales Gazetteer maps, Boyd's marriage records, burial records, court depositions, 1871 Census, apprenticeship

records, wills PLUS the 1841 England and Wales Census: all accessible via a free British and English name search and UK place search.

50-<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> This subscription website offers a free name search. It also gives lists of available Scottish databases.

51-<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/> Enter this large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

52-<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/> Resources for German Genealogy on the Internet. Research Information for Americans of German Descent

53-<http://www.genealogyforum.rootsweb.com/gfaol/internet/Scandinavian.htm> Good list of Scandinavian research links

54- [http://genealogy.about.com/od/dna\\_genetics/](http://genealogy.about.com/od/dna_genetics/) Learn how the genetic markers in DNA can help you to find your ancestors. Plus, how to use genealogy and genetics to predict your risk from a variety of medical conditions.

55-<http://personalhistoryhelp.com/> If you have decided to write you personal history or the history of one of your ancestors, this web site is for you. It was created to help you organize and preserve your memorabilia, write your text and prepare your book for publication. The information and materials presented on and made available through this web site are designed to take you, step by step, through the process of creating a personal history.

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