

Pocket Guide to Genealogical Websites

For/By
Texas Research Ramblers

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Just remember....

INTERNET
GENEALOGICAL
INFORMATION
IS.....

OCCASIONALLY

SELDOM

RARELY

DOCUMENTED &
VERIFIED!

YOU have to use this
helpful tool as a
starting point and
find the documents
to verify the data.

Miscellaneous Information:

Using Google

- Put name in quotation marks followed by +
- (ex. "John Smith" + Jones –his name, her maiden name)
- (ex. "John Smith" + Podunk, Kentucky – name plus location)
- (try "genealogy database" + location, ie, SC)

Google News Archive Search: www.news.google.com/archivesearch

A form to make 'googling' more successful:

<http://www.genealogy-search-help.com/>

Finding a name within a page of print:

- Control key + "F" - put name or word in pop-up box and hit "Find next"

A Finding Biological Parents site: <http://adoptionsearching.com>

Libraries with Genealogy Collections w/in 100 miles of B/CS

Carnegie Center of Brazos Valley History

111 S. Main St., Bryan, TX 77803, (979) 209-5630

Clayton Library for Genealogical Research

5300 Caroline St., Houston, TX 77004-6896

(832) 393-2600

Montgomery County Memorial Library System

104 I-45 N, Conroe, TX 77301 (936) 788-8377

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

1201 Brazos, Austin, TX (512) 463-5455

Waco-McClellan Library

1717 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701 (254) 750-5941

Texas Genealogy Sites – www.genealinks.com/states/tx.htm

Texas Genealogical & Historical Societies –

www.txgenweb.org/tx/society.htm

Free Genealogical Websites with Basic Information

1. www.rootsweb.com Basic searches begin with "family trees" on heading line but any blue underlined word can be clicked on for a multitude of information
2. www.familysearch.org Basic search by filling in boxes that appear. Browse entire collection by clicking on a location. Find previous version by clicking on help & scrolling to end of page.
3. www.genforum.com Initial search by putting surname or geographical site in "jump to forum" box. Narrow with word in "Search this forum" box. Again, underlined blue words can be clicked on for additional information
4. www.usgenweb.org Click on the State, choose a County and click around to see what information is available. Many sites have a helpful search engine.
5. www.usgennet.org Several good links on this home site but "Search USGenNet Sites" gets you to links to States.
6. www.gencircles.com Fill in as many boxes as possible
7. <http://www.epodunk.com/> General site; pull up data first by State, community. Historical, cemeteries records, etc., good links.
8. <http://www.linkpendium.com> Site opens to "9,964,065" links.
9. www.cyndislist.com Widely acclaimed; not user friendly.
10. www.stevemorse.org Extensive list of links to research sites
11. www.genealogylinks.net - Links to worldwide resources
12. www.olivetreegenealogy.com – more than 1900 pages of resources
13. www.findagrave.com – Over 74 million grave records easily searched. Many with considerable family information.

www.heritagequestonline.com Census records, books, and more. Free to Bryan/College Station library patrons and can be used at home. Request Username and Password from librarian. Very useful website

Free Websites continued

Directories:

Of State Libraries: <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/statelib.htm>

Of State Archives:

www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html

Genealogist's Address Book – www.genealogical.com Many helps; click on “Genealogy Links” for some genealogy sites.

Access Genealogy – www.accessgenealogy.com

Ancestor Hunt – www.ancestorhunt.com Extensive list of links

Free Public Records Directory – Extensive links to resources

www.publicrecords.onlinesearches.com

National Archives & Records Administration

<http://www.archives.gov> Home page with various links

Public Libraries – www.publiclibraries.com

Census Helps: Census Online – www.census-online.com

<http://www.us-census.org/>

Data about frequency of names -

http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names_files.html

www.usa.gov - Put “genealogy” in search box for various link

<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/USA/MI> Change the MI to any other State and pull up links for that specific State

<http://birth-certificates.net/missouri.htm> Change the State name for birth certificates from other States

Cemeteries: <http://www.findagrave.com/>

Cemetery inscriptions: (US, Can, Eng & more)

www.interment.net

Great list of links: www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2008.htm

Post a query to: www.CousinConnect.com

Check links at: www.DistantCousins.com

Top 10 sites + 162: www.familychronicle.com/webpicks.htm

Family History Internet Sites: <http://home.byu.net/ks4/> VERY long list

World Bride Index: <http://brideindex.info/>

New York Times Archives, 1851-Present:

<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>

Worldwide collection (74,553) of photos, videos, audio clips & stories.

Click on map. <http://www.historypin.com/photos/#>

Subscription Based Genealogy Sites:

www.ancestry.com

\$19.95 a month for US research; \$29.95 for World Deluxe
\$155.40 a year for US; \$299.40 for World Deluxe
extensive access to multiple records, books, maps, etc.

www.footnote.com

\$11.95 a month, \$79.95 annually; about 63 million images

www.genealogybank.com

\$19.95 per month; \$69.95 annually

Access to newspapers, obituaries, books, etc.

Extensive, 1690 – Present

www.WorldVitalRecords.com

\$14.95 month; \$109.96 annually

check what's free and what costs at

www.WorldVitalRecords.com/contenthistory.aspx

or www.WorldVitalRecords.com/genealogy~databases.aspx

www.godfrey.org

Plans from \$45 - \$125; basically New England information

www.findmypast.com

English census and civil registrations

www.genline.com

From \$7. to \$287; Swedish parish records.

Extensive and excellent

www.grl.com Genealogical Research Library Online

From \$20 to \$90. Called “Gateway to Genealogy Search among billions of people in 200 countries”

www.USGennet.org Membership ‘free’ to those who

donate more than \$20. Various categories of membership based on ‘donation’

Military oriented websites:

1840 census of Pensioners, Revolutionary or military services:

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/>

American Archives; documents of the Revolutionary War

<http://dig.lib.niu.edu/amarch/>

NJ in the Revolutionary War

http://www.njstatelib.org/NJ_Information/Digital_Collections/

Civil War newspapers:

http://www.utt Tyler.edu/vbetts/newspaper_titles.htm

Collection of pension applications for Revolutionary War participants from the Southern Campaign: <http://southerncampaign.org/pen/>

Military Service Records:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>

Finding Living People

www.411.com

www.infobel.com/world/default.aspx

<http://peoplesearch.lycos.com/whitepage/>

www.numberway.com

www.reverselookup.com

www.switchboard.com

www.whitepages.com

<http://people.yahoo.com>

www.zabasearch.com

www.intellius.com

<http://wink.com>

Free sites continued

Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records –

www.deathindexes.com or

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

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

Native American Access Genealogy

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/>

List of links to online Native American resources

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgwnar/>

Photo genealogy research site:

DeadFred – www.deadfred.com

Historic Newspaper Chronicling America

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica>

Search For Ancestors - www.searchforancestors.com Many databases

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness – volunteers will look things up for you <http://www.raogk.org/>

Dar website: http://216.36.105.133/DAR_Research/search/

Lutheran Church archives: <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/History/ELCA-Archives/Regional-Archives.aspx>

Historic American newspapers, various States, primarily 1900-1910 but some earlier: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Free sites but need to register first

<http://ellisland.org/> immigration records after 1892

www.castlegarden.org immigration records prior to 1892

<http://www.worldcat.org>

<http://lostcousins.com>

www.ancientfaces.com

www.myheritage.com

Geographical areas: New England Plus:

(ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV, DC)

Farber Gravestone Collection:

<http://www.americanantiquarian.org/digital2.htm#farber>

images of sculpture on 9,000+ graves, in the northeast prior to 1800

Colonial Conn. Records <http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/default.cfm>

Delaware information: <http://delgensoc.org/>

MD Archives Online, 17th-20 cen: www.aomol.net/html/index.html

MA: Barnstable Patriot Newspaper Archives, Cape Cod, 1830-1930:

<http://www.sturgislibrary.org/collections/barnstable-patriot>

Plymouth Colony Archive Project:

<http://www.histarch.uiuc.edu/plymouth/index.html>

New York: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygenweb>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyqueen2/>

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/localities.northam.usa.states.newyork.counties.queens/mb.ashx>

<http://nyvagenealogy.homestead.com/newyorkrecords.htm>

[http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdtaffet/lutheran-](http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdtaffet/lutheran-roots_list.htm)

[roots_list.htm](http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdtaffet/lutheran-roots_list.htm) (a mailing list)

[http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/NY/misc.html#NY-](http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/NY/misc.html#NY-LONGISLAND)

[LONGISLAND](http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/NY/misc.html#NY-LONGISLAND) (a mailing list)

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/NY/queens.html>

(a mailing list)

NY Newspapers; <http://news2.nynln.net/fulton-patriot/search.html>

<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

NY Public Library Digital Gallery: 376 images, mostly pre-1923

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm>

Penn. Digital Archives: www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us

PA Civil War newspapers: <http://digitalnewspapers.libraries.psu.edu/>

despite title dates are from 1847-1874)

Library of Virginia: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/> Many digitalized

collections; under 'Digital Collections' you'll find "Collections by

Topic"; several pertinent topics to choose from

VA Gazette newspaper: www.research.history.org/DigitalLibrary.cfm

W. Vir. birth/death cert: http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx

World sites continued

Canada:

Canadian Pamphlets and BroadSides Collection, pre 1930

Collection: <http://digital.library.utoronto.ca/broadsides>

Canadian Genealogy Centre: www.genealogy.gc.ca

www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy

www.cangenealogy.com

www.canadagenweb.org

Early Canadiana Online: www.canadiana.org

That's My Family: www.thatsmyfamily.info

Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid: www.islandnet.com/ocfa

Ontario Genealogical Society: www.ogs.on.ca

British Isles: England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland:

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/> Free birth, marriage and death records from England and Wales. Dates are in quarters per year, not specific month and day.

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/> Digital Library of Historical Directories, 18-20th cent, from England & Wales.

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/library/spcoll/quaker/quakint1.htm> Quaker Archive Database from Leeds, ENG, 17th-early 20th cent.)

London Gazette, 1665-Present (free) www.gazettes-online.co.uk

British Library www.bl.uk or www.uk.olivesoftware.com

The Original Record www.theoriginalrecord.com (Eng.)

National Burial Index www.familyhistoryonline.net (Eng.)

Irish Genealogy Limited www.irishgenealogy.ie

United Kingdom and Irish info) www.genuki.org.uk

www.ancestorsonboard.com - 24 million records of people leaving the British Isles between 1890 and 1960

World-Wide website helps:

Basic sites: www.worldgenweb.org Much like usgenweb but on a global scale.
www.progenealogists.com/specialtysites.htm Has list of countries with good links.

Czech: <http://czechgenealogy.org>

Danish Demographic Database: http://ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm

Finland – www.genealogia.fi/indexe.htm

www.migrationinstitute.fi/index_e.php

(Finnish immigration records)

France: <http://francogene.com> “your gateway to Franco-American & French Canadian genealogy on the internet”

German:

http://www.genealoger.com/german/pommern/ger_pommern.htm

(Pomeranian Genealogy)

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster> (German Roots)

www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html (German Gen. Network)

Italy: www.daddezio.com “good jumping off site for Italian research”

Netherlands archives: www.genlias.nl/en/page0.jsp

Norway – www.norwayheritage.com

www.digitalarkivet.no

Nova Scotia: www.novascotiagenealogy.com (BMD's)

Prussia: <http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/iza.php?/=en>

Russia: www.rusarchives.ru “key website for Russian links”

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Geographical sites continued

NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, LA, AR, TN

North Carolina:

NC State Archives: www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/archives/default.htm

Eastern NC Digital Lib. (list of books)

<http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/historyfiction/>

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords>

<http://www.co.stokes.nc.us/deeds/>

NC newspapers <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/newspaper/index.html>

Some Georgia helps

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/Topics/Literature.html?Welcome>

<http://www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/index.shtml>

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

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

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

<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>

<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/countyfilm.php> (GA's Virtual Vault)

Texas & Oklahoma

<http://three-legged-willie.org/> (mostly Williamson Co. but some information for other counties also)

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/> (The Portal to Texas History)

<http://www2.tsl.state.tx.us/trail/RepublicSearch.html> Republic Claims Search of the Republic of Texas, relates to activities In 1830's, 40's but data as late as 1880's

Texas State Library & Archives: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us>

County Clerks: ie Harris Co: www.cclerk.hctx.net

Great links at: www.texasgenealogy.org

Geographical sites continued: Southwest US

CA, AZ, NM, CO, UT, NV

Utah Cemetery Burials Databases –

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

www.history.utah.gov/apps/burials/execute/searchburials

Utah County Obituary Index: www.lib.buyi.edu/dlib/ucoi

***Western States Marriage Records Index – pre-1900 records include records from parts of AZ, ID, NV, CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY

www.abish.buyi.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm

Northwest US: WA, OR, ID, WY, MT

Search for Western immigration information for free, must subscribe to read documents: <http://www.paper-trail.org>

<http://www.oregonpioneers.com/ortrail.htm>

Northwest newspapers, ID, WA, OR, 1900-s-1930's:

http://content.wsulibs.wsu.edu/pncc/NW_history/index.php

Washington State: www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

Geographical sites: Middle America

ND, SD, NE, KS, MO, IO, MN, WS, MI, OH, KY, IN, IL

Chicago & Cook Co., IL www.cookcountygenealogy.com

Missouri Death Certificates, 1910-1956:

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates

Some General Geographical Helps:

Google: (Name of State) Genealogy Websites

State Archives of _____

Cemeteries of _____

Birth records of _____

Marriage records of _____

Death records of _____