

Online Genealogy Resources

General sites

1. [Cyndi's List](#): Over 280,000 links to online genealogical resources, including forms, tutorials, databases, etc.
2. [Stephen P. Morse](#) databases: Links to Ellis Island & Castle Garden records; passenger ship records; U.S., Canadian & BRitish census records; SSDI, etc.
3. [U.S. Census](#): Records from 1790-1940, with 1950 coming in 2022; also available through Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.org
4. [Social Security Death Index](#): Contains names of most deceased people who had Social Security cards from mid-1930s to present; includes birth & death dates, last place of residence, where last SS check was mailed, SS number, state where SS card was issued
5. [Ancestry.com](#): Giant database containing over 5 billion records, including census, military, and passenger ships; access for free in the library
6. [Heritage Quest](#): "Home" version of Ancestry.com; includes U.S. census records, genealogical books, Revolutionary War documents, Freedman's Bank records, etc. can be accessed free from anywhere using your SPL library card
7. [Rootsweb](#): Free database made up of data submitted by volunteers; a good place to start, but also be sure to verify this information with other sources
8. [American Ancestors](#) (New England Historic Genealogical Society): Extensive databases that include historical journals, magazines, vital records, land and probate records, family and local history books, etc. Some free searching available, but membership fee required for full access
9. [Family Search](#) (Mormon Church database): The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) has been collecting genealogical data from around the world for over a century. It has the largest collection of genealogical information in the world, and much of it is available online, free of charge. Specific microfilms can be ordered for minimal charge and viewed at a local Family History Center (closest is 67 Chester St., Worcester)
10. [Genealogy.com](#): Articles on genealogy and forums based on topic or surname; no membership required, but information may be limited

More specific sites

- [National Archives](#) (Washington, DC): Includes military records, land records, court records, naturalization records
- [Library and Archives of Canada](#)
- [PRDH](#) (Le programme de recherche en demographie historique): QDemographic information from 17th-19th century Quebec/French Canada
- [Census Finder](#): A directory of free census records, including U.S., U.K. Canada, Native American, Norway, & Sweden
- [Godfrey Memorial Library](#): In Middletown, CT; dedicated to genealogical resources. Paid daily visitor passes or annual membership. Resources include historic newspapers, Civil War documents, personal letters & diaries, family bible records, etc., as well as links to free online databases
- [Allen County Fort Wayne Public Library](#): Another large genealogical library collection; largest subject index to genealogical and historical periodical articles; original compiler of PERSI
- [PERiodical Source Index](#) (PERSI): A comprehensive family history resource with over 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications

- [Family Tree Maker](#)
- [Hamburg Link to your Roots](#)
- [Civil War Research](#): Union and Confederate soldier and regimental histories
- [American Civil War database](#): Membership-only database, service and personal information on Civil War soldiers
- [Newsbank](#): America's Obituaries & Death Notices: Access via the library's reference page for free access
- [Library of Congress](#): Useful sections include "American Memory," online map collection, and "Chronicling America" (historic newspapers)

Ethnic Web pages

- [African American](#)
- [German](#)
- [Hispanic](#)
- [Jewish](#)
- [Great Britain and Ireland](#)
- [Irish](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Native American](#)

Useful genealogy search engines & databases

- [Ancestor Hunt](#)
- [Access Genealogy](#)
- [Vital Records](#)
- [General Land Office Records](#) (Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Ellis Island](#)
- [Castle Garden](#)

Genealogical & Historical Societies

- [Shrewsbury Historical Society](#)
- New England Historic Genealogical Society ([American Ancestors](#)); facility on Newbury Street in Boston accessible with daily fee
- [New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Library](#)
- [Jewish Genealogical Society](#) (New York, NY)
- [American-Canadian Genealogical Society](#) (Manchester, NH)
- [American-French Genealogical Society](#) (Woonsocket, RI)
- [Southern California Genealogical Society](#) (Burbank, CA)

Free translation services

- [Babel Fish](#)
- [Google](#)
- [Bing](#)
- [Systran](#)
- [Yandex](#)

Copyright & ethics resources

- [Copyright Basics](#)
- [10 Big Myths about Copyright Explained](#)
- [Assn. of Professional Genealogists' Code of Ethics](#)
- [Who owns genealogy? Cousins and copyright](#)