

Libraries, city/county or university libraries, local library, as well as where ancestors lived. Genealogical subscriptions may be available online (may require card#). Most libraries have an ancestry.com subscription (in library use only), as well as other in-house or online resources.

Links to individual library web sites throughout the world <https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/>

To find US libraries websites: <http://www.lib-web.org/>

Genealogy searches

Familysearch.org – LDS (Mormon) site, US and international records, marriage records, birth and death records. Set up free account to access all files. Some records are not indexed, but are browsable (see CATALOG search pulldown and search by place name). <https://familysearch.org/>

Cyndi's List: Genealogical research portal, free and fee-based sites <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Rootsweb.org – Free branch of ancestry.com (linear family trees) <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Links to all states <http://usgenweb.org/> Availability varies by county and state. Also world project: <https://www.worldgenweb.org/>

Immigration

One-step searching site for immigration records (mostly free, but some for fee on ancestry.com), more user-friendly access to Ellis Island and Castle Garden, also permits printing of documents which other sites may not <http://stevemorse.org/> Ellis Island/Castle Garden free accounts required to see/print documents from those sites.

Castle Garden Immigration Center (1855-1890) <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., records starting 1892 www.ellisisland.org

Immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures, ship descriptions, shipping-line fleet lists; passenger lists to Canada, US, and Australia <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Vital Records

Vital and probate records, links by states: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/vitalrecords1.htm>

U.S. vital records handout: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Vital_Records_Class_Handout

Vital records for genealogy research: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/vital-records/>

Death indexes/information, cemetaries:

Funeral homes, local newspapers good sources for recent obituaries; library websites may be helpful.

Cemetery, graves database, (entered by volunteers, and may not always be accurate)

<http://www.findagrave.com/>; also <https://billiongraves.com/> (primarily tombstone pictures)

Age calculator: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~fgris/family/brown/agecalc.html>

Online cemetery records and burial indexes: <https://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html>

Recent newspaper obituaries (2000-current) <http://www.legacy.com/>

Online death indexes, records, certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, wills and probate records, and cemetery burials. <http://www.deathindexes.com/>

Cemetery listings by state and county: <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/cemetery-records>

Social Security Death Index (excludes most recent 3 years by law) Genealogy bank--while a subscription service, the SSDI portion of it is free <http://www.genealogybank.com>; available on ancestry and family search; another source <https://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>

US death indices and records:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online_U.S._Death_Indexes_%26_Records

Historical Newspapers and Media

Google archives, old newspapers <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Chronicling America (Library of Congress): Historical newspapers from 1790 to 1924. Also provides list of newspapers (1690 to present) and what libraries have collections, either microfilm or hardcopy
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

US small town newspapers: <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/america/small-town-newspapers.htm>

More US small town newspapers: <http://www.stparchive.com/landing.php>

Links to free newspapers: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html> This site has a variety of other resources too.

Media out of copyright, county and family history books, download; some newer books eligible for lending <https://archive.org/>

Many states have statewide newspaper projects (often through a university library), theancestorhunt (above) for links organized by state. The following states have a central online repository: AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, NY, NC, OH, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, and WY. City, county and university libraries may be a source for newspapers (sometimes online).

Social Media

Facebook: Genealogy and history (in English) Facebook groups/pages, a 436-page PDF file containing 16,700+ links (updated Jan 2021): <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf> File includes clickable table of contents. Note: As of January 2021, future updates and maintenance of list is being handled by Cyndi's List at <https://cyndislist.com/facebook>.

Download Canadian list that includes French-speaking groups at https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10169, and an Australian list at <https://www.lonetester.com/2020/12/facebook-for-australian-history-and-genealogy-2/>

Helpful YouTube videos about using Facebook: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-n8O5mSFvE>, <https://www.wikihow.com/Use-Facebook>

Charts & forms

Resources for genealogists: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

Blank census forms (US, UK, Canada): <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/census-forms>

Specific Census Information

Tutorials for each census year: <http://genealogybybarry.com/?s=census+research&submit=Search>

Clues in **1850-1930 census** records: <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1850-1930.html>

Subscription sites: get on the mailing lists for sites of interest; you will be notified of subscription specials as well as times when access to records (or limited records) are free.

Not an ancestry subscriber? Ancestry does have some free records (use the catalog; free items are labeled), as well as individual state records for state residents' access (usually from state archives)

Videos and Live Events

For how-to genealogy videos, see youtube.com, and search for topic of interest. See also Legacy webinars, Ancestry Academy, and others.

**Conference Keeper: Genealogy virtual events on a single, organized website. Site's goal is to help individuals increase knowledge, skills, and enjoyment of genealogical research by sharing details of genealogy events. Programs and conferences mostly free, but some for fee. Get on mailing list for weekly updates. <https://conferencekeeper.org/>