

In the past I have taught a separate class on how to search different sites. THERE IS A LOT MORE THAN JUST ANCESTRY AND FAMILY SEARCH! If that is all you are using, you are missing some fantastic sites. I don't have time in this class to teach the proper ways to search on ancestry.com but just putting in a name is not always the best way. Below are some sample sites you may not know about. I tried to include something for the various areas you told me about in the survey for this class. There are many more! Be creative and look around! This list is intended to give you some places to start, and I am positive there are new sites listed here even for those of you who have done a lot of research.

** indicate ones that may be really helpful. **If you have NY folks DO NOT MISS FULTON HISTORY....it is newspapers from around the state...not just Fulton.** If you need help searching this, email me for some tips. Carol

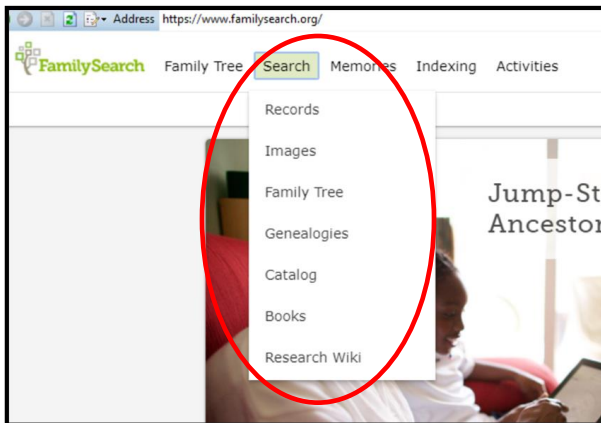
I. Common sources: all states, most countries

<https://www.ancestry.com> (paid...can access through the Heritage Library, with purchase of Family Tree Maker, get a free trial; sometimes free access to some sections around holidays)

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/dir/> Lot of links by state and record type (paid/fee)

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/> (free site) **USE RECORDS not just trees!**

From the top bar, click on search, but then you can select records, images, books, etc. These send you to sources (census, printed books etc.) and are not just trees that are user submitted.



***Be sure to try the last option....RESEARCH WIKI! GREAT stuff here: Examples:**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Nova Scotia, Canada Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Nova_Scotia,_Canada_Genealogy)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sweden_Genealogy)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Scotland_Genealogy)

JUST EXPLORE ALL AVAILABLE! Much better info than the "trees" on the site.

Remember, trees are often full of errors, assumptions, and may simply be data copied from one "poor" researcher by another "poor" researcher so the errors are compounded. 😞

www.Usgenweb.com (free-organized by state)

<https://www.statueofliberty.org/discover/passenger-ship-search/> (free-immigration through the port of New York)

<https://www.findmypast.com/> (paid, but with free account can access some)

<https://www.fold3.com/> (paid...can access through **Heritage Library**, free trial)

II. Other common links for US

A. Lists of links to genealogy websites:

*<https://www.cyndislist.com/> - free collection of numerous lists!

www.Linkpendium.com - links to many sites

<http://www.ancestorhunt.com/> numerous links

<https://stevemorse.org/> - one step guide to searching many sites

*<http://genealogytrails.com/> - LOTS of free things here, including state links

B. Search Engines just for Genealogy

<http://www.millionshort.com/> a newer search engine

<http://genealogyintime.com/> - a search engine plus much more! Not updated recently, but still helpful

C. Blogs and "e-newsletters" (all are free email subscriptions)

<https://eogn.com/> - Eastman's (paid version also available)

<http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/> - sign up for a tip of the day

<http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com>- sign up for research tips

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/> - subscribe for free for a monthly email

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/> - some parts free

C. Historical Societies and local websites

<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases/FreeDatabases.aspx> Allen County Indiana Public Library ...extensive genealogy collection; Right side of page has link to blog: one of the best facilities outside Salt Lake City; especially good for mid-west

*<http://www.daddezio.com/society/hill/index.html> - a list of historical societies by state with contact info; many have direct link to a web site

D. Odds and ends

**www.Findagrave.com - if you don't use this one, start now!!!

<http://www.deathindexes.com/> - links to various state death records

www.deadfred.com - not large site, but great if you are lucky (I was!)

<http://familyoldphotos.com/> - user submitted (just have to be lucky here...and I was!)

<http://www.sampubco.com/> many states;

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/barrel/> - some links are dead, still useful

* <https://www.gengophers.com/#/> - search 80,000+ books for free!

III. GIVE NEWSPAPERS A TRY (these have articles on line)

Paid sites:

www.Ancestry.com (various; free trial)

www.GenealogyBank.com (1690-2007; free trial)

Other Selected Newspaper Sites (Most with papers/articles on line. They tend to be very good sources! Many are free.)

<http://news.google.com/newspapers> list of those searchable on Google

<http://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa> - lists links to various newspapers

<http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html> links by state/country to newspapers

***<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> - This is a bit of a quirky site, but if you have ancestors from anyplace in NY state, don't miss this one!

IV. ADD HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO YOUR TREE

<https://loc.gov/collections/> - Library of Congress; includes photos, maps

<http://www.gendisasters.com/> - accounts of disasters, newspaper articles by state; very interesting stuff here! If there was a disaster where your family lived, this certainly can bring it to life.

<https://archive.org/index.php> - many things to choose from; not all genealogy

V. MISCELANEOUS -Message Boards, Face Book groups, – all are free

<http://boards.ancestry.com/> and <http://boards.rootsweb.com/>

make a photo request on www.findagrave.com and also post what you have to share **Face Book**: search for groups as NY State Genealogy, Pennsylvania Genealogy Network, Irish Genealogy, just search for name of (city/county/state) genealogy

NY records with most but not all free.

*Records from Reclaim the Records (Through FOIL)

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/> - a FANTASTIC site especially for NY State.

Click on the title and then it takes you to free Archives.org..also NJ, and other states.I

pout the direct link to NY below. **While none of these is indexed yet, you can**

search by year. Reclaim the records files Freedom of Information requests for records.

It often takes years, but they continue to push. Once they get the records, they are posted for free. They work on donations....so if you find something helpful in their data, please consider a small donation!

<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/state/new-york/>

I have separated some of the most helpful indexes on the site below:

New York City Marriages: <https://www.nycmarriageindex.com/>

New York State Marriages:
<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/9/>

New York State Births:
<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/10/>

New York State Deaths:
<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/3/>

There are some records from other states and many still are in the waiting process. This link provides more info. <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/>

NY: <http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/mil-hist.htm>

NY: Capital district: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nytigs/ProjectsPage.htm>

Illinois records with most but not all free.

Illinois <https://www.obitlinkspage.com/hs/il.htm>

Newberry Library, Chicago has this site for any relatives in Chicago.
<http://www.chicagoancestors.org/#tab-tools>

Illinois State Archives...does have a lot from all over the state on line
<http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/globsrch.html>

Obituary links for Illinois (and other states) <http://www.obitlinkspage.com/hs/il.htm>
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/irad/eiumap.html>

PENNSYLVANIA

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/PA/> -can search by county as

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/PA/Armstrong-County.htm>

<https://accessgenealogy.com/pennsylvania-genealogy>
<https://www.genealogybranches.com/pennsylvania.html>

OHIO

<https://www.ogs.org/> - free stuff

<https://accessgenealogy.com/ohio-genealogy>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ohio/>

GERMAN RECORDS with most but not all free

Germany <https://www.germanroots.com/>

Germany <https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>

African-American genealogy with most but not all free

<https://heritagelib.org/african-american-ancestry-general-info> Heritage Library

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-african-american-genealogy-websites/>

<https://www.genealogycenter.info/africanamerican/> - many links by state to African-American genealogy

<https://www.pricegen.com/researching-the-genealogy-of-african-americans/>

<https://www.pricegen.com/researching-the-genealogy-of-african-americans-part-2/>

Some sites to help with Italian research: (some in Italian)

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

<https://www.cyndislist.com/italy>

<https://www.enchantingitaly.com/regions/lombardia/sondrio/>

https://www.enchantingitaly.com/italian_frazioni/

<https://operaduomo.firenze.it/en/archive/risorse-digitali>

<http://registriparrocchiali.weebly.com/elenco-delle-parrocchie-per-comune.html> (in Italian but play around with it and you can find births, marriages, deaths. I found good stuff here for my family.)

http://archivio.operaduomo.fi.it/battesimi/ricerca_carte.asp (baptisms in the Florence area)

<http://registriparrocchiali.weebly.com/campiglia---s-lorenzo.html> (area of Campiglia)

<https://www.italianside.com/lombardia/bergamo/castione-della-presolana/genealogy/> (for some specific states in Italy)

<https://www.italiengen.org/databases/>

POLISH GENEALOGY

<https://pgsctne.org/resources-and-links/>

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/polish/polish-genealogy-websites/>

GREAT BRITAIN GENEALOGY (Also use the WIKI sites listed earlier)

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/uk-genealogy/the-best-british-genealogy-websites/>

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/family-history>

Canada

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/pages/home.aspx> - Canada

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Canada_Genealogy

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Newfoundland_and_Labrador_Online_Genealogy_Records

<https://novascotiaancestors.ca/>

<https://www.cangenealogy.com/> HAS LINKS TO EACH PROVINCE

SWEDISH GENEALOGY

<https://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy>

THESE SITES ARE JUST TO GET YOU POINTED IN A GOOD DIRECTION! I CANNOT POSSIBLY GIVE YOU EVERYTHING! YOU NEED TO BE THE DETECTIVE AND SEARCH!

GOOGLE is your friend!

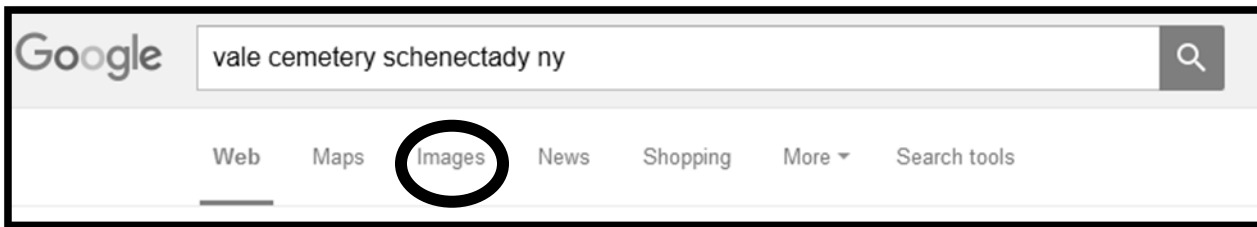
<https://www.google.com/> **Tips on how to use Google.com – lots of info available!**

- I. Entering a search in Google.com.....You can use the basic google search
 - TIPS: Use “.....” around terms** if you want them both together as “Adam Vrooman” put the **most important term** first as: Schenectady Massacre and not just Massacre
 - Use *** between words** if you want them to appear close to each other but not necessarily adjacent as Mary * Jones (this would allow for a middle initial)
 - Use ****for two or more missing characters** as Mei**n would allow for Meighan, Meighen, Meigan
 - Use **? for only one missing character** as Johns?n would search for Johnson and Johnsen but NOT Johnston

II. If you want to search only IMAGES, click on the word IMAGES at the top right. Enter the search term and then click the Google Search bar. Great for finding photos, maps etc



III. You can also do a regular Google search and THEN click on Maps, Images, etc. from the results.



IV. There is more than one Google search engine! There are numerous international Google sites and they WILL RETURN DIFFERENT RESULTS! You can also access more info on this here. I would suggest reading the article for some helpful background info. **Page 3 lists the various international google sites. TRY THEM!!!**

http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/genealogy_guide_to_google_country_search_engines_page1.html

Google offers lots of historical books that may be helpful:

<https://books.google.com/> I have found wonderful things here. Use the snipping tool to get the part you want!

These google sites MAY be helpful....you won't know until you try!

HERITAGE LIBRARY – Suite 100, 2 Corpus Christi, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

<https://heritagelib.org/>

As a **Member** (\$85 annually), you will have full access to the physical library as well as the talents and expertise of our volunteers who will help with your research project.

- You can **use all our facilities**: computers, Internet access, printers, and microfilm readers.
- You will receive our **regular publications, The Heritage Observer**.
- You will receive a discount on ancestry and history classes you attend at the Heritage Library.
- At the library, you can take advantage of the **Library's subscriptions to HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry, American Ancestors, and fold3 (formerly Footnote)**. Of course you can also consult the free Web sites such as FamilySearch and Rootsweb.
- You will have access to **HeritageQuest Online from home**.
Guests can get 1 hour free time at the library.
\$10 per day to use library for non-members

If you visit the Heritage Library, (and you should if you live here!), check out these notebooks. JUST ASK at the desk for someone to help you! They are all volunteers and more than happy to help!

- In the bookcase beside the first computer there are two sets of notebooks with loads of "how-to" information. Two volunteers created these notebooks years ago and they continue to be updated. One is for foreign research and the other multiple-notebook set is for general research but includes information on some specific sites, such as specific states.