

General Internet Resources for Genealogy – Dec 6, 2007

www.familysearch.org - Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS)

- Lessons, research helps
- Ancestral, Pedigree, IGI files
- Social Security Death Index
- Web sites with particular names
- Censuses: 1880 US, 1881 British, 1881 Canadian
- Library search

www.rootsweb.com - The oldest & largest FREE genealogy site

- US town/county database
- Genealogy letters
- Obituary Daily Times
- Search engines and databases
- Family trees (World Connect)
- Mailing lists, message boards
- Research templates

www.google.com - The “best” search engine on the Internet

- Type in name in quotation marks, then add genealogy – see what comes up!
- This should bring up the name in any current message boards
- You can research almost anything: type in “Kansas State Census” for example

www.ancestry.com - The most complete / update today on genealogy

- Over 8,965,927 people in family trees; 16,528 family stories, 160,646 photos
- Free at Maricopa Regional Library if you use their computer and your library card
- Cost for a one year subscription \$199.95
- Census Images (largest collection – searchable & viewable)
- Old newspaper images
- Search a state and see what is searchable
- Military
- Birth, Marriage & Death Records
- US Immigration Collection
- Obituary Collection
- UK Census Collection
- Much more

www.genealogy.com - A very good resource on genealogy

- Owned by the same company as Ancestry
- Complete access to site is \$199.99
- Includes genealogy library
- International and passenger records
- US census
- World Family Tree (FTM) – 168 volumes
- Family & Local Histories
- Data on CD-ROM
- Free Genealogy Classes

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- Message boards

www.usgenweb.com - A great portal for information on all states

- Scroll down to the state you are interested in and it will show you what is archived and searchable
- Sometimes there are census records
- People who will do lookups
- You can also find county websites

www.cyndislist.com - The most complete genealogy Portal

- More than 263,150 links
- 254,750 categorized & cross-referenced links
- More than 180 categories
- Updated daily

www.HeritageQuest.com - A leading resource for genealogy data

- Census
- Books
- Indexes
- Free at Maricopa Regional Library if you use their computer and your library card

www.accessgenealogy.com – A free genealogy resource

- Biographies
- Cemetery records
- Census records
- Books

www.genealogyportal.com – Eight separate search engines for genealogy

www.deadfred.com – Search for old genealogy photos

www.familytree.com – A guide to climbing your family tree

www.genealogytoday.com – What's new in Genealogy?

www.geneanet.com – A genealogical database network

www.genealogylinks.net – Over 40,000 genealogy links

www.dar.org – Daughters of the American Revolution

www.rssgenealogy.com – Super One Source for Genealogy Information & News

www.mytrees.com – A Genealogy Portal – over 1 billion names – Fee - \$100/yr

www.gencircles.com – A great site of user submitted family information

www.WorldVitalRecords.com – Over 850 million names, unique databases, census

www.FindAGrave.com – 19 million grave records

www.Interment.net – Cemetery records across the world

www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/ - Cemetery records

www.esva.net/ghotes/ - Genealogy & Histories Of The Eastern Shore (GHOTES) of Virginia

www.genealogy.about.com – Great resource for Genealogist – courses, software, newsletters

homepages.rootsweb.com/~pmcbride/gedcom/55gctoc.htm - GEDCOM Standard Release 5.5

www.goldbug.com/AniMap.html - County Boundary Historical Atlas for Windows

www.worldcat.org – Over 1 billion items in 10,000 libraries – books, music, videos, articles

Specific Internet Resources for Genealogy

The following information is from www.Genealogy.com:

<http://www.genealogy.com/uni-internet.html#optop>

Usenet Newsgroups

Newsgroup and Mailing List Review

- Newsgroup messages are accessed by a newsgroup reader via newsgroups contained on your ISP.
- Mailing list messages are sent to your e-mail box.
- Unmoderated groups tend to have off-topic messages and spam.
- Mailing lists often have two addresses: one for administrative commands, and one to post messages to.
- Many newsgroups and mailing lists have searchable archives.
- It's important to read the newsgroup or mailing list FAQ or instructions.
- Be aware of netiquette.

Newsgroup Archives

If your mind is boggling at the thought of all that genealogical information being spread around, and you're worrying how you are to ever keep up with the newsgroups (let alone your off-line life), then rest your brain. Many newsgroups now have archives where all the messages are stored and are available for searching. Using sites such as DejaNews (a newsgroup archive search engine) or the genealogy newsgroup archive at Rootsweb, you can easily conduct a search for that missing cousin, book name, archive address -- in

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short, search for any text mentioned in any message posted to that newsgroup (some newsgroup archives are updated more frequently than others).

Where do you find these gold mines of information? The good folk at Rootsweb recently arranged searchable archives of the following newsgroups:

- fr.rec.genealogie
- soc.genealogy.african
- soc.genealogy.computing
- soc.genealogy.french
- soc.genealogy.german
- soc.genealogy.medieval
- soc.genealogy.methods
- soc.genealogy.misc
- soc.genealogy.slavic
- soc.genealogy.surnames
- soc.genealogy.uk+ireland
- soc.genealogy.west-indies

Dejanews has archives for all Usenet newsgroups. You can search recent or older messages, and an advanced search feature allows you to search by keyword, subject, author, or newsgroup. Dejanews can be found at <http://www.dejanews.com>

Related URLs

Genealogy Newsgroup FAQs

- Genealogy Meta-FAQ
http://www.herald.co.uk/local_info/genuki/meta-faq.html
- Getting Started
http://www.herald.co.uk/local_info/genuki/new_user.html
- Netiquette
http://www.herald.co.uk/local_info/genuki/netiquette.html
- soc.genealogy.african
<http://members.aol.com/memery/faq/>
- soc.genealogy.german
<http://www.genealogy.com/gene/faqs/sgg.html>
- soc.genealogy.jewish
<http://www.jewishgen.org/faqinfo.html>
- soc.genealogy.marketplace
<http://www.prairienet.org/~mjolson/market.html>
- soc.genealogy.medieval
<http://www.erols.com/wrei/faqs/medieval.html>

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- soc.genealogy.misc
http://www.herald.co.uk/local_info/genuki/socgmisc.html
- soc.genealogy.uk+ireland
http://www.herald.co.uk/local_info/genuki/socguki.html
- soc.genealogy.surnames.*
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~surnames/intro/>
- soc.genealogy.surnames.* queries
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~surnames/goodbad>
- soc.genealogy.surnames.* archives
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~surnames/archives>
- soc.culture.scottish
<http://www.scot.demon.co.uk/scotfaq.html>

Rootsweb Newsgroup Archive Searches

- <http://searches.rootsweb.com/#usenet/>

How to Make Your Own Newsgroup

- <http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/surfschool/howto/communicate/news1e.html>

Mailing Lists Hosted by Rootsweb

- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~maillist/>

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- http://users.aol.com/johnf14246/gen_mail.html

How to Form Your Own Mailing List

- <http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/members/listrequest.html>
- <http://server.com/WebApps/>

Genealogically-related Reference Sites

Have you ever found yourself wondering what day of the week an ancestor's birth date was on? Have you ever had to figure out the difference between Gregorian and Julian Dates? What about translating between Moslem, Jewish, and Western-style dates? There are many sites online which will convert calendar dates for you, estimate a birth date from information, or display a perpetual calendar. These handy calendar sites aren't strictly for genealogists, but they can be very helpful.

- Calendar Conversions
<http://www.genealogy.org/~scottlee/calconvert.cgi/>
- CalendarLand
<http://www.calendarzone.com/>
- Old Style and New Style Dates
<http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/dates.txt>

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The [U.S. National Genealogy Society](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) page (NGS) is not restricted in its usefulness to U.S. researchers--there are many items which can be helpful to all genealogists, such as George Archer's *NetGuide*, information on genealogy numbering systems, registry of genealogy products, and more. The U.S. National Genealogy Society
<http://ngsgenealogy.org>

People who relish blank forms and charts will be delighted to know about the many online temptations available: pedigree charts, Family Group Sheets, correspondence charts, relationships charts, and much more can be found in ASCII or PDF format (PDF is Adobe Acrobat formatted text & graphics combined; to read a .PDF file you need to use an Adobe Acrobat Reader program, freely available for download at <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>).

- Virtual Family Group Sheet
<http://www.aracnet.com/~pslamb/famgroup.htm>
- Blank Research Forms
<http://www2.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors/teachersguide/charts-records.html>
- Genealogy.com Collection of Blank Forms
<http://www.genealogy.com/00000023.html>
- Free Genealogy Charts
<http://www.genrecords.com/forms.htm>
- Relationship Chart
http://www.agate.net/~davids/_genea/dl01.htm
- Relationship Chart
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/cousins.htm>
- Form Letters for German Genealogy
<http://www.genealogy.net/gene/www/ghlp/muster.html>
- Sample Letters in 7-8 languages:
To an archive: <http://www.genealogy.net/gene/ghlp/let-arc.html>
To a church: <http://www.genealogy.net/gene/ghlp/let-pas.html>

Terminology

There are many confusing terms genealogists use and/or encounter as they research; luckily there are helpful sites available which will explain archaic medical terminology you may run across, outdated occupational labels, odd terms found on headstones, and other such confusing items. These sites make for fun (as well as educational) browsing, but be wary of the medical sites if you've just eaten.

Medical

- Old Diseases
<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac/ac0892.html>

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- Glossary of Diseases
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/disease.htm>

Occupation

- Colonial Occupations
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/jobs.htm>
- Old Occupations
<http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/terms.html>

Dictionary

- Genealogy Dictionary
<http://www.electricti.com/~dotts/diction.html#DICT>
- Genealogy Dictionary
<http://home.earthlink.net/~dap40/GenDictA-Z.html>
- Genealogy Dictionary
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8020/gendict.html>
- Genealogy.com's Genealogy Dictionary
<http://www.genealogy.com/00000736.html>
- Grave Images
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/grave.htm>
- AmeriSpeak
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/amerispeak.htm>
- Common Genealogy Abbreviations
<http://www.athens.net/~ethelind/wright/abbrev.html>