

The Best of the Rest on the Internet

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The Super 6: All are available for free access at a King County Library. Most family history centers with Internet access provide access to these sites for free. All but Ancestry and Heritage Quest are free all day, all night. Everyone will use at least one of these sites during their family history research if they use the Internet for research.

☞ **Family Search**
☞ **Heritage Quest**
☞ **Ancestry**

☞ **Roots Web**
☞ **US GENWEB**
☞ **Cyndi's List**

The Best of the Rest: The following sites are key websites for specialized topics or localities that impact most American family historians. These are larger repositories of on-line information. If you don't find something here, don't give up. The smaller the website you find, the more detailed the information may be. Go to Cyndi's List for a compilation of websites. Go to Google, it's amazing what you will find with a few good search words. And, don't forget, not everything is on the Internet.

US Immigration

www.stevemorse.org

☞ a better search engine for Ellis Island, Castle Garden, and other ports of entry records; and a better search engine for selected census and vital records too. (US, Can, Brit, New York)

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/fhc/Japan/index.asp>

☞ for Japanese emigrants to the US 1887-1924

Eastern Europe

www.polishroots.org

☞ specifically for Poland, methodology for all of Eastern Europe with on-line tools for more than just Poland

www.iabsi.com

☞ specifically for Slovakia, methods applicable to all of Eastern Europe with on-line tools for more than just Slovakia

www.feefhs.org

☞ for all of Eastern Europe but not from Eastern European country records including emigrant and military information

US Vital Records for Gateway States

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/department/s/archives/marriage.html

☞ for Illinois marriage records 1763-1900

<http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/>

☞ for Kentucky marriage records 1973-1993 and death records 1911-1992 and some divorce also

www.mnhs.org (birth certificate index and death certificate index)

☞ for Minnesota birth records 1900-1922 and death records 1904-2001

www.ohiohistory.org (death index)

☞ for Ohio death records 1913-1944

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>

☞ for selected counties in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming marriage records up to 1930's

www.statelib.lib.in.us (databases)

☞ for Indiana marriage records through 1850

US Vital Records for Big Cities

www.feefhs.org (databases)

☞ for San Francisco 1869-1895 all vital records and some divorce also

www.italiengen.org/nycdeath.stm

☞ for New York City 1891 to 1948 death records

www.stlgs.org/natsearch.aspx

☞ for St. Louis 1816 to 1906 naturalization records

Rebels and Renegades

www.blacksheepancestors.com

☞ for US, Canada, UK and International court, prison etal records for convicts, villains, pirates, criminals, victims, etc.

World Wide Resources

www.worldgenweb.org

☞ links to country based "genweb sites"

www.genlias.nl

☞ for The Netherlands all vital records 1780 to present

www.genesreunited.com

☞ Britain's version of www.rootsweb.com

Check it out at the Super 6: Super-duper features that you might miss out on:

☞ **Family Search**

- > digitized books in the catalog
- > research guides for countries
- > research guides for topics

☞ **Heritage Quest**

- > advanced search by town

☞ **Ancestry**

- > WWI draft cards
- > every-name census index updates
- > where in the census statistics

☞ **Roots Web**

- > search thingy search engine
- > better search of message boards
- > location based message boards

☞ **US GENWEB**

- > search this site engine at bottom
- > state-level archives / databases
- > historical newspapers

☞ **Cyndi's List**

- > on-line databases list

What is the One Thing that has made all the difference on-line:

☞ Publishing my family tree on Rootsweb!!!!!! People contact me every week telling me about new websites with matching surnames and offering corrections for my tree based on more direct sources and primary data. Other researchers are now using my research to expand their family trees because I list the confirmed sources.

Need a shorter list than Cyndi's: See the 101 best websites chosen by the Family Tree Magazine editorial staff.

☞ For 2000: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites

☞ For 2001: www.familytreemagazine.com/101newsites

☞ For 2002: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2002/

☞ For 2003: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2003/

☞ For 2004: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2004/

☞ For 2005: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2005/