

THE BEST OF THE REST: TOP SITES FOR ONLINE GENEALOGY RESEARCH

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1) The Best:

- a) FamilySearch digital collections
- b) Ancestry.com
 - i) digital collections
 - ii) trolling the trees for records that other researchers have found
- c) Fold3 (especially strong in military and naturalization records, and city directories)

2) The Rest (or at least, a bunch of them!)

- a) For background information and research tips:
 - i) FamilySearch wiki
 - ii) *Genealogy.About.com*
 - iii) *MapofUS.org*
 - iv) *AccessGenealogy.com*
 - v) *Cyndislist.com*
 - vi) Facebook
 - (1) *search for genealogy groups in locations of interest: e.g., "Connecticut genealogy"*
- b) Where to find records:
 - i) National Archives: tremendous resource for records and research guidance
 - (1) *www.archives.gov/research/genealogy*
 - ii) State and county archives**
 - (1) *to find online archives:*
 - (a) FamilySearch wiki
 - (b) Google
 - (i) *"pennsylvania state archives"*
 - (ii) *"cuyahoga county ohio archives"*
 - iii) USGenWeb**
 - (1) *state and county genwebsites*
 - (a) USGenWeb Project: *usgenweb.org*
 - (b) USGenWeb Archives: *usgwarchives.net*
 - iv) Cemetery collections
 - (1) *FindaGrave.com*
 - (2) *Billiongraves.com*
 - v) Land Records
 - (1) *Original federal land grants*
 - (a) US Government Land Office, Bureau of Land Management**
 - (i) *Locate website by Googling "glo blm"*
 - (b) Original federal land grants in

(i) *Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming*

(c) Does NOT include State or Foreign Land Grants

(i) *The original 13 colonies and their "children"*

a. *Maine, Vermont, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee*

(ii) *The Republics*

a. *Hawaii and Texas*

(iii) *Grants from Spain or France*

(2) *EarthPoint.us*

(a) maps Township-Range descriptions

(i) *view as latitude longitude*

(ii) *view on Google Earth*

vi) Local Court websites

(1) *how to find:*

(a) Google "County State " and one of the following:

(i) *Clerk of Court*

(ii) *Register of Deeds*

(iii) *Tax Assessor or Appraiser*

(iv) *online records deeds*

(b) example:

(i) *escambia county florida clerk of court*

vii) Online books

(1) *Internet Archive (archive.org)*

(a) Wayback Machine: to view defunct web links

(b) Internet Archive digital book collection

(2) *Google Books*

(a) select Advanced Book Search

(i) *Search "Full view only" and "Google eBooks only"*

(3) *HeritageQuest*

(a) access through public library website

(b) requires library card to log on

(4) *FamilySearch Books*

(a) access through Search Tab on familysearch.org

(5) *GenealogyBookLinks.com*

(a) Now only available through the Wayback Machine (see above)

viii) SteveMorse.org

ix) *DAR.org*

(1) *click "Online Research" in side-bar menu*

3) Visit the local genealogy library!

a) West Florida Genealogy Library at 5740 N 9th Ave, Pensacola

b) Santa Rosa County Genealogy Library at 6275 Dogwood Drive, Milton