

THE REST OF THE BEST

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
- c) Fold3 military and naturalization records

2) The Rest

- a) For background information and research tips:
 - i) FamilySearch wiki
 - ii) Genealogy.About.com
 - iii) "Compendium" sites
 - (1) *MapofUS.org*
 - (2) *State-genealogy.com & .org*
 - (a) e.g. *massachusetts-genealogy.com*
 - iv) Cyndislist.com
 - v) Facebook
 - (1) *search for genealogy groups in locations of interest: e.g., "Connecticut genealogy"*
- b) Where to find records:
 - i) State and county archives
 - (1) *to find online archives:*
 - (a) FamilySearch wiki
 - (b) Google
 - (i) *"pennsylvania state archives"*
 - (ii) *"cuyahoga county ohio archives"*

- ii) USGenWeb.org
 - (1) *state and county genwebsites*
- iii) Cemetery collections
 - (1) *FindaGrave.com*
 - (2) *Billiongraves.com*
- iv) 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"*
 - 1. *Maine, Vermont, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee*
 - (ii) *The Republics*
 - 1. *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*
- v) 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

vi) Online books

(1) Internet Archive (archive.org)

(2) Google Books

(a) select Advance 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) one-stop access to books on various platforms, including some of those noted above

vii) SteveMorse.org

viii) DAR.org

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

ix) AccessGenealogy.com

3) Visit the local genealogy library!

a) West Florida Genealogy Library at 5740 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL 32504

i) Organization of WFGL holdings

By Geographic region,

By state within each region,

By county within each state

Back wall: compiled family genealogies by surname

i) Hours:

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am - 6pm
Wednesday	10am - 6pm
Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	10am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 6pm