

# 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