



WHERE WE'RE GOING...

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**101 BEST
WEBSITES**
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*Roads? We don't need roads!
Head "back to the future" of
genealogy with our annual list
of the 101 Best Websites.*

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Twenty-five years ago, FamilySearch <www.familysearch.org> launched and changed the world of online genealogy forever. The quickly growing website replaced hours of squinting at microfilm with simple clicks on a web page, making records more easily available than ever. Two years later, the Ellis Island website (now <www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island>) brought New York passenger lists online as well.

Both sites are once again on this year's list of the 101 Best Genealogy Websites, although much has changed. FamilySearch's collection has grown to include many records that you once had to visit the FamilySearch Library or a FamilySearch Center to see. And the Ellis Island database has grown from strictly covering 1892 through 1924—the peak years of immigration at that station—to some 65 million New York arrival records spanning 1820 to 1957.

Moreover, this year's 101 collection feels a bit like *Back to the Future* (which celebrates its own milestone anniversary next year). As happened years ago, an unprecedented batch of new and returning sites pushes some old favorites off the list—much as FamilySearch and Ellis Island elbowed into the honors years ago. A total of 19 sites (marked with an asterisk *) are included here that weren't listed last year.

To make room, some sites not strictly devoted to genealogy, like the nonetheless-useful Inter-

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net Archive <www.archive.org> and ArchiveGrid <researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid>, hit the cutting-room floor. Other sites, though still worth a visit, simply don't measure up to this year's new and improved candidates. And, as in previous years, we've separated out 75 standout websites for US research in the sidebar on pages 24 and 25.

As usual, these sites are mostly free unless otherwise noted with a dollar sign (\$). Those premium sites require a subscription or other payment to really get the most value from their content.

As you peruse this year's 101 honorees, you might be tempted to quote Doc Brown: "It works! I finally invent something that works!" Buckle up, push the speedometer to 88 mph, and come with us "back to the future" of online genealogy. There may not be roads. ("Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads.") But we've got 101 great destinations.

BIG GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Ancestry.com \$

<www.ancestry.com>

This megasite is home to more than 30 billion records from 80-plus countries, plus 100 million public family trees. Ancestry.com costs between \$264 and \$720 per year, depending on access level and term commitment. A new Pro Tools feature (\$10 per month, on top of another subscription) adds fact-checking, advanced filters and views to your trees. For another \$99, you can test your genetics with AncestryDNA, the world's largest consumer DNA network, with a new DNA Compare tool. Also new is Memories,

a hub for storytelling tools (including audio files). See page 26 for a records search tutorial.

FamilySearch

<www.familysearch.org>

The lone free contender among the Big Four, this site from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints added 1.5 billion searchable names just last year. That brings the site's total to 18.36 billion searchable names, with a Family Tree of 1.55 billion individuals. Don't overlook the digital books collection, now nearing 600,000 titles. The new AI-driven full-text search tool will make even more records keyword-searchable.

Findmypast \$

<www.findmypast.com>

Though originally a home for British Isles records—and still strongest there—Findmypast's footprint now covers all 50 US states. New records, added every Friday, include workhouse records, Boer War rolls, and New Zealand electoral registers. Subscriptions range from \$19.99 per month (USD) for British Isles collections to \$360 per year for unlimited access including the 1921 UK census.

MyHeritage \$

<www.myheritage.com>

Far removed from its garage-startup roots and initial trees-only focus, MyHeritage now boasts nearly 20 billion records, 6 billion tree profiles and 8 million entries in its DNA testing (\$89) database. A focus on photo tools has added various tricks for your old family photos, including a PhotoDater AI tool. Tree-only subscriptions cost \$129 to \$209 annually, while records access runs \$189 per year; a Complete package combines both for \$299 annually. The site announced a new Omni subscription tier that includes access to OldNews, a new service <www.oldnews.com>.

US, CANADIAN AND CARIBBEAN GENEALOGY WEBSITES

American Ancestors \$

<www.americanancestors.org>

Membership in the New England Historic Genealogical Society (\$99.95 per year) has several privileges—notably access to the more than 1.4 billion records here. The NEHGS collection is of course strongest on New England, but not limited to Yankee ancestors. Highlights include the largest searchable collection of published genealogical research journals and magazines, Boston Catholic records, and the American Ancestrees feature. See the May/June 2024 issue for a tutorial.

Ancestors of Paradise *

<www.ancestorsofparadise.com>

From Anegada to Virgin Gorda, tour the Caribbean in this gorgeous site packed with resources, historical photos and videos, and links to cultural institutions and social media.

Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec *

<www.banq.qc.ca>

Brush off your high school French (or Google Translate) and explore this stunning provincial library and archives site, which has early vital records, notarial records, and published materials.

Clayton Library *

<digital.houstonlibrary.org/clayton>

The Family History Research Center at this Houston library boasts one of the nation's best genealogy collections. Online archives here include Houston death certificates, books, photos and correspondence.

Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court *

<services.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/faq.aspx>

Don't be put off by this site's Chicago focus—families from all over the Midwest were naturalized in Cook County. The searchable database includes more than 500,000 naturalization petitions covering 1871 to 1929; most are declarations of intention, which may be the only public record of an individual immigrant.

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild *

<www.immigrantships.net>

This classic volunteer site continues to turn ship records into transcripts—more than 30,000 manifests to date.

Immigration to the United States, 1789–1930 *

<library.harvard.edu/collections/immigration-united-states-1789-1930>

Explore the nation's immigration saga in this Harvard collection of more than 400,000 pages from 2,200 books, pamphlets and serials; 9,600 pages from manuscript and archival collections; and 7,800 photographs.

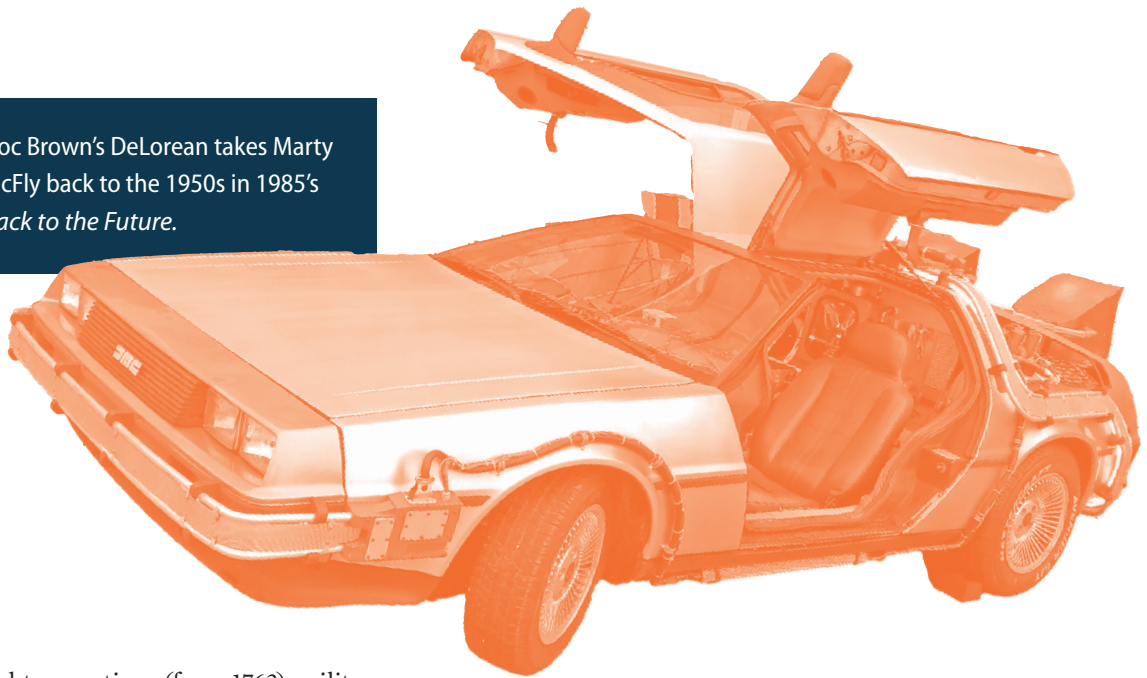
Library and Archives Canada

<www.bac-lac.gc.ca>

Now boasting the 1931 Canadian census, this site makes it easy to research Canadian kin. You can search 26 collections at once or drill down into censuses and related documents (from 1640), vital records, immigration and passenger



Doc Brown's DeLorean takes Marty McFly back to the 1950s in 1985's *Back to the Future*.



records, land transactions (from 1763), military service (from 1759) and more.

Library of Congress

<www.loc.gov>

Old photos, Sanborn insurance maps, Americana and more make this a must. Don't overlook the exhaustive online catalog, where you can find that elusive tome about your ancestors or simply see if one even exists.

National Archives and Records Administration

<www.archives.gov>

The updated catalog and image tools make it easier than ever to explore the 1950 census, order veterans' records, research WWII enlistments, find immigrants' arrivals, and delve into historic maps and photos. We busted NARA myths in the May/June 2024 issue.

NYC Historical Vital Records Project

<a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov>

With 10.1 million birth, death and marriage records from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s, this site (which is also on our list of the 75 Best State Genealogy Websites) is well on its way to its goal of digitizing 13.3 million records.

Passenger Search, the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

<heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger>

Immigrants and other arrivals through the Port of New York are just a few clicks away in the 65 million records at this essential site.

Programme de Recherche en Démographie Historique \$

<www.prdh-igd.com>

Quebec and French Canada records here go all the way back to 1621, and include all Catholic baptisms and burials as well as all Quebec marriages to 1861. Searching is free, with results accessible starting at about \$15 USD for 100 hits.

Reclaim the Records

<www.reclaimtherecords.org>

Using public-access laws, this site has "liberated" more than 60 million government records, now accessible here or via links. Successes in 2023 include a "motherlode" of Maryland vital records and 5.5 million Connecticut records. See page 64 for more.

Western States Marriage Record Index

<abish.byui.edu/specialcollections/western-states/search.cfm>

Discover more than 913,000 searchable marriage records from 12 Western states, with Arizona, Idaho and Nevada best represented.

USGenWeb

<www.usgenweb.org>

With pages for every state and most counties—more than 3,000 linked sites in all—this volunteer site remains a key destination for US research. Special projects include censuses, cemeteries, pensions and obituaries.



Slackers Bill and Ted
time-travel in a radical
phone booth in *Bill and
Ted's Excellent Adventure*.

USGenWeb Archives *

<www.usgwarchives.net>

Don't miss this unique entry point into the treasures of USGenWeb's volunteer efforts, with links to thousands of volunteer-created files. Each state has a table of contents, with counties broken out within.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY WEBSITES

10 Million Names *

<www.10millionnames.org>

This effort from a range of institutions including NEHGS and the Daughters of the American Revolution aims to recover the names of the estimated 10 million men, women and children of African descent who were enslaved in the modern United States. Initial collections include records of Black Loyalists, deaths, marriages and courts.

Digital Library on American Slavery

<library.uncg.edu/slavery>

Court petitions, runaway slave notices and slave deeds make up this collection of tens of thousands of records from all 15 slave states and Washington, DC, as well as some northern states. You can search for information on more than 150,000 people, including enslaved people, enslavers and free people of color.

Enslaved

<www.enslaved.org>

Explore the lives and stories of the people of the historical slave trade through searches, guided research, linked projects and more.

International African American Museum, Center for Family History

<cfh.iaamuseum.org>

Click on Digital Archives to search family Bibles, photographs, military records and other records of African Americans.

SlaveVoyages

<www.slavevoyages.org>

Now in version 2.0 (with an introduction by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.), this collaborative digital initiative compiles and makes publicly accessible records of the largest slave trades in history. Collections include 36,000 voyages, the names of 93,000 Africans removed from slave ships and trading sites, and the names of people captured throughout the United States and transported to New Orleans.

GENETIC GENEALOGY WEBSITES

23andMe \$

<www.23andme.com>

Ancestry testing (\$119) at this site also known for health screening can automatically generate a family tree that visualizes genetic relatives, break down your ancestry composition, and tell your likelihood for loathing cilantro.

DNA Painter

<www.dnainter.com>

Register for a free account (or upgrade for \$55 annually) to demystify your test results with color-coded family trees, genetic ancestor marking, chromosome-mapping, tools to

measure shared centimorgans, and relationship calculations. The cM Slider makes it easier to identify longer segment matches, and the enhanced WATO+ tool promises to make the site's predictive functions easier to use. See a tutorial in the November/December 2023 issue or on YouTube <www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4Rn0ElqlvQ>.

Family Tree DNA \$

<www.familytreedna.com>

Test kits range from \$79 (the baseline Family Finder autosomal test) to \$449 (the “Big Y-700” test). Then you can tap “the world’s most comprehensive DNA matching database for autosomal DNA, Y-DNA and mtDNA.”

GEDmatch

<www.gedmatch.com>

Under new ownership since 2023, this site is known for its role in cracking “cold cases” with genetic genealogy. But it’s also valuable for law-abiding folks: Upload your data from most popular testing services to join 1.5 million members using DNA tools and user-uploaded pedigree files. Accounts are free, though a “Tier 1” upgrade (\$15/month or \$100/year) unlocks additional tools.

International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki

<www.isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page>

This deep site will introduce you to the basics of DNA testing and genealogy—or help answer your stickiest technical questions—through 700-plus expertly written articles, plus links to learn more.

CEMETERY WEBSITES

BillionGraves

<www.billiongraves.com>

Contribute to “the world’s largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data” or just search by names or by cemeteries. A \$60 annual upgrade unlocks family plots, nearby graves and more.

Find a Grave

<www.findagrave.com>

Still the standard for volunteer-transcribed gravesites, Find a Grave now boasts more than

238 million entries in the United States and abroad, most with photos and many with genealogical notes.

Interment.net

<www.interment.net>

Don’t forget about this other long-running cemetery site, with 25 million-plus cemetery records, transcripts and burial registers. Besides volunteer entries, it taps untraditional sources such as fraternal groups, historical societies and government burials.

HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER WEBSITES

Arcanum Newspapers *

<adt.arcanum.com/en>

This sister site to the Arcanum maps collection boasts more than 58 million pages from newspapers and other historic periodicals published in Eastern Europe. You can search full text or even upload a photo and search for faces. Try it for free or subscribe starting at about \$8.50 per month.

The British Newspaper Archive \$

<www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

Findmypast and the British Library bring you this collection of 75 million pages from British publications from the 1700s onward. You can search almost half a million for free, or subscribe for about \$100 per year.

Chronicling America

<www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america>

The new URL for this Library of Congress project reflects a new digital format and in-beta back-end infrastructure. The site now totals more than 21 million pages from 4,000-plus titles dating from 1756 to 1963. Check out the new interactive map and timeline of newspapers at <www.loc.gov/ndnp/data-visualizations>.

GenealogyBank \$

<www.genealogybank.com>

This subscription collection (\$99.90 annually) offers more than 15,000 digitized newspaper titles—many not available elsewhere—plus 260 million obituaries, as well as censuses, historical books and government documents.

Newspaper Navigator *

<news-navigator.labs.loc.gov/search>

This companion site to Chronicling America lets you search more than 1.56 million historic newspaper photos.

NewspaperArchive \$

<www.newspaperarchive.com>

This long-standing newspaper-digitizing business now offers subscriptions to the general public (\$158.88 per year, which includes access to Storied). You can search more than 9 billion names and 108 million obituaries in 16,000 titles dating from 1607 to the present.

Newspapers.com \$

<www.newspapers.com>

Another Ancestry.com offering, this fast-growing site now offers 255 million pages from 25,000 newspapers dating back to 1690, in its Basic package (\$44.95 for six months). The Publishers Extra option (\$74.90 for six months) adds 690 million more pages—many of them recent—licensed from publishers.

FAMILY TREE AND SHARING WEBSITES

Geni

<www.geni.com>

Post your tree and add to the more than 188 million people worldwide (past and present) in the World Family Tree. Owned by MyHeritage, Geni makes it easy to collaborate with kin, keep in touch with relatives, and track family birthdays and anniversaries. See the March/April 2024 issue for a tutorial.

Storied *

<www.storied.com>

This tree-building platform uses a flexible “graph database” that allows you to add non-family members. Tree-building is free; premium plans (\$6.99 to \$12.99 monthly) add access to US and UK historical records and NewspaperArchive.

TribalPages

<www.tribalpages.com>

Pick your privacy level and build your tree with custom events, photos and charts. A mobile app lets you take your trees with you. Basic

trees with up to 50 images are free, or you can upgrade for \$36 to \$48 per year.

WeRelate

<www.werelate.org>

Contribute your tree or just search the more than 3 million entries in this “unified family tree containing the best information from all contributors.”

WikiTree

<www.wikitree.com>

Join the nearly 1.1 million members working to create a single human family tree. To date, this shared tree has more than 37 million profiles—nearly 13 million have DNA test connections.

MILITARY RECORDS WEBSITES

American Battle Monuments Commission

<www.abmc.gov>

Find the gravesites and memorials and explore the stories of more than 200,000 Americans who died in the World Wars and are buried overseas.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

<www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

This is the essential starting point for researching Civil War ancestors. Search for 6.3 million soldiers, Union and Confederate, and learn about their service in more than 4,000 linked unit histories.

Daughters of the American Revolution

<www.dar.org>

Got Revolutionary War patriot ancestors? Research them and their descendants in the free online databases here, plus the wealth of genealogical resources in the DAR Library.

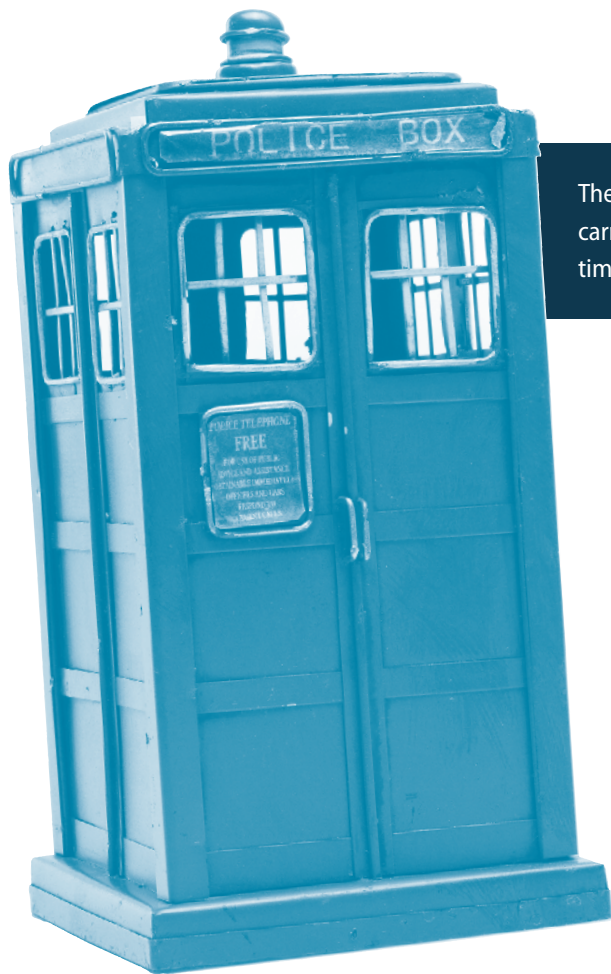
Fold3 \$

<www.fold3.com>

Named for the folding of a veteran’s flag, this military-focused site from Ancestry.com is your



We compared top tree-building websites in our March/April 2024 issue <www.familytreemagazine.com/websites/online-family-trees-compared>.



The TARDIS, which resembles a British police box, carries “the Doctor” and his companions through time and space in the long-running “Doctor Who.”



go-to for records from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam (\$79.95 per year). In 2023, Fold3 added 42 million records to reach 676 million; some can be accessed without a subscription.

Nationwide Gravesite Locator

<www.cem.va.gov/nationwide-gravesite-locator>
Find burial locations in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries or other US locations using this tool from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

UK AND IRISH GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Deceased Online \$

<www.deceasedonline.com>
Simply searching this database of UK burials and cremations by name is free. But advanced search options (including country, region, county, burial authority or crematorium) will cost you, as will results. A basic annual subscription (about \$125 USD) buys 500 record views, or you can pay per view.

Genes Reunited * \$

<www.genesreunited.co.uk>
This sister site of Findmypast lets subscribers build or upload trees, then view record matches. Annual subscription plans run from about \$25 to \$100 USD.

The National Archives (UK)

<www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
Filled with how-to guides, TNA’s site is also home to military records, wills, migration records and the recently announced 1941 National Farm Survey (expected in 2026).

National Archives of Ireland

<genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>
This unassuming jumping-off point leads you to Irish censuses (1901, 1911 and surviving fragments of earlier counts), marriage license bonds, crew lists, will registers, tithe applotment books, pensioner records, Catholic convert rolls and more.

National Library of Ireland

<www.nli.ie>
For genealogists, the star attraction here is the collection of Catholic parish registers <registers.nli.ie> (browse-only). But don’t overlook the old photos and newspaper and manuscript catalogs from the library’s collection of 12 million items.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

<www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/public-record-office-northern-ireland-proni>
The official archive of Northern Ireland lets you research in early wills, censuses and freeholders’ records. You’ll also find old maps and street directories.

RootsIreland \$

<www.rootsireland.ie>
To search Irish Catholic records, try this subscription site (\$264 USD per year, \$18 per day), home to 23 million records from 34 county genealogy centers.

ScotlandsPeople \$

<www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

The 1921 census is the latest addition to this National Records of Scotland site, which includes other enumerations, church records, wills and valuation rolls for pay-per-view research (starting at 30 credits for about \$9.50 US). You can search and see some emigration records and the 1881 census for free.

Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland

<www.virtualtreasury.ie>

The Treasury re-imagines and digitally reconstructs the Public Record Office of Ireland, destroyed in 1922 in the opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. You can search across manuscript and text records of 50 million-plus words, and even virtually “walk” through the old, multi-story archives building and retrieve records from their original locations.

EUROPEAN GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Archion \$

<www.archion.de/en>

Simply enter a place name to start browsing for your German Protestant ancestors in more than 150,000 digitized church books. Stumped? Get help in English-friendly forums. One-month access costs about \$21 USD.

ArkivDigital \$

<www.arkivdigital.net>

Find your Swedish ancestors in the most-complete collection of Swedish church books, military records and more—over 97 million full-color scans—at this subscription site (about \$37 per month). A growing collection of searchable indexes makes it easier than ever to get results.

Danish Demographic Database

<ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm>

With multiple ways to search Danish censuses from 1769 to 1930, plus some probate indexes and a link to 367,000 emigration records, this is the place to start finding your Danes.

Digitalarkivet

<www.digitalarkivet.no/en>

Search for a person or a source at this exhaustive site from the National Archives of Norway.

Church records and censuses are just the beginning, as the site boasts a new image search.

Filae

<en.filae.com>

Owned by MyHeritage, Filae similarly combines tree-building with French records research, covering more than a billion civil registrations, censuses, early church records and more. Premium access to all record types runs a little over \$15 per month. See our tutorial in the January/February 2024 issue <www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzLP_rSZual>.

GEDBAS *

<gedbas.genealogy.net>

Launched by Germany's Association for Computer Genealogy, this project aims to connect genealogists researching the same German families. You can upload your tree (free registration required) and search trees and submitters for free.

Genealogy Indexer

<www.genealogyindexer.org>

Find your Central and East European families in this unassuming but rich collection of more than 2 million pages from 3,500 historical directories. You'll also find tens of thousands of records from Yizkor books, military lists, community and personal histories and school resources.

Geneanet

<en.geneanet.org>

Owned by Ancestry.com, this French site relies heavily on user-submitted trees, but also serves up genealogical society indexes and resource guides. Premium members (from \$4.16 per month) get advanced search tools and access to Genealogy Library records of books and newspapers.

Geneteka

<www.geneteka.genealodzy.pl>

If you know your ancestors' Polish province, one click starts your search of more than 53 million names in registers from 4,800 parishes.

GenTeam

<www.genteam.at/index.php?lang=en>

Professional genealogy researcher Felix Gun-

dacker has built this free site offering more than 19.3 million documents. The emphasis is on Austria, along with Germany and Slovakia, plus indexes of church records, a gazetteer, obituaries and more.

Hungaricana

<hungaricana.hu/en>

This handsome “cultural heritage portal” for all things Hungarian offers more than 19 million pages of digitized publications, including 77,000 old maps.

JewishGen

<www.jewishgen.org>

Essential for Jewish researchers in Eastern Europe and beyond, this site includes collections of East European towns, Jewish surnames, Holocaust victims, and families, plus the Family Tree of the Jewish People. New this year are troves of records preserved from war-torn Ukraine.

Portale Antenati

<antenati.cultura.gov.it/?lang=en>

Start your Italian ancestor hunt here. Literally “The Ancestors Portal,” this site collects more than 139 million images and 1.7 million registries from 85 Italian archives.

Riksarkivet *

<sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen>

Though not quite as easy to navigate as ArkivDigital, this site from the Swedish national archives has the advantage of being free, with more than 75 million digitized records and counting.

Routes to Roots Foundation

<www.rtrfoundation.org>

Search by town or surname to explore Jewish and civil records in Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland and Ukraine.

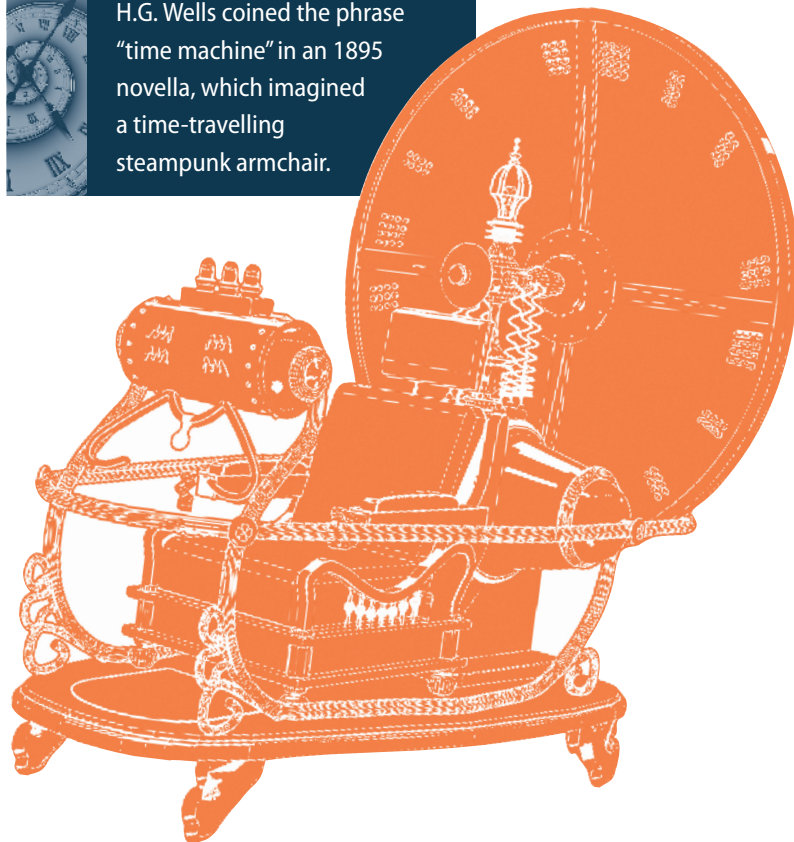
Wie Was Wie

<www.wiewaswie.nl/en>

In addition to Dutch civil registrations, this Netherlands resource now also features population records, church books and other sources— more than 230 million individuals’ records in all.



H.G. Wells coined the phrase “time machine” in an 1895 novella, which imagined a time-travelling steampunk armchair.



GENEALOGY WEBSITES FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

CoraWeb

<www.coraweb.com.au>

Cora Num has been collecting genealogy links since 1997, with a focus on Australia but a sweep that also takes in New Zealand, India and Sri Lanka.

Filipino Genealogy Project

<www.filipinogenealogy.com>

Surname searches and genealogies of prominent Philippines families add to getting-started basics to make this blog a must-bookmark.

Trove

<trove.nla.gov.au>

Explore digitized newspapers, maps, photos, books, diaries and letters at this collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of partner organizations that’s not afraid to have a little fun.

GENEALOGY TECH TOOLS

AncientFaces

<www.ancientfaces.com>

Collaborative biographies add to the shared photos (and “orphaned” photos in search of identification) at this site, which now has a social-media-inspired look.

Artifcts \$

<www.artifcts.com>

Got stuff? Here you can upload photos of your family heirlooms along with the stories behind them. Getting started is free; a basic plan costs \$45 per year, while unlimited uploads are \$119 per year.

Cyndi's List

<www.cyndislist.com>

Still the ultimate link list for genealogy, this site has more than 319,000 sites in 231 categories.

DeadFred

<www.deadfred.com>

This long-running ancestral-image archive, home to more than 159,000 entries with 23,000 surnames, has reunited 3,300 photos with families.

Goldie May *

<www.goldiemay.com>

Though named for two female ancestors, this site is anything but old-fashioned. From this jumping-off point, you launch into the cloud to keep a research log automatically, see life events at a glance with layers for collections and boundary changes, and search across catalogs and sites. Basic organizational tools are free; more advanced features require a subscription, starting at \$12 per month.

One-Step Web Pages by Stephen P. Morse

<www.stevemorse.org>

Nothing fancy here—just the power to dive into immigration, census and vital records and more with a single click. You'll also find helpful hints on old calendars, foreign alphabets and historical maps.

WorldCat

<www.worldcat.org>

Libraries and archives are often the only source

for cemetery, burial and military records; family Bibles; church and town histories; vital record indexes; and other local resources. Find them in this global catalog of repositories with 405 million book titles, 6 million maps, 440 million articles and more.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORICAL MAP WEBSITES

Arcanum Maps

<maps.arcanum.com/en>

Need a map of Paris from 1739 or a cadastral (land) map of the Hapsburg Empire? All types of historic European maps are here for free online viewing, or purchase and download the full-resolution scans.

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

<digital.newberry.org/ahcb>

County lines shifted over the years, leaving your ancestors' records in unexpected places. Untangle that confusing geography with these essential tools from Chicago's Newberry Library.

Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records

<www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

What land records did your ancestors create at the federal level? Here you can explore more than 5 million federal land title records from 1788 to now, survey plats and field notes, land status records, and control document index records.

David Rumsey Map Collection

<www.davidrumsey.com>

You can actually search for text on many of this site's 130,000 online historical maps, ranging from 1136 to 2023.

Gazetteer of British Place Names

<gazetteer.org.uk>

Search more than 280,000 British places to find the historical county and main administrative areas, changing boundaries, and postal codes.

Historic Map Works

<www.historicmapworks.com>

The more than 1.6 million historical maps and images here include old property maps and directories, matchable with modern Google maps.

Historypin *

<www.historypin.com>

This user-submitted collection aims to connect communities with local history in the form of photos and stories.

Meyers Gazetteer

<www.meyersgaz.org>

Wonder no more about your ancestors' hard-to-spell places in the German Empire (1871 to 1918). Here you can skip those pesky diacritical marks and use as many asterisk wildcards as you want.

GENEALOGY NEWS WEBSITES AND BLOGS

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter *

<www.eogn.com>

Get the latest from long-time genealogy guru and tech expert Dick Eastman. For even more insights, upgrade to a Plus subscription for \$19.95 per year.

Genealogical.com \$

<www.genealogical.com>

Shop here for books from 65 years of genealogy publishing, ranging from the general (*Evidence Explained*; see page 5) to the very specific (*Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs*). Get access to 800 top titles in ebook form for \$135 per year.

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Randy Seaver's irresistible blog features research tips and techniques, news and commentary, humor, and lessons from his own family history.

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<www.ngsgenealogy.org>

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Great Scott! Honorable Mentions

We couldn't quite keep the list to just 101 websites. These five expert-written blogs are worth a follow.

DNAeXplained

<www.dna-explained.com>

Deep dives into genetic genealogy set apart this blog from respected expert Roberta Estes.

The Family Curator

<www.thefamilycurator.com>

Family Tree Magazine columnist Denise Levenick specializes in preserving family heirlooms and keepsakes.

The Genealogy Guys

<www.genealogyguys.com>

Drew Smith and George G. Morgan share genealogy news and insights through their blog and podcast.

The Legal Genealogist

<www.thelegalgenealogist.com>

You'll love this unique look at the legal aspects of family history, from website terms of service to copyright laws to in-depth record analysis.

Your DNA Guide

<www.yourdnaguide.com>

Diahan Southard and her team break complicated DNA topics down to laymen's terms. Check out her column for *Family Tree* on page XX.

The Photo Detective

<www.maurentaylor.com>

More than 350 blog posts and podcast episodes tap the expertise of longtime *Family Tree Magazine* old-photo expert Maureen Taylor.

RootsTech

<www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech>

No need to trek to Salt Lake City to experience what this essential annual conference has to offer. This site features not only all of the 2024 presentations but also more than 1,000 sessions from previous conferences. ●



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