



GENEALOGY

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GENERAL BOOKS

- Adoptee's guide to DNA testing**, Tamar Weinberg (929.1 WEI)
The Family Tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy, Blaine Bettinger (929.1 BET)
The Family Tree problem solver, Marsha Hoffman Rising (929.1072073 RIS 2019)
Genealogical standards of evidence: a guide for family historians, Brenda Dougall Merriman (929.1072 MER)
How to do everything. Genealogy, George Morgan (929.1072073 MOR 2015)
Organize your genealogy: strategies and solutions for every researcher, Drew Smith (929.1 SMI)
Tracing your ancestors' parish records: a guide for family historians, Stuart Raymond (929.1072 RAY)
Tracing your Leeds ancestors: a guide for family historians, Rachel Bellerby (929.20948 BEL)
The troubleshooter's guide to do-it-yourself genealogy (4th ed.), W. Daniel Quillen (929.1072073 QUI)

GENEALOGY & COMPUTERS

- Everything guide to online genealogy: trace your roots, share your history, and create your family tree (3rd ed.)**, Kimberly Powell (929.10285 POW 2014)
Genealogy for dummies (8th ed.), Matthew Helm (929.10285 HEL 2017)
Unofficial guide to Ancestry.com (2018), Nancy Hendrickson (929.10285 HEN)
Unofficial guide to FamilySearch.org, Dana McCullough (929.10285 MCC)

REFERENCE BOOKS

- Births, deaths, marriages (Christian Messenger)**, 1854-1885 (GenRef 929.3 BIR, vol. 1-21)
Early Ontario settlers: a sourcebook, Norman K. Crowder (GenRef 929.3713 CRO)
Obituaries from Ontario's Christian Guardian, 1861-1870, Donald A. McKenzie (GenRef 929.3713 MCK)
Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada, 1869-1873, Books 1-6, Renie A. Rumpel (compiler) (GenRef 929.3713 RUM, Book 1-6)
Hamilton papers (vol. 10, 11) (GenRef 929.3713 HAM)
Loyalist lineages of Canada, 1783-1983 (GenRef 929.20971 LOY)
Middlesex County marriages & baptisms 1848-1858, Dan Walker (GenRef 929.371325 WAL)
Roman Catholic marriage registers in Ontario, Canada 1828-1870, Renie A. Rumpel (GenRef 929.3713 RUM)
Vital records of Upper Canada/Canada West (Niagara District, Gore District), Dan Walker (GenRef 929.3713 WAL)

MICROFORMS

NEWSPAPERS

Brantford Expositor, 1852-present

Note: A Births-Marriages-Deaths Index is available for the **Brantford Weekly Expositor**, 1852-1916; **Brantford (Daily) Expositor**, 1917-1947, 1950-1951, 1956, 1960-2017 (additional years are being indexed as time permits).

CENSUS REELS

We have census reels for 1851-1911 for Brant County and many of the surrounding counties in southern Ontario.

Note: There are indexes for the 1851, 1861, 1891, and 1901 census for Brantford and the townships in Brant County. We have the printed indexes for the 1871 Ontario census in RefGen929's. There are several transcriptions for different townships in Brant County and Wentworth County as well as for the city of Brantford for the 1901 census.

Search the Canadian censuses on Library and Archives Canada, Ancestry, and FamilySearch.

The 1921 Canada census is searchable on Ancestry and the Library and Archives Canada website. The 1926 Prairie census is searchable on the Library and Archives Canada website and the FamilySearch website.

CITY DIRECTORIES AND TELEPHONE BOOKS

We have many early city directories and telephone books on microfilm for Brantford.

Note: Many Brantford City directories are available on the FamilySearch website.

ONTARIO ARCHIVES LAND RECORD INDEX

This is an index by surname and by township or town. Data ranges from the 1780's to the start of WWI.

VITAL STATISTICS INDEXES (ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO)

These birth (1869-1917), marriage (1873-1937), and death (1869-1947) registrations have been microfilmed by the Archives of Ontario. The Library has many of the early index reels on microfilm in the Local History room. You can search by surname to get the registration number and then may be able to request the registration on microfilm through interlibrary loan from the Archives. Indexes to Births 1915-1917 is only available through interlibrary loan from the Archives of Ontario.

Note: Many years are searchable on Ancestry and FamilySearch and include digitized images.

SURROGATE COURT INDEXES

MS 830 Reel 1 (1793-1858)

MS 404 Reels 1-5, 20-33 (1858-1967)

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTS

The cemeteries in Brant County have been transcribed, including Mount Hope, Greenwood, St. George United, St. Joseph's, Farrington, and Oakland.

BOOKS

Baptismal register, 1841-1860; membership lists, 1840-1848, First Congregational Church (R285.8713 FIR LOHIST)

Baptisms of the Burford, Fairfield Plains, Bethel and area Methodist and United Church from 1900-1940 (R287.92 BAP LOHIST)

Cainsville United Church marriage register, 1936-1958 (R287.92 CAI)

County of Brant: gazetteer and directory for 1869-70, James Sutherland (R971.347 SUT LOHIST)

Deaths: Grace Anglican Church, Brantford, Ontario (R283.71347 DEA LOHIST)

Grand River tract census: Haldimand Township, Wentworth County, Gore District, 1824, 1827, 1829,

1832, Angela Files (collater) (R971.347 GRA LOHIST)
History of the County of Brant (R971.347 HIS LOHIST)
Loyalist families of the Grand River Branch, United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (R971.336 LOY LOHIST)
Marriage register 1857-1941, Scotland United Church (R929.371347 MAR)
Marriage register for the Cainsville Wesleyan Methodist congregations (1857-1869; 1897-1919) (R287.171347 MAR LOHIST)
Marriages (Grace Anglican Church, 1827-1904) (R929.37148 MAR LOHIST)
Mohawk Chapel baptisms, marriages, burials 1827-1836, Dan Walker & Fawne Stratford-Devai (R283.71347 WAL LOHIST)
Oakland Township, Burford Gore, Townsend Gore, vol. 1-5, Stuart A. Rammage (R971.348 RAM LOHIST)
A pioneer history of South Brant and the adjacent townships, Walter J. Burrage (R971.347 BUR LOHIST)

FAMILY HISTORIES

CARR--A history of the descendants of William Carr of Lanarkshire, Scotland 1800-1970 (R929.2 CAR LOHIST)
CORNELL--The Cornell family of Ontario, Michigan & Ohio (R929.2 COR LOHIST)
EACRETT--The Eacrett family in Canada (R929.2 EAC LOHIST)
FONGER--A Fonger family tree: a story of Fonger descendants via several branches (R929.2 FON LOHIST)
HARLEY--Our Harley family connections: a study (R929.2 HAR LOHIST)
LADD--Our family tree, John Ladd 1826-1885, Jane Ladd 1831-1908 (R929.2 LAD LOHIST)
MCKEOUGH--The McKeough family tree: section #25 "Racey" (R929.2 MCK LOHIST)
MOORE--The pathway of the Moores (R929.2 MORL LOHIST)
NELLES--Andrew Nelles: a new Canadian, 1798: his life, ancestry and some of his descendants (R929.2 MUT LOHIST)
ORCHARDS--The Orchards of Cornwall, England and Ontario (R929.2 ORCG LOHIST)
STRATFORD--You're a Stratford, vol. 1-5 (R929.2 STRR LOHIST)
TRUMPER--The Trumper family of Brant County, Ontario (R929.2 TRUR LOHIST)
VAN EVERY--Van Every (R929.2 VANR LOHIST)

CHURCH HISTORIES

All Saints' Anglican Church, Mount Pleasant: 150 years 1845-1995 (R283.71347 ALL LOHIST)
Cainsville United Church: 100th anniversary, 1875-1975. (R287.92 CAI LOHIST)
Centennial anniversary: Alexandra Presbyterian Church, Brantford, Ontario, 1845-1945. (R285.271348 CEN LOHIST)
Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, Ontario: families and history (R285.271348 CEN LOHIST)
Farringdon Church: its history and background from 1833 to 1977 (R289.9 FAR LOHIST)
Grace Anglican Church, Brantford, Ontario: 1830-1930 (R283.71348 GRA LOHIST)
St. Joseph's Church, Brantford: golden jubilee, 1936-1986 (R282.71348 SAI LOHIST)

Ancestry Library Edition

Access thousands of Canadian, American, and international sources. It includes vital statistics, censuses, immigration records, military records, etc. You can often view the actual image online. **Note: This resource can only be used in the library on our catalogue computers.**

These are **just some of the many sources of information available** for genealogists. Please check our catalogue and website or phone (519) 756-2220 for library hours.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

GENERAL

Ancestor Search (www.searchforancestors.com/)

-a world-wide directory of free genealogy search engines, websites, and tools for genealogy

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet (www.cyndisList.com/)

-over 337,000 links, categorized and cross-referenced, in over 220 categories including Canada, adoption, census sites, and cemeteries, and obituaries

Genealogy Links (www.genealogylinks.net/)

-has over 50,000 links to online searchable databases including ships' passenger lists, cemetery transcriptions, and censuses for many countries

The Olive Tree Genealogy Homepage (www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml)

-links to subjects such as Ontario city & farmer directories, the Mohawk Nation, Loyalists, ships' lists, and the military

Rootsweb (home.rootsweb.com/)

-mailing lists, World Connect pedigree files, and more

ThoughtCo. Family History and Genealogy ([www.thoughtco.com/genealogy-4133308 /](http://www.thoughtco.com/genealogy-4133308/))

-includes tips, articles, and links to sites by topic

BLOGS

Ancestry Blog (blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/)

-articles about using Ancestry

Anglo-Celtic Connections (anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/)

-provides information on English records as well as Canadian records

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (blog.eogn.com/)

-articles about genealogy computing and software plus genealogy news and events

Genealogy Blog Finder (blogfinder.genealogue.com/)

-can browse the new blogs added, recently updated blogs or search by categories, including personal research, locality specific, and single surname

Genealogy Guys Podcast (www.genealogyguys.com/)

-George G. Morgan and Drew Smith provide notes from their podcasts and answers to listeners' questions

Genealogy Tip of the Day (genealogytipoftheday.com/)

-provides brief tips to help researchers

Olive Tree Genealogy (olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/)

-provides information on free Canadian and American genealogy resources, etc.

SURNAME SEARCHES

Family Search (Mormon Library) (www.familysearch.org/)

-search by name or browse databases by location; records include BMDs, censuses, passenger lists, probate

records, military information, and naturalization records

GeneaNet (www.geneanet.org/)

-can search by surname and get a list of Web addresses where you can find further information

Tribal Pages (tribalpages.com/)

-upload your family tree and choose who can see the information; over 350,000 family trees

BRANT COUNTY

Brant County Branch, OGS (brant.ogs.on.ca/)

-can search their catalogue online, get information about meetings and their publications list

Brant Historical Society (brantmuseum.ca/)

-information about the museum and the research material they have

Great War Centenary Association (doingourbit.ca/)

-contains a database of everyone from Brantford, Brant County, and Six Nations who served in World War I

Paris Museum & Historical Society (theparismuseum.com/)

-information about their hours, holdings, and memberships

Woodland Cultural Centre (woodlandculturalcentre.ca/)

-the website of the First Nations educational and cultural centre

ONTARIO

1871 Census of Ontario (db.library.queensu.ca/census/)

-index to the Ontario census records for 1871 (heads and strays only)

ARCHEION: Ontario's Archival Network (www.archeion.ca/)

-find descriptions of archival records located in archives across Ontario

Archives of Ontario (www.archives.gov.on.ca/)

-click on "Start your research" and "Discover your family history" for information about resources, etc.

Bill Martin's Early Ontario Records (my.tbaytel.net/bmartin/earlyont.htm)

-transcripts and indexes to early Ontario records (many from the Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society); includes transcriptions of church registers and early assessment rolls

In Search of your Canadian past: the Canadian County Atlas Project

(digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/)

-provides a searchable database of the property owners' names appearing in the historical Ontario county atlases

Norfolk Genealogy (www.nornet.on.ca/~jcardiff/)

-has local BMDs found in Norfolk County newspapers starting in 1870, transcriptions of various resources, and information about the history of the county

Norfolk Historical Society (www.norfolkhistoricalsociety.ca/)

-preserving Norfolk County history

Ontario and Upper Canada Genealogy and History (www.ontariogenealogy.com/)

-has many references to many records for Upper Canada including newspaper notices, land petitions, baptisms, marriages, and burials

Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid (ocfa.islandnet.com/)

-database of the surname, cemetery name, and location of over 3 million interments for several thousand cemeteries (**NOTE:** Cemeteries in certain counties are not listed)

Ontario Genealogical Society (www.ogs.on.ca/)

-has the OGS Provincial Index (OGSPI), Society and branch addresses (with links to their websites), publications list, and the Ontario Cemetery Ancestor Index and Cemetery Locator

Ontario GenWeb (www.geneofun.on.ca/ontariogenweb/)

-links to sites listing genealogical information for the different counties in Ontario

OurOntario.ca (search.ourontario.ca/)

-search for records including photographs, maps, books, etc. from various Ontario public libraries, archives, and museums

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register (bowergenealogy.ca/resources/methodist/IndexS.htm/)

-an online transcription, searchable by surname, of the records on the 4 microfilm reels of the Wesleyan Methodist baptismal register from 1825-1910

ONTARIO-BMD INDEXES AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Barrie Public Library ([news.ourontario.ca/Barrie/search /](http://news.ourontario.ca/Barrie/search/))

-has an online birth, marriage, death index for Barrie newspapers for 1847-1960 and 1989-1999

Cobourg Public Library (cobourg.news.halinet.on.ca/)

-includes: Cobourg Daily Star, Northumberland News, Snap, Northumberland Today.com, and The News Northumberland

Grimsby Public Library (news.ourontario.ca/grimsby/search)

-includes: Grimsby Lincoln News, Grimsby Independent, and West Niagara News

Halton Newspaper Index-BMD Search (news.halinet.on.ca/search)

-includes: Burlington Gazette, Canadian Champion (Milton), Georgetown Independent, and Oakville Banner

Lincoln Public Library (bdm.lincoln.library.on.ca/)

-notices from the Beamsville Express and Lincoln Post dating from 1902

Newmarket Public Library (news.ourontario.ca/Newmarket/search)

-Era-Banner Newspaper Index, 1920-1929, 1980-1982, and 1992-2009

Niagara Falls Public Library (www.nflibrary.ca/nfplindex/)

-indexes births, marriages, and deaths for Niagara Falls newspapers for various years starting in 1908

Orillia Public Library (news.ourontario.ca/Orillia/search)

-includes: Daily Packet & Times and other local newspapers

Oshawa Public Library (news.ourontario.ca/oshawa/search)

-includes various Oshawa area newspapers

Oxford County Library-Ingersoll (www.ocl.net/Services/Local-History)

-births, marriages, and deaths have been indexed for the Ingersoll Chronicle, 1854-1919 and the Ingersoll Tribune, 1897-1970; also has Ingersoll Vital Statistics, 1896-1934; and an Ingersoll and area cemetery index

Peel Newspaper Index (news.ourontario.ca/brampton/search)

-birth, marriage, and death index for the Brampton Guardian, 1979-present

Pickering Local History Digital Archive

(corporate.pickering.ca/PLHCWebLink/Welcme.aspx?cr=1)

-can search for birth, marriage, death notices by name

St. Catharines Public Library (bmd.stcatharines.library.on.ca/en/search/)

-birth, marriage, death index for various years of the St. Catharines Standard

Welland Public Library (localhistory.welland.library.on.ca/)

-birth, marriage, death index for local newspapers from 1872-1939 and 1990 to the present

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library (news.ourontario.ca/whitchurchstouffville/search)

-includes several Stouffville newspapers

Woodstock Public Library (woodstock.news.halinet.on.ca/search)

-list of newspapers indexed for births, marriages, and deaths is given; a range of years indexed

CANADA

Acadian Genealogy Homepage (www.acadian.org/)

-provides Acadian-Cajun genealogy information

Acts of Divorce, 1841-1968

(www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/vital-statistics-births-marriages-deaths/divorce-1841-1968/Pages/acts-divorce-1841-1968.aspx)

-includes references to divorces, granted by private acts of the Parliament of Canada between 1841 and 1968, published in sources such as the "Statutes of the Province of Canada"

Archives Canada (www.archivescanada.ca/)

-search archival holdings and find contact information for archives by location or type

Automated Genealogy Census Indexing Project (automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html)

-indexes for the 1851, 1901, 1906, and 1911 Canada censuses

British Columbia Archives (search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/basicSearch)

Births Index, 1854-1903, Marriages Index, 1872-1943 and Deaths Index, 1872-1998 with digitized images of many of the actual registrations

British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid (bccfa.islandnet.com/)

-database of the surname, cemetery name, and location of over 344,000 interments of cemeteries in British Columbia

British Columbia Historical Newspaper Search (<https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/bcnewspapers>)

-view various digitized newspapers from the province of British Columbia

Canada GenWeb Project (canadagenweb.org)

-links to the sites for each province and the genealogical resources available for the counties within each one; the cemetery project which lists their names, locations, and links to transcriptions

Canadian Community Digital Archives (www.communitydigitalarchives.com/)

-a service for libraries, historical societies, etc. that lets them digitize and share their historical newspapers; can do a keyword search and narrow down by name of newspaper and date

Canadian Directories Collection (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/directories-collection/Pages/directories-collection.aspx)

-digitized, pre-1901 volumes of Canadian directories – national, provincial, county, and city

Canadian Genealogy Directory (www.cangenealogy.com/)

-links to Canadian genealogical resources by region-national or provincial, category-military, Loyalists, etc.

Canadian Headstone Photo Project (www.canadianheadstones.com/)

-the goal of this website is to get digital images and complete transcriptions of headstones in cemeteries across Canada; there are over 1,950,000 records so far

Canadian Naturalization 1915-1951 (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalized-records-1915-1951/Pages/introduction.aspx)

-can search by name or date for digitized images of the lists of people who applied for and obtained status as naturalized Canadians between 1915 and 1951

Canadian Necrology (necrology.library.utoronto.ca)

-a source of death information for both prominent and lesser-known Canadians from the late 18th century to 1977

Genealogy and Family History (Library and Archives Canada)

(<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx>)

-provides electronic access to Canadian genealogical resources on various topics including census, military, and land records

Geographical Names in Canada (www.nrcan.gc.ca/maps-tools-publications/maps/geographical-names-canada/10786)

-find out the location of places from cities to hamlets to unincorporated areas

Home Children (1869-1932)

(bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/home-children-1869-1930/Pages/home-children.aspx)

-members of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa are indexing the names of Home Children found in different records held by Library and Archives Canada

Immigrants at Grosse Ile Quarantine Station, 1832-1937

(bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/immigrants-grosse-ile-1832-1937/Pages/immigrants-grosse-ile.aspx)

-provides information about 33,036 immigrants who stayed at this quarantine station between 1832 and 1937

Library and Archives Canada (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx)

-information about what is available from the national library and archives in Ottawa

Lower Canada Land Petitions (1764-1841) (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-lower-canada-1764-1841/Pages/land-petitions-lower-canada.aspx)

-contains petitions for grants of land and other administrative records

Manitoba Vital Statistics Index (vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/Query.php)

-can search for births (from more than 100 years ago), marriages (from more than 80 years ago) and deaths (from more than 70 years ago) in Manitoba

Newfoundland's Grand Banks Genealogical and Historical Data (ngb.chebucto.org/)

-has a collection of resources including pre-1891 church records, census records for 1921, 1935, and 1945, and cemetery transcripts

Nova Scotia Archives (archives.novascotia.ca/)

-includes databases for marriage bonds, 1763-1849, deaths reported on by the Medical Examiner for Halifax and Dartmouth, 1895-1967, and parish registers of St. Jean-Baptiste, Annapolis Royal, 1702-1755

Passenger List Indexing Project (nanaimofamilyhistory.ca/passenger-list-project/)

-index of arrivals at the Port of Quebec (also includes Montreal) from 1903 to 1910

Passenger Lists and Border Entries, 1925-1935 – Nominal Indexes

(www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists-border-entry-1925-1935/Pages/introduction.aspx)

-can search for names from passenger lists for 1925-1935

Peel's Prairie Provinces (peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html)

-can search newspapers and Henderson city directories for various cities in Alberta, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (archives.gnb.ca/Archives/default.aspx?culture=en-CA)

-choose "Search" heading and then pick one of the databases listed

Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island

(www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/search-public-archives-material-online)

-has indexes to the 1841, 1881, 1891, and 1901 censuses (under P.E.I. Census Documents Data Search) and a database of baptismal records for approximately 1777-1923

Saskatchewan Homestead Index (www.saskhomesteads.com/search.asp)

-a database containing 360,000 references to people who took part in the homestead process from 1872-1930

Saskatchewan Vital Statistics Index (genealogy.ehealthsask.ca/vsgs_srch.aspx)

-can search for births that are more than 100 years old and deaths that are more than 70 years old (marriage index is not available yet)

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (www.uelac.org/)

-information about the history of this organization, membership, and branches

University of Calgary Digital Collections (library.ucalgary.ca/digital?b=g&d=a&group_id=14797)

-provides access to cultural and heritage material for Alberta, including local histories and newspapers

University of Manitoba Digital Collections

(digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Amanitoba_newspapers)

-view various digitized newspapers

Upper and Lower Canada Marriage Bonds (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/vital-statistics-births-marriages-deaths/marriage-bonds/pages/marriage-bonds-upper-lower.aspx)

-database that provides references to 7,899 marriage bonds for Upper Canada (Ontario) issued between 1803 and 1865 and 2,960 marriage bonds for Lower Canada (Quebec) issued between 1779 and 1858

Upper Canada and Canada West Naturalization Records (1828-1850)

(www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalization-upper-western-1828-1850/Pages/introduction.aspx)

-can search for references to people in naturalization registers for 1828 to 1850

Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865) (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-upper-canada-1763-1865/Pages/land-petitions-upper-canada.aspx)

-has petitions for grants or leases of land and other administrative records with references to over 77,000 people who lived in present-day Ontario from 1763 to 1865

Western Land Grants (1870-1930) (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/land-grants-western-canada.aspx)

-can search for records of grants, which provide the name of the grantee, description of the land, and date granted, that were issued in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the railway belt of British Columbia from 1870-1930

Canada-Genealogical/Family History Societies

Websites for genealogical organizations in other provinces which provide contact information, lists of publications, special projects, etc.

Alberta Family Histories Society (www.afhs.ab.ca/)

Alberta Genealogical Society (www.abgenealogy.ca/)

British Columbia Genealogical Society (www.bcgs.ca/)

Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (www.fhsnl.ca/)

Manitoba Genealogical Society (www.mbgenealogy.com/)

New Brunswick Genealogical Society (www.nbgs.ca/)

Nova Scotia Genealogy Network Association (nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/)

Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society (www.peigs.ca/)

Quebec Family History Society (www.qfhs.ca/)

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (www.saskgenealogy.com/)

UNITED STATES

Access Genealogy (www.accessgenealogy.com/)

-information on where to find cemetery, census, military, and Native American records; also has free genealogy charts

Ancestor Hunt (www.theancestorhunt.com/)

-use the Surname search portal and the Obituary search portal to find ancestors in the United States; provides links to many genealogy search engines

California Digital Newspaper Collection (cdnc.ucr.edu/)

-search digitized California newspapers from 1846 to the present

Castle Garden Passenger Arrival Records (www.castlegarden.org/)

-transcribed entries of the records of New York's first immigrant receiving station starting in 1830

Christine's African American Genealogy Website (ccharity.com/)

-links to sources of African American genealogy from across the United States

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/)

-view newspaper pages from 1789 to 1963 for certain states or find information about American newspapers published from 1690 to the present

Directory of National and State Genealogical Libraries (www.gwest.org/gen_libs.htm)

-provides the contact information for American libraries that provide genealogical information

Ellis Island (www.ellisland.org/)

-database containing the names of 22 million passengers and crew who entered the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924

Free Newspaper Archives in the US (www.freewspaperarchives.us/)

-links to free newspaper archives by area (e.g., Northeastern United States)

Free Online Census Records and Indexes-USA (www.researchguides.net/census/free.htm)

-links to free census records for individual states and territories

Genealogy Gems (lisalouisecooke.com/)

-podcasts, videos, articles, and getting-started guides by Lisa Louise Cooke

Genealogy Inc. (www.genealogyinc.com/)

-links to American genealogical information by state and by source type

Gravestone Photo Project (iowagravestones.org/gpp-info.php)

-search for cemetery information in over 30 states

Linkpendium USA (www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/)

-find links to resources, organized by topic, for any state and/or county in the United States

Mortality Schedules.com (www.mortalityschedules.com/)

-transcription of the mortality schedules for many counties; people who died less than 12 months prior to the 1850, 1860, 1870 or 1880 census enumeration were not listed in the regular census

National Archives (United States) (www.archives.gov/research/genealogy)

- information about American genealogical resources; choose “The Research Room”

National Genealogical Society (www.ngsgenealogy.org/)

-includes information about the society, its library, and online resources

Newspaper Obituaries on the Net (www.newspaperobituaries.net/)

-provides access to millions of free obituaries by state

Obituary Central (www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/)

-links to online obituaries from the United States

Official Federal Land Patents (www.glorerecords.blm.gov/)

-searchable database which allows you to view more than 2 million land patents issued between 1820 and 1908 in eastern, public-land states (most states outside of the 13 original colonies are public-land states)

USGENWEB Project (usgenweb.org/)

- project to organize genealogical resources on the Internet in every county and state of the United States with useful resources in the GenWeb Archives section

UNITED STATES-VITAL RECORDS

Arizona Department of Health Services (genealogy.az.gov)

-search birth records from 1855-1944 and death certificates from 1870-1969

BYU-Idaho Special Collections (archives.byui.edu/family-history/deaths)

-search for abstracts of death certificates from 1911-1951

Massachusetts Archives (www.sec.state.ma.us/arc)

-has a searchable database of the indexes to births, marriages, and deaths for 1841-1925

Michiganology (michiganology.org/)

-can search for photographs, maps, spoken histories, and documents, including Michigan death certificates from 1897 to 1952 with digitized certificates older than 75 years available to look at

Minnesota Historical Society (www.mnhs.org/index.htm)

-can search the birth and death certificates index as well as the state census records for 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, and 1905

Missouri Digital Heritage (www.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/birthdeath/)

-includes pre-1910 birth and death records and death certificates for 1910-1969

Ohio Death Records Index Search (resources.ohiohistory.org/death/)

-can search the index which covers 1913 to 1944 and 1954 to 1963 for free

Ohio Memory (www.wikitree.com/)

-items from 360 institutions statewide, including: yearbooks, county atlases, digitized newspapers, and old photos

Online Birth & Marriage Record Indexes for the USA (www.germanroots.com/vitalrecords.html)

-a guide for finding birth and marriage records

Online Searchable Death Indexes for the U.S.A. (www.germanroots.com/deathrecords.html)

-provides links to death indexes that are searchable online for the different states

Utah State Archives (archives.utah.gov/research/indexes/20842.htm)

-death certificates from 1905-1967 are available online

Vital Records Information United States (vitalrec.com/index.html)

-information about where to obtain vital records from each state, territory and county of the United States

Washington State Digital Archives (www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/)

-can search for birth, marriage, and death records for various years as well as census, land, and military records

West Virginia Archives (www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_bcsearch.aspx)

-the searchable database includes birth and death certificates and marriage license applications from 1811 to 1970

Western States Historical Marriage Records Index

(abish.byui.edu/specialcollections/westernstates/search.cfm)

-indexes almost 700,000 marriages for Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada and selected counties in California, western Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Utah, eastern Washington, and Wyoming

Wisconsin Historical Society (www.wisconsinhistory.org/)

-their genealogical index has pre-1907 vital records as well as 150,000 records in the Wisconsin name index

INTERNATIONAL

Birth, Death and Marriage Historical Records (www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/)

-search for births that occurred at least 100 years ago, marriages that occurred at least 80 years ago, and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago in New Zealand

British Newspaper Archive (www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/)

-can search by newspaper or browse by location; free to search but costs money to view pages

Center for Jewish History (www.cjh.org/)

-has a "Trace Your Roots" section and searchable databases

Deceased Online (www.deceasedonline.com/)

-contains more than one million records of burials and cremations from five local governments in various parts of the United Kingdom from as far back as 1837

Federation of East European Family History Societies (feefhs.org/)

-information for people searching their ancestors in Eastern Europe

Find My Past (www.findmypast.co.uk/)

-subscription fee or pay as you go to view United Kingdom family history records

FreeBMD (www.freebmd.org.uk/)

-provides access to over 200 million birth, marriage, and death records in England and Wales since 1837

FreeCEN (www.freecen.org.uk/)

-free, online searchable database of UK census records for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, and 1891; this is an ongoing project and transcriptions are added weekly

FreeREG (www.freereg.org.uk/)

-volunteers are transcribing baptism, marriage, and burial records from parish and non-conformist registers of the United Kingdom

Genealogy Indexer (genealogyindexer.org/)

-Central and Eastern European records including historical directories, military lists, and community and personal histories

Genes Reunited (www.genesreunited.co.uk/)

-the United Kingdom's largest family tree, genealogy and ancestry site lets you search for a family member or build your own family tree

GenMaps (freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genmaps/)

-contains scans of or links to maps from England, Scotland, and Wales from the 14th to the 19th centuries

Genuki, Genealogy in the United Kingdom and Ireland (www.genuki.org.uk/big/)

-finding aids, indexes, and guides, arranged by country, region, county, and town

German Roots (www.germanroots.com/)

-resources for German genealogy on the Internet including online databases, census, and emigration

Historical Directories (specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/collection/p16445coll4/)

-a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales from 1760s to 1910s

Irish Ancestral Research Association (www.tiara.ie/)

-provides information for people searching for their Irish ancestors

Irish Death Notice Index (www.irelandoldnews.com/obits)

-an index of over 54,000 obituaries of people who were born and/or died in Ireland or whose deaths were mentioned in Irish newspapers

Irish Family History Foundation (www.rootsireland.ie/)

-Ireland's largest family records database with birth, marriage, death, and gravestone records, most of which are only available on this website; have to register and purchase credits to view results and specific records

Irish Genealogy (www.irishgenealogy.ie/)

-information on tracing your ancestors in Ireland, including some searchable online indexes such as church records

Irish Genealogy Toolkit (www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/)

-free information, tools, and advice with the latest news in the right-hand column

Irish Lives Remembered (www.irishlivesremembered.com/)

-a free genealogy magazine; also has forums and discussions

JewishGen (www.jewishgen.org/)

-includes the JewishGen Family Finder database and the JewishGen discussion group

The National Archives (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/default.htm)

-advice and resources for genealogists researching their ancestors in the United Kingdom

The National Archives of Ireland (www.nationalarchives.ie/)

-can search the 1901 and 1911 censuses and find information about the Archives' resources and a list of genealogical contacts in Ireland

Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London 1674 to 1834 (www.oldbaileyonline.org/)

-searchable online edition of over 100,000 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court

Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (www.proni.gov.uk/)

-official archives site for Northern Ireland with information about holdings and how to research your Irish roots

Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (www.slavevoyages.org/)

-information on almost 35,000 slaving voyages that took millions of Africans to the Americas between the 16th and 19th centuries

Trove (National Library of Australia) (trove.nla.gov.au/)

-search full text of newspapers as well as photos, diaries, letters, and archives

UK BMD (www.ukbmd.org.uk/)

-provides links to websites that have online transcriptions of births, marriages, and deaths in the United Kingdom as well as links to census sites

Welsh Newspapers Online (newspapers.library.wales/)

-search newspapers for articles, including family notices

World Genealogy Web Project (www.worldgenweb.org/)

-countries are listed in alphabetical order with links to genealogical information for each

MILITARY

American Battle Monuments Commission (www.abmc.gov/)

-can search this database of American military personnel who were buried or declared missing in action outside the United States

Books of Remembrance (www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books)

-lists the names of Canadians who fought in wars and died either during or after them

Canadian Virtual War Memorial (www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial)

-contains a registry of information about the graves and memorials of over 116,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served their country

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm)

-includes searchable databases of men who served on both sides during the Civil War

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org/)

-searchable database of the 1.7 million men and women who died during the two world wars

Fold3 (www.fold3.com/)

-web's premier collection of original American military records with over 95 million total record images; some documents are free while others cost money to view

Legion Magazine (Last Post) (legionmagazine.com/en/index.php/last-post/)

-index to death notices of veterans published in the magazine since 1989

Merchant Navy War Dead Registry

(www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/second-world-war/merchant-navy-war-dead-registry)

-search the index for seamen who were killed while serving in Canada's Merchant Marine

Military Burials and Memorials (www.cem.va.gov/CEM/index.asp)

-use the Nationwide Gravesite Locator database to find out where the person is buried, birth and death dates, and the branch of the military that the person served in

Online Military Indexes & Records (www.militaryindexes.com/)

-find links to online resources for United States genealogy research for the different wars

Personnel Records of the First World War (www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx)

-indexes over 600,000 Canadians who enlisted during the First World War; will find the first two pages of the recruit's attestation papers (Note: for the soldiers complete service record you will have to order the file from Library Archives Canada)

Soldiers of the South African War

(www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/south-african-war-1899-1902/Pages/service-files-south-african-war.aspx)

-indexes the names of over 7,350 Canadians who enlisted during the "Boer War"; will find the service records, medal registers and land grant applications of those who served

War Diaries of the First World War (www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html)

-contains the War Diaries (not personal diaries) of many units who served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the Great War

OBITUARIES

Legacy.com (www.legacy.com/ns/about/newspapers/)

-links to current obituaries at hundreds of newspapers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand

Remembering.ca (www.remembering.ca/)

-find obituaries published in newspapers across Canada; can choose a specific city or look at all of them

SPECIAL INTEREST

Ancestors at Rest (ancestorsatrest.com/)

-links to different kinds of free death records including funeral cards, cemetery records, and vital statistics for the United States and Canada

Billion Graves (billiongraves.com/)

-search for tombstones from around the world

Blacksheep Ancestors (www.blacksheepancestors.com/)

-includes links to genealogical prison records for the United States and the United Kingdom, and historical court records and execution records for Canada, the United States, and United Kingdom

British Home Children (www.britishhomechildren.com/)

-lists the names of the British Home Children and provides information about other sources

Charts for Reference in Genealogy Research (silvie.tripod.com/charts.html)

-reference lists for unusual occupation titles, wars, and outdated disease names

David Rumsey Map Collection (www.davidrumsey.com/)

-more than 90,000 historical maps and images from around the world

Dead Fred (www.deadfred.com/)

-a photo genealogy website which you can search by name, date, location, etc. and post your own photos

Elephind.com (www.elephind.com/)

-search historical American and Australian newspapers

Find A Grave (www.findagrave.com/)

-can search 86 million cemetery records in the United States, Canada, England, and other countries by name or browse through all listings by surname

First Name Basis (genealogytoday.com/names/first/basis.html)

-can do searches using unusual first names

FuneralNet (funeralnet.com/)

-can search for international funeral homes and U.S. obituaries and cemeteries

GenDisasters.com (www.gendisasters.com/)

-newspaper articles about disasters such as train wrecks, fires, and floods from the United States and Canada

Genealogy Glossary (www.genealogy.com/Glossary/glossary.html)

-lists genealogical terms and provides definitions of them

Genealogy Gophers (www.gengophers.com/#/)

-search for ancestors in digital genealogy books

GenWed.com: Marriage Records Online (www.genwed.com/)

-database listing links to marriage records online for the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom

Gravestone Photographic Resource (www.gravestonephotos.com/)

-an international directory of grave monuments for various countries, including: Australia, Canada, England, Italy, and New Zealand

HathiTrust Digital Library (www.hathitrust.org/)

-millions of digitized titles with many scanned family genealogies

Interment.net (www.interment.net/)

-has thousands of cemetery transcriptions from the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries

International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki (isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page)

-information about the different DNA projects and tests; numerous articles about DNA research

Internet Archive (www.archive.org/)

-a project where thousands of books have been digitized, including family and local histories

One-Step Web Pages by Stephen P. Morse (www.stevemorse.org/)

-a collection of online forms used to search genealogical databases, such as Ellis Island, in one step

WeRelate (www.werelate.org/wiki/Main_Page)

-building a single family tree where you can share documents, upload photos and stories; there are already 2.9 million people entered

WikiTree (www.wikitree.com/)

-collaborative family tree that has more than 23 million profiles

SHIPS' LISTS

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (www.immigrantships.net/)

-provides more than 9,000 ships' passenger lists which you can find by date, ship's name or by port of arrival/departure

The Ships List (www.theshipslist.com/)

-helps researchers find information on ancestors that travelled to the United States, Canada, Australia, etc. by ship

What Passenger Lists Are Online? (www.germanroots.com/onlinelists.html)

-links to US arrival records, international arrivals and departures, and general sites