

Genealogy

Some Good Websites to Get You Started:

(\$ = some paid content, * = don't miss this one)

WYLD Genealogy Databases <http://gowyld.net/subj.cfm?subject=genealogy>

Access Genealogy	www.accessgenealogy.com
Ancestry.com	www.ancestry.com \$
BLM General Land Office Records	www.glorerecords.blm.gov
Castle Garden	www.castlegarden.org
CanadaGenWeb	www.rootsweb.com/~canwgv
Canadian Genealogy Centre	www.genealogy.gc.ca
Colonial Ancestors	www.colonialancestors.com
City Directories of the USA	http://uscitydirectories.com
*Cyndi's List	www.cyndislist.com
*Ellis Island	www.ellisland.org
*Familysearch.org	www.familysearch.org
Find A Grave	http://findagrave.com
Genealogy.com	www.genealogy.com \$
Genealogy Today	http://genealogytoday.com
GENUKI (British Genealogy)	www.genuki.org.uk
Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild	www.immigrantships.net
Interment.net	www.interment.net
Mocavo (genealogy search engine)	www.mocavo.com
National Archives	www.archives.gov
Newspaper Abstracts	www.newspaperabstracts.com
Obituary Central	www.obitcentral.com
Public Record Finder.com	www.publicrecordfinder.com
*Rootsweb	www.rootsweb.com
*U.S. GenWeb	www.usgenweb.com
VitalRec (U.S. Vital Records)	www.vitalrec.com
WorldGenWeb	www.worldgenweb.org

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Keys to Help Unlock the Mystery of Family History:

1. The reference interview (sample questions).

1. Are you just starting to research your family history?
2. Do you have a **certain person** that you're looking for?
3. What do you already know about that person?
4. Is there a **certain event** in that person's life that you are interested in?
5. Do you have a **deadline**? / Is this a class project?
6. Where have you **already looked**?

2. Knowing how to start a genealogy research project.

1. **What do I already know about my family?**
2. **Record** this information and the **sources you used**.
3. **Talk to family members** to get names, dates, places they lived and family stories.
4. **With the information above, start researching from yourself backwards one generation at a time**.
5. You will likely need to consult Internet databases, books **AND** original records. Good places to start are **Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest and familysearch.org**.

3. Some knowledge of genealogy sources available.

1. Start with WYLD shared databases at gowyld.net.
Start with the 1940 census and work backwards.
2. **Books!** in your library, eBooks, ILL (VDX & WorldCat).
3. **Vital records** - birth, marriage and death official records.
4. Being able to do a good Internet search. Remember the Google Advanced Search and Mocavo.

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