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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
Ancestry.com
BLM General Land Office Records
Castle Garden
CanadaGenWeb
Canadian Genealogy Centre
Colonial Ancestors
City Directories of the USA
*Cyndi’s List
*Ellis Island
*Familysearch.org
Find A Grave
Genealogy.com
Genealogy Today
GENUKI (British Genealogy)
Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild
Interment.net
Mocavo (genealogy search engine)
National Archives
Newspaper Abstracts
Obituary Central
Public Record Finder.com
*Rootweb
*U.S. GenWeb
VitalRec (U.S. Vital Records)
WorldGenWeb

www.accessgenealogy.com
www.ancestry.com $
www.glorecords.blm.gov
www.castlegarden.org
www.rootsweb.com/~canwgw
www.genealogy.gc.ca
www.colonialancestors.com
http://uscitydirectories.com
www.cyndislist.com
www.ellisisland.org
www.familysearch.org
http://findagrave.com
www.genealogy.com $
http://genealogytoday.com
www.genuki.org.uk
www.immigrantships.net
www.interment.net
www.mocavo.com
www.archives.gov
www.newspaperabstracts.com
www.obitcentral.com
www.publicrecordfinder.com
www.rootsweb.com
www.usgenweb.com
www.vitalrec.com
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.
   4. Being able to do a good Internet search. Remember the Google Advanced Search and Mocavo.