

# Genealogy

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

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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](http://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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