

Online Genealogy Resources

Ancestry.com (\$)

Ancestry.com is the largest private online genealogy database. Users can create family trees to trace their lineage, and get hints about who else could be their ancestors. It also contains historical records that can be connected to family members and used as genealogical evidence. Some of the features of Ancestry.com require a paid subscription and some features are free.

<https://www.ancestry.com/>

Austin American Statesman Archives (Requires Austin Public Library Card for use)

The Austin American Statesman (Historical) database includes searchable articles from the newspaper for the years 1871-1978. Articles display in PDF format.

<https://library.austintexas.gov/database/austin-american-statesman-historical>

Chronicling America

This site provides access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages. It is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC). They are embarking on a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Cyndi's List

Cyndi's list is a categorized and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet. It has a list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online. It is free and meant to be a starting point when researching online.

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

Daughters of the American Revolution

The members are all descendants of American Revolution patriots and welcome new eligible members. With some 3,000 chapters nationally and internationally, DAR has teams of volunteers who can assist you if you need help with your research.

<https://www.dar.org>

Descendants of Mexican War Veterans

The DMWV is a non-profit, non-political, national lineage society chartered by the State of Texas. They are historical, genealogical, educational and charitable in nature, and are the descendants of both regular and volunteer officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees of the United States Army.

<http://www.dmwv.org/index.htm>

FamilySearch

FamilySearch maintains a collection of records, resources, and services designed to help people learn more about their family history. FamilySearch gathers, preserves, and shares genealogical records worldwide. It offers free access to its resources and services.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

- **Travis County section of FamilySearch**

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Travis_County,_Texas_Genealogy

Family Tree DNA (\$)

In 2000, FamilyTreeDNA became the very first company to deliver direct-to-consumer DNA testing for ancestry. They have family, paternal, and maternal ancestry tests.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/>

Family Tree Magazine Freebies

This page links to the free forms, ebooks and “cheat sheets” related to genealogy research from Family Tree Magazine, a subscription publication.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/familytreefreebies/>

Find A Grave

Find A Grave allows the public to search and add to an online database of cemetery records. It is owned by Ancestry.com. It receives and uploads digital photographs of headstones from burial sites, taken by unpaid volunteers at cemeteries and posts the photo on its website.

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Freedmen's Bureau Project

The Freedmen's Bureau Project is a volunteer initiative to make the records of more than 4 million post-Civil war era African Americans searchable online. It was created as a set of partnerships between FamilySearch International and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and the California African American Museum. The names of nearly 1.8 million men, women and children are searchable online. There are also indexed images, allowing individuals to build their family trees and connect with their heritage.

<http://www.discoverfreedmen.org/>

Genealogy Gems Podcast

This is a podcast featuring information, innovation and inspiration to help you grow your family tree. PDFs of transcripts, with links to discussed information, are available as well.

<http://genealogygemspodcast.com/>

Genealogy Guys Podcast

Each episode of the Genealogy Guys podcast includes the latest news from genealogical companies and organizations, listener email, and other content, such as book reviews and brief interviews. They delve into all kinds of topics that would interest every genealogist, from the beginner to the expert.

<http://www.genealogyguys.com/>

- **Genealogy Guys Blog**
<http://blog.genealogyguys.com/>

Geneanet

Launched in 1996 by genealogy enthusiasts, Geneanet is a community of more than 3 million members who share their genealogical information for free: more than 6 billion individuals in the family trees some digitized archival records, some family pictures, some indexes, all available through a search engine and a blog.

<https://en.geneanet.org/search/>

HeritageQuest

HeritageQuest helps researchers find data from the U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 to 1930; more than 22,000 full-text family and local histories; and PERSI, a subject index of 6,300 local history and genealogy periodicals. It includes Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant application files, as well as the Freedman's Bank Records, an important resource for African-American genealogical research. Additionally, there are more than 250 primary-source documents such as tax lists, city directories and probate records. Free with Austin Public Library card.

<http://library.austintexas.gov/database/heritagequest-online>

Linkpendium

Linkpendium is a 10,000,000+ resource directory to everything on the Web about families worldwide and genealogically-relevant information about U.S. states and counties. They cover both free and subscription sites, with a strong emphasis upon free resources provided by libraries, other government agencies, genealogical and historical societies, and individuals.

<http://www.linkpendium.com/>

MyHeritage (\$)

The MyHeritage online database contains 6.3 billion historical records, including census, birth, marriage, death, military, and immigration documents along with historical newspapers. MyHeritage DNA is MyHeritage's genetic testing service. The results provide DNA matching and ethnicity estimates. MyHeritage DNA also accepts free transfers for people who have tested with other companies.

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

Myrt's Musings

Myrt's Musings/Dear Myrtle is a genealogy blog with research tips and news, as well as interviews with notable genealogists. Also has links to a related Facebook group and YouTube channel.

<http://dearmyrtle.com/blog2/>

National Archives

This page organizes the National Archives genealogy resources by topic or type of record. Some of the available records include census, military, immigration, naturalization and land.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research>

- **Access to National Archives Archival Databases**

<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Portal to Texas History

The Portal to Texas History is a gateway to rare, historical, and primary source materials from or about Texas. Created and maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries, the Portal leverages the power of hundreds of content partners across the state to provide a vibrant, growing collection of resources.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/>

Roots Web

RootsWeb is a free genealogy community that uses online forums, mailing lists, and other resources to help people research their family history. Users can upload files of their information for others to search at the WorldConnect portion of the site. Trees uploaded to WorldConnect are searchable at the RootsWeb website.

<https://rootsweb.com/>

- **Texas page on RootsWeb**

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~xander/genealogy/texas-genealogy.htm>

Somos Primos

Somos Primos is a publication dedicated to articles, events and information concerning Hispanic heritage issues. Somos Primos is an all-volunteer effort with no paid staff and no cost for accessing issues.

<http://somosprimos.com/>

Sons of the American Revolution

Chartered in 1938, members are all descendants of American Revolution patriots and welcome new eligible members. Genealogy assistants take an active role in researching and compiling applications for new members, who may have limited or no experience in genealogical research or in preparing an application for a lineage society.

<https://www.sar.org/>

Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Passenger Database

This is the online record database for immigrants who entered the US through Ellis Island and the Port of New York from 1892-1957.

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger>

Swedes in Texas

This site digitally preserves the genealogy data and images of Swedish American emigrants, their ancestors and descendants.

<https://swedesintexas.com/>

Texas Handbook Online

The Handbook consists of overview, general, and biographical entries focused on the entire history of Texas from the indigenous Native Americans and the Prehistoric Era to the state's diverse population and the Modern Age. These entries emphasize the role Texans played in state, national and world history. The TSHA continuously expands the Handbook through multi-year spinoff projects that focus on diverse topics to preserve all Texans' history.

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online>

Texas State Genealogical Society

The Texas State Genealogical Society researches, records, accumulates, reproduces, distributes and circulates genealogical and historical material. They assist in making such material available to those who are, or may be encouraged to be, in family and Texas history. Their site has a journal and a blog and information about the many programs they put on to aid in Texans' genealogical research.

<https://www.txsgs.org/>

TXGenWeb

The TXGenWeb Project is a grass-roots all volunteer genealogical/historical effort. Each county webpage is commercial free and contains useful tips, online databases particular to that area, volunteer lookups, surname queries, descriptions of local libraries, historical background information, contact information, and much more. All information is free.

<http://www.txgenweb.org/>

List of local Genealogical and Historical Societies

<http://www.txgenweb.org/tx/society.htm>

WorldGenWeb

The WorldGenWeb Project is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing genealogical and historical records and resources for world-wide access.

<https://www.worldgenweb.org/>