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Best Sites for Online Genealogy

Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com) (Free)

This is a fantastic gateway and directory for other sites.
Contains links to over 98,000 genealogical websites.
Has a Mailing List to which you can subscribe.

Rootsweb (www.rootsweb.com) (Free)

A gateway to other sites, but also full of useful information.
Owned by Ancestry.com, so it will give you references to that site
(but no actual information from Ancestry.com.)
Has an excellent Message Board area.
Hosts lots of free newsletters and mail groups.
Accesses the WorldConnect Project.
Surname Helper is very useful.

Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com) (\$)

Contains all the censuses; its online pages are the most readable,
compared to other online \$ sources.
Free areas: Social Security Death Index, Ancestry WorldTree database,
and the same excellent Message Boards as Rootsweb.
Offers a 14 day free trial.

Family Search (www.familysearch.org) (Free)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).
Contains IGI (International Genealogical Index) and Ancestral File.
You can search the catalog of the LDS Library in Salt Lake City.

US Gen Web (www.usgenweb.com) (Free)

A wonderful source for specific details on each state and its counties –
The catch is that what you'll find depends on what has been entered by
individual state and county volunteers.

Heritage Quest (\$, but free to Mooresville & PLAC library card holders
on our website: www.mooresvillelib.org)

Contains some of the censuses (1790 – 1820, 1860 & 1870, 1900 – 1920,
and part of the 1930 census)

Search Books is a highly useful feature: access to over 25,000 family
and local histories. Not just an index, but access to the books
themselves.

Search PERSI: an index to 1.6 million genealogy and local history
magazine articles.

Search Revolutionary War: Access to selected records from the
Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant
Application Files.

Genealogy.com (www.genealogy.com) (\$)

Has two free sections: Learning Center and Community.

Offers a 14 day free trial.

Site is owned by MyFamily.com, which had Family Tree Maker.

National Genealogical Society (www.ngsgenealogy.org) (Free)

Offers learning resources, an online bookstore, and a Home Study course.

Legacy Links (www.mooresvillelib.org) (Free)

Obituary database of over 19,000 obituaries for people from Mooresville
and Morgan County; goes back as far as the early 1800s.

World GenWeb (www.worldgenweb.org) (Free)

The international equivalent of US GenWeb.

Divided into 11 world regions, then broken into countries, states, etc.

GENUKI (www.genuki.org.uk) (Free)

An extensive site covering England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the
Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Includes census, cemeteries, church & military records, and civil registration.

Free BMD Project (www.freebmd.rootsweb.com) (Free)

Part of RootsWeb; free BMD stands for Free Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Access to Civil Registration information (in place since 1837) for England and
Wales.

DearMYRTLE (www.dearmyrtle.com) (Free)

An extensive gateway to other helpful sites, including lots of learning resources as well as a Message Board, daily columns, weekly chats, and newsletters.

Distant Cousin (www.distantcousin.com) (Free)

A directory and gateway for genealogical websites.

Contains several online databases, including marriages, military rosters, tombstone transcriptions and ships' passenger lists.

Genealogy Home Page (www.genhomepage.com) (Free)

Has a wide-ranging index of genealogy resources on the Internet.

Includes links to maps, libraries, software, and societies.

Genealogy Links.Net (www.genealogylinks.net) (Free)

Over 9,000 links, most of them to online searchable databases such as church records, cemetery transcriptions, and censuses for England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.