

# Family History Resources

## On line genealogy sites

[ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com) limited free options, otherwise subscription based

[FamilySearch.com](https://familysearch.com) free but appears to have somewhat fewer documents than Ancestry

[myheritage.com](https://myheritage.com) subscription based with initial 14 day free trial

University of Minnesota Library Resources for Genealogy and family history

<https://libguides.umn.edu/genealogy>

Hennepin County Library

<https://www.hclib.org/programs/genealogy-local-history>

Click on “Genealogy” under “Online resources”

Minnesota Historical Society - Gale Family Library

<https://libguides.mnhs.org/familyhistory>

## On line Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com> Lots of webinars on lots of family history topics

Jen Shaffer offers online genealogy classes that some FHIG members have found helpful. Her classes can be found at [theformidablegenealogist.com](https://theformidablegenealogist.com)

Ancestry, FamilySearch and other genealogy sites post webinars on YouTube.

Do a Google search on “youtube ancestry webinars” or similar wording.

RootsTech has become an annual conference on family history and technology. On-line attendance is free and many presentations from earlier years are archived and available on line. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>

## On line access to historical American newspapers

Library of Congress

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

Google has an eclectic group of newspapers you can search at

[news.google.com/newspapers](https://news.google.com/newspapers)

Purdue University Library has links to free sites with digitized newspapers for most states. Most of these link overlap the Chronicling America links, but a few are different.

<https://guides.lib.purdue.edu/digitalUSnewspapers>

Subscription based newspaper sites

[oldnews.com](https://oldnews.com)

[newspapers.com](https://newspapers.com)

Both offer a 7 day free trial

There is likely significant overlap of coverage in these two services.

## US State and County Historical and Genealogical Societies

US Gen Web Project <https://www.usgenweb.org/>

Family Search [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Genealogy)

For either site, click on a state and follow the links for more details

or try a Google search for

XXX County historical (or Genealogy Society) society, or

ZZZ State Historical Society

May be of special interest to some

National Genealogical Society <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

Minnesota Genealogical Society, <https://mngs.org/>

New England Historic Genealogical Society <https://americanancestors.org/>

Vicki Gaylord's handout on donating Personal and Family Items to Museums and Archives is available on line at <https://umra.umn.edu/node/611>

## Other Countries

FamilySearch has overview pages for many countries. Use the following URL but first replace XXX with the country name.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/XXX\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/XXX_Genealogy)

## Canadian Ancestors

**Canadian County Atlas Digital Project** focuses mostly on Ontario

<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/default.htm>

**The Ontario Genealogical Society: Ontario Ancestors**

<https://ogs.on.ca>

## German Ancestors

Germanic Genealogy Society <https://www.ggsmn.org/>

## Irish Ancestors

Irish Genealogical Society <https://www.irishgenealogical.org>

## Norwegian Ancestors

St Olaf College <https://wp.stolaf.edu/norwegian/genealogy/>

Norway <https://www.arkivverket.no/en>

## Scottish Ancestors

Scotland's People <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

## American Military Records

[fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com) has many records. Access is available through many local libraries or by subscription through Ancestry or through Hennepin County Library.

<https://www.hclib.org/programs/genealogy-local-history#online-resources>

Click on Genealogy

Additional links include

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RS/RS21282/22>

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/>

<https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/donate.cfm>

For narratives about the activities of a particular military unit you may want to use Google or consult a librarian to see if there is a relevant book.

## Find A Grave

[Findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) information on individual graves from lots of cemeteries.

## City Directories

Many online genealogy sites can access some city directories. Larger public libraries may have on-line access to some of their city directory holdings, e.g.,

<https://box2.nmtvault.com/Hennepin2/jsp/RcWebBrowse.jsp>

## Companies that digitize pictures, negatives, slides and movies

try a Google search on “photo scanning services”

If you want a local vendor add “Minnesota” to your search

Replace “photo” with “video” or “slides” , etc if necessary

## Writing Your Family Stories

*Story by Story: 15 Projects to Write Your Family Legacy*, by Dr. Brenda Hudson, 2019, Wise Ink Creative Publishing, Minneapolis, MN

## Supplies if you want to digitize pictures yourself

link to David Spear’s list:

[https://umra.umn.edu/sites/umra.umn.edu/files/resources\\_for\\_scanning\\_0.pdf](https://umra.umn.edu/sites/umra.umn.edu/files/resources_for_scanning_0.pdf)

## Related to anyone famous?

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/famous-relatives/>

If you know of sites that should be on this list please email

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