All Free for the Finding: Digging up Family History for Free on the Internet

General Resources:

Cyndi's List

https://www.cyndislist.com/us/

"Cyndi's List was first created as a genealogy bookmark shared with the members of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society. The web site started in 1996. The site functions as a card catalog to ANYTHING remotely related to genealogy resources that can be found on the internet."

Green dollar signs denote if the information comes from a site you need to pay for.

Family Search

https://www.familysearch.org/

You will need to register to use the site.

Free access

Includes FamilySearch Research Wiki.

Web Archives:

Hathi Trust

Collaborative repository of digitized materials from libraries.

https://www.hathitrust.org/

Internet Archive

https://archive.org/

 National Records:

National Archives

Access to Archival Databases.

https://aad.archives.gov/aad/

General Land Office Records – U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management

https://glorecords.blm.gov/default.aspx

National Parks Service Soldiers and Sailors Database

https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors.

 Indiana Resources:

Indiana State Library

https://www.in.gov/library/

Indiana Memory

Digital archives for Indiana is the collaborative effort of Indiana libraries, museums, and other institutions.

https://digital.library.in.gov/

Indiana State Archives

https://www.in.gov/iara/

Indiana State Library Digital Archives

https://digitalcollections.library.in.gov/

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

http://www.genealogycenter.org/

Local Resources:

Monroe County History Center

https://monroehistory.org/indexes-and-resources/

Bartholomew County, Indiana Government Archives

http://www.bartholomew.in.gov/archives.html#search

What Middletown Read

https://lib.bsu.edu/wmr/

Indiana Magazine of History

https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/imh/index

Every Name Index

https://www.everynameindex.com/

Chester County Pennsylvania Archives and Records

https://www.chesco.org/192/Archives-Records

Early Land Records, 1650-1801, New Jersey State Archives

https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/EarlyLandRecords.aspx

West Jersey History Project

http://www.westjerseyhistory.org/books/njaV21/

Death Records:

Find a Grave

https://www.findagrave.com/

Newspapers:

Chronicling America – Historic American Newspapers

Library of Congress

https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

Hoosier State Chronicles

https://newspapers.library.in.gov/

Google Newspaper Archive

https://news.google.com/newspapers

The Ancestor Hunt – Newspaper Links

https://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html

African American:

AfriGeneas

http://www.afrigeneas.com/

Under construction.

Website expired: 03/12/2023

Roberts Settlement Genealogy

Roberts Settlement is an early Indiana pioneer town founded by free African Americans in 1835.

http://www.robertssettlement.org/genealogy.html

Family trees for the following families: Gilliam, Rice, Roberts, Walden, Winburn and more!

Cemetery listings for the following cemeteries: Hurley Cemetery and Roberts Settlement Cemetery

African American Gateway: Allen County (Indiana) Public Library Genealogy Center

http://www.genealogycenter.info/africanamerican/

Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery

http://informationwanted.org/

Newspaper advertisements taken out by former slaves searching for long lost family members. The advertisements mention family members by name, and also other information such as: physical description and last known locations.

The Freedmen's Bureau

https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau

http://www.freedmensbureau.com/

United States, Freedmen's Bureau Marriages, 1861-1872 (Family Search)

You will need to register to use this resource.

"These records consist of unbound marriage certificates, marriage licenses, monthly reports of marriages and other proofs of marriages. The records are part of the records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, part of National Archives Record Group 105 and were compiled from 1861 through 1872. Includes records from the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia."

https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1414908

Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society

The first genealogical society in the State of Michigan dedicated to the research and preservation of African-American history.

It's the Cyndi's List of African American Genealogy.

https://fhwgs.org/links-page/

FREE AFRICAN AMERICANS

OF VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Paul Heinegg

http://www.freeafricanamericans.com/

 Immigrants:

Ellis Island

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation

https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger

Castle Garden

https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8014

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

Search function for site is found in the text box on the left.

https://www.immigrantships.net/

Immigrant Ancestors Project

"The Immigrant Ancestors Project, sponsored by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University, uses emigration registers to locate information about the birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries, which is not found in the port registers and naturalization documents in the destination countries."

http://immigrants.byu.edu/main_page

Pilgrim Ship Lists Early 1600's

 Data base compiled by <u>one person</u>: Anne Stevens to help other people with research.

https://www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm

The Great Migration Parish Web Mapping App

American Ancestors website

Will need to register to use.

This web mapping app shows you the last-known parish for all 1,795 emigrants whose origin is confirmed, about a third of the nearly 5,700 emigrants who left England (and a few other places) for New England between 1620 and 1640. The emigrant information is based on The Great Migration Directory by Robert Charles Anderson.

The web mapping app gives you a map view of parishes and a list view of emigrants.

The initial map view shows you the counties in England and Wales, and a few towns in Holland and Ireland.

https://www.americanancestors.org/publications/great-migration-study-project/parish-map

United Kingdom:

Records of London's Livery Companies Online Apprentices and Freemen 1400-1900

http://www.londonroll.org/

The Old Bailey

London's criminal court proceedings for the years: 1674-1913

A collaboration between the Universities of Hertfordshire and Sheffield and the Open University.

https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/

London Lives

"London Lives makes available, in a fully digitised and searchable form, a wide range of primary sources about eighteenth-century London, with a particular focus on plebeian Londoners. This resource includes over 240,000 manuscript and printed pages from eight London archives and is supplemented by fifteen datasets created by other projects. It provides access to historical records containing over 3.35 million name instances. Facilities are provided to allow users to link together records relating to the same individual, and to compile biographies of the best documented individuals.

Primary funding was provided by the Economic and Social Research Council. Project Directors are Professors Tim Hitchcock and Robert Shoemaker and the Project Manager is Dr Sharon Howard. Implemented by the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Sheffield and the Higher Education Digitisation Service at the University of Hertfordshire, this website is hosted by The Digital Humanities Institute."

https://www.londonlives.org/

United Kingdom Birth, Marriage, Death

https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/