

First Things First...

Genealogy News You Can Use!

Database Updates!

- **Ancestry.com** — “Jewish Family History Collection”, incoming passenger lists to the UK only from ports outside of Europe and the Mediterranean from 1878-1888 and 1890-1960, Paris & Vicinity (France) vital records 1700-1907 (in French), Varmland Sweden parish records 1661-1895) in Swedish, British colonial slave registers 1812-1834, UK Medical Registers, 1859-1959 (the names of doctors who were licensed to practice in the UK

and abroad), Florida state censuses 1867-1945.

- **FamilyRelatives.com** — Military collection that includes The Artists Rifles Roll of Honour, the Anzac Roll of Honour and the New Zealand Roll of Honour as well as the Waterloo Roll call, Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy 1660-1815 and the British Naval Biographical Dictionary 1849 and an Irish collection that includes Indexes to Irish Wills 1536-1857, Quaker Records, Alumni Dublinenses, Immigration and Land Records, Directories, etc.

- **Footnote**, <http://go.footnote.com/wwii/>, announced the

release of the first ever interactive World War II collection, which includes an interactive version of the USS Arizona Memorial, WWII Hero Pages and WWII photos and documents previously unavailable on the Internet.

- **Proquest Historical Newspapers** has added additional years of coverage and now contains Atlanta Constitution: 1868-1942, Boston Globe: 1872-1925, Christian Science

Monitor: 1908-1995, The New York Times: 1851-2005, Washington Post: 1877-1992 and Wall Street Journal: 1889-1991

- **FindMyPast**, <http://www.findmypast.com/parish-records-collection-search-start.action?redef=0&event=B> — 1.8 million baptism, marriage and burial records from the County of Cornwall have been added to the Parish Records Collection.

- The official National Archives (UK) site for Non Parochial and Non Conformist records, www.BMDregisters.co.uk, has just added more than 600,000 records of birth, baptism, marriage and burial.



Maine Roots?

Researching in Maine, <http://www.maine-genealogy.net/>.

This is a great website that regularly makes resource content available to benefit those researching Maine roots. Some recent additions include: Maine Postmasters, 1852, Inscriptions from North Bucksport, Orrington Marriages, 1771-1808, community Civil War Soldiers lists, Inhabitants of Bridgton 1794, CCC Members for different companies, Early Vital Records of Saco and Biddeford, Vassalboro Quaker Marriages, 1793-1885, Bangor Marriages, 1811-1832 and much more!

New Records for New Jersey!

New Jersey State Archives has posted a database, <http://www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html>, indexing the earliest land surveys and warrants of the East and West New Jersey Proprietors. These records have now become available, making over three centuries of privately held colonial records accessible to the public. Other records include: Marriage Records 1666-1799, Supreme Court Case Files 1704-1844, Revolutionary War Damages 1776-82, Legal Name Changes 1847-1947, Index to Marriages 1848-67 and the 1885 census.

Explore These!

- Many new resources for death information have become available — check out Online Searchable Death Indexes, Records & Obituaries, <http://www.deathindexes.com/> — a great way to keep current on what is available.

- If you have never visited <http://stevemorse.org>, do so! Whether you are searching passenger ship records, Census (US, UK and Canada), Vital

records, Eastern European and Holocaust records or need help with juxtaposing differing calendars or identifying zip codes, the tools on this website will be of tremendous assistance to your research!

- **Akron City (OH) Directories 1859-1969**, have been scanned and indexed. Visit <http://www.akronlibrary.org/internetresources/sc/CityDirectories/> for more information.

EvenDon.com

EvenDon.com, <http://www.evendon.net/PGHLookups/HomePage.shtml>, has a great collection of Directories, Small Books, Yearbooks, Census and Military records — all with digitized images. Though many of the materials are for the Pittsburgh area, the offerings are not limited to that area. They have directories for at least 28 states and also four foreign countries/regions. If you find the site helpful, please donate!.

Lots of Online Records!

Check out all the great genealogy related records online for Shelby, Tennessee at <http://register.shelby.tn.us/>. These fantastic resources include:

- **Property records:** indexes and images dating back to 1812.
- **GIS:** search by name or address and see an aerial property photo linked to property data.

• **Archives:** Shelby County birth (1874-1906) marriage (1820-1910), death (1848-1956), naturalization and court records plus directories (indexes and images).

• You also can search indexes for Tennessee marriages (1980-2005), divorces (1980-2005) and deaths (1949-2005).

NARA Finding Guides

National Archives staff have prepared more than 160 pages of finding guides to assist researchers with their most common records. These guides are printed on various hues of colored paper. They can be found on a rack in the lobby once you arrive at the Archives. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society has also placed these finding aids online at http://mvgenealogy.org/NARA_Guides.html. Whether planning a visit or not, these guides are a great resource for a better understanding and appreciation of the NARA holdings.

State Digital Projects

The Library of Congress (LOC) has created a web-portal titled "State Digital Resources: Memory Projects, Online Encyclopedias, Historical & Cultural Materials Collections", which can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/statememory/>. Recognizing that across the country, archives, cultural institutions, museums and libraries of many states are collaborating to create digital initiatives that provide free access through the Internet to treasures that document America's history, culture and creativity, the LOC has compiled a list of state and regional digital projects.



University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WII/>, contains unique or valuable materials that relate to its history and ongoing development. The materials were digitized from a variety of formats including books, manuscripts, sound recordings, photographs, maps and other resources deemed important to the study and teaching of the State of Wisconsin. Many of these are very relevant to genealogists.

Cemetery Research

Names in Stone, <http://www.namesinstone.com/>, is a unique online repository designed to help researchers find and document cemetery records and maps. Maps that show each grave's location allows the visitor to visualize families, and fill in the missing pieces to the family puzzle. You can learn what cemeteries are included by referencing, <http://www.namesinstone.com/CemeteryList.aspx>

Need Help With Your Canadian Genealogy?

• **Quebec City Passenger Lists Index 1865-1900**, <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/passengers-quebec-1865-1900/index-e.html>. You can search by name of passengers to access digitized images of original passenger lists for arrivals at Quebec from 1865 to 1900 which list the name, age, country of origin, occupation and destination for each passenger.

• **In Quarantine: Life and Death on Grosse Île, 1832-1937**, <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/grosse-ile>. Around 1830, an average of 30,000 immigrants arrived annually to the City of Québec, the main port of entry into Canada. This unprecedented immigration took place at a time when major cholera and smallpox epidemics were sweeping across Europe. In order to help control the spread

of the diseases, the quarantine station at Grosse Île, located in the St. Lawrence River downstream from the City of Québec, was established in 1832 and operated for more than 100 years, until its closure in 1937.

• **Immigrants to Canada Before 1865**, <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/immigrants-canada/index-e.html>.

The database contains Canadian immigration records held at LAC, many of which relate to immigrants from the British Isles arriving in Quebec and Ontario; also included are references to settlers in other provinces. Through this new database, researchers can access references to lists of immigrants and other types of records created before 1865, such as declarations of aliens and names of some Irish orphans.

Jewish Resources

Jewish Witness to a European Century, <http://centropa.org>, is an interactive database of Jewish memory. An oral history project that combines old family pictures with the stories that go with them based on interviews of more than 1,350 elderly Jews living in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Sephardic communities of Greece, Turkey and the Balkans and a database of 25,000 digitized images.

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