

First Things First...

Genealogy News You Can Use!

W-W-Worth a Look!

- **British History Online**, <http://www.british-history.ac.uk>, is a digital library containing some of the core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles.
- **Rome, Georgia burial data** is now online, www.rome.us/index.asp?NID=70, for burial sites in the Eastview, Oakland, and Myrtle Hill Cemeteries.

• **The FamilySearch indexing application** is available in three new languages: Italian, Portuguese and Russian. These languages are in addition to English, French, German and Spanish.

- **Swiss-Italian Migrations**, http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/specials/swiss-italian_migrations/index.html. The 19th and early 20th centuries saw tens of thousands of people emigrate to Australia, the US and to other European countries from Italian-speaking Switzerland. This multimedia portal — in English and Italian — is devoted to this emigration wave.
- **The Ohio Memory website**, <http://www.ohiomemory.org>,



has been redesigned to provide easier access to its 75,000 historical images and information from 330 archives, historical societies, libraries and museums.

- **Dynastree** has created a geographical distribution mapping program for Canadian surnames, <http://www.dynastree.ca>. You can

search on surnames or browse surnames alphabetically or by county. Additionally, you can view similar distributions for surnames in the USA, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain and Poland.

- Another "name mapping" site is **MapYourName**, www.mapyourname.com/en/index.html, which shows the current distribution of people in the USA, Australia and most of Western Europe who share a particular surname.

- **Missouri Death Certificates**, 1910-58, are online at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/. And, don't forget to check out the other great digitized collections for Missouri at www.sos.mo.gov/mdhl/browse.asp?id=8

Mapping Our Anzacs!

If your ancestor served in the Australian Army during WWI, check out Mapping our Anzacs, <http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/default.aspx>. It provides a unique way for family historians and researchers to consult more than 379,000 service records of personnel who served in the Australian army during the First World War. Users may browse online maps to view statistical data and individual service records of servicemen and women who were born in specific regions of Australia or overseas. They can also view some 'scrapbook entries' containing photographs, oral histories and tributes from soldiers and their families.

Historic Map Works

This site, <http://www.historicmapworks.com>, has expanded and now offers Cadastral Maps (US and Canada), Directories, Illustrations and Antiquarian Maps. Besides browsing the many offerings, you can do some interesting searches, e.g., Points of Interest on maps, etc. Directories and Illustrations are organized by state, and Antiquarian maps are organized by continent.

Great Stuff Online at the National Archives (UK)

The UK's National Archives is now making select articles from its **Ancestors** magazine available for a small fee, <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/featuresonline.asp>. There is a free sample article, "From Wills to War Medals", available to download with a list of other available articles. The free article talks about the program **DocumentsOnline**, <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

/documentsonline/about.asp, which you might also want to check out. Documents are available for download for these record categories: Army, Navy, Air Force, Wills and Death Duties, and other (includes such collections as London Alien Registration Cards (1914), Southwell Union Workhouse, photographs and case details of prisoners in Wandsworth Prison, 1872-73, and more).

Social Networking for Genealogists

This book by Drew Smith describes the wide array of social networking services that are now available online and highlights how these services can be used by genealogists to share information, photos and videos with family, friends, and other researchers. The book is available from **Genealogical Publishing**, www.genealogical.com, for \$18.95 US plus \$5 S&H.

Jewish Research

Chicago Jewish Newspaper Images Now Online!

Digitized images of the Chicago Jewish newspaper, *The Sentinel*, are now online at <http://hannah.spertus.edu:8881/R>, covering the years 1911-49. You can search on a word or phrase, choosing either "contains", "exact" or "starts with". When a match is found, the entire contents of that edition of the newspaper will become available in PDF format with your search terms highlighted where found in the body.

An American Experience: Adeline Moses Loeb and Her Early American Jewish Ancestors

This fascinating book by Eli N. Evans is comprised of three parts. Part One recounts Adeline's early life in the South and later life in New York, married to Carl M. Loeb. Part Two covers the history and enthusiastic public response to national exhibits of early American Jewish life. Part Three is a genealogical narrative of eight generations of the Moses family.

Michigan Research Just Got Easier!

The Seeking Michigan website, www.seekingmichigan.org, is a growing collection of unique historical information that creatively tells the stories of Michigan's families, homes, businesses, communities and landscapes. The site contains digitized versions of roughly one million death records covering the years 1897 through 1920. These records are indexed for easy searching by name, death date, location and age. Click on "Discover" to learn what collections are currently available.

Mayflower Ancestors?

There is a new book that will be of interest to those with Mayflower ancestors. *Mayflower Source Records — Primary Data Concerning Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard*. This work is a collection of primary source material published in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* between 1847 and 1983, concerning the area of Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable (Cape Cod) Counties, and the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. It is available from Genealogical.com.

Online Australian Immigration and Other Records

The National Archives of Australia has online immigration records for 1920-50 and naturalization records as early as 1852 at <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/recordsearch/index.aspx>. The Public Records Office of Australia has index information online for nearly 1.7 million people who immigrated to the country, www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/PROVguides/PROVguide050/PROVguide050.jsp. It includes Unassisted Passengers to Victoria from British (UK) and Foreign Ports, 1852-1923, Registers of Assisted Immigrants, 1839-71, and Outward Passengers to Interstate, UK and Foreign Ports, 1852-96.

Wyoming Newspaper Project

When completed, the Wyoming Newspaper Project, www.wynewspapers.org, will make all the newspapers printed in Wyoming between 1849 and 1922 accessible in an easily searchable format, over the Internet, for free. About half are currently available and, ultimately, the project will have digitized 900,000 pages. Search on keywords or browse by city or county.

African-American Research Online

Free Online Database Records

Afriquest is an African-American genealogy website, <http://afriquest.com>, which offers a free online database for records of African American genealogy and history. Afriquest is a place to share and preserve documents, images and family oral history.

Voyage of the Slave Ship Sally

In 1764, a 100-ton brigantine called the *Sally* embarked from Providence, Rhode Island to West Africa on a slaving voyage. The ship was owned by Nicholas Brown and Company, a Providence merchant firm. Of the 196 Africans acquired by the ship's master, Esek Hopkins, at least 109 perished, some in a failed insurrection, others by suicide, starvation and disease. Records of the *Sally* are preserved and displayed online at <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/sally/>.

www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com

African Roots Podcast

The newly started weekly podcast, <http://africanrootspodcast.com>, is a helpful tool for African-American research and anyone doing research will find it useful! You have the option to listen to the podcast, or a summary of some of the key information is also provided.

African-American Genealogy Research Video Primer

A terrific new resource for African-American Genealogy, "Putting Together the Pieces of Your Past, A Five-Part Series", <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/about/presentations.asp>, explores the resources available online and in local, state and national historical repositories that can help family historians discover more about their African-American heritage.

Records of St. George Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa Online!

Ancestry24, www.ancestry24.co.za, a South African genealogy and ancestral website, has partnered with the Anglican Church to make the marriage and baptism records of St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town accessible online. St. George's is the oldest cathedral in southern Africa and is the mother church of the Anglican diocese of Cape Town.

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