

Some Internet Resources – Hints and Kinks – Including Pitfalls
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Here are some locations and methods that I believe are very helpful for today's online researcher. Most of these concentrate on New York State research, however they can just about all be used for other locations as well.

I will skip the introduction and my credentials as I presume that several of you attended the last conference that the New York State Archives and the Onondaga County Clerk had here at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Liverpool a couple of years ago, and besides which I will be providing a website link for you to look at that has the printout from my last lecture available.

The Internet has been growing leaps and bounds in the wonderful world of genealogy! New sites pop up every time I go searching for new possibilities and I hope you are able to take advantage of some of them.

The old standbys are growing also and you should regularly visit these sites:
www.cyndislist.com – a finding aid to everything genealogic.

www.rootsweb.com – started by volunteers, now owned by Ancestry, but still free.

www.usgenweb.com – Websites for locations throughout the United States by State & County. Resources too numerous to explain. A must visit for research in all areas.

www.familysearch.org – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) The Mormon Church, Family History Library main website. It is very helpful to go to the online library catalog and see what is available for the location, subject or surname that you are researching.

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/> - Another LDS associated site is one provided by Brigham Young University (BYU,) that provides thousands of digitized books, primarily published genealogies that are out of copyright. You can read the complete book online.

www.ancestry.com – Federal Census and now some State Census, Newspapers, Obituaries, and much more - (requires subscription.)

www.genealogy.com – somewhat the same as ancestry – (subscription.)

I will touch on some of the newer features of some of the above listed sites as well as bring you some new ideas and locations to go to.

WWI Draft Cards – available at Ancestry.com. Every male of military age was surveyed by the draft board, whether they served or not.

www.godfrey.org (Requires subscription \$35.00 annual)

Though we unfortunately lost some fabulous data bases this year due to the vendors' withdrawing them from Godfrey, such as FindUSA and ProQuest/HeritageQuest census, they have been adding many new features to the site on an almost daily basis and in my humble opinion Godfrey is still the best subscription bargain on the Internet..

New items and data bases listed:

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)

[CT Colonial Connecticut Records](#)

[CT Pembroke Cemetery in Danbury](#)

[IN Evansville Area Obituary Search](#)

[IN Evansville City Cemeteries](#)

[LA Marriage License Index Caddo Parish 1937 to present](#)

[MA Salem Witch Trials](#)

[NY United French and German RC Cemetary](#)

[OH Cleveland Public Library Necrology Database](#)

[OH Rutherford B. Hayes Obituary Index](#)

[The Olden Times Historic Newspaper Collection](#)

[UT State List of Cemeteries and Burials](#)

[WV Vital Research Records](#)

[CO Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection](#)

[Danish Surnames](#)

[IL Chicago Tribune Historical Archives](#)

[RI University RI Narragansetts Times Index](#)

[Reference USA](#)

[Accessible Archives \(19th C Newspapers; African American Newspapers; State Histories\)](#)

[American Clergy Biography Index](#)

[Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online](#)

[KY Death Records](#)

[LA Large collection of New Orleans statistics and records](#)

[NY Columbia Co, NY Burials](#)

[NY Italian and German Death Indices](#)

[TN TN Death Records 1908-1912](#)

[Denison Genealogy](#)

[KS Cutler's History of the State of Kansas](#)

[The Diary of Jared Nash](#)

[The London Times Digital Archive \(Gale\)](#)

[AZ Sharlot Hall Museum- Yavapai County Indexes](#)

[CO Portrait and Bio. Record of Denver and Vicinity, CO](#)

CT Witchcraft Delusion In Colonial Connecticut
DC Congressional Cemetery
IA Gravestone Photos from Iowa
MA Cape Cod Gravestones
MA Historical Sketches of Andover
MA History of North Bridgewater
National Archives of Ireland
NM New Mexico Pedigree Databases Project
NY Witchcraft Collection
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
Records of Emigrants from ENGLAND
SD Birth Record Search Site/ Birth Dates over 100 years
SD Naturalization Records Index
SD Newspaper Vital Records Index
The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies
VA Virginia Marriage Records (Primarily 1700's & 1800's)
WA Washington State Digital Archives
I probably use godfrey for more newspaper research than any other site.

Newspapers – One of the amazing things that has happened is that these old newspapers have been digitized by scanning them and then converting the images to actual text with an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) program. This allows you to do an all word search of each online issue. Bear in mind that the scanning and converting process is not yet an exact science and there are many flaws in the translation, but take advantage of all of the excellent discoveries you will make and then search them again with different keywords or phrases to come up with more items you can use.

<http://news.nnyln.net/>

Adirondack Record-Elizabethtown Post, 1917-1971 – (also:)

- Akwesasne Indian Time, 1982-2002
- Canton Commercial Advertiser, 1900-1952
- Elizabethtown Post, 1882-1920
- Fort Covington Sun, 1887-1987
- Fulton Patriot, 1916-1954
- Lake Placid News, 1914-1951
- Lowville Journal & Republican, 1860-1940
- Malone Farmer, 1900-1936
- Malone Franklin Gazette, 1876-1899
- Plattsburgh Republican, 1811-1820
- Plattsburgh Sentinel, 1866-1931
- Potsdam Herald-Recorder, 1906-1951
- Potsdam St. Lawrence Herald, 1897-1904
- St. Regis Falls Adirondack News, 1887-1933

- Saranac Lake Adirondack Daily Enterprise, 1948-1976
- Ticonderoga Sentinel, 1874-1950
- Watertown Herald, 1886-1918

www.newspaperarchive.com – (Syracuse Newspaper Archive – requires subscription or OCPL library card and PIN number.)

www.fultonhistory.com – (A fantastic new site that has many Upstate New York newspapers online from; Auburn, Fulton, Lowville, Oswego, Phoenix, Johnstown/Broadalbin, Carthage, Clayton, Adams, Ogdensburg, Mexico, Watertown, St. Regis Falls, and more every week. You can also listen to streaming Old Time Radio programs while you browse this site. All free!)

www.ny-genes.com – (All Free!)

Basic Genealogy - A simple “How to get started” routine.

Civil War research in NYS – Some locations and methods.

Internet Genealogy - My previous lecture at this earlier conference.

Internet Security – Some methods I recommend to maintain safe computing.

Land Records – Methods and examples.

NY Counties & NYS Census Available – A chart showing foundation of counties, with links to their respective GenWeb sites, and lists of all of the known NYS Census films available through LDS.

Book Reviews – Books that I review for publishers.

Data & Images – Photos, images of NYS locations and unique manuscript documents that I own or have transcribed and published on the web.

My Tools – Soundex Converter, Age Chart for Early Census, Forms.

My Genealogies – Capsule format genealogies of my personal lines that I have been working on for many years. Fully sourced and documented versions available to anyone that connects to any of these lines.

Daily Blog – A link to a blog site that I quite often post to. Many of the items I have touched on here are explained in great detail in my previous blogs. - <http://ny-genes.blogspot.com>.

Favorite Genealogy Links – These are links on my website that I use regularly, some of which I will describe here.

Cornell University Library Digital Collections. <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/> - “The Making of America.”

Darci’s Place, <http://darcisplace.com/darci/ny-res.htm>

CNYGS, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nycnygs/> - Publishers of “Tree Talks.”

LINKPENDIUM for NYS,

<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/NY/>

New York State Archives,

<http://nysl.nysed.gov/uhtbin/cgisirsi/JI18xRFck8/0/49>

Ray's Place, <http://history.rays-place.com/ny/index.htm>
Rochester, NY City Directories,
<http://www.libraryweb.org/rochcitydir/citydirectories.html>
www.sampubco.com – fee based wills from LDS microfilm.
www.stephenmorse.org – Immigration, Ellis Island, Soundex, Census
searching tips, SSDI expanded, extremely helpful site.

Now let's talk about pitfalls. You may find this hard to believe, but just because it is on the Internet, "It ain't necessarily true!"

That being said, I'm sure you will agree that the same advice holds for all genealogy works in print as well. We have to take advantage of all of these modern resources for the clues that they provide and help us get started on a research project, but you still have to verify everything and document all of your sources just as we always have. The beauty is that we have thousands and thousands of new instant resources, but you still must use "boots on the ground" to go and get the proof!

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