

GENEALOGY RESEARCH WEBSITES

www.genealogylinks.net/usa

www.usgenweb.com

www.carolyar.com/Illinois/HamiltonCounty.htm

www.geni.com

www.genealogy.com

A pay site, but message-boards are free.

You can search by surname and narrow search by county.

www.ancestry.com

This site charges for its services;

however, it will allow you to print census forms free of charge.

www.rootsweb.com

usgenweb project (click on each state-then can go into the county you need)

usgenweb archives (archived data for each state)

Note: Message boards at both rootsweb and ancestry can be helpful

to read in order to nudge your thought process; however,

take postings "with a grain of salt," for they are only as accurate as the person who posted them.

AncestryLibraryEdition

HeritageQuest

www.finditillinois.org/tryit/

Login: medley4u

Password: ILLINET

(both available through Try-It Illinois from October 1 through November 30)

Detailed U.S. Census (can search by state, surname, county)

Often you can find information here for census that you cannot find using rootsweb or ancestry.com

It is helpful to use heritagequest in conjunction with one of the other two (rootsweb or ancestry)

Ellis Island

New York, New York

www.ellisland.org

Between 1892 and 1954, this federal immigration station saw some 12 million people walk through its halls.

Today, Ellis Island stands as a national monument to our history.

Through their website, you mainly gain access to the passenger lists of all the ships that landed during its 62-year tenure.

The database contains records including ship names, family names, ethnicities, ports of departure, and more.

www.myheritage.com

www.familytreemaker.com

www.searchforancestors.com

www.geneanet.org
www.genesreunited.com

Cyberdrive Illinois
www.ilsos.gov/genealogy

Has Illinois marriage, death records, Civil War records, and detail reports.

www.familysearch.org

(Mormon site)

Has only 1880 U. S. Census date.

Does have British census.

Baptismal, marriage and death records (U.S. & foreign)

Contributed by Mormon researchers, so there is a wealth of information.

Free Family Tree
www.tribalpages.com/

Build your Free Family Tree website online.

Invite friends and family to view or update your site.

Each private and secure website is loaded with photos, charts, reports, maps, relationships, events, and stories.

Just add names of your relatives or import a GEDCOM file and instantly create your family tree website.

www.footnote.com
www.worldvitalrecords.com

National Archives
Washington, DC
www.archives.gov

The Archives are a genealogical treasure, containing the nation's most complete set of military, immigration and naturalization records, and detailed census records dating to 1790. All information is available free of charge.

Midwest Genealogy Center

Independence, MO

mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh

The Center contains 80,000 family history books, 100,000 local history items, 565,000 rolls of microfilm, and 7,000 maps. Family researchers can wade hip-deep into Civil War histories, immigration and naturalization records, Native American records, biographical archives, and much more.

The Center offers free consultations with a genealogy expert.

Staff members and volunteers provide one-on-one guidance for the more difficult subjects, such as foreign research, questions on heirloom preservation, how to use particular genealogy computer programs, and general research concepts.

To schedule an appointment, call 816/252-7228.

The Center also offers free classes on a variety of topics related to genealogy.

Classes are held several times a week and are open to the public.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 9 pm;

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.

Franklin County, Illinois, Public Records
www.rootsweb.com/~ilfrankl/index2.html

Also, never underestimate GOOGLE when you are conducting family research.

google.com

Use the more advanced services of Google:

Google Advanced Search (allows you to narrow your search)

Google Scholar (offers access to more scholarly articles)

Legacy Family Tree

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>

The Standard Edition is free.

The feature-rich Legacy 7.0 makes it easy to preserve your genealogical information. Family trees containing millions of people can be recorded, displayed and reported in a variety of styles and formats.

Legacy 7.0 includes all standard genealogical reports, as well as calendars, timelines, questionnaires, research log and a multitude of blank forms and more.

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

This site is a source for 10,000+ Free Passenger Lists

Land Patents

<http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/patentsearch>

Land patents document the transfer of land ownership from the federal government to individuals.

The land patent records offered here include the information recorded when ownership was transferred.

Scotland

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

This site is one of the largest online sources of original genealogical information.

With almost 50 million records to access, the chances are favorable for being successful in connecting generations, especially if you have a Scottish heritage.

County Records

<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/IL/Hamilton/>

While this is largely a free site, some of the links will charge for their services.

Be sure to read the information carefully about the link you have chosen before you move forward.

However, you can type in any county and state for a linkpendium site.

Cemetery/gravesite Information

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

This site is a resource for locating the final resting place of family, friends, and “famous” individuals.

With millions of names and photos,

it is an invaluable tool for the genealogist and family history buff.

Find-a-Grave memorials can contain rich content, including photos, biographies, and dates.