

Genealogy Pathfinder

Genealogy on the Internet

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Links to help your genealogical research including Georgia, national and world wide resources plus links to sites that will help you learn how to do the research.

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Georgia & Southeastern US

Georgia Department of Archives and History

<http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/>

The home page for the state agency that collects, manages, and preserves Georgia's historical records--an essential stop for those doing research involving state records. Includes Georgia Official and Statistical Register, directory of state historical organizations and preservation leaflets.

GeorgiaGenWeb Project.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~gagenweb/>

The Georgia page from the USGENWEB Project. This site is invaluable to Georgia genealogists.

Georgia Newspaper Project

<http://www.libs.uga.edu/gnp/>

Massive microfilming project at the University of Georgia on-going since the early 1950's. To date the Georgia Newspaper Project has microfilmed at least one newspaper title from every county in Georgia in which newspapers were ever published. More than 2500 titles altogether have been filmed, including over 200 current newspapers that continue to be filmed on an ongoing basis. Searchable holdings index.

Heritage of the South

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~cmdilton/>

Extensive collection of links focused on Southern genealogy.

Atlanta History Center

<http://www.atlhist.org/>

The Atlanta History Center's Library and Archives have excellent resources for those with Atlanta ancestors.

DeKalb History Center

<http://www.dekalbhistory.org/>

Excellent site with searchable databases for DeKalb County research.

Oakland Cemetery

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

Interesting site for Atlanta's oldest cemetery.

Historical Maps of Georgia

<http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/histmaps.htm>

Online maps from the University of Georgia.

Washington Memorial Library (Macon GA)

<http://www.co.bibb.ga.us/library/GH.htm>

This library houses the largest genealogy collection in Georgia in a public library.

Georgia Maps from the Library of Congress

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/S?ammem/gmd:@filreg(@field(STATE+georgia)+@field(COLLID+pmmmap)))

[bin/query/S?ammem/gmd:@filreg\(@field\(STATE+georgia\)+@field\(COLLID+pmmmap\)\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/S?ammem/gmd:@filreg(@field(STATE+georgia)+@field(COLLID+pmmmap)))

Fascinating, hand-drawn panoramic maps of several cities in Georgia. Users can zoom in for greater detail.

National genealogical resources

Ellis Island Records from the American Family Immigration History Center

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org/>

Family genealogy facility and database of immigration records from The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. Search passenger records for immigrants who were processed through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924.

RootsWeb

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

This site is the oldest and largest free genealogy site on the Internet. Among other resources it has excellent surname databases.

FamilySearch

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

The on-line LDS (Mormon) genealogy site which allows you to search the IGI, the Ancestral File, the Family History Library Catalog, and web site submissions.

Social Security Death Index

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>

One of the largest and easiest to access databases used for genealogical research. Clues and facts from the SSDI can be used to further genealogical research by often enabling you to locate a death certificate, find an obituary, discover cemetery records and track down probate records.

USGenWeb Project

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

A highly respected volunteer effort to identify and provide genealogical sources for all 50 states via the Internet includes pages for each state giving concise listings of research and records resources. To see the page for Georgia, enter here: [Georgia](#).

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites

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

This "genealogy supersite" is considered the best starting point for genealogy research on the Internet. Includes guidance for researchers, directories of people-finding resources, lists of personal home pages, information on royalty, nobility and heraldry, and thousands of links arranged geographically, by subject and by ancestry group.

GenForum

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/>

GenForum is a good place to research surnames and other genealogical topics.

National Archives Genealogy Page

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/>

Genealogical research resources presented by U.S. National Archives and Records Administration indicating major sources of archival records kept by the U.S. Government.

National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/index.html>

Links to Presidential Libraries, Regional Archives, and other federal records collections.

World-wide genealogical resources

The WorldGenWeb Project

<http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

The WorldGenWeb Project is trying to identify genealogical information in every country in the world much as the USGENWEB is doing in the United States.

Genealogia.com

http://www.genealogia.com/v2/welcome/default_gedlink.asp

"GedLink" is a large worldwide community of genealogists and people interested in their family history. GedLink allows you to easily and securely exchange information and branches of family trees."

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

The "Official Home of Jewish Genealogy", this site contains a wealth of material to aid researchers including a database of family names and ShtetlSeeker, a database of towns in Europe.

List of Internet WWW Sites for Jewish Genealogy Research

<http://www.avotaynu.com/wwwsites.html>

Over 50 sites recommended by AVOTAYNU, a leading publisher of Jewish genealogical materials.

Ethnic & national origin-based resources

Native American Genealogy Links

<http://hometown.aol.com/angelaw859/nag.html>

Good collection of Native-American links focusing on the Five Civilized Tribes-- the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole Nations-- which may be helpful in family research.

The African-Native Genealogy Homepage

<http://hometown.aol.com/angelaw859/index.html>

This website deals with Black Indian Genealogy research. Good collection of links to other sites.

Afrigeneas

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

As the home page for the mailing list of the same name, this site is a focal point for information about families of African ancestry and contains links to genealogy resources worldwide.

The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History

<http://www.af.public.lib.ga.us/aarl/index.html>

A special library of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, the Auburn Avenue Research Library has many resources, including primary resources and extensive archives, pertaining to the African Diaspora.

Christine's Genealogy Website

<http://ccharity.com/>

An excellent starting point for African-American genealogy research that offers Census information, Freedmen's Bureau records, fugitive slave cases and much more.

United States Colored Troops in the Civil War

<http://www.coax.net/people/lwf/data.htm>

Compiled by Bennie J. McRae, Jr., a thorough listing of information about these African-American Civil War troops with links to many related sites, such as War of the Rebellion records and databases of soldiers and sailors.

GENUKI

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

Genealogy resources relating to the United Kingdom and Ireland (the British Isles), similar to the USGenWeb project in the U.S.

Germanic Genealogy

<http://german.about.com/od/germanicgenealogy/>

German genealogy information and links.

Cuban Genealogy Center

<http://www.cubagenweb.org/>

A resource for those searching for their Cuban roots.

Irish Genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/>

Website of Irish Genealogical Society, Int'l (IGSI) which has extensive links.

1901 census of England and Wales

<http://www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Released in January 2002, this official U.K. site should be useful for those who have English or Welsh roots within the last one or two centuries. Overload problems were experienced the first few days due to the site's initial popularity (particularly from U.S. searchers), but it may be assumed these will be rectified. Information about each person includes "their name, address, marital status, age, profession, birth place and whether they were (1) deaf and dumb, (2) blind, (3) lunatic, or (4) imbecile/ feeble-minded".

Italian Genealogy Homepage

<http://italiangenealogy.tardio.com/>

This site includes good information for both beginners and more advanced researchers.

Research Aids

AFPL Genealogy Pathfinders

The staff of the [Special Collections Department](#) has prepared a variety of Genealogy Pathfinders to help you start your search. Paper copies of these Pathfinders are available in the GLFH Department, which is located on the 5th floor of the [Central Library](#). These include

- **Genealogy Pathfinder for Beginners**
- **Genealogy Pathfinder for African-American Research**
- **Genealogy Pathfinder for Native American Research**
- **Genealogy Pathfinder for Finding Missing Persons**

Where to Write for Vital Records

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>

This site provides basic contact information for state and county agencies holding birth, death, marriage, and divorce records. Compiled by the Centers for Disease Control.

Beginner's Guide to Family Research

<http://www.arkansasresearch.com/guide.html>

Excellent information from two respected researchers, Desmond Walls Allen and Carolyn Earle Billingsley.

Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry.com is a well-known database to which people must pay to subscribe. However, the library system has paid for a subscription to **Ancestry Library Edition**, which contains the same information. (This database has replaced **AncestryPlus**, with which you may already be familiar. Patrons **within any Atlanta-Fulton Public Library location** can search the full resources of this database via GALILEO as follows:

1. Click on the GALILEO link below.
2. Then, on the left-hand menu on GALILEO's home page, click on **All Databases**, on the upper left corner of this page.
3. Then scroll down the resulting list to **Ancestry Library Edition**

<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/>

Genealogical Organizations

National Genealogical Society

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

The homepage for this leading association offers organization news and activities, standards for doing research and using libraries and archives, and other helpful reference material.

Georgia Genealogical Society

<http://www.gagensociety.org/>

The Georgia Genealogical Society promotes genealogical programs and publications, assists in building the genealogy collection at the Georgia Department of Archives and History, and promotes the preservation of the early records of the Colony and the State of Georgia. Great links to other sites important in Georgia research.

Genealogical Computer Society of Georgia

<http://gencomputer.org/>

GCSGA is where Georgia genealogy and technology meet. Good links.