

Finding your ancestors is a difficult enough challenge, so why not add some of these free resources to your toolkit and make the process a little easier. All of the links in this document were verified for accuracy, and using the *Live Roots* catalog will be maintained whenever there are changes, without requiring a re-download of this file.

Family Charts & Forms

Family Tree Magazine Free Forms

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forms/download.html>

Getting organized and knowing how to address government agencies and organizations can help you get quicker, more effective results. *Family Tree Magazine* has created forms that can help you access and organize your family history information.

About.com Free Genealogy Charts & Forms

http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_charts/

Download free family tree charts, pedigree charts research logs, and other free genealogy charts and forms to help you in your genealogy research and keep your family tree organized.

Misbach Genealogy Charts

<http://www.misbach.org/pdfcharts/>

Misbach Enterprises houses one of the largest collections of downloadable genealogy charts in Adobe PDF format. All of our charts have been designed with over 40 years of genealogy chart making practice.

Genealogy.com Free Form Letters

<http://www.genealogy.com/00000023.html>

Want to request information from an archive in Germany but don't want to look up every word in the dictionary? With fill-in-the-blank form letters, contacting institutions and family members in other countries is easier than ever.

Free Genealogy Charts, Forms & Relationship Chart from Everton Publishers

<http://www.everton.com/downloads/downloads.php>

The Bailey's Free Genealogy Forms

<http://www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/>

Easy Genealogy Forms

<http://www.io.com/~jhaller/forms/forms.html>

Ruth Ann's Free Genealogy Forms and Charts

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ruthann/charts/chartsrecbooks.htm>

Wakefield Family History Printable Sheets

<http://www.wakefieldfhs.org.uk/Forms%20&%20Charts.htm>

Miscellaneous Genealogy Forms

<http://inman.surnameweb.org/master.htm>

Lineage's Free Genealogy Toolkit

<http://www.lineages.com/InfoCenter/FirstSteps/toolkit.cfm>

Free Forms in German

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/gene/gene/vorlagen/>

LD's Genealogy Charts and Forms

<http://www.ldpierce.com/recordsforms.html>

RootsWeb Charts and Forms

http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get_started/charts_forms.html

Charts and Records from BYU Broadcasting

<http://www.byub.org/ancestors/charts/>

Free Family Tree Charts

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

Frugal Genealogy Charts, Forms, Etc.

<http://usgenealogy.net/members/dvolkmann/FreeGenealogy/index.html>

Free Family Tree Charts and Templates

<http://www.jelleyjar.com/ancestor/chart.html>

Software

Family Tree Builder

<http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>

Family Tree Builder you can construct your family tree visually and print your free genealogy chart. *Family Tree Builder* is available in 18 languages. It features Smart Matching (a fun way to discover new relatives) and provides excellent support for photos, including face recognition technology.

Brother's Keeper

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

Brother's Keeper is a Windows genealogy shareware program that will help you input and organize your family history information and let you print a large variety of charts and reports. There is no charge to download BK to try it out.

Legacy Family Tree Genealogy Software

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

The full-featured professional genealogy program that helps you track, organize, print, and share your family history. Includes sourcing, reports, merging, To Do list, slide shows, multimedia, Web pages, spell checking, import and export and much more.

Family Tree Legends

<http://www.familytreelegends.com/downloads>

Arbor Vita

<http://arborvita.free.fr/>

Arbor Vita is a freeware that lets you display your genealogy tree on the web by generating HTML pages. You have the choice of generating these HTML pages as files once for all, or let the java applet generate them on-the-fly while the user browses the pages. Another particularity is that it is configurable enough to let you generate your pages in the language of your choice.

Bygones

<http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones/>

Bygones is a freeware software program designed to enter and keep genealogical research notes on a laptop or desktop computer. *Bygones* is available as freeware for Windows 95/98/me/XP/NT and Macintosh 8.1+ computers.

GedTree Family Tree Website Generator

<http://www.otway.com/family/docs/gedtree.html>

It reads GEDCOM files (the standard genealogy file format, output by most family tree database programs), builds a hierarchical tree from them, and then allows you to generate the website files automatically.

Census Tools

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

Ever try entering extracted census data into your genealogy program's primitive text editor? The mess and frustration led me to create my first spread-sheet in 2001 so I could elec-tron-i-cal-ly preserve my data in an easy to view format. 40+ free genealogy spreadsheets later, *CensusTools* continues to grow, providing researchers with quality creations to electronically record, preserve and archive family history data.

GeneWeb

<http://cristal.inria.fr/~ddr/GeneWeb/en/index.html>

GeneWeb is a genealogy software program with a Web interface. It can be used off-line or in a Web environment. It uses very efficient techniques of relationship and consanguinity computing, developed in collaboration with Didier Rémy, research Director at INRIA. *GeneWeb*, free software with a GNU license, is available for UNIX, Windows and Mac (OS X).

Genealogy Finder

<http://www.town-local.net/genfinder/index.html>

Genealogy Finder is an application that contains more than 750 quality Genealogy links, divided into 27 easy categories. It is the result of hundreds of research hours to locate the most valuable Genealogy sites on the Net.

Timeline Maker Trial Version

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

Timeline Maker is the easiest and most complete timeline solution available. *Timeline Maker* lets you create great looking charts quickly using its "one-click" timeline charting power, built-in templates, and auto-placement of events. It also has a built-in presentation mode and it integrates easily with PowerPoint, making it great for presentations.

GenoPro

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

GenoPro is user-friendly comprehensive software that allows you to draw family trees and genograms that you can share with your whole family.

Map My Ancestors

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

Map My Ancestors transforms your family tree into an interactive map that your friends and relations can view using the powerful mapping capabilities of Google Earth and Google Maps.

Family Tree Pilot

<http://www.colorpilot.com/familytree.html>

Family Tree is genealogy software that allows you to create an image of the family tree including personal photos. With the program you will be able to make your family tree in minutes! An easy-to-use interface makes it accessible even to your children and grandparents.

Kinfok

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

A Birthday Reminder/Genealogy, Desktop utility for Family and Kinfok. If you can't keep track of all your relatives names much less remember their birthdays? *Kinfok's* simple entry system and easy navigation will make it a snap. This program includes a built-in "Help Me" file viewed by clicking the icon.

ViewGED

<http://www.ccountry.net/~dix/gedright.htm>

This program is useful for viewing genealogy files in the GEDCOM (.ged) format; list, family, ancestor, descendant and detail views are available. *ViewGED* can also be used to export a person list and remove living or other persons from a .ged file.

My Family Health Portrait Download

<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/download.html>

J&L Genealogy Reference Software

<http://www.jlplanner.com/gref/>

Free Genealogy Tools for Researchers

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton/town.html>

JDMCox Software – 21 Genealogy-related Programs

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

LifeLines Genealogy Software

<http://lifelines.sourceforge.net/>

McMartin's GedReporter

<http://www.gedreporter.dmcmartin.com/>

UncleGED

<http://gatheringleaves.org/content/view/54/89/>

Literature & Articles

NARA Free Genealogy Publications

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/genealogy/free.html>

101 Ways to Trace Your Family Tree for Free

http://genealogy.about.com/cs/free_genealogy/a/free_sites.htm

How Do I Begin To Document and File Family History?

<http://www.academic-genealogy.com/documentfilefamilyhistory.htm>

Tips for Preserving Your Photographs and Documents

<http://people.maine.com/photos/tip.htm>

GladAds.com Cousin-Finder Reference Chart

<http://gladads.com/gen/cousin.htm>

GenePool: A Chart for Figuring Relationships

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/cousins.htm>

Shirley Hornbeck's Free Relationship Chart

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~hornbeck/chart.htm>

Genealogy.com Free Biography Assistant

<http://www.genealogy.com/bio/index.html>

Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States

<http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/index.html>

CIA – The World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Education

Genealogy.com's Online University

<http://www.genealogy.com/university.html>

Offers a course in Beginning Genealogy, a series of four courses in tracing Immigrant origins, and a two part series in Internet genealogy

Free Web Courses from Brigham Young University (BYU)

<http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/freecourses.cfm>

These areas include Family History, Family Life, and Religious Scripture Study, such as the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants.

About.com Introduction to Genealogy

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm>

Family history lessons, optional homework assignments, and a forum for asking questions and getting feedback are all part of the fun and learning. Run by a professional genealogist.

RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees

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

This free course, written and compiled by Julia M. Case, Myra Vanderpool Gormley, and Rhonda McClure, is a series of 24 wonderful lessons.

Web Hosting

Tribal Pages

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

Tribal Pages provides 10 MB of free Web space just for family history sites. Each free family history site allows you to upload a GEDCOM file and photos and comes with ancestor and descendant charts, ahnentafel reports, an events page, photo album and a relationship tool.

MyFamily.com

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

MyFamily.com began in 1998 by a group who wanted a better way to stay connected with their families. Ten years later, we believe a myfamily.com site remains the best way to stay connected. It's better than a blog, a social network and email. It's your shared, private space designed specifically for families with tech newbies and geeks alike.

Geni – Free Family Tree

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

RootsWeb Freepages: Free Unlimited Web Space

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>

Ancestry Host: Free Genealogy Website Hosting

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

Ancestors-Genealogy.com by Broad Lea LLC

<http://www.ancestors-genealogy.com/>

Date and Calendar Tools

Free Birth Date Calculator

<http://www.longislandgenealogy.com/birth.html>

This calculator is a useful tool for genealogists. It is designed to calculate the birth date when the age at death and the date of death are the only facts known. As we all know this is often the only information recorded on older headstones.

10,000-Year Calendar Download Page

<http://www.calendarhome.com/tyc/download.html>

Calculation of the Ecclesiastical Calendar

<http://www.smart.net/~mmontes/ec-cal.html>

ANYDAY Today-in-History PAGE of SCOPE SYSTEMS

<http://www.scopesys.com/anyday/>

Miscellaneous

Presidential Memorial Certificates

<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/pmc.asp>

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

Free Tools, Calculators and Dictionaries from ProGenealogists

<http://www.progenealogists.com/freegenealogy.htm>

Free Relationship Calculators and Charts

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

U.S. Surname Distribution

<http://www.hamrick.com/names/>

Free Genealogy Clipart

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

Live Roots

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

Live Roots, launched in October 2008, is an information resource that assists you with locating genealogical resources, including those that are accessible online and others which may require assistance from another researcher. Genealogists use Live Roots to find vital records and original publications, share opinions about online repositories and learn more about tools available to simplify their research projects.

So, is Live Roots a search engine? Is it a specialized link directory? Yes, and No. While this site may have incorporated functionality of a mainstream search engine and/or specialized link directory, the concept behind Live Roots was to transcend some of the inherent limitations of these existing resources. First, by emphasizing original sources, researchers will be able to more clearly see where duplication exists among sites (especially sites that charge fees for access). Second, by focusing on the accessibility of the resources (i.e. online versus offline, free versus paid), researchers will be able to work more efficiently. And lastly, by bridging the gap between online researchers and offline resources, Live Roots will make more information accessible than ever before.

Navigate Geographically

<http://www.liveroots.com/earth/>

Live Roots also includes a feature that allows you to navigate around the globe and see what genealogy resources are available at either the country, state, county and/or city/town level. All resources are geocoded as they are added, and automatically appear on the navigate feature pages. This new feature may be limited in some areas, however, by the quality of information provided to Live Roots.