

Genealogy on the Cheap 2018

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Some Free Genealogy Websites

FamilySearch Historical Records

<https://familysearch.org/>

FamilySearch Historical Records include records for countries worldwide that have been indexed by thousands of volunteers through the FamilySearch indexing program. The records that are indexed can be accessed on the Internet in crisp digital format at no cost.

Expert Genealogy Free Genealogy Resources

<http://expertgenealogy.com/free/>

There are literally millions of web pages on genealogy and it is easy to get lost. This website helps you find the sites that are likely to give you quick and easy results.

Cyndi's List

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

This website has over 300,000 links to genealogy websites, many of which are free.

Danish State Archives

<https://www.sa.dk/en/services/online-services/> (English version)

The Danish State Archives Filming Centre digitizes parish registers and population censuses in order to make them accessible via the Internet. The Archives also has an online Danish Demographic Database that is the obvious choice if you wish to search for your ancestors online via the State Archives.

How to get the most from Paid Websites

Library Versions

Family History Portal

Only available at Family History Centers and includes free access to paid sites such as Ancestry.com, Find My Past, Fold3, and World Vital Records.

Library Edition of Ancestry.com

This is available at the Greater Victoria Public Library with a current library card.

Free and Partial Indexes

Archives

Many archives have their indexes online, with the hope that you will purchase the actual record. When searching these indexes, learn to 'work the system'.

Commercial Sites

These sites usually blank out some pertinent information from their indexes. However, some of this information can be 'squeezed' out of paid sites, such as Ancestry.com. Watch for special events, which allow free access for a limited time.

Free Index Alternatives

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>

FreeBMD is an ongoing project to transcribe the Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales. Its index is free on Ancestry.com. However, if you access it through FreeBMD, cross-referencing marriages is quick and easy.

Free Online Genealogy Courses

The Family History Guide

<http://thefhguide.com/>

A **free** learning, research and training center. In addition to their own content, it includes links to training found on FamilySearch, Ancestry, Find My Past, and other web sites.

FamilySearch Wiki

<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki>

The Research Wiki is a free collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world. Search for your locality and click the 'Online Records' button. Those records that have a fee attached will be indicated by (\$).

The National Archives (UK)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/>



This site has a large variety of award winning resources and training, including my favorites, reading old handwriting and beginners' latin. Presentations include podcasts, online lessons, virtual classrooms and more.

Computer Tools

Genealogy



RootsMagic Essentials

<http://www.rootsmagic.com/essentials/>

RootsMagic Essentials is a free genealogy program that contains many core features from the award-winning RootsMagic family tree software. It has multimedia support and is FamilySearch certified. Platform:  Windows 10 / 8 / 7 / Vista / XP / 2000 and  Mac OS X using the Mac file system.




Ancestral Quest Basics

<http://www.ancquest.com/AQBasics.htm>

Ancestral Quest *Basics* is a free genealogical management program that contains the core features of Ancestral Quest. It is FamilySearch certified and can directly link a PAF file to FamilySearch. Platform:  Windows 10 / 8.1 / 8 / 7 / Vista / XP and  Mac OS X 10.7 or later.

Legacy Standard Edition

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

Legacy Standard Edition is a free genealogy program that contains many of the core features found in the Deluxe edition. It is FamilySearch certified. Platform:  Windows 10 / 8 / 7 ( Mac OS X and  Linux with a Windows emulator)

FamilySearch App Gallery

<https://familysearch.org/apps/>

This is a gallery of apps for various devices/platforms, including Android, iPhone, iPad, and Windows. Some are free and others are not.

Find-A-Record

<https://www.findarecord.com/en/>

This tool connects with your FamilySearch account and assists you in finding missing records, data problems, LDS ordinances, and more. You can focus on one area of your tree and it will automatically search that part. Also available as a browser extension.

RecordSeek

<https://recordseek.com/>

RecordSeek makes it effortless to record your source citations from the web for use in FamilySearch and Ancestry. Drag the bookmark to your favorites bar before the first use.

Multimedia

IrfanView

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

Windows program to view, convert, optimize, resize, edit, print, etc. images. Can view and convert to all the most common graphics formats. Free for non-commercial use.

GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program)

<https://www.gimp.org/>

GIMP is a free cross-platform image editor available for GNU/Linux, OS X, Windows and more operating systems.

FastStone Capture 8.7 (Shareware - earlier versions free for home use)

<http://www.faststone.org/FSCaptureDetail.htm>

A lightweight, yet full-featured screen capture tool that allows you to easily capture and annotate anything on the computer screen. This version is \$19.95.

Free version 5.3 available at http://www.oldapps.com/fast_stone_capture.php

Applications and Utilities

Some free Microsoft® Office alternatives

LibreOffice - <https://www.libreoffice.org/>

Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides - <https://docs.google.com/>

WPS Office - <http://www.kingsoftstore.com/>

PrimoPDF

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

Create PDF files with the world's most popular free PDF creator.