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**Afrigenes**

A comprehensive source for genealogical research into African ancestry. Includes wills, inventories, census and Bible records, and slavery documentation.  
<http://www.afrigenes.com/>

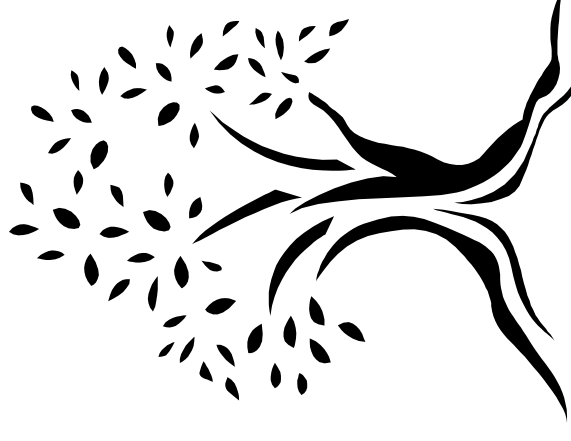
**Holocaust Global Registry**

A central place for anyone searching for Holocaust survivors, for survivors searching for family members or friends, and for child survivors looking for clues to their identities.  
<http://www.jewishgen.org/registry>

**Native American Genealogy**

The Web site of the America Online (AOL) Native American Genealogy group, containing stories and links to resources for the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Lakota nations.  
<http://hometown.aol.com/bbbenge/front.html>.

# *A Guide to* **Genealogy Resources** *on the Internet*



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## Introduction

Who were our parents' parents? Where did they come from? What were the important events in their lives? For many of us, tracking down our ancestors is a rewarding and challenging pastime that builds personal connections to the past. For others, learning about their family histories provides critical medical or legal information.

*A Guide to Genealogy Resources on the Internet* is a reference resource for librarians and adult patrons who have some experience using a computer and the Internet, but may not be familiar with Web-based genealogical research. Vast amounts of historical material are accessible through online records, genealogical search engines, mailing lists, newsgroups, message boards, and people finders. Some genealogy Web sites provide tools, charts, and forms to help you organize your research.

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### Helm's Genealogy Toolbox

Contains links to over 60,000 Web sites with news and articles on family history research.  
<http://www.genealogytoolbox.com/>

### National Genealogical Society

With over 17,000 members, the NGS provides training, research assistance, news, and other resources.  
[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/main/body\\_frame.html](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/main/body_frame.html)

### Worldwide Genealogy Top 100

Provides links to databases of surnames, vital records, military documents, and other public domain materials both free and fee-based.  
<http://www.worldwide-top100.net/tops5/index.html>

### Specialized Resources

#### Adoption.com

A good place to start looking for lost birth relatives. Includes a reunion registry.  
<http://www.adoption.com/reunite/>

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### **USGenWeb Project**

Run by a group of volunteers working together to provide Internet Web sites for genealogical research in every county in the United States, this Web site provides links to family reunion bulletin boards, state and county historical archives, and national research projects.

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

### **Databases, Tools, and Forms**

#### **Ancestry.com**

Lists over 274 million names in 1,728 databases, including Social Security, military, and immigration records. Contains both free and subscription-based sources.

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

#### **FamilySearch Internet Genealogical Service**

An exhaustive database, searchable by surname, international geography, and other categories. Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this site is very popular, and appropriate for any genealogical research.

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

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### **Selection Criteria**

When conducting genealogical research on the Web, it is important to know your information sources are reliable, accurate, and timely. The sites included in this guide were selected using the following criteria:

- The Web site publisher is clearly identified and can be contacted from the site.
- The Web site's purpose is stated in writing and is obvious when looking at the content.
- The information provided is comprehensive or uniquely important to family history research.
- The Web site is well known in the genealogical research community. It is cited in multiple subject resources, both print and online.
- The information provided is current and regularly updated. Revision dates are posted on the site.
- The Web site adheres to accessibility conventions widely accepted in the Internet community.

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- The Web site is well organized and easy to use. Multimedia features enhance, rather than distract from, the content offerings.
  - The Web site includes search or index functions for easier navigation.

### **Resources for Beginners**

#### **Beginner's Guide to Family History Research**

From a book by the same name, this site provides an introduction to genealogical research—what it is, how to do it, and what to expect—along with tips for collecting and organizing your project.  
<http://biz.ipa.net/arkresearch/guide.html>

#### **MSNBC: Exploring Our Roots**

Introduction to a wide variety of genealogy resources, with information for beginners and stories from Tom Brokaw, Katie Couric, and other journalists about their personal family history searches.  
<http://www.msnbc.com/modules/genealogy/>

#### **Treasure Maps—The How-To Genealogy Site**

Contains tutorials, guides, a free monthly newsletter, and links to resources, such as hints on deciphering old handwriting.  
<http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmaps.html>

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### **General Resources**

#### **Ancestors**

Offers a resource guide, teacher's guide, tips and tricks, and video clips on family history research.  
<http://www.pbs.org/kbyu/ancestors/>

#### **Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites on the Internet**

A comprehensive, categorized, and cross-referenced index to more than 50,000 genealogical sites on the Internet.  
<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

#### **Genealogy Online**

Provides links to genealogical collections, software, libraries, universities, historical collections, and federal census data. Includes postings of upcoming seminars, conferences, and workshops.  
<http://www.genealogy.org/>

#### **RootsWeb**

In addition to providing access to federal and state government records, mailing lists, and files on over 500,000 surnames, RootsWeb offers Web site hosting, newsgroup support, and a monthly e-mail newsletter.  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/>