

Computer Guide #9

Research Suggestions from the Internet

NOTE: Links will change from time to time. Information on the Internet is dynamic and a favorite site may disappear or change locations. New sites are added every day. Many of the resource sites noted below are in the process of adding new information regularly.

Mesa Regional Family History Center <http://www.mesarfhc.org>

Find the Center's hours, location and calendar, search the catalog for books, films and microfiche, find the schedule for classes and review class outlines, search Arizona birth and death records and Arizona obituaries.

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

Search the LDS Church database of millions of names in the Ancestral File, 1880 US Census, International Genealogical Index, Pedigree Resource File, US Social Security Death Index, and some Vital Records. Access the Family History Library catalog and download copies of hundreds of research aids and guides.

Search Engines

<http://www.google.com>

<http://www.yahoo.com>

<http://www.dogpile.com>

<http://www.altavista.com>

<http://www.lycos.com>

<http://www.ask.com>

Focus on using key words in a search. The search engine program will return different results depending on the order of the words used for the search, i.e. [parish records Finland] will return a different set of sites than [Finland parish records]. Look for key words in the target language, i.e. [Danish: herrod amt sogn]. Watch for links to sites that may give more information. To search for a specific name or phrase, put the name or phrase in quotation marks, i.e. "George Washington"

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

A commercial subscription site that contains millions of names and thousands of original records. Extensive collection of indexed US Census records, WW1 Draft Registrations. May be used at the Mesa Regional Family History Center through a site license.

Getting started in Genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.com>

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

<http://www.genealogy.com>

<http://www.usgenweb.org>

<http://www.familytreemaker.com>

<http://www.genealogy.about.com>

<http://www.progenealogists.com>

Browse through hundreds of thousands of links to genealogy based Web sites along with helpful articles on thousands of subjects.

Encyclopedia of Genealogy <http://www.eogen.com>

Serves as a compendium of genealogical tools and techniques. It provides reference information about everything in genealogy except people. It also will describe how to research Italian, German, Polish, French-Canadian, Jewish, Black, Indian and other ancestors.

Major Libraries and record repositories

<http://www.loc.gov> - Library of Congress

<http://archives.gov/> - National Archives

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> - Land Records in the Bureau of Land Management site

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/> - Allen County, Indiana Public Library

<http://www.nypl.org> - New York Public Library

Map Sites

<http://maps.google.com/>

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

<http://www.multimap.com>

<http://www.uk.map24.com/>

<http://www.worldatlas.com>

<http://cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

<http://www.travelpost.com>

<http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>

In <http://www.wikipedia.com> enter the name of a place you are searching, then click on the map coordinates or location links to get a list of map sites with information on that location.

Use www.naco.org to find a county in the US

Immigration records

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

<http://www.ellisland.org>

Search earlier immigration and passenger lists in Castle Garden and later records in Ellis Island.

Regional Sites

<http://negenealogy.com/> - Northeastern US

<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/> - New England States

<http://www.segenealogy.com/> - Southeastern US

Genealogical Societies

<http://www.fgs.org/> - Federation of Genealogical Societies

<http://www.infouga.org> - Utah Genealogical Association

<http://www.icapgen.org/> - The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/> - Board for the Certification of Genealogists

Utah Sites

<http://byu.edu> - Look in the Library sites for the Online Collections of thousands of histories, journals, newspapers, photographs and other records

<http://www.archives.state.ut.us/> - Utah State Archives contains thousands of records including an index to Utah cemeteries

<http://www.utah.edu> - University of Utah, search the libraries especially special collections

<http://www.usu.edu/> - Utah State University, search the library and digital collections

Arizona Sites

<http://genealogy.az.gov> - Has digitized copies of birth and death certificates for selected years

<http://www.lib.az.us/> - Arizona State Library and Archives has Arizona Biographical Encyclopedia