

A Guide to Genealogy Website Links

Scott County Public Library

Georgetown, Kentucky

Websites and databases can provide valuable information for your genealogy research, just like books, paper journals, and primary sources. There are literally thousands of websites that focus on family and local history. We have provided several links to websites that are well-known and accessed by researchers on a regular basis.

Ancestry.com (free inside library)

- Content: Provides access to a large comprehensive worldwide network of online genealogical resources that are searchable by name and location; some of the databases include but are not limited to Birth, Marriage, Death records; Census, Military, Wills and Deeds, Guardianships, Cemeteries, Public Family Trees, and many more. They offer several genealogical related services such as AncestryDNA, AncestryHealth, Family Tree Maker, Fold3, Newspapers.com, Find-a-Grave, Archives.com, and Rootsweb.

Kentucky Historical & Sanborn Maps

- Content: A digital database maintained by Kentucky Digital Library provides access to over 4700 maps.

Cyndi's List

- Content: An extensive online genealogical research website that is well organized and cross-referenced, provides literally thousands of links to websites with databases; a "genealogical research portal onto the Internet" per their website.

Heritage Quest

- Content: Provides online access to U.S. census records, books, periodicals, Revolutionary War service records, and Freedman's Bank deposit records.

Family Search

- Content: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints website provides online access to a worldwide collection of records, resources, and services to assist individuals in family history research. Includes tools to create family trees, charts, and forms.

National Archives & Records Administration

- Content: Provides information on beginning your research, special events and lectures, tools for genealogists, military records, and much more. Not all resources are online.

Find-A-Grave

- Content: Provides worldwide online listings of graves searchable by name. Many records contain GPS coordinates, photographs of graves, dates of birth/death, biographical information, and cemetery/plot information.

The Ships List

- Content: Provides online information on ship's passenger lists to Canada, US, Australia, and South Africa; immigration reports, shipwreck information, ship pictures and descriptions, Marriages at Sea, ship arrivals lists and more.

Library of Congress Research Room

- Content: Maintains a collection of books on genealogies and local histories, vertical files of family and local history newsletters, tips on research, and links to additional internet resources. Not all resources are online.

Ellis Island

- Content: Provides online information on the history of Ellis Island, passenger search, ship search, immigration timelines, and genealogy tips.

Rootsweb

- Content: RootsWeb is a free online genealogy community that provides online forums, mailing lists, and other resources to help people network and research their family history worldwide.

Kentucky Historical Society – Martin F. Schmidt Research Library

- Content: Considered by many to be Kentucky's premier research library for genealogy research. Includes non-government records such as church records, family bibles, family records, cemetery records, newspapers etc. Their online collection is searchable by county or surname; and includes web links to additional collections on Kentucky. Not all resources are online.

Kentucky Land Grant Office

- Content: Provides online information on land acquisitions, land patents prior to 1792, military and non-military registers and land records, and links to additional online research resources.

Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives Research Room

- Content: KDLA Research Room provides access to the public records created by Kentucky's city, county and state governments. These records include deed books, marriage records, will books, circuit and appellate court case files, census and military records, Kentucky formation charts, and records from many state agencies. Includes original paper records and over 65,000 rolls of microfilm. Not all resources are online.