

Online Resources for Midwest U.S. Research

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This listing of web sites is a **sampling** of the types of records that are being digitized and the variety of organizations participating in this effort.

Finding Aids

Google

Learn Google search engine functions in order to locate online records effectively and efficiently.

Daniel M. Lynch. *Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google*. Provo, Utah: FamilyLink.com, Inc., 2008.

Catalogs

FamilySearch Catalog

<https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>

Linkpendium

<http://www.linkpendium.com>

Repositories of Primary Sources

<http://www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html>

Harold B. Lee Library (links to online journals, books, etc.)

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/>

General Sites

FamilySearch Records

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

Access to Archival Databases

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

(National Archives)

Ancestry.com (subscription)

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

Fold3.com (subscription)

<http://www.fold3.com/>

GenealogyBank.com (subscription)

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

World Vital Records (subscription)

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

Record Types

Vital Records

County Clerk

Cook County, Illinois

<http://cookcountygenealogy.com/>

State Archives

Missouri State Archives

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/default.asp#records>

Libraries

Library of Michigan

<http://seekingmichigan.org/discover-collection?collection=p129401coll7>

FamilySearch Records (many states, with and without images)

<https://www.familysearch.org/> (select USA, Canada, and Mexico)

Abstracts/extracts

MI Dept. of Community Health <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/gendisx/search2.htm>

Illinois Secretary of State <http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

Wisconsin State Historical Society <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy>

Indiana State Library http://web.isl.lib.in.us/INMarriages1850/marriages_search.asp

Indexes

Social Security Death Index (many sites) <https://www.familysearch.org/>

FamilySearch Records <https://www.familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com (subscription) <http://www.ancestry.com/>

Census Records

Catalogs

Census Finder <http://www.censusfinder.com/index.htm>

Census Online <http://www.census-online.com/links/>

Federal Censuses

FamilySearch Records <https://www.familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com (subscription) <http://www.ancestry.com/>

HeritageQuestOnline.com (subscription) <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/>

State Censuses

FamilySearch Records <https://www.familysearch.org/>

Ancestry.com (subscription) <http://www.ancestry.com/>

USGenWeb (indexes & transcriptions) Waterville Twp, Allamakee, Iowa 1856

http://www.sharylscabin.com/Allamakee/1856/Waterville_1856.htm

History

Family history and county history books

Google Books <http://books.google.com/>

BYU Family History Archives <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php/>

(multiple library collection)

Internet Archive <http://www.archive.org/details/texts/>

HeritageQuestOnline.com (subscription) <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/>

Journals

BYU's historic journals project <http://journals.byu.edu/>

Online Encyclopedias

<http://www.encyclopedia.com>

Cemetery Records

Transcriptions and Photos

AHGP Cemetery Transcription and Photo Project

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/cemetery/>

USGenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project (some photos)

<http://www.usgwombstones.org/index.html/>

Find A Grave <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi/>

Billion Graves <http://www.billiongraves.com>

Interment.net <http://www.interment.net>

Cemetery web sites

Gate of Heaven Cemetery <http://www.gateofheaven.org/index.asp>

Historical Societies

South Dakota State Hist Soc <http://apps.sd.gov/applications/DT58Cemetery/>

Cemetery directories
Library of Michigan
<http://libraryofmichigan.state.mi.us/MichiganCemeteries/search.aspx>

Immigration Records

Ship manifests - Ellis Island <http://www.ellisland.org/>
Transcriptions
Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild <http://www.immigrantships.net/>
Great Lakes Passenger Lists <http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/glpassengers/>
Indexes
Immigrant Ancestors Project <http://immigrants.byu.edu/>

Land Records

Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records
Land Patent Search <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>
American State Papers <http://www.genealogybank.com> (subscription)

Military Records

Fold3.com (subscription) <http://www.fold3.com/>
Ancestry.com (subscription) <http://www.ancestry.com/>
National Archives
Access to Archival Databases <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Newspapers

General newspaper sites
GenealogyBank (subscription) <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/>
Newspaper Archive (subscription) <http://newspaperarchive.com/>
Chronicling America
(Library of Congress) <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
GenealogyBuff.com <http://www.genealogybuff.com/np/>
Specific newspaper site
University sites
State historical societies
State Historical Society of Missouri
<http://shs.umsystem.edu/newspaper/newspapercatalog/index.shtml>
Ohio Historical Society <http://web2.ohiohistory.org/>
(click "welcome", select "newspaper database")

City Directories

Public Libraries
Oshkosh Public Library <http://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/citydirs.html>

State Archives

Ancestry.com (subscription) <http://www.ancestry.com/>
Fold3.com (subscription) <http://www.fold3.com/>
Internet Archive <http://www.archive.org/details/texts/>

Maps

David Rumsey Historical Map Collection <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>
Sanborn Fire Insurance maps
Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn/>

State/Regional collections

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| Univ. of Illinois, Historical Maps | http://images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/maps/ |
| Google Maps | http://maps.google.com/ |
| Google Earth | http://earth.google.com/ |

Photo Collections

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| Bromley Collection Photos (Minneapolis) | http://www.chuckstoyland.com/potpourri/oldpics/Mpls%20photos/index.html |
| Dead Fred photo archive | http://www.deadfred.com/ |
| Historical Postcards | |
| Family Photo Collections | http://www.angelfire.com/ak/lommerse/historicalphotos.html |

Unique Records

State Historical Societies

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| Iowa | http://www.iowahistory.org/ |
| Minnesota | http://www.mnhs.org/library/ |
| Missouri | http://shs.umsystem.edu/research/ |
| Missouri Hist. Soc. Library and Research Center | http://www.mohistory.org/lrc/family-history/genealogy-links |
| Western Reserve | http://www.wrhs.org/ |
| Wisconsin | http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ |

Genealogical Societies

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| Ohio Genealogical Society | http://www.ogs.org/research/free_databases.php (More available with membership.) |
| Wisconsin State Gen. Soc. | http://wsgs.wetpaint.com/page/Links Select "Wisconsin Reference/Research Sites" |

State Archives

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| Illinois | http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html (Includes IRAD depository system) |
| Indiana | http://www.in.gov/icpr/2355.htm |
| Missouri | http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/ |

Libraries

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| Allen County Public Library | http://www.genealogycenter.info/otherdb.php/ |
| Davenport Public Library | http://www.qcmemory.org/ Select "Local index databases" |
| Detroit Public Library Includes Burton Historical Collection | http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/ |
| Indiana State Library | http://www.in.gov/library/databases.htm |
| Kansas City Public Library | http://www.kchistory.org/ |
| Library of Michigan | http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635--,00.html |
| Mid-Continent Public Library | http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy |
| Minnesota Digital Library | http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/diglib/intro.html |
| Newberry Library | http://www.newberry.org/ |
| Southern Minnesota Historical Center | http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/ |
| State Library of Ohio | http://www.library.ohio.gov/PCS/digitalcontent/gen_sources/ohio |