

These links are primarily for present day searches.

Prison Search Engine -- http://www.ancestorhunt.com/prison_search.htm

Vine Link Site -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initMap.do>

Federal Bureau of Prisons -- <http://www.bop.gov/>

Alabama -- <http://www.doc.state.al.us/inmsearch.asp> (current inmates only)

Alaska -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=2001>

Arizona -- http://test.azcorrections.gov/isearch/inmate_datasearch/index.aspx

Arkansas -- http://www.adc.arkansas.gov/inmate_info/

California -- http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Inmate_Locator.html

Colorado -- https://exdoc.state.co.us/inmate_locator/search_form.php

Connecticut -- <http://www.ctinmateinfo.state.ct.us/>

Delaware -- <http://doc.delaware.gov/>

District of Columbia -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=9900>

Florida -- <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/inmateinfo/inmateinfomenu.asp>

Georgia -- <http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/GDC/OffenderQuery/jsp/OffQryForm.jsp>

Hawaii -- <http://hawaii.gov/psd/>

Idaho -- <https://www.accessidaho.org/public/corr/offender/search.html>

Illinois -- <http://www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/search/default.asp>

Indiana -- <http://www.in.gov/apps/indcorrection/ofs/ofs>

Iowa -- <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/>

Kansas -- <http://www.dc.state.ks.us/kasper>

Kentucky -- <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/kool.htm>

Louisiana -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteID=19000>

Maine -- <http://www.state.me.us/corrections/FAQ.htm#Howdofindinmate>

Maryland -- <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/oil/>

Massachusetts -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=20000>

Michigan -- <http://www.state.mi.us/mdoc/ASP/otis2.html>

Minnesota -- <http://info.doc.state.mn.us/publicviewer/main.asp>

Mississippi -- <http://www.mdsc.state.ms.us/InmateTest.asp>

Missouri -- <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/collections.asp>

Montana -- <http://app.mt.gov/conweb/>

Nebraska -- http://dcs-inmatesearch.ne.gov/Corrections/COR_input.html

Nevada -- <http://www.doc.nv.gov/notis/search.php>

New Hampshire -- http://www4.egov.nh.gov/Inmate_Locator/

New Jersey -- https://www6.state.nj.us/DOC_Inmate/inmatefinder?i=I

New Mexico -- <http://corrections.state.nm.us/offenders/search.php>

New York -- <http://nysdocslookup.docs.state.ny.us/kinqw00>

North Carolina -- <http://www.doc.state.nc.us/offenders/?copyrightinfringement>

North Dakota -- http://www.state.nd.us/docr/prison/inmate_info.htm (not avail, under construction)

Ohio -- <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/alphabet.php?let=A>

Oklahoma --

http://docapp065p.doc.state.ok.us/servlet/page?_pageid=395&_dad=portal30&_schema=PORTAL30

Oklahoma/Indian Territory -- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgenweb/ok/law/oklaw.html>

Oregon -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=38000>

Pennsylvania -- <http://www.cor.state.pa.us/inmatelocatorweb/>

Rhode Island -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=40900>

South Carolina -- <https://sword.doc.state.sc.us/incarceratedInmateSearch/?thief>
South Dakota -- http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/FAQ_Inmate_Search.htm
Tennessee -- http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/foil/foil_index.jsp;jsessionid=f8QlzoHPYX6prHPoUr
Texas -- <http://168.51.178.33/webapp/TDCJ/index2.htm> (very slow to load)
Utah -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=45000>
Vermont -- <http://www1.doc.state.vt.us/offender/>
Virginia -- <http://www2.vipnet.org/cgi-bin/vadoc/doc.cgi>
Washington -- <http://www.doc.wa.gov/offenderinfo/default.aspx>
West Virginia -- <http://www.wvrja.com/puboffsearch/offsearch.asp>
Wisconsin -- <https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteID=50001>
Wyoming -- <http://doc.state.wy.us/>

State Penitentiary Inmate Searches

These links are primarily for historical state searches.

Alcatraz Inmate Roster -- <http://www.alcatrazhistory.com/roster.htm> (1934-1963)
Anamosa State Pen. Iowa -- <http://www.asphistory.com/>
Colorado Prisoner Index -- <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/pen/index.htm> (1871-1973)
Connecticut, Wethersfield Prison Records -- <http://www.cslib.org/wethers.asp> (1827-1963)
Denver, Colorado Library Reformatory database (1887-1939) -- <http://denverlibrary.org/> (must register to use database)
Idaho Penitentiary Project – www.idahohistory.net/isp_prisoner_index.html (1870-1947)
Indiana State Archives Index to Prisoner's Statements -- <http://www.in.gov/icpr/2459.htm>
New York City Prisons from 1850 US Federal Census -- <http://www.inyc.freesevers.com/custom.html>
New York Correction History Society -- <http://www.correctionhistory.org/>
Ohio State Penitentiary Inmates – <http://www.witsend.org/gen/marion/badguys.htm> 1834-1875
Pennsylvania State Penitentiaries: registers, admissions and discharges –(1826-19574) <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/prison.htm>
Washington Prison Registers, Seatco (1877-1888) and Walla Walla (1887-1922) -- <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/RecordSeriesInfo.aspx?rsid=7>
Wyoming Territorial Prison -- <http://www.wyoprisonpark.org/> (not pres avail, under construction) 1873-1903

Books:

Crime and Punishment in Pioneer Illinois: 1833-1847 Inmate Records from the First State Prison at Alton, by Cynthia Sutton
Down on Parchman Farm: The Great Prison in the Mississippi Delta, by William Banks Taylor.

Mailing List

US-CONVICT-ANCESTORS. A mailing list for the discussion and sharing of information regarding the resources available for researching ancestors in the United States who were convicted of a crime. To subscribe send "subscribe" to us-convict-ancestors-l-request@rootsweb.com (mail mode) or us-convict-ancestors-d-request@rootsweb.com (digest mode).

General USA Mailing Lists: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_statesgen.html

Other Links

International Blacksheep Society of Genealogists -- <http://ibssg.org/blacksheep/>
Federal and State Prison Contacts to request records -- http://maxpages.com/ourlostfamily/Prison_Records

Prison Search

http://www.ancestorhunt.com/genealogical_prison_records.htm

Genealogical Databases of Old Prison Records and Jail Records

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Civil War Prisoner Search Engines

Alton Prison, Andersonville, Camp Ford, Danville Prison, Fort Delaware, Gratiot Street Prisoners, Gratiot Street Women Prisoners, Libby Prison-Vermonters, Ohio Prisoners in Andersonville and Salisbury, Civil War Prison Camps.

Prisoner Executions

Alabama: 1927-2004,
Arkansas: Executions at Fort Smith,
California: 1851-1882 San Francisco Hangings,
Colorado: 1859-1967,
Florida: 1924-1964 and 1976-present,
Idaho: Executions in Idaho County,
Montana: Madison County and Vigilantes of Montana,
New York: Sing Sing Prison,
Oklahoma: 1841-1966,
Texas: 1819-1982,
Federal: Since 1927,
General Lists of Females: 1632- 1962,
General Lists of Juveniles: 1642-1959,
General Lists of Recently discovered Executions and Lynchings.

Related Links

Notorious Ancestors on the Net
Bad Guys-True Stories of Legendary Gunslingers
Oklahoma Lawmen and Outlaws

Other Countries

Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.