

General Genealogy Resources [updated March 18, 2026]

1. **Family Tree Maker:** Genealogy Software for Windows or Mac [Owned by The Software McKiev Company] to record and report ancestral data [can be downloaded from website or by disc mailed to you]. Offers updates every 4-5 years. FREE 24-Hour Assistance online chat Technical Assistance. COST: \$\$
2. **Ancestry.com:** Data repository with source information [currently owned by Blackston and GIC, both private investor groups]. It can sync with Family Tree Maker to upload/download Trees and Familial data. Subscription needed [either by month, semi-annually or annually]. COST: \$\$
3. **FamilySearch:** Data repository with source information [a non-profit service owned and operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church)]. It can also sync with Family Tree Maker. Much the same information as Ancestry.com but it does have differences. COST: FREE
4. **Ellis Island Foundation:** Stores historical records of ancestors arriving in the USA. Includes ship manifests with much information. Online availability by signing up. Donations Requested. COST: FREE
5. **Find-A-Grave:** An online worldwide database of user-submitted cemetery information and photos of headstones. Often includes immediate family information and some obituaries. COST: FREE
6. **Newspaper.com:** Historical information from large amount of newspapers looking into obituaries and human-interest stories, announcements of births and marriages. Owned by Ancestry.com with a semi-annual subscription. COST: \$\$
7. **Search Engines:** Google, Yahoo, AOL, Bing, Edge. COST: FREE
8. **RootsTech by FamilySearch Conference/Discovery Event:**
Date: March 2027 [last held March 5-8, 2026]
Location: Salt Lake City
In person or online registration: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/> This conference can be viewed online for **FREE** with different topics related to genealogy/ancestry; which allows you to go back to the presentation [which are videotaped] for references or a refresh of what was mentioned.