

Beginner's Genealogy Workshop

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Create Personal Online Accounts

- Create Personal Online Accounts
 - familysearch.org
 - libertyellisfoundation.org

Online Newspapers

- Specific to City/Town, State, or Country
 - [Wikipedia's List of Online Newspapers by Country](#)
 - [Wikipedia's List of Online Newspapers in the United States](#)
 - [Elephind.com](#) (free)
 - Free search of selected international and national historic newspapers
 - Can't find it? Check with local library
- Boston Newspapers
 - Free and accessible from home with [Cambridge Public Library card](#)
 - [Historical Boston Globe, 1872-1979](#)
 - [Boston Globe, 1980-present](#)
 - [The Zimmer Index](#)
 - 13 local newspapers (including 6 Boston papers, Dorchester Beacon, and Worcester Telegraph, Springfield Republican) from 1878-1937

Online Newspapers

- New York Newspapers
 - [Historical New York Times, 1851-2013](#)
 - Free and accessible from home with [Cambridge Public Library card](#)
 - [Old Fulton New York Post Cards 37,400,000 Newspaper Pages from the Past \(1762-2012\)](#) (free)
- Boston Public Library
 - [25 Freely accessible historic newspapers](#)
 - Ex. 17th and 18th Century Newspapers, Boston Post, Irish Times, Times (London), Jewish Advocate, etc.)
 - Accessible with [BPL e-card](#)

Specific Sites

- [Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Foundation](#) (free)
 - 51 million+ passengers; anyone who entered through Ellis Island
- Genealogy Portals (free)
 - [Cyndi's List](#)
 - "A 'card catalog' to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
 - Resources by state or by subject (i.e., African American, Native American, Adoption, Slavery, etc.)
 - [Stephen P. Morse](#)
 - "Tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications."
 - [AfriGeneas](#)
 - "A site devoted to African American genealogy, to researching African Ancestry in the Americas in particular and to genealogical research and resources in general."
 - Forums, Listserves, Slave Data Collection, Surnames Database, ect.
 - [Jewish Gen](#)
 - "Thousands of databases, research tools and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members."
 - Records from the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Syria, South Africa, and Canada

Specific Sites

- [Internet Archive](#) (free)
 - [Genealogy Section](#)
 - From Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, Leo Baeck Institute Archives, Boston Public Library, University of Toronto, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library, National Library of Scotland, Indianapolis City Directory and Yearbook Collection, and Brigham Young University
 - [Family Genealogies](#)
 - [City Directories](#)
 - [Way Back Machine](#)
 - Over 150 billion archived webpages back to 1996

Comprehensive Sites

- Heritage Quest
 - Free and accessible from home with Cambridge Public Library card
 - Offers the following that *Ancestry* does not:
 - Periodical Source Index (PERSI) – 6600 titles from 1800 on
 - The largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world, created by the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.
 - Freedman's Bank records (1865-1874)
 - Genealogy and local history books (over 25,000)
 - U.S. Serials Set (1789-1969)
 - Congressional publications
 - Organized by Record Category
 - (Ex. Freedman's Bank, Social Security Death Index, Revolutionary War Pensions, City Directories, etc.)
 - Uses Ancestry.com databases

Comprehensive Sites

- [African American Heritage](#)
 - Free and accessible from home with [Cambridge Public Library card](#)
 - Fully searchable *Black Genesis* James M. Rose and Alice Eichholz
 - Includes state by state resources
 - Freedman's Bank and Slaves and Free Persons of Color Register
 - Publications search by person and place

Comprehensive Sites

- Ancestry.com
 - In library use only
 - Research computers on second floor (time not limited)
 - Computers in Information Commons (one hour limit per day)
 - Printing full records
 - Download image and then print
 - Don't print directly from the screen
- Familysearch.org
 - Free
 - [Research Wiki](#)
- Search Demonstration (Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org)

Explore Your Family History

- Genealogy Questions from You
- Search for Your Family's Records
 - Leave with a copy of one of the types of records covered in today's class.
- Visit the Cambridge Room
 - 2nd Floor
 - Open tonight from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.