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Alex expertise was restoring old photography which he did for free for any Genealogy SIG member.

Underline words in blue use to be links, but now you must copy the blue underline words and pasted them into a browser and it will take you to the website information.

Our Favorites

There are so many good genealogy-related web sites available today that we cannot possibly list all of them. Therefore, we have come up with a few links that we feel may be most useful to our members.

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To find links to just about anything genealogy-related, a visit to [Cyndi'sList](#) is a must. Cyndi now has 291,330+ web sites listed.

[Cyndi's List](#)

There are several genealogy web sites that have so many different types of information that they are difficult to categorize. Some of these sites are grouped here with comments about some of the information that may be found there:

[Family Search](#) - web site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) (Mormons) – You may search for your ancestors; search the LDS catalog for non-digitized records; download a free genealogy software program, look at finding aids. This web site has many digital images of original documents; however, some searches lead to other paid subscription sites in order to view. The web site will let you know when this happens.

[RootsWeb](#) - Free databases (Social Security Index, Surnames, Mailing Lists, etc.), host to many Volunteer Projects, such as USGenWeb Project WorldGenWeb Project, which may be found as separate links below.

A word about the USGenWeb Project & World GenWeb Project....

[USGenWeb Project](#) is the result of the coordinated efforts of volunteers to set up and host a web page for every county in every state of the United States. From these pages you may locate the state/county where your ancestors lived. Having done that, a variety of information about the area and the people living there at different times is available to you. Types of information available are local histories, queries and surname registries for people searching for a particular surname in that location, land records, census records, military records, maps, cemetery records, etc. The information is not consistent across all states/counties, but most pages have at least some of this information. The USGenWeb Project also maintains a searchable Archives of all information from these web pages.

[USGenWeb Archives](#)

[World GenWeb Project](#) - a global effort similar USGenWeb with various types of information available for foreign research.

[Ancestry.com](#) - Articles, How-To Info, Message Boards, Sign up for online newsletters
Search for surnames - \$\$\$ subscriber databases with free trial period available.

[Genealogy.com](#) - Search for Surnames, Articles, How-To info, World Family Tree, Message Boards, etc
– \$\$\$ subscriber databases.

Search the message Boards at [GenForum](#)

[Fold3](#) - Fold3 (formerly Footnote) is an online repository for many historical documents combined with a social networking feature. In other words, the site is interactive to a certain degree. There is some very limited free access. \$\$ subscriber databases with free trial period available.

Search Engines & General Reference

[Google](#) - my favorite search engine. Don't forget to use the advanced search features.

[Yahoo!](#) - this link takes you directly to the well organized genealogy links.

[About.com](#) - this link takes you directly to the genealogy section.

[Refdesk.com](#) - this web site has a wonderful collection of links to all kinds of interesting and useful information. A great reference site and not just for genealogists.

Immigration/Emigration/Migration Records

[Castle Garden](#) - Immigration records for Port of New York - 1830-1892

[Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.](#) - Immigration records for Port of New York - 1892-1920

[Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild](#) - excellent list of early ships and passenger lists

[Migrations](#) - Volunteer compilation of migration patterns across the United States

[Emigration & Immigration Records & Links](#) - Links to passenger lists & naturalization records on the Internet

Land Records are a favorite tool of genealogists, since they help to document, among other things, migration patterns, marriages, family relationships.

[Bureau of Land Management](#) - Searchable Land Patent Databases for Public Land Patents issued between 1820 & 1908. This is the official web site of the BLM where you are able to search, view and order copies of original land patents.

[Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales](#)

Maps, etc.

[1895 U. S. Atlas](#) - Lots of maps here

[Geographic Nameserver](#) - know the city/town, but need to know the county? Check for it here.

[Illinois County Boundaries \(1790 - to present\)](#)

Mailing Lists

[Genealogy Resources on the Internet](#) - An excellent source for genealogy mailing lists.

[Roots-L Mailing Lists](#) - Lots of mailing lists here. Search for one covering your interests...surnames, localities, etc.

Military

[Online Searchable Military Records & Databases](#) - Links to many online sources for military records.

[Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System](#) - searchable database of Union & Confederate soldiers & sailors, provided by the National Park Service.

Libraries, Archives & Societies

These web sites contain a variety of good information that should not be overlooked by any researcher.

[Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\)](#) - free Patriot lookup service.

[Illinois State Archives](#)

[Indiana State Library Databases](#) - searchable Marriage Index, etc.

[Kansas State GenWeb Page](#)

[Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives](#) - Check out their "Links to Other Sites"

[Library of Congress](#)

[Maine State Archives](#)

[Missouri State Archives](#)

[National Archives & Record Administration](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#) - Your attention is particularly directed to the "Genealogical Standards" at this web site.

[New England Historic Genealogical Society](#)

[New Jersey State Archives](#)

[New Jersey State Library](#) - Search Civil War database.

[New York State Archives](#)

[Oklahoma Department of Libraries - Archives Division](#) - Search the Oklahoma Confederate Pension Records.

[Pennsylvania State Archives](#) - Digital Images available

[South Carolina Department of Archives & History](#) - Online records index

[Tennessee State Library & Archives](#)

Texas Sites - see below

[The Library of Virginia](#) - This is a great resource for Virginia researchers.

Local Research Facilities & Societies

Located on our [Local Resources](#) page. (Clayton Library, Family History Centers, Genealogical Societies, etc.)

Texas Research Sites

[Texas State Library & Archives](#) - An Index to Texas Confederate Pension Applications and other information helpful to Texas researchers may be found here.

[Texas Newspaper Collection](#) - Search page for marvelous collection of old newspapers, part of the

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) - a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography and culture.

Surname Searches

[Arizona Birth & Death Records](#) - Births (1887-1928); Deaths (1878-1953)

(Check the Mother & Father boxes for more results)

[California Death Records](#) - 1940-1997

[Clans and Families](#) - Links to Celtic clans

[GenCircles](#) - You may still search this web site for free; however, there is now a fee for looking at more specific information on a specific person. \$\$\$

[Michigan - Genealogical Death Indexing System](#) - Early death records for the State of Michigan.

[Missouri World War I Service Cards Database](#)

[Native American Resource Center](#) - Lots of good information here about Native American Indian Tribes

[Surname Guide To Your Family Tree](#)

Foreign Research Sites

[Ireland & United Kingdom GenWeb Project](#) - British Isles research information (works in concert with GENUKI shown below)

[United Kingdom National Archives](#)

[Library and Archives Canada](#)

[Gazetteer of British Place Names](#)

[Genuki](#) - Research information for the United Kingdom & Ireland

[German Roots](#) - Resources for German genealogy

[Greek Families](#) - Greek genealogy

[Italian Ancestry.com](#) - Lots of Italian links

[The National Archives of Ireland](#)

[The National Archives of Scotland](#)

[Family History in The National Archives of Scotland](#)

Software & Beginning Genealogy - This page will include links to Software vendors; tips & tricks for using your software; links to web sites with good information on how to begin and conduct your genealogical research, how to read old handwriting (this is an art in itself), scanning tips for photos and documents, standards for gathering and documenting your research.

Software:

[Clooze](#) - electronic filing cabinet software for genealogists

[FamilyTreeMaker](#)

[Family TreeMaker - Online Help Center](#)

[RootsMagic](#)

[Legacy Family Tree](#) - a free genealogy software program is available for download at this site.

[The Panorama Factory](#) - Photo stitching program used by Alex to make panoramas.

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/redmond/projects/ice/> - Photo stitching program used by Alex to make panoramas, free.

[The Master Genealogist \(Wholly Genes Software\)](#)

[Scantips](#) - Excellent scanning tips for your photographs, etc. Your SIG Co-Leader, Alex, says "if it's not there, then you don't need to know it."

[Deciphering Old Handwriting](#) - Useful guide for reading those old census, land & probate records.

Genealogy Scams, Myths & Hoaxes:

[CyndisList - Hoaxes & Myths](#)

[International Blacksheep Society of Genealogists](#) - Genealogy Hall of Shame.

[Genealogy Terminology](#) - Terms used in legal documents and genealogical reports. The page also contains links to abbreviations, diseases, epidemics, Latin phrases and occupations.

[RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees](#)

[Tips for Writing Online Queries](#)

[Ancestry.com - Printable blank Census Extraction and other Forms](#)