

Redfern Recommended Genealogy Databases and Websites

- **Ancestry Library Edition**

Free at the Library.

Contains more than 7,000 available databases. You can unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more from sources such as federal and U.S. censuses; birth, death, and marriage records including the Social Security Death Index; and U.S. border crossing and trans-ocean ship records.

Using Ancestry.com like a Pro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVra2bQZp0g>

- **Fold3 Library Edition**

Free at the Library.

Contains primary source documents from the holdings of the United States National Archives relating to all aspects of American history, from the Revolutionary War, to the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Presidents, historical newspapers and naturalization documents. Highlights include Papers of the Continental Congress (1774-89), records of the Constitutional Convention, the Matthew B. Brady Collection of Civil War Photographs, and the Investigative Case Files of the Bureau of Investigation, 1908-1922.

Introduction to Fold3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stD5T3I78PU>

- **Newspapers.com Library Edition**

Free at the Library.

The largest online newspaper archive with 16,400+ newspapers from the 1700s-2000s.

Newspapers.com Introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmWLJB9MVUk>

- **FamilySearch.org**

Always Free.

FamilySearch is the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world. Their team of experts strives to create and link the best and most valuable research resources to help people discover who they are by exploring where they come from. Online Classes on How to Use FamilySearch Tutorial: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Research_Resources#Videos_and_Online_Classes_About_How_to_Use_the_Wiki

- **Immigration Records at the National Archives**

Always Free.

The National Archives preserves and makes available documents created by Federal agencies in the course of their daily business. Researchers can find information relating to immigrants from the late 1700s through the early 2000s.

Organize Your Information

Genealogical research involves looking for specific people in specific places at specific times. The best place to start is with living family members.

Interview family members and record information from family Bibles, cemetery inscriptions, or other family records. Using this information, fill in an ancestor chart with names of known ancestors. Record your findings in a research log to track sources viewed.

Begin Your Research

Start with Census Records - Beginning in 1790 and occurring every 10 years, United States censuses locate an ancestor in a specific place at a specific time. Federal population census schedules may be located:

- through electronic databases (*FamilySearch.com* or *Ancestry Library Edition*)
- in books and microfilm

Privacy laws prohibit access to federal census population records until 72 years after the date taken, so 1940 is the latest census currently available.

Systematically find and record each ancestor and his/her household in all censuses. Begin with the latest available census in which your earliest proven ancestor might have appeared and work backward. Note changes in households through the years. Be imaginative with variations in the spelling of names.

Look at the actual census record, not just the database record preview or the index. Save, copy, or printout the entire census image to record information for the entire household.

Extend Your Research

Finally, proceed to the records of the county in which your ancestor lived. Here are some records to look for:

- wills and/or settlements of estates
- tax lists
- court records
- deeds that record purchases, sales, or gifts of land
- marriage records
- bonds

Library of Congress Resources

<https://guides.loc.gov/irish-american-genealogy/library-resources>

This page lists resources on the Library of Congress website that will be useful for researchers looking for genealogical information about Irish-American ancestors.

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY REFERENCE GUIDES

- [Sources for Research in Irish Genealogy](#)

This web guide, compiled by Judith P. Reid, has been prepared primarily as an aid for those who are researching Irish genealogy and local history at the Library of Congress, but it will also be useful for those searching in other large libraries. It is not comprehensive and is intended to be supplemented by P. William Filby's *American & British Genealogy & Heraldry: A Selected List of Books* (Z5311.F55 1983). Note especially, sections on: Land, Property, and Other Records; Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers; Names: Geographical.

- [Guides to Genealogical Research \[in the United States\]: A Selected List.](#)

Compiled for the beginning genealogist, this selected list of references includes introductory books about doing genealogical research and compiling a family history in the United States.

- [Immigrant Arrivals: A Guide To Published Sources](#)

This web guide includes bibliographies of works containing passenger lists and immigrant ships.

- [Immigration: Irish](#)

These presentations from the Teacher's Page look across the Library's collections to investigate curricular themes. They include historical background, helping to tell the story behind the theme.

OTHER LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESOURCES

- [Guide to Irish American Resources at the Library of Congress](#)

This guide introduces the wonderful primary and secondary resources on Irish American heritage available through the Library of Congress.

- [Chronicling America](#)

This site allows you to search and view millions of historic American newspaper pages from 1789-1949. Search this collection to find newspaper articles that reference Irish Americans from this time period

U.S. FEDERAL RECORDS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: WWW.LOC.GOV

NATIONAL ARCHIVE: WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV

NARA MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS: WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/VETERANS/MILITARY-SERVICE-RECORDS

NARA NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE: WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/RESEARCH/NATIVEAMERICANS/DAWES/TUTORIAL/INTRO.HTML

U.S. HOMESTEAD RECORDS: WWW.NPS.GOV/HOME/LEARN/HISTORYCULTURE/HOMESTEADRECORDS.HTM

U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES: WWW.USCIS.GOV.GENEALOGY

FAMILIES IN TRANSIT

ELLIS ISLAND PASSENGER LISTS: WWW.LIBERTYELLISFOUNDATION.ORG

JEWISHGEN – AFFILIATE OF MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE: WWW.JEWISHGEN.ORG/INFOFILES

AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLECTION IN ANCESTRY: WWW.ANCESTRY.COM/SEARCH/CATEGORIES/AABOOKS

AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTORS: WWW.STATELIBRARY.NCDCR.LIBGUIDES.COM/AFRICANAMERICANGENEALOGY

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE: WWW.ARCHIVES. WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/RESEARCH/NATIVE-AMERICANS/BIA

GRAVESITE FINDER

FINDAGRAVE: WWW.FINDAGRAVE.COM

TEXAS

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: WWW.TSL.TEXAS.GOV/ARC/GENFIRST.HTML

HISTORIC TEXAS COUNTY MAPS: WWW.TEXASHISTORY.UNT.EDU/EXPLORE/COLLECTIONS/GLOHCM

TEXAS CONVICT RECORDS 1849-1954: WWW.TSL.TEXAS.GOV/ARC/CONVICT.HTML

ECTOR COUNTY SW HISTORY & GENEALOGY: WWW.ECTOR.LIB.TX.US/SOUTHWEST-HISTORY-GENEALOGY

MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES REDFERN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER:

WWW.CO.MIDLAND.TX.US/352/FAMILY-HISTORY-GENEALOGY

INTERNATIONAL

CANADA LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: WWW.BAC-LAC-GC.CA/ENG/PAGES/HOME.ASPX

BRITISH NATIONAL ARCHIVE: WWW.NATIONALARCHIVES.GOV.UK

UK ARCHIVES HUB: WWW.ARCHIVESHUB.JISC.AC.UK

NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND: WWW.NRSCOTLAND.GOV.UK

ARCHIVES OF WALES: WWW.ARCHIVES.WALES

IRISH GENEALOGY: WWW.IRISHGENEALOGY.IE/EN

IRISH GENEALOGY TOOLKIT: WWW.IRISH-GENEALOGY-TOOLKIT.COM

NORTHERN IRELAND GOVERNMENT SERVICES: WWW.NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/PRONI

ARCHIVES OF SPAIN: WWW.PARES.MCU.ES/PARESBUSQUEDAS20/CATALOGO/SEARCH

ARCHIVES PORTAL EUROPE: WWW.ARCHIVESPORTALEUROPE.NET

ITALIAN GENEALOGICAL GROUP: WWW.ITALIANGEN.ORG/DATABASES

YouTube Genealogy Research Favorites

Finding Elusive Records in FamilySearch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn2VY-wSfkw>

Using Ancestry.com Like a Pro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVra2bQZp0g>

Using the 1930 Mexico Census in Ancestry (with Edward James Olmos)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FowSAHcSma8>

Tracing Your Jewish Roots in Ancestry

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g3H_XhZpCE

Using North Carolina Cohabitation Records to research your African American ancestors:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1x5oa13Hbj4&list=PLqkbUin0bff3AFjDJLPIUhWGcK8EPbW50&index=2&t=0s>