

ONLINE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH LINKS

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Below are thirty web site links that have been useful in conducting genealogical research over the last several years. These sites provide a wealth of free information including vital records, maps, biographies, histories, images, and much more.

Family Search Record Search

Along with census records, this site provides the scanned images of birth certificates, death certificates, marriages, and other vital information by searching on name, county, state, parent's names, etc.

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=home>

Family Search

Provides records from the Federal census, International Genealogical Index, Pedigree Resource File, US Social Security Death Index File, and much more.

<http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

Find-A-Grave

Allows users to search by name, death date, birth date, country, state, and county that provides listing of internments and often times images of headstones. Can also search by cemetery.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gs&>

Genealogical Death Indexing System

Search on name, county, and date range to return death record information.

<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/search.htm>

Brighton Obituary Index

The Brighton Obituary Index is a list of obituary and death notice entries from all existing *Brighton Argus* and *Livingston County Daily Press and Argus* newspapers covering the years 1880-current.

<http://www.brightonlibrary.info/brighton/searchobit.html>

Mardos Memorial Library

This site contains a wealth of information related to Livingston County genealogy including histories, biographies, maps, land records, and much more.

<http://www.memoriallibrary.com/MI/Livingston/>

Howell Carnegie District Library Scrapbook Index

A valuable index to pictures, newspaper clippings, family histories, personal accounts, etc. held in the archives.

http://www.howelllibrary.org/archives_indexs.htm

Michigan County Histories and Atlas Search

Provides listing to scanned county Michigan histories, biographical albums, and plat maps by searching on name.

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=micounty;rgn=full%20text;page=simple>

Land Patent Search

Allows the user to enter a name, state, county, etc and provides images of issued land patents.

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/>

Historic Mapworks Residential Genealogy

Provides images of historic plat maps based on city/state search criteria.

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Search/search.php>

David Rumsey Map Collection

Search antique maps by keyword such as town, township, or county.

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

Online Military Indexes & Records

List of links regarding military records online from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam.

<http://www.militaryindexes.com/index.html>

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Search

Search on first name, last name, and burial state to provide cemetery location, birth & death dates, and other substantiating information.

<https://memberinfo.sar.org/patriotsearch/search.aspx>

National Park Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

Search by name, side, unit, and/or state that provides basic information such as regiment, company, rank in and rank out.

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/soldiers.cfm>

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Search the grave database by name, unit, state, cemetery, city, state, and/or county to provide location of burial, unit, birth/death dates as well as other information.

<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search>

Michigan in the Civil War

Web page contains a list of Michigan units, the members of the unit and the history of each unit.

<http://www.michiganinthewar.org/cwmireg.htm>

Dibeau Michigan Marriage index

Contains marriages in text files by county for all counties in Michigan. Many, many marriages included, (though not all) with some going back to 1836.

<http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/dibeauindex/>

MIGenWeb Archives

Search by name or county to return information from bibles, census records, court records, deeds, historical documents, newspapers, vital records, & wills.

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/search/search.cgi/searchmi.htm>

Bentley Library Vertical File

The vertical file contains clippings, pamphlets, reprints, and other miscellaneous materials relating to persons, places, organizations, and topical subjects relating to Michigan.

http://bentley.umich.edu/research/guides/vertical_file/index.php

MeL Michigana

Links to the archives of Michigan Image Collection, birds-eye panoramic view of towns, Civil War diaries collection, Michigan Oral History database, Vincent Voice Library, and much more:

<http://mel.org/SPT--BrowseResourcesMichigana.php?ParentId=687>

State of Michigan Portrait Collection

Index containing a list of the approximately 15,000 portraits of individuals available at the Archives of Michigan.

http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192-29938_30240_30251-82248--,00.html

Michigan State University Digital Collections Search

Digital collection including history, Michigan Farm News, and much more.

<http://www2.lib.msu.edu/branches/dmc/digital.jsp>

USGenWeb New York Archives Search Engine

Search by name or county to return information from bibles, census records, court records, deeds, historical documents, newspapers, vital records, & wills.

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/search/search.cgi/searchny.htm>

Michigan State University Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections: Research Guide and Digitized Volumes

View digitized documents from the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections from 1876 to 1929.

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/MPHC>

Google Books

Search digitized books by subject, author, or other keyword.

<http://books.google.com/books>

Google Earth

Displays aerial views of an entered location as well as historical views. Also provides street view of many locations.

<http://earth.google.com/>

National Register of Historic Places Search

Search on state, county, and/or city to list sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

<http://nrhp.focus.nps.gov/natreghome.do?searchtype=natreghome>

Michigan Historic Sites Online

Search by keyword or community from over 3,500 historic sites. Provides image, text on Michigan Historical Marker, and substantiating information.

<http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/hso/>

Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey

Search on name to display pictures of historic houses, barns, out buildings along with other information from the survey.

<http://michiganbarns.org/>

Michigan Centennial Farm Association

Search on last name, county, township, or city to find information on centennial and sesquicentennial farms.

<http://www.michigancentennialfarm.org/>