

# 10 Ways to Use Internet Archive for Genealogy

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Even if you have been using more and more online resources for your genealogy research, you may not have heard of the **Internet Archive**, a hidden gem filled with solid, public domain resources for every genealogist.



- Use the Wayback Machine to view “404” webpages and broken links.** ENTER a URL and click **Take Me Back**. A timeline appears for with dates on which a “snapshot” of the website was taken. CLICK on a date to view the snapshot.
- Access census microfilms, compiled genealogies and more.** Use the **Text** section and search by surname, location, etc. Text items can be downloaded as PDF and read online.
- Add free music to your family history videos.** Remember that items at Internet Archive are in the public domain. Access the **Audio** section for different types of music clips and sound effects.
- Use Advance Search for Text.** The **Advance Search** form can be a bit daunting and is very complex, but it can help pinpoint materials especially for those common surnames.
- Not everything is in The Wayback Machine.** While Internet Archive does a good job of taking periodic snapshots of webpages, it only does so for important or top-level pages. You may find that sub-pages are not included.
- Access the Internet Archive Genealogy collection!** Includes US Census microfilms, family genealogy books and more!  
<http://www.archive.org/details/genealogy>
- Use Google to search the Internet Archive.** Preface your search with **site:archive.org** in Google then add your keywords. Only those results found at Internet Archive are displayed.
- Create a free account at Internet Archive.** A free account allows you to borrow e-books, upload material, create virtual bookshelves, and mark favorite resources.
- Memorialize a webpage with Save Page Now.** ENTER a URL and CLICK **Save Page**. The process captures a “snapshot” and provides a URL. Use in source citations to reference online research!
- Upload content to Internet Archive.** Want to preserve your genealogy research? Place them in the public domain using the Upload feature (requires creating a free account).

Check out the **Internet Archive Resource List** on the back page!

## Internet Archive Resource List

- Internet Archive  
<https://archive.org/index.php>
- Internet Archive – Blogs  
<https://blog.archive.org>
- Internet Archive – Genealogy  
<https://archive.org/details/genealogy>
- Internet Archive – FAQs  
<https://archive.org/about/faqs.php>
- Internet Archive – Audio  
<https://archive.org/details/audio>
- Internet Archive - Save Page Now  
<https://web.archive.org/save/>
- Internet Archive – Texts  
<https://archive.org/details/texts>
- Internet Archive – Wayback Machine  
<https://archive.org/web/>
- Internet Archive – Video  
<https://archive.org/details/movies>