

Free Online Genealogy Education Resources

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Resource List

- **Ancestry.com – Learning Center**
Large collection of resources geared towards beginners; start with the **Getting Started** section. Some resources focus on Ancestry.com-specific tools, but the majority cover general genealogy and family history topics. Includes valuable Research Guides for specific topics, ethnicities and geographic locations.
<https://support.ancestry.com/s/>
- **AncestryK12**
Classroom genealogy resources at no cost for K-12 schools
<http://ancestryk12.com/>
- **Archives.com – Expert Series**
Although no longer updated, this “Learn from Experts” series of over 200 articles covers the gamut of genealogy topics from Getting Started to Research Methodology.
<http://www.archives.com/experts/>
- **Board for Certification of Genealogists- Learning Center**
Although geared towards professional genealogists and certification candidates, this site provides valuable articles, information, and lessons on genealogical research methodology.
<https://bcgcertification.org/learning/>
- **DearMYRTLE**
“Your friend in genealogy,” DearMYRTLE offers many different learning channels for genealogists of all levels. Resources include a webinar archive, live online events such as Mondays with Myrt. Also visit the [DearMYRTLE You Tube channel](#) for recordings of previous live events.
<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
- **Evidence Explained**
A companion site to the reference book *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, with “QuickLessons” and resource focused on historical analysis, citation, and source usage.
<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>
- **FamilySearch Help Center**
Educational resources from the FamilySearch website; “browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.”
<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/>

- **The Genealogy Do-Over**
A free self-paced year-long program focused on sound genealogical research practices. Lots of tips, links to resources, and even a Facebook group with over 19,000 members.
<https://genealogybargains.com/genealogy-do-over-start-here/>
- **National Archives and Records Administration – Resources for Genealogists**
A variety of resources for beginners interest in family history research.
<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

Canadian Resources

- **Library and Archives Canada – Genealogy and Family History**
Resources for beginners specific to Canadian records and resources.
<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx> (English)
<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/fra/decouvrez/genealogie/Pages/introduction.aspx> (French)
- **Ontario Genealogical Society – How to Research & Write Your Family History**
Valuable resources for Canadian genealogy research geared towards beginners.
<https://ogs.on.ca/resources/research-family-history/>

Online Courses

- **Brigham Young University Independent Study – Online Courses**
Free, self-paced, online courses including Introduction to Family History Research
<http://is.byu.edu/site/courses/free.cfm>
- **University of Strathclyde Glasgow – Free Online Genealogy Course**
Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and communicate the results – in this free online course.
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Blogs

- **Lisa Louise Cooke’s Genealogy Gems**
Free videos, webinars and articles on getting started with genealogy and family history research.
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/>

Wikis

- **FamilySearch Research Wiki**
A crowdsourced Wikipedia-like resource offering over 80,000 articles on genealogy and family history. Non-profit organizations including libraries can “adopt” a wiki page with a logo link back to their website.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

- **RootsWeb Wiki**

A wiki containing Ancestry.com content as well as content from *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy* and *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.

https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Webinars

- **Conference Keeper**

A listing site of upcoming webinars and conferences for the genealogy community.

<https://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>

- **GeneaWebinars**

A listing site of upcoming webinars for the genealogy community. Includes a Google-based [calendar](#) with upcoming webinars, both free and fee-based.

<http://www.geneawebinars.com>

- **FamilySearch – Family History Library Webinars**

Free genealogy webinars scheduled periodically and presented by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

- **Florida State Genealogical Society – Poolside Chat Series**

Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Thursday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.

<http://www.flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=252>

- **Georgia Genealogical Society Webinars**

Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Wednesday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.

<https://www.gagensociety.org/events/webinars>

- **Illinois State Genealogical Society Webinars**

Free monthly genealogy webinars on the second Tuesday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.

<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227>

- **Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

Although a subscription-based education channel with over 200 recorded webinars and over 800 pages of syllabus materials, free live webinars and recordings are provided each week.

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

- **Minnesota Genealogy Society**

Free monthly genealogy webinars on the first Wednesday of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.

<http://mngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38>

- **MyHeritage Webinars**
Free webinars covering general genealogy topics from MyHeritage.
<https://familytreewebinars.com/myheritagewebinars>
- **New England Historic Genealogical Society – Webinars**
Online educational webinars covering general genealogy topics and NEHGS resources.
<http://www.americanancestors.org/Education/Online-Classes/>
- **Southern California Genealogical Society Webinar Series**
Free genealogy webinars provided twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>
- **Utah Genealogical Association – Virtual Chapter**
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Thursday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.
<http://www.infouga.org/cpage.php?pt=11>
- **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Webinars**
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Tuesday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.
<http://www.wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=127>