

You Use What? 10 Apps & Websites for Genealogy

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One of the advantages of collaborating with other genealogists is you get to see how others work and do their genealogy research. You learn about new tools, new platforms, and new methodologies. Here is an overview of some of the best tools currently in use.



- Google Alerts** (<https://www.google.com/alerts>) makes Google work for you instead of you having to search for the same thing each week or month. Let Google notify you via email of new items matching your search criteria.
- Google Maps** (<https://maps.google.com>) can be used to create a customize map of where your ancestors lived to get a bird's eye view of migration patterns and more. The key to collateral research and being able to plot out the information and look for patterns. Bonus: click on Street View to see what it looks like now!
- Twitter** (<https://twitter.com>) is more than just text messages with a 140 character limit. Use it to post queries about ancestors and surnames. Always add the “#genealogy” tag so others know you are talking about genealogy.
- Dropbox** (<https://www.dropbox.com>) provides 2GB of free online storage to back up your genealogy data. Bonus: post large items and share the item or folder with other researchers so you can collaborate on genealogy.
- Wolfram Alpha** (<https://wolframalpha.com>) is a computational search engine that can tell you what day of the week a date occurred or determine a person's birth date based on the death age on a tombstone. Bonus: enter a relationship such as “my great-grandmother's niece” and see your relationship to that person.
- Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com>) has a Search function you can use to locate living relatives with the same surname. Also search for surname groups and other genealogy research groups.
- Evernote** (<https://www.evernote.com>) is a note taking application that allows you to “clip” articles from websites and to even take photos of documents at libraries and repositories. Bonus: you can synchronize your notes from the Evernote website to your home computer or smartphone.
- EasyBib** (<https://www.easybib.com>) helps you create a bibliography using links to books or ISBN numbers, and also assists in citing sources.
- Google Translate** (<https://translate.google.com>) will translate over 50 languages. Create a list of common genealogy terms (baptism, death certificate, marriage, etc.) in a language and use them as search terms.
- Zillow** (<https://zillow.com>) is a real estate search engine that can provide current photos of an address, perhaps an ancestor's home. If the home has been up for sale, you may see interior photos and additional information. A great resource for house history!

Check out the **Genealogy Tech Resource List** on the back page!

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- **Blogger**
<https://www.blogger.com>
- **DearMYRTLE**
<https://dearmyrtle.com>
- **Dropbox**
<https://www.dropbox.com>
- **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter**
<https://blog.eogn.com/>
- **EasyBib**
<https://www.easybib.com/>
- **Evernote**
<https://www.evernote.com>
- **Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com>
- **Feedly**
<https://www.feedly.com>
- **Google Alerts**
<https://www.google.com/alerts>
- **Google Drive**
<http://drive.google.com>
- **Google Maps**
<https://maps.google.com>
- **Google Translate**
<https://translate.google.com>
- **Internet Archive**
<http://archive.org/index.php>
- **RedFin**
<https://redfin.com>
- **Technology for Genealogy Group**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/techgen/>
- **Twitter**
<https://twitter.com>
- **Wolfram Alpha**
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- **Zillow**
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