

GENEALOGY CLASS LINKS

To access this handout online so you don't have to type in all the links, go to this link:

<http://www.stonehunter.info/Genealogy/genealogyclassnotes.pdf>

National Genealogical Society – suggested free websites (includes free, FILLABLE pedigree charts); includes MUCH info on how to get started, where to go next, etc. Excellent starting place.

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/websites/>

NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) – a treasure trove of records including military records, census, government, product patents, emigration lists and MUCH, MUCH more.

<https://www.archives.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau

<https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy.html>

Measuring America – Details of questions asked in each census through the 2000 census.

https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2002/dec/pol_02-ma.pdf

Family Search – begun by Latter Day Saints, now an Ancestry holding; LOADS of family genealogies posted. **BEWARE!!** Family Search does **NOT** – repeat does **NOT** – require any kind of documentation! There are many, many incorrect postings here. But probably overall more correct than incorrect; our Claxton line happens to be one that is incorrect. And there is nothing available to correct the misinformation – it just stays out there. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Library of Congress – All copyrighted materials listed, but one of the world's largest collections of recorded and printed materials; city directories, county histories, and directory of all known copyrighted newspapers.

<https://www.loc.gov/>

USGenwebProject – Links to county and state genealogical records (WorldGenweb does this for other countries). Manned by volunteers in counties and states, has links to records for that locality.

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

Ship Passenger Lists and Immigration Records – Provides guidance and links to records of passenger lists from about 1820 to the 1950's. <https://www.researchguides.net/immigration/index.htm>

The Freedman's Bureau Records – Freedman's Bureau in post Civil War period helped freed slaves and poor whites with provisions, clothing, and fuel; also helped with immediate and temporary shelter and food. These records are still being transcribed under direction of the Smithsonian, but even now contain a wealth of information for this under-reported group of people.

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/initiatives/freedmens-bureau-records>

Jewish Gen – Good surname search facilities, though some sites may require a fee.

<https://www.jewishgen.org/>

Legacy.com – Global leader in online obituaries. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/local>

Afrigenaes – Excellent starting place for African American genealogy research. Has a "Beginner's Guide" video and many helpful links. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/local>

GENEALOGY CHARTS: - In case of adoptions: your choice how you follow the line. You can go with the parents who raised you and whom you consider to be your family. If you do so, however, you should note – for future generations – that you are following an adoptive, not a biological line. This could save someone some

expensive and fruitless DNA testing down the line. Check the Family Tree Magazine site below for special charts for adoptive parents.

Family Tree Magazine – chart downloads. A variety of forms.

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/info/basicforms>

About.com free genealogy chart form: fill out on the computer and print; download to save to your computer.

http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_charts/ig/genealogy_charts/pedigree_chart.htm

GENEALOGY AND PHOTO SOFTWARE:

Legacy Family Tree – Free version and \$29.95 version – good basic program

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

Family Tree Builder – From My Heritage website

https://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder/thank-you?source=ftb-overview&tr_id=m_gugjsepsvt_qc0zvthub

Five Free Open Source Family Tree building sites – including GedKeeper and Gramps, these are free software programs for basic family tree building.

<https://listoffreeware.com/free-open-source-family-tree-software-windows/>

Family Tree Maker (Ancestry.com) – Ancestry has taken this off the market

The Master Genealogist – This program is no longer available

Animap – software which shows state and county boundary changes from colonial times to present. Cost is \$20.00. But you might check the Newberry Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (see link elsewhere on this handout) which is free. I use both.

<http://goldbug.com/animap/>

Picasa – In the link here, Google SAYS it has discontinued Picasa and you can now use Google Photos to do your editing. You must right click on a photo in your album to bring up editing features.

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

PhotoShop Elements – photo editing software by Adobe. Excellent picture editing capabilities for almost anything you want to do, but Adobe does think highly of the program as the price indicates. \$99.00.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements/buying-guide.html?promoid=WXYGJ4XB&mv=other>

Blender – 3D editing software – free, open source software for creating 3D images. Use this to take multiple pictures of old tombstones with hard to read inscriptions and then “stitch” the images together to form a more readable image than you can get with just one picture.

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

RESEARCH LINKS:

Tennessee State Library and Archives

<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>

Tennessee Electronic Library - Access to over 400,000 electronic resources including newspapers from all across the state, magazines, scholarly journals, podcasts, videos, e-books, test preparation materials, federal census records, Tennessee primary source materials, and more. The Tennessee Electronic Library is made possible through funding provided by the state General Assembly and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. TEL is administered by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

<https://tntel.info/>

Cyndi's List – A vast list of links for genealogy research; link takes you to the genealogy links page. Cyndi tries to be sure the links are good and useful.

<https://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>

Everton Publishers – this group was originally the publishers of the *Genealogical Helper* magazine which was THE magazine to have. They also were the ones who published the original family charts that I have given you (that say Everton on them) and that were used by genealogists for decades. However . . . they have changed hands in 2004 and do not seem to still be functioning (usefully) – that I could find.

Genealogy.com – Don't be fooled: this is Ancestry.com in a previous life and they've left the site up, but many links go to current Ancestry pages; family trees here could be different from what is on Ancestry proper. Again, no documentation was required to post here, so errors exist with no way to edit.

<http://www.genealogy.com>

Genforum.com – This WAS an excellent site for posting queries – then Ancestry got it and it is now just a database that you can search inside of the above Genealogy.com. It has several types of “forums” where queries were once posted and are still available to SEE, but not to respond to. The one I use most is the family forum which is organized by family surnames. Their search has been updated so that there is a dropdown where you can use multiple words; it is still a good site for connecting you with other researchers of your family name or finding a variety of information. An okay first place to look.

<http://www.genforum.genealogy.com/>

Rootsweb.com – Again, don't be fooled; Ancestry bought this site as well. All of the old information is there, but many links just go to Ancestry sites. This is a good place to set up a family website, however.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

US GenWeb – Keeping genealogy free. This is a volunteer project with the aim of having a free website of genealogical information for every county in every state in the US. Consequently there are varying amounts of information available, but it is a good site to check for local records.

<http://usgenweb.org/>

Ellis Island – immigration records of those who came through Ellis Island. On the page, check out the links on the navigation bar for drop down choices such as passenger search and other information on Ellis Island.

<http://www.ellisland.org/search/passSearch.asp>

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) where just about all records are located.

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>

CensusMate – This free Excel spreadsheet form is indispensable for comparing census records before 1850 to determine birth dates for an individual in that time period. The link includes articles on how to use the form.

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

CensusTools (recording sheets in Excel format) These are not free, but are not expensive. They can be filled out on a computer or printed out and filled in by hand. Site also includes other useful census related information.
<http://www.censustools.com/>

NARA Soundex System – Explains the system and how to use it. Soundex is helpful when a name can be spelled several different ways but pronounced the same.
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/soundex.html>

American Indians in the census – NARA
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/native-americans/index.html>

State Courts – Definitions of various courts by state. Helpful to know where to look for what kind of records.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_court_\(United_States\)#Differences_among_the_states](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_court_(United_States)#Differences_among_the_states)

Tennessee Court System Prior to 1870 (from TNGenWeb.org) Again, you need to know what court to look in for what kind of record. This is just for Tennessee.
<http://tngenweb.org/law/courtsys.htm>

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries Project – Newberry Library. Details the changes in county boundaries for several states, Tennessee is one of them. Excellent site to see why your ancestor seemed to move from county to county though he didn't sell any land.
<https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/index.html>

Find-a Grave.com – lists cemeteries and the people buried there; only as accurate as the person putting the information in; you can create memorials, add pictures and information; genealogy links are VERY helpful on each memorial – when they have been added. Good first place to start.
<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Billion Graves – Similar to Find-a-Grave and has a free database search; also world wide listings. But does have some kind of subscription features beyond basic searches.
<https://billiongraves.com/search/>

Site Finder – this lets you “plot any point from the GoldBug’s Site Finder database onto Google Maps.” GoldBug is the publisher of Animap which is a super software package which shows state and county boundary changes from colonial times to present day.
<http://voyageropen.org/sitefinder/>

Mayflower Passenger List
<http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list/>

“A date is a date is a date” – an informative article about when our calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian (a must read if you are researching in the colonial period around 1751 when ours changed).
<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/a-date-is-a-date-is-a-date-is-a-date/>

Southern Cross of Honor – Article originally written for Ancestry.com but no longer on their site; this link is to a military history site.
https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/Southern_Cross_of_Honor

“Ancestors” from *Sizing up Uncle Sam* by George H. Fitch. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co., 1914. This is an online copy of the book and the link goes to the Ancestors essay. Strictly humor, but a must read.
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=loc.ark:/13960/t9v12ff29&view=1up&seq=197>

Burpee Seed Company Plant Hardiness Zones Map – your ancestors often migrated to areas in which they could grow the same kinds of plants they were accustomed to growing. Scroll down to the bottom to see the map.
<http://www.burpee.com/findgrowzone>

US Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic maps online. Can be viewed online and can be ordered from the site.
<https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#4/40.01/-100.06>

Public Land Survey System (PLSS) – complete information on the history of our land survey system and the exceptions to it. Includes definition of terms and examples and explanation of the system.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_Land_Survey_System

Handwriting – reading the old scripts. This link is to an About.com page which has numerous links all down through it which will be helpful in trying to decipher old script as well as other links that you may find useful.
http://genealogy.about.com/od/paleography/a/old_handwriting.htm

SUPPLIES LINKS:

Genealogy Store – exactly what it says: everything is for sale. But there are books and charts and archival safe materials which you might need at some point. The books, especially, are worth browsing.
<https://www.genealogystore.com/eng/gstore.html>

Century Photo – archival safe storage pages for photos, negatives, slides, and other odds and ends.
<http://www.centuryphoto.com/photo-negative-slide-pages/>

ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS: (see handouts as well as link below)

Genealogy Quest

<http://genealogy-quest.com/glossary-terms/>

Abstracts

Ancestor Charts

Ancestors

Delimiters – in searching (as in Google advanced search) these are words you add to limit your search rather than just putting a surname

Descendants

Documentation – copies of documents that support the links from you to your ancestors

Family Group Sheets – type of chart which allows you to put information about a couple, their parents, their children, and even their grandchildren

Indexes – alphabetical list of information found in a book, census, or other compilation of records

Inst. (usually in newspapers means the current month)

Maiden name – woman's name before marriage

NARA – National Archives and Records Administration

Obituary – write-up about a person who is deceased; in older newspapers they are scattered throughout the paper

Siblings

Soundex

Ult. (usually in newspapers means the previous month)