

Free (Non-Subscription) Websites for Genealogists

-Look Stuff up for Free-

The Internet includes many valuable websites which are available to the public free of charge. Even when subscription databases are available, these no-charge resources should not be missed.

General

<http://cyndislist.com/>

An extensive index to genealogy websites which is arranged by subject

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

From the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a tremendous amount of records as well as a library catalog of additional records available on microfilm, available for use at low cost

<http://stevemorse.org/>

Improved search ability for many standard online resources

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

NYC immigration records

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

NYC immigration records

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/archives.html>

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/archives.html> (newer URL)

New Jersey State Archives, includes valuable indexes and provides information for obtaining copies of records

*<http://www.distantcousin.com/>

Collections of various records, among which is the 1909 Plainfield city directory

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com>

Collections of various records

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Searchable records at the U.S. National Archives

*<http://esr.earlham.edu/dqc/>

Digital Quaker Collection, which can be helpful in researching Plainfield area Quakers

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

Links to a variety of digitized U.S. censuses available online

<http://dar.org/>

Indexes to records of the Daughters of the American Revolution organization

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

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Significant collection of digitized indexes to NYC vital records, naturalizations, church records, and more, not limited to Italian-Americans

<http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/default.htm>

Significant collection of digitized indexes to NYC vital records, naturalizations, church records, and more, not limited to German-Americans

<http://www.jgsny.org/brooklyn-naturalizations-1907-1924>

Kings County (Brooklyn, NY) Naturalization Index

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

Includes easy access to the Social Security Death Index, among many other resources

<http://usgenweb.org/>

Links to records for each state, county, and municipality

*<http://www.njuniongenweb.com/>

Easy access to NJ Sanborn maps and leads to Plainfield and other county cemetery inscriptions

<http://njdigitalhighway.org/index.php>

Links to digital records of New Jersey which are sponsored by cultural heritage institutions

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

Links to records for each state

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

Collections of various records

Newspapers

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Historic American Newspapers, a digitized collection of newspapers from sixteen states, 1880-1922, and a listing of Library of Congress newspaper holdings for all time periods and states.

<http://archive.cranfordlibrary.org:8080/>

A collection of digitized Cranford newspapers, city directories, and yearbooks offered by the Cranford Public Library

<http://nbfpl.org/local.html>

New Brunswick Free Public Library's Local History and Genealogy website, which includes the New Brunswick Daily Times, 1871-1916

<http://archive.woodbridgelibrary.org/Archive/>

A collection of ten Woodbridge-area newspapers offered by Woodbridge Public Library

<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 1841-1902, provided by Brooklyn Public Library

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<http://www.thejointlibrary.org/archives/search.html>

Fanwood and Scotch Plains digitized newspapers and additional materials offered through a partnership between the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries

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

Hunterdon Republican newspaper abstracts offered through Rootsweb

<http://fultonhistory.com/>

Digitized New York State historical newspapers

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

Index only to published obituaries for U.S. and Canada

Books

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>

Digitized collection of family and local history books held by Brigham Young University

<http://books.google.com>

Digitized collection of books which includes family and local history

<http://www.archive.org/> Internet Archive

Digitized collection of books which includes family and local history and includes early volumes of the Archives of the State of New Jersey in particular

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/search.html>

Over one million free books, includes many genealogy titles

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

Valuable tool to identify and locate books of research interest

Burials

*<http://www.spanamwar.com/cemetery.htm>

Lists of Spanish American War veterans buried in different states, includes two Plainfield burials on the New Jersey list

<http://www.green-wood.com/>

An index to the burials in the famous Brooklyn cemetery

*<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Includes Brook Avenue Cemetery, a Somerset County cemetery with many Plainfield burials

*<http://files.usgwarchives.org/nj/union/cemeteries/evergreen.txt>

Plainfield's Evergreen Cemetery

Note that Plainfield Public Library is currently working on its own coverage of this cemetery

African American Specialization

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

<http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>

The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database

<http://freedmensbureau.com/>

Records of the Freedmen's Bureau of the U.S. Government

<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>

Digital Library on American Slavery, a “searchable database of detailed personal information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color” within the slaveholding states and the District of Columbia, 1775-1867

<http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>

Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database, includes a searchable database of Africans who were sent on ships within the slave trade

Collections of Old Photographs

These websites may provide clues about the subjects of old photographs even if no connection is found to the specific people included in them.

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

<http://www.ancestorville.com/index.php>

<http://www.deadfred.com/index.php>

<http://www3.familyoldphotos.com/>

*Sites of particular interest to Plainfield