**Frugal Genealogical Research**

If you want this list emailed to you so you can click on a link or copy/paste a link into your browser, email Claudia.conroy@MCIGS.org.

**Family History Libraries**

To order FHL films: <https://familysearch.org/films/>

CL Family History Center:

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Crystal_Lake_Illinois_Family_History_Center>

Schaumburg Family History:

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Schaumburg_Illinois_Family_History_Center>

Wilmette Family History Center: <http://wilmettefhc.org/resources/>

**Books**

Hathitrust to search online books: <https:///www.hathitrust.org/home>

Newberry Library: <http://www.newberry.org/>

Chicago History Museum: <http://chicagohistory.org/research/visit>

Google books to search for book locations: <https://books.google.com/>

Archive.org to search for online books and more: <https://archive.org/>

**Newspapers**

Search newspaper: <http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

Browse newspapers:

<http://www.fultonhistory.com/my%20photo%20albums/all%20newspapers/index.html>

Historic Newspapers: https://www.elephind.com/

Historical Newspapers online: http://viewshare.org/views/refhelp/historical-newspapers-online-usa-2/

Wikipedia List of Online Newspaper Archives: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\_of\_online\_newspaper\_archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AList_of_online_newspaper_archives)

Online Historical Directories: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/>

Library of Congress Newspapers: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Illinois Newspaper Project: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/inp/database.php>

Chicago Tribune Archives (**free now but will go to paid soon**): http://archives.chicagotribune.com/

**Immigration**

Search ships: [www.Immigrantships.net](http://www.Immigrantships.net)

Pilgrim Ship Lists Early 1600’s: <http://www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm>

The Ships List: http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/

Castle Garden Immigration Records: <http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

Ellis Island Immigration Records: http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/

Immigrant Ancestors Project Brigham Young University: http://immigrants.byu.edu/

**Miscellaneous**

Allen County Public Library Genealogy microfilm online: https://archive.org/details/allen\_county\_microfilm

Cyndi’s List to search categories for links: <http://cyndislist.com/>

Links to deaths for US states: <http://www.deathindexes.com/>

50 Free Genealogy Sites: http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): <http://www.archives.gov/>

Library of Genealogy, History and Biography: http://www.godfrey.org/

The American History and Genealogy Project: http://www.ahgp.org/

One Step Webpages by Steven Morse: <http://stevemorse.org/>

Sampubco: [www.Sampubco.com](http://www.Sampubco.com)

National Park Service Civil War: http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm

Illinois State Databases: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html

Cook County Circuit Court: http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/?RecArchivePage=6000&section=RecArchivePage

MCIGS databases: http://www.mcigs.org/search-records.html

Dead Fred Genealogy Photo: Archive <http://deadfred.com/>

**Other Ideas**

[www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com) Search for town, county, state and add “genealogy” to the search OR put in a surname and add “family history”

Search Facebook for genealogy and choose the group(s) that matches your research

Family Search is on Facebook. Click on “Like” and their postings will show up on your page.

Check to see if your local library has any genealogy database programs. Most have Ancestry.com.

**Limited time offerings**

Each October [www.finditIllinois.org](http://www.finditIllinois.org) is available for about 6 weeks. This site allows free access to many databases including newspapers.com, newspaperarchive.com, fold3, Chicago Tribune, etc. You will need to obtain a login at that

New England Historic Genealogical Society provides free access to every new database they upload for the first 30 day that database is online. After 30 days, that database is available to members only:

<http://americanancestors.org/2016?utm_source=twgnewsletter&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=twg773>

**Crystal Lake Family History Center** has these databases available for free use:

* 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
* Access NewspaperArchive.com
* Alexander Street Press – The American Civil War
* Ancestry.com (The Library Edition)
* ArkivDigital
* Find My Past
* Fold3 (the old Footnote.com)
* The Genealogist
* Godfrey Memorial Library
* MyHeritage Library Edition
* Historic Map Works Library Edition
* Legacy Stories
* Paper Trail
* WorldVitalRecords.com