



# ROOTDIGGER

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## Using Ancestry.com: Beyond Borders and Oceans-Historical Perspectives from Abroad

by Juliana Smith

It's now been ten years since Ancestry.com began posting searchable databases online, and for family historians, it's changed the way we research. While sound methodology still applies, new doors have opened. Years ago, we were forced to prioritize how and who we would search for based on what was available, accessible, and practical.

Back in early May, Sherry Irvine wrote a similarly titled article for us suggesting that we expand our borders and explore ways in which international databases like the UK censuses online at Ancestry.com might help us further our research. As I was trying to think of an appropriate article to write for this week as we celebrate the Fourth of July here in the United States, I thought it would be fun to use this philosophy to explore history a bit through the Historical Newspaper Collection at Ancestry.com.

Ancestry.com members with the World Deluxe or UK Deluxe membership can also access several UK newspapers, including the titles in the list following this article. There are also several Canadian Newspaper titles available. (Note: The dates shown are not necessarily inclusive of all years and months. You can browse each database to see the exact coverage.)

### What Was in the News in 1776?

I chose the Edinburgh Advertiser since Ancestry.com had issues from 1776 available. I decided to search for the term "American independence." I was rewarded with eleven hits and settled in on the hit for July 16, which contained a rather irate message from someone (unfortunately unnamed) from the colonies.

(Editors note: go to Ancestry.com, click on 'learning center', under learn how to do your family history, click on 'Ancestry Library' click on 'Record Sources' and click on the date 6/29/2006 to view the results of Juliana's search.)

Ancestry Daily News

6/29/2006 -



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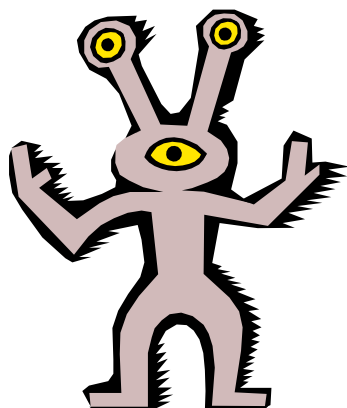
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### Special points of interest:

- A updated list of Genealogical web sites
- What you can do with Google



*Start your online search with some of these websites!!!!!!*



*Don't expect you will find any relationship with him in any of these websites.*

## Genealogy Websites

### Immigration and Naturalization Sites:

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (a pay site but the best)  
[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)  
[www.olivetreegenealogy.com](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com)  
[www.theshiplist.com](http://www.theshiplist.com)  
[www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org) (no cost but must register) open Jan 1, 1892-june 13, 1897  
December 17, 1900-December 31, 1924  
[www.immigratships.net](http://www.immigratships.net)  
[www.naturalizationrecords.com](http://www.naturalizationrecords.com)  
[www.genealogybranches.com](http://www.genealogybranches.com)  
[www.sources2go.com](http://www.sources2go.com)  
[http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/naturalizationrecords.html](http://http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/naturalizationrecords.html)  
[www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org) (August 1, 1855-April 18, 1890)  
[www.thebattery](http://www.thebattery)  
Barge Office April 19, 1890-Dec 1892  
Barge Office June 14, 1897-Dec 16, 1900

### The Uncivilized Genealogy Internet

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (Pedigree Resources File)  
[www.genforum.genealogy.com](http://www.genforum.genealogy.com)  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com) (click on Projects tab, then The USGenWeb Family group Sheet Project)  
[www.cousinconnect.com](http://www.cousinconnect.com) (posting queries)  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (Click on Message Boards tab)  
[www.gencircles.com](http://www.gencircles.com) FREE (Must register to do My Gencircles)  
[www.genealogyforum.com/messages](http://www.genealogyforum.com/messages)  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) (click on Mailing Lists tab)  
[www.onegreatfamily.com](http://www.onegreatfamily.com)

### Downloading free software (Demonstration)

Roots Magic [www.rootsmagic.com](http://www.rootsmagic.com) (this is free for up to 50 people)  
Personal Ancestral File (PAF) [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)  
Legacy Family Tree [www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com)  
[www.1stopfreeshop.com/genealogy](http://www.1stopfreeshop.com/genealogy)

### Genealogy Directories

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.distantcousin.com](http://www.distantcousin.com)  
[www.genealink.com](http://www.genealink.com)  
[www.genealogyhomepage.com](http://www.genealogyhomepage.com)  
[www.thegenealogyhomepage.com](http://www.thegenealogyhomepage.com)  
[www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)

### Genealogy Specific Search Engines

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)  
[www.genealogyportal.com](http://www.genealogyportal.com)

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[www.gengateway.com](http://www.gengateway.com)  
[www.genealogyregister.com](http://www.genealogyregister.com)  
[www.genealogytoolbox.com](http://www.genealogytoolbox.com)  
[www.genealogyportal.com](http://www.genealogyportal.com)  
[www.ancestorhunt.com](http://www.ancestorhunt.com)  
[www.genealogyhunt.com](http://www.genealogyhunt.com)  
[www.genealogytoday.com](http://www.genealogytoday.com)  
[www.genesearcher.com](http://www.genesearcher.com)  
[www.treezy.com](http://www.treezy.com) a genealogically- focused search engine

## The Civilized Internet in Genealogy

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)  
[www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org)  
[www.heritagequestionline.com](http://www.heritagequestionline.com)  
[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)  
[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)  
[www.searchforancestors.com/utility/timecapsule.html](http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/timecapsule.html)  
[www.census.gov/genealogy/www](http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www)  
[www.kindredkonnections.com](http://www.kindredkonnections.com)  
[www.ourtimelines.com](http://www.ourtimelines.com)  
[www.genealinks.com/cemeteries.htm](http://www.genealinks.com/cemeteries.htm)  
<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com>

## General Search Engines

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)  
[www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)  
[www.infoseek.com](http://www.infoseek.com)  
[www.wisenut.com](http://www.wisenut.com)  
[www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com)  
[www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)  
[www.lycos.com](http://www.lycos.com)  
[www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com)  
[www.answers.com](http://www.answers.com)  
[www.epinions.com](http://www.epinions.com)  
[www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com)  
[www.treezy.com](http://www.treezy.com) A genealogically –focused search engine.  
[www.metaurika.com](http://www.metaurika.com) (Pay for)  
[www.vivisimo.com](http://www.vivisimo.com)  
[www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com) (used to be [www.debriefing.com](http://www.debriefing.com))  
[www.webcrawler.com](http://www.webcrawler.com)  
[www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com)



*Perhaps your searches will finally find that lost cousin from Paris.*



*Sometimes you just have to get away from it all, in order to devote time to your research!!*

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*Your local public library may be the best place to start your genealogical research.*



*Some researchers have traveled world-wide in their research, but not many have traced their tree back this far!!!*

## Genealogy Websites

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### General Meta-Search Engines

[www.excite.com](http://www.excite.com) This searches Google, Yahoo, Ask Jeeves, About, Overture, and Altavista  
[www.profusion.com](http://www.profusion.com) This searches: Alta Vista, MSN, Yahoo, AlltheWeb, Teoma, Wisenut, and Overture.

[www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com) This searches: WebSearchPicks, Google, Yahoo, AskJeeves, Looksmart, Overture and Open Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.metaurika.com](http://www.metaurika.com) (Paid)

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

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

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

### Using The Power Of Genealogy-Specific Search Engines

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.genealogy.about.com](http://www.genealogy.about.com)

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

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

### Other Sites:

[www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html](http://www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html) U.S. News Archives (some with fees, others free)

[www.eogen.com](http://www.eogen.com) Encyclopedia of Genealogy

[www.genweekly.com](http://www.genweekly.com) A Genealogy E – publication

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammen/collections/civil\\_war\\_maps/](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammen/collections/civil_war_maps/) Civil War maps

### Other Interesting sites:

Eastman's On Line Genealogy News Letter \$19.95 Year \$5.95 3 months

[support@eogn.com](mailto:support@eogn.com)

[http://www.eogen.com/\\_register](http://www.eogen.com/_register) This is a daily newsletter; lots of great stuff

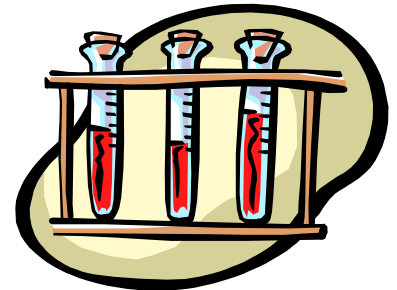
### Magazine:

[www.internet-genealogy.com](http://www.internet-genealogy.com) \$28.00 year 6 issues

Information provided by :Jim Hedlund 9983 SE 175th Street Summerfield, Fl. 34491 phone 352 245-0275 e-mail [jhedlundsr@aol.com](mailto:jhedlundsr@aol.com)

## Genealogical Websites Suggested by other Members

URL	Focus	Recommended by:
<a href="http://www.jewishgen.org">http://www.jewishgen.org</a>	Jewish Genealogy	Frazer Crane
<a href="http://www.ellislandrecords.org">www.ellislandrecords.org</a>	Unknown	Fred Leidner
<a href="http://www.copernic.com">www.copernic.com</a>	Unknown	Unknown
<a href="http://www.familytree.com">www.familytree.com</a>	Unknown	Unknown
<a href="http://www.tribalpages.com">www.tribalpages.com</a>	Sharing family data	Arnold Davis
<a href="http://www.findagrave.com">www.findagrave.com</a>	Cemeteries	Arnold Davis
<a href="http://www.genesreunited">www.genesreunited</a>	Unknown	Unknown
<a href="http://www.genealogyabout.com">www.genealogyabout.com</a>	Genealogy topics	Pia Brown
<a href="http://www.fultonhistory.org">www.fultonhistory.org</a>	Upstate NY newspapers, searchable text	Judy Wright
<a href="http://www.onegreatfamily.com">www.onegreatfamily.com</a>		
<a href="http://www.migrations.com">www.migrations.com</a>		
Lake Erie Islands historical society home page is: <a href="http://www.leihs.org">http://www.leihs.org</a>		
<a href="http://www.about.genealogy.com">Www.about.genealogy.com</a>		



*Remember DNA matching is another tool to be used in Genealogy.*

## Country specific Genealogical Sites

### Italian

<http://www.italgen.com>  
<http://www.daddezio.com>

### Jewish

<http://www.jewishgen.org>

### Canada:

National Library and National Archives of Canada  
<http://www.archives.ca/index.html>  
 WWI database  
[http://www.archives.ca/02/020106\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/020106_e.html)  
 United Empire Loyalist and related research  
<http://olivetreenealogy.com/index.shtml>  
 Researching Anglo roots in Montreal  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~qcmtl-w/index.htm>  
 Canadian Genealogy and History links  
<http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/cghl.html>

### England

Access to information on English ancestors - This information is not available anywhere else on the Internet. Datasets currently online contain over 6 million names covering 1568 — 1850

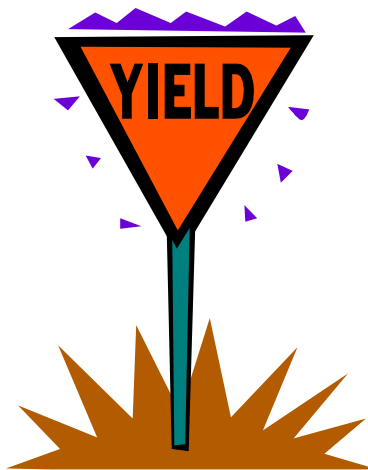


*If your research keeps coming up empty, step back, think and then start off on an entirely different approach.*

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*Sometimes government service records are a good source of family information.*



*Don't yield to procrastination, keep working on your research!!!*

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

Links to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

### **Ireland:**

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

<http://www.proni.gov.uk/>

Similar to English Origins

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

The Belfast Newsletter

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/bnl/Main.html>

The National Archives of Ireland

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

The Ulster Historical Foundation

<http://www.uhf.org.uk/>

### **Scotland**

Similar to English Origins

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

The General Register Office for Scotland

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Resource index page for Scottish research

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

The Scottish Genealogy Society

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

A digital collection, free search, fee for docs

<http://www.scottishdocuments.com/content/default.asp>

A digital collection of the Statistical Accounts of Scotland 1791-1845

<http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/>

Edinburgh University

(The two Statistical Accounts of Scotland, covering the 1790s and the 1830s, are among the best contemporary reports of life during the agricultural and industrial revolutions in Europe. Learn more about the area in which your ancestors lived, or use this key source to study the emergence of the modern British State and the economic and social impact of the world's first industrial nation.)

The National Archives of Scotland

<http://www.nas.gov.uk/>

Street maps

<http://www.old-rnaps.co.uk/index.htm>

### **Swedish**

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

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## Germany

Database for town name in Germany, Poland, Posen, East Prussia, Silesia and Pomeranian

<http://www.kartenmeister.com/databaseUwe.asp>

<http://www.town.de>

<http://www.genealogenetz.de>

<http://foko.genealogy.net>

<http://www.horlacher.org>

<http://immigrants.byu.edu>

## Poland

<http://www.polishroots.org/genpoland/>

<http://www.archiwa.Gov.pl>

<http://www.genealogyspot.com/coyntry/poland.htm>

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/1538/Polishpg.html>

## Wales

Information about Archives in Wales

<http://www.llgc.org.uk/cac/>

The Channel Islands

The Jersey Datestones project

<http://www.cociete-jersiaise.org/alexgle/stonejsy.html>

Specific Links to Genealogy sites about the Channel Islands

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/ci.html>

The Isle of Man

Specific Links to Genealogy sites about the Isle of Man

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~engiom/>

# Weekly Planner: Google a Person, Place, or Thing

*Ancestry Daily News*

Ever wondered what great-grandma's hometown in Ireland looked like? Google the town. Need to know if a historical figure has ties to your family history? Google his or her biography. Is that disease great- grandmother and her sister died of hereditary? Google the disease. Where did grandma get that crazy teapot? Google the manufacturer's name that is on the bottom and add some descriptive keywords. In many cases, the answers to questions like these are just a few clicks away.

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*Remember, take time off to enjoy the flowers!!!*

*Is that disease great-  
grandmother and her sister  
died of hereditary?*



*Try rowing around the brick wall in-  
stead of through it.*



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## **The Genealogists Psalm:**

*Author Unknown*

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray.

It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried tombstones.

It leadeth me into still courthouses;

It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.

It leadeth me in paths of census records and ship's passenger lists for my surname's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research libraries and microfilm readers,

I shall fear no discouragement.

For a strong urge is within me;

The curiosity and motivation they comforteth me.

It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents.

It annointeth my head with burning mid-night oil;

My family group sheets runneth over.

Surely birth, marriage, and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.