

# Commonly Accessed Web Sites of Interest to Genealogists in New Mexico

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### Los Lunas Public Library

#### Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

- Does not contain any genealogical data but is an excellent source for locating other sites with a wide variety of genealogical material

#### Familysearch.org: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

- web site of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints designed to assist genealogists
- Offers FREE genealogy software (Personal Ancestral File (PAF)) for download
- Can be used to access the International Genealogical Index (IGI), which contains a massive amount of genealogical data contributed by members of the LDS Church and others:  
[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search\\_IGI.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=igi/search_IGI.asp&clear_form=true)
- Can be used to access the 1880 US census, 1881 Canadian census, and/or the 1881 British census:  
[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=census/search\\_census.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_census.asp)
- Ancestral files  
[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=af/search\\_AF.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=af/search_AF.asp&clear_form=true)
- Pedigree Resource files  
[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=prf/search\\_PRF.asp&clear\\_form=true](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=prf/search_PRF.asp&clear_form=true)

#### World Gen Web: <http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

- World wide network of geographically located web sites devoted to genealogy
  - Mexico Gen Web: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mexwgw/>
  - United States Gen Web: <http://www.usgenweb.org/>
  - New Mexico Gen Web: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nmgenweb/>

#### Social Security Death Index:

- Several sites contain some or all of the following data about a deceased person who collected Social Security Death Benefits or Railroad Retirement Benefits:

**Family Tree Legends site:** <http://www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi>

**Roots Web site:** <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>

#### **Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System:**

- To locate information about someone who served in the Civil War  
<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/index.html>

#### **Message boards:**

- Allows people with an interest in a common surname, locality, or other common interest to post notes about ancestors in hopes of connecting with others searching the same interest (free)

<http://boards.ancestry.com/>

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/>

#### **Ellis Island Records:** <http://www.ellisisland.org/>

- Holds information about passengers who immigrated to the US thru Ellis Island in New York Harbor
- Use <http://www.stevemorse.org/> for more versatile searching of Ellis Island records

#### **Castle Garden Passenger/Immigration records:** <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

- Castle Garden was the predecessor location to Ellis Island where immigrants entered the United States thru New York, from 1830 to 1892

#### **Ancestry.com:** [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

- Web site with extensive resources; most resources available only by subscription

#### **Census maps for each US census:** [http://www.genealogyinc.com/map\\_census.html](http://www.genealogyinc.com/map_census.html)

- Will show how county boundaries changed from year to year as a state's population changed; not available for all states (including New Mexico)
- Also has a link to individual county maps for some states (but not New Mexico)

Archivo General de la Nacion (National Archives of Mexico):

<http://www.agn.gob.mx/inicio.php>

- Similar to National Archives in US; sóamente en Español

National Archives of Canada: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/>

Native American genealogy: Native web:

[http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy\\_tracing\\_roots/](http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots/)

also

[http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy\\_tracing\\_roots\\_americaindian\\_andfirstnations\\_genealogy/](http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots_americaindian_andfirstnations_genealogy/)

New Mexico Death Index Project: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nm/nmdi.htm>

- Holds information about deaths of New Mexicans from 1899 to 1940; not necessarily a complete list of deaths

Daughters of the American Revolution:

<http://www.dar.org/natsociety/default.cfm>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter: <http://blog.eogn.com/>

- daily blog with a wealth of information about genealogy

Heritage Quest on-line: accessed via link on library computers

- Accessible to holders of a Los Lunas or Belen library card
- Contains original images of all US censuses, searchable by name of head of household ONLY
- Over 20,000 family and local histories
- Freedmans' Bank records regarding freed slaves
- Revolutionary War pension records
- Index of over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles

Roots Web's World Connect Project: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi>

- Has huge number of names in database
- Very flexible search criteria

- Most entries have no source or a questionable source
- Useful for locating other researchers who are looking for the same ancestors

Hispanic Genealogical and Research Center (HGRC): <http://www.hgrc-nm.org/>

- Web site has searchable **New Mexico Pedigree Database** with names of over 95,000 New Mexicans
- Web site has index to all articles in quarterly journal, available for sale from society

## Forms

- Free genealogy forms can be downloaded from these sites, a variety of forms are available, including forms for transcribing data from the US census (different forms for different census years)

Family Tree Magazine: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forms/download.html>

Familysearch.org: <http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/rg/research/type/Form.asp>

Roots Web: [http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get\\_started/charts\\_forms.html](http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get_started/charts_forms.html)

Ancestry.com: [http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx?](http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx)

New Mexico Genealogical Society: <http://www.nmgs.org/>

- Numerous sources for New Mexico, especially about church records; some source data on-line; has many publications for sale about New Mexico, including Valencia County

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

- Huge web site with many subsidiary sites containing, among other things:
  - ↳ Surname lists
  - ↳ Mailing lists
  - ↳ Blank forms
  - ↳ Links to many other useful web sites including:
    - ▶ Social Security Death Index
    - ▶ World Connect Project
    - ▶ US Gen Web and World Gen Web
    - ▶ Blank forms
  - ↳ Searchable databases (see “Index of All Search Engines and Databases”)

Cyndi's List - Myths, Hoaxes, & Scams regarding genealogy:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm>

**National Archives and Records Administration:** <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/>

- Good starting point for finding out what records are available at the National Archives
- **Regional Archives located in Denver:** <http://www.archives.gov/rocky-mountain/index.html>

**Links to various census records:** <http://www.censuslinks.com/>

- Includes links to census lists around the world, including some state census records

**WorldCat: tool for locating a book at a library anywhere in the world**

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

**National Archives of Ireland:** <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

- Starting point for locating records of ancestors from the Republic of Ireland

**United States Vital Records:** <http://www.vitalrec.com/>

- Private company to help locate and purchase copies of vital records (births, marriages, deaths, divorces)
- Has links to each state (and many counties within states) office from which to obtain copies of vital records
- Copies of vital records in most states are obtained from the state's department of health

**New Mexico Genealogy Resources & Vital Records:**

<http://www.genealogybranches.com/newmexico.html>

- Private web site sponsored by an individual
- Information about a wide variety of New Mexico records

**AfriGeneas -African Ancestored Genealogy:** <http://www.afrigeneas.com/>

- Web site for African American genealogy
- Has several databases with census records, death records, slave data, surnames

- Mailing lists
- Guides to African American genealogy

**City directories:** <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/>

- City directories, usually one for each year, list people living in that city, their address, and sometimes their occupation
- Site only lists where to find copy of a city directory, not actual listings from directories
- City directories are only available for some cities around the country

**National Archives of United Kingdom:** <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/default.htm>

- Starting point for locating records of ancestors from United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)

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