

# Ancestry.com's Free Resources

*No Paid Subscription Required*

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## **Create your own family tree** (free account required)

1. Create events
2. Edit information
3. Add notes and comments
4. Add media - audio, links, video, pictures (photos, documents, etc.)
5. Invite others to your tree - as guest, editor, or contributor
6. Search – see what collections ancestry has

## **DNA Features** (free account required)

If you've bought ancestry's DNA test kit (\*\*the kit is NOT free), you can:

1. See your results and attach them to your tree
2. View and contact your matches; match list includes information about centimorgans and shared segments, as well as estimated relationships.
3. See matches and ethnicities you share with a specific match
4. Sort and organize your matches using custom tags and/or creating groups
5. Add notes
6. Download raw data to upload at other sites

## **List of free collections**

Ancestry has some free collections here: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom>

## **Learning videos (webinars)**

1. Ancestry Academy: <https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/recommended>
2. Ancestry on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryCom>  
Desktop Education Series: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2F65E97B57EF8279>
3. Karen's organized playlists of ancestry videos  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrcaTJba3xIPn2\\_XQ9rgehq](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrcaTJba3xIPn2_XQ9rgehq)

## Ancestry genealogy toolkit

Click Help, then Support Center, and search “genealogy toolkit” in the search box; or just click here:

<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Ancestry-Genealogy-Toolkit>. Below are just some of the resources you’ll find there:

1. Charts and forms – from ancestral charts to blank census forms
2. Research guides for some ethnicities and geographic locations \*
3. Translation help for Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Spanish languages
4. Ancestry Blog
5. Genealogy Glossary
6. Message boards – search or post queries by location, topic or surname (free account required in order to post queries and replies)
7. County Look-up – type in the name of a town/city and find out which county it’s currently in, as well as being provided a link to more information about the county
8. Our social network: blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, Youtube
9. Beyond Ancestry – includes links to resources outside of ancestry, such as maps, census helps, etc.

## Books

Also found in print form in some libraries, these two books contain information on how to get started in genealogy, on various types of records, & on researching specific states and counties.

*The Source: A Guide to American Genealogy:*

[https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/The\\_Source:\\_A\\_Guidebook\\_to\\_American\\_Genealogy](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/The_Source:_A_Guidebook_to_American_Genealogy)

*Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources:*

[https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red\\_Book:\\_American\\_State,\\_County,\\_and\\_Town\\_Sources](https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources)

## Research Guides and other helps

This page lists some research guides that aren’t in the Genealogy Toolkit. The list includes Getting Started, a few ethnicities and religions, and several topics. \*

<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/ka21500000TzBpAAK/Free-Research-Guides>

\*Not all research guides are listed in the Genealogy Toolkit or Research Guides. If you don’t see what you’re looking for, use the search bar within the Support Center that says “search for articles and discussions” to see if there may be an article or research guide on your topic.