

# Free Online Genealogy Education Resources

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## Resource List

- **Ancestry.com – Learning Center**  
Large collection of resources geared towards beginners; start with [First Steps](#) section. Some resources focus on Ancestry.com-specific tools, but the majority cover general genealogy and family history topics. Includes valuable [Research Guides](#) for specific topics, ethnicities and geographic locations.  
<http://www.ancestry.com/cs/HelpAndAdviceUS>
- **Ancestry.com – Livestream Channel**  
Live web broadcasts as well as recordings. “Face-to-face instruction plus research advice and family history tips from the experts at Ancestry.com.”  
<http://www.livestream.com/ancestry>
- **AncestryK12**  
Classroom genealogy resources at no cost for K12 schools  
<http://ancestryk12.com/>
- **Archives.com – Expert Series**  
Although no longer updated, this “Learn from Experts” series of over 200 articles covers the gamut of genealogy topics from Getting Started to Research Methodology.  
<http://www.archives.com/experts/>
- **Board for Certification of Genealogists- Skillbuilding**  
Although geared towards professional genealogists and certification candidates, this site provides valuable articles, information and lessons on genealogical research methodology.  
<http://www.bcgcertification.org/skillbuilders/index.html>
- **DearMYRTLE**  
“Your friend in genealogy,” DearMYRTLE offers many different learning channels for genealogists of all levels. Resources include a [webinar archive](#), live online events such as [Mondays with Myrt](#) and Wacky Wednesdays, Also visit the [DearMYRTLE You Tube channel](#) for recordings of previous live events.  
<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
- **Evidence Explained**  
A companion site to the reference book *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, with “QuickLessons” and resource focused on historical analysis, citation, and source usage.  
<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

- **FamilySearch Learning Center**  
Educational resources from the FamilySearch website; “browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.”  
<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>
- **Genealogy Do-Over**  
A free self-paced 13 week program focused on sound genealogical research practices. Lots of tips, links to resources, and even a Facebook group with over 3,500 members.  
<http://www.genealogydo-over.com>
- **National Archives and Records Administration – Resources for Genealogists**  
A variety of resources for beginners interest in family history research.  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>

### **Canadian Resources**

- **Library and Archives Canada – Genealogy and Family History**  
Resources for beginners specific to Canadian records and resources.  
<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx> (English)  
<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/fra/decouvrez/genealogie/Pages/introduction.aspx> (French)
- **Ontario Genealogical Society – How to Research Your Family History**  
Valuable resources for Canadian genealogy research geared towards beginners.  
[http://www.ogs.on.ca/family\\_history.php](http://www.ogs.on.ca/family_history.php)

### **UK Resources**

- [Pending]

### **Australian Resources**

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### **Online Courses**

- **Brigham Young University Independent Study – Online Courses**  
Free, self-paced, online courses including Introduction to Family History Research  
<http://is.byu.edu/site/courses/free.cfm>
- **About.com – Genealogy: Introduction to Genealogy**  
Free, self-paced genealogy course for beginners complete with quizzes.  
<http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintro.htm>

## **Blogs**

- **Adventures in Genealogy Education**  
Resources for genealogical education conferences, institutes and workshops.  
<http://genealogyeducation.blogspot.com/>
- **Genealogy Tip of the Day**  
A different helpful tips on genealogy research provided each day.  
<http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>
- **Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems**  
Free videos, webinars and articles on getting started with genealogy and family history research.  
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/>

## **Wikis**

- **Ancestry.com Family History Wiki**  
A wiki containing Ancestry.com content as well as content from *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy* and *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*.  
[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)
- **FamilySearch Research Wiki**  
A crowdsourced Wikipedia-like resource offering over 80,000 articles on genealogy and family history. Non-profit organizations including libraries can “[adopt](#)” a wiki page with a logo link back to their website.  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page)

## **Webinars**

- **GeneaWebinars**  
A listing site of upcoming webinars for the genealogy community. Includes a Google-based [calendar](#) with upcoming webinars, both free and fee-based.  
<http://www.geneawebinars.com>
- **FamilySearch – Family History Library Webinars**  
Free genealogy webinars scheduled periodically and presented by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/tag/webinars/>
- **Florida State Genealogical Society – Poolside Chat Series**  
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Thursday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://www.flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=252>
- **Illinois State Genealogical Society Webinars**  
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the second Tuesday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227>

- **Legacy Family Tree Webinars**  
Although a subscription-based education channel with over 200 recorded webinars and over 800 pages of syllabus materials, free live webinars and recordings are provided each week.  
<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>
- **Minnesota Genealogy Society**  
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the first Wednesday of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://mngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38>
- **MyHeritage Webinars**  
Free webinars covering general genealogy topics from MyHeritage.  
<http://www.myheritage.com/help/webinar>
- **New England Historic Genealogical Society – Webinars**  
Online educational webinars covering general genealogy topics and NEHGS resources.  
<http://www.americanancestors.org/Education/Online-Classes/>
- **Southern California Genealogical Society Webinar Series**  
Free genealogy webinars provided twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>
- **Utah Genealogical Association – Virtual Chapter**  
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Thursday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://www.infouga.org/cpage.php?pt=11>
- **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Webinars**  
Free monthly genealogy webinars on the third Tuesday evening of each month, open to the public; recordings available to society members only.  
<http://www.wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=127>