

Joe Petrie's List of Links for North America (October 14, 2013)

United States

[Family Search](http://www.familysearch.org/) <http://www.familysearch.org/> - FamilySearch has over 1000 databases for 92 countries. The people behind FamilySearch believe that families are meant to be a central part of life, which is why they have been gathering, preserving, and sharing family records for over 100 years. They offer what they find for free to the public. Supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization worldwide with over 4,000 family history centers worldwide, including the well-known Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

[Family Search Collections List](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list) <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list>- This FamilySearch **site** provides online access to indexes and digital images of records held by the Family History Library. The collections can be accessed from the [FamilySearch homepage](#) or directly at [Historical Record Collections](#). New collections are being uploaded as quickly as the records are digitized and indexed. This lists all the collections in FamilySearch arranged by Country or State or Province. For example, in early August 2013, there were 17 for Canada, 53 for England, 7 for Ireland and 115 for Italy.

[FamilySearch State and Federal Censuses](https://www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list#page=1®ion=UNITED_STATES&recordType=Census)

https://www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list#page=1®ion=UNITED_STATES&recordType=Census - There are 19 Federal Censuses. There are images for 18. There are 47 State Censuses for 15 States. There are images for 42. The States with State Censuses are: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

[Family History Community Trees](http://histfam.familysearch.org/) <http://histfam.familysearch.org/> - Community Trees are genealogies from specific periods and localities that have been linked according to family lineages. Many trees include associated documents and images. Each community tree is a searchable database that allows views of individuals, families, ancestors, and descendants and gives various options for printing. There are 18 Community Trees for the United States and 8 for Canada.

Ancestry Library at [Morrill Memorial Library](http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/info/norwood.htm) <http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/info/norwood.htm> - Ancestry Library Edition database (similar to Ancestry.com) offers the world's largest online collection of genealogical records, especially for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. Please note that Ancestry.com is not included because it is a subscription service.

[FreeGenData.com](http://www.freegen.com/) FreeGenData.com - A search tool to help you locate free genealogy databases and record transcriptions on the web. For Canada, on October 1, 2103, there were 172 web site links.

[Find A Grave](http://www.findagrave.com/index.html) <http://www.findagrave.com/index.html> - The service was founded in 1995 by Jim Tipton as a response to his hobby of visiting famous people graves. He found out that many people shared his interest and created this site. Since its creation more than 350,000 people contributed to the site adding new graves addresses. Find A Grave allows you to search for graves of famous and ordinary people filling in their name, birth and death date and place of burial. The company states that more than 50,000 people search their website every day. Some people add new graves; others share success stories telling how Find A Grave helped to find a particular grave.

[Immigrant Ships](http://www.immigrantships.net/) <http://www.immigrantships.net/> - This site contains ships' passenger lists and a guide to hundreds of sites with information on passengers, ship type, stories and pictures. The arrivals and departures list includes: Australia, Canada, Caribbean, England, Germany, Holland, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, South America and the United States.

[US GenWeb](http://www.usgenweb.com/) <http://www.usgenweb.com/> - This is a link-to-links site. A group of volunteers provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This project is non-commercial and fully committed to free genealogy access for everyone. Organization is by county and state, and this website provides you with links to all the state genealogy websites which, in turn, provide gateways to the counties.

[US Cemeteries](http://www.interment.net/us/index.htm) (Interment.Net) <http://www.interment.net/us/index.htm> - A collaborative effort of cemetery preservation advocates working to increase public awareness and activism in preserving, protecting and restoring endangered and forgotten historic cemeteries worldwide.

[US FreeGenData.com](http://www.freegenedata.com/) <http://www.freegenedata.com/cgi-bin/1/search.cgi?query=United+States> - A search tool to help you locate free genealogy databases and record transcriptions on the web. For Canada, on October 1, 2103, there 600 web site links.

United States Veterans

[US National Archives](http://www.archives.gov/) <http://www.archives.gov/> - The National Archives' Online Public Access system both links to and collects electronic records in a variety of formats from a variety of sources. Some of the archival content may not be fully accessible. Where NARA provides digital copies of records (e.g., documents, photographs, films, etc.), they also provide archival catalog descriptions of those records.

[US National Park Service](http://www.nps.gov/) <http://www.nps.gov/> - The National Park Service provides links to genealogy databases. Type Genealogy in the Search Box.

[US Revolutionary War Soldiers and Their Descendants](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ars) <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ars> - This is a link-to-links site to information provided by descendants. This database contains records for French and Indian War Soldiers.

[Valley Forge Muster Rolls](http://www.valleyforagemusterroll.org) <http://www.valleyforagemusterroll.org> - The Continental Army used monthly muster rolls to track the army's strength. Each roll contains names, ranks, dates of enlistment, and other notes on soldiers' assignments, activities, or conditions.

United States Immigration

[Castle Garden – America's First Immigration Center](http://www.castlegarden.org) <http://www.castlegarden.org> - This free site offers access to an extraordinary database of information on 11 million immigrants from 1820 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened.

[Ellis Island](http://www.ellisland.org) <http://www.ellisland.org> - Records and passenger manifests are available for 1912 - 1957. Ellis Island requires registration.

[Steve Morse http://stevemorse.org](http://stevemorse.org) - Often records are not found because of the way surnames were recorded. Steve's One-Step approach is an interesting technique to find immigration records. For the Surname, there is a phonic search. For first name, there are a sounds like and contains searches. Access to the records requires an Ancestry User-id and Password. There are lots of links. There is a link to combined Castle Garden and Ellis Island data. There are also links to other US Ports and to Censuses of Canada, UK and New York State.

Massachusetts Vitals

[Massachusetts Archives On-line Databases http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/) - There are 3 searchable collections:

1. [Massachusetts Archives Collection Database \(1629-1799\)](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/RevolutionarySearchContexts.html)
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/RevolutionarySearchContexts.html>
2. [Index to Passenger Manifests \(1848-1891\)](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html)
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html>
3. [Index to Vital Records \(1841-1910\)](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html)
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html>

I use the Passenger Manifests link to find individuals who landed in Boston. Please note that I am convinced that there are missing records.

Massachusetts Vitals on FamilySearch – there are 4 searchable databases, The databases are expected to be available on the Massachusetts Archives web site.

1. [Birth \(1841-1915\) https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1536925](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1536925)
2. [Marriage \(1841-1915\) https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1469062](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1469062)
3. [Death \(1841-1915\) https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156)
4. [1916-1920 Vitals https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1928860](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1928860) - While 1916 to 1920 are being indexed, these records are kept in a unique database.

[Family Search Collections List https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list) - There are two years of Massachusetts State Census records, The images are available on FamilySearch.org.

[American Ancestors \(New England Historic Genealogical Society\) http://www.americanancestors.org/](http://www.americanancestors.org/) - The members only site is a subscription site. Guests can register for free access to 6 databases including Vital records to 1850. Often the number of free sites are increased – usually for short periods.

[Walpole Historical Society http://www.walpolehistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.walpolehistoricalsociety.org/) - The Society maintains a grave registry for all of the public cemeteries in Walpole. The records for St. Francis Cemetery, the Roman Catholic cemetery, are not included.

New York City

[The Italian Genealogical Group http://Italiangen.org](http://Italiangen.org) - A volunteer organization collects records for New York City. The original focus was on Italians in New York City. One current emphasis is to digitize all Court Naturalization records for the New York Metropolitan Area including parts of New Jersey.

German Roots

[German Genealogy http://www.germanroots.com/](http://www.germanroots.com/) - This is a link-to-links site.

Italian Roots

[The Italian Genealogical Group](http://Italiangen.org) <http://Italiangen.org> – A volunteer organization collects records for New York City. The original focus was on Italians in New York City. One current emphasis is to digitize all Court Naturalization records for the New York Metropolitan Area, including non-Italians.

[Italian Ancestry](http://www.ItalianAncestry.com) <http://www.ItalianAncestry.com> - This site contains a vast collection of links to genealogy resources in Italy and the United States.

[FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org/italian-ancestors) <http://www.familysearch.org/italian-ancestors> - This is a joint venture of the Italian National Archives and Family Search. The joint effort is to digitize the records and make them available on-line on the Italy Archives web site. FamilySearch estimated that over 50% is digitized

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Jewish Roots

[Steven P. Morse Web Pages](http://stevemorse.org) <http://stevemorse.org> - This site contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites but do so in more versatile ways than the typical search tools provided on those websites.

[Jewish Web Index](http://www.jewishwebindex.com/) <http://www.jewishwebindex.com/> - This site contains a collection of links to Jewish genealogy resources in the world.

[JewishGen USA Databases](http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/USA/) <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/USA/> - A US Jewish Genweb database that is part of a larger collection on <http://www.jewishgen.org/>

[American Ancestors](http://www.americanancestors.org/) <http://www.americanancestors.org/> - There are two databases: American Jewish Historical Society - New England Archives: Jewish Cemeteries in Massachusetts and Charleston, SC: Inscriptions in Old Jewish Cemeteries, 1762-1903

[Family History Community Trees](http://histfam.familysearch.org) histfam.familysearch.org - A US Jewish Genweb database that is part of a larger collection on <http://www.jewishgen.org/>.

[The Cohen's Resources](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~thecohens/resources.html) <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~thecohens/resources.html> - This is a link-to-links site.

Canada

[FreeGenData.com](http://www.freegendata.com/cgi-bin/1/search.cgi?query=Canada) <http://www.freegendata.com/cgi-bin/1/search.cgi?query=Canada>- A search tool to help you locate free genealogy databases and record transcriptions on the web. For Canada, on October 1, 2103, there 600 web site links.

[Automated Census of Canada](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/census) <http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/census> - The Automated Census has the Census of Canada for 1901 and 1911. The site includes the 1851 Census of New Brunswick. In addition, Ontario and Quebec is combined in the 1852 Census. There is a process to correct errors in most fields, except surname.

[Census for Canada for 1851, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1916](http://www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list#page=1®ion=CANADA&recordType=Census)

<http://www.familysearch.org/s/collection/list#page=1®ion=CANADA&recordType=Census> – 18 Censuses are available: 11 for the country and 7 for provinces.

[Archives Canada](http://www.archivescanada.ca/) <http://www.archivescanada.ca/> - This is a link-to-links site identifying some Archives Canada support for digitized Canadian archival records during 2003 - 2008.

[Library and Archives Canada](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html) <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html> - There is a diverse collection of vital records, land records, Military records, etc.

[Canada GenWeb](http://www.canadagenweb.org) <http://www.canadagenweb.org> – This is a link-to-links site.

[Evangeline's Cousins](http://acadianalifestyleevangelinescousins.com/) <http://acadianalifestyleevangelinescousins.com/> - This is an Acadian web site.

[Cemeteries of Canada \(Interment.Net\)](http://interment.net/can/index.htm) <http://interment.net/can/index.htm> - A collaborative effort of cemetery preservation advocates working to increase public awareness and activism in preserving, protecting and restoring endangered and forgotten historic cemeteries worldwide.

Canada Provincial Government Resources

Provinces are responsible for Vital Records (Birth, Marriage and Death records). The following have not made their Birth, Marriage and Death databases available: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, North West Territories, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Yukon. Please see the Friends of Irish Research web site (<http://www.friendsofirishresearch.org>) for detailed listings of free genealogy web sites for Atlantic Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island).

[Alberta](http://www.culture.alberta.ca/paa) <http://www.culture.alberta.ca/paa> - The site provides links to free Alberta databases such as cemetery records. It includes other cemeteries in Canada.

[New Brunswick](http://www.archives.gnb.ca/) <http://www.archives.gnb.ca/> - New Brunswick Death records are available on-line. Birth and Marriage records are not available on-line. Please see my New Brunswick links document.

[Newfoundland](http://www.ngb.chebucto.org/) <http://www.ngb.chebucto.org/> - Volunteers have built and maintain the Newfoundland Grand Banks web site. Please see my Newfoundland links document.

[Nova Scotia](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com/) <http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com/> - Nova Scotia Vital records are available on-line. Please see my Nova Scotia links document.

[Prince Edward Island](http://www.gov.pe.ca/archives/) <http://www.gov.pe.ca/archives/> - Three on-line databases are available for Prince Edward Island. Vital records are not available on-line. Please see my Prince Edward Island links document.

[Saskatchewan](http://www.saskarchives.com/) <http://www.saskarchives.com/> - One database is available for Saskatchewan. Vital records are not available on-line.

Lunenburg Nova Scotia Families

[French Vital Records for Lunenburg Nova Scotia Montbeliard Settlers](http://rverpi90.homeip.net/expoactes/index.php) <http://rverpi90.homeip.net/expoactes/index.php> - Special thanks to Wayne Meisner and NSROOTS.

[Victoria Boutilier's Genealogy Research Pages](http://www.heroictenor.com/vbsgenes/index.html) <http://www.heroictenor.com/vbsgenes/index.html> - An amazing site by Victoria Boutilier, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists

[Julia L Baker's web pages on the Family Tree Maker Genealogy Web Site](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/a/k/Julia-L-Baker/GENE2-0001.html) <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/a/k/Julia-L-Baker/GENE2-0001.html> - A terrific site devoted to the descendants of Anna Catherine (Catherine) Boutilier, daughter of Jean George Boutilier and Sarah Grange who died at sea on the Sally in 1752. Catherine was married twice to: Jean George Bezanson (a widower) and Etienne Marriette.

[Lunenburg Family Links](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canns/lunenburg/family.html) <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canns/lunenburg/family.html> - While there are over 50 links to Lunenburg Family web sites, only about 20 links connect. For Boutilier Family researchers, a must. Please see is Robert Kim (Kim) Steven's [Descendants of Jean George Boutilier](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canns/lunenburg/boutilier.html) <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canns/lunenburg/boutilier.html> where Kim takes the reader back to 1598.

Ireland to Canada Immigration

[Library and Archives Canada](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca) <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca> - Three groups of records are included: (1) Grosse Isle Quarantine Station 1832-1837 - more than 33,000 immigrant records. It includes lists of the personal effects of those who died. (2) Immigrants from Ireland & Britain - pre 1865. Incomplete records of passengers arriving in Quebec and Ontario. (3) Quebec City Passengers: 1865-1900 - Index of names only.

[Peter Robinson's Irish Settlers 1823-1825](http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/regulus1825.shtml) <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/regulus1825.shtml> - 22 families are listed.

Acadians

Genealogy Page of [Marcel Boudreau](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/~boudreau/Profile.html) <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/~boudreau/Profile.html> - This is a link-to-links site. One of the links is to Acadian sites.

[Canadian Genealogy Index](http://www.cangenealogy.com/index.html) <http://www.cangenealogy.com/index.html> - This is a link-to-links site. One of the links is to Acadian sites.

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