

Finding Genealogy Collections



What you might find in a survey of compiled records:

- Extend the pedigree
- Find missing children in family groups
- Who else is working on your family tree

What are the best places to search for compiled genealogy collections?

1. Go to FamilySearch.org

- Type in the name you are looking for, Click on Search.
- The results will show what records the person can be found in.
- If your person is found in Ancestral File or Pedigree Resource File, it means someone has researched and submitted a pedigree with this person in the file.

2. Go to the [Family History Library Catalog \(https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog\)](https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog)

- Click on Surname Search
- You will see the list of books and genealogy collections the library has.
- If a book you really want to look at has not been filmed or digitized, go to the excellent article entitled, "[Buying, Borrowing, or Searching a Book](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Buying,_Borrowing,_or_Searching_a_Book)" ([http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Buying, Borrowing, or Searching a Book](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Buying,_Borrowing,_or_Searching_a_Book))

3. Go to any of the Web sites listed below. They have collections of genealogies on their sites. Look for bulletin boards on these sites where you can post a query as well as search for your family name.

- [Geneanet \(http://www.geneanet.org/\)](http://www.geneanet.org/) This site is a European site and has a great collection of family records. You can also choose your language.

- <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>
- <http://boards.ancestry.com>
- <http://usgenweb.org/>
- [GenCircles](http://www.gencircles.com/globaltree/) (<http://www.gencircles.com/globaltree/>)
- [GeneaBios](http://www.geneabios.com/) (<http://www.geneabios.com/>) a free genealogy biography database
- [Family Tree Seeker](http://www.familytreeseeker.com/), (<http://www.familytreeseeker.com/>)
- [Cyndi's List](http://www.cyndislist.com/databases) (<http://www.cyndislist.com/databases>) is a very complex site, but scroll down a little in this link and click on "Surname Databases"
- <http://www.geneanet.org>
- [Family Tree Maker](http://www.genealogy.com/index_r.html) (http://www.genealogy.com/index_r.html)
- [Kindred Konnections](http://www.mytrees.com/genealogy/index.html) (<http://www.mytrees.com/genealogy/index.html>)

4. You might have success with a Google search, or any search engine, typing the name, along with the word "genealogy" or "family history," in the search box.

5. If your family were early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, go to the Wiki articles entitled, "[Family Group Records Collection.](https://familysearch.org/#form=trees)" (<https://familysearch.org/#form=trees>) or "[LDS Genealogy](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/LDS_Genealogy)" (http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/LDS_Genealogy)

6. If you are looking for British lines, go to the article, "[British Sources for Previous Research](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British_Sources_for_Previous_Research)" (http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British_Sources_for_Previous_Research)