

BEGINNERS:

I've talked to several people who wanted to get started in researching their family trees, so I'll list some of the FREE sites they'll want to check first, and the sites the seasoned genealogical researcher should check often for updates. I won't list the paid sites like ancestry.com and fold3.com and others:

Cyndi's list: <http://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>
FamilySearch: <https://familysearch.org/>
USGenweb: <https://usgenweb.org/>
WorldGenWeb: <https://www.worldgenweb.org/>
Findagrave: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
BillionGraves: <https://billiongraves.com/>
Rootsweb: <http://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>
Genealogy Facebook Groups: <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>
Ellis Island: <http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>
Castle Garden: <http://castlegarden.org/>
Immigration/Olive Tree: <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml>
General Land Office: <http://glorerecords.blm.gov/>
Linkpendium: <http://www.linkpendium.com/>
Steve Morse's Pages: <http://www.stevemorse.org/index.html>
Genealogy Hound: <http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/index.html>
Newspapers: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
Death Indexes: <http://deathindexes.com/>
Free paper forms: <http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/forms.html>
Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>
National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/>

Remember to check the TNGS Facebook page; The Let's Discuss It handout Page and the TNGS website:
Facebook: Search for the group: Tennessee Genealogical Society
Pinterest Page: <http://www.pinterest.com/letsdiscussit/>
TNGS website: <http://tngs.org/>

Free Genealogy software:

RootsMagic Essentials: <http://rootsmagic.com/Try/RootsMagic/>
Legacy Family Tree Standard: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/DownloadLegacy.asp>
Reviews to choose your software: <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>

Attend classes! New classes are listed on the TNGS webpage and also announced on the Facebook page.

Also check the app store for your phone or tablet. There are apps to help you "take it with you" and keep up with your research "on-the-go".

Ask someone at TNGS or the GRHGC for guidance. A friendly face can always be found!