

CYBER SLEUTHING YOUR FAMILY TREE

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SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES:

Ancestry Library Edition/HeritageQuest

- Family Tree viewing
- Surname searching across multiple databases
- Increasing primary sources from around the globe
- Downloadable charts and forms
- Learning Center: forms & guides, video tutorials

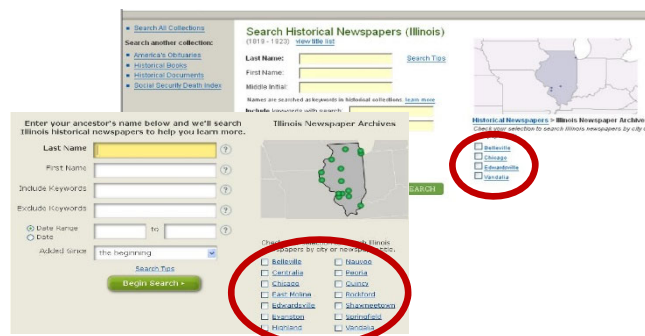
Fold3 www.fold3.com Library Edition Subscription ends March 31!

- Digitized records from the National Archives, in Washington D.C.
- Military collections from the 18th to 21st Century
- Social Security Death Index to 2014
- City Directories
- Homestead Records
- Newspapers
- Web 2.0 technology
- Facebook for the Dead?? Create your own ancestor pages



GenealogyBank www.genealogybank.com

- Historic Newspapers, nationwide coverage from 1690-1977
 - Richmond Enquirer 1804-1863
 - San Francisco Bulletin 1855-1891
 - Philadelphia Gazette 1736-1775
- Social Security Death Index to 2011
- 11,000+ historic books, broadsides & Pamphlets
- Historical Documents from the American State Papers Collection available



Find My Past www.findmypast.com

- Largely U.K. based content and resources
- Several Free Records Collections (plus free weekends)
- U.S. Census
- Irish Catholic Parish Registers
- British Criminal Records
- Newspapers
 - U.S. & World
 - British
 - Irish

FREE WEBSITES:

CARLI (Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois)

<https://collections.carli.illinois.edu>

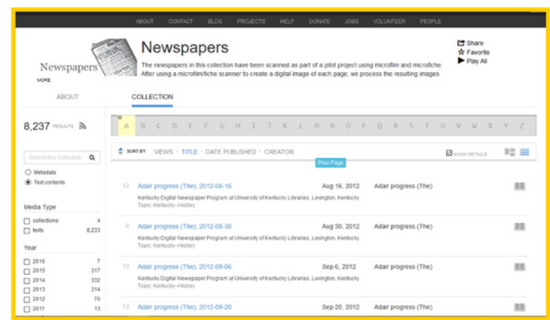
- Illinois Statewide college, library and museum database
- Chicago Genealogist publication 1969-2007
- Garrett Tower Garrett Theological Seminary Journal 1925-1967
- Monee Township Tax Assessor Records Will Co.
- Pullman Company Digital Collection
- WWII Naval Flight School Digital Collection Monmouth College

Internet Archive www.archive.org

- Full-text access to historic books, periodicals & A-V, plus streaming sound recordings & broadcasts
- Search inside millions of books instantly
- Signing-up for a free account allows you to ‘favorite’ items for later reference
- Format types will narrow your search. Clicking on the blue book will limit your list to only books.
- Searching the keyword box will search for your words in the title & Creator, Publisher fields only. It will not search within texts.

FamilySearch www.familysearch.org

- Genealogy Book Collection
- Digitized Primary Records
- Family History Centers & Affiliate Library access

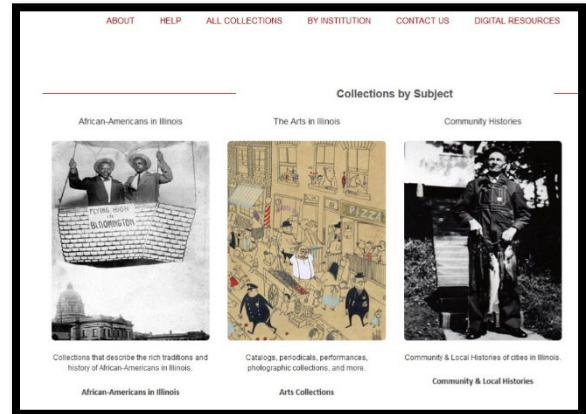


- Millions of digitized film reels available through a local LDS affiliate library of center. Certain restrictions apply.
- Research Cheat-sheets
- Research Wiki
- User Submitted Photo Collections

Illinois Digital Archives

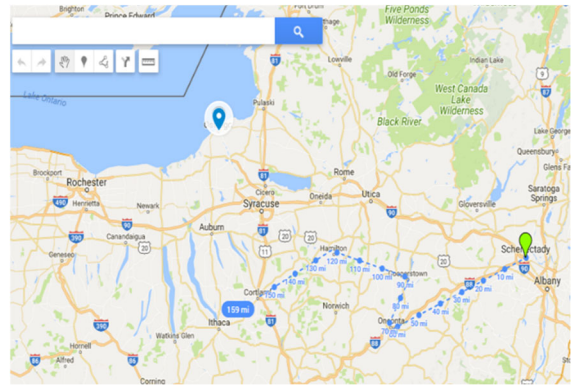
www.idaillinois.org

- Illinois State Prison Records: Alton & Joliet
- Map, photo and postcard collections
- Newspapers and periodicals:
 - *Chicago Jewish Sentinel*
 - Elgin Newspapers (various publications and years)
 - *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*
 - *The Stalker*- Madison County Genealogical Society
- Telephone & Business Directories



Google www.google.com

- Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com>
Build your own interactive maps, plot your family history, virtually travel millions of streets & share with others!
- Google News: <http://news.google.com/newspapers>
 - Alphabetical by newspaper title only
 - Browsable only, no search capability
 - Unprintable, need to do screen captures to save images
- Google Books: <http://books.google.com>
Digital access to millions of hard to find & out of print titles



Archivegrid <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid>

- Research Guides & Finding Aides for thousands of archival collections within the U.S.
- Updated every 6 weeks and includes a list of recent collection additions
- These collections are seldom digital, but the site is useful for finding obscure information.