

# Climbing



your

family

tree



The library does not have any genealogy records. This pamphlet will direct you to useful books on how to get started and how to do searches. It will also provide links to several websites that have genealogy information.

## *Getting started*



Here are two good online tutorials to help you on your way.

“How to Start Your Family Search” at Family Search. This is the website of the Family History Library of the LDS church:

[www.FamilySearch.org/eng/home/welcome/frameset\\_information.asp](http://www.FamilySearch.org/eng/home/welcome/frameset_information.asp)

“Guide to Tracing Family Trees” at Rootsweb.com:

[rwguide.rootsweb.com](http://rwguide.rootsweb.com)

Start with no. 1 in the index: “Where to Begin?”



*The library also has some good how-to books:*

929 ROS    The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Genealogy by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls

929.107 GRE    The Researcher’s Guide to American Genealogy by Val D. Greenwood

929 HEL    Genealogy Online for Dummies by Matthew Helm  
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*Other helpful books at the library:*



REF 929 ANC    Ancestry’s Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources

929 BEN Directory of Family Associations by Elizabeth Petty Bentley and Deborah Ann Carl

929 BEN The Genealogist's Address Book, by Elizabeth Petty

929 CRO The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook by Emily Anne Croom

REF 929 EVE The Handy Book for Genealogists has sources for state, county and town records

REF 929 HON Land and Property Research in the United States by E. Wade Hone

REF 929.1 SOU The Source: a Guidebook to American Genealogy ed. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking



***Internet websites:***

Cyndi's list, [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

This site has links to just about anything genealogical.

Family Search, the LDS site, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

The genealogy home page, [www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)

RootsWeb, [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

Social Security death index, [ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com](http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com)

USGenWeb, [www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)

The WorldGenWeb project, [www.worldgenweb.org](http://www.worldgenweb.org)

American Family Immigration History Center, the site for Ellis Island research, [www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org)

National Archives, [www.nara.gov/genealogy](http://www.nara.gov/genealogy)

Vital records, [www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com)

***These are subscription sites:***



Ancestry, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

Footnote, [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)

**Databases at the library:**



These databases are accessible free through the library.  
You must have a library card to access them.

Ancestry.com. This database must be used in the library and has almost everything that a paid subscription has.

Heritage Quest. This database can be accessed on your home computer at [www.ajpl.org](http://www.ajpl.org).  
Click on databases and scroll down to genealogy.

**Magazines:**



The library has subscriptions to the following magazine:

Family Tree Magazine  
Everton's Genealogical Helper



**Online newsletters:**

You can subscribe to these newsletters and they will be sent to your e-mail.

Dick Eastman's online genealogy newsletter, [blog.eogn.com](http://blog.eogn.com)

Dear Myrtle's genealogy blog,  
[www.dearmyrtle.com/signupwelcome.htm](http://www.dearmyrtle.com/signupwelcome.htm)



**Libraries:**

Mesa Regional Family History Center  
41 S. Hobson  
Mesa, AZ 85204  
480-964-1200

Genealogy Collection  
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records  
1700 W. Washington St., Suite 300  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2812  
602-926-3938

**Societies:**



The Family History Society of Arizona  
[www.fhsa.org](http://www.fhsa.org)