Ancestry.com's Free Resources

No Paid Subscription Required

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Create your own family tree (free account required)

1. Create events
2. Edit information
3. Add notes and comments
4. Add media - audio, links, video, pictures (photos, documents, etc.)
5. Invite others to your tree - as guest, editor, or contributor
6. Search – see what collections ancestry has

DNA Features (free account required)

If you've bought ancestry's DNA test kit (**the kit is NOT free), you can:

1. See your results and attach them to your tree
2. View and contact your matches; match list includes information about centimorgans and shared segments, as well as estimated relationships.
3. Sort and organize your matches using custom tags and/or creating groups
4. Add notes
5. Download raw data to upload at other sites

List of free collections

Ancestry has some free collections here: http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/freeindexacom

Learning videos (webinars)

1. Ancestry Academy: https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/recommended
2. Ancestry on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryCom Click Playlist for easier navigation of videos

Ancestry genealogy toolkit

Click Help, then Support Center, and search "genealogy toolkit" in the search box; or just click here: https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Ancestry-Genealogy-Toolkit. Below are just some of the resources you'll find there:

1. Charts and forms – from ancestral charts to blank census forms
2. Research guides for some ethnicities and geographic locations *
3. Translation help for Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Spanish languages
4. Ancestry Blog
5. Genealogy Glossary
6. Message boards – search or post queries by location, topic or surname (free account required in order to post queries and replies)
7. Our social network: blogs, Facebook, X, Pinterest, Instagram
8. Beyond Ancestry – includes links to resources outside of ancestry, such as maps, census helps, etc.

Books

Also found in print form in some libraries, these two books contain information on how to get started in genealogy, on various types of records, & on researching specific states and counties.

The Source: A Guide to American Genealogy:
https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/The_Source:_A_Guidebook_to_American_Genealogy

Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources:
https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Red_Book:_American_State,_County,_and_Town_Sources

Research Guides and other helps

This page lists some research guides that aren't in the Genealogy Toolkit. The list includes Getting Started, Language, Geography, Religion, Military, and other topics. *
https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/ka215000000TzBpAAK/Free-Research-Guides

*Not all research guides are listed in the Genealogy Toolkit or Research Guides. If you don't see what you're looking for, use the search bar within the Support Center that says "search for articles and discussions" to see if there may be an article or research guide on your topic.