

Ancestry Genealogy Toolkit

At Ancestry, we know that researching and crafting your family story requires tools and we're committed to bringing you the best resources possible for free. Whether it's a research form, educational materials, or a community where you can ask questions and share your successes, we've got you covered.



Free Charts & Forms

- [Download charts and forms](#) (Ancestral chart, family group sheet, research calendar, research extract, source summary, and correspondence record)
- [Download blank census forms](#)

Geographical and Ethnic Helps

- [U.S. State Research Guides](#) (Free downloadable PDFs)
- [Ancestry Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources](#) (Online reference)
- [U.S. Enumeration District Maps and Descriptions, 1940](#) (Requires free registration)
- [African American Family Research on Ancestry](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- [Canadian Research on Ancestry](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- [Dutch Research Center](#) (Translation tools)
- [French Research Center](#) (Translation tools)
- [German Research Center](#) (Translation tools)
- [German Research on Ancestry](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- [Irish Research in the U.S. and Ireland](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- [Italian Research Center](#) (Translation tools)
- [Jewish Resources on Ancestry.com](#) (Jewish community locator & name variation tool)
- [Spanish-Language Records](#) (Translation tools)
- [Swedish Research Center](#) (Translation tools)
- [Swedish Research on Ancestry](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)
- [UK and Ireland Research on Ancestry](#) (Free downloadable PDF guide)

Education

- [The Ancestry Blog](#)
- [5-minute Finds](#) (Short videos)
- [Research Guides](#)
- [The Ancestry Wiki](#)
 - [The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy](#)
 - [Ancestry Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources](#)
- [Genealogy Glossary](#)
- [Slideshare](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Our Desktop Education Series on Livestream](#)
- [Fishwrap](#) (Newspapers.com blog)
- [Fold3 HQ](#) (Fold3.com blog)
- [RootsWeb Guide to Tracing Family Trees](#)



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Collaborate

- [Ancestry Support Community](#)
- [Message Boards](#)
- [RootsWeb](#)
- [RootsWeb Mailing Lists](#)
- [County Look-up](#)

Our Social Network

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Google+](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Pinterest](#)
- [YouTube](#)

Miscellaneous

- [Soundex Converter](#). Many databases allow you the option of Soundex searches so that you can grab more phonetically similar variations of the surnames you are researching. Use the Soundex converter to find out the Soundex codes for your family surname variations. That way if one of the variations you have found in your research has a different Soundex code, you'll know you need to search it separately.