



# CHAPMAN FAMILY RESEARCH CENTER

at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

## GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

The Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience's Southern Jewish Family Research Center is a hands-on resource for researchers, family historians, Museum Members, and visitors who are doing the important work of exploring and preserving Southern Jewish history. With an emphasis on the connections between Jewish families across the South, the Center brings a distinctly Southern flavor to "Jewish Geography."

We endeavor to connect family researchers with archives across the South that hold stories and resources about Jewish communities. The genealogy tools listed below are not an exhaustive list but are a good place to start. Please note that many of the paid sites offer a free trial.

\$ – Fee to use full site capability   🌳 – Family Tree Builder   🧬 – Links DNA Test  
📄 – Archival Documents available   ⬜ – Jewish

**Access Genealogy** - <https://accessgenealogy.com/> 📄

Access Genealogy is an archival database that contains birth/ death records, grave sites, church records, newspaper records, military records, and much more. This site offers several unique search engines that service a variety of different nationalities. The data in this database is also organized by state.

**Ancestry** - <https://www.ancestry.com/> \$ 🌳 🧬 📄

Since its founding in 1983, Ancestry has provided over 3 million people with information and resources regarding their genealogy. This site is a well- known and widely used resource for those eager to dive into their family's history. It offers beginner friendly access to over 27 billion historical archives, global collections, family trees, and DNA testing resources.

**Blood & Frogs: Jewish Genealogy and More - Compendium of Jewish Genealogy** -

<https://bloodandfrogs.com/compendium> ⬜ 📄

An online collection of concise but detailed information about a Jewish Genealogy. The compendium provides links of online resources for all countries in the world. Some countries have been divided into subregions when necessary. For Country and Province topics there are currently 9 potential sections of resources: History, Genealogy, Cemeteries, Holocaust, Diaspora, Contemporary, Military, Newspapers and Books.

**Family Search** - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/> 🌳 🧬 📄

Founded as a branch of the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1984, Family search is a free genealogy resource that serves a helpful guide in discovering family history. The archives include birth/ death records, marriage certificates, family trees, and records from the US census. Family also provides its users with research guidance tools from certified genealogists.

**Find a Grave** - <https://www.findagrave.com/> 

Find a Grave is a collaborative collection of burials, with over 238 million records in nearly 600,000 cemeteries across the world. The collection is freely searchable by name, date, and/or cemetery location—or even by the name of a relative.

**Find My Past** - <http://www.findmypast.com/> 

Find My Past is a European based genealogy resource that provides users with several census records, newspaper articles, and family trees that help to piece together the mystery of genealogy.

**Genes Reunited** - [Genes Reunited](https://www.genesreunited.co.uk/) 

This site originated in the UK, however services people from across the globe. It allows its users access to various genealogical data including birth, death, wedding, and military records; a family tree building feature is also acceptable. Genes reunited also allows its users to connect with other users to aid in their searches.

**JewishGen** - <https://www.jewishgen.org/> 

Founded in 1987, Jewish Gen is a site that continues to uphold Jewish legacy by offering its users free access to its genealogical databases which contain records specific to those of Jewish heritage. This site includes detailed search engines, and specialized collections all of which are consistently updated to better service its users. JewishGen is free to use, but there is a \$100/year fee to access all searchable features.

**My Heritage** - <https://www.myheritage.com/> 

This site offers users the opportunity to trace genealogy through various sources such as: census records, birth, marriage, death records, and traditional DNA test. This resource also offers users access to personalized genealogical collections based on various categories such as Jewish Heritage, and natives of places such as Maryland, Ireland, and Sweden.

**One Great Family** - <http://www.onegreatfamily.com/> 

One Great Family is a beginner-friendly genealogy website that offers users all the traditional archives (birth/ death records, census, and hundreds of news articles). This site also offers tutorial videos and other resources to aid its users in their search for history.

**RootsWeb** - <http://home.rootsweb.com/> 

Rootsweb is an archival database associated with the popular genealogy site Ancestry. Roots offers a user-friendly approach to genealogy for those who are already familiar with their family history; the site offers access to archives filled with census records, birth/death records, and newspaper articles from around the globe.

**US Gen Web** - <https://www.usgenweb.org/> 

The US Gen website offers its users access to several genealogy tools that include birth, death, church records and many more. This site offers an organized approach to data collection and offers its users records broken down by both state and county/parish.