



# Using the Internet for Genealogy Research

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# Agenda

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- ❖ Why use the Internet
- ❖ What search engine to use
- ❖ What to search for
- ❖ Documentation and sources



# Why Use the Internet

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## ❖ Advantages

- Wealth of data on the Internet
- Representation from the world
- Available from your computer

## ❖ Disadvantages

- Information is not always correct or no source listed
- Websites and contact information no longer available



# What Search Engine to Use

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## ❖ Main Search Engines

- Google, Yahoo
- Others to consider
  - Netscape, AOL, Microsoft Live, AltaVista, Lycos

## ❖ Examples:

- [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
- [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)
- [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)
- <http://www.dogpile.com/>



# What To Search For

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- ❖ Surnames
- ❖ Villages & Maps
- ❖ Census records
- ❖ Birth, death, marriage records
- ❖ Ship records
- ❖ Cemetery records
- ❖ War records
- ❖ Land, naturalization, obituaries, etc.



# Surnames

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## ❖ Current relatives

- whitepages.com
- 411.com
- reunion.com

## ❖ Family tree information

- <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/trees/publictrees.aspx>
- <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>



# Villages & Maps

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- ❖ Use search engines
- ❖ <http://www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSeeker/LocTown.asp>



# Census Records

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- 1930 census is now available
- <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/>
- [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp?PAGE=census/search\\_census.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_census.asp) (limited to 1880)
- ancestry.com (subscription based)



# Birth, Death & Marriage Records

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- ❖ <http://www.vitalrec.com/birthcertificates/>
- ❖ <http://www.vitalrec.com/deathrecords/>
- ❖ <http://www.vitalrec.com/marriagelicenses/>
- ❖ <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>
- ❖ [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (subscription based)



# Ship Records – U.S.

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- ❖ <http://immigrantships.net/>
- ❖ <http://www.ellisland.org/>
  - <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellisgold.html>
- ❖ <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration/passenger-arrival.html#where>
- ❖ <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
- ❖ <http://www.ancestry.com/> (subscription based)
- ❖ <http://home.att.net/~weemonster/onlinelists.html>



# Ship Records – Canada

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- ❖ [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020118\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020118_e.html)
- ❖ <http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/>
- ❖ <http://ao.minisisinc.com/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/HAWKE?DIRECTSEARCH>



## Ship Records – Germany

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- ❖ <http://content.ancestry.com/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=1068&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0> (subscription based)
- ❖ [http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/hamburg/index.html?](http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/hamburg/index.html)
- ❖ <http://www.angelfire.com/ks/gerrus/>



# Cemetery Records

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- ❖ <http://www.interment.net/>
- ❖ <http://www.findagrave.com/>



# War Records

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- ❖ <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>
- ❖ <http://www.ancestry.com/>  
(subscription based)



## Other Items to Search For

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- ❖ Naturalization Papers
- ❖ Land Records
- ❖ Obituaries
- ❖ Newspapers
- ❖ Mailing Lists



# Documentation and Sources

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- ❖ Document your sources
- ❖ URLs disappear
- ❖ Not everything you read on the Internet is accurate
- ❖ Order original records



# Questions ?

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