

Getting the Most Out of USGenWeb.com

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<http://www.xmission.com/~gruf/classes/usgenweb.htm>

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The USGenWeb Project is manned by volunteers to provide genealogical data for every state and county in the United States. It also has a number of ongoing projects that cross geographical boundaries. These include extraction projects like census images, tombstone inscription, marriage bonds, wills, other public records and special projects. They contain a wealth of information which is constantly expanding. Each area must be searched independently. Knowing where to go is the key to getting the most out of the data that is currently available. There are great treasures hidden in these pages.

An Overview

It all started with KentuckyGenWeb

Many, if not most, pages are housed at RootsWeb.com

The State and County pages

50 States + 2, More than 3,000 counties

State pages

Include Special Projects, unknown county queries, state histories, maps, special projects, etc

Minimum Content for County Sites

Links to state pages

Queries

Links to USGenWeb Project archives

Additional Content at many County Sites

Free Lookups

Private Extraction Databases

Information for visitors and travelers

USGenWeb Project Archives

Census Images, Church , Marriages, Maps, Newsletter, Obits, Pensions, Wills, Special Collections

Use the National or the State search engine

Census Projects (2)

www.us-census.org/ (1st check inventory, then search)

www.rootsweb.com/~census/ (1st check completed transcriptions, then search individual pages)

(or go to census index, then state and year to see if images are available)

USGenWeb Tombstone Project

Go to the Registry to see which cemeteries are there by state and county.

Some have images of headstones.

Helps for Researchers and Volunteers

Includes tutorials for genealogical research

Reading handwriting

Miscellaneous

Volunteers are needed

WorldGenWeb is a spin off