



## 50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2009

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1. [Ancestry.com](#) \$ - Ancestry.com is the leading genealogical data site, with some articles, instruction, and reference help. (1)
2. [Genealogy.com](#) \$ - This is a major data site, with instruction and reference help and a popular forum for seeking and exchanging data. (4)
3. [MyHeritage.com](#) - MyHeritage focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (3)
4. [RootsWeb.com](#) - Rootsweb is a major data site, with free instruction and reference help. (2)
5. [MyFamily.com](#) - Hosts family websites for sharing photos, genealogy, and more. (5)
6. [FamilySearch.org](#) - This major data website, sponsored by the LDS Church, includes the International Genealogical Index, other data collections, instruction and reference help. (5)
7. [FindAGrave.com](#) - The largest database of cemetery inscriptions and photos. (7)
8. [Geni.com](#) - Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (18)
9. [Footnote.com](#) \$ - In conjunction with the U.S. National Archives, Footnote offers data, original records images, and more. (8)
10. [AncestorHunt.com](#) - Genealogy links with state and topic specific search engines. (12)
11. [OneGreatFamily.com](#) \$ - A family tree sharing and collaboration website; uses computer programming to suggest additions to your tree. (9)
12. [GenealogyToday.com](#) - Genealogy Today includes instruction, reference articles, and some unique data collections. (11)
13. [WorldVitalRecords.com](#) \$ - Inexpensive access to over a billion names in thousands of databases. (10)
14. [AccessGenealogy.com](#) - Includes references to helpful articles, especially for Native American information, and some data. (13)
15. [USGennet.org](#) - Historical and genealogical web hosting service. (17)
16. [Interment.net](#) - Transcribed and indexed cemetery inscriptions. (16)
17. [CyndisList.com](#) - A huge website dedicated to cataloguing genealogy website links. (15)
18. [GeneBase.com](#) - A DNA ancestry cataloguing project. (24)
19. [SearchForAncestors.com](#) - Interactive directory of free genealogy websites and data. (21)
20. [EllisIsland.org](#) - New York passenger lists that is free to search. Actual passenger list images can be printed or purchased. (14)
21. [FamilyTreeMaker.com](#) - Homepage for Ancestry.com's genealogical software. (20)
22. [KindredConnections.com](#) \$ - Grassroots created data site with compiled family Trees, and some extracted records. (19)

23. [DistantCousin.com](http://DistantCousin.com) - An online archive of genealogy records and images of historical documents. (22)
24. [Linkpendium.com](http://Linkpendium.com) - Millions of genealogy links categorized by state/county and surname. (35)
25. [DeathIndexes.com](http://DeathIndexes.com) - Lists of links to United States death records, by state. (31)
26. [FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://FamilyTreeDNA.com) - DNA testing service focused upon family history test types. (27)
27. [CousinConnect.com](http://CousinConnect.com) - A large free queries website. (23)
28. [TribalPages.com](http://TribalPages.com) - Family trees hosting and charting program. (25)
29. [CensusFinder.com](http://CensusFinder.com) - Links to free census records. (40)
30. [USGenWeb.com](http://USGenWeb.com) - Volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. (49)
31. [GenealogyBank.com](http://GenealogyBank.com) \$ - Database with indexed newspapers and early books. (41)
32. [JewishGen.org](http://JewishGen.org) - Jewish, reference, instruction, coordination, and databases. (28)
33. [PoliticalGraveyard.com](http://PoliticalGraveyard.com) - Comprehensive source of U.S. political biography that tells where many dead politicians are buried. (34)
34. [Genuki.org.uk](http://Genuki.org.uk) - Large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. (32)
35. \*[GenealogyTrails.com](http://GenealogyTrails.com) - Three year old site with free data contributed by volunteers. (Not ranked)
36. [GenCircles.com](http://GenCircles.com) - Upload and share family trees. (30)
37. \*[GenoPro.com](http://GenoPro.com) - Genealogy software that produces genograms. (53)
38. [Census-Online.com](http://Census-Online.com) - Links to censuses and census abstracts. (46)
39. [HeritageQuestOnline.com](http://HeritageQuestOnline.com) \$ - Census, PERSI (the periodical index), books and more. (39)
40. [US-Census.org](http://US-Census.org) - Census abstracts from the U.S. GenWeb Census Project. (37)
41. [Daddezio.com](http://Daddezio.com) - Focused upon Italian research, with instruction, information and more. (33)
42. [Geneanet.org](http://Geneanet.org) - A collection of family trees, community, and submitted records. (36)
43. [GenWed.com](http://GenWed.com) - Online marriage records, where to order, some indexes, and more. (42)
44. [ObitCentral.com](http://ObitCentral.com) - Obituary database for finding obituaries and making cemetery searches. (29)
45. \*[ObitLinksPage.com](http://ObitLinksPage.com) - State-by-state directory of obituaries & obituary resources. (Not Ranked)
46. [FindMyPast.com](http://FindMyPast.com) \$ - Indexes to British records of many types. (50)
47. \*[FamilyHistory101.com](http://FamilyHistory101.com) - Less than two years old and full of instruction and guidance for genealogists. (107)
48. [AncientFaces.com](http://AncientFaces.com) - Share genealogy research, community pages, family photos & records more for free. (38)
49. \*[DAR.org](http://DAR.org) - Site of the largest lineage society; includes their library catalog and 32 million name index. (67)
50. [GenealogyLinks.net](http://GenealogyLinks.net) - Links to free sites, arranged by state and county. (43)