

Genealogy Rocks!

Free Genealogy Websites

You don't have to spend a lot of money doing online genealogy research. There are many free websites available in the United States and other countries.



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The Family History Library (www.familysearch.org & www.pilot.familysearch.org) includes many indexes, pedigree files, and the Family History Library catalog. U.S. records include state and federal census records. You can search the library catalog, note the microfilm number of the record, and order it from the local Family History Center. There is a cost to rent each microfilm. Visit the Fort Collins center is at 600 E. Swallow Rd, 226-5999, and the Loveland center at 3800 Mountain Lion Rd, 669-6498.

Two other popular websites (Usgenweb.org & worldgenweb.org) offer links to individual states and other countries. You can find record indexes, historical information, research tips and usually

query posting areas. Over 43 million grave records are available at www.findagrave.com, where you can also browse by cemetery. Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com) has more than 275,000 links to genealogy websites with over 180 categories. Rootsweb (www.Rootsweb.com) is a collection of data shared by millions of genealogists sharing their records and research. This includes a large family tree database.

A website staffed by volunteers is Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (www.raogk.org). People offer their services both in the United States and worldwide to do record look-ups, tombstone photos, etc. Each volunteer lists what services he/she offers with nominal costs for postage, copy costs, etc. It is organized by state and county, and user friendly.

Our next society meeting is on November 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fort Collins' Harmony Library. Estes Park Society has their next meeting on November 11 at 4 pm in the Estes Valley Library.

❖ Visit www.lcgsco.org for more information. Kathy Patrick is the Publicity Chair for Larimer County Genealogical Society.