

## Genealogy Rocks!

### After You Find That Place

Two essential facts are required to start your research. Simple as it may sound they are first a name, and second, a place. Sometimes finding the place your ancestors lived is a time consuming challenge. Once that is known head for [www.USGenWeb.org](http://www.USGenWeb.org). It is the best website for local information about that place.



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Each state in the United States has a link on USGenWeb. Almost every county in every state has a link on USGenWeb. If you are lucky, your ancestors lived in a place that is now interested in genealogy. You may find all sorts of local records contributed by local genealogists. These are many times records you will not find on any other website. You may find maps of the area which helps you locate where your ancestor lived. You

may find photos of local buildings and other geographical points of interest. Two of the best features are the “search this site” window and the “lookups and volunteers” section. Not all county webpages have these two features, but when they do it can be a real help to you in your research. Until you go to a state or county webpage, you will never know what genealogical gems may live there. And best of all it is FREE.

USGenWeb is strictly about places in the United States but there is a sister site called WorldGenWeb.org, which provides similar information for many countries in the world.

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