

ROOTSWEB

www.rootsweb.com

Rootsweb is sponsored by Ancestry.com. It is the oldest and largest free online community dedicated to family history. It is here that you will find millions of members communicating through message boards and mailing lists. Volunteers have posted millions of records from around the world.

The website is divided in five main categories: Searches; Family Trees; Mailing Lists; and Message Boards. There is also a Help category.

HELP

The Help area provides a good overview about how to use the site, register, subscribe to mailing lists, post to message boards, and download and upload family trees.

SEARCHES

1. Search for an individual.
2. World Connect – A collection of family trees submitted from members around the world. Keep in mind that there may be errors in the trees posted.
3. User Contributed Databases of both United States and International records.

MAILING LISTS

1. Mailing List Archives – Search “Advanced Search” for a name, place, or event. Read the “Search Tips” to obtain the best results.
2. Find a Mailing List – Use the “Browse” tab to view what lists are available, and use the “Keyword” option to find a broad range of possible lists of interest.
3. Mailing Lists are divided among four categories: Surnames; United States; International, and Other.
4. Subscribe to a Mailing List in the Digest or “D” mode to limit email of posts to approximately once a day.
5. Post a message about your family on a surname or locality list.

MESSAGE BOARDS

1. The largest online genealogy community with over 161,000 Boards and 17 million posts.
2. Search for an individual by placing quotes around the name such as “John Jones”.
3. Choose a Board and post a message about your family.
4. Explore what is available in both Localities Categories and Topics.

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