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**101 BEST
WEBSITES**

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Site-Seeing

This summer, hit the road—virtually, that is—with our annual list of the 101 Best Genealogy Websites.

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Trove *

<trove.nla.gov.au>

This collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of partner organizations brings Aussie family history to life with digitized newspapers, maps, photos, books, diaries and letters.

SCANDINAVIAN CRUISE: Scandinavian Genealogy Websites

ArkivDigital \$

<www.arkivdigital.net>

With some 88 million color scans, this subscription site (about 219 USD per year) offers every important kind of Swedish genealogy record, as well as a growing collection of searchable indexes.

Danish Demographic Database

<ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm>

Search censuses from 1787 and probate indexes for four counties, then follow the link to the invaluable Copenhagen Police Emigrant Protocols. (For the latter, select English from the language drop-down.)

Digitalarkivet

<www.digitalarkivet.no/en>

This site from the National Archives of Norway is adding digitized records at a rapid clip, and now

includes parish records, censuses, emigration lists, and land and probate papers. A global person search and “find source” options make it easy to research in records both indexed and otherwise.

EUROPEAN PLAN: European Genealogy Websites

Archion * \$

<www.archion.de/en>

The result of a state-of-the-art digitization project by Germany’s major Protestant denomination group, Archion makes millions of pages of church registers available to browse (with searching planned). Subscriptions start at about 23 USD per month.

Genealogy Indexer

<www.genealogyindexer.org>

Don’t be put off by the plain exterior of this search engine for central and east European records. Inside you’ll find 1.8 million pages in 3,240 historical directories; 159,000 pages of memorials of Jewish communities; 46,000 pages of community and personal histories; and more.

Geneanet

<en.geneanet.org>

Cherchez your French families with digitized records, genealogical

society indexes and in-depth guides to other resources (mostly available in English). A premium membership runs about 50 USD annually, but you can do *beaucoup* here for free.

Geneteka

<www.geneteka.genealodzy.pl>

Search more than 37 million records in this volunteer-created site from the Polish Genealogical Society, organized by province.

Genteam

<www.genteam.at>

Free registration unlocks more than 21 million user-submitted entries about ancestors in Austria and neighboring regions.

Hungaricana

<www.hungaricana.hu/en>

This handsome Hungarian Cultural Heritage Portal serves up more than 4 million pages of digitized publications, 100,000 old maps, 300,000 census pages, and a “Budapest Time Machine.”

JewishGen

<www.jewishgen.org>

Though not exclusive to European records, this site affiliated with the Museum of Jewish Heritage includes databases of East European towns, Jewish surnames, Holocaust victims, and families.

Matricula *

<data.matricula-online.eu>

Explore scanned parish

registers—mostly records of birth, marriage and death—from Austria, Germany, Poland, Serbia and Slovenia.

Il Portale Antenati *

<www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it>

The best site for Italian research, Il Portale Antenati (“The Ancestors Portal”) features more than 100 million images and 1.3 million registries from 65 Italian archives. Learn more about the site and Italian research online on page 42.

Routes to Roots Foundation

<www.rtrfoundation.org>

Search archives, photos and postcards by town, or search by surnames in indexes to surviving Jewish and civil documents in the archives of Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Lithuania and Moldova.

Wie Was Wie

<www.wiewaswie.nl/en>

Now boasting more than 230 million Dutch records, this site searches civil registrations, population records, church books and more. ●

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