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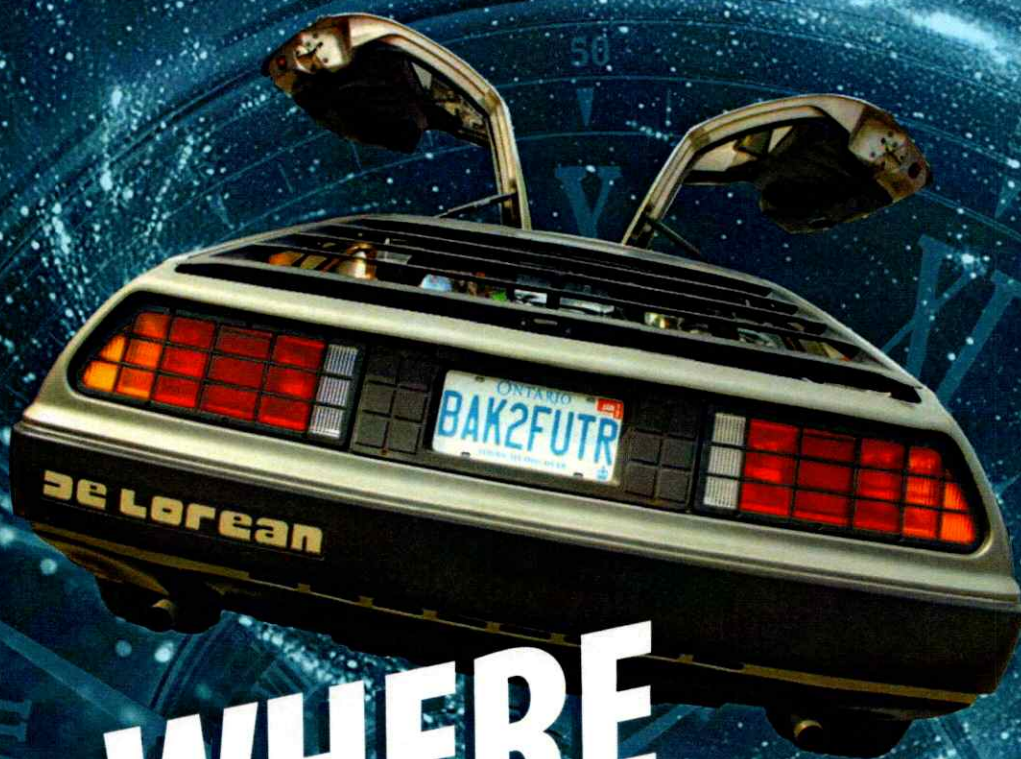
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WHERE WE'RE GOING...



*Roads? We don't need roads!
Head "back to the future" of
genealogy with our annual list
of the 101 Best Websites.*

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ScotlandsPeople \$

<www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

The 1921 census is the latest addition to this National Records of Scotland site, which includes other enumerations, church records, wills and valuation rolls for pay-per-view research (starting at 30 credits for about \$9.50 US). You can search and see some emigration records and the 1881 census for free.

Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland

<www.virtualltreasury.ie>

The Treasury re-imagines and digitally reconstructs the Public Record Office of Ireland, destroyed in 1922 in the opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. You can search across manuscript and text records of 50 million-plus words, and even virtually “walk” through the old, multi-story archives building and retrieve records from their original locations.

EUROPEAN GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Archion \$

<www.archion.de/en>

Simply enter a place name to start browsing for your German Protestant ancestors in more than 150,000 digitized church books. Stumped? Get help in English-friendly forums. One-month access costs about \$21 USD.

ArkivDigital \$

<www.arkivdigital.net>

Find your Swedish ancestors in the most-complete collection of Swedish church books, military records and more—over 97 million full-color scans—at this subscription site (about \$37 per month). A growing collection of searchable indexes makes it easier than ever to get results.

Danish Demographic Database

<ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm>

With multiple ways to search Danish censuses from 1769 to 1930, plus some probate indexes and a link to 367,000 emigration records, this is the place to start finding your Danes.

Digitalarkivet

<www.digitalarkivet.no/en>

Search for a person or a source at this exhaustive site from the National Archives of Norway.

Church records and censuses are just the beginning, as the site boasts a new image search.

Filae

<en.filae.com>

Owned by MyHeritage, Filae similarly combines tree-building with French records research, covering more than a billion civil registrations, censuses, early church records and more. Premium access to all record types runs a little over \$15 per month. See our tutorial in the January/February 2024 issue <www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzLP_rSZual>.

GEDBAS *

<gedbas.genealogy.net>

Launched by Germany's Association for Computer Genealogy, this project aims to connect genealogists researching the same German families. You can upload your tree (free registration required) and search trees and submitters for free.

Genealogy Indexer

<www.genealogyindexer.org>

Find your Central and East European families in this unassuming but rich collection of more than 2 million pages from 3,500 historical directories. You'll also find tens of thousands of records from Yizkor books, military lists, community and personal histories and school resources.

Geneanet

<en.geneanet.org>

Owned by Ancestry.com, this French site relies heavily on user-submitted trees, but also serves up genealogical society indexes and resource guides. Premium members (from \$4.16 per month) get advanced search tools and access to Genealogy Library records of books and newspapers.

Geneteka

<www.geneteka.genealodzy.pl>

If you know your ancestors' Polish province, one click starts your search of more than 53 million names in registers from 4,800 parishes.

GenTeam

<www.genteam.at/index.php?lang=en>

Professional genealogy researcher Felix Gun-

dacker has built this free site offering more than 19.3 million documents. The emphasis is on Austria, along with Germany and Slovakia, plus indexes of church records, a gazetteer, obituaries and more.

Hungaricana

<hungaricana.hu/en>

This handsome "cultural heritage portal" for all things Hungarian offers more than 19 million pages of digitized publications, including 77,000 old maps.

JewishGen

<www.jewishgen.org>

Essential for Jewish researchers in Eastern Europe and beyond, this site includes collections of East European towns, Jewish surnames, Holocaust victims, and families, plus the Family Tree of the Jewish People. New this year are troves of records preserved from war-torn Ukraine.

Portale Antenati

<antenati.cultura.gov.it/?lang=en>

Start your Italian ancestor hunt here. Literally "The Ancestors Portal," this site collects more than 139 million images and 1.7 million registries from 85 Italian archives.

Riksarkivet *

<sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen>

Though not quite as easy to navigate as ArkivDigital, this site from the Swedish national archives has the advantage of being free, with more than 75 million digitized records and counting.

Routes to Roots Foundation

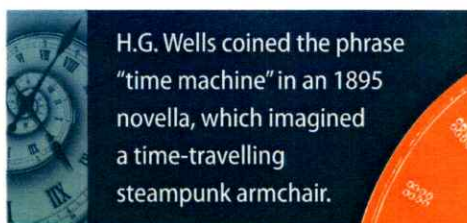
<www.rtrfoundation.org>

Search by town or surname to explore Jewish and civil records in Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland and Ukraine.

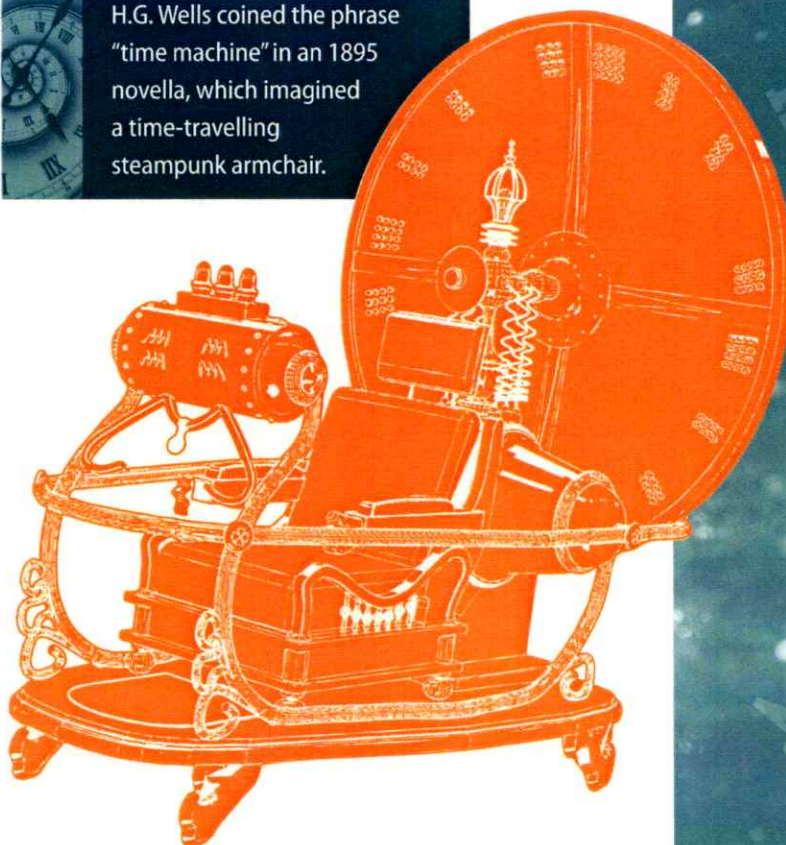
Wie Was Wie

<www.wiewaswie.nl/en>

In addition to Dutch civil registrations, this Netherlands resource now also features population records, church books and other sources— more than 230 million individuals' records in all.



H.G. Wells coined the phrase "time machine" in an 1895 novella, which imagined a time-travelling steampunk armchair.



GENEALOGY WEBSITES FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

CoraWeb

<www.coraweb.com.au>

Cora Num has been collecting genealogy links since 1997, with a focus on Australia but a sweep that also takes in New Zealand, India and Sri Lanka.

Filipino Genealogy Project

<www.filipinogenealogy.com>

Surname searches and genealogies of prominent Philippines families add to getting-started basics to make this blog a must-bookmark.

Trove

<trove.nla.gov.au>

Explore digitized newspapers, maps, photos, books, diaries and letters at this collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of partner organizations that's not afraid to have a little fun.