

About The USGenWeb® Project

The goal of *The USGenWeb Project* is to create and curate **freely accessible** genealogical and historical collections and resources. No registration is required.

The USGenWeb Project is made up entirely of volunteers that work together to maintain a network of websites for every County and State of the United States.

Researchers may find valuable collections at any level within our network of State, County, and Special Projects websites.

Visit USGenWeb.org for official links to State and Special Projects websites. The site also includes a library of reference guides for topics like Diseases, Epidemics, Legal Terms, and Occupations.

Visit State websites for official links to Counties and State curated collections. Collections may include State Histories, Civil War records, lost photos, family Bibles, boundary maps, and more.

Visit County websites for county-specific, township, and town records, histories, cemeteries, obituaries, transcriptions, and other collections and resources.



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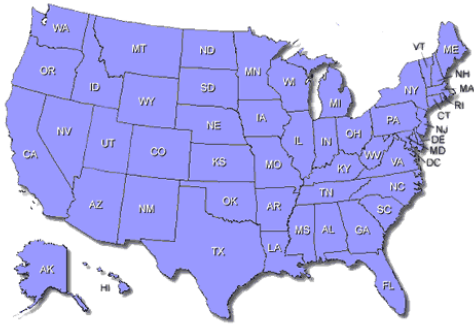
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History of the USGenWeb® Project

In the spring of 1996, a volunteer group of genealogists, led by Jeff Murphy, organized the Kentucky Comprehensive Genealogy Database Project. Their idea was to provide a single point of entry for free genealogy resources for all counties in Kentucky. Their idea became *The KYGenWeb Project*.



By June 1996, *The KYGenWeb Project* was nearing 100% county coverage. This led more volunteers to create similar directories of county pages for all the States.

In July of 1996, most States were online with volunteers to coordinate County websites. Finally, *The USGenWeb Project* was established to unite the State, County, and Special Projects under one common goal: Keep Genealogy Free.

Twenty-five years later, we remain a premiere resource for free genealogy.

Volunteer Contributions

For over twenty-five years, thousands of volunteers have contributed to our State, County, Archives, and Special Projects.

Contributions to the Project include personal genealogies, County records, obituaries, marriages, yearbooks, family Bibles, military records, cemetery indexes, photographs, ghost towns, lost locations, and more.



How Can You Volunteer?

- ✓ Adopt a County website
- ✓ Become a File Manager
- ✓ Donate a biography of an ancestor
- ✓ Transcribe local newspaper items
- ✓ Photo-index grave markers
- ✓ Transcribe deeds, wills, probates
- ✓ And many other opportunities!

State Projects

- State History
- State Maps
- County Research
- County Formation History
- Town History
- Indigenous History
- State-wide Resources

Special Projects

- Archives Project
- Genealogical Events Project
- Census Project
- GRIOTS Project
- Tombstone Project

Special Sub-projects

- Digital Map Collection
- Pension Project
- Census Images
- Marriage Records
- Obituary Project

Special Collections

- Penny Postcards
- Journals and Letters
- Military Data
- Photo Collections