

# Using websites for family history

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# Start with personal genealogy database software

- PC or Mac or whatever
- Read 9/ 2014 *PastFinder*
- Try them out first – free trials
- Read reviews online
- Talk to experienced users
- Ancestral Quest, Legacy, RootsMagic free at Family History Centers
- Personal Ancestral File still works

# Build a framework

- In your database software OR on paper/ pencil
- Census: Fill out Census Analysis Worksheet  
download: [svcgg.org/ documents/ census\\_analysis\\_forms.pdf](http://svcgg.org/documents/census_analysis_forms.pdf)

# Fill in worksheets with multipurpose sites you know



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Fan Chart



Photos



Family Tree



Search



Indexing



Family Booklet

## Search

Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Restrict to exact, similar ▾

Last Name

Restrict to exact, similar ▾

Any Event ▾

Year

+/-

Location



Exact

Use default settings ▾

+ Add life events (*birth, marriage, death, and more*)

Family Member

First Name

Last Name



+ Add family members (*mother, father, spouse, siblings, children*)

Keyword

Exact

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Gender

Race/Nationality

Exact

Collection Priority

Show only records from these collections

- Historical records
- Family trees
- Stories & publications
- Photos & maps

Search

[Hide Advanced](#)

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Recently viewed collections

[+ See More](#)

- 1940 United States Federal Census
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
- Historical Newspapers, Birth, Marriage, & Death Announcements, 1851-2003

Special Collections

[+ Card Catalog](#)

Historical Records

- Birth, Marriage & Death**
- Birth, Baptism & Christening
  - Marriage & Divorce
  - Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries

- Census & Voter Lists**
- U.S. Federal Census Collection
  - UK Census Collection
  - Canadian Census Collection
  - More...

- Immigration & Travel**
- Passenger Lists
  - Citizenship & Naturalization Records
  - Border Crossings & Passports
  - More...

- Military**
- Draft, Enlistment and Service
  - Casualties
  - Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists
  - More...

- Schools, Directories & Church Histories**
- City & Area Directories
  - Professional & Organizational Directories

# Search documents from the time

The screenshot shows the Newspaper Archive website interface. At the top, the logo for 'NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE' is displayed with the tagline 'World's Largest Collection'. To the right, there is contact information: 'Questions? Call (888) 845-2887' and 'Hablamos Español'. Below this, there are links for 'Shopping Cart / Help', 'Logout', and 'My Account'. A personalized greeting 'Welcome back, Richard' is visible. A navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'Browse by Location', 'Browse by Date', 'Browse by Publications', 'Browse other Countries', 'Advanced Search', and 'Store'. The main search results area shows '2 Results for: John warren Brigham from 1914 - 2014'. A filter for 'Between Years: 1914 - null' is present, along with buttons for 'New Search', 'Refine your Search', and 'Save Search'. The results are sorted by 'Relevancy'. The first result is from the 'Ogden Standard Examiner' on Sunday, February 25, 1940, in Ogden, Utah. The article text discusses a conservation unit and mentions 'JOHN W. BRIGHAM Signed state document MOSCOW Idaho, Feb. John Warren Brigham, 83, last living founder of the University of Idaho and pioneer Idaho state senator, died today a'. A metadata table below the article lists: City: Ogden, State: Utah, Country: USA, Date: Sun, Feb 25, 1940, Year: 1940, and Decade: 1940's. On the right side, there are sections for 'Refine your Results' with filters for 'Narrow Locations' (United States Of America (2)) and 'Narrow Dates', and a 'My Recent Searches' section listing 'John warren Brigham' with a 'Between Years: 1914 - 1918' filter.

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**2 Results for: John warren Brigham from 1914 - 2014**

Between Years: 1914 - null ✕

New Search   Refine your Search   Save Search

Showing 1-2   Sorted by: Relevancy   Newest First   Oldest First

**Ogden Standard Examiner**  
Sunday, February 25, 1940. Ogden, Utah.

CONSERVATION UNIT ADDSWATERSUPPLIES WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) Grassy lake reservoir in north- western Wyoming, the reclamation JOHN W. BRIGHAM Signed state document MOSCOW Idaho, Feb. **John Warren Brigham**, 83, last living founder of the University of Idaho and pioneer Idaho state senator, died today a

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**Refine your Results**

Narrow Locations   Refine Search

United States Of America (2)

Narrow Dates   Refine Search

Between Years: 1914 - null ✕

**My Recent Searches**

**John warren Brigham** ✕  
Between Years: 1914 - 1918

**John warren Brigham** ✕



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Search Pages

Advanced Search

All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922

US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present

All states

+ from

1836

to

1922

+ enter one or more search words

GO

Pages Available: 8,148,101

Print Subscribe Share/Save Give Feedback

Results 1 - 20 of 230

1 2 3 ... 10 11 12

Jump to page:

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View: Gallery List

230 results containing "warren metcalf"

Show only front pages

Sort by: Relevance

Results per page: 20



Bisbee daily review. (Bisbee, Ariz.),  
March 17, 1921, Page Page Four,  
Image 4



Bisbee daily review. (Bisbee, Ariz.),  
September 12, 1917, Page THREE,  
Image 3



Semi-weekly interior journal.  
(Stanford, Ky.), April 01, 1884,  
Image 3



Semi-weekly interior journal.  
(Stanford, Ky.), July 25, 1884,  
Image 3



Semi-weekly interior journal.  
(Stanford, Ky.), May 02, 1884,  
Image 3



Little Falls herald. (Little Falls,  
Morrison County, Minn.), May 10,  
1918, Image 1



Daily Los Angeles Herald  
(microform). (Los Angeles [Calif.]),  
October 01, 1879, Image 3



The United opinion. (Bradford, Vt.),  
May 19, 1922, Page 3, Image 3



# List what you know

- Family stories
- Family records
- Preliminary findings
- History and culture

# Then search the web

- Cyndi'sList.com (specific affiliations?)
- GenWeb and other regional sites
- Historical/ genealogical society sites
- Global and targeted general web searches (Bing, Google)
- Search Google Books (books.google.com) for family names, family books; view the truncated book samples; find in libraries or buy if they look interesting
- Look in cemetery sites (FindaGrave.com, Interment.net, BillionGraves.com) (check out information)
- Look at online trees for **clues** (don't trust the information)

# And when you've done all of that...

- Try websites that are new to you
- Do global searches as well as targeted searches
- Historical/ genealogical society sites
- Try subscription sites at a Family History Center portal
  - Fold3.com and government sites
    - Pension files
    - Military service
    - Other wild and crazy unexpected documents
  - Bunches of others

# Websites on the FHC portal

- **19th Century British Library Newspapers digital**
- **NewspaperArchive.com**
- **Alexander Street Press, American Civil War**
- **Ancestry.com**
- **ArkivDigital (Sweden)**
- **Find My Past.com and .co.uk (includes 1911 British Census)**
- **Fold3.com**
- **HeritageQuestOnline.com**
- **Historic Map Works Library Edition**
- **Legacy Stories**
- **Origins.net**
- **Paper Trail (westward migration)**
- **World Vital Records**

# Then venture forth, if you want

- Numerous new genealogy websites every week – use free trials, but be cautious
- Try some established sites that you haven't checked
- Read reviews
  - Some blogger recommendations
  - *Family Tree Magazine*
  - *PastFinder* and other genealogy publications