

Yesteryears' Trails



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Defiance County Genealogy Chapter and Board Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Defiance Chapter OGS are held at St. John United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. The address is 950 Webster Street— on the northeastern corner of the Defiance College campus. Entry is on the north side of the church adjacent to the college gymnasium.

Chapter meetings are the 4th Monday of each month except May, August, and December or as noted.

Board meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. the third Thursdays of the month at the St. John UCC at 950 Webster Street.

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Heirlooms/Stories to Share

If you have family stories-- or photos of family heirlooms with their backgrounds-- please feel free to submit them for publication in the Yesteryears' Trails newsletter.

DCGS Meetings and Events to Resume in October 2021

In spite of the current increase in cases of COVID-19, the DCGS board has decided to resume chapter meetings beginning with the First Families reception on October 22 at 7:00 p.m. The board highly recommends the wearing of masks for gatherings.

The tentative November 22 chapter program will be to introduce the director of the Defiance Public Library, Cara Potter, and to learn of some of the coming programs and services available at the library. The chapter does not meet in December. After the DCGS board meeting in September, programs for the beginning of 2022 will be announced.

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**First Families of Defiance County
and Centennial Families**

Defiance County First Families

If you can prove your ancestor resided in Defiance County before January 1846, your ancestor can be classified as a "Pioneer." If he or she lived here between January 1846 and December 1860, that ancestor can be classified as a "Settler." To prove your lineage back to your ancestor, you may use birth records, death records, marriage licenses, census records, Bible records, and other primary or supportive secondary records.

The application fee is \$15.00 which covers as many ancestors as you can prove and also covers your membership pin. You must be a member of the Defiance County Chapter OGS. This membership may be paid at the same time as your application fee is paid. The cutoff date is August 1st of the year in which you apply. For more information and to download the application for First Families, please go to the Society's web site at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org or write to the chapter at PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 attention of Mary Scranton, chair.



Change of Address or Email ?

If you change your postal or email address, **please** make sure you email the chapter at <defiancegenealogy2002@yahoo.com> or send the changes to Defiance Chapter OGS, PO Box 7006, Defiance, OH 43512-7006 so that your current information is on file.

Become a Member of DCGS

Chapter dues are \$15.00 for an individual and \$18.00 per family.

An additional \$5.00 is required for mailing the four annual newsletters through the U. S. Post Office. Membership form is at the end of this newsletter or you may download a membership form at www.defiancecountygenealogy.org

Defiance County Centennial Families

To acknowledge families which have been in Defiance County for 100 years or more, our chapter has established a centennial recognition program. Just one item of proof showing that a family member was here in 1918 or before is needed to register a family. Upon registration, a certificate will be sent from the chapter. For more information, please contact the chapter via email or by postal mail-- attention of Carol Ehlinger.



Defiance County OGS Chapter News

Due to the COVID virus, the DCGS has held no chapter meetings since February 2020. At a July 2020 board meeting it was decided to provide free memberships for the 2021 year for those that were currently enrolled, since all of our programming and events would be cancelled for the remainder of the year. Dan Hasch made the motion; Pat Wise seconded the motion which carried.

In order to establish the budget for the coming year as per our Constitution on November 23, 2020, chapter treasurer Dan Hasch emailed a proposed budget for the Society for 2021 for approval of the Board. All board members were in agreement with the proposed budget.

Minutes of the DCGS of April 21, 2021

Present: Joanne Allison, Dianne Kline, Dawn Hasch, Dan Hasch, Mary Williams

After several months of not meeting due to COVID, the board met at 2:30 at St. John UCC in Defiance on Wednesday, April 21. Treasurer Dan Hasch reported that the balance of the DCGS was \$4,876.89 which is about the same balance as of a year ago.

Dawn Hasch reported a membership of 69. Dianne Kline noted that she had answered 3 queries and that the blog has reached over 200,000 since its inception.

Discussion was held on the chapter's publications. Dianne reported that the Richland Township Inscription Book had never been completed. Mary Williams questioned the possibility of selling only disks instead of hard copies once the inventory of current books has been depleted. She will check with Hilltop to see if the costs for publica-

tions are reasonable. This issue was raised due to the contract with Office Max in Defiance no longer in effect.

Another item of discussion related to the cemeteries in Defiance County. Who is responsible for each of the cemeteries? Can it be determined who exactly is buried in each grave site at each of the cemeteries? Who holds the records for each cemetery? How accurate are they?

A general consensus from the board was to meet in August to determine when to resume monthly meetings. Several ideas for programs were discussed. Dianne had been in contact with Renee Weaver of the Defiance Public Library who had contacted one company noting the cost to update the digitalization of the Crescents would be in the neighboring hood of \$40,000. Renee is contacting other companies.

Tentative plans are still for the October meeting to recognize First Family Inductees and to memorialize members who have passed away in 2020 and 2021.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 2020 financial records were audited and found to be in perfect order. Mary Williams and Dianne Kline signed to this effect.

Mary Williams - recording secretary

Minutes of the DCGS Board of August 19, 2021

Present: President Joanne Allison; Vice-President and Treasurer - Dan Hasch; Corresponding Secretary - Dianne Kline; Recording Secretary - Mary Williams; board members- Pat Wise, Rhonda Casler, and Dawn Hasch

President Allison opened the board meeting at 1:30 at the St. John UCC in Defiance with all board members present. The minutes from the April board meeting were reviewed, and Dan Hasch presented treasurer reports from the intervening months since April. Since April over \$500 has come in through the sale of our publica-

tions. The current balance as of the end of July was \$5,439.99.

Since April, Dianne Kline has answered several inquiries directly or has directed the inquiries to other resources. She has been informed that there is a complete history of the Ney Lumber Company available.

In spite of the increasing number of Delta COVID cases, the board has decided to resume monthly programs beginning in October. (Schedule of programming may be adjusted according to the guidelines of the Defiance County Health Department.)

We will resume collecting membership dues for the 2022 year. (\$15 individual and \$18 per family unit and \$5 for the mailing of the newsletter.) We had not collected dues for 2021 since there were no meetings; if members had paid for 2021, the amount will be put toward the coming year.

Bernie Heilshorn of the DAR has contacted us concerning a genealogy workshop. Generally the board was in agreement to join with the DAR to present a workshop. The St. John fellowship hall was offered as a workshop site as there would be room to distance. Mary will contact her for more information.

October 25 will be First Families recognition. Mary Scranton, chair of the First Families Committee, has noted that there will be 8 new members. In deference to COVID, no food will be served; there will be coffee, tea, and bottled water available. The board is highly recommending the wearing of masks at the reception due to the recent increase of COVID cases.

The tentative program for the November 22 chapter meeting is to introduce Cara Potter, the Director of the Defiance Public Library, and to discover some of the services are available. Programs for the beginning of the 2022 year will be decided at the September 16th board meeting; members will be apprised of coming programs after that meeting. There are no chapter meet-

ings in December.

Possible programs for 2022: Mary Scranton's research methodology for discovering the "correct" Allison ancestor; Family Food Heritage (after COVID is on the wane?); Mary Williams with accused witch Mary Estey, John Swearington of Fulton County Museum with a workshop on preserving family archives; Rhonda on local church records; Dianne and/or Dan on Newspapers.com; early lodges and clubs (Dan and others ?); Richard Rozevink - the Indian agent McGee; Forgotten Visitors from NW Ohio - Mary

Mary Williams - Recording Secretary



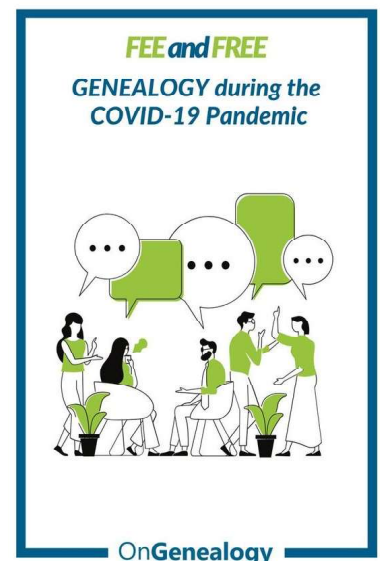
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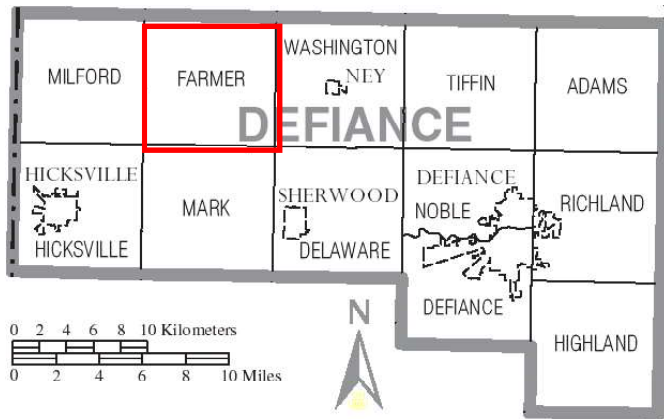
Alyson Mansfield
OnGenealogy

<https://www.pinterest.com/alysonmansfield/whats-new-in-genealogy/>

Pinterest is rather an unusual site for genealogy; however, it contains some great connections to many sites you may not have been aware of. The site contains over 170 "snippets" of resource which one can click on to go to the original resource.

Using Pinterest, you can find articles such as the one to the right by just clicking on the title box.





Farmer Township and Farmer Center

Much of our current knowledge of early Defiance County comes from the ***History of Defiance County Ohio [1883]. The entire book can now be found on-line through the "Open Book" located on the website Internet Archive.***

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL23666713M/History_of_Defiance_County_Ohio

Farmer Township was organized in 1836. At first it was named Lost Creek but later re-named Farmer in honor of Nathan Farmer who had come to the area as early as 1833. The Indian name of the creek running through the township was interpreted as Marsh Creek-- the name appropriate as branches of the creek were marshes.

The area was largely settled by people from St. Lawrence County, New York, and other New England states. Among other early settlers were John Hickman, Elisha Tharp, Elijah Lloyd, Colin Tharp, Orson V. Sawyer, James K. Eager, Oney Rice, John Rice, William Powell, Levinus Bronson, Edward Lacost, James W. Fisher, Isaac Wartenbe, Daniel Comstock, James Crain, Laura Hopkins, and William Wartenbe.

Farmer Center

The village of Farmer Center was platted into four lots from forty acres by John Norway. In 1883 the town had a population of 120 with one hotel, one wagon shop, two blacksmith shops, two groceries, two dry good stores. There was one brick school with 80 students.

In 1875 one cheese store opened with public stock (40 shares at \$50 each). A second cheese company was organized in 1873 in Williams Center operated by Giles Tomlinson.

Early Voters

The following is the list of voters from the fall of 1845 after the creation of Defiance County

Ira Brown, Jesse Haller, Joseph Bradley, Martin Johnson, Levi Nichols, Miller Arrowsmith, James W. Fisher, Adam Mortimer, C. C. Sawyer, Daniel Hilbert, A. C. Bigelow, Ira Freeman, William Mann, H. F. Teavitt, Spencer Hopkins, J. F. Mortimer, W. P. Franks, Jacob Conkey, Oney Rice, O. N. Foot, Henry Mavis, R. M. Kells, J. C. Rice, William Mann, Edward Lacost, Thomas A Sawyer, William Earliston James J. Lloyd, Philip Selders, Orin Ensign, Anthony Huber, Charles Samoin, Elijah Lloyd, William C. Callender, Levinus Branson, William O. Ensign, Joseph Oxenrider, Ebenezer Lloyd, Alexander Tharp, James K. Eager, Edward Eager, C. F. Manard, J. D. Slitor, Reyer Reynolds, Thomas Carey, John Chaney, Randall Soul, Elias Lent, Samuel W. Chapman, P C. Fisher, Stephen Sisco, Andrew Mavis, John H. Huston, John Marshall, T. E. Lloyd, James callender, Andrus Rice, Keelin Leonard, Reuben Sisco, Jared Halbert, John Heckman, J. C. Callender, Oney Rice, Z. H. Conkey, Stuart Wartenbee, S. R. Wartenbee, Isaac Earliston, S. A. Sanford, Nathan Farmer, Darius Allen, J. L. Tharp, John Denmer, O V. Sawyer, S. T. Dalrymple, McDaniel Campbell, Frederick Deetrich, Sanford Hulbert, R. C. Hyde, W. P. Franks, Anthony Huber, and Jared Haller. Judges; S. H. Sanford and Joseph Barney

As with the other townships in the *History of Defiance County 1883*, selected reminiscences of early settlers in Farmer Township can be found *beginning on Page 266b*

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ACPL's August Virtual Programs

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library continues its offerings of virtual programs throughout the month of August week.

August 3, 2021, 2:30 p.m. "New York State Censuses: You Won't Believe What's Hiding In There!" with Jeanette Sheliga: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5421040>

August 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m. "Testing Your Relatives' DNA: What You Can Learn" with Sara Allen: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5421917>

August 10, 2021, 2:30 p.m. "Tracing Your New York Ancestors with the NYG&B" with Josh Taylor: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5414470>

August 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. "Scanning and Beyond" with Kay Spears: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5421918>

August 17, 2021, 2:30 p.m. "Lifting the Curtain on East European Family History Research" with Joe Everett: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5414471>

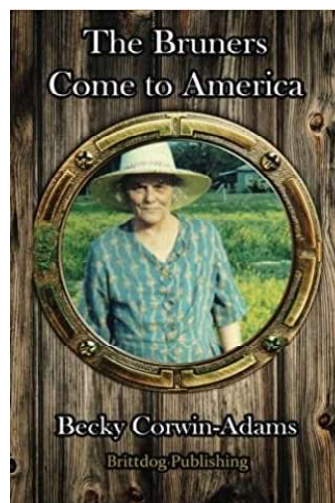
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August 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m. "I Seek Dead People: Using America's GenealogyBank to Find Obituaries and More!" with Allison DePrey Singleton: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5414481>

August 24, 2021, 2:30 p.m. "Victor Henry's Headstone" with April Earle: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5421039>

August 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m. "Beginning Your Family History Journey" with Elizabeth Hodges: <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/5421018>

You must register for these online classes.



The Bruners Come to America may be ordered from amazon.com. Paperback is \$6.73. Published in 2014 with 72 pages.

(As described from Amazon.com)

"The events and people mentioned in this book span 13 generations, covering nearly three centuries of family history. The story begins in 1495 when the Bruner family lived in Switzerland. It continues with the 1729 immigration of the Bruner family from Germany to America. Many generations of the Bruner family have been proud to call America their home.

This branch of the Bruner family settled in Maryland and later relocated to Ohio. The village of Brunersburg in Defiance County, Ohio was first settled by this family. Also included in this book are stories of the Kemp and Roehrig families as they relate to the Bruner family by marriage.

This book could be the story of any immigrant family of the same era. It includes the generations I personally knew, the family that I grew up with, and the stories that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Names and dates have been recorded as accurately as possible. The book includes more than 20 vintage photos of people and places mentioned in the story."

Collectibles Your Kids Don't Want

Next Avenue, Contributor

Your house, and what it contains, may be a minefield in the eyes of your grown children. They may see your collections as only a curse, things to dispose of. Generally, those of the younger generations want a more simple life-style. In spite of your love of your collections, your grown children will probably not want some of the following; however, do check with them-- you may be surprised at what they treasure.

1. Books

Unless your grown kids are professors, generally, they don't want your books.

Remedy: If you think a book is relatively rare, plug the title, author, year of publication, and publisher into a search engine. A favorite book site Biblio.com. Once you have background information, call a book antiquarian.

2. Paper Ephemera

Things like family snapshots, old greeting cards, and postcards are called paper ephemera. To true collectors, old photos are not worth anything unless they are linked with a celebrity or linked with an important historical event. Old greeting cards are not valuable unless handmade by a famous artist. Postcards are valued mainly for the stamps.

Remedy: Take all your family snapshots and have them made into digital files.

3. Porcelain Figurine Collections and Bradford Exchange "Cabinet" Plates

Collections of frogs, chickens, bells, shoes, flowers, bees, trolls, ladies in big gowns, pirates, monks, figures on steins, dogs, horses, pigs, cars, babies, Hummel's, and Precious Moments are not generally desired by your grown children, grandchildren or any other relation.

Even though they are filled with memories of those who gave them to you, they have no market value.

And they do not fit into the Zen-like tranquil aesthetic of a 20- or 30-something's home.

Remedy: Find a retirement home or another organization that does a gift exchange at Christmas and donate the figurines. If you want to hold on to a memory of your mom's collection, have a professional photographer set them up, light them well and make a framed photo for your wall. Collector's plates will not sell anywhere to anyone. Donate these to a retirement village as well or to anyone who will take them.

4. Silver-Plated Objects

Your grown children will not polish silver-plate. The exception may be silver-plated items from Cristofle, Tiffany, Cartier, Asprey, and other manufacturers of note.

Remedy: None. Give them away to any place or person who will take them.

5. Heavy, Dark, Antique Furniture

There is still a market for this sort of furniture in the fashionable areas of the U.S. however, in the second-hand shops, you'll receive less than a quarter of purchase price if you sell on consignment.

Remedy: Donate the furniture and take a non-cash charitable contribution using fair market valuation. Use reporting services such as P4A.com to find where this class of furniture sells.

6. Linens

Hand-embroidered pillowcases, guest towels, napkins, and table linens-- the next generation might not even own an iron or ironing board, and they definitely doesn't set that kind of table on a daily basis.

Remedy: Find those needlewomen or crafters who repurpose items for handmade Christening clothes, wedding dresses, and other items.

7. Silverware and Crystal

Unless the scrap value for silver is high enough for a

meltdown, matching sets of sterling flatware are hard to sell because they rarely go for “antique” value. Formal entertaining is not a priority these days. And of course, these items must be hand-washed and dried.

Remedy: Sites like Replacements.com offer matching services for folks who DO enjoy silver flatware and have recognized patterns. Because they sell per piece and therefore buy per piece, sellers get a rather good price. Sell your whole silver service; however, remember it will be “pieced out.”

8. Fine Porcelain Dinnerware

Your grown children may not want to store four sets of fancy porcelain dinnerware, and frankly, don’t see the glory in unpacking it once a year for a holiday or event. They don’t want porcelain tea sets or dessert, fish, or fruit services either. Ask yourself, when was the last time you witnessed your grown son using a saucer?

Remedy: Like silverware, china is something to consider for sale to a replacement matching service like Replacements.com. Know your pattern to get a quote from one. Because such replacement companies buy per piece, the aggregate of the selling price is always more than a bulk sale at a consignment store, which might be your only other option.



History Tidbits: A Quick Look at Germany **By Allison DePrey Singleton**

The following article is from the July issue of Allen County Public Library’s “Genealogy Gems,” and a free, online newsletter.

“Many people do not realize that Germany is a much younger country than the United States. When researching German ancestors or looking at your DNA ethnicity estimates, this fact is important contextual history to keep in mind. Let’s look

at a brief history of Germany as a country.

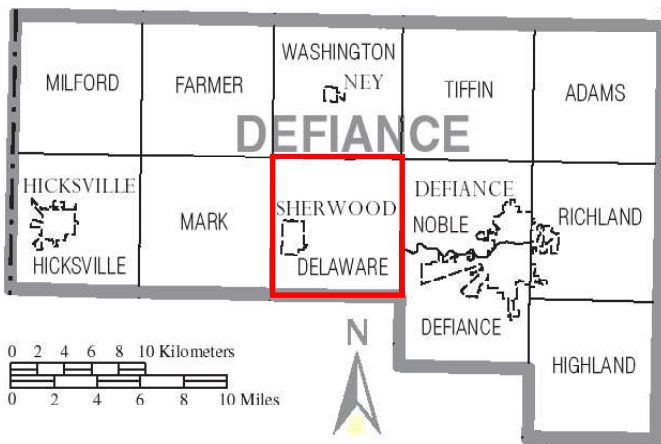
“The area of Europe that became known as Germany was ruled by multiple independent rulers. Eventually, it became part of the Holy Roman Empire under the heirs of Emperor Charlemagne, the so-called First Reich, lasting from 800 to 1806. Martin Luther’s Protestant Reformation in 1517 brought about major religious divisions: the North and East becoming largely Protestant and the South and West remaining largely Catholic. Years of unrest and disagreements over religion culminated in the Thirty-Years’ War from 1618 to 1648, during which a quarter of the inhabitants of the German states died. At the turn of the nineteenth century, the invasion of French troops led by Napoleon prompted the brief establishment of the Confederation of the Rhine. Afterward, sovereignty returned to a collection of German states through much of the nineteenth century until 1871, when Otto von Bismarck unified the country into the nation we now know as Germany.

“This information is a broad generalization of the region’s history. Each individual state that eventually became part of Germany has its own history, customs, and traditions that influenced its inhabitants before they became part of the unified version of Germany we know today. It is highly recommended that genealogists research the history of the region where your family is from to understand more about where records might be located and to gain a deeper understanding of the historical context and customs of the area. “

For a fun interactive map go to the following YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjWVFZ5e_vo

You will see overlays of Europe over a 1000 year span and can stop the progression at any year you wish. Play with it-- the map is interesting and enlightening.



Delaware Township and Delaware Bend and Sherwood

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https://openlibrary.org/books/OL23666713M/History_of_Defiance_County_Ohio

Transportation was important to the township as the Maumee River flows through the southern part and the B & O Railroad crosses the township. With the B & O completion, the village of Sherwood and Delaware Bend grew rapidly.

Delaware Bend

The village with 170 lots was laid out by W. D. Hill & Company in 1874. At one time the village had three groceries, two saloons, a blacksmith shop, a saw mill, a dry goods store, and two doctors, Wallace Moats and J. K. Denman. St. Stephen’s Catholic Church was built in 1880 at a cost of \$3000. (A cemetery now located on CR 424 marks the site of an earlier Catholic Church about two miles from The Bend.) The hope for increasing the importance of the village lay on a railway coming from Bryan in Williams County; instead, the railway passes through Sherwood.

Sherwood

The namesake of the village was General Sherwood, a general in the Civil War, who later became a representative and enabled a post office to be established in the village. William

Taylor and William Rock laid out the northern part of the village in 1875. North of the B & O track Elias Miller platted 72 lots in 181879.

Voters Listed in the October 1845 Election

James C. McAnally, Joseph C. Sprague, John A Swartz, John Travis, James H. Blue, David Shirley, James M. Kellogg, George B. Woodcox, James Gordon, Robert Evans, William Brown, William K. Blue, James Shirley, James M. Evans, Jonathan Pefly, James Brown, L. H. Sales, James Hayes, James Hill, Barnabus D. Blue, Daniel M. F. Hill, George Snook, Alfred M. Woodcox, Josiah Mullican, Montgomery Evans, James Peacock, Benjamin Mullican, Peter Blair, William Bercaw, Barnabus Blue, Joseph Blair, Andre Hughes, Hiel Hughes, Joseph Miller, Josiah Miller, Caleb Ritchhart, George Slough, John C. Hill, William Slough, C. B. Mullican, John Gordon, Jacob Pefly, James Gordon, James Shirley.

As with the other townships in the *History of Defiance County 1883*, selected reminiscences of early settlers in Delaware Township can be found *beginning on page 258.*

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According to Family Tree, “If you’re just starting to research your family history, you need a search strategy. There are so many places to go for online genealogy records and websites to learn about your heritage. You want resources you can find online that are the most current, richest with ancestral information and the easiest to use. Our list of 25 beginner-friendly websites will get you started.”

For more information about each site, go to <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/websites/25-best-genealogy-websites-for-beginners/>

Websites for building your family tree

Ancestry.com
Archives.com
FamilySearch.org
Findmypast.com
MyHeritage.com

Websites for DNA tests

23andMe
AncestryDNA
Family Tree DNA
Living DNA
MyHeritage

Websites for learning more about genealogy

Cyndi’s List
FamilyTreeMagazine.com

Google
ThoughtCo.com
Your DNA Guide

Websites for exploring regional and ethnic resources

AfriGeneas
Irish Genealogy
JewishGen
New England Historic Genealogical Society’s
American Ancestors

Websites for beginner-friendly records

BillionGraves.com
Chronicling America
Find a Grave
Fold3.com
GenealogyBank
NewspaperArchive
Newspapers.com

A version of this article originally appeared in the March/April 2013 issue of Family Tree Magazine.



Best genealogy sites 2021

According to Google, these are the best sites in categories for 2021

1. Ancestry.com: Best genealogy site overall. ...
2. MyHeritage: Best genealogy site for fun features. ...
3. Archives: Best genealogy website for deep research. ...
4. FamilySearch: Best free genealogy website. ...
5. Find My Past: Best genealogy website for Irish and British records

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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Description of Publications

	Price	Quantity	Total
Reprint of 1876DefianceCountyAtlaswith Indices (Paper- pub. 2007)	25.00		
Plat Map Index or Biographical Index for the 1876Def.Co.Atlas	\$8.00	each	
Index to the 1976DefianceCountyHistoryBook (pub. 2006)	\$15.00		
Index to theHistory of DefianceCounty 1883 (pub. 2008)	\$30.00		
Def. Co. Tombstone Index '78-'83: BookA-K or Book L-Z (pub. 2001)	\$30.00	each	
EarlyDeath Records of Defiance Co. 1867-1884 (pub. 2001)	\$25.00		
Def. Co. Deaths 1884-1907: BookA-K or Book L-Z (pub. 2004)	\$25.00	each	
Def. Co. Deaths 1908-1996: BookA-E, Book F-K, Book L-R or Book S-Z	\$30.00	each	
Def. Co.Out of County and State Burial Permits 1973-1998 (pub. 2004)	\$25.00		
Def.Co.Riverside Interments: Jan. 1978-July 2006 (pub. 2007)	\$25.00		
Adams Township Def.Co. Inscription Book (Read in 2000; pub. 2005)	\$25.00		
Def. Twp.& CityTombstone Inscription. (New Riverside Cem. not included) (Read in '78-'82; pub. 2001)	\$25.00		
Defiance City New Riverside Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '78-'82; pub. 2001)	\$35.00		
Delaware Twp.Def.Co. Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '01-'02; pub. 2005)	\$30.00		
Farmer Twp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '94; pub. 2008)	\$30.00		
Hicksville Twp.Def.Co.Tombstone Inscriptions (Read '00-'02; pub. 2007)	\$35.00		
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Def. Co. Births 1867-1908: BookA-D, Book E-I, Book J-M (revised 2016)	\$40.00	each	
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