

Using Maps in Genealogy

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1) Atlases (a collection of map types, bound in books or available online)

- *Historical Atlas of the United States* (published in 2006 by Derek Hayes)
- *Family Tree Historical Atlas of American Cities* (published in 2017 by Allison Dolan)
- Atlas of the Historical Geography of the US. - <https://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas>
- Atlas of Historical County Boundaries - <https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>
- Historic Map Works (historical maps & atlases - <http://www.historicmapworks.com>)

2) Boundary maps

- Cadastral maps (shows ownership of land)
 - Library of Congress
 - <https://www.loc.gov/maps/?fa=location%3Aunited+states%7Csubject%3Acadastral+maps>
 - <https://www.loc.gov/maps/?fa=subject%3Alandowners%7Csubject%3Aunited+states>
- Country borders changes (ex: <https://www.timemaps.com/history/europe>)
- Surveys (define the boundaries of land parcels; ex: Bureau of Land Management General Land Office - <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>)

3) Topographical maps (contour lines show changes in elevation, includes other features)

- U.S. Geological Survey's Historic Topographic Maps - <https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#4/40.01/-100.06>
- University of Texas Libraries' Historical Topographic Maps: <https://maps.lib.utexas.edu/maps/topo/>

4) Transportation maps

- Migration maps
 - PBS Westward Expansion maps - <https://dptv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/rttt12.soc.usw.westexp/westward-expansion-17901850/#.XNwtZ45Kg2w>
 - African American Migration Patterns - <https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/culture/migration-map> and <http://metrocosm.com/great-migration-visualization/>
 - FamilySearch U.S. Migration Trails & Roads - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_Migration_Trails_and_Roads
 - Two Centuries of U.S. Immigration (1820-2013) - <http://metrocosm.com/us-immigration-history-map.html>
 - "American Settlements and Migrations: A Primer for Genealogists and Family Historians" by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck (published 2017)
- Railway maps
 - Library of Congress Railroad Maps, 1828-1900 - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/railroad-maps-1828-to-1900/about-this-collection/>
 - Central Pacific Railroad Photographic History Museum's Progressive Development of U.S. Railroads, 1830-1950 - http://www.cpr.org/Museum/RR_Development.html
- Roadway maps (ex: Historic Road Maps - https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/historic_road_maps.html)

- Waterway maps
 - Library of Congress Map of the River Systems of the U.S. - <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3701gm.gct00297/?sp=28>
 - Smithsonian's "On the Water" Exhibition (with maps) - https://americanhistory.si.edu/onthewater/exhibition/4_2.html
 - Ireland's National Monuments Service: Shipwreck Viewer - <https://dahg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=89e50518e5f4437abfa6284ff39fd640>

5) Financial maps

- Fire insurance maps (created in urban areas by insurance companies to assess liability; ex: Library of Congress Sanborn Maps - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps>)
- Real estate loan maps (depicts the property being financed; ex: Emigrant Savings Bank's Real Estate Loans - <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/emigrant-savings-bank-records>)

6) Miscellaneous maps

- Cemetery maps (show cemetery sections & plots, contact cemeteries directly and/or check <http://www.namesinstone.com/Default.aspx>)
- Census enumeration district maps
 - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States,_Enumeration_District_Maps_for_the_Twelfth_through_the_Sixteenth_Censuses_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States,_Enumeration_District_Maps_for_the_Twelfth_through_the_Sixteenth_Censuses_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))
 - "Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920" by William Thorndale & William Dollarhide (published 1987)
- Military maps (documents an area before or during a military conflict)
 - Library of Congress Military Maps of the U.S. - <https://www.loc.gov/item/2009581117/>
 - Army University Press CSI Battle Maps - <https://www.armyupress.army.mil/Educational-Services/CSI-Battle-Maps/>
 - Envision the Past's Military Maps - <https://www.envisionthepast.com/century-past-history-resources/map-collections-military-maps/>
- Religious maps (documents houses of worship in given areas)
 - Historic Synagogues of Europe - <http://historicsynagogueurope.org/synagogue-map>
 - Church of England Parishes - <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=67bce0ed36dd4ee0af7a16bc079aa09a>
 - Map of Historic Churches in England - <https://www.britainexpress.com/attraction-map.htm?Country=England&Attraction=Church>
- Surname maps
 - FamilySearch Wiki on Surname Distribution Maps - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Surname_Distribution_Maps
 - Forebears Surname Distribution - <https://forebears.io/surnames>
 - Mapping Irish Surnames - <https://storymaps.esri.com/stories/2019/irish-surnames/map/>

Offline Map Resources

- Libraries, archives, genealogical & historical societies (local, county, state, university, religious, ethnic, etc.)
- "Walking with Your Ancestors: A Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography" by Melinda Kashuba (published 2005)
- "Geography and Genealogy: Locating Personal Pasts" by Dallen J. Timothy & Jeanne Kay Guelke (published 2008)

Online Map Resources

- American Geographical Society Library's Digital Map Collection - <https://uwm.edu/lib-collections/agsl-digital-map-collection>
- Ancestry.com's Maps, Atlases, and Gazetteers - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/44>
- Archive Grid - <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid>
- Boston Public Library's Leventhal Map Center - <https://www.leventhalmap.org>
- British Library Maps - <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/maps>
- Broer Map Library - <http://broermapsonline.org>
- Canadian Maps, Atlases, and Finding Aids - <http://www.cangenealogy.com/maps.html>
- Cornell University Library Map Collection - <https://library.artstor.org/#/collection/87729429>
- Cyndi's List - Maps - <https://www.cyndislist.com/maps>
- David Rumsey Map Collection - <https://www.davidrumsey.com>
- FamilySearch Map Wiki - <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maps>
- FamilySearch Maps Collection - [familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bsubject%3AMaps](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bsubject%3AMaps)
- FamilySearch RootsMapper - <https://rootsmapper.com>
- Google Earth - <https://www.google.com/earth>
- Harvard's Scanned Map Collection - <https://library.harvard.edu/collections/scanned-maps>
- Historic Map Works - <http://www.historicmapworks.com>
- Library & Archives Canada - Maps - <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/images>
- Library of Congress Maps (by theme) - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/guides.html>
- Library of Congress Maps (Digital Collections) - <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections>
- MapOfUS.org Historical Atlases - <http://www.mapofus.org/atlas>
- Mappery - <http://www.mappery.com/maps.php>
- My Google Maps - <https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps>
- My Old Maps - <http://www.myoldmaps.com>
- Native Land Digital - <https://native-land.ca>
- National Archives - <https://www.archives.gov/publications/general-info-leaflets/26-cartographic.html>
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Historical Map & Chart Collection - <https://historicalcharts.noaa.gov>
- New York Public Library's Digitized Maps - <https://www.nypl.org/node/80186>
- Old Maps Online - <https://www.oldmapsonline.org>
- Old-Maps (United Kingdom) - <https://www.old-maps.co.uk>
- The Map as History - <https://www.the-map-as-history.com>
- University of Alabama Libraries Map Collections (maps for the whole world) - <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps>
- University of Florida Map & Imagery Library - <https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/maps/Index.aspx>
- University of Houston's Historic Maps - <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/maps/maps.cfm>
- University of Oregon's Mapping History - <https://mappinghistory.uoregon.edu/english/index.html>
- University of Richmond's Atlas of the Historic Geography of the United States - <http://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas>
- University of Texas Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection - <https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps>
- Vision of Britain Through Time - <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps>

Legacy Family Tree Videos (subscription required):

- 50 Websites for Finding Maps by Gena Philibert-Ortega - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=1091
- Finding and Using Land Ownership Maps by Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=536
- Fire Insurance Maps - The Google Maps of Their Day by Jill Morelli, CG - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=378
- Maps Tell Some of the Story for the African-Ancestored Genealogist by Angela Walton-Raji - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=303
- Using Maps in Genealogical Research by Sara A. Scribner, CG - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=770
- Using Military Maps in Genealogy by Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA - https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=822