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Genealogy Software (Mac & Windows)		
RootsMagic	http://www.rootsmagic.com/	Free Essentials version available; RootsMagic 7 @ \$29.95
Legacy Family Tree	http://www.legacyfamilytree.com	Free Standard version available; Deluxe @ \$39.95 (Mac on newer Windows)
FamilyTreeMaker2017	http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/	New company; new features; \$79.95 (download); discounted upgrades; free updates
Ancestry.com (online)	www.ancestry.com	(Registration required, but not membership)
FamilySearch.com (online)	www.familysearch.com	(Registration required, but not membership)
General Genealogical Research		
FindMyPast	http://www.findmypast.com/	Explore Irish and British records. 14-day free trial
Ancestry	https://www.ancestry.com	Vital records research, family tree creation, military records, DNA. Fees apply. 14-day free trial
FamilySearch	www.familysearch.org	FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use the FREE FamilySearch records, resources, and services each year to learn more about their family history.
DNA Testing	https://isogg.org/	Educate about the use of genetics as a tool for genealogical research. https://dna-explained.com/2017/04/24/which-dna-test-is-best/
Cindi's List	http://www.cyndislist.com/	A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)	http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/	Start Your Family Research; databases; catalog; charts and forms; order copies of records
Family History Research Wiki	https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page	Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our 81,369 articles
Allegheny County	http://www.alleghenycounty.us/wo/acgen.aspx	Many legal and public documents and records can be found in the county offices. They provide some suggestions about resources available from Allegheny County to assist in finding source material in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region.
Pennsylvania Databases	http://www.genealogy.org/state.asp?state=PA	Pennsylvania Genealogy. Pennsylvania Birth Records. Pennsylvania Genealogy Search. Discover Your Family History While Building Your Family Tree.
	http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_archives/2887/digital_copies_of_documents/383882	While the primary mission of the Pennsylvania State Archives is to preserve historic documents in their original format, digital scans have been made of select records to facilitate online research. Click on the link below for access to numerous digitized collections housed at the Archives; land records, maps, marriage records, Revolutionary & Civil War Military card files, and more.
Irish: Irish Genealogy Toolbox	http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/	From getting started to DNA testing information.
Scottish: Scotland's People	http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/	Free surname search across all the available records. Registration and membership required to view records.
Ancestry Research	https://sites.google.com/site/ancestryresearchfree/	Ad-free website with resource listings by country.
U.S. GenWeb Project	http://www.usgenweb.org/	Organization is by county and state, and this website provides you with links to all the state genealogy websites which, in turn, provide gateways to the counties.
National Genealogical Society	http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/getting_started	Getting Started, Helpful Articles, Webinars, and general research information.
Eastern European Genealogical Society	http://www.eegsociety.org/ https://www.facebook.com/pages/East-European-Genealogical-Society/155052604506503	East European Genealogical Society Inc. membership supports a registered non-profit organization identifying and marshalling genealogical resources for east European research. https://www.facebook.com/pages/East-European-Genealogical-Society/155052604506503
Facebook Pages	https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/	Katherine R. Willson of Ann Arbor, MI has created an engaging & dynamic presentation on the use of Facebook.
Vital Statistics (Birth, Marriage, Death, Burial)		
Pennsylvania – Birth Records (1906-1908)	http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60484	This collection contains birth records from the state of Pennsylvania for the years 1906–1908. You may find corrections to certificates and baptismal records among the documents as well.
Pennsylvania – Death Certificates (1906-1963)	http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=5164	Actual copies of documents available for download, free. Pennsylvania's Department of Health began keeping birth and death records on a statewide

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		basis on January 1, 1906. This collection includes death records beginning on that date through 1963.
Pennsylvania – Marriages (1885-1950)	https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1589502	Actual copies of documents available for download, free. This collection includes civil marriage records created in Pennsylvania counties. The records include registers, affidavits and marriage licenses. In some instances, divorce records are recorded with marriages.
Family Search Databases	www.familysearch.org	No fees to download documents. FamilySearch.org currently offers Pennsylvania researchers 16 record collections to help you locate your ancestors. Some collections are searchable while others must be browsed through to locate the records you need. FamilySearch updates collections frequently. Be sure to register so you have access to all available images.
Ancestry.com	www.ancestry.com	Need subscription to download documents.
FindAGrave.com	www.findagrave.com	Become a member to get more information and to connect to users.
BillionGraves.com	http://billiongraves.com/	BillionGraves is a free website to look up headstone photos from around the world. Volunteers use Smartphones to take GPS tagged photos of headstones. Photos are uploaded to the BillionGraves website. Photos are transcribed by volunteers. Photos can be easily accessed for research online.
Newspapers		
Google News (Archives)	https://news.google.com/news/advanced_news_search?as_drrb=a	News archive search. A query box should pop up. Find old newspapers by choosing “Specified Dates” at <i>Date added:</i> and putting in the dates, source (newspaper name, if known), and location. Hint: Go to the first page and find out what page the Death Notices and Obituaries appear. Check at least three days forward.
Library of Congress	http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/	Includes Pennsylvania newspapers from The State Library of Pennsylvania Collection at http://contentdm1.accesspa.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/sstlp-newsp .
Elephind Historic Newspapers	https://www.elephind.com/	With Elephind.com it is now possible for family historians, genealogists, and researchers to search historic digitized newspaper archives from around the globe
Newspaper Archive Online	http://newspaperarchive.com/?gclid=ClfSr5j2yMQCFem7AodmTAArg	\$\$\$ but Free, 3-day Trial Account available
British Newspapers Archive	http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/	21,344,806 pages dating from the 1700s
Genealogy Organizations		
National	www.ngsgenealogy.org	National Genealogical Society
Pennsylvania	www.genpa.org	Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
Western Pennsylvania	www.wpgs.org	Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society
Ireland	https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/	The historic records of births over 100 years ago, marriages over 75 years ago and deaths over 50 years ago of the General Register Office (GRO).
Northern Ireland	https://www.ancestryireland.com/	Search over 2 million records including birth, death & marriages (BMD), census records, street directories and more.
Beginning Genealogy Lessons		
https://www.cyndislist.com/beginners/beginners-guides-hints-and-tips/	97 links to Beginners Guides, Hints & Tips.	
http://www.genealogy.com/articles/learn/	Genealogy.com: Free lessons on beginning and Internet genealogy, and tracing immigrant origins, written by genealogists Karen Clifford and Marthe Arends.	
http://genealogy.about.com/library/lessons/blintr_o.htm	About.com: This is a self-paced, four-lesson class packed full of new concepts, techniques and ideas which will hopefully get you started on your way to a fulfilling lifetime of tracing your family tree. I hope you'll also be able to learn from one another in the classroom forum, as we post comments, questions and answers in an effort to demystify genealogy.	
http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research/tips.html	National Archives: About Genealogy Research: Research Tips and Solving Difficult Research	
http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners	FamilySearch.org: Family History for Beginners	
http://is.byu.edu/courses/pe/734124070006/public/start.htm	BTU Independent Study: Free online courses offering Family History: Introduction of Family History Research, Family Records, Vital Records, Military Records Genealogy – Regional and Ethnic (French, German, Hueuenot, Scandinavian)	