About USGenWeb

The USGenWeb Project consists of a group of volunteers working together to provide Internet websites for genealogical research in every county and state of the United States. The Project is non-commercial and fully committed to free access for all.

Organization is by county and state. The USGenWeb Project also sponsors important Special Projects at the national level.

Although the basic unit of organization for The USGenWeb Project is at the county level, State websites include very important information as well, including resources for postings of unknown county queries, family reunions, state histories, and maps showing changing county boundaries, among others. Many states also have ongoing projects as diverse as the transcription of Civil War regiments, or the reuniting of families with lost photos, Bibles, etc.

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Source for
Free Genealogical
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The USGenWeb Project

Still Keeping Internet Genealogy Free

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History of the USGenWeb Project

In the spring of 1996, a group of genealogists led by Jeff Murphy organized the Kentucky Comprehensive Genealogy Database Project, which evolved into the Kentucky [KY] GenWeb Project. The idea was to provide a single entry point for genealogy data and research for all counties in Kentucky.
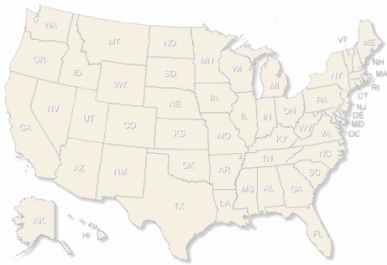
In June 1996, as the KYGenWeb Project was nearing 100% county coverage, interested volunteers decided to create a similar set of pages for all states, establishing The USGenWeb Project.

By July of 1996 most states were online with state homepages, and most had several volunteers.

United States Digital Map Library

Where Does All the Data Come From?

Volunteers!

Over the past twenty years, thousands of volunteers have contributed transcriptions, photographs, files, and information from their personal genealogies to the USGenWeb State and County websites, and to the USGenWeb Archives and Special Projects.

Volunteering – you too can make a difference. How?

- Adopt a county website
- Become a Special Project File Manager
- Become a USGenWeb Contributor
- Help county coordinators transcribe records
- Photograph and/or transcribe tombstones
- Submit a cemetery map

Contribute a transcription of a primary source document, such as a deed, will, probate record, diary, etc. or submit a biography of an ancestor.

State Projects

- **State History**
- **State Maps**
- **County Research & History**
- **Town Research & History**
- **Indigenous Research**

Special Projects

- **Archives Project**
- **Tombstone Project**
- **African American Griots**
- **Genealogical Events**
- **Kidz Project**
- **Lineage Project**

Special Sub Projects

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

Special Collections

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