# 50 Tips & Sources for Locating Ancestral Photos Worldwide

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### Repositories & Organizations (most will have websites for sending a query)

- 1. Fraternal/auxiliary archives (Masons, Daughters of Rebecca, Eastern Star, etc.)
- 2. Genealogical & historical societies (including ethnic/religious)
- 3. Libraries, archives, and museums (including collegiate, religious, private, etc.)
- 4. Society for One-Place Studies <a href="https://www.one-place-studies.org/">https://www.one-place-studies.org/</a>
- 5. Surname associations (see Guild of One-Name Studies <a href="https://one-name.org/">https://one-name.org/</a>)

# **Published Family Histories**

- 6. Allen County Public Library's' Genealogy Center (Ft Wayne, IN) <a href="https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy">https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy</a> and digitized material <a href="https://www.genealogycenter.info/familydb.php">https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy</a> and digitized material <a href="https://www.genealogycenter.info/familydb.php">https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy</a> and
- 7. Family History Library (Salt Lake City, UT) <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog">https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog</a> and digitized books <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/books">https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/books</a>)
- 8. Genealogy Gophers https://www.gengophers.com
- 9. Google Books Advanced Search <a href="https://books.google.com/advanced-book-search">https://books.google.com/advanced-book-search</a>

### **Newspapers**

- 10. Ancestor Hunt's newspaper links <a href="https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html">https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html</a>
- 11. British Newspaper Archive (\$, includes Irish newspapers) https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/
- 12. Find My Past Newspapers (\$) https://www.findmypast.com/search-newspapers
- 13. Genealogy Bank (\$)- https://www.genealogybank.com/
- 14. Google Newspapers <a href="https://news.google.com/newspapers">https://news.google.com/newspapers</a>
- 15. Internet Archive https://archive.org/details/newspapers
- 16. Library & Archives Canada <a href="https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/newspaper-collection/Pages/newspaper-guide.aspx">https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/newspaper-collection/Pages/newspaper-guide.aspx</a>
- 17. Library of Congress Chronicling America https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/
- 18. NewspaperArchive.com (\$) <a href="https://newspaperarchive.com/">https://newspaperarchive.com/</a>
- 19. Newspapers.com (\$) https://www.newspapers.com/
- 20. Trove (Australia & New Zealand Newspapers) <a href="https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/">https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/</a>
- 21. Wikipedia's newspaper list: wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List of online newspaper archives

#### **Online Trees**

- 22. Ancestry https://www.ancestry.com/
- 23. Family Search https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/tree/name
- 24. Find My Past <a href="https://www.findmypast.com/">https://www.findmypast.com/</a>
- 25. Geni https://www.geni.com/
- 26. My Heritage <a href="https://www.myheritage.com/">https://www.myheritage.com/</a>
- 27. Wiki Tree https://www.wikitree.com/

### **Digital Libraries & Archives**

- 28. Archive Grid https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/
- 29. Hathi Trust https://www.hathitrust.org/
- 30. Internet Archive (filter by subject/topics, media types, creator, etc.) https://archive.org/
- 31. Library of Congress Prints & Photos <a href="https://loc.gov/pictures/">https://loc.gov/pictures/</a>
- 32. State-specific archives' online collections (ex: Michigan has <a href="https://michiganology.org/">https://michiganology.org/</a>)
- 33. World Cat https://search.worldcat.org/

## **Online Photo Sharing Sites**

- 34. Ancient Faces (surname directory, filter by time & place) https://www.ancientfaces.com/
- 35. Billion Graves (may need paid subscription to see photos) <a href="https://billiongraves.com/">https://billiongraves.com/</a>
- 36. Dead Fred (surname search) <a href="https://deadfred.com/">https://deadfred.com/</a>
- 37. Ebay <a href="https://www.ebay.com/">https://www.ebay.com/</a>
- 38. Family Search Memories https://www.familysearch.org/photos/find

### **Passport Applications**

- 39. British passports <a href="https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/passports/">https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/passports/</a>
- 40. Canadian passports <a href="https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/immigration/Pages/passports.aspx">https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/immigration/Pages/passports.aspx</a>
- 41. Fiji, Finland, Germany, Malta, Portugal, Spain, and USA passportshttps://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/list/?cqs=passport

## Prisoner Photos (first check local/regional archives & libraries)

- 42. Australia's Convict Research Guide <a href="https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide/convicts-research-guide">https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide/convicts-research-guide</a>
- 43. Holocaust Museum https://www.ushmm.org/online/hsv/source\_view.php?SourceId=27576
- 44. U.K. National Archives (ex: <a href="https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/victorian-prisoners-photograph-albums-1872-1873/">https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research/guides/victorian-prisoners-photograph-albums-1872-1873/</a>)
- 45. U.S. National Archives <a href="https://www.archives.gov/research/prisons">https://www.archives.gov/research/prisons</a>
- 46. U.S. Penitentiary Records https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/uspen/

#### Locating Distant Relatives (who may have photos)

- 47. Family Tree Now <a href="https://www.familytreenow.com/">https://www.familytreenow.com/</a>
- 48. Ancestry Message Boards (free) <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/boards/">https://www.ancestry.com/boards/</a>
- 49. Facebook https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/
- 50. DNA testing
  - Ancestry DNA https://www.ancestry.com/dna/
  - Family Tree DNA https://www.familytreedna.com/
  - My Heritage DNA https://www.myheritage.com/dna
  - Living DNA https://livingdna.com/