

# COMMON GENEALOGICAL WEBSITES

## AN OVERVIEW OF WHEN AND WHY TO USE THEM

1

### **FAMILYSEARCH.ORG**

FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It provides billions of records to search through as well as books that may relate to your ancestor. FamilySearch's Family Tree is a collaborative family tree database that allows people from all over the world to contribute what they know about their ancestors. This is a great resource to do research from all over the world! If you are a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, it is also a place where you can record information regarding temple ordinances your ancestor has received.

2

### **ANCESTRY.COM**

Ancestry is one of the most widely used genealogical databases in the world. The Ancestry database contains over 30 billion records online and new records are being added daily. Combined with their DNA products, these records provide a comprehensive review of research from all over the world. Ancestry is a great place to find records for many different regions of the world and is often one of the first websites that genealogists use to do their research.

3

### **FINDMYPAST.COM**

Findmypast is a UK based website that is known for its extensive European research collections. The website has the largest collection of Irish records anywhere online as well as records from the US, England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This is a great place to search records from any of these regions and provides unique collections for each that cannot be found in any other genealogical databases.

4

### **MYHERITAGE.COM**

Myheritage is known for the strides that it has taken in genetic genealogical research and allows you to upload your genetic data from other test providers. It also provides family tree services and allows users to access their record collections to continue expanding their family trees. Myheritage is a good resource for genetic research help and also provides its members with a considerable record collection to do further family history research.