

OLLI Genealogy and Family History Study Group  
Spring 2021. Mondays 9:30-11:00 am – 4 sessions – March 29 – April 19  
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## Useful Directories, Resources, Tutorials, and Videos

- ❖ **Ancestry Getting Started**
  - <https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Getting-Started-Lesson-1-Starting-Your-Tree>
- ❖ **Champaign County Archives - Urbana Free Library.**
  - <https://urbanafreelibrary.org/local-history-genealogy/databases-research-tools>
- ❖ **Cyndi's List** - <https://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>
- ❖ **Cyndi's List Category for Beginners** - <https://www.cyndislist.com/beginners>
- ❖ **FamilySearch wiki** - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)
- ❖ **Family Tree Magazine** - <https://www.familytreemagazine.com>
- ❖ **Library of Congress Local History and Genealogical Reference Services**
  - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>
- ❖ **National Archives Resources for Genealogists Home Page**
  - **“Can I start my family history research by typing a name in the search box?”**
  - *Our search box will not help you find information on a specific person. However, we have many [tools and resources](#) that can lead you to information about our holdings. Many of our records have been digitized and are made available by our [Digitization Partners](#). “(Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.com, Fold3.com)*
  - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

### Specialized Databases

- ❖ **Find a Grave** - <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- ❖ **Fold3** - <https://www.fold3.com/>
- ❖ **Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections** <https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>
- ❖ **The Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation**
  - <https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>

### Social Media

- ❖ **Genealogy on Facebook List** – a 436-page PDF file containing 16,700+ links (updated in January 2021) to genealogy & history Facebook groups/pages
  - <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>
- ❖ **Top 100 Genealogy Blogs, Websites & Influencers in 2021**
  - [https://blog.feedspot.com/genealogy\\_blogs](https://blog.feedspot.com/genealogy_blogs)

### Something to Watch

- ❖ **Rootstech 2021** Videos from over 1500 sessions in nine categories will be available free on the RootsTech web site for the next year. Tabs at the top of the home page take you to a **“Guide Me”** section where videos directed to beginners are nested. **“Sessions”** provides a way to sort and search by title,

topic, or speaker, “**Playlist**“ allows you to save videos to watch later. You’ll need to sign up for a free account with FamilySearch in order to use Playlist.

- ❖ **RootsTech 2021 Home Page** - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/home>
- ❖ **Rootstech Guide Me** - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/series>
- ❖ **RootsTech Sessions** - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/search>
- ❖ **Playlist** - <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/playlist>

#### **Documentaries on Amazon Prime Video**

- ❖ **Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy (with Great Courses Subscription)**
- ❖ **Ellis Island: A History of the American Dream (2013)**
- ❖ **Forgotten Ellis Island (2007)**

#### **YouTube Channels**

- ❖ **Amy Johnson Crow**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vfpqHLY1k4nnTIHZySALw>
- ❖ **Ancestry** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsc0AQkAh\\_2cQmxqwD6VWRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsc0AQkAh_2cQmxqwD6VWRw)
- ❖ **Blaine Bettinger (Genetic Genealogist)** - <https://www.youtube.com/user/blainetb>
- ❖ **FamilySearch**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-9GZ7QHKOmLS0APnfz2g1Q>
- ❖ **Genealogy TV**
  - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcvpi8XvOScBoglxmarmADw>
- ❖ **National Archives** - <https://www.youtube.com/c/USNationalArchives/featured>