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UNIQUE MAPS

MAPS + HISTORY+RESEARCH=CLUES:

Are you using maps when you research your ancestors? Maps are an essential part of your genealogical research for a variety of reasons. Maps can show you where and when boundaries changed. Some maps provide you a bird's eye view of the city your ancestor lived in. They can help you recreate your ancestor's community leading you to additional resources. Maps can show the migration route your ancestor took. As you begin a research project make sure that you start by finding some historical and modern day maps of the cities, regions, and states your ancestor lived in to help guide your research. Whether the maps you use are paper, virtual or a little bit of both, they will assist you as you determine the records that may have existed and the places your ancestor lived. When searching maps, use genealogical terms, i.e. historical, online, and digital. Take advantage of the following resources:

- University Collections
- State Archives
- Country Archives
- Specialized collections, i.e.:
 - Scotland Clans, Huguenots, Irish, German Mennonites, etc.
- Specialized categories:
 - Port of arrivals
 - European exit ports
 - Gypsies
 - Asian, etc.
- Specific place and timeframe, i.e. 1850 Virginia ports of arrival, etc.

Maps will bring new life into your research. After finding a map of interest, review carefully, verify timeframe, and note that often you will find historical information somewhere in the map, at the bottom or on a sidebar. Study carefully as they may provide clues such as a war during the timeframe may indicate the likelihood of a death of a missing ancestor. Not all wars and skirmishes are major, however, our ancestors fought the battle and lost their lives, or were recipients of a pension. It's all about research. Maps will take you on a journey and provide clues. Don't forget the "history" equation. Enjoy the hunt!

GENERALIZED MAP LINKS

DESCRIPTION	URL
ANCESTRY LAND OWNERSHIP MAPS	http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1127&o iid=23560&o l id=23560&o sch=Web+Property
ANCESTRY MAP OF IMMIGRANTS TO UNITED STATES PRE 1800s	http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/indexshp.htm
ARCHIVES 5 MAP SITES EVERY GENEALOGIST SHOULD KNOW	http://www.archives.com/experts/ortega-gena/genealogy-maps.html
ATSNOTES.COM POLISH/GERMAN	http://www.atsnotes.com/other/gerpol.html
BRITISH MAPS	http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/webres/scanned/
CENSUS BUREAU USING MAPS IN GENEALOGY	http://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/
CENSUS FINDER	http://www.censusfinder.com/county-maps.htm
CIA FACTBOOK	http://ciaworldfactbook.us/
*CENSUS MAPS	http://www.mapofus.org
CYNDI'S LIST MIGRATION MAPS	http://www.cyndislist.com/migration/maps/
*DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA	http://dp.la/map
EUROPEAN HISTORY INTERACTIVE MAP	http://www.worldology.com/Europe/europe_history_lg.htm
EUROPEAN HISTORY ONLINE – NAVIGATE TO MAPS	http://ieg-ego.eu/en/threads/europe-on-the-road/economic-migration/irial-glynn-emigration-across-the-atlantic-irish-italians-and-swedes-compared-1800-1950
FEDERATION OF EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY	http://www.feefhs.org
GENEALOGY ABOUT TOP 10 MAP WEBSITES	http://genealogy.about.com/od/historical_maps/tp/historic-maps-online.htm
GERMAN	http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp
GERMAN IMMIGRATION MAP	http://www.proquest.historicmapworks.com/
GERMAN-RUSSIAN SETTLEMENT MAP MIGRATION HISTORY	http://www.rollintl.com/roll/grsettle.htm
HISTORIC COUNTIES TRUST	http://www.historiccountiestrust.co.uk/hct_map.htm
HISTORIC MAP WORKS	http://www.historicmapworks.com
KANSAS SANBORN MAPS	http://cds.lib.ku.edu/sanborn-maps/

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*LAND OWNERSHIP MAPS	http://genealogy.about.com/od/historical_maps/tp/Land-Ownership-Maps-Online.htm?nl=1
*LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SANBORN INSURANCE MAPS	http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn/san4a1.html
*LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AMERICAN MEMORY MAPS	http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/
MAP HISTORY	http://www.maphistory.info/imageus.html
MAP QUEST	http://www.mapquest.com
*MAPHISTORY LINKS AND GATEWAY SITES	http://www.maphistory.info/gateways.html http://www.maphistory.info/imageus.html#states
MIGRATION MAP EXAMPLE	http://www.the-map-as-history.com/demos/tome07/02d-westward_trails-oregon_demo.php
MULTIMAP	http://www.multimap.com
NATURAL DISASTER MAP CHART	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:19th-century_disasters
*NEW YORK PUBLIC DIGITAL LIBRARY: MAPS	http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/search/index?filters%5BphysicalLocation_mt%5D%5B%5D=Map+Division&keywords=&sort=dateDigitized_dt+desc - /?scroll=0
NEW YORK TIMES INTERACTIVE MAP	http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html? r=0
*NEWBERRY INTERACTIVE MAP	http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/
OLD MAPS ONLINE	http://www.oldmapsonline.org/ - bbox=-112.461548,33.348885,-111.461792,33.74718&q=&datefrom=1000&dateto=2010
OLD MAPS UK	http://www.old-maps.co.uk
PERRY CASTANEDA COLLECTION UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/map_sites/hist_sites.html
POLANDGENWEB	http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~polwgw/loc.html
RATE ANTIQUE MAPS FOR VIEWING\$	http://www.geographicus.com/blog/tag/antique-map/
ROOTSWEB MIGRATION MAPS	http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/trails.html
ROOTSWEB	http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/Ancestral_Migration_Archives/Migration_Photo_Galleries/(10)_US_MIGRATION_MAPS/U.S._MIGRATION_MAPS.html
RUMSEY HISTORICAL MAPS	http://www.davidrumsey.com
THINKPORT	http://warof1812.thinkport.org/ - interactive-map.html
TIMELINE 1700's	http://www.xtimeline.com/timeline/Immigration-in-the-1700-s
TIMELINE LIST	http://www.xtimeline.com/tllist/view.aspx?id=3939

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MAP COLLECTIONS	http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/collections/maps/mapweb.html
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HISTORICAL PLATT MAPS	http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx/cgi/i/image/image-idx?sid=7474c95ce6e68ec22a63efb27869515c;page=index;c=platic
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA	http://www2.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/sanborn.html
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TERRITORIAL EXPANSION OF THE UNITES STATES - INTERACTIVE	http://mappinghistory.uoregon.edu/english/US/US09-01.html
USGenWEB	http://www.usgenweb.org
WIKI ENGLAND PARISH MAP	https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/England_Jurisdictions_1851
WORLD CAT	http://www.worldcat.org
WORLDGenWeb	http://www.worldgenweb.org/upgrade/

TOP 10 MAP SITES: (Posted in genealogy.about.com)

1. [David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#)
2. [American Memory - Map Collections](#)
3. [Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection](#)
4. [Old Maps Online](#)
5. [Historic Map Works](#)
6. [old-maps.co.uk](#)
7. [Maps of Australia](#)
8. [A Vision of Britain Through Time](#)
9. [University of Virginia: Geospatial and Statistical Data](#)
10. [Atlas of Historical U.S. County Boundaries](#)

Historical Maps of **The World**
 Historical Maps of **Africa**
 Historical Maps of **The Americas**
 Historical Maps of **Asia**
 Historical Maps of **Australia and the Pacific**
 Historical Maps of **Europe**
 Historical Maps of **The Middle East**
 Historical Maps of **Polar Regions and Oceans**
 Historical Maps of **Russia and the Former Soviet Republics**
 Historical Maps of **The United States**
 Historical Maps of **Texas**