

Genealogy 1- Lesson 9: Maps and Gazetteers

- Maps are useful since they are visual representations of lots of information in very compact form -- e.g. locations, distances, geographical features
- Gazetteers -- books describing places in words -- they don't usually contain maps, but have lots of information about the history of the place
- Some types of maps
 - Road maps
 - Topo (topological) maps -
 - Physical maps
 - Land and property maps
 - Railroad maps
 - Fire insurance maps
 - Migration maps
 - Historical maps
 - County maps of the U.S.
 - Cemetery maps
 - Teaching maps
 - Surname (or other cultural feature) distribution maps

Why I Use Maps

1. To tell me the possible routes of migrations: ie- rivers, mountains, roads, etc.
2. To see nearby towns/county/state borders
3. Other interesting or useful information: IE land patents, identifying place names, cemeteries

WEB SITES FOR MAPS AND GAZETTEERS

General Map link Sites

Do a Google search for [Country or state] + map on <http://www.google.com>

Cyndi's List -- <http://cyndislist.com/> -- see links under Maps, Gazetteers, and Geographical Information at <http://www.cyndislist.com/maps.htm>

<http://www.usgenweb.org/> USGenWeb project -- links to many maps in states and counties --

<http://www.libraryspot.com/maps> -- lots of links to map collections, mostly at colleges and universities -- This is a great site for map links. -- Click on specialized maps and then historical and it gives you several links.

Historical Maps

<http://www.davidrumsey.com> David Rumsey Map Collection -- -- large collection of historical maps, being added to constantly

General Maps

<http://memory.loc.gov> Click on Maps- Library of Congress Map Collection-

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/> - Perry-Castaneda Library Map collection
GREAT!

British Isles

[http:// Londonancestor.com](http://Londonancestor.com)

<http://www.abcounties.co.uk/>- Historical counties of Great Britain

<http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>- searchable and easy to

Germany

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/>

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Place Finders:

<http://geonames.usgs.gov>- US places, includes cities, rivers, etc.***