

# 25 Tips for Researching Your Female Ancestors

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- Tip #1 Have A Goal/Make A Plan
- Tip #2 Timeline Her Life
- Tip #3 Survey
- Tip #4 Expand Your Search
- Tip #5 Keyword List
- Tip #6 Name Variations
- Tip #7 It's Not Unusual to use Unusual Sources
- Tip #8 History Leads to Records
- Tip #9 Newspapers
- Tip #10 Manuscript Collections
- Tip #11 Phone a Friend: Ask for Help
- Tip #12 Add Social History
- Tip #13 Female Specific Sources
- Tip #14 Ask an Expert
- Tip #15 Create a Research Guide
- Tip #16 Church Records
- Tip #17 When Did She Vote?
- Tip #18 Directories Aren't Just for Cities
- Tip #19 Utilize Societies
- Tip #20 Exhaust FamilySearch
- Tip #21 Cookbooks!
- Tip #22 Women's Work
- Tip #23 Read About Women's Lives
- Tip #24 Search Digital Collections
- Tip #25 Go to School

Read more about these tips and others on my blog Gena's Genealogy:  
<http://philibertfamily.blogspot.com/>

## Resources

### Genealogy Databases

FamilySearch: <https://www.familysearch.org/>

Findmypast: <https://www.findmypast.com/>

Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com>

New England Historic and Genealogical Society: <https://www.americanancestors.org>

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Fold3: <https://www.fold3.com/>

MyHeritage: <https://www.myheritage.com/>

US GenWeb: <http://www.usgenweb.org/>

### **Education (magazines, webinars, classes, etc.)**

Legacy Webinars: <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

National Institute for Genealogical Studies: <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com/>

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy: <https://ugagenealogy.org/>

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair: <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>

Evidence Explained: <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

Discover Your Ancestors: <https://www.discoveryourancestors.co.uk/>

Internet Genealogy: <http://internet-genealogy.com/>

FamilySearch Research Wiki: [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

### **Libraries/Archives/Digital Collections**

National Archives (US): <https://www.archives.gov/>

WorldCat: <https://www.worldcat.org/>

Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/>

ArchiveGrid: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

Library and Archives Canada – Genealogy and Family History  
<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Digital Public Library of America: <https://dp.la/>

LibGuides Community: <https://community.libguides.com/>

Midwest Genealogy Center: <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

Genealogy Center: <http://www.genealogycenter.org/>

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research: <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton/>

Godfrey Memorial Library: <https://www.godfrey.org/scholar/godfrey-home.html>

### **Cemeteries**

Interment.net: <http://interment.net/>

Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Billion Graves: <https://billiongraves.com/>

### **Newspapers**

Chronicling America: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Newspapers.com: <https://www.newspapers.com/>

GenealogyBank: <https://www.genealogybank.com>

The Ancestor Hunt: <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

Fulton NY History: <https://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

CanGenealogy – Historic Newspapers: <https://www.cangenealogy.com/newspapers.html>

### **Digitized Books/Articles**

Google Books: <https://books.google.com/>

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/>

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/index.php>

Hathi Trust: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

JSTOR: <https://www.jstor.org/>

PERSI: <https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>

### Other

Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com>

Linkpendium: <http://www.linkpendium.com>

Conference Keeper: <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

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