

# Plainfield Public Library's

## First Steps in Family History

### List of URLs for websites mentioned in the webinar

#### **Archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms**

National Archives: source of the Ancestral Chart shown. The main site also offers information about their holdings of federal records, such as military pension files, and a variety of other resources for genealogists.

#### **Cyndislist.com**

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, a freely available listing of links to thousands of genealogy websites, arranged by topic and with indications of whether the websites are free or fee-based.

#### **Plainfieldlibrary.info/Research/Databases**

Plainfield Public Library: top of page of Local History and Genealogy websites subscribed to or provided by the library. Currently, the genealogy websites offered are American Ancestors, Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, HeritageQuest Online, Newspapers.com, and ProQuest's Historical Newspapers and Northeast News Stream. There are also Plainfield Historical Newspapers and City Directories, which are freely searchable through the library website.

#### **Familysearch.org**

FamilySearch: source of marriage record shown. There is no charge to access the records or instructional material on this website but they do require registration. Because of licensing agreements with the agencies that own the originals of some of the records they offer, some records are not accessible to the general public. Plainfield Public Library is an affiliate library that has access to some of those records. If you get a message telling you that the image can be seen at an affiliate library, you can come to the library to see it or consult us about scheduling a Zoom appointment with us to view it from your home.

To access records, such as the Virginia County Marriage Records shown in the presentation, one good way, starting on the homepage, is to click on Search. From the dropdown menu, click on Catalog. On the following screen, enter Virginia (or any other location) into the blank Place field and click on Search below that. Choose from among the many options under Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog that it gives you. The collection of county marriage records can be found under United States, Virginia – Vital

records on that list. Click on the small grey arrowhead pointing to the left of that heading title to see the available options.

### **Ancestry.com**

Ancestry: source of the example list of DNA matches shown, a service only available through personal Ancestry memberships. Ancestry Library Edition is available through the library and offers a vast collection of records as well as blank charts which can be printed.

### **FamilySearch.org**

FamilySearch: source of links to their Learning Center and Research Wiki. To access valuable research guidance and training videos, click on the question mark in a circle on the top right of the homepage. On the bottom of the pop-up window that opens, click on Help Center. On the following screen, choose Learning Center to access training videos OR choose Research Wiki to access instructional guidance in doing genealogy, from a glossary of the genealogy terms used in French records to an outline of which years are covered by government birth records in Virginia.

### **Amyjohnsoncrow.com**

Amy Johnson Crow's Modern Genealogy Made Easy newsletter: a subscription form for this free newsletter is at the bottom of the web page at no charge. She additional options are also available for a fee.

### **Plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/LH/LH\_GenealogyClub.html**

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