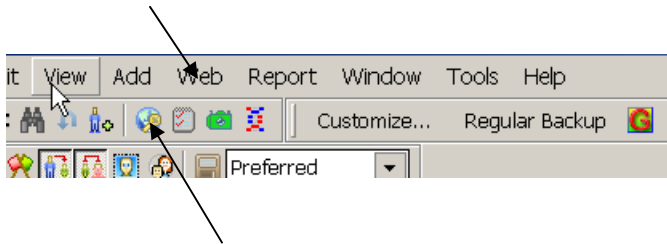


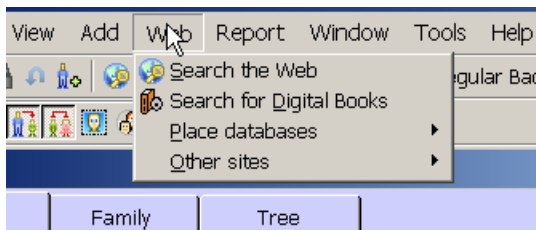
Search the Web with TMG or Otherwise

by Martha Grenzeback

A not-very-widely discussed function of TMG is its one-click “search the web” feature, which allows you to search genealogy-related sites from within TMG.



It is accessed from either the “Web” menu or the little world+key icon on the default toolbar.



Clicking on Web > Search the Web brings up four sites that can be searched automatically: FamilySearch.com, Ancestry.com, Rootsweb.com, and Genealogyportal.com (wow, it’s been years since I looked at that one....). Each tab window has a check box (“search this site”) that you can select, so that you can choose to search any, all, or none of these sites. Clicking on the “search the web” icon will automatically begin a search in whatever you already had checked—you will not see the tabs first.

In each case, the program plugs in the data (basically the name/s) for whatever person is the focus of the current screen, or ALL the persons in the focus group you have selected.

On each tabbed screen you can set requirements for your search, based on the search parameters allowed by the particular site.

After you click on “Search” to begin to search the Web, you will see your browser appear once for each site and person you have chosen to research (as well as each alternate name for the same person, if you have selected that). Warning: this can be many windows, and can crash a computer, so think about it first.

Search the Web

FamilySearch.org | Ancestry.com | Rootsweb.com | Genealogyportal.com

☒ Search this site

☒ Exact first and last name
☐ Fuzzy first and last name

Include father : ☐ First name ☐ Last name
 Include mother : ☐ First name ☐ Last name
 Include spouse : ☐ First name ☐ Last name

Include event year : Year range :
 Event :

☐ Surname search
☐ Parent search
☐ Include Mother's last name

Search for : ☒ All names for the current focus person
☐ Selected names in Project Explorer
☐ Focus group members

2 name(s) will be searched

Search Close Help

* Burial	11 Apr 1915 Oakwood Cemetery, at the	89	✓
* Obit	22 Apr 1915 Charles City, Floyd Co.,	89	✓ ✓

Search the Web

FamilySearch.org | Ancestry.com | Rootsweb.com | Genealogyportal.com

☐ Search this site

Filter your search by :

Keywords :

Record type : Databases With People's Names

Locality : Any Locality

Date Range : Any Year

Additional options :

Proximity : Adjacent

☐ Soundex (not applicable for all databases)

Search for : ☒ All names for the current focus person
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☒ Search this site

Type of search : Both

Both
Surname
Keyword

Search for : ☒ All names for the current focus person
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☒ Search this site

Match : All

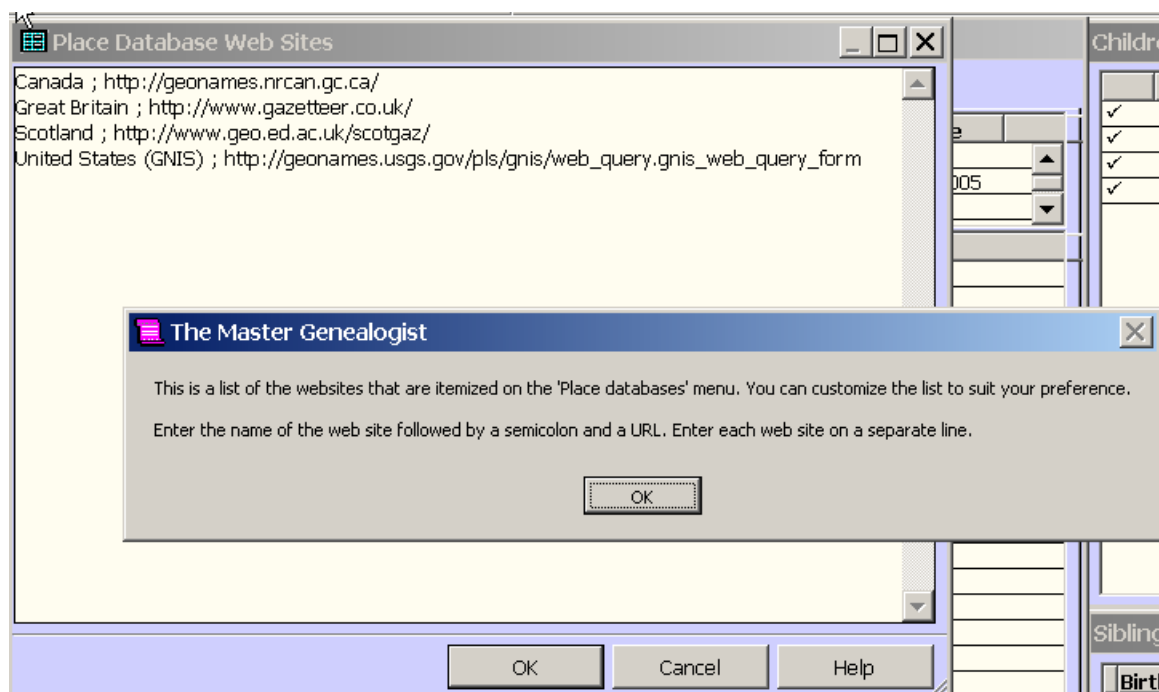
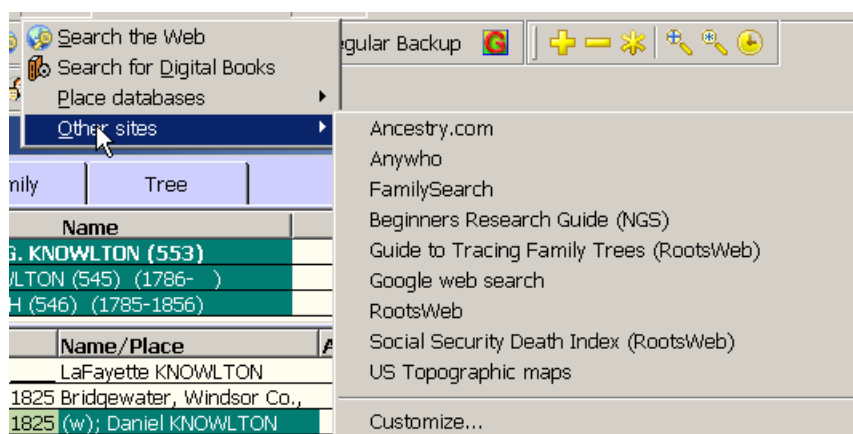
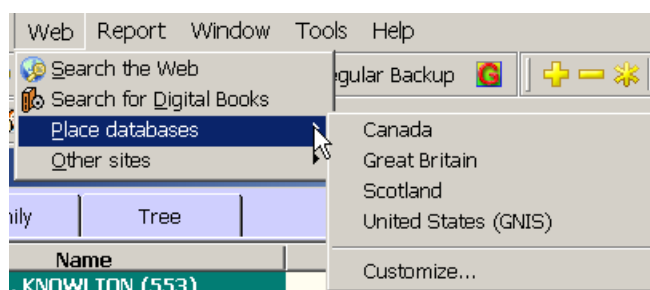
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☐ Focus group members

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There is apparently no way to add or subtract sites from the “Quick Search” option—you are stuck with these four sites—but there are other options accessible from the “Web” menu: Search for Digital Books (a direct link to Wholly Genes’ marketing site), Place Databases, and Other Sites. Both Place Databases and Other Sites are customizable.



In both cases you can simply add the name of a website followed by a semicolon and the URL. (Don't ask me why the customizable list includes the same sites that are already in the Quick Web Search....) You can then easily call up any of these sites from inside TMG. However, unlike the four options in the Quick Web Search, the program will not fill in any information for you—it will merely take you to the main page of the site, where you can conduct your search yourself.

The advantages of this system are fairly minor, although it is nice to have quick access to a gazetteer. However, it is handier to access the geographical databases from a tag entry screen or the master place list. There, you put your cursor in a place field and click on the little globe in the right-hand corner, and the appropriate geo-base for the country will come up. In theory. At the moment these sites need to be updated. (I believe Siobhan knows how to fix the GNIS problem). One of the Canadian sites works, and the mapping option works very well, even plugging the place in for you. The third icon is supposed to search for digital books relating to the place in question, but it is not very accurate. A search based on Bridgewater, Windsor Co., VT, brought up digital books relating to Windsor in Australia and numerous places and counties in Vermont, so you are probably better off conducting the search manually.

GenSmarts probably does a better job of interfacing with external websites.

However, your true-blue genealogists don't need these frills—they already have a long list of favorites in their browsers, also a click away. How do they accumulate them? Some are by serendipity—unexpectedly fruitful Google searches, or a mention on a mailing list, or Cyndi's List.

There are also a few basic procedures that can lead to the discovery of great websites. Do NOT overlook the following:

State Archives and Historical Societies

Whenever you discover a new line or person of interest, go check out the state archives of the state where that line was born/married/died (do a Google search for “state archives” + <state in question>, or sometimes “state library”), or the state historical society. Some of them have wonderful online databases, and most have useful information leading to further resources. Here is a list of links to all the state archives (I did not check them all to see if they still worked): http://www.censusdiggins.com/state_archives.htm

Some of the best I’ve found:

The Canadian national archives

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/022-500-e.html>

Colorado State Archives

<http://kiwi.state.co.us/archive/publicrecordsearch.do>

Illinois State Archives

<http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html>

Missouri State Archives (including digitized death records)

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>

Utah State Archives (including digital images of death certificates)

<http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html>

The Library of Virginia

<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/>

West Virginia Archives (including digital images of birth, death, and marriage records)

<http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesindex.aspx>

Wisconsin Historical Society

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>

Public Libraries

Another resource often overlooked is public libraries. Increasingly the larger libraries are creating digitized historical collections, online obituary indexes (by the way, the GOGS is working on an online obit index), and the like. For example, the Kenton County Public Library (KY), at <http://www.kentonlibrary.org/genealogy/index.cfm>, which you would not expect to be a major power in the digitizing and database fields, has

some fabulous online databases (<http://apu.kenton.lib.ky.us/gen/gendb.php>), including a church record index linked to digital images of the records, city directories, vital records, etc., for the northern Kentucky area. It also has an index linked to full text for several historical northern Kentucky newspapers:

<http://216.68.116.14:8081/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=main#focus>

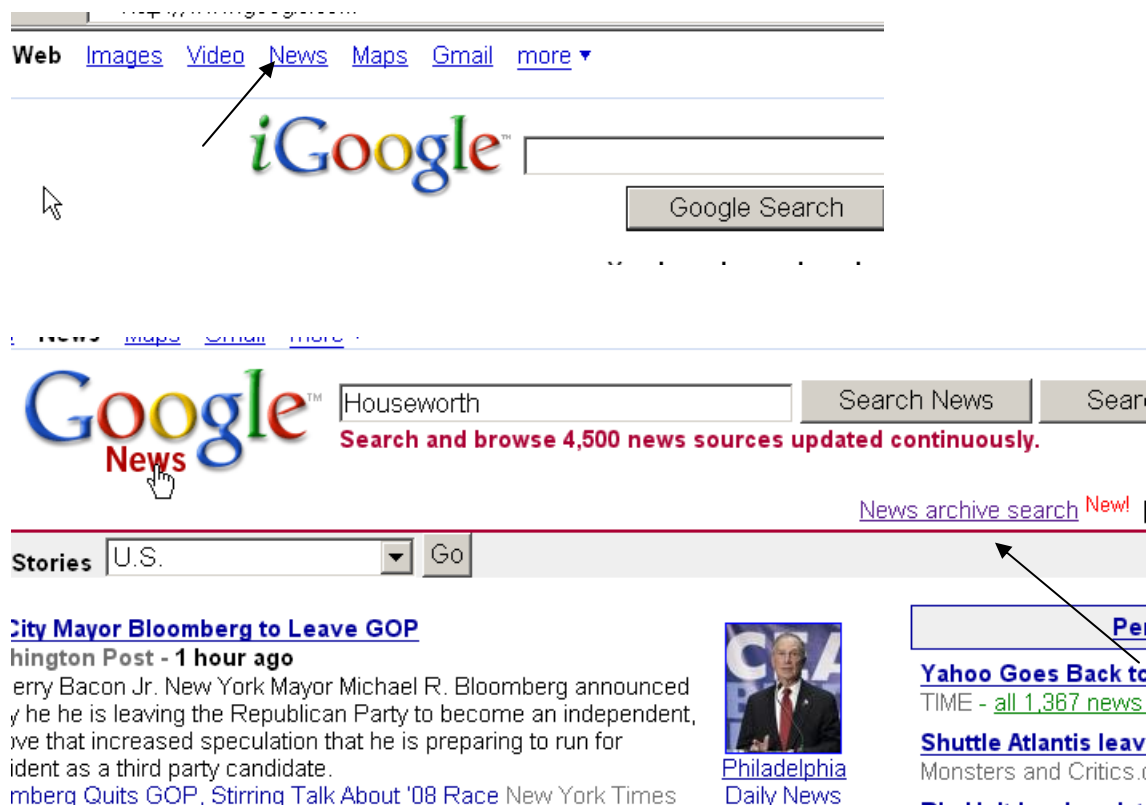
Even public libraries that do not offer such riches often have a genealogy or local history page with useful links to local repositories and resources that may be difficult to find via a Google search alone. So take a look at the webpage of the public library in your ancestor's home town (and, of course, that of the local genealogical and historical societies).

Finding Digitized Newspapers Online

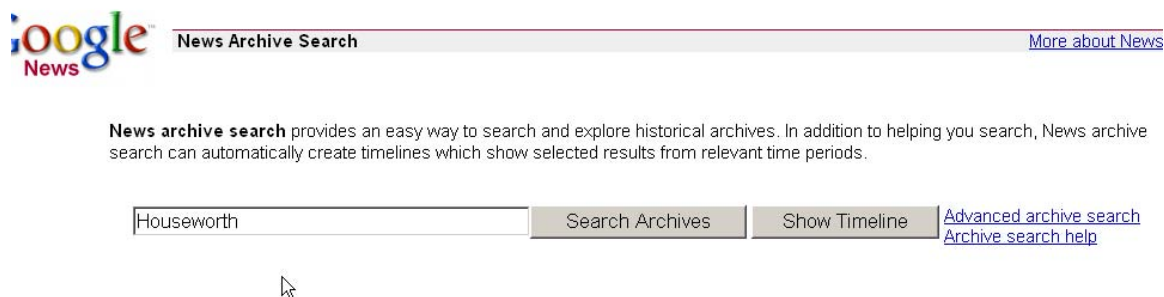
My last random category tonight is newspapers. Old newspapers can offer amazingly valuable genealogical tidbits found nowhere else—but how to find them? First, you can largely find out what is available for a particular state in various repositories by looking it up in the US Newspaper Program, “a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government to locate, catalog, and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present”: see <http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html>. Each state has its own link, and most of the newspapers you will find in this way can be borrowed on microfilm by interlibrary loan.

Even better, however, more and more old newspapers are being digitized and placed online, not just in subscription databases like NewspaperArchive.com, but at free websites (often public or university library websites). Some good ones are listed at: <http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm>. More good fishing spots can be found with a Google search for “digitized newspaper” (as a phrase) or “digital collection” (which brings up such goodies as the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections at <http://iowaheritage.lib.uiowa.edu/>, also listed among Godfrey Library's free links).

Finally, a great resource is Google News. Go to the Google home page at <http://www.google.com> and click on News.



Click on “News archive search.” There you can put in your search term(s).



When you get your results, you will be able to narrow them further by the options at the left (notably by decade or type of publication).

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Minnie!

Although many of these reference pay-per-view or subscription databases (including Ancestry and NewspaperArchive.com), they provide some valuable information. I found a snippet relating to my most mysterious Minnie Houseworth, in a reference which I can now go look up at the Creighton Law Library. Clicking on the link itself takes you to the provider page (in this case Loislaw), and enough information to go look up the resource.

Welcome to Loislaw

Below are summaries of your Google search as well as other relevant search results. To view their full content or to search our libraries for other information, you must first obtain a Loislaw 24-hour [Primary Research Pass](#) for \$24.99.

California Supreme Court Reports - PEOPLE v. RODLEY, 131 Cal. 240 (1900)

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There is a lot out there! The trick is to find it.

What are YOUR tricks?