

# ONLINE CURRENTS

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### **Digging up roots: Online resources for DIY genealogy** – *Cathy Kristiansen*

The internet can be a highly productive place to conduct family history research. Enormous searchable databases of digitised birth, marriage and death records, property documents and wills, ship passenger and convict transportation lists, and countless other pieces of history, are becoming available at a rapid rate, driven by a soaring interest in ancestry. Aside from tapping into existing old documents, the new tool of DNA testing offers an unprecedented avenue for reaching into the past. Libraries are a key part of the explosion in genealogy interest, setting up family history websites stocked with articles and online links for ancestral research. .... 123

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TED Conference and TED Talks are the backbone of a rapidly expanding phenomenon that promotes innovation and sharing of ideas. TED projects and content provide funding, resource, inspiration and a platform for communication for corporations, foundations, educational bodies and private individuals. TED's reach is global and its influence undeniable but it is not without its detractors. .... 131

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We all know about Wikipedia – I hope – but what happens if you want to know more about specific topics, regions or locations? What if you're a child, or a user with poor English skills, who wants information in an easily-read form? What if you have a particular religious or political point of view? Fortunately – or perhaps otherwise – there are nearly as many online encyclopedias as there are age and interest groups. This article takes a look at just some of the many available. .... 147

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