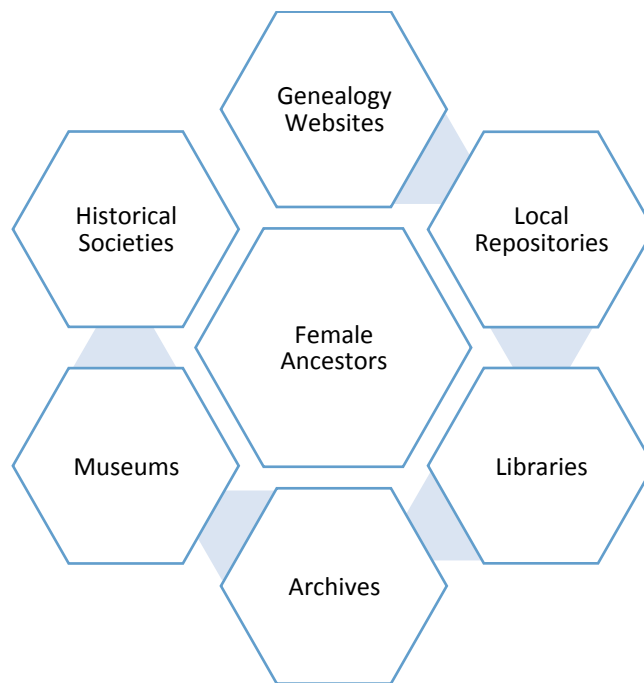


Learning More about American Female Ancestors Prior to 1850

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To begin:

1. Create a timeline
2. Survey sources for that time and place
3. Consider women's legal rights
4. Identify their FAN Club
5. Go Beyond the Genealogical: Use Archives



Websites (Annotated List)

Genealogy Websites

FamilySearch (use Wiki, Catalog, Digital Library)

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

Findmypast (PERSI)

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

Ancestry (use Card Catalog)

<https://www.ancestry.com>

American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society)

<https://www.americanancestors.org>

Fold3 (husband's military pensions)

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

MyHeritage (unique sources like *Everton's Genealogical Helper*)

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

Rootsweb (RootsWeb Family History Wiki)

<https://home.rootsweb.com/>

US GenWeb (location specific sources)

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

Projects and Databases

Do History (toolbox, record examples, midwife history)

<http://dohistory.org/home.html>

Feeding America Cookbook Project (context for food history)

<https://d.lib.msu.edu/fa>

Quilt Index (index of makers and names on signature quilts)

<https://quiltindex.org/>

Needlework Samplers (index)

<https://nscda.org/historical-activities/samplers/>

Slave Voyages

<https://www.slavevoyages.org/>

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Military

DAR – Patriot Records Index

https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/

National Archives Research in Military Records

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military>

United States Census Bureau - 1840 Census: A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary Military Services <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1841/dec/1840d.html>

Immigration

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

<https://www.immigrantships.net/>

Online Searchable Naturalization Records and Indexes

<https://www.germanroots.com/naturalization.html>

Vital Records

Death Indexes

<https://www.deathindexes.com/>

Online Birth and Marriage Records

<https://www.germanroots.com/vitalrecords.html>

Libraries/Archives/Museums

DAR

<https://www.dar.org/>

Newberry Library – Genealogy and Local History

<https://www.newberry.org/genealogy-and-local-history>

National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/>

WorldCat (includes thesis/dissertations)

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

Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/>

Library of Congress Research & Reference Services

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/>

ArchiveGrid

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

LibGuides Community

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

Midwest Genealogy Center

<https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

Genealogy Center

<https://acpl-cms.wise.oclc.org/genealogy>

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

<https://houstonlibrary.org/research/special-collections/clayton-library-center-genealogical-research>

Godfrey Memorial Library

<https://www.godfrey.org/>

Digital Collections

Harvard Library – Women Working, 1800-1930

<https://library.harvard.edu/collections/women-working-1800-1930>

Digital Black History

<http://digitalblackhistory.com/>

Digital Public Library of America

<https://dp.la/>

Cemeteries

Interment.net

<http://interment.net/>

Find a Grave

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Billion Graves

<https://billiongraves.com/>

The US GenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project

<http://usgw-tombstones.org/>

Newspapers

Online Historical Newspapers

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>

The Ancestor Hunt

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

Chronicling America (US newspapers from 1777 and newspaper directory)

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

Newspapers.com (US newspapers from 1700s)

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

GenealogyBank (US newspapers from 1690, ethnic and foreign language newspapers)

<https://www.genealogybank.com>

Fulton Search

<https://fultonsearch.org/>

Accessible Archives (abolition and African American newspapers)

<https://www.accessible-archives.com/>

Digitized Books/Articles

Century Past Free Online Library

<https://www.envisionthepast.com/>

National Archives – Prologue Magazine (how-to's for federal records)

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue>

Open Access Theses and Dissertations

<https://oatd.org/>

Google Books (books and periodicals such as DAR magazine, NEHGS Register)

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

Google Scholar (academic books and journal articles)

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

Internet Archive (eBooks-Additional Collections – Genealogy)

<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>

Project Muse

<https://muse.jhu.edu/>

Wikis

RootsWeb Family History Wiki (RedBook and The Source)

https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

FamilySearch Family History Research Wiki

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

Finding Aids and Tools

Ebay

<https://www.ebay.com/>

Cyndi's List

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

Linkpendium

<http://www.linkpendium.com>

Thought Co – Creating a Genealogy Research Plan like a Detective

<https://www.thoughtco.com/how-to-develop-genealogy-research-plan-1421685>

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National Archives – Pathfinder for Women's History Research

<https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/women.html>

Library of Congress – Searching for Female Ancestors – A Selected Bibliography

https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/female.pdf

Rutgers University Libraries – Women's History Sources: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Collections

<https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/scua/womens-history-resources>

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