

“Ancestry.com and other pay Web sites are great,” you say, “but I can’t afford the subscriptions!” What’s a budget-strapped genealogist to do? You might be surprised to learn that some of the data and records offered by subscription services are available elsewhere online for free. Here’s a sampling to get you started—visit our Products Forum <[www.familytreemagazine.com/forum](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forum)> to add those you know of and view others’ contributions.

| DATABASE/RECORD SET  | SUBSCRIPTION ACCESS               | FREE ACCESS   |
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| 1901, 1906 and 1911 Canadian censuses  | Ancestry.com                      | Automated Genealogy < <a href="http://automatedgenealogy.com">automatedgenealogy.com</a> >  |
| American State Papers and US Serial Set  | GenealogyBank                     | American Memory < <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html">memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html</a> >  |
| California Death Index, 1940-1997  | Ancestry.com                      | RootsWeb < <a href="http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi">vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi</a> >   |
| Colorado State Archives online indexes   | World Vital Records               | Colorado State Archives < <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/online.htm">www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/online.htm</a> >  |
| Irish immigrants to New York, 1846-1851 (“Famine Irish Data File”)   | Ancestry.com, World Vital Records | Access to Archival Databases < <a href="http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=639">aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=639</a> >   |
| Maine Death Index, 1960-1997 and Maine Marriages, 1892-1996  | Ancestry.com                      | Maine State Archives < <a href="http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc">www.maine.gov/sos/arc</a> >   |
| Minnesota Cemetery Inscription Index, Select Counties; Minnesota County History Name Index; Minnesota Newspaper Headline Index; Minnesota Civil War Soldiers | Ancestry.com                      | Dalby Database < <a href="http://www.dalbydata.com">www.dalbydata.com</a> >   |
| Minnesota Death Index, 1904-2001   | Ancestry.com                      | Minnesota Historical Society < <a href="http://www.mnhs.org">www.mnhs.org</a> >   |
| New York passenger arrival lists, 1892-1924*   | Ancestry.com, World Vital Records | Ellis Island < <a href="http://ellisland.org">ellisland.org</a> >   |
| Ohio Death Certificate Index, 1913-1944*   | Ancestry.com                      | Ohio Historical Society < <a href="http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex">www.ohiohistory.org/dindex</a> >  |
| Social Security Death Index  | Ancestry.com                      | World Vital Records, RootsWeb < <a href="http://ssdi.rootsweb.com">ssdi.rootsweb.com</a> >, FamilySearch < <a href="http://www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameset_search.asp?page=ssdi/search_ssdi.asp">www.familysearch.org/eng/search/frameset_search.asp?page=ssdi/search_ssdi.asp</a> >, NEHGS < <a href="http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/ss">www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/ss</a> > |
| Texas Vital Records: Deaths 1964-1998*   | Ancestry.com                      | RootsWeb < <a href="http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi">vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi</a> >   |
| WPA slave narratives   | Ancestry.com                      | American Memory < <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html">memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html</a> >  |
| WWII enlistments   | Ancestry.com, World Vital Records | Access to Archival Databases < <a href="http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=3360">aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=3360</a> >   |

\* Ancestry.com database contains more data/years than the related free database.