

The Internet 2007

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Pluses of Using the Internet

- Records can be accessed very rapidly – at least 100 times faster than traditional methods
- Far cheaper, even if you pay for access
- Many of the new records are linked to original images
- Your choice when you do the research

Negatives of Using the Internet

- You cannot do all your research on the ‘net
- A lot of genealogies – family trees – are bad
- The longer the line, the more likely it is to be bad
- You miss out on advice of experts
- You make such rapid progress that the follow-up times seem frustrating

New Advice

- Talk to any older relatives – unchanged
- Look people up on the census – keep images
- Proquest Heritage Quest / Ancestry /Automated Research
- Learn to use Google effectively
- Have fun – search where it is easy – you may be surprised

The Deep Web

The deep web (or Deepnet, invisible web or hidden web) refers to WWW content not part of the surface Web indexed by search engines.

Sources You Have to Try

- Linkpendium
- Ellis Island – even if your ancestors predate 1892
- Newspapers
- Patents
- Land Records
- IGI

New Sources

- Footnote
- Ancestors on Board
- GenealogyBank
- World Vital Records
- The FHL initiative
- Godfrey Library – not new – just good!

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www.familychronicle.com/lectures.htm