

MAPS & TRAILS: TRACING YOUR MIGRATING ANCESTORS

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Migration Trails and Their Evolution:

Waterways & Rivers

- Colonial Transportation <https://transportation.army.mil/museum/exhibits/colonial.html>
- River Networks https://americanhistory.si.edu/onthewater/exhibition/4_4.html
- Intercostal Waterways https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intracoastal_Waterway
- Fort Wayne Riverfront Foundation <https://riverfrontfw.org/faq/fort-waynes-rivers-begin-go>

Canals

- U.S. Canals https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_canals_in_the_United_States
- FamilySearch https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/US_Migration_Canals
- Erie Canal <https://eriecanalway.org>
- Erie Canal Passenger Travel <https://www.eriecanal.org/boats.html>
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal History
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9ae02e24f17d4e579ce700cb102d8699>
- I&M Canal <https://lewisu.edu/imcanal/johnlamb/index.htm>
- American Canal Society <https://americancanalsociety.org/the-canals-of-indiana>
- Indiana Memory: Michigan and Wabash Canal Maps
<https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15078coll8/id/5936/>
- Wabash and Erie Canal <https://wabashanderiecanal.org>
- Canal Society of Indiana <https://indcanal.org/wabash-erie-canal>

Post Roads, Turnpikes, Trails and Traces

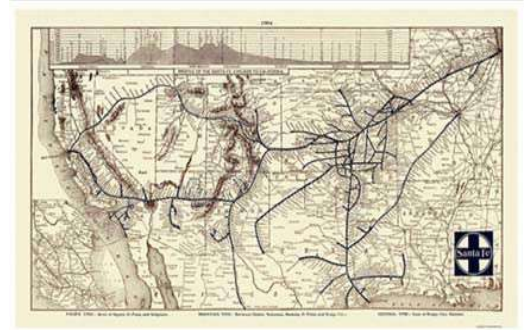
- Boston to Providence Post Road
 - <https://interactive.wttw.com/ten/streets/boston-post-road>
 - <http://walkingthepostroad.net/Blog/Blog.html>
 - <https://newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/?s=post+road>
- <https://library.si.edu/digital-library/book/oldbostonpostroa00jen>
- <https://theoldstonefort.org/Exhibits/vMONEY/Colonial.html>
- New York to Albany Post Road
 - FamilySearch https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Albany_Post_Road
 - My Inwood Blog <https://myinwood.net/old-post-road/>
- Great Valley Road
 - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Great_Valley_Road
 - www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Fry-Jefferson_Map_of_Virginia
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Wagon_Road
- Wilderness Trail
 - www.history.com/articles/wilderness-road
 - <https://history.ky.gov/kentucky-ancestors/the-untraveled-history-of-the-wilderness-road>
 - <https://danielboonetrail.org/>
 - <https://blueridgetales.com/the-wilderness-road-daniel-boones-gateway-to-the-west>
- Vincennes Trace (Buffalo Trace) National Forest Service Histories
 - www.fs.usda.gov/sites/nfs/files/r09/hoosier/publication/stelprdb5292152%5B1%5D.pdf
 - <https://npshistory.com/publications/usfs/region/9/hoosier/buffalo-trace.pdf>
- Conestoga Wagon as transport https://transportation.army.mil/museum/AOTM/2022/apr_2022.html

National Road

- 1806 (constructed 1811-1837) Cumberland, MD to Vincennes, IL (eventually to St. Louis, MO)
- National Park Service National Road <https://www.nps.gov/articles/national-road.htm>
- National Road Organization Illinois <http://www.nationalroadillinois.org>
- Familysearch Wiki Cumberland Road www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Cumberland_Road

Oregon Trail/Mormon Trail

- National Parks Service Oregon Trail National Historic Trail <https://www.nps.gov/oreg/index.htm>
- www.legendsofamerica.com/we-oregontrail
- Bureau of Land Management Oregon Trail www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/oregon-washington/oregon-national-historic-trail
- National Forest Service Oregon Trail National Historic Trail www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5227768
- National Parks Service Mormon Trail National Historic Trail <https://www.nps.gov/mopi/index.htm>
- Visit Utah Mormon Pioneer Historic Trail www.visitutah.com/things-to-do/History-Culture/National-Historic-Trails



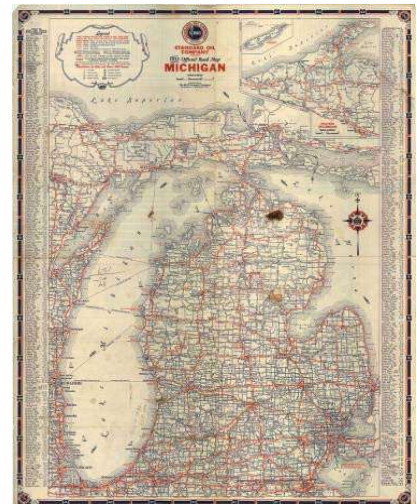
California Trail

- FamilySearch Wiki www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/California_Trail
- National Parks Service California Trail National Historic Trail www.nps.gov/cali/index.htm
- Overland Journals
 - Archivegrid <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid>
 - BYU Mormon and Western Manuscripts Collection <https://guides.lib.byu.edu/19thcentury>
 - Midewin National Prairie Eliza Steele Diary <https://midewin.stqry.app/story/246539>
 - DPLA Gold Rush Collection <https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/california-gold-rush>
 - Library of California, California Gold Rush Collection www.library.ca.gov/california-history/gold-rush
 - Trails of Hope Overland Journals BYU University <http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu>

Railroad Maps and Records

- Schedules, maps, and ticket fares help tell the story of your ancestral past. Railroad maps can also be used to find migration routes and land sales.
- California State Railway Museum <https://archive.org/details/californiastaterailroadmuseum>
- Chicago & Northwestern Historical Society: <https://cnwhs.org/wp1>
- Milwaukee Road Historical Society <https://www.mrha.com>
- Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society <https://fortwaynerailroad.org>
- Legends of America www.legendsofamerica.com/we-santafetrailrailroad

- Newberry Library www.newberry.org/collection/research-guide/railroad-archives
- Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe www.kshs.org/p/railroad-research/15983
- Union Pacific Railroad Historical Society <https://uphs.org>
- Dozens of railroad companies operated over 200,000 miles of track by the start of the 20th Century. These companies employed thousands of employees nationwide. Companies produced their own newsletters and publications for staff. www.archive.org
- Railroad Gazetteers [https://archive.org/details/smithsonian?and\[\]=subject%3A%22Railroads%22](https://archive.org/details/smithsonian?and[]=subject%3A%22Railroads%22)
- Hundreds of towns sprang up as railroad stops and some disappeared just as quickly. Old railroad maps are important to locating these abandoned towns.
 - Central Pacific Railroad Maps www.cpr.org/Museum/Maps
 - www.loc.gov/collections/railroad-maps-1828-to-1900



Highways and Byways

- Lincoln Highway
 - www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org
 - <https://illinoislincolnhighwayassociation.org>
 - <https://indianalincolnhighway.org/map>
 - 1919 Convoy www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research/online-documents/1919-transcontinental-motor-convoy
- Route 66
 - www.historic66.com
 - www.national66.org
 - American Roads www.americanroads.us/ushighwaysintro.html
- Federal Aid Highway Act https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal-Aid_Highway_Act_of_1956#Tollways
- Illinois Department of Transportation <https://idot.illinois.gov/travel-information.html>
- Old Maps Online www.oldmapsonline.org
- Wikipedia County Highways https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_highway
- Wikipedia Numbered Highways in the U.S. <https://bit.ly/2KdlqgV>
- Rand McNally Official Auto Trails Map of the United States 1915
 - <https://archive.org/details/randmcnallyoffic00rand>

U.S. Map Websites

- Atlas of the Historical Geography of the U.S. <http://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas>
- Bureau of Land management map collection <https://www.blm.gov/maps>
- U.S. Geological Survey Domestic Name Search <https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/search/names>

Map Collections at Universities/Libraries/Archives

- David Rumsey Map Collection www.davidrumsey.com
- Library of Congress Transportation & Communication Collection <https://www.loc.gov/collections/transportation-and-communication>
- New York Public Library Map Collection <http://maps.nypl.org/warper>
- North Carolina State Library Map Collection www.lib.ncsu.edu/maps/citingmaps.html
- University of Illinois Historical Maps Online www.library.illinois.edu/max/scanned-maps
- University of Richmond Atlas to the Historical Geography of the United States <https://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas>

Helpful Books

- Dolan, Allison. *The Family Tree Historical Maps Book: A state by state atlas of U.S. history 1700s-1900s*. Cincinnati, OH. Family Tree Books. 2014.
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- Nash, Gary B. *Atlas of American History*. Media Projects Inc. New York, N.Y. 2007.
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