

Wednesdays with Witcher
Answering the “Where Do I Go From Here?” Question:
Tips for Continuing Your Discoveries

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Two Significant Strategies

- Come forward one generation (maybe two)
- Embrace the Genealogical Proof Standard

The Genealogical Proof Standard

1. Reasonably exhaustive research has been conducted.
2. Each statement of fact has a complete and accurate source citation.
3. The evidence is reliable and has been skillfully correlated and interpreted.
4. Any contradictory evidence has been resolved.
5. The conclusion has been soundly reasoned and coherently written.

Free Online Bibliographic databases

- WorldCat—www.WorldCat.org
- ArchiveGrid—<https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>
- NUCMC—National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections—www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/
- DPLA—Digital Public Library of America—<https://dp.la/>

Free Online Bibliographic databases

- [surnames](#) of interest
- [geographic locations](#) in which we suspect our ancestors lived
- the [ethnicities](#) of our ancestors
- the [religion](#) they practiced
- their [occupations](#)

Holdings of Internet Archive, Google Books, HathiTrust, FamilySearch Digital Library

- Archive.org
- Books.Google.com
- www.HathiTrust.org
- www.FamilySearch.org/library/books/

Search Online Catalogs of Major Libraries & repositories

- FamilySearch Library Catalog
- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center
- Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center
- Houston Public Library Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus
- Other

Search All the Newspapers in Your Ancestors' Geographic Areas

- [Chronicling America](#)
- [Elephind](#)
- Memory projects & similar online newspapers at local public libraries & historical societies
- Newspapers.com
- NewspaperArchive.com

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- Solid, thorough research
- Adherence to the Genealogical Proof Standard