

10 Reasons Why MyHeritage is a Genealogist's Best Friend

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MyHeritage and all it has to offer is truly a genealogist's best friend. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced researcher, MyHeritage offers a plethora of tools and features to help you discover, document, and share your family history. MyHeritage has a vast collection of genealogical and historical records from around the world to help any genealogist learn and document their family history.

Definition of Best Friend

Merriam-Webster Dictionary Online defines a Best Friend as

1. A person's closest and dearest friend
2. A person's most desirable or valuable possession or resource

MyHeritage is a desirable, valuable resource and can be your genealogy best friend.

#1 Reason: MyHeritage is Reliable and User Friendly

Established in 2003, MyHeritage has been instrumental in providing genealogy content, records, education and services to the genealogy community. As of 2023, the site supports 42 languages and strives to include records from all over the globe to its researchers. MyHeritage has been a reliable genealogy resource for genealogists to research their family history for over 20 years. Navigating the MyHeritage website is user friendly to help genealogists locate the records for their ancestors.

#2 Reason: MyHeritage is Family Tree Friendly

MyHeritage has family trees that are genealogy friendly and packed full of information, photographs, documents and family stories. This world tree is contributed to by genealogists across the globe. As genealogists, we know we should put our genealogy research out into the public so that other genealogists can collaborate with us and our family history will survive for many generations to come.

- Start a family tree on MyHeritage starting with yourself and add genealogical information, documents and photographs to enhance your tree.
- Study other family trees related to your family to see if they have information you don't have or if you can contribute information they don't have.
- Published genealogy charts and books to share with family or to leave for your descendants ensuring your hard work researching your family history survives you.
- Use the timeline feature to help you find holes in your research that you can fill with more research on MyHeritage.

#3 Reason: MyHeritage Is “News” Friendly

Newspapers are one of the major record groups that genealogists seek and MyHeritage has a large collection of newspapers spanning several countries and in many languages. In 2024, they introduced the new Old News newspaper database. Finding newspaper items for our ancestors adds to our genealogy research and helps to tell our ancestor’s story.

- As part of your normal research routine, use the newspaper databases on MyHeritage by locating the hometown newspapers of your ancestors.
- Use the newspaper search feature on MyHeritage to search your surnames in the places where they lived and those places they traveled.
- Read the entire newspaper. Once you have found newspapers for your ancestor in their hometown, take the time to read through each newspaper from the beginning to the end. There is so much more to discover that the search engine may not find.

#4 Reason: MyHeritage, they are Picture Friendly

Photographs are one of the best ways to connect with your ancestors. Seeing an image of them from a bygone era can help us see family traits, understand the era they lived and maybe even help us fill some genealogy research gaps. MyHeritage has an impressive photograph collection that has been shared by members on their family trees.

- Being a part of the MyHeritage Family tree experience and uploading your family photographs could help other genealogists researching the same families.
- Use the photograph enhancements MyHeritage offers their subscribers to help you bring out the best in your family photographs.
- Sharing our photographs on MyHeritage is free cloud storage for your photographs. Digitization is one of the best forms of preservation.

#5 Reason: MyHeritage Wiki is Information Friendly

One of the newest features on MyHeritage is the MyHeritage Wiki. A wiki is a website that allows collaborative editing of its content and structure by its users. The articles written on the MyHeritage Wiki are written by genealogists for genealogists. There are vast amounts of articles covering many genealogical subjects.

- Search articles and information pertaining to locations across the world.
- Read how-to guides on various genealogical subjects to help you be a better genealogist
- Explore resources and get tips and tricks on how to research your ancestors wherever they lived
- Learn a new research technique to help with your genealogy research

#6 Reason: MyHeritage is Archive Friendly

Archives contain the records all genealogists are looking for to document their family history. We have our own genealogy archive with our family records, photographs and artifacts.

MyHeritage is YOUR personal genealogy archive because of the voluminous amounts of records they have available from across the world.

- MyHeritage has digitized records from most records sources that you can access from the comfort of your own home.
- MyHeritage is constantly adding record sources to their catalog and making an announcement of those additions through their **FREE** newsletter.
- MyHeritage includes the names of the many archives, libraries and records repositories the original records can be found.

#7 Reason: MyHeritage is DNA Friendly

DNA testing has transformed the genealogy community and genealogy research. The options available to genealogists with unknown parentage or other unknown genealogy mysteries are numerous. MyHeritage is at the forefront of offering DNA testing, analysis and guidance to help you understanding your DNA results.

- MyHeritage DNA testing is easy to do and easy to track on the MyHeritage website.
- Legacy Family Tree Webinars currently has 282 webinars to help you understand your DNA results from the beginning to the most advanced aspects of what your genes are telling you.
- MyHeritage DNA matching technology reveals the percentage of DNA you share with your matches, and you can connect to newly found relatives to learn more about your family.

#8 Reason: MyHeritage is AI Friendly

The world is now immersed in everything AI and genealogists are no different. There are many AI tools to help genealogists find their ancestors. There are AI tools to help you search records, write your ancestors story and even bring your ancestors photographs to life. MyHeritage offers AI Record Finder, a revolutionary way to search historical records on their website.

- Put your ancestors name, dates and other information in the search bar and see what AI can help you find on the MyHeritage website.
- MyHeritage AI will suggest records, photographs and family tree information in response to your search.
- As with any genealogy search, take the results and confirm with other documentation and records to be sure what you have found is correct.
- AI Time Machine helps you create stunning AI avatars and travel through history.

#9 Reason: MyHeritage is Catalog Friendly

One of the true gems of the MyHeritage website is their Collections Catalog. Currently with over 370 pages of listings, 7,395 individual collections and 20,550,028, 310 individual records in the catalog, the Collection Catalog is a genealogists gold mine.

- Use the catalog more than the search bar.

- Search the catalog by location, type of record and by time period.
- Get information, digitized records and repository references to help you find even more records.

#10 Reason: MyHeritage Has the Whole Genealogy Package

As genealogists we know that there is no one website or database that will have all the records we are seeking. We need to use every available online resource that is out there to help us find our ancestors and their records. MyHeritage is truly a genealogist's best friend in that they are continuing to add more records, add more genealogy helps and they are constantly looking for new ways to help each of us tell our ancestor's story.

MyHeritage Quick Links

Here are some links to specific pages on MyHeritage to get you to where you want to be quickly so you can start researching. Keep these links handy as you navigate the MyHeritage website:

Collection Catalog

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/catalog?s=222614691>

Newspapers

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-8000/newspapers?s=222614691>

AI Record Finder

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/ai-record-finder/6688025F11731905F07F68B5303B96A4>

Newspaper Database

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-8000/newspapers?s=222614691>

Colorized Photos

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

Enhance Photos

<https://www.myheritage.com/photo-enhancer>

Animate Photos

<https://www.myheritage.com/deep-nostalgia>

AI Time Machine

<https://www.myheritage.com/ai-time-machine/>

Family Trees

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/category-5000/family-trees?s=222614691>