



List of suggested websites to use for Internet research of lenders and heirs of old loans

(All sites current as of April 5 & 6, 2004; favorite sites highlighted)

Alumni Listings

About.com: Yearbooks, Reunion Lists, and Alumni, Guide Picks www.genealogy.about.com/cs/yearbooks/index.htm
American Alumni Directory (for a fee) www.aad.net

Cemetery/Obituary Listings

About.com: Cemeteries on the Internet, Guide Picks www.genealogy.about.com/cs/cemeteriesonline
American Memorials (for a fee) www.obituaryregistry.com
Cemetery Records <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries>
Cemetery Records www.interment.net
OnlineNewspapers.com –Newspaper Obituaries Searches www.onlinenewspapers.com

Genealogy sites

Census and other genealogical help <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/>
Comprehensive index/links to all genealogy sites on internet <http://www.cyndislist.com/>
Genealogical searches (for a fee, free at some public libraries) <http://www.ancestry.com>
Genealogical searches (for a fee) <http://www.genealogy.com>
Genealogical searches (free) <http://www.familysearch.org>
Genealogical searches (free); by state/county as well <http://www.usgenweb.com>
Genealogical searches (partly for a fee/partly free) <http://www.rootsweb.com>
Genealogy tips and links <http://genealogy.about.com>
Index to people search & genealogy sites, international included <http://www.nedsite.nl/search/people.htm>

Internet Directories

411.com directory www.411.com
Anywho directory www.anywho.com
Bigfoot directory www.bigfoot.com



Infobel.com—Reverse Addresses
Numberfinder directory
PeopleSearch Classic
Qwestdex directory
Switchboard directory
Teldir.com directory
WhoWhere directory

www.infobel.com/usa/wp/revsearch
www.numberfinder.com
http://peoplesearch.net/peoplesearch/peoplesearch_classic.html
www.qwestdex.com
www.switchboard.com
www.infobel.com/teldir
www.whowhere.com

People Searches

Genealogical detective who finds living persons (for a fee)
Locate & hire a P.I. (for a fee)
People Search Services (for a fee)

www.familydetective.com
www.privateinvestigators.com
www.peoplelocate.com

Public Records

Ancestry.com – Land, Court, and Probate Records (for a fee)
BrbPub.com—Free Access to Public Records (incl. probate)
Index to Texas Probate Records
KnowX.com—Public Records Search (for a fee)
Mass Probate Recs Search & Retrieval: 1643-2001 (private search for a fee)
Maryland Real Property Search
Netronline—Public Records for Search Online
NJ Free Property Tax Records Online (login required)

www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/court/main.htm
www.brbpub.com/pubrecsites.asp
<http://three-legged-willie.org/texas.htm>
www.knowx.com
www.mass-doc.com/probate_record_request.htm
www.dat.state.md.us
www.netronline.com/public_records.htm
www.taxrecords.com

Search Engines

Google - Search Engine
Alltheweb - Search Engine
Teoma - Search Engine

www.google.com
www.AllTheWeb.com
www.Teoma.com



Search Engine Watch

www.searchenginewatch.com

Vital Records

About.com Vital Records—Where to find vital records in US	http://genealogy.about.com/library/blvitalus.htm
California Vital Records and County Map	http://www.vitalsearch-ca.com/
Kentucky Vital Records Index	http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/
Maine Death History Search Form	http://thor.dafs.state.me.us/pls/archives/archdev.death_archive.search_form
Michigan Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics	http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/PHA/OSR/vital_records/index.htm
Roots.web - California Death Records (example of user database)	http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi
Roots.web - Texas Death Records (example of user database)	http://userdb.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi
Social Security Death Index	See cyndislist and other genealogical websites
Vital Records Information—US (for a fee)	http://www.vitalrec.com
Vital Records check (for a fee)	http://www.vitalchek.com
Minnesota Death Certificates Index	http://people.mnhs.org/dci/
Minnesota Birth Certificates Index	http://people.mnhs.org/bci/

Suggestions:

- Try using a search engine, such as Google, to find state/county specific sites such as the Maine, Kentucky, Michigan and California ones listed under vital records that may exist on the internet.
- The genealogy, public records and vital records sites can be helpful in determining if a lender has passed away, where their will is filed, last known address, or living relatives.
- Familysearch.org also provides a space for the submitter of the deceased's name to enter their name and contact information if they chose to do so. Oftentimes the submitter is somehow related to the deceased.
- The search engines and internet directories are most helpful if the lender is still living or if there are known living heirs. Also, if the current address/phone is not known, sometimes the lender's or heir's name can be found via a search engine through their participation in clubs, community activities, published professional work, etc., that is posted on the internet. Contact can then be made with this information.
- In addition to using internet directories, try calling "4-1-1" and request the last known city and state of residence of the lender/heir – if their name is known.



State government sites for Business Entity Name Search – if the lender of an old loan is a business entity (non or for-profit), each state has an online search feature for finding corporation names and addresses. Usually, the name(s) of a registered agent is included as well as the corporation’s active or inactive status. If the corporation is inactive, the registered agent may sometimes still be contacted.

Listing of Individual State Government Websites <http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm>

Alabama	http://www.sos.state.al.us
Alaska	http://www.dced.state.ak.us/bsc/home.htm
Arizona	http://www.sosaz.com
Arkansas	http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/corps/search_all.php
California	http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html
Colorado	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business
Connecticut	http://www.concord.state.ct.us
Delaware	http://www.state.de.us/corp/default.shtml
Florida	http://www.dos.state.fl.us
Georgia	http://www.sos.state.ga.us/default1024.asp
Hawaii	http://www.businessregistrations.com
Idaho	http://www.idsos.state.id.us
Illinois	http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/home.html
Indiana	https://secure.in.gov/sos/bus_service/online_corps/default.asp
Iowa	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/index.html
Kansas	http://www.kssos.org/main.html
Kentucky	http://www.sos.state.ky.us
Louisiana	http://www.sec.state.la.us
Maine	http://www.state.me.us/sos
Maryland	http://www.sos.state.md.us
Massachusetts	http://www.state.ma.us/sec/cor/Functionality/Search.htm
Michigan (Dept of Labor & Economic Growth)	http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-10557_13006---,00.html
Minnesota	http://www.sos.state.mn.us
Mississippi	http://www.sos.state.ms.us
Missouri	http://www.sos.mo.gov



Montana	http://sos.state.mt.us/css/index.asp
Nebraska (for a fee)	http://www.sos.state.ne.us
Nevada	http://www.sos.state.nv.us
New Hampshire	http://www.sos.nh.gov/index.html
New Jersey	https://accessnet.state.nj.us/home.asp
New Mexico	http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/corporations/corpsinquiry.htm
New York	http://www.dos.state.ny.us
North Carolina	http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations
North Dakota	http://www.state.nd.us/sec
Ohio	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos
Oklahoma	http://www.sos.state.ok.us/default.htm
Oregon	http://sos-venus.sos.state.or.us:8080/beri_prod/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.login
Pennsylvania	http://www.dos.state.pa.us/DOS/site/default.asp
Rhode Island	http://www.state.ri.us
South Carolina	http://www.scsos.com
South Dakota	http://www.sdsos.gov
Tennessee	http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/soscorp
Texas (for a fee)	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/index.html
Utah	http://www.commerce.utah.gov
Vermont	http://www.sec.state.vt.us
Virginia	http://www.state.va.us/scc/division/clk/diracc.htm
Washington	http://www.secstate.wa.gov
West Virginia	http://www.wvsos.com
Wisconsin	http://www.wdfi.org
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Corp_Search_Main.asp

Washington DC: search not available online (see <http://brc.dc.gov/about/about.asp>), but a phone number is listed for information (202) 442-4432.

Puerto Rico: search only provides the name and type of corporation, no contact or status information available www.estado.gobierno.pr/CorporacionesOnLine.asp (website in Spanish).



Many of the above websites are published in the following papers. Please refer to them for further reference:

Dean, Catherine, "*New Tools for an Old Problem?: Old Loan Research and the Internet*," www.gwu.edu/~mstd/publicationframe.html

DeAngelis, Ildiko, "*Resolving Unclaimed Loans Using The Internet: Resources and Case Studies by Graduate Students and Faculty of the Museum Studies Program, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.*," 2002, ALI-ABA Legal Problems of Museum Administration.

Minnesota Historical Society Reference Staff, "*Guide to Family History Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society*", 2003, MHS Press