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Websites to Remember:

- MSL Genealogy – www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/index.shtml
- Vital Records Researcher Card- www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml
- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society- www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megs/index.html

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Helpful Online Tutorials!

Happy Spring to all! I thought you might want to know about some really good sources of online tutorials, whether you're just beginning or you have a particular type of record you'd like to investigate.

Let's start with "About Genealogy" at <http://genealogy.about.com>. It has a lot to offer, from articles to videos, webinars and free downloadable charts. Topics to browse include DNA, networking, heraldry, reunions and software., to name a few. This page is always full of current information!

The "Ancestry.com Learning Center" is not to be missed, as well. Major categories are *What's New*, *First Steps*, *Next Steps* and *Our Social Network*. There are a number of downloadable guides and videos on all aspects of genealogy; just go to: www.ancestry.com and click on Learning Center.

"Cyndi's List" has been around for a long time, as websites go,



and she provides links to guide us wherever our curious minds want to take us. Her *Tutorials and Guides* section points to many learning tools, including books, events, myths, research services and supplies, as well as How To. The address: www.cyndislist.com/how-to-tutorials.

"FamilySearch" has a great educational portion on their site called *Learn*: <https://familysearch.org/learn>. They have a variety of free online classes, discussion forums,

and a Research Wiki, which they describe as "a collection of family history articles provided by family history enthusiasts from around the world".

Another spot to check is Genealogy.com's *Genealogy Classes*: www.genealogy.com/university.html. Multi-part classes cover beginning genealogy, the Internet, immigrant origins, and instruction on using their website.

The National Archives is also on the bandwagon with its *Resources for Genealogists and Family Historians*: www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html. Broad choices include an introduction to the National Archives, popular topics, events, tools and articles.

As always, I hope these little articles are helpful and will break down more brick walls in your family history research! Good Luck!

Rearrangement of the 2nd Floor of MSL Continues!

Believe it or not, we're trying to arrange our collection to make it easier to use! The really good news for genealogy people is that everything of interest to family history buffs is now closer together! No more going to the other end of the library to use microfilm! Just take a left at the

bottom of the stairs; film and machines are right there! We also have a special Genealogy Reference section, which is followed by general multi-volume sets, handbooks, family histories, town histories and vital records for Maine and New England. Up next are

Canadian materials. The rest of the collection is getting a shake-down as well. The Reference Desk has taken a turn to the left, and the main reference section has shifted far more to the right. Please bear with us as we make this major shift, and feel free to ask where something is!