

Search Websites (those I use the most)

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www.switchboard.com phone/address listings – can do state AND national

www.dexknows.com phone/address listings

www.anywho.com phone/address listings – can search by name and zip code; will often list female name AND/OR male name of phone # owner (not done by other phonebook sites as a general rule).

www.whitepages.com great stalking tool! Click on “neighbors” and it lists all the neighbors with their contact information. Good about listing apartment numbers. Now also puts possible relatives and occupation. **Note:** check all phone sites - compare info. Now has info on whether person is on Facebook or Twitter. Check icons.

<http://www.infobel.com/world/default.asp> phone listings for the World

www.spokeo.com Accessing this site via www.pipl.com can provide name, age, photo of neighborhood (google earth).

www.new.familysearch.org NEW free family finder sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

<http://www.americanancestors.org/Search.aspx?Ca=344&Da=269> Social Security Death List (searching for older birth family members will help you obtain an obituary listing mortuary and, often, names of other relatives). Can put in date of death, city and state with NO names at all and find who is listed on that date in that city (good for “no name” searches).

<http://ssdmf.info> Search this Social Security Death List by name or by birthdate!!

www.pipl.com can put in name, username, phone and/or state and the site does a “deep web” search that uses several search engines and sites. Format changed in December 2011. Not as great as it once was!

www.peoplefinders.com will give name/city/state, and often maiden name, plus age and, if dead, the date of death.

www.peoplesmart.com put in name and it will give age, (often) maiden name, locations and relatives.

www.usidentify.com put in name and it also gives age, locations and relatives.

www.whoullookingfor.com Data base that shows names, relatives, cities/state for free. Pay to use other services but not necessary.

www.beenverified.com Been advertised on TV a significant amount. An OK site but it seems to morph similar names together (eg Stephanie and Steve Waugh are viewed as same person; ditto for Don and Donna Mendenhall)

www.privateeye.com can put in first name, middle initial and birth date (with NO last name) and obtain list state by state or national – great birth mother search tool. Also lists family members together (fabulous!) and often will list place of employment. One of the most useful sites around as “dead people” are often listed with family members. Many sections are free BUT to search by first name, middle initial and birth date (no last name), you must have purchased a report in the past (best \$9.95 I ever spent!)

www.veromi.com uses same database as privateeye.com but does all for free as of 1/09. If you have account at privateeye.com, your sign-in info will also work here.

www.intelius.com good database. Must pay for some info but cost is minimal.

www.zabasearch.com can put in name with or without state and get list of people in nation or separate state and most have birth years (some with birth month). Claims they will find anyone for \$100 or your money back but I’ve never used this (but want feedback if anyone ever does). Be sure to click on “check messages” for the person you are seeking. You may find other birth family members/ addresses there.

Caution – check your favorite Zip Code site to re-check the address as directions (N, S, E, and W) are often not listed on this site which can result in returned mail (see below).

www.peoplesmart.com input name and/or state and it can list only those living, those deceased or a combo of both. Will often list maiden name with married last name.

www.findagrave.com and www.sysoon.com Millions of cemetery records, famous and non-famous names, are listed here – many with photos of gravestone. Great for searching for relatives in a certain town/state.

www.blackbookonline.info Enter city and/or state and it will show what online databases are available for that area. Do NOT put person’s name in the first blank; it is for location only.

www.peekyou.com search by name, interests, work, school and many other categories.

www.isearch.com Works very similar to old version (and better version) of [pipl.com](http://www.pipl.com).

<http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp> enter address and the correct complete address and zipcode will appear. EXCELLENT way to find out if the person lives in an apartment.

www.birthdatabase.com search database of 120 million names and birth dates. Put in first and last name and estimated age of person. Gives birth date (wonderful to have for other search databases) and city/state.

www.classmates.com (aka Memory Lane) and www.alumni.net free membership lets you search these sites for high school, college, and military alumni name. Be sure to try the "map location" feature on classmates.com!

www.myspace.com Blog type site that ANYONE can access. Scary how much info people post about themselves. Usually blocked on work computers!

www.facebook.com Used by LOTS of college and, now increasing, high school students. Access to this site used to be limited to those with an edu Internet address but now anyone can register. They do not update membership files (ie eliminate those who graduate and no longer use a school Internet address) so it can be helpful to track someone's trail. Look at the photos also as a specific college t-shirt can help determine different locations to search.

www.davidgrayspeoplefinder.com Nominal fee. Claims to have selected birth indexes (TX, CA, OH, MN, NC, KY VT). Now has free trial period.

www.twitter.com Another social networking site but this one limits you to 140 characters. The question you are to answer is "what are you doing now". I suggest using last name only for a search and often you will get the city/state where the person is located.

<http://en.netlog.com> Social network for "young people" in Europe. Often connect to USA twenty-somethings.

www.findme.org enter date of birth for adoptee and lists names and location of people who have registered with site (mutual consent registry)

www.peoplelookup.com will give relatives and towns/states where person lived

www.123people.com Currently LOVE this one. Does a "deep web" search with many hyperlinks and photos.

www.radaris.com Also does "deep web" search

www.instantcheckmate.com Gives age, year of birth, address and partial phone number.

www.kidon.com/media-link/usa.shtml listing of newspaper, magazine, radio, tv stations worldwide

<http://www.usgenweb.org/> good resource for genealogy info on a certain area of the United States

www.zoominfo.com can search by three categories: people, company, job

www.archives.gov listing of those killed in Korean Conflict plus other great info

<http://www.ama-assn.org/> Listing of doctors nationwide

www.martindale.com Listing of lawyers nationwide

http://www.ancestorhunt.com/prison_search.htm search for prisoners by state

<http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/InmateFinderServlet> search for those in federal prison system

www.lookwhogotbusted.com photos of criminals and listings for various states is growing.

Plus some others:

Genealogy Resources

http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html

<http://www.progenealogists.com> free estimate to hire a genealogist (about \$45 per hr)

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ridge/1096/entry-search.html>

People Searching Tool – small fees

<http://www.searchbug.com/>

Public Resources

<http://www.publicrecordsources.com/> State by state info and hyperlinks

Cyndi's List

<http://cyndislist.com/adoption.htm#general>

Adoption in New York

http://adoption.about.com/library/states/blpro_ny.htm

New York State Unified Court

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/>

www.maidennameregistry.com - need to register yours

<http://www.ancestry.com/> - fee to use but free at most public libraries; great info

www.theultimates.com - fill out ONE form that can be used at several search sites

<http://www.infobel.com/en/world/> - information/services for 184 countries

www.google.com - best name search engine – put name in “quotes”

www.dogpile.com - my second choice for name search engine

<http://www.searchbug.com/> - another good one

<http://www.vitalrec.com/birth.html> Vital Records Information, Birth Certificate, how and where to obtain copy in U.S.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/marriage.htm> Cyndi's List - Marriages

Finding a Marriage Date – free trial but then membership required

http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/11_mrgdt.html

<http://www.arrangeonline.com/> - National Obituaries Archives

<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/> - Search for schools, libraries, and colleges

www.americanadoptioncongress.org - clicking on the search tips is helpful. You might want to read through the FAQs (frequently asked questions) also.

<http://catalog.loc.gov/> Helpful for locating materials when using Interlibrary Loan

www.USGenweb.com links to each state's resources

Specific to Kansas City born Adoptees:

Facebook now has a Willows Hospital group with lots of info on one of the longest running maternity homes in Kansas City

<http://www.jacksongov.org/content/3310/3356/3358/default.aspx#search>
search Kansas City marriage records by mother or father's name

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/> Online death certificates for Missouri on anyone deceased from 1955 to very early 1900's

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/> Missouri court info – can search by name.

DNA Testing:

www.23andme.com \$199 DNA test

www.DNAAncestryproject.com \$119 paternal line testing

www.familytreeDNA.com general genetic testing