

Search Websites (those I use the most)

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

www.qwestdex.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

<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com> 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).

www.pipl.com can put in name, age and/or state and the site does a “deep web” search that uses several search engines.

www.searchsystems.net formerly free public records (great one to play with) BUT as of March 2007 now charges a nominal fee. Interfaces with peoplefinders.com which does charge a small fee.

www.sun.org Search engine for names/topics in print. I have found conference attendance lists (with addresses) and work documents.

www.wholookingfor.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.publicrecordspro.com Unlimited access for \$2.95 per month for a one year use.

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).

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.spock.com going through Beta test phase. Use the "advanced search" option. Works very similar to 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 and city/state.

www.classmates.com and www.alumni.net free membership lets you search these sites for high school, college, and military alumni name.

www.myspace.com Blog type site that ANYONE can access. Scary how much info people post about themselves

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.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. This site has great potential for mass expansion.

<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 can do either "instant people lookup" (\$2.95 sale right now) or obtain a 24 hour pass for unlimited people lookup via name or address (\$14.95)

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.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/pld/statelib.html> State library websites

<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?Transaction=NameSearch&needingMoreList=false&LastName=Byrne&Middle=&FirstName=richard&Race=U&Sex=M&Age=&x=20&y=21> search for those in federal prison system

Plus some others:

Genealogy Resources

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

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

People Searching Tool

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

Public Resources

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

Cyndi's List

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

Tina's Florida Page

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/9606/states/florida.html#top>

Registry Here

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/9942/registry.html>

<http://www.birthquest.org>

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Garden/1145/search.htm>

Try this for free trial but membership then as needed
http://www5.genealogy.com/gen_ssdisearch.html

Adoption in New York
http://adoption.about.com/library/states/blpro_ny.htm

New York State Unified Court
<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/>

Rootsweb Social Security Death List – search for survivors of the deceased
<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>

<http://www.familysearch.org/> Family Search – Church of Latter-Day Saints archives

www.maidennameregistry.com - need to register yours

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

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

<http://www.teldir.com/> - 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

Vital Records Information, divorce Decree, how and where to obtain copy in U.S.
<http://www.vitalrec.com/divorce.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://www.adoptiondna.com/testing/dna-price-referral.html> DNA testing info/locations

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

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://records.co.jackson.mo.us/localization/menu.asp>
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