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The USGenWeb Project

URL: <http://www.usgenweb.com/>

[Visited Apr'08] *The USGenWeb Project* began in 1996 as an outgrowth of the earlier *Kentucky Comprehensive Genealogy Database Project*. Operated by volunteers, it offers links to other genealogical sites, and original pages contributed by members. The main part of the site is arranged by state and by county. Different volunteers are responsible for each state's project Web site, and no uniformity is apparent in either appearance or content. Among the types of information offered are links to archival records, cemeteries, vital records, and maps. Numerous Special Projects include the Tombstone Transcription Project, the African American Griots Project, and an Archives Project that provides transcriptions of public domain records. Specific archival subprojects are a Marriage Records Project, a Pension Project, and a Digital Map Library. The Kidz Project is directed at introducing children and young adults to genealogical research. Aside from browsing

by state, visitors may use a site map and three search engines. Thousands of other Web sites link to the *USGenWeb* pages, further indicating its importance among researchers. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Libraries that maintain genealogy-related links on their Web sites; all user levels. —
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