

## WIKIS FOR GENEALOGY

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**Wiki** – definition – from **Wikipedia** - “Ward Cunningham, the developer of the first wiki software, WikiWikiWeb, [1994-95] originally described it as “the simplest online database that could possibly work”. “Wiki” (pronounced [ˈwɪtɪ] or [ˈvɪtɪ]) is a Hawaiian word meaning “fast” or “quick”. ”

- collaborative, easy to edit, based on open source software. Often open content license. Sometimes anyone can edit, sometime registration required; occasionally 'moderated'.

**Best known wiki, Wikipedia** - “collaboratively edited, multilingual, free Internet encyclopedia supported by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation. ” First on-line 2001; 6<sup>th</sup> most popular website (Alexa), May 2013 [1-5: Facebook, Google, YouTube, Yahoo, Baidu] or 6<sup>th</sup> with linking domains, May 2013 [Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube, Blogger, Adobe].

**Wikipedia, Wiki:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>

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#### Information Wikis

**Dick Eastman's Encyclopedia of Genealogy** (2004): <http://www.eogen.com>

**FamilySearch Research Wiki:** [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page)

**Ancestry Errors Wiki:** [http://ancestryerrors.wikia.com/wiki/Ancestry\\_Errors\\_Wiki](http://ancestryerrors.wikia.com/wiki/Ancestry_Errors_Wiki)

**Slektshistoriewiki** (Family Book Wiki, Norwegian Family History Society):

<http://www.genealogi.no/mediawiki/index.php/Hovedside>

**Online Encyclopedia of British Columbia:** [http://www.bchistoryonline.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.bchistoryonline.com/wiki/Main_Page)

#### Family/Biographical Wikis

**WeRelate**, largest genealogy wiki, Foundation for On-Line Genealogy in partnership with the Allen County Public Library: [http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main_Page)

**Rodovid:** [http://en.rodovid.org/wk/Main\\_Page](http://en.rodovid.org/wk/Main_Page)

**Geni.com**, building the definitive online family tree. Free features; commercial website. BCGS Walter Draycott Library has Geni Pro free of charge for patrons. (Registration needed.) Now owned by My Heritage: <http://www.geni.com/home>

Geni Blog: <http://www.geni.com/blog>

Original wiki: [http://wiki.geni.com/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wiki.geni.com/index.php/Main_Page)

**WikiTree:** <http://www.wikitree.com>

**Familypedia:** [http://familypedia.wikia.com/wiki/Family\\_History\\_and\\_Genealogy\\_Wiki](http://familypedia.wikia.com/wiki/Family_History_and_Genealogy_Wiki)

#### Group Purposes

**International Society of Genetic Genealogy:** [http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Wiki\\_Welcome\\_Page](http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page)

**Genealogical Society of Great Poland, Wielkopolskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne 'Gniazdo':** [http://www.wtg-gniazdo.org/wiki.php?page=Info\\_English](http://www.wtg-gniazdo.org/wiki.php?page=Info_English)

**British Columbia Genealogical Society**, members' area: <http://www.bcgs.ca>

**More Wikis for Genealogy** – Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/wikis>