

# Search the Web Function in Reunion

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The Search the Web function in Reunion provides an instant search of online web sites — large, searchable databases of genealogical information. Some are free; some indicate that they contain information you're seeking, but will charge a membership or subscription fee in order to access the records. Some offer a mixture of free and paid content.

## 1. Features

- a. Automatically launches your browser (such as Safari or Chrome).
- b. Connects to websites which might have more information about your person.
- c. *You* create a citation for anything you find.

## 2. Set up

- a. Choose **Reunion>Preferences**
- b. Click **Web**
- c. Click **Browser** – choose the one you will use.
- d. Click **Searching** – three columns appear.
- e. **Groups**, on the left, shows which search groups you set up.
  - Highlight a group and the Sites list in the middle shows only the sites in that group.
- f. **Sites**, in the middle, lists all sites provided by Reunion.
  - Any item checked will no longer be searched when choosing “All Sites” to search.
- g. On the right, **Information from site . . .**
  - Gives details about any site that you have highlighted in the middle section
  - You can visit the site’s home page if you want to know more.
- h. **Check for New Sites** at the bottom of the window to get the latest site updates from Reunion.
- i. **Custom Groups** are set up by clicking on the + at the bottom, naming the group, and dragging sites to the new group
  - Can add your own sites if technically inclined. (Instructions refer to Reunion 10; but the process is the same for Reunion 13) <https://www.leisterpro.com/download/CreatingWebSearchesForReunion10.pdf>

3. **Process** – on the Family View:

- a. Find the Person menu button (the triangle in the upper right corner of the person's button), click on **Search the Web** in the sub-menu.
- b. Choose either **Search Favorites** or **All Sites**.
  - **Search Favorites** - you have specified which ones you want to search.
  - **All Sites** - Have Reunion search the specific sites that you checked in the list.
- c. **Results** will show in tabs in your browser with information about the person from your Reunion database already entered.
  - If you have membership in a site, you will need to sign in if you haven't already done so.
  - If you do not have membership in a site, you will need to join to find out more about the results!
  - Fold3 is working on a Code 500 error.
  - Find a Grave may need spelling or female surname adjusted.

4. **Conclusions:**

- a. Put together your own list of favorites and use that.
- b. This feature is great for quick searches of specific sites.
- c. If you are revisiting an ancestor you searched years ago, it's a great way to do a quick update.

The Person menu button.

Click the Person menu button and choose "Search the Web."

A sample of the web resources that appear in the menu. Free updates and additions to this menu are available with one click.

Mary Josephine HANNON  
Age: 98

Mary Josephine HANNON

Spouses & Children ▶

Siblings ▶

Parents ▶

Search the Web ▶

Marked

Search Favorites (6)

All Sites ▶

Search G Favorites

Web Pref

Australia & New Zealand ▶

Germany ▶

Ireland ▶

Netherlands ▶

Norway ▶

Sweden ▶

Switzerland ▶

UK ▶

USA & Canada ▶

Worldwide ▶

Ancestry - UK

BMD Registers - UK

British History Online

British Newspaper Archive

Deceased Online - UK

Edinburgh Gazette

Find My Past - UK

FreeBMD (Births) - UK

FreeBMD (Deaths) - UK

FreeBMD (Marriages) - UK

Last Chance To Read

London Gazette

National Archives - UK

Scotlands People

Society Of Genealogists - UK

Tees Valley Indexes (Births)

Tees Valley Indexes (Deaths)

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