

Searching for Family Members
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DNA data bases not available to the public

CODIS is an acronym for **Combined DNA Index System**, which is a computer software program that operates local, state, and national databases of DNA profiles from convicted offenders, unsolved crime scene evidence, and missing persons

National DNA Index System (NDIS) is a United States Federal Bureau of Investigation database that facilitates the electronic comparison and exchange of DNA profiles between participating local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and forensic laboratories.

DCI is the Division of Criminal Investigation, which controls the state DNA base and a state DNA data bank

Genealogical Proof Standard (Board for Certification of Genealogists)

1. Reasonably exhaustive research
2. Complete and accurate source citations
3. Thorough analysis and correlations
4. Resolution of conflicting evidence
5. Soundly written conclusion based on the strongest evidence

Mistakes to avoid

Do not forget to research brothers, sisters, or other family members to find a person who could be helpful in finding a family member.

Do not assume that everything is online.

Do document your research.

Do not assume all names and dates are accurate.

Do look at online family trees, but not uncritically.

Websites worth trying

Ancestry.com

FamilySearch.org

FamilyTreeDNA.com

MyHeritage.com

23andMe.com

Fold3.com

Newspapers.com

NewspaperArchive.com

AmericanAncestors.org

GEDMatch.com

Archives.gov

National Archives – Denmark

National Archives – Sweden

National Archives – Norway

ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk

Town/City records

Land Records

1950 Census

Google

Searchgizmos.com/obit-magnet

Iowa Genealogical Society

Cyndislist.com