Genealogy Center

5 of Our Most Used Free Websites for Danish Genealogy

1. Danish National Archives - Contains images of original church records, civil marriages and family court cases, probate records and other interesting resources. [https://www.sa.dk/en/](https://www.sa.dk/en/)

2. Dansk Demografisk Database - Transcribed censuses spanning 1769 - 1930. Can search in English, but results will be in Danish. [https://ddd.dda.dk/kiplink_en.htm](https://ddd.dda.dk/kiplink_en.htm)

3. The Digital Danish Emigrant Archive - Contains the records of emigrants who bought an overseas ticket from a Danish travel agent from 1869-1913. [http://www.udvandrerarkivet.dk/udvandrerprotokollerne/](http://www.udvandrerarkivet.dk/udvandrerprotokollerne/)

4. Stednavne - This will help you locate places in Denmark. This is useful when looking for a parish or county. [http://salldata.dk/sted/](http://salldata.dk/sted/)

5. FamilySearch Denmark Genealogy Wiki - This guide provides tips, how-to's, resources, and more in regards to Danish genealogy. It's a great source for word lists and county information. [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Denmark_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Denmark_Genealogy)

Note: When researching in Danish databases, use the Danish spelling and letters as much as possible.

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Danish websites usually require the correct Danish spelling of place and personal names. The following is a key for making the three Danish letters of the alphabet not found in English on many PCs: Hold down the Alt key (or Fn+Alt on many laptops) + type the following 4-digit numbers:

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In some databases like the Dansk Demografisk Database where you search for census records, using a % is a wildcard character and the database will search for multiple spellings where the % is placed.

For example:

Kristine/Christine = %istine
Kirstine/Kjerstine = K%stine
Christen/Christian = Christ%n
Martin/Morten = M%rt%n
Museum of Danish America: Danish Newspapers - This digital library is created and maintained by the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa. It is a collaborative effort with the museum, the Danish American Archive and Library in Blair, Nebraska and the Danish Immigrant Archive – Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. The A.P. Møller and Chastine McKinney-Møller Foundation of Copenhagen, Denmark funds the project. https://box2.nmtvault.com/DanishIM/jsp/RcWebBrowseCollections.jsp

Danish Archive and Library - This archive is located in Blair, NE and it’s mission “is to collect, catalog, preserve and make available to the public, documents, photos and other media that show the rich history and contributions to American life of Danish Americans from immigration to the present day.” https://danishamericanarchive.com

AdvantageArchives - This is a company that digitizes historical documents, mainly newspapers, for smaller communities. They keep a directory on their site of the communities they have worked with. Almost all of the newspapers are free to access through public libraries or historical societies. https://directory.advantage-preservation.com/SiteDirectory

Mormon Church History Biographical Database - The Mormon Church has combined the Missionary Database and the Pioneer Database to create the Church History Biographical Database. It has information on the early pioneers that went to Utah in the mid-1800s and more. https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/chd/landing?lang=eng