

# Pinning Together Your Genealogical Past with Pinterest

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## What is Pinterest?

- Pinterest is a website that allows you to “pin” things online, just as you would pin them on a real life bulletin board or cork board, but instead, Pinterest saves all of your pins on your account so you can access them easily.
- It is a tool for collecting and organizing links to images, videos, or webpages from the Internet or your computer of things you love, organized under subjects you choose.
- Books, recipes, home decoration ideas, needle craft, animals, exercise, family pictures, etc. are examples of subjects that people have on their Pinterest boards.
- The most popular boards are (1) DIY / Crafts, (2) Recipes, (3) Quotes.

## Why Use Pinterest?

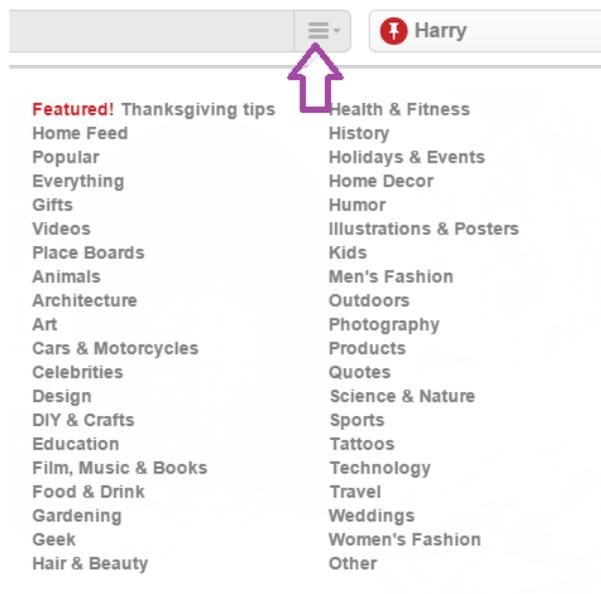
- It's FUN.
- It has a social interaction aspect that allows you to follow people and see their pins
- It's also easier than some of the other social networks to use
- It's flexible in format and use.
- It's visually appealing.
- It shows new posts every hour of every day
- The “Pin it Button” allows instant saves of links, info, images, or videos from any website as you travel the web.
- It's a visual list of your favorites, bookmarks, plans, projects, and preferred websites.
- You can browse boards created by others to discover new things and get inspiration from those that share your interests.

## Setting Up an Account

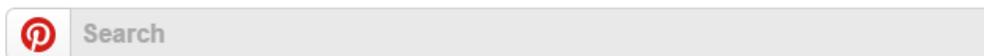
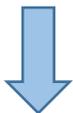
- ✓ Go to [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)
- ✓ Create an account using your email address and a password. Go ahead and fill out the required fields. Then click on “Sign up”
- ✓ Alternate ways to connect on Pinterest are through Facebook and Twitter.

## Searching for items to Pin

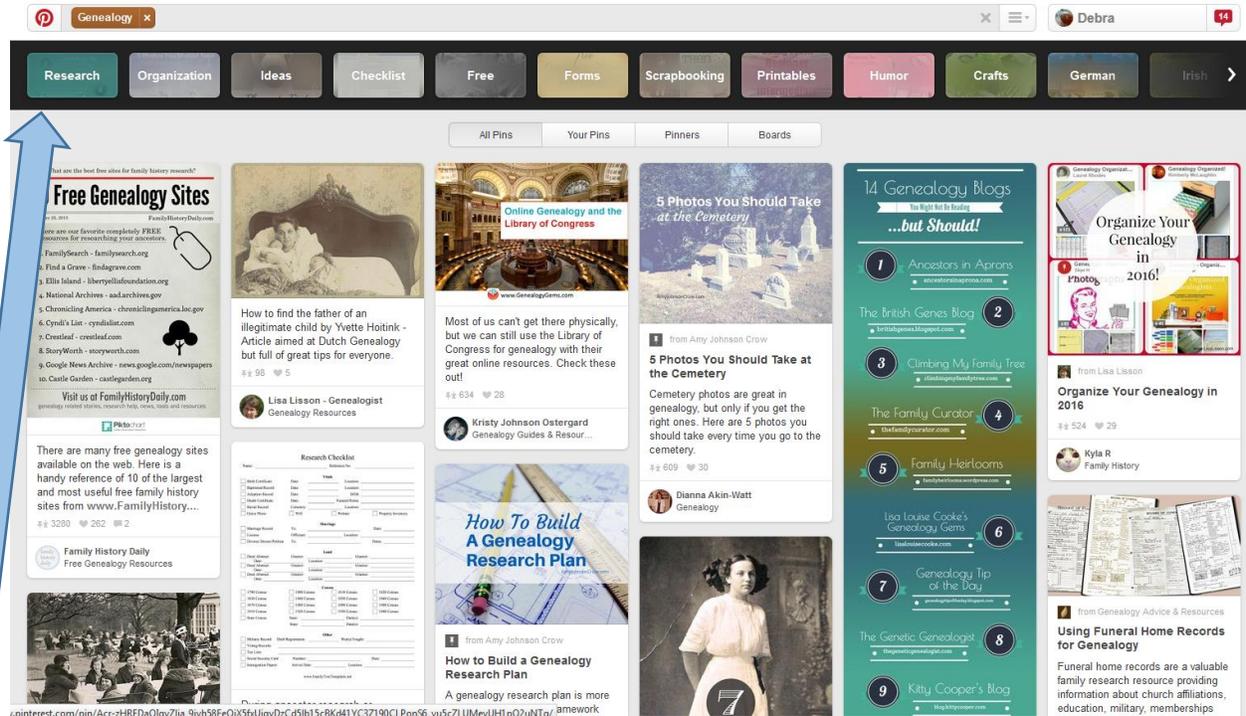
- ✓ Search by the categories that are set up already in Pinterest
- ✓ You can open up a list of categories by clicking on the three horizontal lines that are next to your name at the upper part of the screen



- ✓ Or search for terms in the search box by typing a phrase or word



Using the search term 'Genealogy', these are some of the items found:



Don't ignore the small boxes under the search term! These are shortcut tabs which will help you narrow your search or find new things you never knew existed!

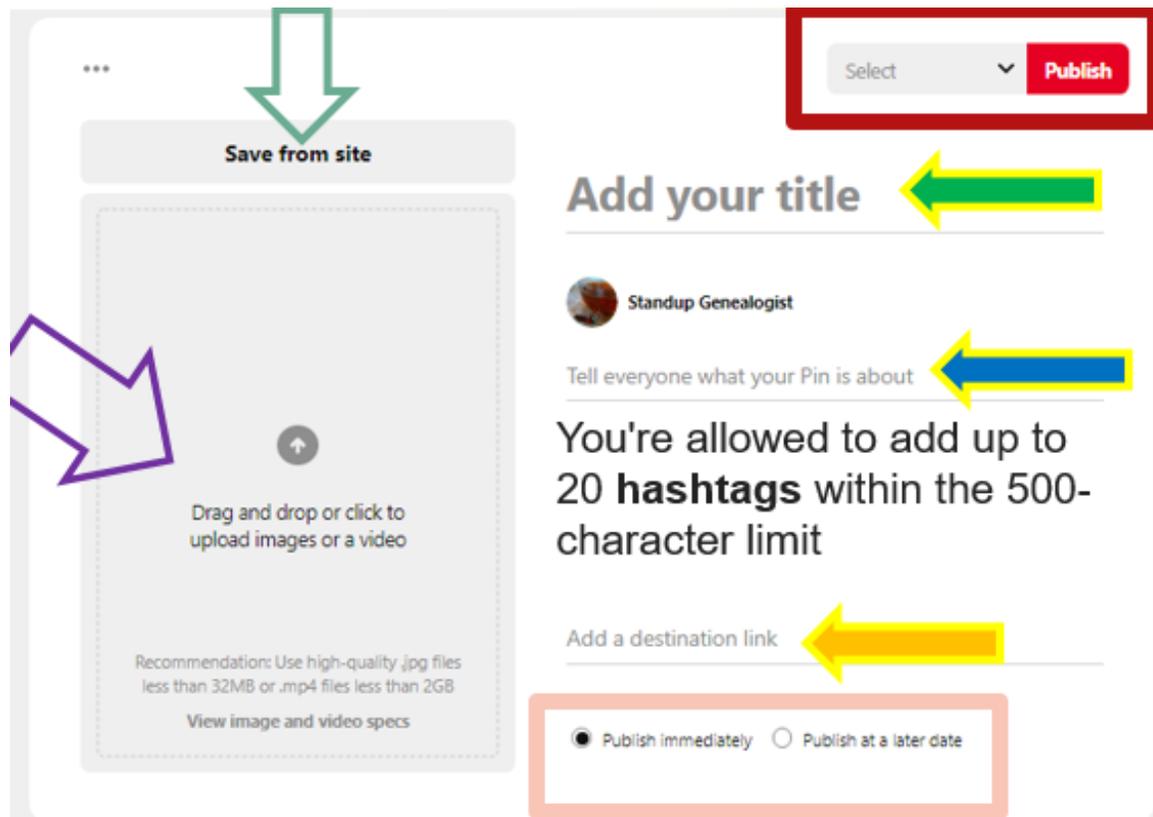
- Research
- Organization
- Ideas
- Checklist
- Free
- Forms
- Scrapbooking
- Printable Forms
- Humor
- Crafts
- German

When you find a pin you like, you can pin it to your board, by rolling over the image and clicking on 'Pin it.'

## Adding Your Own Pins

You can also click on the button that has a + SIGN on it, located at the lower right part of the Pinterest screen. From the menu that opens, you can select from several options.

Choosing “Upload a Pin” allows you to load a pin from your computer or USB Drive to a board. You can also add a pin from a website.



## **Following Other Pinner**

You can choose to follow all of a pinner's boards or choose individual ones. Once you start following pinner, their pins will show up on your newsfeed.

## **How Can Pinterest Help My Genealogy Research?**

- Group Collaboration Projects
- Paleographic or Font Samples
- Quick Resource Collection
- Visual Checklist of Items
- Save Online Articles to Read Later
- Save Online Webinars to Watch Later
- Genealogy Surname Projects or Lineage Projects
- Visually Connect with Ancestral Locations
- Writing Prompts
- Collect and Share Family Photos
- Collect and Share Family Recipes
- Keep Track of Ideas for Planning a Reunion / Birthday / Anniversary Party
- Plan a Trip or Vacation
- Keep a Virtual Collection of Things You Love
- Family History Craft Projects
- So Much More!

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