

[Important Websites for Brazil Genealogy](#)

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in Brazil. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for Brazil that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to Brazilian ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Brazil_Genealogy. The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

Brazil Genealogy

Brazil Research Topics



Beginning Research

- [Research Strategies](#)
- [Record Finder](#)
- [Finding Town of Origin](#)

Record Types

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| • Cemeteries | • Heraldry |
| • Census | • Land & Property |
| • Church Directories | • Military Records |
| • Church Records | • Nobility |
| • Civil Registration | • Notarial Records |
| • Colonial Records | • Online Records |
| • Court Records | • Periodicals |
| • Emigration & Immigration | • Probate Records |
| • Genealogy | • Religious Records |
| • Jewish Records | • Slavery & Bondage |
| | • Taxation |

Brazil Background

- [Biography](#)
- [Church History](#)
- [Encyclopedias & Dictionaries](#)
- [Gazetteers](#)
- [Historical Geography](#)
- [History](#)
- [Languages](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Names, Personal](#)
- [Occupations](#)
- [Portuguese Genealogical Word List](#)
- [Social Life & Customs](#)

Ethnicity

- [Minorities](#)
- [Native Races](#)

Local Research Resources

- [Archives & Libraries](#)
- [Societies](#)
- [Family History Centers](#)

Moderator

The FamilySearch [moderator](#) for Brazil is [Giuseppe Martinengo](#)

[South America](#)

Brazil

Guide to Brazil ancestry, family history and genealogy **birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.**

Country Information [\[edit source\]](#)

Brazil is a country in South America bordered by [French Guiana](#), [Suriname](#), [Guyana](#), [Venezuela](#), [Colombia](#), [Peru](#), [Bolivia](#), [Paraguay](#), [Argentina](#), and [Uruguay](#). It was formerly a colony of [Portugal](#). The official language is Portuguese.^[1]

Getting Started [\[edit source\]](#)

Getting Started with Brazil Research

Links to articles on getting started with Brazil research.

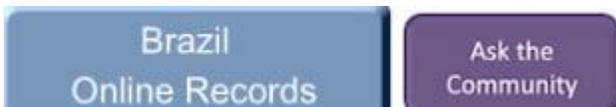
- [Brazil Research Guide](#)
- [Brazil Genealogy Research Using the Wiki – Video Series](#): Eight five/six-minute instructional videos training you in how to use this Wiki to find civil registration and church records for Brazil.
- [Getting Started](#)
- ["How to" Guides](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)
- [Brazil Record Finder](#)

Brazil Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Brazil research.

- [Portuguese Genealogical Word List](#)
- [Reading Portuguese Handwritten Records Lesson 1: Portuguese Letters](#)

- [BYU Research Outline for Brazil](#)
- [Reading Portuguese Handwritten Records Lesson 2: Dates, Words, and Names](#)
- [Reading Portuguese Handwritten Records Lesson 3: Reading Portuguese Records](#)
- [Reading Aid for Brazilian Birth Certificates](#)
- [Reading Aid for Brazilian Marriage Certificates](#)
- [Reading Aid for Brazilian Death Certificates](#)
- [1991 Ornithological Gazetteer of Brazil, A-L \(mis-labeled A-M\), also at \[the Biodiversity Heritage Library\]\(#\).](#)
- [1991 Ornithological Gazetteer of Brazil, M-Z, also at \[the Biodiversity Heritage Library\]\(#\).](#)
- [Portuguese Letter-writing Guide](#)



Finding Your Ancestors' Town in Brazil^{[[edit source](#)]}

- Genealogical records are organized by geographical locality. Civil registration (government birth, marriage, and death records) and church records (christenings/baptisms, marriages, and burials) were kept at the **local level**. To search these records, you must know the town where your ancestors lived.
- If you do not know your ancestors' town, follow the advice in the Wiki article, [Brazil Finding Town of Origin](#), to search a variety of records that might provide that information.

Online Gazetteers for Finding Your Ancestors' State and Municipality in Brazil^{[[edit source](#)]}

Once you know the town your ancestors lived in, use one of these these gazetteers to find out the state of that town. If the town is small or just a village, the gazetteer will also tell you the municipality it belongs to. You will need to know the municipality to find civil registration records.

- [1991 Ornithological Gazetteer of Brazil, A-L \(mis-labeled A-M\)](#), also at [the Biodiversity Heritage Library](#).
- [1991 Ornithological Gazetteer of Brazil, M-Z](#), also at [the Biodiversity Heritage Library](#).
- [Cadastro de cartórios do Registro Civil 1981](#), restricted online except at [Family History Centers](#).

Brazil Clickable Map [\[edit source\]](#)

Brazil is a republic comprised of 26 states and a federal district (Distrito Federal), which comprises the capital city of Brasilia.



States

Many of Brazil's records are kept at the state and local level and may include civil registrations, censuses, inventories and wills, land records, notarial records, and military records to name a few. States are also divided into counties, and the cities and towns 'municipios' are in the counties, it is possible that a city, especially the larger ones such as Recife and São Paulo, may have a number of counties in them since a state like São Paulo can have over 200 counties.

- [Acre](#)
- [Maranhão](#)
- [Rio de Janeiro](#)

- [Alagoas](#)
- [Amapá](#)
- [Amazonas](#)
- [Bahia](#)
- [Ceará](#)
- [Distrito Federal Includes Brasília](#)
- [Espírito Santo](#)
- [Goiás](#)
- [Mato Grosso](#)
- [Mato Grosso do Sul](#)
- [Minas Gerais](#)
- [Para](#)
- [Paraíba](#)
- [Paraná](#)
- [Pernambuco](#)
- [Piauí](#)
- [Rio Grande do Norte](#)
- [Rio Grande do Sul](#)
- [Rondonia](#)
- [Roraima](#)
- [Santa Catarina](#)
- [São Paulo](#) Includes the City
- [Sergipe](#)
- [Tocantins](#)

FamilySearch Resources [\[edit source\]](#)

Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

- [Facebook Communities](#) - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research
- [FamilySearch Historical Record Collections](#)
- [Family History Center locator map](#)
- [Brazil Beginning Research](#)

References [\[edit source\]](#)

1. [Jump up](#)↑ Wikipedia contributors, "Brazil," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil>, accessed 24 March 2016.

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide, <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-brazil.html>, provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for Brazil that is organized into ten levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

1: Research [2: Civil Registration](#) [3: Church and Cemetery](#) [4: Emigration, Immigration](#) [5: Military](#) [6: Maps and Gazetteers](#) [7: Newspapers](#) [8: Websites](#) [9: Search Records](#) [10: Get Help](#)