

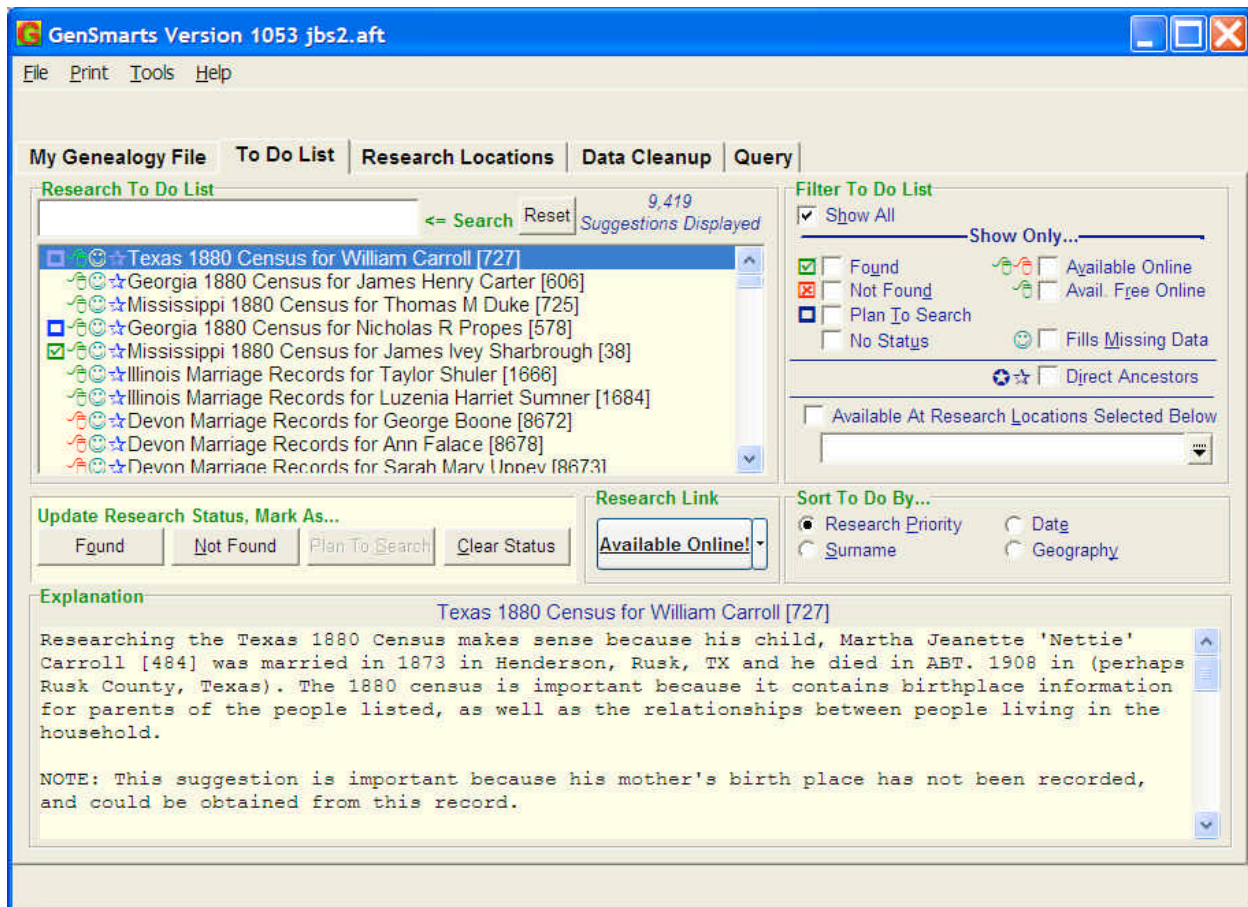
Automated Research Assistants

-Tools to help you do genealogy research online

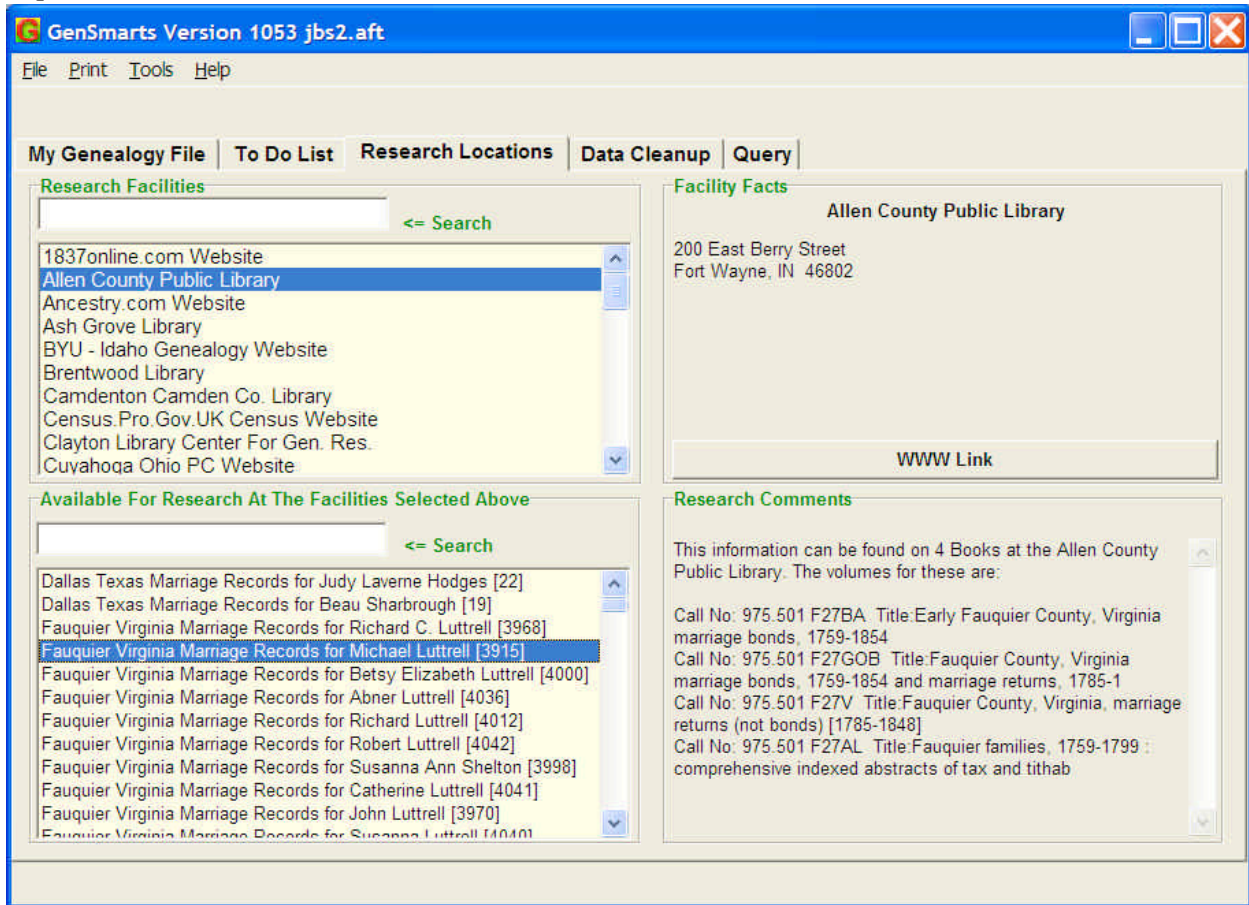
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Today, we have computer programs that give you research tips. Are they the next great thing? Or have we let Frankenstein's monster loose in our family tree? They're here and they're staying and we will want to define how they'll work, and how they should be used.

GenSmarts looks at your file and recommends certain research tasks. It also produces a justification for the suggestion.



GenSmarts can display the tasks by repository, so that you can plan your research trips more effectively. In this case, the page shows which ancestors and records you should find there, and which call numbers to request.



Ancestry's "member trees" give suggestions and provide links to other records on Ancestry's site about the people in your tree.

George Herman Ruth
 B: 8 Feb 1895
 Baltimore, MD, USA
 D: 16 Aug 1948
 New York, NY, USA

George Herman Ruth
 John A. Ruth
 Mary Rebecca Jones
 Kate Schamberger
 Edwin C. Pipes
 Annie Ziehl

Edward Rhode
 Rebecca Long
 James H. Jones
 Sarah A. Matzka
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Family Records Family Facts Research Tips

Research tips for:
George Herman Ruth
 We recommend the following:

Search the 1930 United States Federal Census
 George Herman Ruth may appear in the 1930 U.S. census because his child was born in MD or NY, USA in 1929, and he died in NY, USA in 1948. It is likely that George Herman Ruth was living in the United States in 1930.
[Search the 1930 United States Federal Census »](#)

What you'll find:
 Age
 Birth Date
 Relationships to others in House and more
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Search the World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
 George Herman Ruth may appear in the WWI draft registration cards because he is a male who was born between 1872 and 1900. Additionally, George Herman Ruth may have been living in the United States between 1917-18 because he was born in MD, USA in 1895, and he was married in MD, USA in 1929.
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What you'll find:
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Other search and notification programs can tell you if a name of interest appears. News Rover searches UseNet newsgroups, and can be customized to search periodically through soc.genealogy.methods for occurrences of words like your surname, or the name of the library you like best.

The new version 7.0 of Legacy is also very helpful for organizing your research.

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