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Tools of the Trade

Websites with Useful Data

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This is a quick introduction to a few websites that a paranormal researcher may find useful for researching a case, learning the technology behind some of the equipment we use, and/or just surfing the web for fun. The reference Websites listed in this article will apply to most types of investigations, and regions, you may have better ones (we'd love to hear about your favorites) or ones that are specific to a town or region. Researching a case should include detailed information on the property and local area as well the current and former residence of the property to not only know what you are getting into, but also identify facts to help support or dispute claims of the case.

People research – In addition to local libraries, many local newspapers have online versions of obituaries, old newspapers, city directories, etc. that can link people and locations together.

- For person specific details, there are many paid sites such as www.ancestry.com as well as sometimes/partially free sites such as www.peoplesmart.com and www.peoplefinders.com. Many of the sites charge for detailed information but provide basic information for free.

Property research – To research a property correctly, you need to profile the current property, as well as the historical aspects of it. Old maps are available from sources such as or the local city, county, and/or state websites, Google, and from websites such as <http://www.historicmapworks.com> and are a great way to visually see how the area around the house/property evolved over time.

- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) web site, <http://www.glorecords.blm.gov>, is a great source for conveyance records, survey plats, field notes, as well as Federal land title records going back to early as 1810.
- Regional and city data are available at <http://www.city-data.com/> and <http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/index.shtm>
- Real Estate information can be located <http://www.spokeo.com>, <http://www.zillow.com>, and <http://blockshopper.com>.
- Environmental Issues can be researched at the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/myenvironment>. Tip: Type in the zip code of the area and it will show air and water quality information.
- www.Google.com/maps and www.Mapquest.com are great sources for names and locations of local cemeteries, industry, and parks/forest preserves as well as lakes and rivers. Just put "search nearby" on the address and it shows a pretty extensive list.

Investigation Equipment

Knowing how to properly use your gear is vital to a quality investigation. There are many manufacturer websites with details on the products that they make and/or sell, but another great source is www.Youtube.com with many videos on the science, technology, gear usage. and for those adventurous folks, how to modify gear or even build your own. The below links are a random sampling of what is available, with many, many more others available.

Equipment Knowledge

- General - <http://www.ghostgadgets.com/home.html>
- Equipment overview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dq7RNNNSbPA>
- General research - <http://www.spinvestigations.org>
- Electromagnetic spectrum - <http://www.darvill.clara.net/emag/>
- Geophone - <http://www.examiner.com/article/ghost-tech-gear-guide-the-geophone>

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Equipment Manufacturers

- OVILUS - <http://digitaldowsing.com/ovilus-m/>
- Mel Meters, EMF Detectors, and Weather related meters - <http://www.pro-measure.com/>

Equipment Resellers

- <https://www.ghostoutlet.com>
- <http://www.ghoststop.com>
- Amazon.com and ebay.com

Equipment modification

- PSB7 Spirit box mod - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nVFjqOwKaw>

General Topics

Validating or debunking claims many times requires specific knowledge about the scientific, medical, physical, electrical, mechanical, and many times just common sense and/or experience on the topic in question. None of us are experts in every area, so the Internet provides us with a wealth of knowledge on ANY topic. Here a few random sample sites that show the kind of information that is available.

- Household (<http://www.bobvila.com/articles/strange-house-noises/>)
- EMF - <http://www.safespaceprotection.com/overview-electromagnetic-fields.aspx>
- Medical (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic_hypersensitivity)
- Paranormal Calendar - <http://www.tntparanormal.com/bumps-in-the-night>
- Sleep Paralysis - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep_paralysis

TnT Paranormal Links

<http://www.tntparanormal.com/apps/links/> is a collection of other web links that you may find useful.

In conclusion, this was an overview of a few websites that we at TnT Paranormal find useful and you may as well also. If you have additional questions or comments, please drop us a line at our website and/or Facebook. We'd love to hear from you.

